



We walk with Jesus

Term 4 Issue 1

Update

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Dates to Remember

TERM 4

November

2nd - 6th Yr 10 Exams

10th Vaccinations - see attached details

11th HSC Exams conclude

13th Yr 7, 2021 Orientation Day

27th Yr 12 Formal

December

1st - 8th Yr 10 Pastoral Program

10th Yr 7-11 Awards

11th Yr 7-11 Picnic Day

14th Yr 7-9 Normal lessons

15th Parent Teacher Student Feed-Forward Interviews

16th Staff Development Day
Pupil Free

17th Staff Development Day
Pupil Free - Office Closed

18th School Office closed for holidays

Message from the Principal



Curiosity

to

Welcome back to Term 4 and best wishes Year 12 in the HSC

Term 4 has started strongly and I congratulate students on the way they have returned eager to learn and, in most cases, extremely well-groomed, though I do remind students of our policies around haircuts as per the College student planner. My thanks to all families for always supporting the College's high standards and expectations.

I take this opportunity to wish the 116 Year 12 students (and 12 Year 11 accelerated English students) the very best of preparation (and a little bit of good luck) over the next four weeks as they embark on the Higher School Certificate Examinations which began on Tuesday 20th October. Our thoughts and prayers are with them all along with their families at this time and I am confident they have been well prepared by the school and will all achieve their goals.

Updated CEDP Draft New Curriculum for Religious Education now available online

For several years now, our Catholic community has been working together to update the way we share our faith with children and young people.

An updated version of the Draft New Curriculum for Religious Education with references to the relevant sections of the Catechism of the Catholic Church is now available on the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta website together with a guide to help community members learn more.



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 Mr Sultana

Year 8 Miss Borg

Year 9 Mrs Luke

Year 10 Mr Levy

Year 11 Miss Gaudiosi

Year 12 Mr Murphy

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 Mrs Harris

Science Mrs Hamama

Learning Innovations Ms McQueen

Sport Co-ordinator Ms Hely

Language Mrs Scarfone

Library Mrs Ellery

VET Co-ordinator Mrs Grills

Careers Advisor Mrs Scarfone

College Counsellor Ms Wen
and Ms Docanto

Business Manager Mr Anchique

The Draft New Curriculum remains faithful to Sacred Scripture and Tradition while ensuring that the way the learning and teaching happens is kept up to date.

When it is launched in late 2021 the Draft New Curriculum will replace 'Sharing Our Story', the current curriculum that has been in place for more than 20 years.

TTFM-Tell them from me survey-some initial findings

Each year CEDP engages with 'Learning bar' to have all its schools undertake staff, students, and parent survey's (TTFM) to gather data to help inform plans moving forward and this year was no exception.

Despite it being a different year with varying challenges due to COVID-19 our results came through late last term and I share with you some initial graphical findings that may be of interest and highlight some of the strong work that is happening at Emmaus, namely around learning, inclusivity and well-being.



Student Outcomes and School Climate

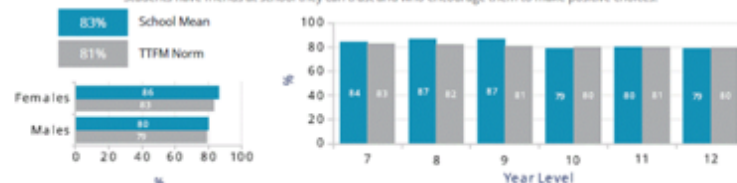
Secondary Student Survey (7754)

Emmaus Catholic College Kemp's Creek

Social-Emotional Outcomes

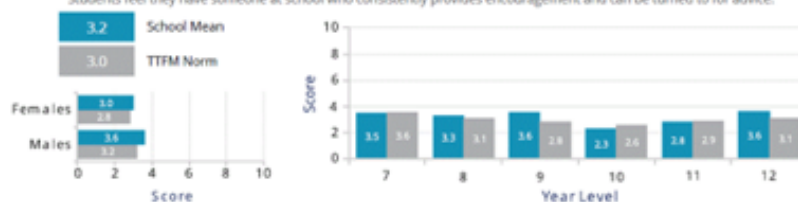
Students with positive relationships

Students have friends at school they can trust and who encourage them to make positive choices.



