



Update

Term 1 Issue 4

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Message from the Principal

2019

Dates to Remember

TERM 1

March

25th - 29th School Dentist Mobile Dental Clinic

29th School Fees

The school fee statements were posted out earlier this month and the first instalment is due on the 29th of March. If you have not paid the full balance by the due date or taken up the Flexible Payment Plan offer you will need to contact the College Accounts Department for discussion. Please refer to the College Website for a breakdown of the 2019 fees.

April

1st Yr 7 Vaccination 1- dTpa & 1st dose HPV - All students
Yr 8 2nd dose HPV catchup

8th Yr 7-11 Photo Day

10th-12th Yr 12 Retreat

12th End of Term 1
Easter - Good Friday 19th

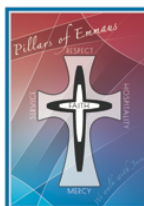
TERM 2

April

29th Staff Development Day
Pupil Free Day

30th Students return for **Term 2**

THE EMMAUS GRADUATE



Has strong Catholic values
Is resilient and adaptable
Has respect for self, others, the community and learning opportunities
Has a good work ethic and seeks success
Is prepared for an ever-changing world



'Transforming Learning: from Curiosity to Clarity'

2020 enrolments for Year 7

Our Open Night was an amazing success and I thank in a large way our best advertisement in our community, our students and staff, for their hard work and promotion that evening.

I am now encouraging all prospective enrolments for Year 7-2020 to submit your application by 12th April 2019 or earlier. Also, the College is taking enrolments for the current Year 7-11 which simply requires the completion of an application form found on the website or by calling into the College office.

A reminder that every day is open day at Emmaus



College Leadership Teams

Executive

Principal Mr Nastasi

Principal's Personal Assistant

Mrs Schembri

Assistant Principal Ms Bowd

Director of Learning & Mission

Ms Waring

Director of Learning & Wellbeing

Mr Roberts

Director of Curriculum

Administration Mrs Else

Business Manager Mr Anchique

Leaders of Wellbeing

Year 7 Miss Borg

Year 8 Mr Ashdown

Year 9 Mr Levy

Year 10 Miss Gaudiosi

Year 11 Mr Murphy

Year 12 Mrs Luke

Leaders of Learning

REC Ms Waring

Diverse Learning Mrs Vogels

English Ms Schinella

Mathematics Mrs Mowbray

PDHPE Mr Brunt

HSIE Mrs Curran

TAS Mr Chhabra

Creative Arts (Acting) Miss Ashton
and Mr Connolly

Science Ms Hamama

Learning Technology Co-ordinator

Mrs McQueen

Leader of Sport Ms Hely

Language Mrs Else

Library Mrs Ellery

VET Co-ordinator Mrs Pereira

Careers Advisor Mrs Scarfone

College Counsellor Ms Comito
and Ms Docanto

National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence

On Friday 15th March the College took part in the ninth National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence (NDA). Schools across Australia were being called to get involved and take action by standing together and saying 'NO' to bullying and violence. The theme for the 2019 NDA was:

Bullying. No Way! Take action every day.

The NDA gives schools the chance to empower young people to be part of the solution when addressing bullying in their school and other communities. The day provided an opportunity to focus on bullying and the big changes we can make as individuals by taking a stance and helping to create safer communities for everyone.

I am proud to say that every Emmaus student and staff member wore a wristband or pin to mark the occasion and to support a highly significant day.



Public Speaking 2019

The Catholic Schools Public Speaking Competition commenced several weeks ago with Emmaus hosting round one and some 200 people in attendance. We managed to have four students progress through into the Area Final last Friday night at Oakhill College - Adeng Gak; Charlee Rose Murtough-Coombes; Libby Austin and Natasha Tatarinoff though unfortunately whilst they spoke beautifully, they were unable to progress to the Zone Final - hard luck and extremely well done. A huge thanks to Mr. O'Connor for coordinating the competition for Emmaus and to all the teachers who helped prepare the students and support them on the two nights.



