



Update

Term 2 Issue 1

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Message from the Principal

2019

Dates to Remember

TERM 2

May

20th Parent / Teacher Interviews
Years 11&12 - 3:30 - 8:00pm

20th-23rd NAPLAN

31st Emmaus Day

June

10th Queens Birthday Public
Holiday

14th College Athletics Carnival

19th Yr 11, 2020 Information
Evening and Subject
Market

July

5th End of Term 2

TERM 3

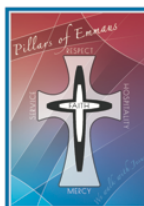
July

22nd Staff Development Day
Pupil Free Day

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

24th Formal classes commence

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’

Welcome back to Term Two - some key upcoming dates

Congratulations to all students on the way in which you have returned to school for term two so remarkably dressed in your winter uniforms. As I always say to the students, they are our best advertisement and they have certainly demonstrated this in their appearance and application to learning at the start of term two. Well done Emmaus.

I am very grateful to Mr. Waring, Ms Cagliuso, Mrs. Luke and the Year 12 Homeroom teachers for providing Year 12 in the last week of term one, with a life giving and memorable final schooling retreat. Many of the staff and students commented to me on how powerful and emotional this time was with their friends and peers and that it will be forever etched in their best memories of Emmaus. Thanks Year 12 teachers and students and God bless.



The College will celebrate our feast day “EMMAUS DAY” on Friday 31st May (week 5) commencing with a whole school mass to celebrate the day, followed by activities, food stalls and a talent quest in the afternoon.

This Friday 10th May we will be having a **Mufti Day** (favourite sporting jersey) supporting **Caritas Australia and the International Year of the Family**. Students will donate a gold coin and your support is greatly appreciated with money raised going to support families in need.

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
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

Across **weeks 5-7 of this term** the school as directed by CEDP, will conduct a survey of students, staff and parents (**TTFF- 'Tell them from me'**). This is an opportunity for the school to gather valid and reliable data which can be readily used for school improvement and planning, whilst providing insight to the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta around Engagement, Wellbeing and Effective Teaching/ Learning. Surveys will be offered to staff, students and parents and Ms McQueen will oversee this process, so expect some information notes and details in the coming weeks.

Congratulations to the following students

- To the **Mock Trial Team** under the direction of Mrs Nevin and Mrs Luke who defeated Rouse Hill High school last week.
- Also, a huge well done to the **Year 7, 8 and 10 Debating team** defeating Nagle College last Friday in round one of the CSSA debating competition.
- To the 29 students who took part in the **PDSSSC Cross Country Carnival** last Friday, with three boys making it through to the NSW CCC Cross Country Championships next month, Rhys Algaet, Cooper Lee and Lachlan Sepping. Well done and best of luck at the upcoming CCC Carnival.
- We are also very proud of **Anastacia Filer of Year 12 on being announced as the Bishop's Award winner for Student Excellence 2019**. The ceremony will take place at St Patrick's on September 5th, with her citation being read by Chantelle Gordon of Year 11. Congratulations Anastacia a very worthy winner indeed.
- Congratulations to **Georgetta George** of Year 10 who successfully gained an **Educational Scholarship to travel to South Korean from the Korean Government**. This is a remarkable achievement and is only made available to four Australian students annually. A huge well done also to Mr Jung who drives the Korean curriculum at Emmaus and encourages our students. This is the second year in a row one of Mr Jung's students has received this award, well done on your commitment.



College Leaders attended the St Mary Sub Branch Anzac Day Dawn Service
Lest we forget

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

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

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



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

Assistant Principal

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

I would like to take this opportunity to wish our mums a belated Happy Mother's Day. It is very important to acknowledge the love and support that you give to your sons and daughters. They are lucky to have you!

*"A mother's relationship
with her child is one
that will encompass a
lifetime. How blessed is
a child who has that
anchor of strength and
support."
-Sally Clarkson*



We held our annual fundraiser for the mothers at The Haven and I am so proud to say that ECC raised over \$600 to purchase gifts for the children of The Haven to give to their mums on Mother's Day.

Supporting the Nepean Domestic Violence Shelter is a cause that means a lot to us in our community and it is wonderful to see our students so passionate about supporting the women and children who reside at The Haven.

Ms Bowd, Assistant Principal

The bombings of Churches and hotels in Sri Lanka have had a devastating impact on the communities in that country. Catholic communities have been terribly affected by these attacks.

