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Term 2 Issue 5

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Message from the Principal

2019

Dates to Remember

TERM 2

July

5th End of Term 2

TERM 3

July

22nd Staff Development Day
Pupil Free Day
Uniform Shop open (12-4pm)

23rd Parent/Teacher Interviews for
Years 7-10. Pupil Free Day for
all Years (7-12)

24th Formal classes commence

26th Yr 10 Vaccinations and
Yr 7 & Yr 8 Catch up

August

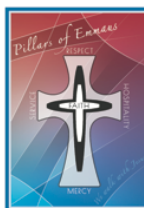
5th - 19th HSC Trial Exams
7th Yr 10 into 11 2020 enrolment
Interviews

September

4th MADD Night
18th - 26th Preliminary Exams

27th End of Term 3
Staff Spirituality Day

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"

Congratulations to Lachlan Sepping of Year 12

Some good news on the football pitch with Year 12 student Lachlan Sepping last week named in the under 19s NSW All Schools Football team. This indicates that he has successfully navigated and trialled through the Parramatta Diocese team and then the NSW Combined Catholic Colleges (NSWCCC) Championships to arrive at this place. The NSW team is comprised of the most talented young men from all school sectors in NSW, including government, independent and Catholic.

This team will be playing a combined New Zealand schoolboy representative side during the holidays on Monday 8th July at Seymour Shaw Stadium, Sutherland and we wish Lachlan every success. Lachlan's next challenge will be to attempt to qualify for the Australian Schoolboy team at the Australian Championships in Queensland in September. Congratulations and best wishes Lachlan.



Well Done to our Year 7 debating
and to the College Mock Trial teams

The College is so proud of the Year 7 Debating team who progressed through to the quarter finals in the CSSA debating competition narrowly losing to Santa Sabina Strathfield last week. A huge well done to Giselle, Isabella and Adeng who were simply brilliant and to Mr. O'Connor for coordinating the program.

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

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 Mrs Hamama

Learning Technology Co-ordinator

Ms McQueen

Leader of Sport Ms Hely

Language Mrs Else

Library Mrs Ellery

VET Co-ordinator Mrs Pereira

Careers Advisor Mrs Scarfone

College Counsellor Ms Wen
and Ms Docanto

Business Manager Mr Anchique

At the same time well done to Mrs Nevin and her 17 strong Mock Trial team who have progressed to the next stage in the State finishing 59 overall (top 64 go through in NSW all schools). They have participated with great professionalism and polish and they are now placed to take on St Mary's Catholic College Maitland.



Recent Student Leadership forum with CEDP

66 student leaders from schools around the Diocese of Parramatta recently came together on Thursday, June 20 for a Leadership Forum to explore the future of the Catholic Church and the role that young people play as agents of change.

The Student Leadership Forum has been running since 2014 and is now in its fifth year, bringing together religious and education leaders from the Diocese of Parramatta for an informal and confidential discussion focused around transformation within the Catholic Church.

Holly Everingham, a Year 12 leader from Emmaus Catholic College was quoted on the CEDP website describing the experience as "a safe environment for us to voice our opinions and listen to other's perspectives. This Forum also gave us the opportunity to participate in an active Catholic community with like-minded individuals." Well said Holly.



Well done to all on a successful Term 2 & details around the start of Term 3 are as follows

As the term comes to an end, I take this opportunity to thank and congratulate all the staff, students and parents/carers for their dedication to the job at hand in teaching and learning. The holiday break is a chance for everyone to re-charge their batteries and return freshened up in readiness for the excitement that lies ahead in Term 3. Year 12 and their teachers, many of whom will be working at school during the holiday break undertaking tutorials in preparation for the Trial HSC beginning in week 3 and forming their major works. Well done to those teachers and to Year 12 for your additional efforts during the break, known affectionately as 'stuvac'; all your application centres around the notion of small ongoing efforts for a long-term gain.

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

A reminder that **Semester 1 reports for Years 7-10 will be published / released as a PDF to the community on Thursday 4th July** and these should be used to support the 3-way conversation during Year 7-10 **Parent / Teacher Interviews in Week 1, term 3 - Tuesday 23rd July from 8.50am to 7.00pm** (details of booking processes have already been provided by Mrs Else and Ms McQueen with students to attend with their parents/ carers and to wear full school winter uniform).

I would ask that all parents / carers book to meet with ALL classroom and their child's homeroom teachers on that day / evening so that there is transparency around student progress and how well the learning outcomes are being met whilst any pastoral / well- being issues such as attendance can also be addressed.

