

# Update

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## 2014 Important dates

### TERM 1

#### March

- 20th Yr 7,8,9 Pastoral Evening  
to be rescheduled. New date  
to be advised.  
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

#### May

- 2nd Foundation Day Mass  
Foundation Day Cup  
5th College Photo Day  
6th Year 7-9 Parent Teacher  
Interviews from 2-7pm for  
Families A-K  
7th Year 7-9 Parent Teacher  
Interviews from 2-7pm for  
Families L-Z  
9th Staff Development Day  
Pupil Free Day  
13th NAPLAN Test  
14th NAPLAN Test  
15th NAPLAN Test  
16th NAPLAN Test catch up day  
23rd Mufti Day & BBQ - Footy  
Colours for Diocesan Works  
Fund  
28th Year 9 Information Evening  
6-7pm

## From the Principal

*"We expect more"*

Dear Parents, Students and Staff,

Last Sunday's Gospel reading was of the transfiguration of Jesus on Mt Tabor. Tabor is, of course, one of the four houses of Emmaus (the yellow one). The story of the transfiguration tells how Jesus took Peter, James and John away from the coast, high, up a mountain. No doubt, this type of journey would have required some sacrifice on the part of the apostles who were fisherman and much more comfortable on a boat.

Lent is a time of sacrifice as we prepare for Easter and last week we had some wonderful examples of sacrifice amongst our students and staff. On Wednesday afternoon and into the evening we had our annual Open Day. Around 500 people came to tour the school and see the displays put on by each faculty. Over 100 students were involved in Open Day. They worked as tour guides, cooked sausages and helped with the subject displays. Much work went into the displays and I am grateful to the staff for their hard work and for giving up their time – the last of the visitors left the premises around 8:30pm.

At this point, we have handed out about 300 application packages for Year 7, 2015, which is very encouraging, but it also means that some people will miss out on a placement at Emmaus as we will only offer around 200 positions. Applications close on April 11, the last day of Term 1.

Aside from the staff and the student volunteers giving their time, the major sacrifice last week was by Year 8 student Bernadette Unatan-Isacof who participated in Shave for a Cure. At recess, in front of a huge number of students, Bernadette had her head shaved by former student and hairdresser, Anthony Haddad. Bernadette is a very brave young lady who clearly has the courage of her convictions.

It is wonderful to see so many of our students living their faith.

*God bless you always  
Brad*



## Bernadette Unatan-Isacof - "Shave for a Cure"

### College Leadership Teams

#### Executive

**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

**Library** Mrs Ellery

**VET Co-ordinator** Mrs Pereira

**Careers Adviser** Mrs Ellery



### World's Greatest Shave

*It was an honour to have the attention of so many wonderful students, teachers and staff members taking their time to experience such a life-changing moment. I'd like to thank the Emmaus community for encouraging me and supporting my decision and particularly those who sponsored me.*

*Altogether, Emmaus Catholic College has raised a total of \$785 towards my participation in World's Greatest Shave. I am proud to say that I attend Emmaus, learn at Emmaus and contribute to Emmaus Catholic College.*

*Thank You,  
Bernadette Unatan-Isacof (8.5)*

## Religious Education

### 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

I was reading a personal story from Sr Hilda Scott during the week and would like to share with you her thoughts on the Transfiguration which was our Gospel reading on Sunday.

"Many years ago when I was a young nun teaching in a Sydney parish school, a mother of one of the children I was teaching had a mental breakdown and was hospitalised in the local psychiatric centre. I used to mind the little lad and his sister after school and their dad would pick them up after work from the convent. If time permitted after that I would walk down to the hospital to visit their mother, let's call her Kathy.

