



NEWSLETTER

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Important Dates

November

Mon 6th - Fri 17th

Yr 12 Exams

Thu 16th - Wed 22nd

Yr 10 & 11 Exams

Fri 17th

Yr 6 Business Stalls

Yr 8 Orientation Day

Yr 12 Art & Tech Exhibition in EPAC

'Let There Be Coffee' Coffee Van

Mon 20th

Reception Orientation 2

Wed 22nd

Year 11 Final Day

Thu 23rd

Yrs 1 - 7 Orientation Day

Senior School Speech Night @
Edwardstown Baptist Church

Fri 24th

'Let There Be Coffee' Coffee Van

Fri 24th - Fri 1st Dec

Yr 10 ABW

Fri 24th - Fri 8th Dec

Cambodia & Vietnam Trip

Mon 27th

Reception Orientation 3

Tue 28th

Yr 5/6 Battle of the Bands

Wed 29th

JP Community Carols & Nativity

2017 Term Dates

Term 4

Mon 16 Oct - Wed 6 Dec

Last Day of Term - Normal

Finish Time - 3.10pm

2018 Term Dates

Term 1

Mon 29 Jan - Fri 13 Apr

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

9.00am - 10.00am



Weekly Prayer Connect

Thursday Morning

8.30am - 9.00am



From the Head of Senior School

Indestructible Hope

It may be a symptom of this time of year, but I think hope is an important Biblical principle to look at. We all know about the statistics concerning mental illness. They speak for themselves and say that one in five of us will experience some form of illness, be it anxiety or depression all the way to bipolar and schizophrenia. Alternatively, we may be close to someone who is experiencing mental illness. It is a sad part of our lives, I do not know if we just recognise mental health issues more easily today or if how we live in our society is detrimental to our mental health. It is probably a combination of both. Whatever the answer is, it is not going away and we keep recognising it in our young people at an increasing rate.

Hope must surely be a Biblical principle that can speak into mental pain. So, I think that it is worth reflecting on.

In **Romans 5:1-2** Paul states: *"Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God."*

These two verses tell of how rejoicing is the result of our faith. If we understand and believe in righteousness by faith in Jesus, that initially gives us peace. And that peace leads to hope in the glory of God – the glory of God being our expectation of heaven, life made new and eternal companionship with God. So spiritual hope gives us joy.

However, verse 3 adds a bit more to the picture – Paul goes on to say *"Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance character; and character, hope."* Apparently, spiritual hope is not the end of the picture of our life. What enters into our life that creates problems is suffering. Yet the outcome of suffering is perseverance, improved character and if we have an improved character, it can produce hope.

I think what Paul is saying here is that there are two types of hope, there is spiritual hope in the glory of God, which is joy in waiting for our eternal reward. But he is also saying that in the meantime we live in the description of verse 3, which is the daily 'suffering' in life. That suffering can also lead to hope, but it seems that this hope exists because He *'poured his love into our hearts'*, so it is a here and now hope. For me it is the hope of healing in a daughter, for the ability to be resilient through God's hope in my heart when it is easy to despair. Our hope in our suffering is God's love. His love for us is shown by his willingness to die for us, whilst we were sinners.

Therefore, Paul is giving an understanding of hope that is the logical one of heaven and living beyond the problems of this world. Further on he describes the hope for people suffering right now, as God suffered for us and proved his love. It may not be a logical alleviation or cure for suffering, but it simply says that in case you doubt God because of your suffering – do not forget that God loves you! He has not left you, He has not deserted you, He died for you.

The example of Job's terrible suffering also ties in with Romans. Job is not given an explanation for his suffering, even though the reader is. Why would not God do this? The reasons for Job are those that he would never have guessed and Job is told to trust God. We know that trust in God was right because the narrative of the story tells us, however, it is a metaphor for our own suffering. Only God knows, we have to trust as the entire picture concerning our personal suffering is not always given to us. What gives us hope is knowing that God was acting reasonably with Job, and He was acting with incredible love for us when he died for us.

