

Update

Term 1 Issue 2

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2014 Important dates

TERM 1

February

- 21st Semester 2, 2013 Academic
Prize Giving
26th Yr 12 Twilight Retreat

March

- 5th Ash Wednesday
7th Staff Development Day
Pupil Free Day
Yr 10 Commencement
Formal
10th Catholic Schools Week
12th Open Night
14th Yr 11 Pastoral Evening
17th Harmony Week
18th Yr 10-12 Parent/Teacher
Interviews - names A-K
19th Yr 10-12 Parent/Teacher
Interviews - names L-Z
20th Yr 7,8,9 Pastoral Evenings
21st Harmony Day Cup
Yr 12 Pastoral Evening
26th Yr 7 Meet and Greet Evening

April

- 3rd Yr 10 Pastoral Evening
9th Yr 12 Pastoral Evening

11th Term 1 ends

Easter

- 17th Holy Thursday
18th Good Friday
21st Easter Monday

28th Term 2 begins

From the Principal

"We expect more"

Dear Parents, Students and Staff,

I am sure it is a part of getting older, but time seems to have gone so quickly this term – it is Week 4 already! As a part of familiarising myself with the culture of Emmaus, I have commenced interviewing all staff. This is quite an ambitious task and I am speaking to around 4 or 5 staff members each day. Although I meet regularly with the school captains, I am intending to interview a number of students from each year level as well. It is important for me to understand how the community views our school and its work.

While the staff and students will provide me with a wealth of information, I would like to hear from parents as well. If you are happy to share your view of Emmaus, please contact Laraine Lawton through the College office to make an appointment.

Last week we had our first community event in the form of our Swimming Carnival. It is a disappointing fact that absenteeism on days like these is always higher than we would hope. The sad reality is that the students who stayed away missed out on a great day. It was a colourful, fun-filled day with many students dressing up in costumes and wearing their house colours. Thank you to Mr Greg Clune, our new Sport Co-ordinator, for a most successful day.

The Gospel last week focused on following the law. The first part reminded us that there are consequences if we don't follow the law. This is true in all aspects of society as it is true for our students at school. We have policies that are necessary to follow and if we breach them, there are consequences.

The second part of the Gospel developed this theme further through the idea of faith in action. While we can say we are Christian, the real test is whether we live our faith. Are people able to see us as we walk with Jesus? This is a recurring theme in the Gospels and will be something I return to regularly - particularly when I am able to highlight the actions of our students as they live their faith.

*God bless
Brad*

College Leadership Teams

Principal Dr Campbell

Principal's Personal Assistant Mrs Lawton

Assistant Principal Mr Pate

Director of Mission / REC Mrs Kennaugh

Director of Teaching Mr Welch

Heads of Teaching Mrs Ryce
Ms Bainbridge
Mr Pahlke

Head of Learning Mrs Hawkins

Head of Mission Mr Stein

Business Manager Mr Bugden

Leaders of Mission

Year 7 Mr Loutas

Year 8 Mr Brunt

Year 9 Mr Scerri

Year 10 Mrs Luke

Year 11 Mrs Stone

Year 12 Mr Whiley

Leaders of Learning

REC Mrs Kennaugh

Learning Support Mrs Xuereb

English Mrs Mellier

Mathematics Miss Guldbrandsen

PDHPE Mr Stein

HSIE Mrs Else

TAS Mrs Smith

Creative Arts Mrs Fante

Science Ms Dodds

Leader of Sport Mr Clune

Language Mr Jung

Librarian Mrs Ellery

VET Co-ordinator Mrs Pereira

Careers Adviser Mrs Ellery

Assistant Principals

Parent/Teacher Interviews 2014

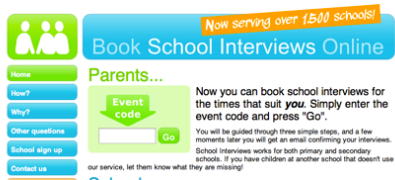


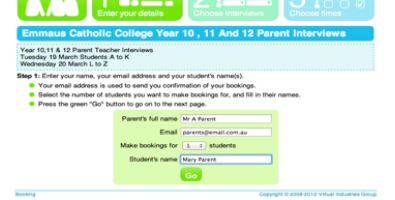
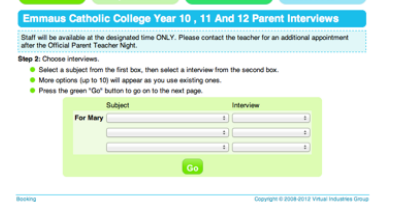
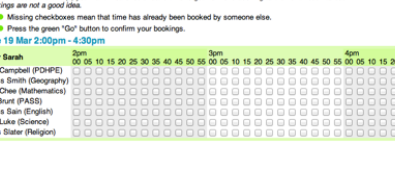
BOOKINGS NOW OPEN

