From the Principal

Zephaniah 3:17 “The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.” (ESV)

Dear Parents and Friends

It is my prayer that you had a restful and meaningful Easter break with time to catch up with friends and family and reflect on the spiritual significance of the season. As my own children continue to grow towards their teenage years every Easter represents a new way for me to dialogue with them about the relevance of the Gospel message in their lives. I also encourage you to revisit the Gospel message with your children each year as their ability to journey towards an owned faith continually develops as they mature. I often reflect that ‘God does not have grandchildren’ meaning each child needs to progress from a faith through their parents to an owned personal faith. Easter is a good annual reminder for parents to revisit, at new levels, these important discussions with our children.

Today also represents a significant day where the entire College gathered around our flag pole to remember the 100th anniversary of the ANZAC’s involvement at Gallipoli during World War 1. As ANZAC day this year occurs in the holidays we felt it appropriate to run this event during school time. The service included a time of prayer, laying of a wreath, the Ode, and the playing of the Last Post.

Last week was a memorable time in the Primary school with Parent’s Day (Monday) followed by Grandparent’s Day (Wednesday). I was astounded by the large numbers of both parents and grandparents in attendance (our venue was tested to the limits!). A number of grandparents travelled from rural areas and even interstate to attend. Although the event was a special time for the parents and grandparents, what brought the most joy to me was the look of elation on the children’s faces when they saw their parents/grandparents at their school, to see and spend time with them. I would like to thank firstly all the parents and grandparents for their attendance and support of your children/grandchildren in this capacity. Secondly I would like to thank our Primary teachers for their hard work in preparation and hosting these events. Please see below photos from the respective days.

Please remember that Term 2 commences on Tuesday 28th April for students (with Monday 27th April being a staff professional development day). I pray that the pending holidays represents a time where families can spend some meaningful time together enjoying each other’s company. I pray for safety for those travelling.

Andrew Linke
Principal

Lost Property

All lost property has been placed on a clothes rack and is situated outside the Front Office. Any articles not claimed by the end of this Term will be either given to the Uniform Shop, First Aid or donated to Charity.
Primary School has had a busy but successful first Term with students settling in well. We would like to thank parents who continue to uphold our school in prayer regularly. We are fortunate to have such a loving, inclusive and hardworking community. This term the students have been blessed with wonderful opportunities to grow and mature in their faith and also experiences that have led to personal growth and learning. We wish all families a safe and restful holiday.

Parents Day and Grandparents Day
Primary students warmly welcomed their Parents, Grandparents and special friends to the College last week for these significant annual events. The celebrations began with a special concert featuring the choirs, dance and a poetry recital. Mrs Meinel did an excellent job showcasing the Primary students amazing musical talents. After the concert, an afternoon or morning tea was served and then time was spent on creative activities in the classrooms. A wonderful time was had by all! Thank you to all who attended!

Reporting Changes
Primary School, in line with the Australian Curriculum reporting process, is introducing changes to the way student progress will be communicated in 2015. In Terms 1 and 3 Parent/Teacher interviews will be held, with Term 3 interviews being student led. In Terms 2 and 4 comprehensive reports will go home to parents. Reports will be in a new format, be evidence based and will reflect achievement standards in individual subject areas. There will not be interim reports in Terms 1 or 3. Parents of Reception students will receive Student Progress Portfolios at the end of each Term. These will record their child’s learning journey in their first year of school.

Mother’s Day Stall
Thank you to all the families who have donated gifts for the Mother’s Day Stall. Please keep sending suitable gifts to school with your child as each child will want to purchase one for their mother. Proceeds will go towards a shade sail over the sand pit and our sponsor children.

Primary School Theme for 2015:
"God lights our world and our way. God rules over death!" Week 11 Bible Verse – “By His power God raised the Lord from the dead, and He will raise us also.” 1 Corinthians 6:14

Annette Craven
Head of Primary School

Middle School
Each Middle School iPad has a ‘find my iPad function’ on it. If your child’s iPad should ever be lost or stolen you are able to track the device and find it again. To turn this function on the school has to allow location services on the device. Please note that this will mean any photographs your child takes on their iPad with this function turned on will mean that each photo has a “geo stamp” connected to the image. If your child takes photos and then loads them onto a social media site that image will provide the exact location of where the photograph was taken to anyone who wants to discover this information if they have access to the image. Teachers will explain this to students and I would encourage you to be cyber safe and reiterate this with your child at home as well. Some apps will ask for the location services when being used and you are able to allow or deny that request. Some apps (such as Google Maps) will only work with the location service allowed and others it is not necessary. This information will normally come up on the iPad screen the first time the app is utilised.

Andrew Edmondson
Head of Middle School

Parents & Friends
Year 7/8 Picnic – What a wonderful time!
At the Year 7/8 Picnic held on Sunday 29th March, we had perfect weather, heaps of fun and it was a great time for meeting up with old and new friends. Thanks to all who were able to join in the fun.

Opportunity Knocks...
Emmaus Christian College Parents and Friends with Affordable School Uniforms are offering families the opportunity to purchase affordable, quality GROSBY and SLAZENGER leather school shoes. Please see the flyer at the end of this newsletter for further information. Please allow 4 working days for delivery (to the school).

