



# Update

Term 2 Issue 3

*We walk with Jesus*

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## Message from the Principal

### 2019

### Dates to Remember

#### TERM 2

June

10th Queens Birthday Public Holiday  
14th College Athletics Carnival  
19th Subject Market Yr 8 (2020 Yr 9)  
3.30pm-4.30pm  
Yr 11, 2020 Information Evening / Subject Market  
6pm - 7.30pm

July

5th **End of Term 2**

#### TERM 3

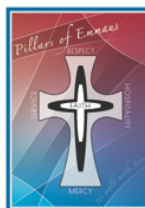
July

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"*

### EMMAUS DAY 2019-theme: 'We are one'

Last week the College celebrated our feast day, Emmaus Day and what a huge success it was, commencing with a whole school liturgy, followed by an Indigenous smoking ceremony, through to activities/fete with a cultural concert the culmination of the day.

It is days like this that make me so proud to be the Principal of this College and I congratulate the students on their strong attendance, enthusiastic participation, gratitude and total respect for the meaning of the day. Our school culture is certainly alive and well.

A huge thanks to all the staff, including the support staff who were on the go all day to ensure that it was a special day to remember for the students. Thanks a million!



## 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** *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*

**Business Manager** *Mr Anchique*





## Penrith City Council Mayor's Leadership Awards

Well done to Anastacia Filer and Lachlan Stack who along with Mr Sultana attended the Mayor's reception last week for Student Leaders and they were presented with a Certificate of Recognition for the work that they do in schools and the broader community. Well done



## Fantastic community spirit shown by two students for Multiple Sclerosis

I take this opportunity to congratulate two Emmaus Catholic College Year 9 students, Lauren Reason and Matthew Fava who along with a group of other members of their team at Ripples St Mary's swim squads took part in the MS 24hour Mega Swim event at Sydney Olympic Park last weekend.

The team swam continuously for 24 hours and clocked up an incredible 96.3 kilometers, raising some \$7000 for MS (Multiple Sclerosis). The team placed 3rd place in the points score across 44 teams. A huge congratulations Lauren and Matthew and the College is so very proud of your efforts in supporting such an important cause.



## Keep in our thoughts and prayers

Please keep Kiara Salinas, Tiffany Salinas [Year 10] and Connie Salinas [Year 11] and their family in your thoughts and prayers after the passing of their Grandmother recently. Also Conor Sutton [Year 12] and his family after the passing of his Grandfather.

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

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



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

## 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

### Emmazing Emmaus Day!!

Last week we celebrated Emmaus Day as a school community. It is hard to imagine that we will have a more fabulous day this year! There were so many highlights on the day and no doubt others have mentioned many of them in their newsletter items. I would like to focus on two aspects of the day that I found most impressive. Firstly, in the afternoon we had a number of cultural performances. The performers had prepared for weeks and this culminated in the most beautiful cultural performances. Over the course of their rehearsals I saw so many examples of friendship, collaboration and community. The theme of our day was 'Who We Are' and our young men and women generously put in so much time and effort to share their culture with the Emmaus community. Thanks to each and every performer!

Secondly, I would like to acknowledge the leadership displayed by our Year 12 students in making this Emmaus Day so special. Under the leadership and vision of Bakhita Lual, so many of our Year 12 students gave up their time, decorated the school, performed, baked cultural delicacies and generally showed an extraordinary amount of school spirit. Thanks to this outstanding group of young people!

Bring on Emmaus Day 2020!!

*Ms Bowd, Assistant Principal*







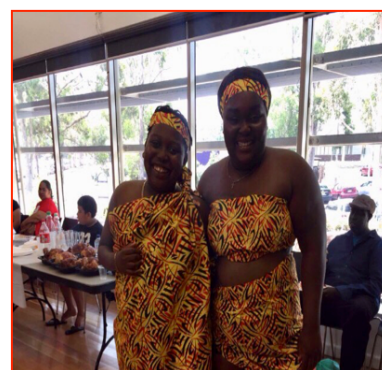


# Religious Education

## Emmaus Day

Week 5 of Term 2 was another huge week at Emmaus! The wellbeing of our staff and students was certainly taken care of throughout the week, culminating in the highlight that was Emmaus Day on Friday. The liturgical celebration at the start of Emmaus Day helped us to be reminded of and reflect on our Emmaus identity. We did this through the exploration of our Emmaus story, pillars, with an emphasis on our focus pillar for 2019– Respect, and *who we are* as people of this multicultural and vibrant community. There were pictures on display during the entrance procession that highlighted our multicultural heritage as well as the reading of the prayers of intercession in some of the languages of our community members.

Once again our students were involved in the various ministries throughout the liturgy as well as our teachers with Ms Nevin sharing her personal Emmaus story and what it means to her. This was very special, considering she has been a part of this community for 20 years! It was a truly special experience and one that we will all remember for a long time to come, particularly Year 12.



## Reconciliation and Mass

Celebrating together in our Catholic tradition is something that we always do. In fact, students will be able to attend Reconciliation and Mass this Friday with Year 12 undertaking the ministries. We are a community that values our Catholic identity and we aim to provide ample opportunities to learn about, initiate and take part in our faith.

## St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal

Another activity where students have the opportunity to live out their faith is through the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal. This is an annual initiative where students are asked to empathise with the homeless who sleep rough and have very little warmth, shelter or companionship in their lives especially during the winter months. We are asking students to bring in unused items of clothing like beanies, scarves, ponchos, gloves, thick socks, blankets and any other items that might provide warmth to people who live in poverty or sleep rough. If you are unable to donate warm clothing or blankets, then perhaps a toiletry item is a better option. Items like toothpaste, a toothbrush, deodorant, comb or even some wipes would help to provide those who are homeless with dignity.