The Parent/Teacher interviews for students in **Years 10, 11 and 12** will be held in the Hall between **2.00pm and 7.00pm** on the following dates:

Surnames starting with **A – K** will be held on Tuesday, March 18th
L – Z will be held on Wednesday, March 19th

Please attend on the designated date according to your surname. If it is not possible to attend on the night you have been allocated, please contact the relevant Leader of Mission in writing, explaining when you will be attending.

On these 2 days classes will finish for all students at 2pm. Students will be supervised between 2-3pm, should you wish your child to catch their normal school bus home. Alternatively, students may be picked up at the 'Student Drop Off Area' in front of the College in Bakers Lane from 2pm.

	<p>Step 1 - Log on (a) www.schoolinterviews.com.au</p>
	<p>Step 2 – Enter the event code AKTAG</p>
	<p>Step 3 – Enter your name and email address. (please leave empty if you DO NOT have an email address)</p> <p>The email address is used to send you an email of your booking date and times.</p>
	<p>Step 4 – If you have 2 or more children you can enter their names and complete the bookings for ALL of your children at the same time.</p> <p>It is important to enter your child's full name – (First and Surname)</p>
	<p>Step 5 – From the FIRST drop down menu choose the subjects. From the SECOND drop down menu choose the class teacher</p>
	<p>Step 6 – Choose the interview times by clicking on the available time slot.</p> <p>Print off your completed booking sheet and bring it with you to Parent/Teacher Interviews</p>

2014 Term Dates

Term 1: Jan 29th - Apr 11th

Term 2: Apr 28th - June 27th

Term 3: July 14th - Sept 19th

Term 4: Oct 7th - Dec 19th

Uniform Shop

Trading Hours

Monday and Wednesday

8am-2pm

Our Parishes

Holy Spirit

Todd Row, St Clair

Ph: 9670 8222

Our Lady of the Rosary

Saddington Street, St Marys

Ph: 9623 1962

Our K-6 Schools

Trinity Primary

61-83 Bakers Lane,

Kemps Creek. Ph: 9834 3212

Holy Spirit Primary

7-17 Todd Row, St Clair

Ph: 9670 5379

Our Lady of the Rosary

Yr K-6 Saddington St, St Marys

Ph: 9623 2500

These interviews provide a valuable opportunity for parents to gain information and important feedback about their son/daughter's academic progress. As such, it is a compulsory event. **Students must attend** this interview with parents/guardians, and should be dressed in complete College uniform.

The scheduled interview is for **5 minutes** with each teacher. Should you require additional time, you will need to make alternative arrangements with individual class teachers. Please adhere to this time to enable all parents to maintain their appointments.

Please read the step-by-step procedure in this Newsletter to make your **online booking**. For those families who do not have Internet access a kiosk will be set up in Student Services for student use for this purpose. The bookings are now open and will close on Monday, March 17th at 9pm.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation. We look forward to seeing you with your son/daughter at the 2014 Parent/Teacher interviews in the College Hall.

Mr Pate, Assistant Principal

Head of Learning

Since the commencement of the 2014 school year, there have been many important events already for our school community. When each year starts students receive **Report Criteria** from each subject teacher. This is a very simple document which your son/daughter has been asked to paste into their workbook that teachers will refer to, guide and direct the learning of students. As well as this, students will be assessing their performance during the semester in class time, in relation to their learning to gauge their progress. Please ask your son/daughter to show you the criteria in their workbooks, so you are able to appreciate the nature of what they will be learning during this particular semester. At the end of the semester, the criteria is then used for reporting purposes and each aspect of the course will be awarded an E-A grade based on what has been demonstrated in terms of the knowledge and skills of a given course. These are now the reports for all students from Year 7-12 at Emmaus Catholic College.