Advocacy at school

Students feel they have someone at school who consistently provides encouragement and can be turned to for advice.



Partners in Learning Parent Survey Report

Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta

Emmaus Catholic College Kemp's Creek

Parents Support Learning at Home

Parents support learning at home

School Mean (Region Mean)	8.1 (7.0)
Does someone in your family do each of the following?	
Discuss how well your child is doing in his or her classes.	8.6
Talk about how important schoolwork is.	8.6
Ask about any challenges your child might have at school.	7.8
Encourage your child to do well at school.	9.2
Praise your child for doing well at school.	8.6
Talk with your child about feelings towards other children at school.	6.4
Take an interest in your child's school assignments.	7.2

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

Region Level Custom Measure(s)

Equity of Access: Support/Resources

My child had access to all of the class materials and supports they needed to successfully learn.



Congratulations Ms. Bowd on your appointment to St Luke's Catholic College

As you would have seen via the Skoolbag post to all families last week I am pleased (and also very sad) to announce that Ms. Bowd our outstanding Assistant Principal for the last six years has been appointed to the inaugural role of **Well-being Coordinator at St Luke's Catholic College Marsden Park** commencing in week 6 of this term.

Ms. Bowd will get to use her fine skills in this leadership position at St Luke's to support student learning and welfare as she has done so impeccably here at Emmaus.

The process for appointing a **new Assistant Principal at Emmaus Catholic College (2020)** has begun via the CEDP recruitment/advertising team and we would hope to be able to announce a new AP to commence substantively in Week 6, Trm 4-2020.

I know you would all like to join me in congratulating Ms. Bowd on this appointment and wish her every success on the next stage of her journey.



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

The Emmaus Pillars-Faith; Mercy; Respect; Service; Hospitality

"ECC focus in 2020: Learning, Learning and more learning; Attendance; Transforming learning; Positive Behaviour focus; Respect; Growth; Wellbeing"

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

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



Assistant Principal



Writer in Residence

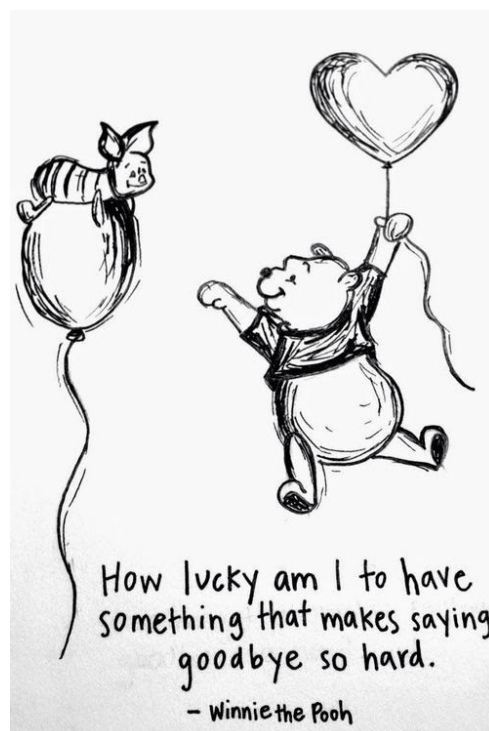
This week we welcomed our amazing Writer in Residence - Rawah Arja. Rawah will primarily be working with Year 7 students throughout the term to build their writing skills and develop in them an interest in reading. She has a teaching background and recently published her first novel, *The F Team*.

The students were highly engaged in the sessions, learnt a lot and had fun!



Although this is not yet the time for farewells, I do want to take this opportunity to reach out to the Emmaus community and offer my sincere appreciation for the response to the news that I am moving on to a new adventure.

The role of Wellbeing Co-ordinator at St Luke's Marsden Park is an opportunity to follow my heart and focus on wellbeing work. Friday was a particularly challenging day for me when the announcement was made that I was leaving, but I know that it was only difficult due the fact that saying goodbye to Emmaus will be very hard to do!





Religious Education



With the launch of the 2020-21 Social Justice Statement, I had the opportunity to work with five Year 9 students.

The day focused on learning about the role of mental health in Australia today, and how we can work towards advocating for mental health in our school community. Each session ran very smoothly as all students knew the in's and out's of Zoom, which allowed us to connect with over 20 other schools from the Parramatta Diocese.