With this in mind, the following is a letter from Fr Chris De Souza, Episcopal Vicar for Education and Formation in the Diocese of Parramatta. It includes an invitation to attend a Requiem Mass for the victims of the attack on Sunday 19 May at St Nicholas of Myra Parish, Penrith at 10.00am.



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3 May 2019

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The recent bombings and deaths in Sri Lanka have shocked many of us and those to whom we pastorally minister.

Whilst not all who died were Catholic, the majority were Catholic, and in keeping with Catholic tradition particularly in South Asia, the Diocese of Parramatta will celebrate a Month's Mind Requiem Mass to pray for all who were killed in Sri Lanka.

A Month's Mind Requiem Mass is typically celebrated one month after a person's death and is held in memory of the deceased.

I will be celebrating this Mass at St Nicholas of Myra Parish, Penrith on Sunday 19 May at 10am.

I ask too that you make this Mass known to your communities and invite them to this celebration.

During these sad times when people continue to sin against God's gift of life in such a violent way, let us continue to pray for and support each other.

Every blessing in this Holy Season of Easter.

Very Rev Christopher de Souza
Vicar General
Episcopal Vicar for Education & Formation

Religious Education

At the end of last term, Year 12 embarked on a three-day religious retreat. The cohort was separated into two groups that spent time out at the two beautiful locations of Winmalee and Ingleside. Whilst having the time to appreciate our natural environment, students were also working on understanding the theme of the retreat, 'Salt and Light'. This theme is based on the passage from Matthew's Gospel around Jesus' calling of his disciples to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

Many tears and lots of laughter were shared, along with personal stories of hardship and triumph. New friendships were made and many heartfelt words were exchanged. Students learnt that a community is stronger if they are united and supportive of each other. My hope is that this Year 12 cohort will unite to support each other in this significant time that is the HSC year in order to be a shining light of hope for the rest of the College.



Term 2 has continued along this vein of celebration, spiritual reflection and connection. And in this season of Easter, there is no better way to begin a new term!

On our first Wednesday back in Week 1 we shared a special Easter Liturgy together. The focus of this Liturgy was our Lenten and Easter journey at Emmaus Catholic College. We celebrated our contributions to last term's Project Compassion and other significant charities and causes like The Haven and Autism Awareness respectively. We also spent some time looking forward to the many more great causes that will be initiated and participated in throughout Term 2. We are Easter people after all, called to carry the joy of the resurrection within us wherever we go.



Ms Waring, Director of Mission and

From the Sporting Field

Summary of Term 1:

Welcome back to Term 2 and what a crazy busy 11 week term of Sport Term 1 was! Below you will find a summary of the last few weeks of Term 1, our student successes and everything that took place:

Students Sporting news....

On Friday 29th March, I took Matt Fava, Lauren Reason, Thuc Tran, Isabel Manning, Grace Manning, Monique Turner and Ryan Coleman to the PDSSSC Swimming Carnival at Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre. It was a highly competitive day against some talented swimmers from all the Parramatta Secondary Schools and our students swam well and did us proud. Well done to the above students for their efforts, competitiveness and sportsmanship on the day.

Eden Devonshire of Year 10 was selected for the Sydney Independent Catholic Colleges Rugby League Team. A significant achievement, well done and best of luck, Eden!

PDSSSC Football Gala Day

Mr Sultana took an Open Boys Football Team to the PDSSSC Football Gala Day on Wednesday 3rd April. The following boys across years 10-12 played in the team:

Yel Yelchan, Peter Machara, Chan Yelchan, Kuol Akot, Aro Gar, Cooper Smith, Lachlan Sepping, Niko Miskovic, Keenan Jay, Nicolas Valles, Rual Ayat, Kristian Kuzmanovski, Jarrod Pittman, Hayden Bull, Vasili Kastoumis (Year 9), Ngong Jal Ngong, Manyol Kual, Jimmy Abdulrahim, Kosta Kastoumis (Referee)

The results from the games on the day were as follows :

2-1 win vs Marian

3-1 win vs St Marks

2-0 win vs Xavier

The boys made the semi-final winning 2-0 over St Andrews. They then progressed to the final defeating a talented Gilroy team with a 3-1 win, proving too good for them and finishing overall WINNERS from the day, taking out the title for the day! These boys will now go on to play the winning team from the Wollongong Diocese later this year.