All **Year 11** students now have their Assessment Handbooks for the Preliminary course in 2014. This was issued at the Year 11 Information evening that was very well attended in week 2 of the term. Parents can support their children by ensuring that attendance is high and that Learning Preparation is 40 minutes per course each evening. It is this consistency of effort and application that builds positive learning practices as a senior student, and allows them to feel confident to ask further questions in class learning time, receive feedback to continue to improve their performance and submit work that demonstrates a high level of understanding and skill. All students have had the opportunity to attend a lunch seminar with Mrs Stone and me to learn how to design and develop a study timetable. **All students in Year 11 should now be designing a study timetable based on their personal commitments outside of school and the demands of their current courses of study.** I encourage all students to commence the year with a strong work ethic and you will see the results of these efforts as you proceed through the preliminary year.

The **2014 Open Night** is fast approaching on **Wednesday March 12th**. This is a fabulous evening for the entire school community when the school is showcased to the wider community to promote areas of the curriculum, as well as extra-curricular aspects of the College that students at Emmaus are fortunate to experience. Please tell your friends or family who may be interested in attending on this occasion.

Best wishes for a wonderful year of learning in 2014.

Mrs Hawkins, Head of Learning

Religious Education

Pope Francis recently said:

"I see clearly that the thing the church needs most today is the ability to heal wounds and to warm the hearts of the faithful; it needs nearness, proximity. I see the church as a field hospital after battle. It is useless to ask an injured person if he has high cholesterol and about his blood sugars! You have to heal his wounds first. Then we can talk about other things."

This message ties very well with our readings from last Sunday's gospel. This gospel tells us about a wandering Aramaic preacher who was quite knowledgeable about the Torah and asked the Pharisees to consider whether a different emphasis about the Law was possible. Fulfilling the Law was an essential requirement to being a faithful Jew. This preacher however, took the stance that there was a difference between fulfilling the Law and having a correct attitude to the Law.

The preacher saw the Law as a starting point for following God's plan – guidelines about what is required and should not focus on the necessity and responsibility to fulfil the Law. We should look not upon a duty, but towards love. Living through the motivation of love is the emphasis that we all should place in our lives.

Taking opportunities to reveal God within each of us through loving service to one another is so important. Following God is not about avoiding making mistakes, but rather serving others through love. We do what we do, not because we can tick a box to say it is done, but to show those we meet, through our loving manner towards them, the effect of God's love within us.

God Bless,

Mrs Kennaugh, Director Of Mission (REC)





In the Science Lab



This week in Science:

Year 12 Senior Science have been investigating bone, cartilage, tendons and ligaments as well as their importance in making up a joint.

The students performed a practical to remove calcium from a chicken wing bone. They found that without calcium, the bones lost their strength and rigidity and became floppy like a rope.

The students also have been performing research on artificial joints and the materials used to perform surgery such as knee and hip replacements.

Mr Ashdown, Science Teacher



The Careers Adviser's Desk

Careers Websites - For links to invaluable websites go to delicious.com/emmaus_careers

University of New South Wales: Science Parent and Student Information Session

Wednesday March 26th, 6:30pm to 8:30pm at Leighton Hall, UNSW Kensington Campus.

This information night for Year 11 & 12 students and their parents will introduce the Faculty of Science, give an overview of the science programs on offer, and provide information about student life at UNSW. science.unsw.edu.au/events/infonight.



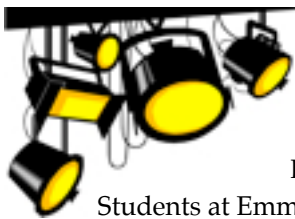
University of Technology Sydney: Science Work Experience for Year 10 & 11 Students - Monday to Friday, any week during the UTS teaching semester. UTS Science has a work experience program that aims to give students an overview of the facilities, teaching & research at UTS, as well as an introduction to tertiary science. Areas covered include chemistry & forensic science, the environment, physics & advanced materials, and medical & molecular biosciences. Contact: Mrs Debbie Massey on Debbie.massey@uts.edu.au or (02) 9514 2227. www.uts.edu.au/future-students/science/about-science/science-outreach-uts/work-experience-years-10-and-11-students.

University of New South Wales: Year 12 Medicine Information Evening for Network Schools - Thursday March 13th, 6:30pm to 7:30pm. This evening provides a general overview of the Medicine degree offered by UNSW, as well as information about applications, admissions and more. www.network.unsw.edu.au/gateway/students.splash

CPA Australia Career Expo 2014 - The Certified Public Accountants Career Expo is a chance for students to connect with industry experts and employers. During the expo students will be able to get advice and information about careers within the accounting and finance industry.

