Dear Friends and Families

‘For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.’ Romans 12:4-5

Exciting days! Thursday 18th February 2016 marked the end of an era for the Parents and Friends at Emmaus Christian College and the birth of a new – Emmaus Connect Group (ECG) – a Community building group. Its purpose is to build and extend an engaging community, creating opportunities of fellowship with other parents, families and teachers. The new approach paves the way for more community, more connecting, more whole school occasions for school families to connect, less meetings and more opportunities! The strongly supported Junior School parent class representatives will form a key basis for this new group.

I would like to acknowledge the wonderful efforts of the key members of the former Parents and Friends, Helen Grear, Penny Young, Catriona Doran and Peta O’Loughlin, who with a small dedicated group of parents have worked for many years passionately supporting the College Community.

At the inaugural meeting in March of the Emmaus Connect Group there were suggestions of smaller working groups - Pastoral Connect, Social Connect, Parent Connect, Business Connect, Coffee Connect and Sports Connect.

God loves to see His people connecting, supporting, loving and joining in. Our children thrive and grow as they see us connect, contribute and add value to their school.

In my new R-12 Community Portfolio Role, I will be facilitating, supporting and encouraging the Emmaus Connect Group. We are investigating and dreaming of ways the College Community may be able to connect – socially, sport, bbq cooking, pastoral care, cabaret night, men’s soccer, coffee spot, bush dance, class representatives, year group supporters, food events, friend raising events. Lots of opportunities for our community to be involved, in large and small ways!

We invite you to join us in these exciting times. Why not come along to the next meeting on Thursday 19th May at 7.00pm. Enlist to help with an activity. Create a team. Share some of your ideas and thoughts. Join in. Watch for more information.

Annette Craven
Head of Junior School

Lost Property

All lost property will be placed on a clothes rack outside the Front Office during the last week of Term (Week 11).
Any articles not claimed by the end of Term will be either given to the Uniform Shop, First Aid or donated to Charity.
On Sunday 20th March an Old Scholars Reunion was held at Emmaus which saw well over 100 past Bethesda/Tabor/Emmaus students in attendance. The afternoon provided an opportunity for several current and past staff to share some stories and encouraging words concluding with a tour of the current College facilities (very different to the early days). The event provided an opportunity for past students and staff to reconnect, but also acts as a new beginning for an Emmaus Old Scholars Association. A large number of attendees indicated their desire to take an active role in the establishment of this new group which will plan a range of regular ways to connect and be involved in new ways, in the life of the College. I was most impressed to see so many students (now mature adults!) from the Yr 12 graduating year of 1984/1985 (as well as many as recent as 2015!)

If you have connections with past students who may not have been aware of this reunion and would like to receive some information about the development of an Old Scholars Association, please ask them to contact the College directly.

Andrew Linke
Principal

Middle School

I was at a Wellbeing conference recently and the presenter was talking about 'helicopter parents' those that hover around awaiting to rescue their children from mistakes. This is a term you may have heard used. It is certainly a challenge I have, as a Dad, to know when to step in and when to allow actions and choices to run their course.

We want our children to grow into adults who can be independent, problem solve and make excellent choices. To develop these abilities, young people, at times may need to fail, provided the stakes are not too high and no one's health or safety is at risk. Making mistakes enables young adolescents to learn the ability of resilience and ‘bouncing back’.

Adolescence is a time for your child to grow in their independence and they still need your support and guidance. School reports are coming up at the end of this Term, and early next Term we will have opportunity for Parent Teacher interviews. This is a great opportunity to connect with teaching staff to enquire how your child is fairing and work in partnership with staff to support and empower your child to make quality choices and decisions.

Adrian Cotterell, Director of Teaching and Learning - Middle School, recently sourced this article from the Sydney Morning Herald http://m.smh.com.au/national/children-are-more-resilient-at-10-years-old-than-15-study-finds-20160316-gnk4sx.html which may be of interest regarding resiliency and young people.

Andrew Edmondson
Head of Middle School

Music

Performing Arts Calendar 2016

All performances are held in the EPAC (unless stated elsewhere).

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Andrew Verco
Music Coordinator (Rec-Yr 12)
Seussical the Musical - Term 2 Week 8
Casting is complete. There will inevitably be some disappointed students, however the life lessons they are learning along the way are so deeply valuable, so please encourage your child to be resilient and enjoy another role they will be able to play in Seussical. Now the fun REALLY begins as we rehearse and allow the students to live and learn.