We were all deeply saddened by the senseless attacks at the Noor and Linwood Mosques in Christchurch, New Zealand last Friday that killed and injured many worshippers. This senseless act of horror toward our innocent Muslim brothers and sisters has horrified us all.

As a Catholic school community, Emmaus joins in prayer for the victims of this shooting, their families, friends and the Muslim community that was directly targeted.

2019 ECC focus: Attendance; Transforming learning; Positive Behaviour focus; Respect; Growth; Wellbeing



Robert Nastasi, Principal BEd, MEd-Curriculum, MA Theolstj

Religious Education

As we begin the second week of Lent, we reflect on the Gospel passage for last Sunday 17th March, The Transfiguration.

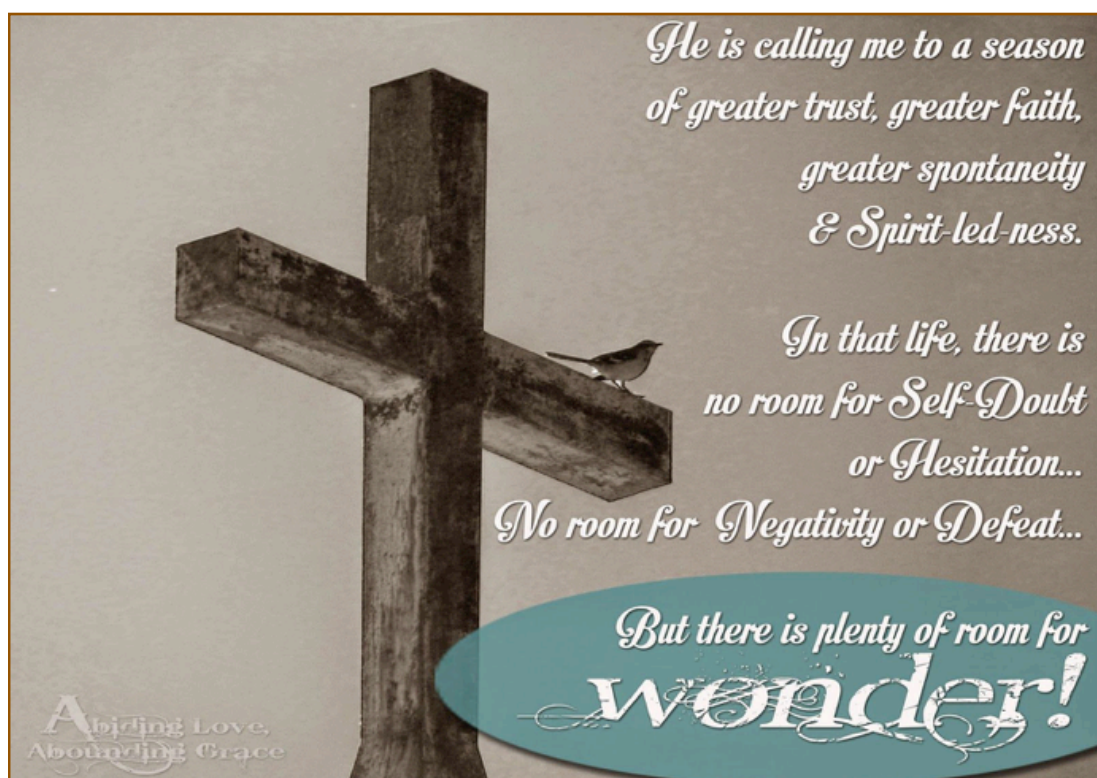
“Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightening . . . A cloud came and covered him with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, *‘This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.’*” Luke 9:28-29;34-35.

We often think of Lent being a time to give something up that we enjoy. It usually ends up being chocolate or something that’s not so great for us anyway. In this way, are we really making a sacrifice? Lent is more than just a time of self-denial and abstaining, it is also a time for contemplation and wonder. Just like Peter, John and James when they saw the magnificence of Jesus, let us use Lent as a time to re-energise our capacity to reflect on the magnificence of God, the beauty of the world around us and the preciousness of the gift of life.

In our modern world, there are so many aspects that uphold life and equally as many that threaten it. We can’t escape the reality of living in the 21st Century, the tragedy of the mass shooting at mosques in Christchurch last Friday being one of these moments.

