

Next College Newsletter: Wed 27th June 2018

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Important Dates

June

Thu 14th

JS Principal Tours @ 9.15am

Yr 3-12 ICAS Writing

Yr 11/12 Drama Performance Exam

Fri 15th

'Let there be Coffee' Coffee Van @ 2.30pm - 3.30pm in JS area

Mon 18th - Fri 22nd

Yr 10 & 11 Exams

Fri 22nd

End of Semester 1

'Let there be Coffee' Coffee Van @ 2.30pm - 3.30pm in JS area

Mon 25th

Semester 2 commences

Thu 28th

MS Maths Workshop in Staffroom @ 7.30pm - 9.30pm

Fri 29th

'Let there be Coffee' Coffee Van @ 2.30pm - 3.30pm in JS area

July

Tue 3rd

MS/SS Music Showcase in EPAC @ 7.00pm

Thu 5th - Fri 6th

Yr 12 Retreat @ Adare

Fri 6th

Whole School Casual Day

'Let there be Coffee' Coffee Van @ 2.30pm - 3.30pm in JS area

End of Term (normal finish time)

2018 Term Dates

Term 2

Tue 1 May - Fri 6 Jul

Term 3

Tue 24 Jul - Fri 28 Sep

Term 4

Mon 15 Oct - Wed 5 Dec

(Term dates subject to change)

Weekly Coffee Connect

Tuesday Morning

8.45am - 9.45am



Weekly Prayer Connect

Thursday Morning

8.30am - 9.00am



From the Head of Middle School and Student Wellbeing Coordinator

As part of our Emmaus R-12 Wellbeing Programme, we regularly run events and sessions for families to attend, to support the challenging task of parenting children and young people.

On Tuesday 4th September at 6.30pm we have Justin Coulson coming to speak to families about Parenting Tools to help your adolescent thrive.

Dr Justin Coulson is one of Australia's most respected relationships speaker, author, and researcher.

Obsessed with what makes relationships flourish, Justin has spoken to tens of thousands of people about relationships in leadership, education, and especially in family life.

Justin is the author of two best-selling books:

21 Days to a Happier Family and 9 Ways to a Resilient Child.

Justin has worked with The Commonwealth Bank, American Express, The Office of the Children's E-safety Commissioner, The Federal Government's Department of Social Services, Life Education and dozens, if not hundreds, of schools.

Justin is an Honorary Fellow at the Centre for Positive Psychology at the University of Melbourne's Graduate School of Education and a Senior Associate at the Positive Psychology Institute.

In addition, Dr Justin Coulson writes a weekly parenting advice column for Sydney's Daily Telegraph, appears regularly on The TODAY show and he is the parenting expert at kidspot.com.au – Australia's Number 1 parenting website.

Most importantly, Justin is an expert in wrestling (his) children, reading Dr Seuss, sliding down steep hills on cardboard boxes, and teaching his children to ride bikes. He and his wife Kylie are parents of six children and live in Brisbane.

We would strongly recommend anyone with adolescent children.... Or those soon to start the journey with children in Year 5 and 6 to consider coming along. Justin is a highly entertaining and enjoyable speaker with great take home messages.

Here is a link to his current website <https://www.happyfamilies.com.au/about/>

Andrew Edmondson
Head of Middle School

and **Sue Chapman**
Student Wellbeing Coordinator

Employment Opportunity

Emmaus is seeking a suitably qualified Christian OSHC Director to join our team. This position is a fixed term contract for Term 3 and 4 2018, 20½ hours per week (afternoons only) during term time with the possibility of the role becoming ongoing from 2019.

Applications for this role closes on Monday 18th June 2018.

Further details and application requirements can be found on the College website under 'Positions Vacant'.

Please share this exciting opportunity to become part of the Emmaus team with friends, family and Church associates.

