



IMPORTANT DATES

WED 27 JANUARY 2021

Term 1 commences 8.35am

2021 TERM DATES

Term 1

Wed 27 Jan Fri 9 Apr

Term 2

Wed 28 Apr Fri 2 Jul

Term 3

Wed 21 Jul Fri 24 Sep

Term 4

Mon 11 Oct Fri 3 Dec

(Dates subject to change)

From the Principal

Dear Emmaus Family and Friends

One of the many blessings working and serving at Emmaus is starting each morning with staff in a devotional capacity which includes combinations of worship, prayer, and the reading of scripture (and associated reflections). Last week a member of staff reflected on the COVID-19 challenges of 2020 through the lens of the prophet Elijah, documented in 1 King's 17. After challenging the constant wrongdoing of King Ahab, Elijah sought refuge at a brook to the east of the Jordan River. Consistent with God's provision and instruction, for some time he safely drank from the waters of the brook while being fed meat and bread by ravens.

This sounds like quite a comfortable arrangement for Elijah during this particular season! Although I am not sure how many of you have been fed by ravens, this level of provision and stability experienced by Elijah at that time would generally represent most of our lives as of February 2020 (pre COVID-19).

However, this period of provision and stability for Elijah came to an end after a lengthy period of drought - the brook dried up and Elijah's circumstances changed for the worse. No doubt this would have involved a time of hardship and challenge before God intervened with further instructions for Elijah to seek out a widow and her son in Zarephath where his essential needs will once again be met. Ultimately we see God provide for Elijah and the widows needs through a jar of flour and jug of oil that never emptied despite being continually used to prepare food in abundance.

For many of us this year, COVID-19 represented a 'brook drying up' event which has seen circumstances change from a place of security to a place of uncertainty. However, as with Elijah, God is forever loving and faithful and will, in His timing, lead us into our own 'Zarephath' (whatever form that may take in your circumstances). In Deuteronomy 31:8 we are reminded of this promise God makes to us *"It is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed."*

As the 2020 school year draws to a close (a year like no other!) and with Christmas approaching, I want to remind and encourage you of the above promise knowing that irrespective of your circumstances this year, you are unconditionally loved by a God who cares and wants to be in relationship with you.

In closing, I would also like to say thank-you and farewell to a number of staff leaving at the end of this year (or experiencing a significant change in role); and a special welcome to a significant number of new staff commencing in 2021 in response to continuing growth of our South Plympton and Brooklyn Park campuses and the Early Learning Centre.

Farewell to:

Jenny Wichert (commenced 2007), Cathy Torjul (commenced 2015), Mei Turnip (commenced 2016), Morgan Marinakis (commenced 2019) and Renae Bromilow (contract in 2020).

Welcome to:

Chris Bright (Middle/Senior Teacher)

Eunice Sweet (Junior Primary Teacher at BP)

Pearl Dragun (Junior Primary Teacher at SP)

Neven Daoud (Junior LOTE French Teacher)

Andrew Bloomfield (Junior PE Teacher)

Mel Zybek (Middle/Senior English Teacher)

Andre Van der Merwe (Middle Maths Teacher)

Steph Reedman (Student Wellbeing Counsellor)

Lucia Mangos (Middle/Senior Teacher & Middle Pastoral Coordinator)

Nigel Eaton (English Coordinator Yrs 7-12)

Justin Bailey (Middle/Senior Teacher)

Liz March (Middle/Senior Food & Hospitality Teacher)

Dan Fennell (Yrs 7-10 LOTE Indonesian Teacher)

Jake Battersby (Middle/Senior PE Teacher)

Chris Fusco (Middle/Senior Teacher)

Kate Brice (Returning from Maternity/Parenting Leave)

2021 changes:

- Amy Chesser is taking leave for 2021 to engage in theological studies.
- Helen Rance is taking well deserved Long Service Leave in Term 1 followed by substitute teaching through to the end of 2021 when she will retire following an association with the College dating back to year 'zero' (1979!).
- Mark Potter is continuing teaching at Emmaus in 2021 however will be stepping back from the College Deputy Principal role to bring about more balance to his and his family's life. Over Mark's 34 years at the College he has served in numerous roles including: Board Member; Risk and Finance Committee; Head of Senior School; SACE Coordinator; and most recently Deputy Principal. From 2021 Mark will continue in an administrative leadership role overseeing College timetabling and associated matters.