Canberra: Thursday March 20th, 5:30pm to 8pm at the National Convention Centre, 31 Constitution Avenue, Canberra
Sydney: Tuesday March 18th, 5:30pm to 8pm at Sofitel Wentworth, 61-101 Phillip Street, Sydney. Contact: careerexpo@cpaaustralia.com.au or visit www.cpaaustralia.com.au/become-a-cpa/free-student-network/career-expo.

Mrs Ellery, Careers Adviser



Spotlight on Creative and Performing Arts

INSTRUMENTAL PROGRAM

Students at Emmaus Catholic College have the opportunity to learn an instrument in 2014.

This year students can choose from drums, guitar and keyboard. Lessons will be in small groups or individual and are conducted during part of class time. Generally lessons are held for 30 minutes and students go to the music block to work with the tutor. Each lesson will focus on a specific technique. As skills are developed students are encouraged to take part in the many activities offered at Emmaus in the Creative and Performing Arts.

This year vocal and violin tutors are on standby. If there is enough interest the classes can commence.

Expressions of interest notes will be kept at student services from Monday. Please complete the notes and contact the tutor directly. Alternatively please speak with Miss Granturco or Mrs Fante at the College.

CREATIVE ARTS

Creative Arts Sports, that is music, dance and drama and visual arts was offered as an elective for sport.

The response was overwhelming with many students opting for these subjects on a Thursday afternoon.

The teams of students in their subjects will be working on a project that will be performed at the end of the season.

This year the plot loosely follows the story of a mixed up fairy tale.

What is different about these activities this year is that they are more structured. Students in music and drama have been asked to bring in a display folder to put in their scripts sheet music.

The emphasis in these groups is improvement in skills and development of performance skills.

Visual Arts students have been asked to come up with ideas that lead to the final project. These ideas will focus on using technology in the production to photography to traditional set design.

Dance students have been busy planning for an event and will incorporate many different dance styles into this exciting production.

Whatever happened to

Alisha Rasmussen - Alisha is a 2013 graduate from Emmaus. Amongst other subjects, Alisha studied Drama for the Higher School Certificate. Her Individual Project was Performance and centered on a character that has a rocky relationship with her boyfriend. As events unfold in the monologue, Alisha reveals a comic twist that leaves the audience amused.

At the completion of her studies Alisha decided that she wanted to pursue drama as she enjoyed the creative challenges it offered her.

After much discussion Alisha decided to take part in the rigorous audition process at the Wesley Institute. I am happy to announce that Alisha has been accepted into a performance degree and will now pursue this as her career with Drama as her major.

I will keep the Emmaus community informed of further developments as I am made aware of them.

We also celebrate the success of Mica Blanco, student from the HSC Visual Arts class 2013 on having her HSC Body of Work (BOW) being selected for ArtExpress 2014.

Mica's Body of Work titled *issue no. 2058: OCTOPOCALYPSE* is an acrylic on paper artwork influenced by graphic novels and explores current environmental issues and how this may impact our future. Mica represents this subject matter through the depiction of a futuristic reality where careless dumping of toxic waste sees the rupture fury of an octopus on an entire city.

Mica's Body of Work will be exhibited next year in ArtExpress 2014 at the Margaret Whitlam Galleries, University of Western Sydney. Details of exhibition venues and dates can be found on the attached sheet and on the ARTEXPRESS website: <http://artexpress.artsunit.nsw.edu.au>.

We would like to congratulate Mica on her wonderful achievement and wish her well on her future endeavors.

Mrs Fante, Creative Arts Leader of Learning



From the Sports Field



The start of this year has been very busy for sport at Emmaus! Already the first season of sport has begun for our representative touch football and basketball teams. The results from week one of our competition are:

Junior Basketball	Win 27-4	Intermediate Basketball	Loss 24-21
Junior Boys Touch	Loss 4-3	Intermediate Boys Touch	Draw 4-4
Junior Girls Touch	Draw 1-1	Intermediate Girls Touch	Loss 2-1

Players need to ensure that they are ready for training this coming Wednesday.

Swimming Carnival - last week we held our 2014 College Swimming Carnival. It was a great day that showed the wonderful community spirit that exists at our College. Many students embraced the day with a positive attitude and were involved in the many events available. Results for the swimming carnival will be published in the next newsletter.

