

Next College Newsletter: Wed 29th June 2016
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Important Dates

June

Mon 20th - Fri 24th

Yr 10 & Yr 11 Exams

Wed 22nd

'Seussical Jr.' @ Edwardstown
Baptist, Mat & Eve Performances

Thu 23rd

'Seussical Jr.' @ Edwardstown
Baptist, Eve Performance only

Fri 24th

End of Semester 1
Junior School Student Free Day

Mon 27th

Start of Semester 2

Tue 28th

SACSA Yr 3 - 12 Cross Country
Yr 5 - 7 Debating @ Pulteney
Grammar

Thu 30th

Emmaus Connect Group 7.00pm in
Staffroom

July

Tue 5th

MS/SS Music Showcase @ 7.00pm
in EPAC

Thu 7th

LAP Afternoon Tea @ 2.00pm

Thu 7th - Fri 8th

Yr 12 Camp

Fri 8th

End of Term - normal finish time

2016 Term Dates

Term 2

Tue 3 May - Fri 8 Jul

Term 3

Tue 26 Jul - Fri 30 Sep

Term 4

Mon 17 Oct - Fri 9 Dec

(Term dates subject to change)

2017 Term Dates

Term 1

Mon 30 Jan - Thu 13 Apr

Term 2

Tue 2 May - Fri 7 Jul

Term 3

Wed 26 Jul - Fri 29 Sep

Term 4

Mon 16 Oct - Wed 6 Dec

(Term dates subject to change)

Weekly Prayer Meeting
Thursday Morning
8.30am - 9.00am

From the Head of Senior School

Dear Friends and Families

When I last wrote for the newsletter I spoke of the work of the College Outreach Group which was planning focuses in 3 main areas: Local (Refugees), National (Ernabella) and International (Cambodia, and now Indonesia). The criteria for selecting these included how we could raise funds, provide service and inspire young people to be involved, connect and care.

At the end of the first Term, almost \$600.00 was raised through the College Casual Day. This along with remaining mission funds from last year is to be donated towards the work of the Barnett's on the translation of the Old Testament into Pitjantjatjara. Altogether this has amounted to \$2000.00.

While funds have been raised, the exciting part of our journey continues to be the inspiring of the hearts. Teacher **Neil Blenkinsop**, who has led the annual Year 11 Lands Trip to Ernabella for over 20 years and teaches the Aboriginal Studies course at Year 12, writes of the events of the past few weeks:

The recent National Reconciliation Week celebrates reconciliation with our Aboriginal brothers and sisters which has been a commitment of Emmaus Christian College for over twenty years. This Term, Emmaus students visited Ernabella for a week of cultural immersion with the Anangu (people) of the Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Lands. They experienced the vulnerability of being a minority, not knowing the language or cultural norms. As a result, they have gained an appreciation of the generosity, complexity and uniqueness of Anangu society. The tjitji tjuta (Ernabella children) were their friends and generously taught them language, dance, how to dig for tjala (honey ants) and Pitjantjatjara world views. In Term 3, Ernabella Junior Secondary class will reciprocate, spending a week being hosted by Emmaus Lands Trip students here in Adelaide.

On Thursday 2nd June, Emmaus Christian College and St John's Grammar School organised a reconciliation event at Colebrook Reconciliation Park for students from both schools who had recently been to the APY Lands. Other local schools in the Blackwood area were also invited to this unique and very special event. Three of the four surviving original Tjitji Tjuta (children) who came from Quorn to Colebrook Home at Eden Hills in 1943 contributed: Grace Sopar, Mona Olsson and Lowitja O'Donoghue. Mona spoke of how she and Grace were stolen from their families at Ernabella in 1936. She spoke of her life journey of pain, suffering and finally hope she found in Christ. Lowitja led the crowd in a 'Journey of Healing' ceremony which had been given to her in 1998 by the Pitjantjatjara elders of Uluru. At the ceremony, Year 11 student, Segopotso from Emmaus, reflected on her visit to Ernabella saying "We want Australia to be a country that is recognised for its love and most importantly, respect for the First Australians. Injustices have been committed in the past but the wonderful thing is now we have the opportunity to work together and incorporate these traditions into everyday society." During Reconciliation Week, the Year 12 Aboriginal Studies class was invited to act as ushers at the Aboriginal Veterans Commemorative Service at the Parade Ground on North Terrace. While there were many dignitaries in attendance, the most important aspect was an opportunity to recognise Aboriginal veterans who served, fought and died for Australia, despite not being eligible to vote or be recognised as citizens in their own country until 1967.

