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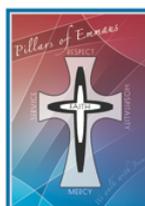
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Message from the Principal

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



2019 Dates to Remember

TERM 4

November

- 11th HSC Exams conclude
- 15th Yr 7 Vaccinations, Yr 8 & 10 Catch Up
- 22nd Yr 12 Formal

December

- 3rd Yr 12 Sign-out Day
- 11th Yr 10/11 Picnic Day
- 13th Yr 7-11 Final Awards
Yr10/11 Final Day
- 16th Yr 7-9 Picnic Day / Final Day
- 17th Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews 8.30 - 10.30am
- 18th Staff Development Day
- 19th Staff Development Day
- 20th College Office Closed

'Every learner, Every day: Transforming Lives'

Last week we celebrated two important Days of Solemnity on the Catholic Calendar - All Saints and All Souls Day

All Saints' Day (also known as All Hallows' Day or Halloween) is the day after [All Hallows' Eve](#) (Hallowe'en). It is a feast day celebrated on **1st November** by [Anglicans](#) and [Roman Catholics](#).

It is an opportunity for believers to remember all saints and martyrs, known and unknown, throughout Christian history.

"We celebrate today the solemnity of All Saints. This invites us to turn our gaze to the immense multitude of those who have already reached the blessed land and points us on the path that will lead us to that destination.

Pope John Paul II, All Saints' Day 2003

Equally and if not of more significance All Souls' Day is celebrated on **2nd November** (or the **3rd** if the 2nd is a Sunday), directly following All Saints' Day, and is an opportunity for Roman Catholics and Anglo-Catholic churches to commemorate the faithful departed. They remember and pray for the souls of people who are in Purgatory - the place (or state) in which those who have died atone for their grave sins before being granted the vision of God in Heaven (called *Beatific vision*).

"For the souls in purgatory, waiting for eternal happiness and for meeting the Beloved is a source of suffering, because of the punishment due to sin which separates them from God. But there is also the certitude that once the time of purification is over, the souls will go to meet the One it desires".

Letter of Pope John Paul II for Millennium of All Souls' Day

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

We continue to keep in our hearts all those dear and loved ones that have gone to rest in eternal life with our Lord.

Please also keep Mrs. Catherine Hey-Principal Trinity Catholic Primary school in your thoughts and prayers as she battles illness and surgery. May the Lord comfort her, her family and the Trinity community in the coming days and months.



A 3D Artist impression of the Chapel following refurbishment to be completed in January 2020



Year 7 student Auriel Marquez designed one of the glass panels for the new Chapel-a depiction of the history of Emmaus. Well done Auriel, simply amazing work.



Mercy Project 2019-quotes that now adorn the Amphitheatre wall.

Please keep the Tipping family in our thoughts and prayers after the passing of Blayke's (Year 10) Grandfather.



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

Enjoy a video tour of the College by clicking on the link below
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X8KCHc4Ay_k

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

Assistant Principal

Our Amphitheatre is an important space in our school. This central area is where students gather at recess and lunch, year groups meet here and each day students walk by it on their way to class.

As part of a recent project by some staff members, this space is now adorned with the inspiring words of Catherine McAuley, foundress of the Sisters of Mercy.

The aim of the project was to 'Make Mercy Visible'. Our hope is that our school community is inspired by these words that connect so deeply to our Pillars of Emmaus, particularly our 'Mercy' Pillar.



Ms Bowd, Assistant Principal

Religious Education

We recently celebrated two significant holy days, All Saints Day and All Souls Day. The significance of both of these days is steeped in Catholic tradition and doctrine. The saints have been role models, guides to living a holy life and intercessory bodies between ourselves and God for centuries. We acknowledge the lives of saints and their representation within the communion of saints in heaven by celebrating their feast days. Our very own Australian saint, Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop has her feast day on the 8th of August.