Students were able to interact with the Social Justice Statement through seeing, reflecting and acting, whereby students were given the opportunity to create an action plan that can be initiated within our school community.

Overall, we discussed possible strategies and motivated each other to bring about change in a positive and authentic way. I am very proud of the ideas and dedication that Terina-Grace Rapana-Hotere, Alana Diab, Charlee-Rose Murtough Coombes, Clarita Succar and Giselle Yco demonstrated throughout the day. We are currently working towards implementing one of our many ideas that we eagerly discussed, so watch this space for something amazing!

Ms Bozic, Religious Education Department



Parent Survey Results: Draft New (Religious Education) Curriculum

In Week 8 of last term, all parents of students involved in the Term 3 "Test Runs" of the Draft New Curriculum in Religious Education, were given the opportunity to share their feedback and insights. Thank you to all parents who were able to do so. Over 450 parents from across the Diocese have responded and there has been a positive response with the majority of parents agreeing to each of the statements listed below:

- My child has been enabled to think about their faith
- My child has connected what they have learned to their life
- My child has responded positively to their lessons
- My child has spoken about their lessons at home

Important insights and points of feedback were also provided which, along with feedback from students and teachers, will be read and reflected on by Mission leaders as they continue to refine the Draft New Curriculum.

Ms Waring, Director of Mission and Learning



CAPA Department



Music Room Upgrades

During the holidays, renovations started in the adjoining Music store rooms. As our Elective numbers have grown over the years, we are upgrading our learning spaces for contemporary learning. After consultation with contractors, the old Music store rooms are being transformed into two sound - proof rehearsal spaces for soloists and small ensembles. This space can also be utilised for recordings as we will also be upgrading some of our existing equipment.

Watch this space for more information, the upgrades are anticipated to be finished during the term, with new music equipment to come.



Virtual MADD Night

Our current times means that our annual MADD night was cancelled for 2020. However, to ensure we are still able to showcase the work of our dedicated and talented students this year; we will start a production of films featuring the performances of our Music students.

Filming will start this week and though it won't be the same as a live performance, we look forward to giving the students an opportunity to engage in a recorded session.

Some of our Photography, Video and Digital Imaging students will also take part in this behind the scenes, forming part of the film crew to bring this to life. We look forward to sharing these performances with parents and students.

Year 9 Music

Year 9 has had an exciting start to the Term as they have been preparing to do their live performance recording of 'Rude' by Magic. We are looking forward to sharing the finished product which showcases all their practice and hard work.

Throughout the end of Term 3 and start of Term 4 the class has been studying the topic of Australian Music. We have analysed and performed music ranging from the 1950's to current contemporary music to better understand the stylistic features of a range of Australian Artists. The class will be performing for their moderator assessment task in Week 3 and performance choices range from AC/DC to Delta Goodrem.

Mrs Claudia Harris - Leader of Learning CAPA



From the Sports Field



Sport in Term 4 will continue in the same format as Term 3.

Year 7 & Year 8 will remain at school for sport

Year 9 & Year 10 will be offsite at local council fields to play sport, returning in time for normal transport arrangements home.

No students are permitted to leave the venue and must return to school via bus for their normal transport arrangements home.

Venue and representative sports will **not** be running.

As the end of the Term approaches, students will select their sports for Term 1, 2021. We hope to be able to offer our regular sport program with venue sports and representative sports once again.

Further details regarding selections and sports to be offered in 2021 will be provided closer to the date.

Ms Hely, Sport Co-ordinator



From the Office



Vaccinations Tuesday November 10th, 2020

Year 7 and Year 10 (Last Chance)

Year 7

If your child has missed the opportunity to commence their vaccinations, there will be another chance on Tuesday November 10th - 2nd dose HPV.

Year 10

Single dose Meningococcal.

Consent Forms for both vaccinations are available from Student Services and need to be returned to Mrs Ellis prior to the day.

Catch-up Vaccinations for Year 8 and Year 11 who returned their consent forms in 2019.

STUDENTS TAKING LEAVE DURING THE SCHOOL TERM

Parents wishing their son/daughter to take leave during the school term, must complete a leave form.

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 donated uniforms however due to Work, Health and Safety, we request 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.

COMPASS PARENT PORTAL

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

WITHDRAWING FROM THE COLLEGE

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



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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