As we journey through Lent, let us contemplate how our fellow brothers and sisters are dealing with grave loss and shock at the severing of life. Let us unite in compassion, love, tolerance and peace, and be the beacon of wonder for all to see.

Ms Waring, Director of Mission and Learning



Wellbeing Watch

Uniform Shop

Trading Hours during School Terms

Monday 12pm - 4pm
Thursday 8am - 12pm

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

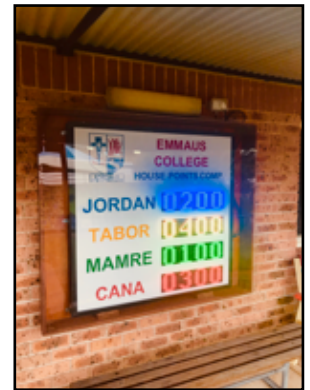
House Cup is up and running again this year on the back of a successful first year. Jordan was the inaugural winners, however, they are off to a slow start this year and Tabor have really lifted their game.

House Points are no longer be just accumulated at the College Carnivals. Students are now able to earn points for their particular House in a variety of different ways in the day-to-day happenings at school. This competition will be known as the Emmaus Cup.

The idea is to create a competitive spirit amongst the Houses outside the normal Athletics and Swimming Carnivals where students will develop a stronger connection to their House. This in turn will further build on the strong connections between students and build a strong sense of community here at the College.

Some ways in which students can earn points for their House include:

- 90% + Attendance each term
- House Competitions at lunch at recess (these will vary)
- Extra-Curricula Activities (Rep Sports, Debating)
- Carnivals
- Merits
- Acts that are aligned to the College Pillars



The points for each House will be displayed on the digital scoreboard that is on the wall outside Ms Bowd's office.

What does the winning House get? The winning House will have a day out later in Term 4 to a theme park where they will enjoy their victory with the other House members. Also, individual students that have the highest point tallies that are not in the winning House will also be invited on the day.



Year 7 Camp

It all started on Monday 25th February. The camp directors at the Great Aussie Bush Camp thought they would have a relaxed week. Little did they know that students from Emmaus Catholic College (ECC) were one of the most vivacious groups they would ever meet.

After the bus ride to reach their camp, the students raced to secure their places on top bunks. Many emerged victoriously and those that didn't made sure they were first in line to get their snow cones.

The students all participated in a large range of activities, nothing would slow them down. Group leaders were impressed as frisbees were tossed, hitting their targets with deadly accuracy. Students fiercely descended down walls, refusing to be left at the top. Next they were walking high above the ground, scaling a tightrope, supported by their harness. They even braved the giant swing (roughly 10m drop) and the leap of faith. They wouldn't be deterred. Many students overcame heights that had the teachers excusing themselves.

Finally, the students enjoyed a leisurely canoe across calm waters, a brief commando crawl through mud and they even built a raft demonstrating that their survival skills were second-to-none.

Despite what any student says, the best part of camp for the staff, was watching new friendships form and seeing all students support and encourage each other to do their best and push their limits at each activity.

Ms Borg, Year 7 Leader of Wellbeing





HSIE Department

Year 10 Geography Excursion postponed - The Year 10 Geography Excursion to Collaroy and Long Reef Beach has been postponed to **Friday 29th March** due to poor forecast weather. Students are reminded to wear sports uniform, to bring the required equipment and to be at school by 8.25am. If students have any questions, they need to see Mrs Curran or their HSIE teacher.

Mock Trial

The Emmaus Mock Trial team participated in Round 1 of the NSW Law Society Mock Trial competition on Monday 18th March against Norwest Christian College. The case was about break and enter and theft of electronic video games, with Emmaus playing the role of the prosecution. The team were well prepared but nervous, as for most students, it was their first time competing in this competition.

Barristers deliver an opening and closing address to the court, with solicitors preparing notes and advising the barristers. Witnesses rehearse and learn their script, ready to proceed without any notes during the trial plus face the extensive questions from the opposition!

The end result of the trial was 119-137, with Norwest successful this round.