An amazing achievement!

Chan Yelchan, Aro Gar, Lachlan Sepping and Vasili Kastoumis were all selected to represent the Diocese in the PDSSSC Football (Soccer) team! A record achievement for us at Emmaus! An additional congratulations to Chan who scored a whopping 5 goals on the day. Well done boys and Mr Sultana!



Staff vs Year 12 Soccer Match

On Friday 22nd March, the staff vs Year 12 Soccer match for Harmony Day took place. This is always a nail biting match with a close result. The students proved too good for the staff scoring in the first minute. The final result was 4-2 with the students defeating the staff, with Kuol Akot and Lachlan Sepping scoring the goals. Well done and thanks to all staff and students who played and to Mr Pincevic who scored the goals against the students. Thanks also to Mr Nastasi and Vasili (of Year 9) for refereeing the match.

Results from Season 1 Representative Sport.....

Basketball

Mr Levy's Intermediate Basketball Boys unfortunately lost their semi-final to Xavier 37-18. Well done to all students in a rep team for your efforts this season.

Volleyball

Now if you saw these girls training at the start of the season, you may not have thought they'd make the grand final. However it was their friendship, perseverance, teamwork and hard work that was the reason they improved so much over the course of the season. Even though they disappointingly lost to MCHF 64-49, when there were some comments made from the other team which weren't nice and weren't appropriate, these girls demonstrated EXACTLY what sportsmanship is. They played the game, didn't retaliate and chose to take the high road. They may not have been winners but on the day, they came away as being the better human beings and that counts for more than a win any day and for that, Mrs Butler and I are super proud of you.



Touch Football

Miss Richardson's Junior Girls and Mr Ashdown's Intermediate Boys Touch Teams battled it out in Week 11 for a finish in the top 4. Unfortunately Miss Richardson's girls lost their semi-final to St Columbas, 13-0 and Mr Ashdown's boys lost their semi-final to McCarthy 9-0. They then went on to play Bede Polding in the play-offs for 3rd and 4th and finished 3rd overall in the Season with a result of 7-6.

Well done to all touch teams!



Return Representative Sport Singlet

As this season has now finished, your son/daughter should have returned their Representative Sport singlet to their coach to avoid an applicable \$50 replacement fee. If your son/daughter is trialling for a team in Season 2 and are successful, they will be issued with a new jersey.

Term 2 Sport

All students have now selected a Sport for Term 2. We are entering teams in Junior Boys and Girls Soccer, Junior and Intermediate Boys Rugby League and Junior and Intermediate Girls Netball.

Trials for these teams will be held during Week 1 of Term 2 with the competition scheduled to start in Week 3. Students trialling for Soccer **MUST** have shinpads and boots and students trialling for Rugby League **MUST** have a mouthguard. Failure to bring this on the day of trials will result in your son/daughter being unable to trial. No second trials will be held.

As per **College Sport Policy**, students are required to remain in the same sport for the duration of each term and are unable to change. Students who have selected to attend a venue Sport are expected to bring their money each week. Prices (per week) for 2019 are as follows:

Flipout - \$7 Ice Skating- \$8 AMF Bowling- \$7 Gym/Fitness- \$7 Don Bosco- \$5

Thank you to our students for the way you adhere to College expectations and represent our school with pride each week at Sport. Whether it be at a venue, at school or as part of a Representative team, sportsmanship and respect are at the core of all that we say and do.

Our next College Sporting Event is our College Athletics Carnival in Week 8 of this term (Friday June 14th, 2019) and planning is well underway!

Ms K Hely, Head of Sport

HSIE Department

ANZAC DAY

ANZAC Day, held on the 25th of April each year, is the day Australia commemorates with services and marches, to remember all those who lost their lives in service to their country, in all wars.



2019 marks the the commemoration of 104 years since the dawn landing at Gallipoli, Turkey.

Emmaus College was proudly represented at two events run by St Marys RSL Sub-Branch during the school holidays.

On Sunday 14th April, Zoe Zussa, Abbey Pierce and Aaron Smith attended the St Marys RSL Sub-Branch Sunday March and Service from Cook Park to the RSL Guns War Memorial. Our appreciation and thanks to Mr Pearman-Sultana for accompanying the students.