Maybe these Biblical principles of hope that can help develop resilience. Some people seem to get more than their fair share of suffering, however, God has promised us eternal life. He does not promise us that he will explain or fix our problems right now. Sometimes He just says, *'I love you absolutely, trust that I know what I'm doing.'* Sometimes He says *'Make the best of your situation.'* Can we, can you, rest in the hope that God loves and cares for you? Can you let go of that agonising control, worry and fear? Whether God fixes the problems in this world (and your life) now or later, He will always do what is best. We can be sure of that because he died for us. There is no greater love and compassion than that!

Andrea Grear
Head of Senior School

Junior School News

Year 3/4 Camp

On Thursday 2nd November, our very excited Year 3/4 students, teachers and parent helpers left for Mylor Adventure Camp for two days of fun, games and adventure activities including high and low ropes course, flying fox, giant swing and more. It was great to see students challenging themselves and pushing themselves beyond their comfort zone thus building resilience.

"Mylor camp was lots of fun! I enjoyed the flying fox the most because it was so high and long. I thought I would be petrified but I loved it." Andrea

"I really enjoyed Mylor because I was able to try new activities and was able to overcome my fear of heights." Lara

"I loved camp! It was fun, challenging, risky and awesome. The giant swing took me out of my comfort zone, but I did it!" Nazlee

"Mylor Adventure Camp was lots of fun and everyone enjoyed it. There were a lot of activities where we needed teamwork and courage." Emily H.

Junior Primary Twilight Sports Carnival

The Annual Twilight Sports Carnival on Friday 3rd November provided the opportunity for a wonderful evening of fellowship for the Junior Primary Community. We were blessed with a balmy evening as students enthusiastically displayed their skills in front of their families. Picnic rugs were spread and cameras were out as parents networked, fellowshipped and enjoyed the BBQ fare prepared by a team of parent helpers. Debbie Beaty, Daryl Porter and our fantastic Junior Primary team did an excellent job planning and organising this very successful Carnival. Thank you to our Year 6 leaders and Year 7 students who also assisted with the evening activities.

Indonesian Day

In Week 2 many of the Junior School students and staff wore traditional Indonesian dress or the colour red to celebrate Indonesian Day. Students enthusiastically celebrated their Indonesian learning experience by enjoying the culture, games and food of Indonesia. Activities throughout the day included an excellent variety of craft activities and games which the Year 5/6 students had organised and prepared for the younger students. Parents helped prepare and cook over 200 very tasty, healthy lunches for students and staff. The day culminated with a celebration assembly in the EPAC. Thank you to Ibu Mei and helpers for their hard work and efforts to ensure another successful Indonesian Day.

2018 Reception Orientation

It was a great pleasure to welcome and meet forty four of our 2018 Reception students and their families on Monday as they began their educational journey. The students enjoyed their first 'little taste' of school life with their teachers, as their parents and siblings joined Andrew Linke and myself for an information sharing morning tea. Two more orientation mornings are planned in the following weeks.

Junior School Theme for Term 4 2017

God is Good all the Time. Why do we sing Christmas carols? Week 5 Bible Verse -

"The Lord is my Shepherd...he refreshes my soul." Psalm 23:1



Annette Craven
Head of Junior School

Scholarships

Applications are now open for Scholarships offered by Emmaus Christian College for 2019 as follows:

- Academic Scholarship for Year 8 in 2019 (applications close Thursday 18th January 2018)
- Music Scholarship for Year 8 in 2019 (applications close Friday 2nd February 2018)
- Pilgrim Scholarship for Year 8 in 2019 (applications close Friday 2nd February 2018)

Full details of scholarships and application forms are available on the College website.

Scholarships at Emmaus Christian College are available to students who meet the College's enrolment criteria. Please contact the Registrar on 8292 3834 if you require further information.

