

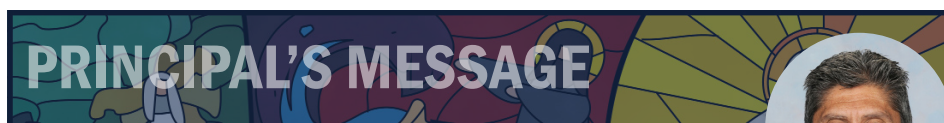
# THE ROAD

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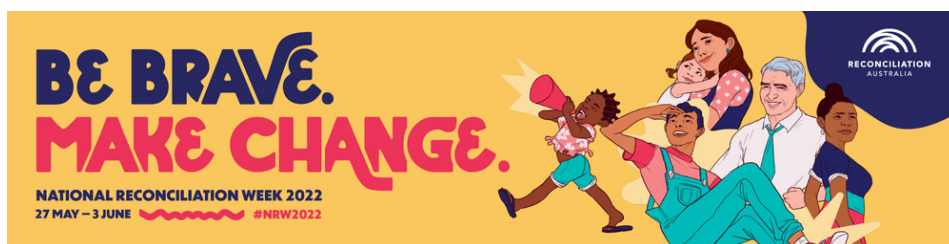
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College Leadership Teams	
Executive	
Principal	Mr Nastasi
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Year 9	Mr Petrocco
Year 10	Mr Hamond
Year 11	Mrs Luke
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Library	Mrs Ellery
Careers Advisor	Mrs Scarfone
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Business Manager	Mr Anchique
Digital Media Coordinator	Mr Edwards



## National Reconciliation Week 2022

Robert Nastasi  
Principal



The National Reconciliation Week 2022 theme, **"Be Brave. Make Change."** is a challenge to all Australians— individuals, families, communities, schools, organisations, and government—to Be Brave and tackle the unfinished business of reconciliation so we can Make Change for the benefit of all Australians. Last year Reconciliation Australia encouraged all Australians to act, not just in National Reconciliation week but every week of the year. This year we are being asked to make change beginning with brave actions in their daily lives – where they live, work, play and socialise. National Reconciliation Week – 27 May to 3 June is a time for all Australians, including our Emmaus community to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

## **Tell Them From Me Survey**

Once again, this year throughout Week 7 of this term the school as directed by CEDP will conduct a survey of students, staff, and parents (TTFF- 'Tell them from me'). This is an opportunity for the school to gather valid and reliable data which can be readily used for school improvement and planning, whilst providing insight to the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta around Engagement, Wellbeing and Effective Teaching/Learning. Surveys will be offered to staff, students and parents. Ms McQueen will oversee this, with more details to come including links to log in and complete the survey.

## **College Athletics Carnival - Friday 10th June, Week 7.**

Beginning this year, the carnival will be held on our own school grounds given our own wonderful facilities to allow for all track and field events, knowing that we have now invested further resources toward this with markings, long jump pits and beach volleyball courts. This is a mandatory school day with students attending in full sport uniform. Having it onsite will maximise participation, reduce travel time, and alleviate other costs. The College canteen will run as normal. Thanks to Mr Saba and Mr Safi in anticipations for the organising of this fantastic community day for all of Year 7-12.

## **Staffing News**

I take this opportunity to thank and farewell Mr. Argo (HSIE) who after close to a year has decided to move on and explore other teaching/work opportunities. We are currently recruiting for his temporary 2022 position and will have someone in place in the coming weeks of this term. Also, a huge Emmaus welcome to Ms. Megan Battah (Student services/ Administration officer) commencing in week 6 this term working 2 days/week; and to Mr Vincent Truong (our new full time TSO-Technical Support Officer) commencing week 7 this term.

## **Commercial developments in and around Bakers Lane and Mamre Road**

I am acutely aware as is Catherine Hey (Principal at Trinity primary) and Catherine Graydon (Principal at Mamre Anglican) that local commercial works/development are causing significant traffic congestion and issues particularly of an afternoon to both car and bus movement. To that end, please know that I will be hosting a meeting for us all with Mr Andrew Simpson (Development Manager from Aliro, the company overseeing this work) next week to firstly air our concerns and to discuss better ways for them to support traffic flow and indeed the safety and welfare of all our communities.

## **Assistant Principal's Message**

### **Making Each Moment Count**

Steve Roberts  
Assistant Principal



In a previous newsletter I wrote about the importance of attendance. School attendance plays a critical role in enhancing the lives of students in schools. Every day of attendance adds to a student's achievement and success at school. Showing up is the first step towards learning, however, engaging in and making every moment count is the next step.

