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August		August		September	
1	HSC Trial Exams Begin	18	WYD Launch Event	2	Emmaus Day
2	Year 11 Fast Forward Excursion	25	MADD Night	12	Preliminary Exams Begin
15	Feast of the Assumption	29	Wellbeing Week	19	Year 12 Picnic Day

College Leadership Teams	
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Welcome back to Term 3

Robert Nastasi
Principal

It was a delight to welcome back our student population last Wednesday for term three. Once again as you know COVID 19 transmission/exposure continues to play havoc in Australia and numbers are on the rise. Please know that the College continues to be vigilant promoting COVID smart practices, including good ventilation; thorough cleaning of all learning spaces; the use of hand sanitiser; provision of air purifiers and reduction of large group gatherings/meeting/events where possible. Students (and staff) continue to be encouraged to wear masks at school and should supply their own. *I am extremely grateful to parent/carers for advising the front office or their LOW if a child has tested positive and for keeping them at home for the 7-day isolation period (and until they test negative on a RAT and are symptom free before returning).* We will continue to provide online work/learning to these students via their class teachers on COMPASS & google classrooms and they will be marked as being present on 'flexible learning.'

YEAR 12 TRIAL HSC EXAMS

I ask you to please keep our Year 12 cohort in your thoughts and prayers who effectively have one term of their 13 years of school life to go as they commence these exams in week three going through to week five. This is a highly stressful time for them, and I am so proud of their efforts and those of their subject teachers. They are working so hard, and I know they will be rewarded for their grit and determination to achieve their goals.

YEAR 11 RETREAT - Term 3 Week 2

I take this opportunity to thank the Year 11 teachers for giving up three days of their own family and personal lives to facilitate the Year 11 spirituality and formation retreat at Kiah Ridge retreat centre and St Benedict's XVI centre this week. This is a highly rewarding and powerful experience and I hope the students enjoy their experience, which along with the Year 12 retreat is often one of the most memorable ones of their school life.

THE EMMAUS GRADUATE





CONGRATULATIONS LAYLA SHARP OF YEAR 9

Layla is an outstanding athlete striving to represent her country and was recently acknowledged in State Parliament by the Member for Mulgoa, Ms. Tanya Davies (see transcript below). Well done Layla we are so proud of you.



TANYA DAVIES MP
Member for Mulgoa
NSW Parliament House
Macquarie Street, Sydney 2000

LAYLA SHARP

COMMUNITY RECOGNITION STATEMENT

8TH JUNE 2022

TANYA DAVIES MP

Mrs TANYA DAVIES (Mulgoa)—Today I want to congratulate a future Paralympian, Layla Sharp from Emmaus Catholic College in Kemps Creek. In April Layla competed in the Australian Junior Athletics Championships and went home with a hat-trick of silver medals in the 400m, 800m and 1500m races. This is an incredible achievement and I especially take note of the fact that Layla is 14 years of age and competing against athletes up to 19 years of age. Layla competes in the T12 disability category for athletes with vision impairment and holds the all-age Australian 1500-metre record, the Australian U20 800-metre record and the Australian U16 400-metre record. Layla has aspirations to become a Paralympian as well as a desire to raise awareness and promote inclusiveness for those with disabilities. Layla, you are an inspiration to your community and I want to commend your abilities not only in the track but also in the arena of supporting those with disabilities in sport.

Assistant Principal's Message



Steve Roberts
Assistant Principal

From Little Things Big Things Grow

At the end of last term I wrote about the importance of uniform, the messages it sends if we let a little thing like that slip and how it can lead to bad habits. I am pleased to report back that the students of Emmaus have responded to the requests and have stood up in the area of uniform. It is great walking through the College and seeing each student wearing the Emmaus uniform, which has our logo, with great pride.

As I wrote last term, a short cut here and there may seem meaningless actions at the time, however, these actions become your habits and the habits become part of your character. Whilst we will continue to ensure we don't let the standards slip with uniform, so too will we ensure the standards are maintained and lifted when it comes to effort in the classroom.