Finally there are a number of sporting opportunities for students this term. For any of the sporting events below students can see Mr Clune for more information.

Triathlon – NSWCCC individual and team triathlon – entries close Tuesday February 25th

Basketball – PDSSSC Boys Basketball Gala Day (competing as an Emmaus team) - entries close Friday February 21st

Rugby – PDSSSC Boys U/15 Gala and Selection Day (individual & team event) - entries close Friday February 21st

Rugby – PDSSSC Boys Opens Selection Day (individuals only) - entries close Friday February 21st

Basketball – PDSSSC Girls Basketball Gala Day (competing as an Emmaus team) - entries close Thursday February 27th

Golf – NSWCCC Golf Championships (must have a handicap of 8 or less) – entries close Monday March 3rd

Touch Football – PDSSSC Gala Day – entries close Wednesday March 5th

Hockey – NSWCCC Hockey Championships

Soccer – PDSSSC Gala & Selection Day – Open team only – entries close Monday March 17th

Mr Clune, Leader of Sport

Our Swimming Carnival









Silver Award

Linda Slyman

Mentor: Mr Ashdown

Favourite thing about Emmaus: the beautiful surroundings.

Involvement in the Emmaus Community: helped collect items and money for the Bushfire and the Christmas Hamper Appeals.

Academic Goals for the Award: to pass all Benchmark Quizzes on the first attempt. To achieve a "Satisfactory" for bookwork and full marks in 10 Science spelling tests.

Community Service Goals for the Award: collect and return the homeroom pouch each morning, assist with charity drives and clean English Block after class on Mondays.

Career Aspirations: to attend university and become a teacher.



Silver Award

Janaya Moon

Mentor: Mr Barton

Favourite thing about Emmaus: student/teacher relationships.

Involvement in the Emmaus Community: PDSSSC Oztag, Athletics Carnival and Cross Country.

Academic Goals for the Award: to achieve a B grade in Technology and Science. To receive 3 bronze awards.

Community Service Goals for the Award: set up and pack up the hall after assemblies. Clean the Junior Science block once a week and help teachers during class by handing out sheets and equipment.

Career Aspirations: to go to university and study Physiotherapy.



Silver Award

*Mikaele
Tuimavave*

Mentor: Mr O'Meara

Leadership Positions held the College: Class Captain

Favourite thing about Emmaus: the learning resources that are provided and the environment.

Involvement in the Emmaus Community: Panther Trophy.

Academic Goals for the Award: to pass Benchmark Quizzes on the first attempt for Mathematics, Science and English and achieve a B grade or higher in the assessment tasks. Achieve an "Outstanding" for bookwork in English, Mathematics and Science.

Community Service Goals for the Award: clean Senior Science 2 after each lesson, assist with Learning Planner checks

Career Aspirations: to attend university and study medicine to become a doctor.



Silver Award

Kristie Borg

Mentor: Mrs Stone

Leadership Positions held the College: Peer Support Leader.

Favourite thing about Emmaus: the wildlife

Involvement in the Emmaus Community: Fast Forward Program.

Academic Goals for the Award: to pass all Benchmark Quizzes on the first attempt. To achieve an A in the Beep Test and an "Outstanding" for Application and Participation in Mathematics and English.

Community Service Goals for the Award: collect and set up PE equipment each practical lesson. Clean rooms in M block once a week. Assist with diary checks and with homeroom duties twice a week.

Career Aspirations: to go to university.



Silver Award

Jessica Dura

Mentor: Mr Scerri

Leadership Positions held at the College: Class Captain and Peer Support Leader.

Favourite thing about Emmaus: passionate and dedicated teachers.

Involvement in the Emmaus Community: PDSSSC volleyball, assisted with fundraising.

Academic Goals for the Award: to achieve a B grade in the Mathematics assessment task. To receive an A grade for the Science assessment task. Achieve 3 bronze awards.

Community Service Goals for the Award: keep the Year 9 notice board up to date. Assist with diary checks and homeroom duties.

Career Aspirations: to go to university.



Silver Award

Vlatko Mijatovic

Mentor: Mr Ahn

Leadership Positions held at the College: Class Captain, PDSSSC Basketball Captain, Peer Support Leader

Favourite thing about Emmaus: diversity of student cultures.