Each day our young people are provided with rich opportunities to learn more about the world they live in through their experiences in and out of the classroom. We aim to enhance the students' knowledge about themselves, their relationships with others and about life beyond school. This opportunity unfortunately may not always be taken up and whilst the young person may be physically present, they may not be engaged fully.

Growth is one of the main objectives we have at Emmaus. There is no expectation to be the best or to know everything, however, we aim to see progress each and every day and in each and every lesson for all our students. To be a little better or know a little more than we did the day before. To do that, it is important that individuals make the most of every moment in class.

This starts before a student walks into the classroom. It starts the night before by completing any 'Learning Prep' or study notes that may need to be completed. It starts by getting a proper, good night's sleep (discussed in another newsletter). It starts when packing your bag for the day and ensuring you have all the necessary equipment. It starts by being on time for the lesson. These starting blocks set up every opportunity for a student to make the most of the moment they have in a classroom. To enhance the chance or growth.





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## Join us to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture, history and heritage

- Cultural performances
- Market stalls
- Workshops
- BBQ lunch ... and more

Thursday 7 July 2022

10am to 4pm

Jamison Park,  
South Penrith

**PENRITH**  
CITY COUNCIL

[penrith.city/events](https://penrith.city/events)





## Year 8 and 10 Subject Selections

This week, the College will be releasing a Subject Selection Google Site to help all Year 8 and Year 10 students choose their subjects for 2023. Each Key Learning Area (KLA) has prepared videos and information about the Elective Courses offered at the College.

Students will be able to make their subject choices online – details will be available on the Subject Selection Google Site.

Students were introduced to the process of subject selection last week, where they were informed of the importance of subject selection and all necessary NESA requirements when picking subjects for 2023. A copy of this presentation will be available on the Subject Selection Google Site. I encourage you to ask your child to go through this presentation with you to ensure that they understand the contents of the presentation.



Leaders of Learning will present the subjects on offer during Year Assemblies in weeks 6 and 7, and their suitability for students. This is part of the College's overall program of support and advice for students in the subject selection process as they make decisions about their subject choices for Year 9 and 10 for the award of the Record of School Achievement (ROSA) or for Years 11 and 12, the award of the Higher School Certificate or

Please take the time to read the information and watch the videos on the Subject Selection Google Site with your child to assist them in making the right choice of subjects.

Once subject choices have been made lines are created and courses will only run based on raw numbers of initial student subject selection processes and also on lines of best fit to minimise student clashes which are inevitable.

If your child has more questions during this process they can speak to their coach, classroom teachers, Leaders of Learning, their Leader of Wellbeing or myself and we will be more than happy to assist your child with their queries.

Links to the Google Sites can be found below:

### Year 8 Students going into Year 9

<https://sites.google.com/parra.catholic.edu.au/subjectselectionyear92021/home>

### Year 10 Students going into Year 11

<https://sites.google.com/parra.catholic.edu.au/subject-selection-year-11-2021/home>







## Year 10 Industrial Technology Timber Progress

Year 10 students have been given an opportunity to showcase their skills in joinery by using an array of previously learnt and newly developed woodworking techniques to manufacture a dartboard cabinet that they can use at home. The students have enjoyed the experience thus far, and we look forward to seeing their finished products, ready for their family game nights, at the end of the term.





Nicholas Ferreri  
Music Teacher



Rita Kumar  
Visual Arts Teacher



## Year 8 Music Update

Our Year 8 music classes have been learning about Popular Music and have recently completed a composition task to create their very own remix of 'Uptown Funk' by Bruno Mars. After studying a variety of bands and singers, from 1960's MoTown artists to current top 40, students were given the task of using pre-recorded loops and audio to create their individual rendition.