Andrew Linke
Principal

Weekly Coffee Connect

South Plympton

Tuesday Morning 8.45am - 9.45am

Brooklyn Park

Friday Morning 8.50am - 9.45am

Weekly Prayer Connect

South Plympton

Thursday Morning 8.45am - 9.15am

Awards & Competitions Results

Special Awards

2020 - Senior School - Caltex Australia All Rounder Medallion - Jacob Newman
2020 - Senior School - David Martin Memorial Award - Sarah Dunthorne & Kaitlin Turland
2020 - Senior School - Australian Defence Force Leadership & Teamwork Award - Patrick Raw & Neriah Henning
2020 - Senior School - Tabor Adelaide Award - Amy Bothma
2020 - Senior School - Grace Thomas Award - Hannah Newbury
2020 - Senior School - Nomination for Adelaide University Principal's Scholarship - Benjamin Pruszinski
2020 - Senior School - Vocation Education Award - Edgar Omondi
2020 - Senior School - Adelaide Festival Centre Arts Award - Olivia Ledson
2020 - Middle School - Grace Thomas Award - Jacob Kenning
2020 - Middle School - Baptist Care Award - Lachlan Flack & Abigail Bishop
2020 - Junior School - Outstanding Leadership Award - Sharaim Shirjeel & Eliza Acason
2020 - Junior School - Hindmarsh Shield Award - Omariah Becirovic
2020 - Junior School - Badcoe Award - Lily Nicholls

Dux of Year 2020

Year 6 Omariah Becirovic
Year 7 Bradley Turland
Year 8 Sehreem Shirjeel
Year 9 Suyen (Lacey) Le Phuong Khanh
Year 10 Vanessa Ricks
Year 11 Kaitlin Turland
Year 12 Kerelos Kolta

ATAR Dux Year 12 2019 - Jack Cheesman

Sport - Individual Awards

2020 Senior Male Sporting Champion - Fraser Western
2020 Senior Female Sporting Champion - Hannah Newbury & Olivia Nicholls
2020 Middle School Male Sporting Champion - Joshua Steer & Hudson Wellington
2020 Middle School Female Sporting Champion - Zoe Guo & Madison Basset
2020 Junior School Male Sporting Champion - Seth Hingston
2020 Junior School Female Sporting Champion - Omariah Becirovic

Music - Individual School Awards

2020 Most Improved Instrumental Senior Student - Yedam Choi
2020 Most Outstanding Instrumental Senior School Student - Angela Xu
2020 Most Improved Instrumental Middle School Student - Lance Kanyi
2020 Most Outstanding Instrumental Middle School Student - Brightlyn Victor
2020 Most Improved Instrumental Junior School Student - Megan Tran
2020 Most Outstanding Instrumental Junior School Student - Abigail Essid

FIRST Lego League

State Finalists - Callum Altmann, Joseph Asaad, Campbell Fielke, Lachlan Flack, Isaac Phua, James Sutton & Kim Tang

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National Silver Winners - Ryan Milne, Erica Phua & Matthew Sutton

Oliphant Science Award

3rd in the State for Scientific Enquiry - Sohana Pasula

Brebas Award

High Distinction Award - Savannah Edwards, Ella Schulz, Werburg Soupronovich & Praiselyn Victor

SA Young Writers Award

Winner of Year 11 & 12 & Overall Winner - Sophie Hoff
Winner of Year 9 & 10 - Soyal James

NAILA Award

Wild Card Category Winners - Eve Woodley, Tabitha Haines, She-Ro Ngu and Xian Ngu