Andrew Linke
Principal



Junior School

Learning Enrichment

da Vinci Decathlon

Twenty four ECC students recently competed in the statewide da Vinci Decathlon competition against 19 other schools. This competition asks students to solve very challenging problems across a variety of disciplines: Art and Poetry, English, Science, Engineering, Creative Producers, Mathematics, Cartography, Code Breaking and General Knowledge. We are thrilled to share that our Year 5/6 team came first in the State for three areas: Cartography, English and General Knowledge. Further to this they came second in the state overall.

An outstanding achievement!



Debating

All students in the adjacent photo recently took part in Round 2 of the SA State Debating competition. Congratulations to 4 of our teams who won their debates: Year 5/6 boys, Year 5/6 girls and two Year 6 teams. Some of our students also won debater of the night for their category!

Building emotional intelligence through resilience & conflict resolution Is it social tension, general conflict or bullying?

Ensuring ECC is a safe environment is of paramount importance to us. Bullying is not tolerated at ECC. If a report of any sort is made to teachers, it is followed up by them at the first possible opportunity.

We have noticed of late that some children are starting to use the word bullying very flippantly to label behaviours that are not bullying.

“Bullying is an ongoing misuse of power in relationships through repeated verbal, physical and/or social behaviour that causes physical and/or psychological harm. It can involve an individual or a group misusing their power over one or more persons. Bullying can happen in person or online, and it can be obvious (overt) or hidden (covert).” Definition from 'Bullying. No Way!' website for Australian schools.



Our ECC Anti-Bullying policy states: *“There are also many distressing behaviours that are not regarded as bullying, even though they are unpleasant and often require intervention and management. These can include: mutual conflict, social rejection, single episode acts of nastiness or meanness, random acts of aggression and intimidation.”*

Conflict can occur within a family, small group, school class or community; it is an inevitable part of life as we all work closely together. Sometimes an event that occurs once or twice, may require investigation and/or counselling. This is not bullying. It is normal for students to experience conflict or grievance about various things throughout any given day. Our teachers are vigilant in assisting children through this process. These experiences often involve growth in the area of conflict resolution, resilience and reconciliation. All these things build emotional intelligence. Emotional Intelligence is one of the most important aspects for a child to develop because it is critical to successful transition into tertiary education and the work force.

We encourage you to help your children label behaviours appropriately. Labelling someone as a bully, just because they have been unkind can cause stigmas and labels that are unfair. Jesus calls us to show gentleness, love and grace in all circumstances. We encourage you to explore these things with your children as you enjoy family conversations around the dinner table. May the Lord bless your very important role as parents; you have the greatest influence in shaping the hearts of your children as they serve in response to what God has done for them, now and into the future.

Helen Vonow

Head of Junior School

Senior School

Year 10 Work Experience 2018

The annual work experience week has been extremely successful and our students have received outstanding feedback. The purpose of work experience, as part of the Personal Learning Plan subject, is to allow students to experience life in the work place and discover if the type of work is something that they would want to do in the future.

Our students went to a variety of places. The list is extensive and includes: Vaxon Photo Nix (3D specialists), a florist, Adelaide Oval, the Royal Adelaide Hospital, SA Health and Medical Research, Cafes, Adelaide Airport, hairdressers and a Veterinary surgery.

Several students felt that they had found what they wanted to do with their lives and others learnt that it was not for them – which is exactly what the purpose of this exercise was.

My thanks to the parents who encouraged their children to organise a placement and the PLP teachers who kept chasing them up, as well as the many teachers who visited work places. And of course, a special thank you goes to the work places who are prepared to take our students each year.

Andrea Grear

Head of Senior School

College News

The Lands Trip students recently attended the Colebrook Reconciliation Ceremony during Reconciliation Week (Week 5), an event jointly hosted by Emmaus Christian College and St John's Grammar School. They sang a song which they wrote about their recent visit to Ernabella and Jessica, Year 11, gave the following speech about her experience. Raymond Finn and Avis Gale, who grew up at Colebrook also contributed to the event.

"This past week I had the privilege of staying in Ernabella and being a part of the Ernabella Anangu School on the APY Lands. Before this camp with my school, Emmaus Christian College, I didn't know a lot about Aboriginal Australia but after this past week the community has taught me so much about how they live and also challenged me to think about the way I'm living.