Involvement in the Emmaus Community: PDSSSC Basketball, Soccer, Volleyball and Cross Country. Panther Trophy, Fast Forward Program.

Academic Goals for the Award: to receive a B grade in every subject and achieve at least a "Commendable" in all subjects. To achieve 3 Bronze Awards.

Community Service Goals for the Award: clean the TAS room at the end of the lesson. Handing out work sheets and assisting other students. Collect the roll pouch each morning.

Career Aspirations: to go to university on a scholarship and study medicine.



Silver Award

Lara Tuffin

Mentor: Mrs Stone

Leadership Positions held the College: Peer Support Leader, PDSSSC Netball Captain.

Favourite thing about Emmaus: the environment.

Involvement in the Emmaus Community: Fast Forward Program, PDSSSC Netball Team.

Academic Goals for the Award: to pass all Post Benchmark Quizzes on the first attempt. Receive an A in the Beep Test and achieve an "Outstanding" for Application and Participation in Mathematics and English. Achieve 3 Bronze Awards.

Community Service Goals for the Award: set up PE equipment each practical lesson. Clean rooms in M Block once a week. Assist with homeroom duties twice a week. Assist with diary checks.

Career Aspirations: to go to university and study Sports Science.



Silver Award

Leilani Johnston

*Mentor:
Maddison McGee*

Favourite thing about Emmaus: the environment, access to technology and teacher/student relationships.

Involvement in the Emmaus Community: Showcase and Open Nights. Participated in Rep Touch and Soccer, Swimming and Athletics Carnival. Represented Emmaus at the Diocesan Cross Country.

Academic Goals for the Award: achieve 5 bronze awards. Receive a C grade in the Mathematics assessment task and a B grade in the Religion and English assessment tasks.

Community Service Goals for the Award: assist with homeroom duties, help pack up chairs after assembly. Assist the HSIE department during Open Night.

Career Aspirations: to go to university and become a Vet.

From the Office

Students going on leave during the school term

If you are needing to take your son or daughter out of school for an extended period of time please be aware there is a form that must be completed. This form is an "Application for Exemption from Attendance at School".

Once the College receives this form A Certificate of Exemption from Attendance will be issued to you.

Note: Where the reason for application for exemption includes long term travel arrangements of more than 20 day, copies of travel documentation should be included in the application.

From the Diocese

Child Protection Information Line - Royal Commission –

the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta has established a Child Protection Information Line in response to the Royal Commission into Institutional Child Sexual Abuse. The dedicated information line will provide information about how schools are handling child protection matters and will be able to respond to individual enquiries and assist people who have concerns or help them take allegations to the police. It can also put people in touch with appropriate support services if needed.

The Child Protection Information Line is 1300 661 015 (cost of a local call within Australia). The line is available outside of school hours and connects directly to a Catholic Education Office staff member. A message service is also available on this line.

Parent Representative Council

iPad Awareness - A Hands on workshop for parents (bring your own iPad) - **Guest Presenter:** Ms Monique Dalli, Leader of e-Learning, Gilroy Catholic College, Castle Hill Monday March 3rd, 2014, 7pm (PRC Annual General Meeting) Diocesan Assembly Centre, Cnr Flushcombe Rd & Marian St, Blacktown.

The Transition to High School: Helping your child to build resilience and navigate change - **Guest Presenter:** The Resilience Centre Wednesday 26 March 2014, 7pm (PRC Special Presentation) St Paul's Catholic College, 198 Old Prospect Rd, Greystanes.

From the Community

SmartLoving Break-Through Workshop

Overcoming relationship grid-lock - Sunday March 23rd, 2014 at Lot 32 Willowdene Avenue Sacred Heart Parish, Luddenham.

All couples go through periods where their relationship gets stuck. Stress, sleep-deprivation, demands from family and work combine to starve your marriage of the positive energy it needs and deserves. Soon, you find yourselves arguing more often, making up with less enthusiasm and becoming someone even you yourself don't like.

If this sounds like you, or someone you love, it's time to do something about it!

The *SmartLoving Break-Through Workshop* is a practical, solution-focussed event for all stages of marriage. Drawing on contemporary research and Catholic theology, this workshop will arm you with skills and insights to transform your relationship into the thriving, joy-filled encounter that it is meant to be.

Time: 2-5pm. **Cost:** a donation - includes afternoon tea

Bookings Essential for catering purposes.

Register now or contact Jess on 9319 6280