One day I went there and she was dressed in the mandatory nightwear that patients were required to wear day and night. She took me into her room which was an open area shared with I don't know how many other patients. All she had in her little section of the room was a thin battered wardrobe, a chipped iron bed with a sagging mattress, blankets of indeterminate quality and a chest of drawers, which were scratched and dirty. I could not help but make the comparison with her own immaculate home in a quiet leafy suburb. Kathy ushered me over to the chest of drawers. There sat a vegemite jar filled with water, the label still affixed, and sitting in the water in the jar was a piece of diseased geranium. It was a truly pathetic sight. Kathy smiled and said to me "Look at this Sister, isn't it beautiful? I saw it today and I picked it up, brought it in here and put it in this jar, because I knew I was the only one would see how beautiful it is." I looked at this odd sight that wrung my heart because of its sheer poverty and I had to admit, it *was* utterly beautiful!

The colours and patterns on the leaves were stunning, totally unique. The longer I looked at this diseased geranium, the more I saw how it transformed this drab setting of hopelessness which was the place where Kathy was supposed to get better. Kathy, in this diseased geranium, saw the story of her own transfiguration, transfigured from the rotting mass of worthlessness that she saw herself to be, into the beauty of the unique person God had created her to be. A hitherto unseen light broke across Kathy's pain and despite the fact of her mental agony, hope dawned."

This hope is a central theme for all of us as Christians. The Transfiguration allows us to understand who Jesus really is and the way in which we are called to act. The way of Jesus implies justice among peoples, recognition of human dignity, respect for life in all its forms, human solidarity and equality and a special concern for the poor and oppressed. This Lent, let us all be mindful of all those who have so much less than we do and offer them hope and allow them to see the beauty of the diseased geranium.

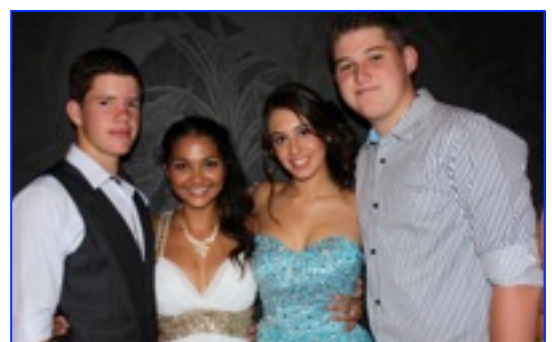
*God bless*

*Mrs Kennaugh, Director Of Mission (REC)*





## Year 10 Commencement Formal





**Careers Websites** - For links to invaluable websites go to [delicious.com/emmaus\\_careers](http://delicious.com/emmaus_careers)

**UMAT Preparation Workshop** - Students in Years 10, 11 and 12 interested in medicine, dentistry or optometry will need to sit the compulsory UMAT examination when applying for one of the above courses. The National Institute of Education (NIE) will be conducting their final UMAT preparation workshop on May 24th. Places for this event are limited and registration is required. Details are available at [www.nie.edu.au](http://www.nie.edu.au)

**UTS 2015 Course Guides** - UTS 2015 undergraduate course guides are now available online. [www.uts.edu.au/future-students/teachers/tools-and-resources/course-guides](http://www.uts.edu.au/future-students/teachers/tools-and-resources/course-guides)

**Subject Bonus Points at ACU** - Students may be awarded up to five bonus points if they have performed well in specific year 12 subjects relevant to the course for which they have applied. To view the courses and subject bonuses visit: [www.acu.edu.au/study\\_at\\_acu/alternate\\_entry/accessacu](http://www.acu.edu.au/study_at_acu/alternate_entry/accessacu)

**University of Sydney Scholarships Information Evening** - an opportunity for current Year 11 and 12 students to learn about the many scholarships available at the University of Sydney - [sydney.edu.au/future-students/career-advisers/events/](http://sydney.edu.au/future-students/career-advisers/events/)

**UNSW Indigenous Winter School** - Sunday July 6<sup>th</sup> – Saturday July 12<sup>th</sup>. Applications close Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup>. This is a week long residential program designed to provide indigenous students in Years 10, 11 and 12 with an opportunity to experience university life. Students will participate in academic lectures and tutorials, presentations, study sessions and team building exercises while interacting with staff and students. The program is at no cost to participating students. Contact: Nura Gill, (02) 9385 3805 or [winterschool@unsw.edu.au](mailto:winterschool@unsw.edu.au) or visit [www.nuragili.unsw.edu.au/winterschool.html](http://www.nuragili.unsw.edu.au/winterschool.html)

