

Update

Term 3 Issue 3

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2019

Dates to Remember

TERM 3

September

- 4th MADD Night
- 18th - 26th Preliminary Exams
- 25th Yr 12 Graduation Mass & Awards
- 27th **End of Term 3 - Pupil Free Staff Spirituality Day**

TERM 4

October

- 14th **Term 4 begins**
- 17th HSC Exams commence

November

- 4th - 8th Yr 10 Exams
- 11th HSC Exams conclude
- 15th Yr 7 Vaccinations, Yr 8 & 10 Catch Up
- 22nd Yr 12 Formal

December

- 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

Message from the Principal

THE EMMAUS GRADUATE



"Transforming Learning: from Curiosity to Clarity"

My theme at last week's College assembly centered on the message that **'Education is a gift that no one can take away'** and it was particularly relevant given Year 12's were just coming off recently completing their Trial HSC exams and now have only 5 weeks remaining before they graduate and commence their final Higher School Certificate examinations. Their last thirteen years of schooling I know, has been a wonderful experience and indeed a gift that will now set them up so very well for the future. As a College community we now really look forward to these last weeks with Year 12, a time of mixed emotions and consolidation, keep the faith and keep focused Year 12, you are all in our thoughts and prayers.

I indicated at the assembly that the word "**education**" is **derived** from the Latin word *ēducātiō* (meaning a breeding, a bringing up, a rearing) and from the Latin *ēducō* (meaning I educate, I train) which is directly related to the homonym *ēducō* (meaning I lead forth, I take out, I raise up, I build).

"Education is at its very essence designed for improving the lives of oneself and others and for leaving your community and world in a better place than what you found it in."— a quote by Marian Wright Edelman an American activist for children's rights.

I told the students that we know that education is the collective knowledge of a person and should be considered a necessity, given for one of a better word that it is a weapon which should be utilised and maximised at all times because as you know from the saying that knowledge is power, power to overcome anything. I used the Business Studies analogy where we can say that education should be considered an asset which adds to your life's economy and nobody can take this asset from you, it's an investment for now and for the future and it should be treasured.

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*

Education is something which is owned by you, it cannot be snatched from you in a bet, removed from you due to poor financial or social status and thus no one can take it away ever. I stated that generally speaking our life is secure when one is well educated in a particular field or fields and the better educated and credentialed you are, then you are likely to yield more, not only in the way of an income, but in terms of having a more desired and enjoyable vocation and this undoubtably will lead to a much happier fulfilling life. Education gives you options, keeps you connected to the world, keeps you informed and keeps you fully in the game of life was my strong message.

I went on to talk about the fact that there has been lots of excitement since we have moved into the new Upper H Enquiry Hubs and learning spaces, they are simply brilliant and unique, and we are so very blessed. Nonetheless I shared with them photos of twenty-three classrooms from around the world many very different to ours, yet all unique and all aimed at providing the precious gift of learning. Every week, children all across the globe pack their bags and head to school. It's a place for play, for learning and for growth to develop knowledge, skills and values that are vital into adulthood. Just as importantly I indicated that schools and classrooms are places to form bonds and relationships that you will cherish forever and in

The photos below are some of the 23 I used hoping to prove that education can be life-giving and life changing for children no matter where they are.



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Holy Spirit Primary

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Ph: 9670 5379

Our Lady of the Rosary

Yr K-6 Saddington St,
St Marys
Ph: 9623 2500

The message in these photos to the Emmaus students was that the adults in our world must always give every child the chance to learn. Indeed, all children have the right to learn, yet every year, conflict, war, poverty and crisis deny millions of children that right. Whilst there is regular and reliable support from groups like UNICEF, the Red Cross and indeed many Catholic charities and support agencies who are able to reach children in these situations who are not as fortunate as us to attend school every day, critically they help children to start to learn again. The message for us all in the hall last week was that we should never take learning and education for granted in this blessed community we inhabit here at Emmaus. Additionally, we must also remember that learning is not about the places and spaces but more about the faces (or the people) that make it possible and so on occasions we must stop to give thanks for these fine people, these educators, the young and the old alike.