The team consisted of the following students from Years 10 & 11:

Year 10: Rona Aparicio, Jacinta Buhagiar - Barrister 2, Emma Claxton, Emily Collins, Georgetta George, William Johnson - Barrister 1, Ilayza Kahvecioglu - Witness 2, Bella Mekhaeel, Niamh O'Keefe, Nirvana Shankar - Solicitor, Parsa Shirmohammadi, Harry Youngs, Kiara Salinas - Magistrate's Clerk

Year 11: Zoe Zussa, Jacob Gormley, Corey Martin, Olivira Yousif - Witness 1

Congratulations to all students involved. We look forward to success in future rounds. Thank you to Mrs Nevin and Mrs Luke for your involvement and preparation of the students.

Year 7 Archaeological Digs

Year 7 have had a great learning experience in their history classes over the past few weeks. **Ms McQueen's 7.1 class** has been using the sandpits to recreate the experiences and expertise of real life archaeologists. They were digging for lost treasure and going through a process of meticulously uncovering what they had found.

Miss Bozic's 7.5 History class had a brilliant time completing an archaeological dig using cupcakes. In this experience students saw how an archaeologist would experience the deterioration of a site by using melting chocolate that dissolved the marshmallows as an example of how, in real life, this could link to materials deteriorating due to conditions (heat, rain, etc.) and how time can affect artefacts. Students also used pre-made icing pens to draw the grid system on their cupcakes and used skewers to 'dig' through their cupcake.

Thank you to these teachers for the time they have put into working on these tasks and for the wonderful learning experience.





St Mary's RSL



On Sunday April 14th, St Marys RSL Sub-Branch holds their Annual March and Service. The March will commence from the western end of Cook Park in Wilson Street, St Mary's at 11.00am. The March will proceed to the War Memorial in the grounds of St Marys RSL Club, corner of Mamre Road and Hall Street, St Marys, where a Service will commence on its arrival approximately around 11.20am.

On ANZAC Day, Thursday April 25th, a Dawn Service will be held at the St Marys RSL Club, corner of Mamre Road and Hall Street, St Marys, commencing at 5.00am. It is suggested early arrival as parking areas often become congested soon after 4.30am.

Mrs Curran, Leader of Learning HSIE

2020 Europe Study Tour



This term we are proposing our next study tour of Europe for Year 10 and 11 students in the January 2020 school holidays. This 16 day itinerary visits Italy, Germany and Paris. The program is relevant for any senior student studying Ancient History, Modern History, Society & Culture, Italian, Visual Arts and/or Studies of Religion.

We are intending to run this tour with Harvest Journeys, an Australian based company specialising in school group tours. Working closely with myself and staff at the school, they will develop and manage a program specifically designed for our students.

Here is the link to the detailed flyer on the study tour.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1gKjjT9-KPSj7svuBJ_Qo3-kbqzYqtF_8/view?usp=sharing

This flyer will outline the cost and trip inclusions.

If you have any questions please contact Mrs Scarfone at the College.

Mrs Scarfone, Organising Teacher

What's happening in TAS



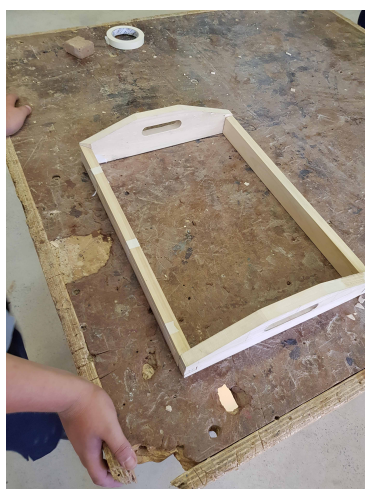
A Year 9 student sanding his iPad stand on the disk sander, this is an introductory task for them to build their timber skills.



