



Update

Term 4 Issue 1

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2019

Dates to Remember

TERM 4

November

4th - 8th Yr 10 Exams

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

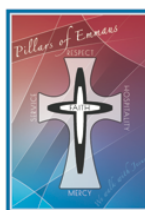
18th Staff Development Day

19th Staff Development Day

20th College Office Closed

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'

Welcome back and best wishes Year 12 in the HSC

I take this opportunity to welcome you all back to the new term and congratulate students on the way they have resumed their educational studies and indeed the fine uniform and grooming standards they continue to demonstrate. I encourage all students to continue to put their best foot forward this term and achieve to their full potential in preparation for the issuing of semester 2 reports later this term.

At the same time, we wish the Year 12 cohort of 2019 the very best of preparation (and a little bit of good fortune) over the next four weeks as they embark on the Higher School Certificate examinations-our thoughts and prayers are with them all along with their families.

Student Leadership Team and Formation Camp 2020

The Year 11-2020 Student House Leaders and Year 12 House Leaders, Vice Captains and Captains were announced late in Term 3 and I am proud of this group for taking up the varying and extremely important ministries to lead student voice and review/improvement at Emmaus Catholic College.

These students recently undertook a leadership camp under the guidance of Ms. Cagliuso, Mr Roberts and Mr Murphy at Winbourne and the reports back were that they are a highly talented group who will work brilliantly together and for the needs of the College.

A formal commissioning ceremony will take place at our Week 7 College assembly this term and once again I look forward to working with this group over the next year and congratulate them all on their very privileged appointment.



Refurbishment of Food Technology/Chapel Internal Spaces and Covered Outdoor Learning Areas are well on track

The refurbishment of the Food Technology building and Chapel along with the covered outdoor learning areas continue to make great progress with an expected finish date of the 16th January 2020.



College Entrance

In addition, we will soon have a new front of College entrance sign with a large LED monitor along with several totem signs around the schools being used to re-name building/learning spaces and to direct parents/carers/visitors to the right places without confusion and in a more welcoming way.



*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

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*

Assistant Principal

Over the last few years a number of our students have participated in a capoeira program. This program has been a wonderful way to build appreciation and understanding of culture and learn some wonderful dance, martial arts and music skills in the process. I have invited three of our Year 11 students to share their experience of attending the 11th STARTTS Capoeira Angola Youth Encounter last week.

On Friday last week we had the opportunity to attend the STARTTS Capoeira Angola Youth Encounter. Some of the highlights were:

- Meeting the visiting capoeira mestres (masters) from New York and Brazil. They shared with us their stories about their upbringings and told us great life lessons, such as life is too valuable to waste. They also told us that in life you can do anything if you set your mind to it! For example, Mestre Jamie is in his 70s and he could do a backflip!
- Seeing the diversity of ages and cultures who participated on the day. There was so much unity and some people travelled a long way to get there! We were able to embrace our culture and that of others. Through our shared experiences we found our common ground in capoeira.
- We met so many new people. Our groups were mixed and this forced us to meet new people and get out of our comfort zones. Some people came from war torn countries with many sad and past traumas, but still continued to smile and didn't let their experiences affect how they treated everyone they encountered on the day. It was a very humbling experience.
- The dance off between the masters at the end of the youth encounter was amazing! They are incredibly talented and we felt really lucky to see them perform.
- Capoeira is an Afro Brazilian martial art movement, it allows individuals to relieve some stress, anger and even traumas. It makes people feel at peace with their mind and body and part of a family. We have found it to be a great program to be part of!

Adhel Agou, Mariam Deng and Achol Ker - Year 11



Ms Bowd, Assistant Principal

Religious Education

During the school holidays, Mr Yuzon and I embarked on a journey of a lifetime, accompanied by 8 other educators in the Parramatta Diocese.

We travelled to our closest neighbouring country, Timor Leste, with the objective of forming a relationship with the local communities and high schools in the hopes of taking other teachers and students to immerse themselves in the lives, culture, and faith of the Timorese.

Our journey was assisted by Father Luan, a Vietnamese Australian refugee. He has lived in Timor Leste for the past 15 years assisting even the most remote and disadvantaged communities in their well-being and faith.

We journeyed to remote villages, where we slept in bamboo huts with dirt floors, and giant spiders as our roommates. Although we barely had basic necessities, we had never felt more welcomed or accepted into a community. Every village we visited, we were welcomed with smiles, handshakes, and delicious traditional meals.

One of our fondest memories is distributing the donations given to us by our staff - coloured pencils, paper, frisbees and soccer balls. Mr Yuzon and I taught some children as old as 6 or 7 how to hold a pencil, as schooling is not always affordable or accessible for many of the communities. Their smiles and laughter will echo in our minds for the rest of our lives.

The Timorese pride themselves on their service and hospitality, often offering us a week's worth of their own food, just for our lunch. To say that these displays of hospitality was humbling would be a grave understatement.

They are a people driven by their Catholic faith, which provides them with hope and a sense of community that is unparalleled. Being a part of their community will forever remain a part of our identity, and we hope to bring our experiences of joy, hospitality and hope into our classrooms and school community.

We would like to leave you with one last sentiment. During our immersion, we grappled with the fact that we could not solve all of the problems that we saw. And if we could, we would not even know where to begin. Amidst our feelings of helplessness, Father Luan said:

"We are always asking, what can we do for you? What can we buy? What can we fix? When sometimes, all people want is for someone to be there. Sometimes it is enough just to be there."

Lisa DiMarco



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

From the Sporting Field

Welcome back to Sport for our final term of the year! Many thanks to Mrs Butler who took my place in organising sport for Week 1 whilst I was on leave.

Best of luck to our Season 3 rep teams for the remainder of their season.

Results from NSWCCC Athletics

On Friday of Week 9 last term, The following 8 students competed at CCC Athletics Carnival:

Amosia Soatini and Rhys Argaet - Year 7

Oliver Vella - Year 8

Daniel Borg, Michael Lual and Jada Thomson - Year 9

Lucas Rose - Year 11

Lachlan Ash - Year 12

Congratulations in particular to Amosia, who threw 18.41m in Shot put, breaking a record that has been held since 2003 and throwing 43m, placing 2nd in Discus; how incredible for this young man!
Well done to all of these students for making it to this level.

There is no stopping this young man...

Congratulations (once again) to Lachlan Sepping of Year 12. Lachlan, as you may recall, is no stranger to our newsletter, with his successes almost too many to count. Not only was he the recipient of our College Sportsperson award, he was awarded a PDSSSC Blue Award.

To further this, the Diocese Blues committee chose to award Lachlan the Sportsperson of the year award which is AMAZING! There truly is no stopping this young man and we look forward to hearing about many more of your achievements in the near future!

Ms Hely, Head of Sport

Creative and Performing Arts

Our **Year 9 Elective Music** class have been learning about Australian Music and are working towards a performance task. After studying a range of bands and singers such as AC/DC, Cold Chisel, John Farnham and Missy Higgins they were given the task of choosing a song to perform with members of the class or as a solo performer.

With this topic, song selections range from current top 40 hits, Classic Rock and even 1960's Rock'n'Roll. The task will allow students to work with different instrumentation to create unique arrangements of popular Australian songs.

Throughout the term Year 9 will work towards refining their pieces which will be due in Week 4. The stand out performances will be given the opportunity to perform at a school assembly this term.

Mr Ferreri, CAPA Department

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.

How to install the SkoolBag app

instructions for parents and community

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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)

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From the Community

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