I moved from South Africa to Australia at quite a young age and although I recognise my privilege to live here in that it's a safe country where I have access to food, water and an education, I have never really felt honoured to be living on the land. I've always thought of Australian culture as getting smashed on the weekend, swearing and a bit 'bogan' and although I still think that's true to a certain extent, this camp showed me that it's a country within a country. The culture I experienced during the week was that of a deep connection and respect for the land. I feel honoured to be living on Aboriginal land which has such a rich history and culture.

On the trip up I was a bit nervous that the kids might not like me or want to play with me, but the people living in this community are the most kind, loving and accepting group of people I've ever met. Coming from a Westernised, consumerist society it was refreshing to be judged not based on how I look, my grades or how much money I have, but rather on who I am as a person. Their ability to read and respond to people without the need for excessive words comes from a genuine love, care and interest in those around them. The intra personal skills of even 5 and 6 year olds was incredible in that they were able to tell how I was feeling and what I needed despite an age gap, language barrier and cultural differences. Not only was I judged for who I am and not my achievements, but I was accepted despite the flaws in my personality.

I want to study the Pitjantjatjara language and continue to learn about the culture, beliefs and histories of Ernabella as well as other Aboriginal communities because I think I would be able to improve who I am as a person by treating people, and valuing things in the same way as the people of Ernabella.

What I experienced were Aboriginal children reaching out in reconciliation and as Australian's it is all of our responsibility to do the same to the Aboriginal community. The love I've been shown by all the people in Ernabella has made me want them to feel that same acceptance because outside of their community they are a minority and not everyone has an understanding of who they are and what has shaped them. It is so important that Aboriginal culture and way of living is recognised so that we may all learn from them. Aboriginal traditions, languages and beliefs must be protected and stereotypes broken. I want to learn more about how I can play a part in reconciliation, particularly by changing the flaws in the 'closing the gap' system around education. One day I hope I'm lucky enough to go back to Ernabella because I know I've barely reached the surface of what they have to teach us all."



Neil Blenkinsop
Middle/Senior School Teacher

Careers Corner

Final call for students who are interested in Taster Courses.

Emmaus' Electrical Construction Taster Course only has 3 places left!

The Taster Course is targeted at Year 10 students and will give students who enjoy working with their hands, the chance to have a look and 'taste' at the Construction and Electrical industry.

Enrol your child now by emailing me at ctorjul@emmauscc.sa.edu.au

Short courses are also available in Hospitality, First Aid, Manual Handling, Responsible Service of Alcohol and Barista.

If your child is interested in a Taster Course or you would like more information on VET courses, please email me.

Cathy Torjul
VET Coordinator

Sporting News

Term 2 is a busy Term! We have had SACSA Primary Athletics, SACSA Cross Country, SACSA Year 8/9 and Open Girls Netball Carnivals, After School Year 5/6 and 8/9 Netball, Year 8/9 Soccer, Under 9, 11 and Junior Saturday Soccer, and Under 12 Church Basketball.

In Week 4 we had approximately 40 students representing the College in the Year 3 -12 SACSA Cross Country Carnival. Students participated strongly, with Matthew, Year 10 finishing 3rd in the Open boys, Ikiia in the top 3 in her age group and Trinity, Heidi and Madison all finishing in the top 10 of their age groups. Well done to all our competitors. It was brought to my attention that a highlight of the day for students and parents watching our students was the way that Emmaus students cheered and supported one another over the course of the day. This type of event in Athletics is predominantly individual based when a student competes, but it is the team that helps them reach heights they may not have achieved without the support and encouragement of others.

Year 5/6 Netball Team competed in the Thunder Cup at Priceline Stadium and have only had one loss to date with many of the players continuing to show high levels of skills and improvement. The Saturday morning Soccer competitions have begun with many of the teams already having experienced a win, loss and of course a draw, typical Soccer! The Under 12 Basketball are battling hard weekly in an older competition, but the experience and exposure that players are having will hopefully benefit them in the long run. The next sport that we will be preparing for before end of Term will be the SACSA Basketball for Year 8/9 and Open Boys and Girls.