In the Catechism of the Catholic Church it states: *“By keeping the memorials of the saints – first of all the Holy Mother of God, then the apostles, the martyrs, and other saints - on fixed days of the liturgical year, the Church on earth shows that she is united with the liturgy of heaven. She gives glory to Christ for having accomplished his salvation in his glorified members; their example encourages her on her way to the Father.”*

We certainly look to the saints to model the ways that we ought to live our lives, for many of us this intensely pious way of life may seem unachievable and so we try to reflect the characteristics that a saint has displayed throughout their time on earth – humility, generosity, love of God and love for others.

The second important day in the Catholic Liturgical Calendar was on the 2nd of November, All Souls Day. This day is dedicated to remembering those we have loved and lost as well as praying for the souls who may still be in the state of Purgatory. The Catholic Church believes that Purgatory is a condition that one finds themselves in when they have died without being completely in God’s grace and are in need of purification. This year a sacred space has been set up in the library for staff and students to write the name of their loved one on a card and say a prayer whilst placing this on a tree of remembrance. In RE classes, students will also have the opportunity to participate in a short liturgy of remembrance for a special person who has passed away.



For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, nor angels, nor demons, nothing already in existence and nothing still to come, nor any power, nor the heights, nor the depths, nor any created thing, will be able to come between us and the love of God, known to us in Christ Jesus. (Romans 8: 38 – 39)

Ms Waring, Director of Mission and Learning

Creative and Performing Arts



Captivate Secondary Eisteddfod

On Thursday of Week 3, Emmaus took part in the first annual Captivate Secondary Eisteddfod. This was a combination of CEDP Secondary Schools Music Programs put on display for the community, over two shows.

The first round of the Eisteddfod took place in Term 2 of this year at Plumpton Performing Arts Centre where we had 5 acts perform in the hope of getting through to round two. We were lucky enough to have two acts get through to the Eisteddfod stage.

Dionne Morales represented our Year 9 cohort performing her version of Goodbyes by Jorja Smith. She performed at both shows wowing audiences with her soulful performance.



We also had a Year 11 Performance which included **Katie Forster, Lucas Rose, Justin Sultana and Georgia Pierce**. These students performed a funk rendition of Alicia Keys hit 'If I Ain't Got You'. The audience loved their upbeat interpretation of this hit and they were awarded with a great reception.



It was a huge day for the students who performed. They were at The Joan Sutherland Centre from 9am until 9pm. There was sound checks, rehearsals, performances and also plenty of waiting time though the spirits of the students were always high.

These students will be acknowledged at the upcoming assembly for their great representation of the musical talent that we have at our College.

Congratulations to all of them and good luck to the Year 11 class who have just started their HSC course for 2020.



As mentioned, the Eisteddfod was performed over two shows, a matinee and an evening concert. The matinee performance was put on for all CEDP schools as a chance to showcase our talent to the schools that make up our community. Schools travelled from all over the Western Suburbs to show support to one another and cheer on their own students.

Emmaus music students from Years 9, 10 and 11 were lucky enough to attend on the day.

A huge thank you to Miss Ashton who travelled with these students to The Joan Sutherland Centre and an even bigger thank you to the students in attendance for their great behaviour and for the ongoing support they give to fellow music students.

Mr Connolly, CAPA Leader of Learning, Music

From the Office

STUDENTS TAKING LEAVE DURING THE SCHOOL TERM

If parents are wishing their son/ daughter to take leave during the school term, a Leave Form must be completed. Forms are available from the Front Office or if parents would like a form emailed to them, please contact the College Office. Leave forms are for any length of time.

There are two types of Leave Form: (i) for Travel only and (ii) all other types of leave. Students receive an Exemption Approval letter from the Principal.

Donation of Uniforms

The College is happy to take any donated uniforms however due to Work, Health and Safety, we request that all uniforms are washed or dry-cleaned.

SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

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

Withdrawing from the College

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

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instructions for parents and community

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From the Community

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