**Australian Defence Force Academy** - the Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA) is a unique university where you'll get paid a salary (\$39,525) to study a degree from the University of New South Wales (UNSW). You'll also undertake military leadership training and learn to become an officer in Australia's Navy, Army or Air Force. In addition to the salary all tuition fees are covered. Applying for ADFA is a dual application process that can take up to 12 months, so if you're interested it would be best to get started now. Find out more information here: [www.defencejobs.gov.au/education/adfa/howToApply/applicationProcess.aspx](http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/education/adfa/howToApply/applicationProcess.aspx)

**The HSC and Careers Expo 2014** - Thursday May 29<sup>th</sup> – Sunday June 1<sup>st</sup>, 10am-3pm. Royal Hall of Industries, Moore Park, Sydney. The HSC and Careers Expo brings together over 140 exhibitors providing HSC, tertiary course, career, study skills and gap year information and resources. Exhibitors include Australia's major universities. The Expo also features seminars on HSC subjects, tertiary courses, career and study advice. Admission is \$10 or \$25 for families and includes all seminars. For more information see The Expo Visitor Guide in the Daily Telegraph on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> May or visit [hscandcareers.com.au](http://hscandcareers.com.au) *Interested in free admission? Mrs Ellery has a limited number of free tickets.*

*Mrs Ellery, Careers Adviser*



## Spotlight on Creative and Performing Arts



### Emmaus Catholic College Open Night

First and foremost, thank you to all who attended and also the students who gave a helping hand last Wednesday for the College's Open Night. Mrs Harris, Mrs Fante, Miss Granturco and me were pleased to see the interest and excitement felt by the future students of Emmaus, regarding CAPA and what our Creative Arts Department has to offer.

In both Visual Arts and Music, we displayed what students produce throughout their time here at Emmaus. Many artworks and musical performances, crafted and written across numerous units and grades, were displayed and performed. This illustrates not only the development in skills and knowledge achieved throughout the student's education here at Emmaus, but also the level of creativity our students are blessed with, which drives their passions in Music and Visual Arts.

When reflecting upon Open Night and the positive feedback received, it is clear that each family and student enjoyed the experience and this is a testament to the staff and students of Emmaus.

*Miss Ashton,  
Creative Arts Department*



### Operation Art

The closing date, Friday May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014, is fast approaching! All students who are preparing artworks with the intention to participate in Operation Art are left with approximately three weeks to complete their submission. Miss Ashton and Mrs Harris wish to commend all students for showing care and compassion by creating an artwork with the hope of bringing joy and happiness to those who are healing and recovering within our hospitals.

*Mrs Fante, Creative Arts Leader of Learning*

## WAKAKIRRI

Does your school have a story to tell? The search is on!

What is the Wakakirri Screen Challenge? – the Challenge is a Video-Story (up to 5 minutes) set to a soundtrack. Film your story in any location using any or a combination of: acting, dance, creative movement, graphics, visual effects, animation.

### The Brief -

- \* your story must be set to music or song and can include up to 20 seconds of narration or dialogue.
- \* You can tell any story you wish and your music can be a combination of songs or a recording of an original song by students.
- \* Entry is free
- \* Entry is open to all Regional, Country, Outback and City Primary and Secondary Schools.
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Do you have a story to tell? Wakakirri has a special event so regional, country and remote schools can get involved in Wakakirri and share their story with schools around Australia. It's called...

### THE WAKAKIRRI SCREEN CHALLENGE!

#### What you need to know...

- \* Your video can be creatively edited. Your video can contain graphics, animation, voiceover that enhances the delivery of the story.
- \* Editing should be collaboration between students and teachers at school not given to an external source to do.
- \* Your entry should be used as a learning opportunity for students.

#### Key Dates

- \* Register your interest ASAP
- \* Entries close on Friday 1st August 2014
- \* Winning entries will be announced on Wakakirri TV in October.