Emmaus SACSA Year 8/9 Netball teams performed well all day in their respective competitions in windy and wet conditions. The girls Emmaus Gold team finished 3rd overall, narrowly missing out on the Grand Final and Emmaus Silver team finished 8th overall (out of 22 teams). The boys team finished 3rd overall (out of 14 teams). Great results considering the obstacles the teams faced leading up to and on the day. Open girls finished 8th and Open Boys finished runners up. Thank you to Ms Felicity Leighton, Sophie (Year 12), Mrs Allison Storey and Mrs Mandy Nield for coaching the teams.

Student achievement

- Tamsyn (Year 11) has been selected in the Under 16 State Girls AFL Team to compete in the National Competition in June/July, here in SA and Interstate. Good luck Tamsyn.
- Matthew (Year 10) finished 8th in the SSSA Under 16 Boys 5k Cross Country event held at Oakbank Racecourse. He is now trialling for the U16 National Team.
- Sienna (Year 7) has been selected as part of the Girls SAPSASA District Soccer team to compete in the State Championships in Week 9.

If your child has received any sporting achievements recently, please email me at dporter@emmauscc.sa.edu.au with details and/or a photograph, so we can acknowledge this with the Emmaus Community.

Daryl Porter
PE, Health and Sports Coordinator (Rec - Year 12)

Student Wellbeing Coordinator

I just wanted to encourage parents this week. You are doing a great job – and even if it does not feel like it – you are doing the best job you can. I am privileged to talk to parents, before, during and after significant family stresses and I have nothing but admiration for the effort they put in to love and support the families in their care.

Parents are often hard on themselves, blaming themselves for each and every challenge that comes along for their children and families. But the truth is, families are made up of people, people face challenges, and our Creator is the one who is ultimately in charge of us and we do not have to do it all alone.

All families face stresses and challenges, but the bible reminds us that if we press into Him, then God will be there with us every step of the way.

"So be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid and do not panic before them. For the LORD your God will personally go ahead of you. He will neither fail you nor abandon you." **Deuteronomy 31:6**

Family life can bring some real highs and some difficult lows. May I encourage you to share your concerns with each other, with professionals and with those around you who care. There are many good resources available for parents – we have some excellent books in our parent library, we often post relevant fact sheets and we can provide information for referral services for families if required.

Please feel free to give Ben Squire, Adam Wood or myself a call here at the College.

If you would like to read some suggestions on how to encourage confidence in your children please follow the link below.

15 ways to love your child confidently! <https://www.parentingideas.com.au/2017/09/15-ways-to-love-your-child-confidently/>

Sue Chapman
Student Wellbeing Coordinator

Launch News

da Vinci Decathlon Success

Twenty four Emmaus students travelled to St Peter's Girls College at the end of May to compete against 18 other schools in the da Vinci Decathlon.

The students competed in 10 disciplines in which they were given very challenging problems: Art, Poetry, English, Science, Engineering, Creative Producers, Mathematics, Cartography, Code Breaking and General Knowledge.



We are thrilled to announce that our Year 5/6 team, comprising Isaac and Mahalia (Year 5), Isaac, Keesha, Bryant, Edna, Sehreem and Niki (Year 6) came 2nd overall with 1st place in Cartography, English and General Knowledge.

This is an outstanding result!

Year 9 students came 5th overall, 1st in Code Breaking, 2nd in Cartography and 3rd in Maths.

Congratulations to everyone who participated.

Debating Up Date

Year 5-7 Teams

On 5th June at Pulteney Grammar School, our Year 5 teams were debating against one another on *'Teachers should NOT give lollies as a reward to students.'* It was an entertaining debate and both sides had strong arguments of the advantages and disadvantages of giving lollies to students. The Purple Team won and congratulations goes to Max from our Red Team for winning Debater of the evening. Thank you to Mr Jeremy Coggins for his commitment in coaching our Purple Team.