Do you have any of the following items at your house?
• Bright coloured feather boas
• Bright stripes or spotty long, knee high socks
• Tutus
• Crazy, bright coloured wigs

If you have any items to donate to the school - AWESOME!! Alternatively if you are happy to loan an item or two, can you please clearly name your item and place it in a box by Mrs Robyn Butler’s classroom. We hope some Seuss stories are hitting your house, the ‘Seuss Buzz’ is certainly dwelling at Emmaus Christian College!

Nikki Meinel
Junior School Worship Band/Choir

Junior School

Primary Swimming Carnival
A very enjoyable and fun morning was had by all despite the cool weather. Congratulations to the Year 3-6 students for their excellent behaviour and great team spirit. The final results were Ruby 1st 1019 points, Topaz 2nd 879 points and Emerald 3rd 772 points. Thank you to Debbie Beaty and Daryl Porter for the magnificent job they did in organising the Carnival. Thank you also to the parent helpers who worked hard scoring and judging during the morning. We also appreciated the parents who came to cheer and encourage.

Parent/Teacher Communication
Ongoing communication between parents and teachers is vital. We believe that a true partnership can only be achieved when the communication between home and school is free flowing. This year there will be interviews in Term 1 and Term 3. Thank you to the parents who attended Parent/Teacher interviews on Tuesday and Wednesday last week. This is another valuable way in which parents can be involved in their child’s education. Ongoing individual meetings with parents and teachers can be organised as needed or requested. Thank you also to those parents who provided the delicious food for the staff dinner on Tuesday evening.

Mother's Day Stall
All Junior School students are asked to donate a gift to the Mothers Day Stall which will be held on Friday 6th May. Thank you to the families who have already brought a gift. If you would like to be part of the gift wrapping working bees please speak to your Parent Class Representative.

CSA's 2016 Easter in the Mall event
The Year 3/4 choir performed beautifully on Monday 21st as part of the College presentation in Rundle Mall. The choir, along with the Senior Worship Band and the Year 9 Drama students and dancers enthusiastically shared the meaning of Easter to all who passed by. Thank you to Nikki Meinel and Andrew Verco for an amazing opportunity for our students.

"I just saw a class of youngsters singing ‘Absolutely Everybody’ in the Mall. I have to say, what a credit to the class and the teacher for their enthusiasm and great performance. All the kids were singing out beautifully — a joy to stumble across in my lunch hour and a great testament to the singing teacher and the kids! It definitely put a smile on my face and many others." From a member of the public.

Primary School Theme for Term 1 2016
Walk the Emmaus road with – our Great God, the ‘I am’. Week 9 Bible Verse – ‘The Lord Jesus Christ…..will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like His glorious body’. Philippians 3:21

Annette Craven
Head of Junior School

From the Library

SRC Junior School Fundraising event! Get Changed to Make a Change
SRC as representatives of Junior School are hosting a Casual Day on Friday 8th April (Week 10) for Junior School. Junior School students may wear casual clothes if they bring a gold coin donation (although we need to raise a lot of money...so more is always welcome!) All money raised goes to help support the Sponsor Children that we have ‘adopted’ through World Vision and Compassion.
Junior School Library Monitors
Congratulations to our Junior School Library Monitors who will be helping the Library in a variety of ways after writing a written letter of application for their positions. The opportunity to lead in our school can take many forms. These wonderful people will be helping the Library staff at lunchtimes and some will also assist Junior Classes to return heavy books at the beginning of the day.

Library Monitors:
Monday - Lucy & Niki
Tuesday - Maansi & Charlene
Wednesday - Amelia & Miriam
Thursday - Brooke & Anna
Friday - Tabitha & Jienna

Books to Return
Please check at home to see whether you have any stray books that need to come back to the Library.
Books are able to be borrowed over the holiday period. But they will need to be returned immediately after the holidays.

Carolyn Hull
Teacher Librarian

Careers Corner
VET courses and work experience provide real career pathways into employment. I would like to share the following article regarding the story of a previous Emmaus student.

Lauren was very keen to work with animals, in particular horses. In 2013 she studied Certificate II Stable Hand VET course as part of her SACE for Year 12. Lauren’s VET course required her to complete 3 week’s work experience, which she did with Cleland Wildlife Park, Richard Jolly Horse Racing and Gillian Roltan’s Equestrian Centre (Gillian is an equestrian Olympic gold medallist). Lauren’s work experience and VET course enhanced her desire to follow a career of working with horses.

After graduating in 2013, Lauren gained employment with Gillian Roltan and assisted with Hahndorf Equestrian competitions. She moved to Melbourne in 2014 and worked with Wendy Schaeffer, also an Olympic gold medallist and equestrian horse trainer. Here Lauren groomed and cared for horses, preparing them for competitions.