We would like to welcome you to the Compass Parent Portal which Emmaus Catholic College will be trailing in coming weeks

This will be a new way for parents/ carers to engage with Emmaus Catholic College. The Compass Parent Portal will allow you to:

- Find out more about school news and events
- View your child's timetable
- Review your child's attendance
- Provide explanations for periods of absence
- Update your contact details

That is just the beginning! Further features will be activated in the coming months with details about accessing and logging in along with passwords being emailed to parents very soon.

Recent events at Emmaus



Katie Forster (Year 11) receives a STEM scholarship



Work taking place on the first of two outdoor Chess boards - thanks Mr. Sultana and the boys

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



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

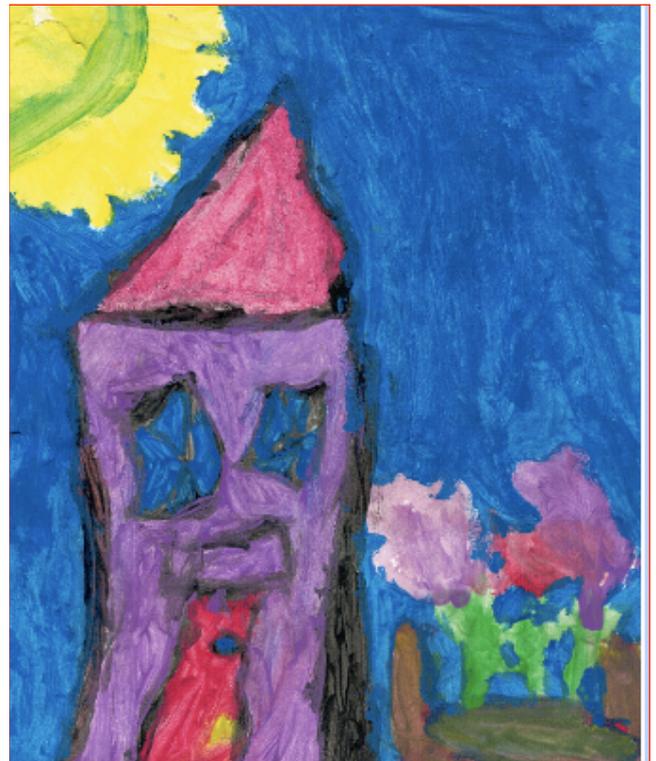
Assistant Principal

One of our College Pillars is Service and I believe the beauty of this particular Pillar is that in providing an act of service, we also receive the gift of knowing we have done something significant for others.

At our last Assembly I spoke to the students about a very important act of service for them to be part of.

As a community we have been supporting The Haven, a refuge for women and children, for almost two years. Our next fundraiser for this special place is to raise \$1400 to allow them to transform their backyard! The vision is for the women and children to have a tranquil place to have gatherings, BBQs and recover from the trauma they have suffered.

I have included a photo of the current backyard and one of the young children's vision for what they would like the yard to look like! Our Year 10 students will be driving this initiative, but I am so excited that many staff and students saw me after the assembly and expressed their desire to help. We have a great community! I will keep you posted in terms of our goal of reaching \$1400.



Ms Bowd, Assistant Principal

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



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21 August 2019

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The case involving Cardinal Pell on historic child sexual abuse crimes has again dominated the media and public discourse following the appeal decision that was handed down today.

We respect that decision and the process of law.

We know that for some, this case has reopened existing wounds and past traumas. I want to reiterate our support to the victims of abuse and to all those who are hurting.

As the Bishop of Parramatta with responsibility for the Catholic Church in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains, I remain absolutely committed to protecting children in our care from harm.

I am determined to enable survivors of abuse to have a voice and are responded to in a caring, practical, and meaningful way.

Catholic parish communities in the Diocese of Parramatta have support mechanisms in place to help those in need.

At a parish level, I would encourage you to reach out to your parish priest for help.

At a diocesan level, we strongly encourage anyone who has been affected by abuse from within the Catholic Church to contact the Diocese of Parramatta via our Office of Safeguarding & Professional Standards on (02) 8838 3419 or safeguarding@parracatholic.org.

Any concerns or allegations about any criminal offence should be reported to NSW Police on 131 444.

