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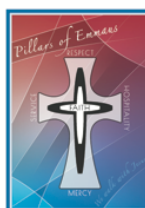
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Message from the Principal

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



'Every learner, Every day: Transforming Lives'

2020 LEADERS INDUCTION ASSEMBLY



The 2020 leaders (eight students from Year 11 and twelve students from Year 12) were officially commissioned last Wednesday in front of the school community with parents/ carers and family members present.

It was a great honour to present the badges to these wonderful young men and women.

The key message to these leaders was to lead with integrity, zeal, vision and humility aiming to serve not only the Emmaus Community but also the broader community namely those most in need and vulnerable in our society. I asked the leaders to always remember: 'If what you say and do inspires others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, then you are a leader'.

Congratulations to all the new leaders and thank you for accepting this great privilege. Ensure that you make your families and yourself proud whilst accepting this office, my best wishes on your journey and may God bless you.

2019

Dates to Remember

TERM 4

December

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| 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 by
appointment only |
| 18th | Staff Development Day |
| 19th | Staff Development Day |
| 20th | College Office Closed |

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*

WELCOME YEAR 7-2020, GRADUATES OF 2025

The one hundred and forty three Year 7-2020 enrolments spent last Thursday evening at Emmaus with their parents/ carers at the Information Night followed by Friday as part of their Orientation Day becoming familiar with their new settings. The excitement amongst them was palpable and they were treated to our large campus, including walking the Emmaus Road, the friendly faces of Year 7-11, meeting their new teachers, attending some lessons, a Peer Support session with newly elected Year 9 leaders, a pizza lunch and a huge round of applause and goodbye from the community.

We are so privileged to have this new group of students join us and I know that they will contribute a lot over the coming years to the Emmaus way of life and culture. Welcome Year 7, 2020.



ST MARYS RSL SUB-BRANCH: COLIN SHEPHERD MEMORIAL SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS

A huge thank you to St Mary's RSL Sub-Branch for once again providing these scholarships available to students in the area to support their education throughout their secondary schooling. I am pleased to announce that the following students received major awards:

Tameeka Morrissey-1st place

Harlam Filer-2nd place

Sydney Mae Bulaong- 3rd place

Congratulations to these students supported heavily by the HSIE staff they have made impressive efforts in their History studies and I trust that this success will continue into their senior schooling.



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

VICTOR CHANG PENRITH CITY COUNCIL SCIENCE AWARD

Congratulations to **Aaron Smith** of Year 11 on taking out this award for 2019.

This is a highly prestigious award named in honour of the famous heart surgeon Professor Victor Chang. Aaron received this award being nominated by the College for his love, dedication and strong academic achievement in his science studies.

Not only did he receive the award from the Mayor, he now gets to visit the Victor Chang Institute in Sydney as part of a day of research and learning experiences. Well done Aaron.



YEAR 12 COMPLETE THEIR HSC EXAM AND THIRTEEN YEARS OF SCHOOLING

Congratulations to the 2019 HSC cohort on successfully navigating the Higher School Certificate examinations these last four weeks and indeed completing thirteen years of formal schooling. This is a remarkable achievement and we are all so proud of you.

We look forward to one last celebration together at the Formal next Friday at Curzon Hall and then the arrival of the HSC results and ATAR's on Tuesday 17th December with a luncheon on the Principal's lawn that day.



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

Assistant Principal

In Week 5 we celebrated 'Social Justice Week' at Emmaus. This week came about because four Year 8 students decided they wanted to raise awareness of different issues such as the environment, the plight of refugees, individuality, bullying and mental health. Charlee Rose Murtough-Coombes, Lilliana Purnell, Grace Simpson and Sandy Shakkal are to be commended on their initiative and passion to make a difference in the lives of others.

As part of this week, Sandy has written the following reflection and is to be commended on her courage and bravery to do so:

Reflections on my refugee experience by Sandy Shakkal (Year 8)

I can't remember most of my childhood, except for two memories. The first memory was when I was sitting on my parents' bed; my sister was crying her heart out next to me, my younger brother was jumping on the bed not knowing what was going on, and my parents were outside on the balcony, watching the police officers outside search the car that had been sitting there for a couple of months for a hidden bomb.