Effort is not one big thing that needs to be done every now and then, effort is an accumulation of continuous small tasks that combine to maximise the potential of success i.e. the 1 percenters done 100 percent of the time. Examples of things that we can do to maximise success in the classroom consist of:

- Having the required equipment
- Being at class on time
- Asking a question
- Getting the right amount of sleep the night before
- Choosing not to sit next to someone that may distract you
- Having your phone in your bag so it doesn't become a distraction

What you may notice from the list above is that individually these things seem very small and yet when combined together can have a big impact on our success in our learning. Furthermore, everyone is able to achieve each of these. Effort is a choice and every time we make a choice to do these little things positive habits are formed and they become even easier to do.

I encourage each student of Emmaus not to focus on the big things that need to be done for success, rather to focus and do the little things that are important. If you do the little things right the big things will take care of themselves - from little things.

Parent Drop Off

Whilst I appreciate that the traffic of a morning and afternoon during peaks times can be quite bad at times, can I please remind and ask parents that if you are dropping off or picking up your children, that you do so in 'Old Bus Bay' on Bakers lane and avoid coming into the school grounds. I thank you in advance for your understanding and assistance with this matter.



World Youth Day, 2023

Pia Waring
Director of Mission and Learning



World Youth Day is a significant event for the young people of our Diocese. Past pilgrimages have been tremendous experiences of formation and encounter in which the faith life of pilgrims was nourished and developed through prayer, catechesis and community celebration. The WYD2023 pilgrimage calls our young people to journey with Mary and reflect on the theme "Mary arose with haste" (Lk 1:39).

Please see the flyer below and Bishop's letter for further information.

The Diocese will be hosting a formal Launch from 5:00 - 9:30pm on Thursday 18 August at St John XXIII Catholic College Stanhope Gardens, as part of the Diocese of Parramatta's LIFTED Live programme. This event is for students in Years 9 and 10, and teachers, interested in attending WYD2023. Two to three pilgrims are invited to attend this event.

Please contact Mrs Waring at pwaring@parra.catholic.edu.au by Monday 8th August if interested in this event.



Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv DD STL
Bishop of Parramatta

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Dear friends and colleagues in ministry,

Pope Francis once again invites the young Church to join him at the 16th International World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal next August 2023. It is the third chapter in his Marian journey and features the theme; "*Mary arose and went with haste*" (LK 1:39)

There is no doubt that this enriching experience of pilgrimage for young people has a profound impact on their relationship with Jesus, their prayer life, their lived mission and their relationships with others.

I am continually inspired by the witness of faith and vocation in our past pilgrims - many of whom I regularly see in my own journey around the Diocese.

In this post-pandemic world, I see a great need for bringing young people intentionally together in formation and community towards this mountain-top experience knowing that its fruits are years in the making well beyond a return to their school, parish, professional and personal lives.

We are currently finalising a rigorous process to determine a Travel Partner for the Diocese of Parramatta to World Youth Day. Further information will be shared once this process is complete.

The Diocese of Parramatta will lead one pilgrimage to Portugal. I have appointed James Camden, Head Mission Engagement (Chancery) and Mark Smith, Head Mission (CEDP) to lead our team as joint Pilgrimage Co-ordinators.

Our encounter with Jesus, Mary and the Saints begins in France, travelling through Spain and onto Portugal before a time of retreat in Assisi, Italy. We anticipate our pilgrimage will total 22 days between **21 July - 11 August, 2023.**

I encourage each parish and school community over the coming month to consider how they might identify and support two to three young pilgrims attending WYD23. All fundraising will be the responsibility of each pilgrim in lieu of a Diocesan raffle.

Potential pilgrims, including clergy, aspiring group leaders and those interested in this significant youth engagement strategy are invited to attend the launch event with the team and I on **Thursday 18 August from 7pm at St John XXIII Catholic College, Stanhope Gardens.** More information and registration can be found at www.parrawyd.org

I pray that our young people, and those that accompany them on this journey, will be transformed by the lives of St Vincent de Paul, St Therese of Lisieux, Our Lady of Lourdes, St Ignatius of Loyola, St Teresa of Avila, Our Lady of Fatima, St Francis of Assisi and St Clare over our 12 month pilgrimage.

Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv
Bishop of Parramatta

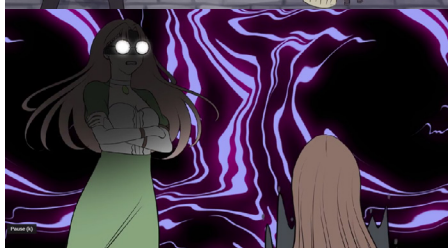


"MARY AROSE AND WENT WITH HASTE" (LK 1:39)

Sean Joyce
TAS Teacher



Andrew Edwards
TAS Teacher



HSC Major Project in InTech Exhibition

There was exciting news shared with the college about the Industrial Technology Multimedia Class of 2021 as a HSC student's Major Work was selected to be a part of the InTech Exhibition. Kyla Vasallo, a Year 12 Multimedia student, who completed her HSC last year, created an 2D Animation called "The Fool's Conquest", a story about a teenager's acceptance to a magic school. Kyla worked incredibly hard over past year to plan, design and create a 3 minute animation, that utilised hand drawing anime techniques, 3D modelling and sound design. As part of her project, she wrote a 78 page portfolio, presenting her research, her planning and processes.

InTech is an exhibition of the best and most impressive Industrial Technology projects of 2021. These include projects from across the state in different disciplines such as Timber, Metals, Graphics and Multimedia. It is an incredible achievement for any student to be part of, with Kyla being the only student across the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta to be included. She is currently utilising her skills that she developed while at Emmaus in university, studying in a Bachelor's Degree in Visual Design.



Year 10 Timber Dart Board Cabinets

Year 10 recently completed their latest Timber project, a Dart Board Cabinet. This project allowed students different types of joinery using new machinery that they haven't had the opportunity to use until this year. Students were given the opportunity to use the Laser Cutter to engrave a design on the front of the cabinet.

Our students really enjoy this unit as it is a larger project to manage as well they get to take home a product that they will enjoy for years.



Health Inspirations - Nepean Hospital

Danielle Olivieri
Pathways Coordinator



In June, two students from Emmaus Indiana and Lilli attended the Health Inspirations program at Nepean Hospital. Health Inspirations is an exciting and fun work experience opportunity, now offered at Nepean Blue Mountains Local Health District. Their supervisor commended both Indiana and Lilli stating “they were enthusiastic, engaged and delightful during the Health Inspirations program. It was a pleasure to be in their company each day. Indiana and Lilli were excellent representatives of Emmaus”.

The program delivers an interactive and engaging set of experiences that encourages students to learn and reflect on their interests, skills and personal attributes, and how these may complement their career choices. It also exposes students to a variety of potential health careers by introducing them to a range of health professionals.

If you are a student interested in:

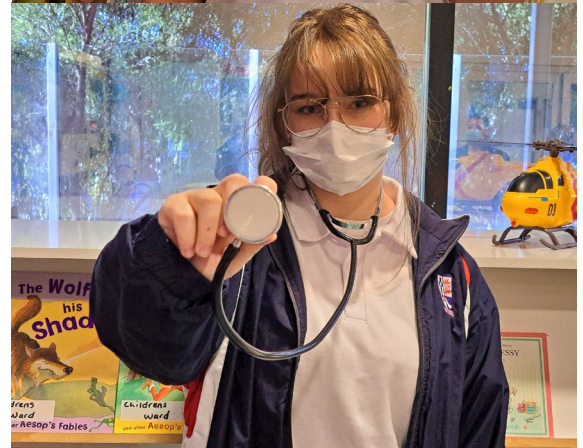
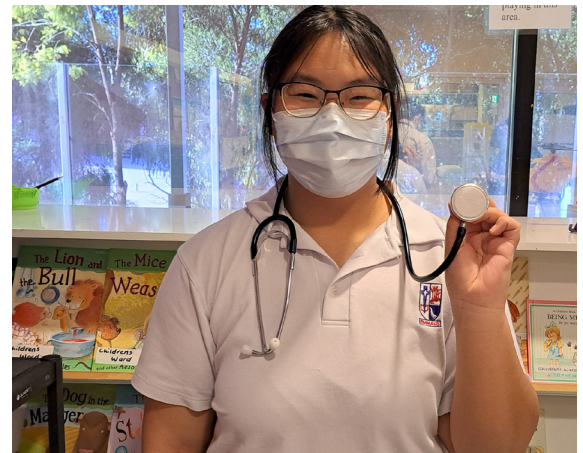
- nursing
- midwifery
- psychology
- mental health
- radiography
- occupational therapy
- speech pathology
- dietetics
- physiotherapy
- medicine
- finance
- human resources
- communications
- information and technology