#### How to enter

1. Register for the Challenge at [wakakirri.com/screen](http://wakakirri.com/screen) or click the register button below.
2. Refer to the website for the rules and guidelines, how to submit your entry and full list of awards.
3. An entry form will sent to you in April for you to submit with your entry
4. Upload your entry (with the entry form) by 5pm 1st August 2014.



## From the Sports Field



### PDSSSC Swimming Carnival

The following students will be representing the College at the PDSSSC Swimming Carnival this Friday – good luck to all involved: Lachlan Sepping, Jake Carling, Risiah Almeyda, Jackson Coskerie, Nikhil Sumer, Brad Smith, Jackson Moss, Joshua Moxey, Tiarne Galvin, Ashley Hudson, Jasminpreet Boparai, Madisen Carling, Trystan Adkins, Rachael Turner, Brittany Tikaram, Jennifer Parnell, Hayden Opdam.

### Thursday Sport

#### Boys

Sport / Team	Win/loss/draw
Touch – Junior	Win
Touch – Intermediate	Loss
Basketball – Junior	Loss
Basketball-Intermediate	Loss

#### Girls

Sport/Team	Win/loss/draw
Touch – Junior	Win
Touch – Intermediate	Win Draw



### Harmony Day Cup

The Staff vs Student Soccer game is on Friday this week. Check the next newsletter for the winner and photos.

*Mr Clune, Leader of Sport*





## In the Science Lab



This past fortnight has been unbelievably jam packed with the countless events going on at the College. It was no different for the Science Faculty as we saw over 500 people come through Junior Science Building and rekindle their love of the Bunsen Burner and fireworks at our Open Night last Wednesday night.



Year 8 have been just as busy preparing for their very own scientific research project. In what has to be a highlight of the year so far we have witnessed Year 8's genius in a number of different and somewhat creative ways, as they try to protect eggs from breaking when dropped from a 2nd story balcony. There was some "EGG"cellence and some people left with egg on their face but all in all it has been a very exciting and productive time in the Junior Science Building.



## 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 days, copies of travel documentation should be included in the application.

### Students leaving early

When a student is being picked up early from the College please write a note in his/her Learning Planner with an explanation and the time of sign out. Students present this note to their class teacher at the time stated on the note and then proceed to Student Services. Parent/Caregiver will then sign the student out.

If someone other than a parent/caregiver is collecting a student, this designated person **must** be clearly mentioned in the leaving early note.

In an urgent situation please telephone the College and we will endeavour to have your child waiting for you in the office when you arrive.

If you arrive at the College without telephoning ahead of time, you may have sometime to wait while we locate your son/daughter.

**Please telephone ahead of your arrival.**

### Students arriving late

When a student arrives late to the College he/she is required to sign into the computer found in Student Services. Students will need a note in their Learning Planner explaining the lateness.

## 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.

### Bridging Sydney City Assembly on March 26<sup>th</sup> -

Bridging Sydney will launch the Sydney Alliance agenda for the common good with specific asks for the NSW Government on the issues of public transport, affordable housing and supported job pathways. With a year to go before the next NSW election, the aim is to build a bridge between Sydney's civil society and those who serve in elected office. The Diocese of Parramatta is a member of the Sydney Alliance. Doors open at 6pm, concludes 8.30pm. Venue: Sydney Town Hall, George Street. Register your attendance at: [www.sydneyalliance.org.au](http://www.sydneyalliance.org.au) <http://www.sydneyalliance.org.au/news/2014/01/29/bridging-sydney/>

### Catenian City of Parramatta Circle Dinner on March

27<sup>th</sup> - Members of the Catenian Association are Catholic men who meet once a month to join collectively in a friendly atmosphere in the practice of their faith, to enjoy each other's company and to support their local parishes and the Diocese. The City of Parramatta Circle meets for dinner on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at Lachlan's Restaurant in Old Government House in Parramatta Park. Commences at 6.45pm for a 7.15pm start. This month's guest speaker will be Christine Berrierre from St Lucy's School in Wahroonga. More information contact Ian Goldthorpe – Membership Officer, City of Parramatta Circle. Telephone 0408 169 941.