At the beginning of 2015, Lauren returned to Adelaide and worked in horse dressage before gaining full time employment with Leon McDonald Racing where she currently works as a stable hand. She is now also studying Certificate III Racing (Advanced Stable Hand) and she is considering her future career options, possibly as a horse trainer.

Speaking with Lauren recently it is evident that her passion is working with horses. I mentored Lauren in her final year at Emmaus and I have no doubt her enthusiasm, passion and willingness to work hard has been rewarded by her journey so far and her current employment.

Lauren credits her Certificate II VET course and work experience as the avenue that started her career. I would also like to add that Lauren’s determination, ‘can do’ attitude and hard work also afforded her exceptional work opportunities. Well done Lauren!

Lauren's journey is typical of students who do not wish to follow a university pathway and are dedicated to following other study options.
VET courses provide the perfect opportunity for students to follow their dreams and start their career journey whilst still at school.

Please contact me at ctorjul@emmauscc.sa.edu.au if you have any queries about VET.

Cathy Torjul
VET Coordinator

Community News

Science Bootcamp
Science bootcamp is an immersive CSIRO science experience for secondary school students. CSIRO Education and Outreach host science bootcamps in various capital cities throughout the year. The two-day program exposes secondary school-aged students to authentic scientific research in contemporary research facilities and gives the students the chance to meet and talk with CSIRO researchers. Students visit working laboratories and see the research currently being performed by scientists, researchers and technicians. This year the event in Adelaide will be held on Wednesday 27th and Thursday 28th April and the cost is $250.00. Please go to https://events.csiro.au/Events/2016/February/4/Student-Science-Bootcamp-Apr16-Adelaide for further information and a registration form.

Parenting with Grace and Purpose - Trinity City
In the hustle and bustle in the early years with children, how do you thrive (and not just survive)? Learn some practical strategies to model grace whilst making deliberate goals for each stage of parenting. The evening is being hosted by Geoff and Wendy Lin, for parents of children aged 0 - 12 years, at Trinity City Parish Hall, 87 North Terrace on Thursday 5th May 7.30pm to 9.30pm. Cost is $5 per parent and includes supper. Please go to www.trinitycity.org.au/register to register your place.
It is that time of year to begin thinking about winter uniform for Term 2. Please take the time to ask your child to try on their winter uniform to ensure it is in good condition and still fits!

A reminder to Middle School girls, you are required to wear formal uniform, consisting of College skirt, blouse, navy jumper (cotton or wool) and black stockings (50/60 denier).

A reminder to Senior School boys, it is compulsory to wear long pants in winter with BLACK socks, NOT white socks.

My holiday opening hours are below, if you have difficulty visiting at these times, please contact me to make alternative arrangements.

For further uniform information please refer to the College website.

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 2nd May).

Christine Blom-Cursaro
Uniform Shop Manager

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. Please also remember to sign in at the Front Office and wear a visitors badge before you commence in the canteen. This is a legal requirement in case of fire evacuation/lock down. Thank you for your assistance with this important matter.

Christine Blom-Cursaro and Janine Richards

Holiday Clinics

Marion Cultural Centre - Events for the Young Ones
• Monday 18th April, 11.00am - Athletic Antics - Tickets $10
  Wobbles the Clown is back with his funniest show yet....and sport will never be the same again! Fantastic family fun!
• Wednesday 20th April, 11.00am - The Power of Me - Tickets $10
  Puppet performance is full of exciting modern songs and a relatable story to many school students.
• Thursday 28th April, 11.00am - The Musical Adventures of Popeye & Olive - Tickets $10
  Meet spinach chewin’ Popeye, his ditzy girlfriend Olive Oyl and others as they take you on a retro adventure on the High Seas.

For further information, please contact Marion Cultural Centre on 8375 6855.
**Netball SA**
Netball SA is running their much loved School Holiday Clinic for 5-10 year olds.
For further information please go to http://sa.netball.com.au/event/april-school-holiday-clinics/

**Australian Sports Camps**
Learn new skills and improve your games! Three day sports camps for all skill levels for 6 to 16 year olds, boys and girls are available in: AFL Football, Basketball, Netball or Soccer. Their structured skill development programs are delivered by a panel of experienced and talented coaches at first class facilities. All children are placed in age, friendship and skill appropriate groups. All camps are being held at Westminster School, Marion, from 27th to 29th April 2016. For more details go to australiansportscamps.com.au or call 1300 914 368.