Finally, if donating one's time is a better option – students will have the opportunity to serve the homeless by knitting squares that will be made into a blanket. These items will be collected in the library over the coming weeks and will be presented to our local St Vincent de Paul Chapter representative on the night of our Winter Sleep Out which at this stage is set for Week 9.





## Creative and Performing Arts

In exciting news at Emmaus Catholic College, **KJ Studios** have commenced a second year of tuition. KJ Studios, a Penrith based music tuition company began tuition at the College at the start of 2018 focussing on Guitar, Vocals, Drums and Piano lessons. These lessons ran once a week on a Monday and a Tuesday with students from all years attending with great enjoyment.

What makes this more exciting this year, is that KJ Studios has now become a registered provider of the recent initiative brought to us by the NSW Government entitled 'Creative Kids'. Similar to the 'Active Kids' program, 'Creative Kids' allows parents to give their child the chance to learn new skills and the kick start they need using the \$100 voucher towards tuition.

With KJ Studios being a registered provider, this will give our Emmaus students four free lessons in Vocals, Piano, Guitar, Drums and more recently HSC based tuition. A great incentive for our Year 12 students soon to be completing their exams.

For more information and booking availabilities please contact either Mr Connolly or KJ Studios. Alternatively for more information on the voucher, please visit <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/campaign/creative-kids>

**KJ STUDIOS MUSIC TUITION**

PIANO, VOCAL, GUITAR, BASS & DRUMS

**DID YOU KNOW YOU CAN RECEIVE FOUR FREE LESSONS?**

This year the Federal Government released a 'Creative Kids voucher' in the amount of \$100.

You can use your voucher to receive four FREE Music lessons at your school. It's a great way to try a new instrument or receive some extra help with your performance assessment

Lesson Cost - \$25.00 per 30 minutes

**CREATIVE KIDS**

**REGISTERED PROVIDER**  
Claim your \$100 voucher here

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*Mr Connolly, Leader of Learning CAPA*

## HSIE Department

### Canberra Excursion

On Friday 7th June, all students in Year 9 will be attending a one day excursion to Canberra for History. Students will visit the Australian War Memorial as part of their studies of World War I and II. The visit to the Australian War Memorial is linked to The Soldier Task which students have been working on in class as part of their Project Based Learning (PBL) task.

Students are required to wear full school uniform on this day. Students need to bring recess, lunch, afternoon tea and a bottle of water.

Students are required to be at school at 6.15am, with an expected return time of 7pm. We will be posting on Facebook and Twitter throughout the day as an opportunity for the community to see our progress and our expected arrival time back at the College.

Thank you to all the teachers who are attending and supervising this special event. A huge thank you to Mr Murphy for all his work in preparing this excursion.

### Society and Culture News

Yr 11 Society and Culture spent well-being week preparing and undertaking cultural presentations. As a class students learnt about the origins, rituals, customs, traditions and cultural and national identity of a range of nations. It was a wonderful opportunity to recognise and celebrate diversity in our classroom.

The class also shared a cultural morning tea, where all students were invited to bring a plate of food that was symbolic to their cultural background and tell us about its significance. What a feast we shared!

Thank you to the students for sharing your stories and especially to the parents and grandparents who assisted in baking the delicious treats, it was very much appreciated.



## Mock Trial

Round 4 of Mock Trial will be held on Tuesday 11th June 4.30pm-7.30pm in the College library.

It will be a 'home match' this time, with Emmaus up against Caroline Chisholm. Parents and families of students in the team are warmly invited to attend.

Thank you to Mrs Nevin and Mrs Luke for your work in preparing the team. Good luck team!

*Mrs Curran, HSIE Leader of Learning*



## Innovation



In the coming weeks we will be inviting students, teachers and parents to provide feedback on their experience of our school using an online survey. The surveys are an important part of our whole school evaluation and planning process.

We would like to invite you to complete the Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Partners in Learning survey. As we value the role of parents and caregivers within our school community we would greatly appreciate your feedback. The information you provide will be used to maintain our commitment to working together in partnership to further improve student learning and wellbeing at Emmaus Catholic College.

The survey is anonymous and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. You are able to access the parent survey on your computer or mobile device by using the URL below:

<http://tellthemfromme.com/ecc2019>

The College will use this data to help plan for the future and continue our growth as a school community. We appreciate your participation in the survey and also thank you for your time.

*Sheree McQueen, Learning Technologies Coordinator*

## 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.

### **SCHOOL FEES**

Please note that Term 2 are NOW DUE. Thank you to all families that have already paid their fees or who have made arrangements to set up payment plans.

If any families are experiencing financial difficulties, please contact Mr Harvey Anchique at the College.

### **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.*

## From the Community

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH WITH THE SYDNEY ALLIANCE



### ENERGY INFORMATION SESSION & TABLE TALK

You're invited to share your experiences of the energy market and speak to an energy expert.

Electricity bills too high? Interested in renewable energy but don't know who to talk to? Want to know how to save?

**RSVP ESSENTIAL:** Chris Benton, Chair of Social Justice Commission - [maxbchris@optusnet.com.au](mailto:maxbchris@optusnet.com.au)

**DATE** Monday 17 June 2019  
7:00PM start; 7:30PM-9:00PM

**VENUE** Holy Spirit Parish  
5 Todd Row, Saint Clair



### *Funerals of Compassion*

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#### Are you over 60 and no longer working full time?

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

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