For more information about safeguarding support services in Catholic schools run by the Diocese of Parramatta please contact the Child Protection Information Line on 1300 661 015.

Safeguarding information and support contacts are available on our safeguarding website at safeguarding.org.au.

During this period of continued crisis and deep darkness, as the Catholic Church, let us pray for the survivors of abuse, their families and all those affected.

May we all - as a community of disciples - accompany one another on the journey towards justice, healing and restoration of trust.

Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv
Bishop of Parramatta

Wellbeing Watch

Men Of Honour

A new wellbeing initiative that has been introduced at the College is a program called 'Men Of Honour'.

The program has been designed to help tackle some of the alarming statistics that face boys in relation to mental health and negative behaviour. Both of these issues are becoming an increasing problem for our young men and indicate that they are in need of greater support.

Male students from Years 9 and 10 get together twice a week to complete workshops and physical training sessions. The workshops focus on team building, aspects of wellbeing and teach the boys a holistic approach to health. The young men are put through their paces as they work together to complete physical training sessions. A range of other experiences are also offered in an effort to assist the young men to make better decisions and life long healthy habits.

Some of the benefits that have already come out of the program include:

- An opportunity to mix with boys of a similar age who are experiencing similar issues in a supportive team atmosphere
- Greater engagement at school
- Developing positive relationships with both peers and teachers
- Better understanding when it comes to different health choices
- Building life skills that the boys can rely upon whilst at school and into their futures
- Making commitments that are challenging and gives a feeling of accomplishment once completed.
- Another support structure the boys are able to turn to and lean on.

The program is run once a week for the entirety of the term, with approximately 25 students being offered the opportunity to be a part of the program. At the completion of the program some of the young men are invited back to mentor some of the other young men going through the program.



Mr Roberts, Director of Learning and Wellbeing

From the Sporting Field

Season 3 Representative Sport:

Trials for Season 3 Rep Sport will be in Week 6 (29/8). Students must register via Sentral if they wish to trial for a team. No student will be permitted to trial if they have not registered and no exceptions will be made to this.

Sports running in Season 3 include Girls Basketball, Girls and Boys Oz-tag and Mixed Cricket for years 7-10. Best of luck to all students who trial for these teams! For those students who are successful, team lists will be posted on Friday morning in my office window, with training in Week 7.

Round 1 of our final Representative Competition for the year begins in Week 8 and will continue in to Term 4. Students will be issued with a jersey which is their responsibility for the duration of the Season. This must be brought to school every week and returned at the conclusion of the Season. A \$50 replacement fee applies if this is lost or damaged. A reminder that this jersey is not to be worn to school, this rule risks their place in the team. Students are to change into their jersey at lunch time before departing the College.

Sport Selections for Term 4

Sport selections for Term 4 will take place in Week 8. Students can find information about the Sports on offer and allocated days for selection on Sentral in Week 7 when this information will also be emailed to students.

Allocated days are as follows: Year 8- Monday 9th September Year 9- Tuesday 10th September
Year 10- Wednesday 11th September Year 7- Thursday 12th September

Students who are successful in making a Representative team will not need to select a sport on the dates above.

A wide variety of venue sports and school sports are again on offer to our students, with the inclusion of Cables Waterpark which incurs a weekly cost of \$12.

Student Sporting Successes:

Tameeka Morrisey of Year 10 recently travelled to Queensland with her dance school, Bradshaw Cheer and Dance to compete at the Asia Pacific Grand International Championships of Dance. Tameeka, along with her team competed in 4 categories; Jazz, Hip Hop, Lyrical and Pom (cheer). They took out 1st place in all 4 categories, were the highest point scorers in all four categories for the day and were crowned overall gold Grand Champions for the day. They also won the bid in all 4 categories to perform those dances and compete at the Dance and Cheer World Championships (Olympics of Dance) representing Australia, in Florida, USA in April 2020. What an opportunity and some incredible results here!

Congratulations Tameeka!



Football Extraordinaire - more information

Lachlan Sepping of Year 12 was recently selected in the Under 19 Australian School Boys team that will tour and compete in the UK and Ireland later this year. The Australian School Boys is the highest level of attainment in Football through the school system which is such a huge achievement for Lachlan and a wonderful opportunity for Lachlan as his final year of schooling concludes.