On Thursday 25th April, Cooper Lee, Zoe Zussa, Michaela Sultana, Abbey Pierce, Georgia Pierce, Aaron Smith, Emma Claxton, Lisa Parnell and Serly Shakkal attended the Dawn Service at St Marys RSL, where the students laid a wreath on behalf of the College in honour of our soldiers. It was admirable to see how many students participated to serve our community in this way, especially given the early hour of the event and with ANZAC Day being held during the holidays. Special thanks to Ms McQueen for accompanying the students.

On Wednesday of Week 11, the College conducted an ANZAC Day Service. Thank you to Mr Murphy and 9.4 HSIE for organising this service and leading the College in our commemoration of the contribution of our ANZACs throughout the past century.

We Will Remember Them.... Lest We Forget.

Mock Trial

On Thursday 2nd May, Emmaus competed as the defence team in Round 2 of the Mock Trial competition against Rouse Hill High School. It was a very close trial, with both teams providing clear arguments and case analysis. The verdict could have gone either way. The witnesses from both teams were very strong, all having rehearsed their lines and thoroughly prepared for cross-examination.

At the conclusion of the trial, the defendant was found guilty of the crime: assault and battery. However, in a mock trial it's all also about the score sheet! Once the points were allocated and awarded, Emmaus was victorious by a narrow 5 point margin. The final score was 409-405. Congratulations and well done to the entire team!



Honourable mention must go to the following students:

Barrister 1 - Emily Collins: excellent opening address and lots of objections throughout.

Barrister 2 - Rona Aparicio: strong closing address

Solicitor - Zoe Zussa: team organiser, prepping and mentoring the barristers

Witness 1 - Emma Claxton: remembered all her lines and capably handled rapid fire questions from the opposition.

Witness 2 - Niamh O'Keefe: remembered all her lines and gave nothing away during cross-examination.

Court Officer - Kiara Salinas: official and professional. Kiara is ready for a real court room!

Special thanks to Mr Lowden for driving the students to the venue in the College bus and to Mrs Luke and Mrs Nevin for their coaching and preparation of the team.

Round 3 is scheduled for the end of May against Montgrove College. They have beaten us in previous years, so we have an upcoming challenge to contend!

Ms Rebecca Curran, Director of HSIE

Creative and Performing Arts

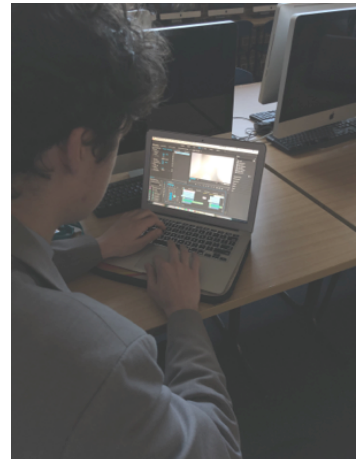
Year 12 HSC Visual Arts

This year we have one of the largest cohorts to undertake the HSC Visual Arts course at Emmaus. The 22 students undertaking studies in this course are exploring intense personal and global issues within their artmaking for their Body of Work.



Each year, students in the HSC Visual Arts class must submit a Body of Work, which makes up 50% of their final HSC mark in this course. Students may work with a variety of different mediums and through experimentation and research; they develop their Body of Work by applying their understanding of material and conceptual practice.

Ms Kumar and myself are excited to see how our students will continue to develop their work and look forward to exhibiting their finished artworks later this year.



Ms Jade Ashton, Director of CAPA

Korean News

Congratulations

Georgetta George has been selected for a scholarship of visiting Korea in 2019 as previously Emily Cheng (Currently Y 12) was awarded to participate this scholarship course in 2018. This scholarship course is very hard to get as it is allocated to only 4 students all across Australia. It is fully funded by the Korean Government for 100 students from all over the world who are studying Korean.

The program will take place for 11 days in July 2019.

This will include the following:

- Lectures in Korean history, economics and cultures;
- Government Office Visits;
- University Tours and networking with Korean students;
- Field Trip to Historic Sites and Korean Companies such as Samsung, LG and Hyundai;
- Cultural Activities and Korean Food.

This is a great opportunity for Georgetta to experience Korean culture and enrich her knowledge as a participant of this program. This program will be offered annually to students who study Korean Language as an elective course.

Mr Kyle Jung, Director of Korean

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.

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.

Should a student be physically incapacitated or requires special need, application can be made to the Assistant Principal or Principal for a drop off and pick up permit.

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.

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