During Reconciliation Week, Emmaus flew the Aboriginal flag in a spirit of goodwill and respect for our Aboriginal brothers and sisters. Over many years, Aboriginal people have very generously supported and contributed to our College through the exchange program with Ernabella. Emmaus desires to continue to journey with the Aboriginal community of South Australia and as Segopotso stated, "we want to bring two sides together, learn about and embrace an important part of our country's history and culture".



Irma Rodda
Head of Senior School

Junior School

Student Free Day

On Friday 24th June, the Junior School will be having a Student Free Day. This will enable students to recover from the musical and for teachers to clean up, sort out and put away the many props and costumes. Teachers will also be writing reports on this day.

Junior School Musical

The countdown is on! Students and staff are now very excited about performing the Junior School Musical, 'Seussical Jr'. Costumes and back drops are receiving the final touches. Thank you to our community for your ongoing support and prayers for our musical team, staff and students this term as 'Seussical Jr' moved from an idea to reality. A huge thank you to the parents who have provided amazing practical support with sewing costumes. Please remember that all students are to bring a plate of party food for the celebration after the Musical on Thursday evening.

If families have not purchased tickets yet for the Musical on Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd June, please do so as soon as possible as tickets are selling quickly.

'A person is a person no matter how small'

Junior School Theme for Term 2 2016

Walk the Emmaus road with – our Great God, the 'I am'. Week 7 Bible Verse – *'Try hard to do what is right. Have faith, love and peace. Do these things together with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart'.* **2 Timothy 22b.**

Annette Craven

Head of Junior School



Middle School

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Can I encourage you to support your children to think about what they are communicating through emails and phone messages. It has come to our attention that some students have been relating to one another, outside of their time at the college, on digital devices in a way that is not honouring of others.

When students communicate with each other from home it is obviously a matter for individual families to support, monitor and modify, if required. As a college we want to work in partnership with you to ensure students grow to be discerning, measured, wise and respectful in their communication and conduct.

We have discussed at our Middle School assembly to consider all that comes from your communication with others and to honour and uplift your peers and those you interact with. You may like to continue such conversations at home and may be interested to know what your child is communicating with their peers.

Andrew Edmondson

Head of Middle School

Music

Performing Arts Calendar 2016

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

Term 2	Week 8	Tuesday 21 st - Thursday 23 rd June	Junior School Musical - <i>Seussical Jr.</i>
	Week 10	Tuesday 5 th July - NEW DATE!	MS/SS Music Showcase
Term 3	Week 3	Tuesday 9 th August	Yr 11/12 Soloists @ Flinders St Baptist
	Week 7	Thursday 8 th September	Spring Instrumental Night @ 7.00pm
Term 4	Week 3	Thursday 3 rd November	Count Us In Concert
	Week 8	Monday 5 th December	Yr 5/6 Band Program Concert

Andrew Verco

Music Coordinator (Rec-Yr 12)

Seussical the Musical

Get your order forms in ASAP if you are interested in buying a DVD of our Seussical Jr. A precious musical memory for our Junior School students. Great to pull out for their 21st Birthday one day!

Please note: You **WILL NOT** be able to order the DVD after the show.

Remember to go online at www.trybooking.com and book your Seussical tickets. They are selling fast so do not leave it to the last minute. It is going to be a fabulous show! I am super proud of what the students are achieving. I look forward to seeing you there.

Nikki Meinel

Junior School Worship Band/Choir



Student Family Support Worker

Slowing Down Parenting

I read an article recently from Rachel Macy Stafford – also known as ‘The hands free mama’ - entitled ‘The day I stopped saying hurry up.’

This article gave me some food for thought and also gave me time to reflect on my parenting when my children were small. If I had my time again I think I would do some things differently. When my three children were young we lived in a small country town in Victoria. Life was simple, uncluttered and centered round our faith, family and friends. We did not have a lot of money, but our children were happy and we had the important basics.

In later years we moved our family back to SA and for the first time for them, to live in the city. Our life soon became chock a block with sporting activities and school events competing with church and family time as our three children became busier and busier. I can sadly relate to these words from Rachael.