Helen Grear
P & F President
I read an article recently entitled “Teach Kids the Actual Words They Need to Succeed” written by Adelaide psychologist Kirrilie Smout. In this article, Kirrilie says that after many years of working with children and families to improve children’s behaviour and how they respond in situations, Kirrilie said that she finally learnt that if she taught kids the actual words they need to say in situations then they respond differently and they feel different.

Kirrilie said that “Teaching kids the words first probably seems backwards to some people. I used to think so too! I used to think that my job was to help kids FEEL more confident, to ACT more kindly, to FEEL calmer, to ACT in more co-operative ways. If they were feeling more like this, and acting more like this - then the ‘I’m okay’ and ‘You go first’ sentences would follow. 17 years of child psychology later, I’ve figured out it’s the opposite. When I give kids the actual words - the exact sentences to say - and I help their parents reward and praise and coach kids to say these words, the children THEN start to feel differently and act differently.”

This was a new and interesting concept to me, if you are as intrigued as I was about this topic, and to read all of Kirrilie’s article, please go to http://developingminds.net.au/blog/2014/6/17/teach-kids-the-actual-words-they-need-to-succeed.html

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**Preliminary Notice**

We are pleased to announce that next Term Adelaide Psychologist Madhavi Nawana-Parker is once again coming to our College to present a workshop for our primary parent community. Please put the following date in your diary:

**Wednesday 27th May at 7.00pm, in the EPAC.** The topic is Child Discipline. Coffee and tea will be available from 6.45pm. Gold Coin Donation.

**Sue Chapman**

**Student/Family Support Worker**

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**Music**

**Term 1 & 2 Music Calendar**

Please encourage your child to perform at this musical event and come along to hear the amazing talents of our students.

- **Term 2, Week 9, Wed 24th June** - Winter Instrumental Night, 7.00pm in EPAC
- **Term 3, Week 1, Wed 22nd June to Fri 24th July, Senior School Musical in EPAC**
- **Term 3, Week 7, Thu 3rd September** - Spring Instrumental Night, 7.00pm in EPAC
- **Term 4, Week 4, Thu 5th November, Primary Music Showcase, 7.00pm in EPAC**

**Andrew Verco**

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**Uniform Shop**

**2015 Opening Hours**

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We are very excited to introduce our new winter skirt for Middle and Senior school. The new tartan skirt represents our school colours. The ‘old’ grey skirt can be worn for the next three years. In 2018 every middle and senior female student will be expected to wear the new tartan skirt.

The opening hours during the school holidays are:

- **Week 1 CLOSED**
- **Week 2 Thu 12 noon - 5.00pm**
- **Fri 8.30am - 1.30pm**

The shop will be open as usual on the Student Free Day (Monday 27th April).

**Enjoy the holidays. Blessings**

**Christine Blom-Cursaro**

**Uniform Shop Manager**

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**College News**

**Casual Day - Friday 10th April**

A gold coin donation is requested from students and staff who wish to participate. Funds raised will go to a Scripture Union Missionary family in Vanuatu.

Please note: Appropriate dress is ESSENTIAL.

No inappropriate slogans on T-shirts, no low-cut, strappy or midriff tops, no see through clothing, no short shorts, and NO THONG type shoes are allowed. This is particularly relevant to ‘Home Ec’ & ‘Tech’ lessons where this becomes a safety issue.
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**Marion Council Jervois Street Reserve Project**

Last year a number of students and families were involved with consultation with Marion Council regarding the proposed plans to the new public space on Jervois Street, Plympton. Council have now approved a draft concept design that has been created based on the students and surrounding community’s feedback. The Council are interested in feedback on what has been designed. The consultation period will close around the 22nd May. You can contribute your thoughts by contacting Marion Council and completing an on-line survey form. Posters are located on the notice board near the lift on ground the floor. For further information, go to www.marion.sa.gov.au or contact Renee Pitcher, Landscape and Open Space Planner at Marion Council via email at renee.pitcher@marion.sa.gov.au or by phone on 7420 6450.

**Andrew Edmondson**

**Movie Fundraiser**

Year 11 and 12 students have organised a movie fundraiser during the school holidays to raise money for their trip to Cambodia and Vietnam in November/December 2015. Please see the flyer at the end of this newsletter.

**Canteen Roster**

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Thank you for the time you volunteer in the canteen, it is very much appreciated. The hours are from 9.30am to approximately 1.30pm. Due to Occupational Health and Safety, please make sure you wear enclosed shoes and long hair is tied back. Thank you.
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- Search for ‘my school’ and select ‘Emmaus Christian College’
- Order and select ‘Free delivery to Emmaus Christian College’ to have your order delivered to the college. The order will then be given to the student.

PLEASE NOTE:

- Part proceeds go towards funding Emmaus Parents and Friends school projects.
- There is no cost involved for returning or exchanging stock.
- The uniform shop has a foot gauge to assist with identifying the correct shoe size for your child and a sample of each style of shoe is available for you to view.
Help raise money for the Emmaus Cambodia/Vietnam Trip

April Friday 24th 6pm
Capri Theatre, Goodwood Road

Ticket Prices:
Adults $18
Students $16

PLEASE PURCHASE TICKETS AND FOOD FROM THE EMMAUS TEAM