First Aid

Collection of Medications

Some students have medication kept at school in a locked cupboard in the First Aid Room. We do not store medications over the long school holiday period. Could all medication please be collected from the First Aid Room when your son/daughter has finished their school year. **This is particularly relevant to Senior School Students at this point in time as they complete their school year before the official end of Term.** Thank you.

Ros Argent and Maria McIver
First Aid Officers

College News

Seeking a Holiday Home for 'Teddy the Turtle'

The Junior Primary (R-2) teachers are looking for a kind family to look after Teddy the Turtle for the summer holidays. He is a very friendly turtle and easy to care for. If you would like to take care of him, please let your child's Junior Primary teacher know. Thank you.

The Junior Primary Team

Food Drive to Support Refugees

Each year, with the help of the community, ARA (the Australian Refugee Association) collects food, toiletries and new blankets to support their clients over the cold winter months. The Food and Blanket Drive is a practical way to show your support with your donation going directly to those that need it the most.

Emmaus Christian College plans to support this worthy charity with a **Food Drive** for Week 7 this Term. This collection of food donations will help people who are in dire situations, have a little bit of joy for Christmas. It is a wonderful way to reach out to the community and make a difference.

Students will collect food from home and amass it in their home groups/classrooms until the final collection on Friday 1st December. On this day, students will bring the food to one collection point for pickup by ARA.

Please keep in mind that non-perishable items such as canned beans, lentil and tomatoes, oil, flour and rice, as well as Halal and vegetarian options, will be of most use to their refugee clients. So get involved and make a difference to someone this Christmas.



Casual Day - Friday 1st December - Week 7

Donations in lieu of a gold coin are non-perishable goods for the Food Drive (see above).

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 allowed. This is particularly relevant to 'Home Ec' & 'Tech' lessons where this becomes a safety issue.

From the Library



Book returns

We would like to remind all families that ALL books are due back to school by Friday 24th November.

Returning them prior to this date would be fantastic! At this time of the year we aim to ensure that we have everything back, and then ready for another year in 2018.

If a book has been borrowed and not returned, we will prepare invoices to request payment for the lost resource. Please check at home for stray Emmaus books and text books. This may help another student in our school if your child has taken home the wrong book by mistake.

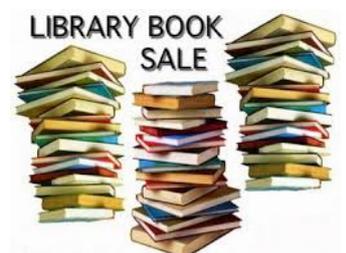
Book Sale

A large number of books are awaiting a new home. Every Library needs to ensure that we make space for new resources and current information, so we are making some of our books available for sale.

Books are priced at 50 cents or 3/\$1. (There are also some teacher resources that may interest parents working in the education field.) Please come to the library to browse the shelf inside the Library.

Any books left at the end of the sale on Friday 24th November will be donated to South Pacific Aid.

[Note: Not everything in the library is for sale!]



Carolyn Hull, Alicia Buxton and Janet Maschmedt

Music

AMEB Exam Results

The following students participated in the AMEB exams with outstanding results:

Paul, Year 9, passed Grade 5 in Trumpet

Jarryd, Year 9, passed Grade 3 in Violin

Kaitlin, Year 8, passed Grade 1 in Violin

Niki, Year 5, passed Preliminary in Violin

Congratulations to the above students and their tutors.



Performing Arts Calendar 2017

Term 4	Week 6	Tuesday 28 th November	Year 5/6 Battle of the Bands Concert
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Andrew Verco

Music Coordinator (Rec - Year 12)

Uniform Shop

To avoid lengthy delays due to an expected high number of customers in the new year, would as many parents as are able, please purchase new school uniform before the end of the year break begins. The days and hours that we are open just prior to Christmas are as follows:

2017 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

School finishes on **Wednesday 6th December.**

Additional Opening Times for December 2017

2017 Dec 7th Thursday 8.30am - 10.00am
3.00pm - 5.00pm

Dec 11th Monday 9.00am - 4.30pm

We understand your child may grow after uniform purchases are made. New items (unworn) can be exchanged prior to school commencing.