“When you’re living a distracted life, every minute must be accounted for. You feel like you must be checking something off the list, staring at a screen, or rushing off to the next destination. And no matter how many ways you divide your time and attention, no matter how many duties you try and multi-task, there’s never enough time in a day to ever catch up.

That was my life for two frantic years. My thoughts and actions were controlled by electronic notifications, ring tones, and jam-packed agendas. And although every fibre of my inner drill sergeant wanted to be on time to every activity on my overcommitted schedule, I wasn’t.”

Rachel goes on to explain that ‘hurry up’ became her statement at the start of every sentence, that after years of demanding her laid back carefree youngest child to keep moving, she finally realized that it was she who had to slow down. Rachel said that it was not easy to turn around her demanding fast paced attitude, but that when she finally let her daughter set the pace and put aside her own agenda, she was amazed by the way her child saw the world and she too was looking at life through new eyes.

Rachel said after 3 years of living at a much slower pace she can now say this-

“I gave my child a little time ... and in return, she gave me her last bite and reminded me that things taste sweeter and love comes easier when you stop rushing through life.”

I know our modern lives are busy and that some events are hard to avoid but if like Rachel, you can slow down and appreciate the little things I am sure your children will thank you for it. If you are interested in reading more about the Slow Down parenting movement please go to the following website

<http://www.familylife.com/articles/topics/parenting/challenges/frazzled-family/life-is-good-when-parents-and-children-slow-down>

If you would like to read Rachel’s article in full please go to <http://brightside.me/article/the-day-i-stopped-saying-hurry-up-20655/>

Sue Chapman

First Aid

Emailing a First Aid Officer at the College

Emmaus Christian College has a First Aid Officer on duty every school day between 8.15am and 3.30pm. We share this role with one being on duty each morning and the other on duty in the afternoon.

If you need to contact one of us please phone the College on 8292 3888. Alternatively you can send an email. Please note that the email address to use with any information pertaining to sickness, injuries or any other first aid matter is firstaid@emmauscc.sa.edu.au When you use this email address you can be sure that the information will be received by the First Aid Officer who is on duty at the time.

Ros Argent & Maria McIver First Aid Officers

Uniform Shop

2016 Normal Opening Hours

Monday 8.30am - 10.00am
3.00pm - 5.00pm

Thursday 8.30am - 10.00am
1.00pm - 1.30pm
3.00pm - 5.00pm

The opening hours during the school holidays are:

Week 1 CLOSED

Week 2 Thu 12 noon - 5.00pm

Fri 8.30am - 1.30pm

Christine Blom-Cursaro Uniform Shop Manager

Canteen Roster

Week 7 T2

Thu 16th Catherine Chua
Fri 17th Melanie Pruszinski

Week 9 T2

Mon 27th HELP NEEDED
Tue 28th No help needed
Wed 29th Bridie Tonkin
Thu 30th HELP NEEDED
Fri 1st Karen Ames

Week 8 T2

Mon 20th Maria Tedesco
Tue 21th No help needed
Wed 22nd Kathy Rohrlach
Thu 23rd HELP NEEDED
Fri 24th Monique Watt

Week 10 T2

Mon 4th HELP NEEDED
Tue 5th No help needed
Wed 6th Maria Gutteridge
Thu 7th HELP NEEDED
Fri 8th HELP NEEDED

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

Careers Corner

Taster courses are a fantastic way for students to have a 'look and feel' of a career before committing to a formal qualification or VET course.

Below are courses now on offer:

Electrical Construction Taster Course based at Emmaus' Trade Training Centre.

This is a non-accredited course that has been designed to give students a 'taste' of the construction industry. Students who complete this course will gain an Electrical Rescue and Resuscitation certification.

A flyer and enrolment form is available by going to <http://www.emmauscc.sa.edu.au/trade-training-centre.html>

This course is filling very quickly, so enrol today!

These external short courses are also now available:

First Aid (1 day course)

The participant will gain knowledge and skills to confidently recognise and respond to an emergency situation requiring first aid. Students will complete all elements of the course on the day, no prior reading material or post exams required!

Barista (Coffee Making) (1 day course)

Whether you are looking for a part time job or simply wanting to learn how to make the perfect espresso coffee, this course is for you. Participants will be introduced to the skills and knowledge required to extract and serve espresso coffee using a commercial espresso machine.