EXTRA EXTRA READ ALL ABOUT IT- CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER!!!!

Results from Season 2 Representative Sport Grand Finals

Mr Ashdown's **Intermediate Boys Soccer Team** finished their season as PREMIERS, taking down McCarthy 4-1 to gain the title! Well done to the boys below who were a part of this team:

Franceso Licastro, Clayton Coleman, Michael Lual, Vasili Kastoumis, Levi Diplock, Jordan Gosbell, Joel Bagnall, Ngong Jal Ngong, Anthony Bartulovic, Alex Jabbour, Rual Ayat, Manyol Kual, Nicoles Valles, Carlos Lazar, Alesandro Mati, Milad Yalda.



Below is a match report from the coach of the Intermediate team, Mr Mark O'Connor:

To add to this great afternoon of successes, our **Intermediate Boys Rugby League** also finished PREMIERS Against St Columbas, winning 30-4; such an impressive result! The U16's Rugby League Team played St Columbas Springwood at the Kingsway in what is likely to be the last iteration of this competition and they were determined to take some late season form into the Grand Final. After a shaky start where Columba's were denied an early try the team settled into the game and were able to compete evenly for the first ten minutes where neither team were able to score. After some sustained pressure Jack was able to put Brenton through a gap for our opening try and with the conversion by Trey the 6-0 showed patience. Having broken their line once, the floodgates opened allowing Matt to crash over from dummy half and Ryan to finish a skilful team try with impressive pace. Trey converted both tries to give us an 18-0 first half lead.

The half-time talk was positive and we were determined to attack them on the edges after our front rowers Jacob, Harrison and Harry had set the platform in the middle. The resulting shifts wide saw Danny cross for two tries and Brenton cross for his second from a late penalty. Throughout the game Eden and Sam were able to use defensive force and strong running out wide to strike fear into the opposition. Our outside backs Cameron, Ryan, Justin and Jyrell made good decisions in defence and took the ball to the line with confidence. Jyrell's run from a dropout bamboozled the defence as he stepped through a number of their team. Jack and Trey were poised in the halves and ran the team around the park with confidence. Late in the game Braith and Ben came on and made solid contributions on the wing. The player of the match was definitely Brenton who ran the ball with purpose and rocked their forwards in defence. Impressively when Brenton made one particularly strong tackle that impacted on the opposition player he was quick to stop the game and look after the welfare of the St Columba's player in an impressive show of sportsmanship. The coaching staff have been proud of the manner in which these players have conducted themselves throughout the season and were particularly impressed that the team left their best performance for their final game.

Congratulations to: **Trey Baldacchino, Bryce Fairweather, Ben Fenech, Matt Fava, Sam Brown-Mead, Brenton Mee, Jack Starr, Kye Vock, Harry Youngs, Harrison Buttriss, Eden Devonshire, Jacob Kheirallah, Josh Petrunic, Jyrell Roberts, Cameron Upton, Ryan Baird, Harlam Filer, Daniel Candriga, Braith Gasparotto, Justin Spagnol**

The team was supported by Mr Sultana and Mr Hamond.

These teams will be presented with their medals in Week 8 at our College Assembly.

We are so proud of you. This will go down in the Emmaus history books!

Mr Mark O'Connor, Rugby League Coach



HSIE Department

Vietnam Veterans Day - Commemorative Service

As Australians, each year on the 18th August, we recognise Vietnam Veterans Day. The former Prime Minister Bob Hawke formally declared the day on 18th August 1988 in recognition of those who suffered and died as a result of the Vietnam War. On Sunday 18th August, Mrs Nevin along with 4 students from Year 11 - Cooper Lee, Chantelle Gordon, Abbey Pierce and Aaron Smith represented Emmaus at the formal Commemorative Service at St Marys RSL Club. These Yr 11 students represented our College with distinction and honour, laying a floral tribute during the ceremony. We are very appreciative of these students giving of their time and for being so respectful to the ex-soldiers and dignitaries they met.