A reminder that **Monday 22nd of July is a Pupil Free / Staff Development day** and no lessons will be run for any students across Year 7-12. Formal classes begin on Wednesday 24th July and students once again return in full winter uniform. Wishing you a safe and peaceful holiday, God Bless.



Photos from our Winter sleepout on Friday 28/6/19-Well done to all the 36 students and 10 teachers who braved the night to raise awareness and money for the homeless whilst supporting Vinnies

Congratulation to Holly Burgess in Year 7

Well done to Holly Burgess who placed top 5 in the recent inter-schools State Equestrian event in Tamworth. She is a dedicated young lady who representing Emmaus with great sportsmanship and manners whilst showing great pride in displaying the Emmaus saddle clothe on her pony.



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

Enjoy a video tour of the College by clicking on the link below

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X8KCHc4Ay_k



*Robert Nastasi,
Principal
BEd, MEd-Curriculum, MA (Theolst)*

Religious Education

On Friday 28th June, 36 students from Years 7, 8, 10, 11 and 12 attended the annual St Vincent de Paul Winter Sleep Out.

The afternoon began with careful preparation and assistance from students who were so enthusiastic about the event that they didn't even go home to get ready! A light snack was shared along with a friendly game of basketball before the Amazing Race around the school began. With their extensive knowledge of the College, students cleverly unravelled the clues. They certainly were challenged when Mr Nastasi sheltered from the cold in the Mercy Chapel with his clue. The Year 12's showed their six years of ECC knowledge and were back in the Sister Patricia Tully Centre first to be named the winning team. After waiting for a team of Year 8's with a non-defeatist attitude, we were finally able to get down to the reason for the event – what should be important in our lives for the good of all, particularly for those in great need.

Students identified their needs for one day and sorted them into resources and tasks. They then assessed whether they would be able to carry these out or not if they were homeless. Expanding on this was the learning about different types of homelessness. For example, living on the streets or in tents, living in overcrowded dwellings, supported accommodation, with others or in boarding houses. Students were finally challenged to take action and think creatively about how they might be able to help the homeless. One suggested strategy was to break down barriers and overcome one's own and others' judgements around the reasons that people are homeless. The Gospel passage from Matthew, The Final Judgement that was used in the liturgy, asked us to reflect on how we want to be judged when we leave this world. In order to be ready to meet God, we need to let go of our own judgements of the homeless and treat every person with dignity, no matter what they look like, what they have or haven't done. We need to see God in the face of these people and be Christ for them. It isn't good enough for us to stand back and wait for someone else to do it - we need to do it.

Students' attendance at the Sleep Out and experience then of sleeping in cardboard shelters that they had created, on the cold hard floor of the Hall, with only a simple meal of soup and bread, and without showering, all contributed to being able to empathise in a small way with the plight of those who for whatever reason live this life every night.

Blankets, warm clothes, gift cards and money were generously donated throughout the term and on the evening. These were very much appreciated by Lou and Joan from the St Clair Chapter of St Vincent de Paul who came and shared some of their experiences with us on the evening. These donations will continue to be collected up until the end of the term.



Religious Education (continued)

A huge thanks to the wonderful staff of Emmaus who helped make this night possible. Many generous hands contributed by making soup, buying goods, bringing in cardboard, supervising students, organising the activities and sleeping out with the students. Our Emmaus students are very lucky to have teachers who not only lead them in their learning of curriculum but also in their learning about life and being active Christians who contribute to the greater good of all humanity.



Ms Waring, Director of Mission and Learning

The Winter Sleep Out was such an amazing experience! Starting off with the Amazing Race was such a fun activity and it really created an immediate atmosphere of fun and inclusivity. The talk by Lou and Joan from St Vinnies really opened my eyes about being homeless and really emphasised that being homeless isn't only about not having a home.

They also provided an insight into the reasons for being homeless and how they aren't just stereotypical but due to a plethora of unique situations and a multitude of reasons. The rest of the night, which included the cardboard shelter challenge, dinner, liturgy, and the campfire allowed us to truly reflect and understand why we were all there. I am extremely glad that I attended the Winter Sleep Out as it was honestly a moment I will remember for the rest of my life.

*Anastasia Silva-Georgitsis
Year 12*

HSIE Department

Mock Trial

The Emmaus Mock Trial team has some exciting news.... After 4 rounds, we were successful in making it through to the Elimination Finals for Mock Trial. Only the top 64 schools in NSW go through to this level. This is only the second time we have gone through to this level, so we are very proud of this achievement.

We are up against All Saints' College, St Marys Campus, Maitland.