Christine Blom-Cursaro

Uniform Shop Manager

Canteen Roster

Please note - We begin to run down our stock as Term 4 comes to an end, therefore your child may not receive what they ordered. It would be appreciated if you could write down an alternative choice on the lunch bag as well. Thank you.

Week 5 T4

Thu 16th **HELP NEEDED**
Fri 17th Tam Battersby

Week 7 T4

Mon 27th No help needed
Tue 28th No help needed
Wed 29th Sam Allison
Thu 30th **HELP NEEDED**
Fri 1st December **HELP NEEDED**

Week 6 T4

Mon 20th No help needed
Tue 21st No help needed
Wed 22nd Tracey Medhurst
Thu 23rd **HELP NEEDED**
Fri 24th Catherine Chua

Week 8 T4

Mon 4th No help needed
Tue 5th No help needed
Wed 6th No 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

Community News

West Torrens District Cricket Club

West Torrens District Cricket Club invite all Community Club and Primary School players aged 10 to 14 years to attend their skills assessment sessions on Wednesday 15th or Friday 17th November 2017, 4.00pm - 5.30pm at Henley and Grange Memorial Oval, Atkin Street, Henley Beach. Email juniors@western eagles.com to confirm your attendance and indicate your name, date of birth and current club/school you play for on the email.

Healthy Hearts, Healthy Homes

Anglicare SA are holding a workshop which focuses on practical ways to improve relationships.

Topics covered include communication, conflict resolution, relationship repair and emotional safety. It is suitable for individuals and couples and is run by Family Relationships Counsellors from Anglicare SA.

The workshop is on Thursday 16th November at 6.30pm to 9.00pm at Anglicare SA, 159 Port Road, Hindmarsh.

Supper is provided, however babysitting is not provided. Cost - gold coin donation.

For enquiries, please contact Joy or Helen on 8186 8900.



Emmaus Christian College

INVITES YOU TO THE
OPENING OF THE YEAR 12

Practical Exhibition

FRIDAY 17TH NOVEMBER

7 P M

EMMAUS CHRISTIAN COLLEGE
7 LYNTON AVENUE, SOUTH PLYMPTON
EPAC | ROOM PA.2

Art *Tech*

Blake Gaetjens
Hayley James
Holly Kilpatrick
Anastasia Liemareff
Andy Pol
Josiah Stewart
Bryn Weatherill

Blake Gaetjens
Jacob Hoepfl
Sullivan Heil
Will Kelly
Andrew McLennan
James Owino
Ben Polkinghorne
Zachary Wong

DRINKS AND NIBBLES PROVIDED

For catering purposes
please RSVP by Thursday 9th November to
eamoy@emmauscc.sa.edu.au

EMMAUS CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

2018 Magazine Cover Art Competition

We are looking for groovy, artistic and creative artworks to be used as the basis for the 2018 Magazine (Yearbook) Cover Art.

OPEN TO:

Students (R-12), staff and parents of the Emmaus Christian College community.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

- Artworks must be landscape orientation, preferably 594mm x 210mm so the work can be used for the front and back of the cover. Alternatively, A4 landscape orientation is acceptable (297mm x 210mm).
- Artworks must include a tree and dove somewhere in the design (as inspired by the college logo).
- Entries may use any art or design media (e.g. paint, pencil, charcoal, photography, Adobe Photoshop, etc).
- Creativity, through colour and technique, is encouraged.
- Artworks must be original.

PRIZE:

The winning entry will win an Art Prize Pack valued over \$100.

DUE DATE:

Entries must be submitted by Friday 24th November (Week 6, Term 4). The winner will be announced in Term 1, 2018.

SUBMISSION DETAILS:

All entries should be submitted through the front office and clearly addressed to ESTHER AMOY with the following:

- Full Name
- Identification as either a student (include year level), staff member or parent
- Artwork title and media used.