Responsible Service of Alcohol (1 day course)

This course provides participants with the skills and knowledge to satisfy the requirements for responsible service of alcohol under State/Territory legislation.

Please note: Students must turn 17 prior to undertaking this course and will need parent permission if under 18.

A Taste of Hospitality (4 day course)

This course is perfect for students who are interested in learning some basic hospitality and kitchen skills and is designed to give students basic skills in services, handling and preparing food, and is an introduction to the hospitality industry.

Short courses will be held on either a weekend or during the July school holidays. Costs will vary and range between \$100.00 - \$480.00

Please note: These courses usually fill very quickly so if your child is interested in any of the above courses it would be worthwhile to act promptly.

If you or your child would like more information or an enrolment form, please contact me at ctorjul@emmauscc.sa.edu.au

Cathy Torjul
VET Coordinator

College News

Mock Interviews for Year 11 students

Emmaus Christian College and VETnetwork Australia Training Services have partnered in a Mock Interview Program for Year 11 students. The aim of the program is to provide our Year 11 students with a realistic experience of how they would prepare and conduct themselves through an interview process. Students who participate in the Mock interview Program will have a better awareness of the process and gain the relevant skills that can assist them in the future.

We are seeking family/parent/friends/volunteers who have a desire to share their valuable knowledge and experience with our students to assist with the process between 9.00am and 2.00pm on Tuesday 28th June at Emmaus Christian College. Lunch will be provided.

We will hold a short induction session for our volunteer interviewers at 9.00am to provide our volunteers with an 'interview guide/focus' to support specific student outcomes. Volunteer interviewers will carry out a one-on-one interview with around 7-10 students. The simulated interview process works as if the students were actually attending an interview. Your role as an interviewer is to ask a series of questions similar to those asked in a real interview (question examples will be supplied). You do not need to have had previous experience in interviewing to assist in this process.

If you are able to help, please email me at jwichert@emmauscc.sa.edu.au

Thank you so much.

Jenny Wichert
Year 11 teacher

Rostrum Voice of Youth Competition (VOY)

Samantha (Yr 7), Erica (Yr 7), Ben (Yr 8) and Louisa (Yr 9) participated in the VOY competition, competing against 150 students. They each had to prepare a 6 minute speech and on the day give a 3 minute impromptu speech.

All four contestants did extremely well and spoke confidently about their chosen subject.

We are very excited to announce that Erica and Ben went through to the semi finals.

Ben won his semi final heat and now has to prepare a new speech to deliver at the Rostrum State Finals at Parliament House later in June.

Congratulations to all 4 students who participated and all the best to Ben for the state finals!

da Vinci Decathlon

The da Vinci Decathlon is an academic competition designed to challenge and stimulate the minds of school students.

Students compete in teams of eight across 10 disciplines: Engineering, Mathematics and Chess, Code Breaking, Art and Poetry, Science, English, Philosophy, Creative Producers, Cartography and General Knowledge. Emmaus had 3 teams, 24 students who entered this year's competition.

The Year 7 team competed against 21 schools and came 3rd over all in the Creative Producers and Philosophy discipline and the Year 5/6 team came 3rd in the Creative Producers.

All students competed enthusiastically and worked well as a team to complete the challenges.

Debating has commenced!

Emmaus has 3 teams competing in the Debating SA Competition on Tuesday nights at Pulteney Grammar School. In the first round teams had to debate on 'Single sex schools are best'. All teams won their heat! Well done to all our competitors.

Special mention to Maxwell (Yr 6), Phoebe (Yr 7) and Baraka (Yr 7) who each won debater of the night in their different teams.

Last week the teams had to debate on 'If there were aliens the Prime Minister should tell the people.' There were some interesting ideas. Congratulations to Cameron (Yr 7) who won debater of the evening!

Oliphant Science Awards

The Oliphant Science Awards are a wonderful opportunity for school students from Reception to Year 12 to develop their interests in science through a competition with a range of categories to suit a wide variety of abilities and interests. This competition is open to all students, if you would like your child to participate in the annual Oliphant Science Awards, forms and entry fees (\$16.00) are due in Week 7 (this week). The majority of the work is to be completed at home. Projects, models, crystals, posters, multi media, photography, games and scientific writing are not due until Week 1 in Term 3.