Such fine leadership skills clearly evident amongst these students!



Mrs Nevin - Assistant Leader of Learning HSIE

The following is an editorial from the students who attended...

The Vietnam Veterans Day Ceremony held at St Mary's RSL was an honour and pleasure to attend. At the Ceremony we were told of the trials and turmoils the Australian soldiers faced in the foreign land of Vietnam and we enjoyed hearing from a variety of speakers; one being special guest Jim Molan.

The ceremony was military style, with poems read about the war, songs sung, prayers said together then followed by a buffet dinner. We met many of the St Marys RSL sub-branch members as well as the former Australian senator and retired Major General Jim Molan. Jim Molan proclaimed to the audience about the need to keep the peace, so there is not another generation of veterans with mental and physical afflictions from the struggles of war. We learned about how servicemen and women of World War I, II and during the Vietnam war. We remembered all the men and women that fought for our country, hoping for a safe and peaceful Australia.

During the ceremony we laid a wreath from Emmaus to commemorate the soldiers that fought, died and survived in the Vietnam War. It was such an amazing opportunity for us to learn more about our beautiful country and truly understand how lucky we are as a nation. Hearing the poems and guest speakers has given us a deeper respect and admiration for our soldiers.

We would like to thank St Mary's RSL Sub-Branch for inviting us to attend this memorable event and Mrs Nevin for taking and assisting us throughout the evening.

Cooper Lee, Chantelle Gordon, Abbey Pierce and Aaron Smith

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 three 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 to Mrs Curran and/or Mrs Nevin.

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

Mrs Nevin - Assistant Leader of Learning HSIE

Creative and Performing Arts

MADD NIGHT 2019

Each year during Term 3 Creative and Performing Arts are busy not only putting together all of the final HSC work by our Year 12 Students, but we are also running around mad for MADD Night (Music, Art, Drama and Dance). It is the one night of the year that brings together all realms of the Creative and Performing Arts from here at the College.

The night has definitely grown over the years. From what was once known as simply 'Showcase', MADD has brought the community together to celebrate the talents and hard work of our Emmaus students.

The students involved display the work that is created in the class and also from within the relationships that are bonded together outside the classroom. These relationships work together to organise auditions in the hope of gracing the MADD Night stage.

This year there was an abundance of auditions that took place in Week 2 and from a judges perspective it was by far the hardest year picking acts for the night. All CAPA staff were stretched trying to select acts and more often than not, the questions, "Can't they just all go through?" was mentioned by someone.

Some exciting news regarding the night this year is that there will be two shows taking place. The regular evening show will commence at 5:30pm and a matinee show starting at 12:30. We are taking the opportunity to invite Trinity Catholic Primary School to see the show this year. This is a great way for Emmaus to reach out to the wider community, and also great practise for our students.

If you have been to MADD Night before, you would know what to expect, and you would be excited to see what this year has in store. If you haven't been before, then it is time to change that and make your way to The Sister Patricia Tulley Centre for a great evening of talent!

Mr Connolly - Leader Of Learning Creative and Performing Arts

Year 9 Music

The Year 9 Music class has been learning and working towards a class performance of "Mr Brightside by the Killers" that they will be performing at MADD Night in Week 7.

The song has been a challenge and has enabled students to work with different instrumentation to create a unique interpretation of the song. The members involved in the performance have worked very hard in refining the piece for the performance.

Year 8 Junior Band

Our Year 8 Junior Band has been very busy rehearsing their rendition of "Demons by Imagine Dragons" that they will be showcasing at MADD Night. This will also be their debut performance and I could not be more excited to showcase their amazing talent.

Nick Ferreri, Music Teacher

ART SHOW: 5:30-6PM
PERFORMANCES: 6-7:30PM



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NIGHT

WED 4TH SEPT

**SISTER PATRICIA
TULLY CENTRE**

From the Office

SCHOOL FEES

Please note that Instalment 3 statements have been posted and are due Wednesday 28th August, 2019. Thank you to all the families that have already paid their fees or who have arrangements in place.

Any families experiencing financial difficulties, please contact Mr Harvey Anchique at the College on 9670 8300.

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 our College on 9670 8300 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.

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



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.

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