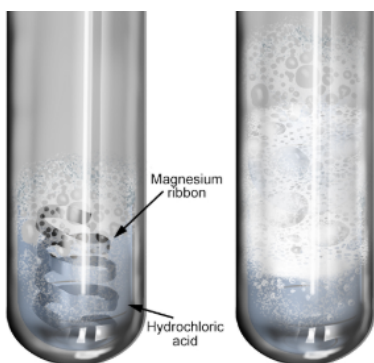
A Year 7 student who is practicing a blanket stitch for his patch work project, all the patches that the students make will be put together to create a quilt.

A picture of the progress a Year 11 student has made on his breakfast tray project.

Students are aiming to develop their skills to prepare them for the major project in Year 12.



Mr Chhabra, TAS Leader of Learning



Within Science, is learning about the Periodic table and how chemical react. During this time we have been conducting several practical activities. Another great thing we have been learning in science are metals and nonmetals, we have also been conducting practicals on these chemical.

For example if the metals do or do not float or if the metals dissolve. In the image below it is a piece of magnesium in hydrochloric acid. What is happening is the magnesium is reacting to the acid. This demonstration can be used to illustrate the characteristic reaction of metals with acid, a single replacement reaction, or to demonstrate the time of hydrogen gas.

Asif Hussein, Year 10

Public Speaking 2019

This year saw the College enter its third year competing in the CSDA Public Speaking competition. Instead of just entering we were one of the host schools for the first round which required a large number of student volunteers and the support of the teachers to ensure that we ran an effective event.

I am proud to inform you all that our organisation and professionalism on the evening resulted in some very reputable schools in NSW commenting on our students and our school in a very positive light. The students set up the rooms, acted as chairpeople and timekeepers and directed our guests around our expansive grounds. I was immensely satisfied with the evening as it once again confirmed that when Emmaus does something it does it well!

Our speakers were effectively prepared by our teachers. We had a teacher mentor for each student which is a testament to the dedication of our staff. The schools we competed with were slightly intimidating. They included Santa Sabina, OLMC, Parramatta Marist and St Patrick's Strathfield. These are some of the top schools in our state and to say that our results were impressive would be an understatement. Four of our ten students were successful on the night and progressed to the Zone Final.

I hope that our community understands this proves that when we compete against the very best schools our state has to offer that we can more than hold our own.

The successful students were Adeng Gak of Year 7, Charlee-Rose Murtough-Coombes/Libby Austin of Year 8 and Natasha Tatarinoff of Year 10.

In the Zone Final we made the trek to Oakhill College where these young ladies further represented the College with distinction. Unfortunately the girls did not progress to the State Final. The achievement to make it to this level of such a distinguished competition is something they should be very proud of.

I'd like to thank all the students who represented the College in 2019 and to all the students who volunteered on a Friday night to ensure the efficient running of the First Round at our school.

I'd also like to thank the teachers who made themselves available to work with each speaker and to those teachers who stayed at school till very late to help with our hosting responsibilities.

We now move to the debating season where we hope to develop on our initial season last year and improve our skills!

The Student Representatives are:	Year 7	Adeng Gak and Isabella Brglevski
	Year 8	Libby Austin and Charlee-Rose Murtough-Coombes
	Year 9	Dionne Morales
	Year 10	Jacinta Buhagiar and Natasha Tatarinoff
	Year 11	Chantelle Gordon
	Year 12	Crystal Fajardo and Isabella Buhagiar

Mr O'Connor, Public Speaking Facilitator

Sports Update

PDSSSC Touch Football Gala Day

On Tuesday March 5th, Mr O'Connor and Mr Ashdown took an Open Boys and Open Girls team to the PDSSSC Touch Football Gala Day. Mr O'Connor's girls team won 2 games and lost 2 games and Mr Ashdown's boys team came away 2nd to Gilroy which was a great result! Congratulations to the students below who played in these teams and thank you to Harry Youngs of Year 10 who refereed.

Helen Tuimavave, Lara Carroll, Tatijana Perri, Shemariah Tagaloamatua, Hana Pedras, Sandra Shamon, Katie Forster, Akaydia Arena, Bella Gaudiosi, Matani Malu, Aliyah Nasio, Chelsea Steele, Sarah Alexander, Tiana Freitas.

Trey Baldacchino, Jordan Buhagiar, Kye Vock, Joel Bagnall, Eden Devonshire, Jyrell Roberts, Cameron Upton, Ryan Baird, Harlam Filer, Blake Copson, Kobe Jimenez.