Our three Year 6/7 teams debates were *'That see through bins are a good idea.'* Both our Year 6 teams won.

Congratulations to Jayden in Emmaus Year 6/7 Blue and Hannah in Emmaus Year 6/7 Orange for winning Debaters of the evening. Thank you to Ms Zucco for her coaching expertise with Emmaus Blue team and Mrs Carolyn Hull for Emmaus Blue team.

Year 8 and 9 Teams

On Thursday 31st May, our Year 8 and our two Year 9 teams competed at Nazareth College.

Congratulations to both Year 9 Teams who won their Debates on *'That we need free range parenting in Australia.'*

Well done to Abilyn who won Debater of the evening. Thank you to Ms Sarah Burrow and Mrs Michelle Coppins for their coaching.

The Year 8's only lost by one point on their Debate *'That free range eggs aren't all that they are cracked up to be.'* Thank you to Ms Amy Chesser for her dedication in coaching our Year 8 Team.

International History Bowl/Bee and Geography Competition for Middle and Senior School Students

We are very pleased to be hosting this all day competition on Saturday 23rd June 2018.

Students will be competing against other schools in a beat the buzzer style competition in answering questions on people, dates and events.

If you would like to your child to be part of this competition, please contact me at smilne@emmauscc.sa.edu.au and [click here](#) for further information.

Coding Camp

For students aged 5-13 and interested in coding and building 'apps', this might be the 3 day Holiday Camp for you.

Being held at Immanuel College and Westminster. Please [click here](#) for further information and to register.

Susanne Milne

Launch Coordinator (Rec - Year 10)

Music

Performing Arts Calendar 2018

Term 2	Week 10	Tuesday 3 rd July	MS/SS Music Showcase @ 7.00pm in EPAC
	Week 10	Thursday 5 th July	Year 5/6 Battle of the Bands Concert
Term 3	Week 3	Tuesday 7 th August	Tuesday on Flinders Concert
	Week 5	Friday 24 th August	SA School Band & Orchestra Festival @ Westminster School
	Week 8	Friday 14 th September	Spring Cabaret Evening @ 7.00pm in EPAC
	Week 9	Wednesday 19 th - Thursday 20 th September	Junior School Musical
Term 4	Week 3	Thursday 1 st November	Music Count Us In

Andrew Verco

Music Coordinator (Rec - Year 12)

Canteen Roster

Week 7 T2

Thu 14th No help needed
Fri 15th Katherine Papazoglou

Week 9 T2

Mon 25th No help needed
Tue 26th No help needed
Wed 27th **HELP NEEDED**
Thu 28th No help needed
Fri 29th Helen Talbot

Week 8 T2

Mon 18th No help needed
Tue 19th No help needed
Wed 20th Catherine Chua
Thu 21st No help needed
Fri 22nd Nancy Pantelis

Week 10 T2

Mon 2nd July No help needed
Tue 3rd No help needed
Wed 4th **HELP NEEDED**
Thu 5th No help needed
Fri 6th **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 wear enclosed shoes and ensure 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 Sharon Hughes

Uniform Shop

2018 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

Christine Blom-Cursaro Uniform Shop Manager

Community News

Healthy Hearts, Healthy Homes

Would you like to get more out of your relationships? Whether you are single or a couple, join Anglicare SA/Centacare as they share practical everyday tips and tools to improve your relationships from professional counsellors.

- Thursday 28th June, 6.30pm - 9.00pm at Anglicare SA, 159 Port Road, Hindmarsh. [Register here](#)
- Monday 2nd July, 6.30pm - 9.00pm at Anglicare SA, Outer Southern Hub, 111 Beach Road, Christies Beach. [Register here](#)

Both events are gold coin donation and supper is provided. Please note: No Creche is available. Please contact Joy or Helen on 8186 8900 to register or click on the 'register here' links above.