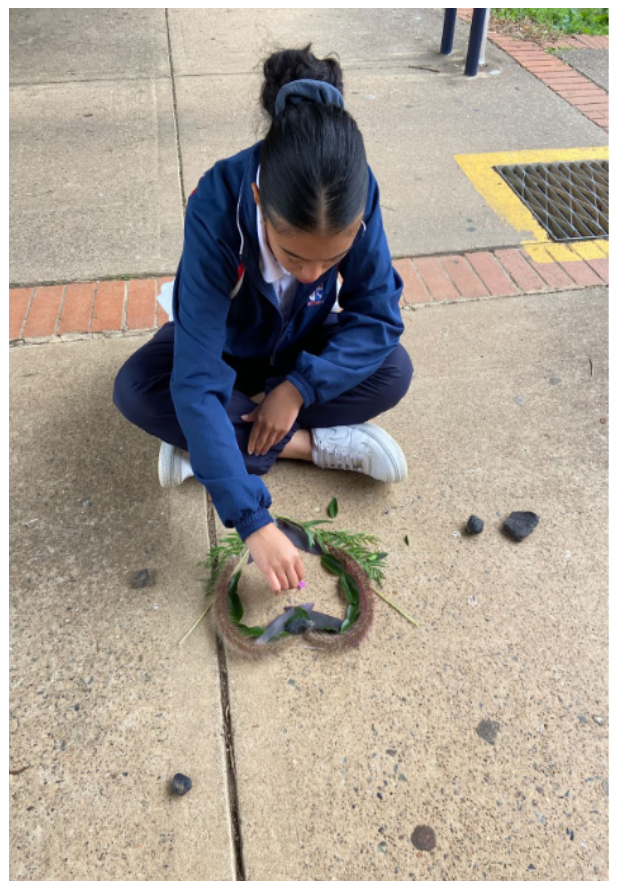
Also this term, Year 8 have been introduced to guitar, piano and drums and are currently working towards a band performance task. Members of the class are breaking into small groups and are preparing to perform a popular song to their peers. This has been a positive way for students to learn basic chords and beats on their chosen instrument.

## Year 10 Visual Arts

Students have been studying the unit 'Interactional Memories' where they've had the opportunity to focus upon their own memories regarding their interactions with the scenic environment at Emmaus Catholic College. Each day students interact with the environment without consciously realising. This unit enables them to source their memories and emotions to interpret the land and its ephemeral nature. Students created a series of artworks in expressive forms such as sculpture, photography, drawing and painting.









Jeremy Safi  
Sports Coordinator



Julian Saba  
Sports Coordinator



## Athletics Carnival

We look forward to having our Annual Emmaus Athletics Carnival onsite next Friday Week 7 10th June! Fingers crossed for the sun to stay and dry our ovals so it can go ahead!



Photos: Athletics Carnival 2021

## Thursday Representative Sport

This season, Emmaus will be entering a team 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/>

## RECENT SPORTING SUCCESS STORIES

### Anna Dubier



Anna competed in the two day Junior Port Macquarie Cycling Tour. On Day 1 - Anna qualified 4th fastest in the individual time trial, once again the highest place for the youngest competitor in her age group. Amazing! The following day was a challenging 64km road race.

Overall, Anna placed 4th, which is amazing considering her circumstances. Well done Anna!

## 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



*Join us as we celebrate our being Church*

# **PENTECOST**

**NOVENA MASSES: 26 May—3 June**

*To be prayed at the usual Parish Mass Times*

**VIGIL OF PENTECOST: Saturday, 4 JUNE**

*BBQ after the 6pm Saturday Vigil Mass*

**PENTECOST: Sunday, 5 JUNE**

*Bring a plate of food after the 9.30am Mass*

*At the Holy Spirit Primary School Grounds there will be lots of fun for all ages  
(Jumping Castle, Fairy Floss, Craft & Balloon Sculpting, lots of food)*

For more information,  
contact the parish Office:

**HOLY SPIRIT PARISH**

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# **PARISH BINGO NIGHT**

**7.30pm, Saturday 25 June 2022**

# **PARISH TRIVIA NIGHT**

**7.30pm, Saturday 23 July 2022**

**HOLY SPIRIT PRIMARY SCHOOL HALL  
7-17 Todd Row, St Clair 2759 NSW**

**All ages welcome! For more information,  
please contact the Parish 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

### 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

Saddington Street  
St Marys  
Ph: 9623 2500



### 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

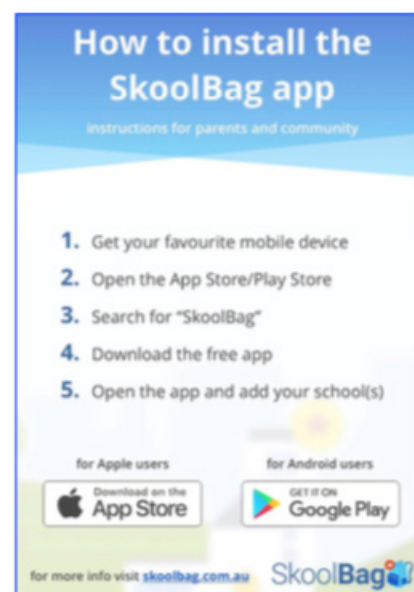
Please call the College to make an appointment to see the Business Manager around whether you qualify for second hand uniforms.

### 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



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