## From the Uniform Shop

It is the policy of the College that all students return in Term 2 in full winter uniform.

Winter uniforms are now available for purchase.

The Uniform Shop **extended trading hours** are:  
Wednesday April 9<sup>th</sup>: 8am - 2pm and 3pm - 7pm.

*Mrs Tindall, Uniform Shop*

## Parent Representative Council

**The Transition to High School:** Helping your child to build resilience and navigate change on Wednesday March 26<sup>th</sup> at The Resilience Centre, 7pm (PRC Special Presentation) St Paul's Catholic College, 198 Old Prospect Rd, Greystanes.

## From the Community



### Community Event on Thursday April 3rd Parent & Community Forum

*You are invited to the St Marys Local Area Command*

**Topics of Interest:** Cyber Safety; Road Trauma – Causes & Effects – Crash Unit; Alcohol & Violence in the Community; Safety in the Community; Graffiti – Localised Issues – Police Response.

**Location:** St Marys Community Centre, located at St Marys Corner. (Cnr Great Western Highway and Mamre Road St Marys). Entry is via Swanston Street.

**Time:** 6.00pm

To assist with planning, if you are attending this forum could you please **RSVP** to Constable Kim SINDEL or Senior Constable Danielle CORLISS via one of the following: **Email:** sind1kim@police.nsw.gov.au, corl1dan@police.nsw.gov.au or telephone 9677-7527 or 9677-7528.

### Have you joined Penrith Progression?

Penrith Progression is inviting the local community to be part of shaping how our City will look, feel and grow in the future. Community members will work with businesses, investors and Council to explore how to transform the heart of Penrith as a destination to live, work and invest in. You are invited to make your mark in realising our collective vision for our City centre. Register now at [penrithprogression.com.au](http://penrithprogression.com.au). For more information phone Erin Higgins at Penrith Council on 4732 8238 or Ben Artup at Penrith Business Alliance on 4732

### UWS Penrith Observatory - Dads and Kids Night

Astronomy Night on Saturday 22 March.

**Times:** 8pm – 10pm

Kids and dads also include grandfathers, kids and grandkids. So it is for everyone. Age is no barrier to spending an evening with the family and the stars. This night not only includes a multimedia presentation but also a 3D astronomy movie and viewing of the night sky through the University's computerised telescopes (weather permitting).

Our program will run regardless of the weather.

**Cost:** \$15 adult, \$10 child/concession and \$40 family.

**Bookings are essential:** Book online at:

[www.uws.edu.au/observatory](http://www.uws.edu.au/observatory)

### The Emmaus Netball Club is looking for Under 13s.

To register please contact Club President Rick Di Cristiforo on 0416 149 997 or Registrar Jenny Blacklock on 0412 458 003 or email us at [emmausnetballclub@hotmail.com](mailto:emmausnetballclub@hotmail.com)



### The Australian Childhood Vision Impairment Register

The Australian Childhood Vision Impairment Register is hosted by the Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children and is supported by Vision Australia and Guide Dogs. It is the first national register of children in Australia with vision impairment. The Register has been collecting data since 2009, and this data is providing important information about the types of eye disease and vision disorders children have and the support they need. The data is also used by service providers and researchers. Data is stored securely and no child can be identified in any way when the data is released.

[vifamilynetwork.org.au](http://vifamilynetwork.org.au)

Families are invited to register their child (aged 0-18 years) if they have vision impairment in both eyes which has been diagnosed by an eye specialist or ophthalmologist. Registration can be completed by contacting Register staff on (02) 9872 0303, or by visiting the VI Family Network website at: [www.vifamilynetwork.org.au](http://www.vifamilynetwork.org.au) The website also provides information on eyes and vision; family support; education and related issues; braille and low vision aids; technology supporting vision impairment; newsletters from Australian low vision agencies and support groups, useful websites; and news and events that might interest families across Australia. Contact Sue Silveira Research Fellow, Renwick Centre Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children at [sue.silveira@ridbc.org.au](mailto:sue.silveira@ridbc.org.au) or on 9872 0248.