My second memory was when I was out on the balcony on my favourite wooden swing, and when I looked out into the distance, a dark cloud of smoke emerged from behind the buildings and filled the sky.

I can't remember my life in Syria too well, but I do remember moving to Australia. My parents decided that it was best for us to move so that my siblings and I could have a good life, and a better future. I remember when we arrived and went to my uncle's house; he had all of my cousins there waiting to meet us, only problem was, I couldn't communicate with any of them. I started school not too long after that. It took me three terms to learn a whole new language and I was pleased. My parents then decided to surprise us with a baby that would soon become my brother.

After I had finished Year 4, my parents found a nice house for our family of six, and we moved in! It took us a while to settle down and it felt weird not jumping down from my bunk bed every morning. I soon started Year 5, then went to Year 6 and then high school. I've been through a lot in my life and I've never had it easy. Just imagine sleeping every night and hearing gunshots outside on the street? This war has been going on for 8 years and approximately 400,000 people have died since and it is estimated that more than 3 million people have fled from Syria to other countries such as Lebanon (1.1 million), Jordan (600,000) and Turkey (800,000).

I've never had it easy in my life and I've had to go through pretty rough times, but I knew that by having refugee day at school during Social Justice Week, I could raise awareness about this social justice issue to everyone and hopefully you'll keep in mind that there are families that continue to live with almost nothing at all.



Ms Bowd, Assistant Principal

Religious Education

I was in a conversation with a friend a couple of weeks ago and she exclaimed rather excitedly to me that Christmas was only 8 weeks away. I remember being quite shocked by a few things in that moment – that the year of 2019 was literally flying by before my eyes, that my eldest son would be finishing primary school (and fast-approaching the teenage years) and lastly, “I’m not ready for Christmas!” We do this very instinctively – prepare for a big event, perhaps by cleaning the house, cooking, buying presents for others but do we prepare ourselves spiritually for the event of Christ’s coming to earth with enough purpose, anticipation and cleansing?

Advent, which begins on the 1st of December, is just the time to use to prepare ourselves for the joyous celebration of Christmas. We not only look forward to Christmas but in the lead up we reflect on God becoming incarnate to free us from sin and we also prepare for the second coming of Christ when we must be ready to meet Him.

An Advent wreath can help us to prepare as each week, when a candle is lit, it reminds us to continue to prepare.

The purple candles symbolise penance, preparation and sacrifice and the rose coloured candle is for rejoicing as on Gaudete Sunday, we are more than half-way to Christmas day.

There really is no better way to prepare than to attend Mass and take Christ into our mind, body and soul through the Eucharist.

Father Myk has shared Mass times with us below. May your preparations for this Christmas be peaceful, reflective and considered with much joy and anticipation for the coming of our Lord.

Ms Waring, Director of Mission and Learning

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

Advent & Christmas
SCHEDULE

ADVENT RECONCILIATION

Wed 11 Dec, 7.30pm

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Eve Mass: Tue 24 Dec, 7.30pm
Note: Mass will be inside the church. No need to bring chairs.

Carols: Tue 24 Dec, 11.15pm
Masses: Midnight, 8am, 9.30am

NOTE: There is no 6pm Mass on Wed 25 Dec

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT PARISH OFFICE:
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Under the Pastoral Care of the Augustinians

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.

How to install the SkoolBag app

instructions for parents and community

1. Get your favourite mobile device
2. Open the App Store/Play Store
3. Search for "SkoolBag"
4. Download the free app
5. Open the app and add your school(s)

for Apple users



for Android users



for more info visit skoolbag.com.au



Withdrawing from the College

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

PARENT PORTAL

If you are unable to log into the Parent Portal please contact the College Office.

From the Community

Catholic Healthcare

Are you over 60 and no longer working full time?

Enjoy retirement living in the relaxed bushland setting of Emmaus Retirement Village at Kemps Creek, not far from Emmaus Catholic College.

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

To visit Emmaus Village email Rosemary rochapman@chcs.com.au or call her on 0491 052 978



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