From this Gala Day, Kobe Jimenez of Year 12 was again selected for the PDSSSC Touch Football team. Congratulations to Kobe!



Cross Country:

On Thursday March 7th, almost 50 students competed in our College Cross Country Carnival. At Emmaus, we are fortunate enough to give students the most authentic experience for Cross Country due to the lovely bush landscape that we are surrounded by.

29 students qualified and will compete at the PDSSSC Cross Country Carnival at Jamison Park, Penrith on Friday May 3rd.

Well done to all students who participated and those who qualified for the PDSSSC Carnival.

Thank you also to Mr Sultana, Mr Hamond and his Year 9 PASS class, Miss Richardson and Mrs Butler and her Year 9 class for their help on the day.

Congratulations

Eden Devonshire and **Jacob Kheirallah** were selected for the U/15s PDSSSC Rugby League squad. Eden has been selected prior with this being the first year Jacob trialled and he was successful. These boys and this team will now go on to compete at the Sydney Independent Catholic College Trial. Well done to both these year 10 students.

Ms Hely, Leader of Sport

Road Safety Procedures and Expectations:

Students travelling to and from school in a private vehicle are to be **dropped off and picked up in the drop off area outside the College gates** and not in any part of the staff car park. This applies all year round in wet or dry weather.

No students are to be dropped off or picked up in the staff car park between 8.00 am and 9.30 am and 2.00 pm and 3.30 pm. This is for the safety of our students, parents and staff.

Any Parent / Caregiver having business with the College (i.e. school fees, interview etc) during those hours are welcome to enter the staff car park and park his / her vehicle in a parking bay. If no parking bays are available, parking is available in Bakers Lane outside the College gates.

Parking on the kerbside of the staff car park is not permitted.

NO STUDENT IS TO CROSS BAKERS LANE TO BE PICKED UP ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE ROAD.

'REMINDER'

SCHOOL DENTIST CONSENT FORM

The School Dentist' will be at Emmaus from Monday March 25th - Friday March 29th. All the students are invited to use the service. Forms have been distributed to all the students. Please return forms them to Homeroom Teachers.

SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

Please call our switchboard number (9670 8300) to make an appointment to see the Business Manager around whether you qualify for second hand uniforms. Thanking you all beforehand for

College Blazers

If your child has NOT purchased a Blazer and requires one for next term, please visit the College uniform shop to purchase your blazer before the 28th March. This is to ensure your child will have the size they need ready for the first day back of Term 2.

The uniform shop is open every Monday 12pm - 4pm and every Thursday 8am - 12pm during the school term.

Alternatively, if you are unable to visit the College Uniform Shop, The School Locker superstore at Liverpool is open 7 days a week.

The School Locker Liverpool

Shop R20-R21 The Grove Homemaker Centre
2-20 Orange Grove Road, Liverpool NSW 2170

Trading Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 9am - 5pm
Thursday: 9am - 7pm Saturday, Sunday: 10am - 4pm

Notice: Scheduled Store Closure April 14th & 15th

Contact : Phone: (02) 8796 2100



BRUCE DOWNES
THE CATHOLIC GUY

PARISH MISSION EVENT
HOLY SPIRIT PARISH
Cnr Todd Row & Moore St
St Clair NSW
2 - 5 April 2019

THE CATHOLIC GUY
IS COMING

4 INSPIRING SESSIONS

Session 1 Tuesday 2 April 10.00am and 7.30pm	Session 3 Thursday 4 April 10.00am and 7.30pm
Session 2 Wednesday 3 April 10.00am and 7.30pm	Session 4 Friday 5 April 10.00am and 7.30pm

FREE ADMISSION

TheCatholicGuy.com

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY SCHOOL, ST MARYS



OLR is now accepting Kindergarten enrolment forms for 2020. Please collect an enrolment pack from Our Lady of the Rosary front office.

Kindergarten 2020 Information Night will be held on Monday 13th May at 6:30pm.

For further information please contact the OLR on 8856 8301.

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