For more information about the competition please look at their website <http://www.oliphantscienceawards.com.au/> or contact Susanne Milne at smilne@emmauscc.sa.edu.au

Community News

Scripture Union SA Youth and Children's Conference (YaCC)

Ministry to children, teens and families has never looked this good!

YaCC is overflowing with hands on teaching that will take your ministry to a higher level. With 12 electives to choose from, anchored by their keynote speaker Terry Williams, you will leave the day challenged, inspired and equipped. The electives broadly fit into 4 different areas of ministry; Children, Generational, Youth, and Family. Sessions are relevant to all age groups. The conference is being held on Saturday 18th June at the Adelaide Christian Centre, 27 Sturt Street, Adelaide. For more information and to register, please visit their website www.susa.org.au/yacc

Clarence Park Community Childcare Centre

Clarence Park Community Childcare Centre currently have childcare vacancies on Tuesday's through to Friday's. They are a not for profit occasional care childcare centre and are situated at 72-74 East Avenue, Black Forest. For further information, please contact Vanessa Spiniello, Childcare Director on 8293 8166 or 0407 713 551.

Retreat at St. Anthony of Padua Church, Edwardstown

The Four Step Retreat that could change your life is being conducted by the Community of the Risen Lord and has truly been a moment of encounter with the Holy Spirit in the spiritual lives of so many around the world. It is being held on Saturday 25th June from 10.00am to 5.00pm and on Sunday 26th June, 11.00am to 4.00pm. Admission is free and all are welcome. A free childcare facility is available and a light meal and refreshment will be provided. For further information please contact Tony 0406 681 758, Manjula 0452 221 079 or Thomas 0405 188 436.

SA Dental Service

The Child Dental Benefits Schedule will continue until December 2016. This means that all babies and children not yet at school, and most other children to age 17, are eligible for FREE dental care at the School Dental Service. For an appointment or for further information, please contact Marion GP Plus Dental Clinic on 7425 8400.

Free Marion Library Service program - Label Reading

Be a food label detective! This session is being held at Cove Civic Centre, Ragamuffin Drive, Hallett Cove on Wednesday 27th July, 1.00pm - 2.00pm, will help you understand all of the information on food packaging. Presented by Flinders University School of Health Sciences StEW Students. Bookings are essential online at marion.sa.gov.au or 8375 6785.

Holiday Clinics

TAFE SA Kids Kitchen

Where: TAFE SA Regency Campus

When: 12th - 15th July 2016

Age Groups & Prices: Kinder Cooks (4-6 years - must have an accompanying adult) \$37.00 (3 hours)

Growing Gourmets (7-12 years) \$55.00 (3 hours)

Master Classes (13-16 years) \$90.00 (5 hours)

For bookings, please go to www.eventopia.co/RGA or for enquiries please contact Gemma McGowan on 8348 4097.

Come 'N Try

Come 'n Try is an initiative of the Adelaide City Council, presented by 'Life. Be in it'. The program seeks to encourage 5 to 16 year olds to get active and try a fun and exciting new sport or recreational activity in the holidays!

It will take place during the first week of the July School holidays, 11th to 15th July 2016 and are held in the Adelaide CBD and parklands.

All information can be found at www.comentry.com.au Hope to see you there!

Ambassadors Soccer Camp

Ambassadors Soccer Camps is an internationally developed soccer program based on over 20 years of global coaching experience.

Each camp includes quality coaching, character development and matches and competitions. Hosted by St Columba's Anglican Church, Hawthorn and Coromandel Baptist Church. Each player who attends receives a camp shirt, certificate and photograph. Available to girls and boys aged 6-12 with all playing abilities and is being held from Tuesday 19th July to Friday 22nd July from 9.00am to 12.30pm each day at The Parks Playing Fields, Hawthorn. Cost if booked before 29th June is \$125.00. To register and for further information, please go to www.soccercamps.org.au

Adelaide Angels Baseball Club

Come and Try Baseball Clinic is free and being held on Thursday 14th July 2016.

Session 1 for 5 to 9 year olds is 9.30am - 11.30am

Session 2 - 10 to 17 year olds os 12.30pm - 2.30pm

The sessions will be held at the new fantastic indoor facilities at the home of Baseball SA at West Beach. West Torrens Library will transport children for Free. Bookings are essential through West Torrens Library at tcampbell@wtcc.sa.gov.au