The trial will take place first week back of Term 3, with date and time still to be confirmed.

Congratulations and best wishes to the team as they prepare for their next legal battle!

St Marys RSL Sub-Branch Morning Tea and Book Presentation

On Tuesday 25th June, **Tameeka Morrissey** and **Harlam Filer** from Year 10, along with Mrs Nevin, attended the St Marys RSL Sub-Branch Morning Tea and Book Presentation at St Clair High School. Students from the Hospitality class at St Clair High School provided a delicious morning tea for all guests.

We listened to presentations from Mr Tony Fryer (Honorary Secretary) and Mr Ron Blakely (President of the Sub-Branch), learning about the role of the St Marys RSL Sub-Branch in the community in the areas of welfare, advocacy and assistance to current Defence personnel and ex-service men and women.

Students from each school were invited to select a range of books on display to be brought back to the library for student research and general reading on military conflicts Australia has been involved in.



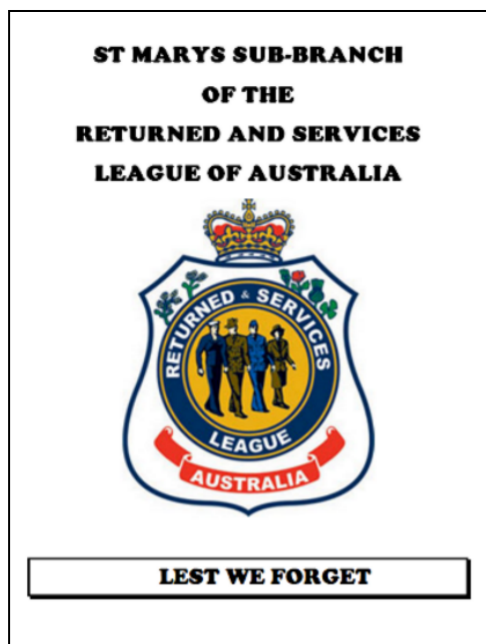
A Reflection of the event by Harlam Filer (Year 10)

Thank you to St Marys RSL Sub-Branch for this generous donation of History resources for our College and thank you to St Clair High School for their hospitality.

We had the opportunity to accept a range of war books on behalf of our school, donated by the St Mary's RSL Sub-Branch. These books will be made available in our College Library and will allow Emmaus students to become better informed of Australia's War History.

During this event, St Clair High's Hospitality class served us a lovely morning tea, consisting of cakes and other confectionery. We also listened to the Sub-Branch members give a lecture on the history of their branch, and their roles in commemorating our Australian soldiers. It was an honour to attend this event and represent our College proudly.

HSIE Department (continued)



St Marys RSL Sub-Branch Col Shepherd Memorial Scholarship

Every year St Mary's RSL Sub Branch offers three scholarships to students of Emmaus Catholic College. These scholarships are to assist in the cost of being a senior student at Emmaus Catholic College.

To be eligible to win one of the scholarships, students must be in Year 10.

Any Year 10 student may submit an entry, which takes the form of a History project. In 2019, there are 6 different topics, with a range of presentation formats. These entries will be judged by a panel at the College. The best 3 will be submitted to the RSL for judging and awarding of the scholarships.

The value of each scholarship is:

1st Place:	\$2,500
2nd Place:	\$1,500
3rd Place:	\$1,000

Entries are due Monday 2nd September, 2019.

We take this opportunity to thank St Marys RSL Sub-Branch and the Col Shepherd Memorial Fund for continuing to offer this wonderful scholarship program to the College.

For further information, please speak with Mrs Curran, Mrs Nevin, Ms McQueen or Mr Murphy.

Mrs Nevin, HSIE Department

Parent / Teacher / Student Interviews - Tuesday July 23rd 8.50am - 7pm

Please note that this will be a pupil-free day for all students and no supervision will be provided.

Parents/Guardians are asked to make an additional interview with your child's Homeroom Teacher as well as all subject teachers.

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.

Diversity teachers will also be available to discuss your child's progress in regards to meeting their learning needs.

Mrs Scarfone will be available for careers advice for Year 10 students.

The bookings will close on 22nd July at 9pm.

Step-by-step procedure to access your online booking.