You can still apply for the remaining two day programs this year. Currently, Year 10 students can also apply for the Certificate 3 (VET programs) at Nepean Hospital.

The course includes:

- Visit over 10 wards and departments in the hospital
- Speak with over 12 Healthcare professionals about their careers
- Participate in ward/unit activities in a hospital setting
- Observe a typical work day in a health service and ask questions about what skills are required and what sort of careers are available

If you are interested, please feel free to book an appointment with Ms Olivieri by e-mailing dolivieri@parra.catholic.edu.au



Jeremy Safi
Sports Coordinator



Julian Saba
Sports Coordinator



PDSSSC Athletics Carnival

Goodluck to all our athletes competing at the PDSSSC Athletics Carnival on the 9th of August! You will do Emmaus proud!

PDSSSC Gala Days

Emmaus entered a Junior and Intermediate Girls team for the PDSSSC Netball Gala Day. It was a rainy cold day at Jamison Park, however that did not stop the Emmaus Netball teams from competing courageously. Emmaus was placed in a difficult draw, but found some wins against the best of the best teams. The girls finished the competition in third and fourth place in their respective pool. Well done girls! We are undefeated in the Netball Thursday Sport competition, so let's bring the trophy home!

The PDSSSC OzTag Gala Day was postponed to September, so all teams will be training to be a competitive team on that Gala Day.

Student Sporting Achievements

Layla Sharp

Layla was very successful in her multiclass NSW Cross Country Championship finishing in Second place! She beat her PB by 40 seconds, which shows all your hard work is truly coming off! Keep up the great work Layla, we are so proud of you!

Thursday Representative Sport

This season continues and Emmaus has entered teams in Boys and Girls Soccer, Girls Netball and Inter Boys Rugby League. At times, buses returning from Representative Sport may arrive back at the College after the end of day

school bell and for that reason, students need to ensure they have alternative transport home on Thursday afternoons in case of this. All information regarding representative sport draws and venues for each sport can be found on the Parramatta Diocese Secondary Schools Sport website. <http://www.secondarysportparra.catholic.edu.au/>



Parramatta Secondary Schools Sports Council (PDSSSC)/NSW Catholic Schools Sport

Individual Selection Trial Registrations are now open for many sports at either the Diocesan level or NSW state level. Information about these and the respective sports and their closing dates can be found here:

<https://www.secondarysportparra.catholic.edu.au/nswccc-representative-sport>

Students wishing to trial for an external PDSSSC team or individual sport can register via the link. These teams are composed of students performing at a highly skilled level from all schools across our Diocese

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

UPDATED TRADING HOURS

Uniform Shop

Trading Hours
During School Terms

Tuesday 12pm - 4pm

Thursday 8am - 12pm

The Uniform Shop is located in the TAS building, which is the first building on the left hand side as you enter the school carpark.

School uniforms are also available for purchase at the School Locker Shop in Liverpool and online at the School Locker Portal.

Donations of Uniforms

The College is happy to take donated uniforms however due to Work, Health and Safety, we request that all uniforms are washed and 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 still unable to log onto the Compass Parent Portal after you have downloaded the Compass School App, 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

How to install the SkoolBag app

Instructions for parents and community

1. Get your favourite mobile device
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)

for Apple users



for Android users



for more info visit skoolbag.com.au



Our Parishes

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Todd Row, St Clair
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Our Lady of the Rosary

Saddington Street, St Marys
Ph: 9623 1962

Our K - 6 Schools

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