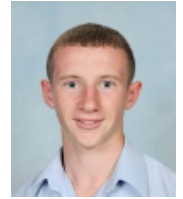
- Step 1:** Log on to www.schoolinterviews.com.au
- Step 2:** Enter the event code **98tju**
- Step 3:** Enter your name and email address (if you do not have an email address then leave this part blank). Your booking dates and time will be sent to the email address.
- Step 4:** If you have 2 or more children you can enter their names and complete the bookings for ALL of your children at the same time.
It is important to enter your child's full name (First and Surname)
- Step 5:** From the FIRST drop down menu choose a subject then from the second drop down menu choose your child's teacher for that subject.
- Step 6:** Choose the interview times by clicking on the available time slot.

Print off your completed booking sheet and bring it with you to the interviews

From the Sporting Field

Carnival Update: **Amosia Soatini** has tied as 13 Years Athletics Carnival Age Champion.

Congratulations to **Lachlan Sepping** of Year 12 who was recently named in the U / 19s NSW All Schools Football (Soccer) Team. This means he has successfully progressed through the Parramatta Diocese Team and the NSW Combined Catholic Colleges Championships to arrive at this outcome. The NSW team is comprised of the most talented young men from all schools in NSW, including government, independent and Catholic.



You may have read previously about all the success Lachlan has experienced in Football and what a great achievement for someone in their final year of schooling.

Lachlan's next challenge will be to attempt to qualify for the school sport Australia Championships for the Australian School Team in Queensland in September.

We wish him well for the Championships in September.

Ms Hely, Head of Sport

AFL

Students from Years 8, 9 and 10 competed in the AFL All School Competition on Tuesday 18th June. There was a tough selection process and some hard training sessions prior to the day with many students keen to participate.

The boys team played four games on the day managing 1 win. For a lot of them, this was their first time playing AFL and they found it a difficult task against other schools who had players who play regularly. Some tweaking of the game plan by Mr Hamond and Mr Sultana saw constant improvement throughout the day and the boys enjoying themselves.

Like the boys, this was the first taste of AFL for many of the girls. Most were extremely nervous and had a lot of questions before the first game. However reassurance and clear instructions from Miss Richardson and Mr Sultana saw the girls improve dramatically throughout the day. They managed to win all 3 of their games without conceding a point but kicking more and more themselves! Both coaches were extremely proud of the way the girls conducted themselves and will be looking forward to the next level of competition!

Mr Sultana, AFL Coach



Creative and Performing Arts

CAPTIVATE Eisteddfod

Emmaus students took part in the CAPTIVATE's Eisteddfod on Tuesday June 25th. They performed with great courage and charisma!

To give you a sense of what the students did:

Dionne Morales and **Alisha Santos** represented the College in the **Solo Vocalist** category. Both vocalists wowed the judges, especially when they realised they were actually in Year 9 and not Year 12! The 2 girls both performed individually but together represented the College with great pride.

Brendan Smith performed his rendition of Bohemian Rhapsody in the **Solo Instrumentalist** category. Brendan was the only junior student in the group of seniors however he did not let this affect his confidence at all. He did a terrific job and received a great response from the audience.

We had 2 groups in the **Rock Ensemble** this year. **Katie Forster, Lucas Rose, Justin Sultana** and **Georgia Pierce** did a funk arrangement of Alicia Key's 'If I Aint Got You' and **Toby Lowing, Conor Sutton** and **Lucas Rose** performed 'This Is Me', which was extra practice for Conor as this is 1 of his HSC pieces for his upcoming exam.

Although Emmaus was unsuccessful in moving forward, each act was given extensive feedback for their performances from Music teachers and professional musicians which they will all put forward into their studies.

Overall, a successful day. The smiles prove it!



Mr Connolly, CAPA Leader of Learning - Music



From the Office

Student Absence Notifications

The student absences text messaging system is now up and running. If you receive a text message saying your son or daughter is absent from the College please respond to this message with the **student's full name** and the **reason** for the absence.

If you respond to this message there is no need to send in an absence note. However if a Doctor's Certificate has been issued, please forward this to the Homeroom Teacher upon the student's return to school.

Withdrawing from the College

If you are withdrawing a student from the College please be advised that 10 weeks notice is required.

SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

Please call our College on 9670 8300 to make an appointment to see the Business Manager around whether you qualify for second hand uniforms.

Uniform Shop - Term 3

Dear Parents/Carers

Please be aware that the College uniform shop will be closed during the school holiday period from Monday July 8th to Friday July 19th, reopening on Monday July 22nd between the hours of 12 noon to 4.00pm.

A reminder though that should you require school uniform shop items they can also be purchased from the the School Locker store at Liverpool over the break.

From the Community



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329 Wentworth Road, Orchard Hills

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<http://www.catholichealthcare.com.au/retirement-living/retirement-living-vacancies/emmaus-vacancies/>

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