



IMPORTANT DATES

SOUTH PLYMPTON

APRIL

Mon 27 **Start of Term 2**
(On site supervision for children of essential workers only)

BROOKLYN PARK

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From the Chaplain

Dear Families and Friends

You may have noticed some purple bows around the College grounds this past week which is a reminder to us of the Easter events, purple being the colour of royalty and a reminder of the humility and sacrifice that Jesus endured upon the cross. Yet as I was tying the bows and ribbons I thought to myself, this does not feel like a 'normal' Easter.

There are two questions there. What is a normal Easter and why does this not Easter feel 'normal'? Let me address the first, as it helps to answer the second.

What is a normal Easter?

Well in our family, Easter means that we would go to church on Good Friday, and then again on Easter Sunday. Usually we would have an Easter egg hunt after church on Sunday, there would be hot cross buns with lots of butter! We would gather with family and friends to celebrate all that Jesus had done for us, thanking Him for such great love. There would be the embrace from family members and friends. We might even go away for a short holiday.

But this year; there is a lot of things that we cannot do.

And that is what makes this Easter feel like it is not a 'normal' one.

We cannot go to church to be with our friends. We cannot go to the Grandparents house to enjoy chocolate eggs or their warm embrace. It is hard to get to the shops and buy the regular grocery items, let alone Easter eggs or hot cross buns. And there does not feel like there is a lot to celebrate right now. Many people have heavy hearts and sad feelings within. And that is OK to feel like that. Our whole way of life is different right now.

May I encourage you with two things. We do indeed find ourselves in the midst of unprecedented times. Things are different. We are facing challenges. Even so, there is a constant that we are challenged to hold onto, and that is our faith in Jesus.

Easter is about Jesus. Easter is when we remember that Jesus died upon a cross, that He was buried in a tomb, and that He rose from the grave on the third day. We read these events in the Gospel narratives like **Luke 23:26-24:12**. These events we remember as Good Friday and Resurrection Sunday. The truth of the Easter message NEVER changes. So even though we find ourselves in uncharted territory, even though things are not as we would like and there are things that will be different this year, we are still invited to celebrate and remember that Jesus died upon the cross for our sins, that His body was beaten and bruised for us, that He was buried in the tomb and three days He rose from the grave.

Easter is about your heart. As much as I love chocolate and enjoy a hot cross bun, those things are not a necessity for Easter. Sure they are nice things to enjoy, but that is it, simply nice things. Jesus did not die upon the cross to give us a holiday, or to make sure that we get lots of chocolate and yummy foods, or even to spend time with our families; as nice as that is. He died upon the cross to offer forgiveness for our sin because He loves us! And love has to do with the heart.

Easter is about your heart! It is about your heart being made right with God. It is about seeing the wrong things we have done turned into right. It is about remembering and thanking God that He loves us so very much that He was willing to go through such pain and suffering for us. It is about celebrating that Jesus did not stay dead; yes His body was placed in a tomb but on the third day He rose again!

So this Easter, I encourage you to focus on the things you can do, not on what you cannot, to focus on the things that we do have, not the things we are doing without. When you see a wooden cross, let it be a reminder to thank God for His great love for us. When you see purple sashes or ribbons, think about how amazing Jesus is, that He offers us forgiveness. When you spend time coming to a stop to think about Good Friday and Resurrection Sunday may you celebrate that He is alive!

May God bless you this coming Easter.

Peace to you and Yours,
Adam Wood
Chaplain

Weekly Coffee Connect
[South Plympton](#)
Postponed until further notice
[Brooklyn Park](#)
Postponed until further notice

Weekly Prayer Connect
Postponed until further notice

Lost Property

All lost property is currently on a clothes rack and in boxes outside the Front Office.
Please also check at Student Services for valuable items such as watches, spectacles, jewellery and more.

Launch News

Bebras Australia Competition Results

Bebras is an international student challenge run by CSIRO Digital Careers. The goal is to promote computational thinking to students in a way that highlights students' abilities beyond traditional science or maths skills.

Launch students in Years 5 and 6 received their results for the first round of the competition.

Congratulations to:

- Praiselyn, Werburg, Savannah E and Ella who also won best results in school winning High Distinctions and to
- Jessica, Megan, Chelsea, Tegan and Petia who received Distinctions

Oz Clo

Oz Clo Competition is a competition that challenges students to develop their own strategies for solving problems in fascinating real languages.

In early March, Emmaus had two teams participate in the First Round which was a two-hour competition. Participants worked in teams of three on a range of language analysis problems.

We are pleased to announce that one of our teams came second in the State! Congratulations to Erica, Matthew and Ryan all in Year 11.

Thank you to Sarah Burrow for coaching both teams.

Susanne Milne

Launch Coordinator (F - Year 10)



From the Library

Challenge creates opportunity

Our Emmaus library has extended borrowing limits and borrowing time, and for avid readers the opportunity to access even more reading material is a bonus. Now is the time to take opportunity of the Public Library systems digital books and audio books.

This unprecedented time in the world has reminded us that there are already wonderful resources that we have access to through the Public Library system. If you have yet to join, it is possible to do this [online](#) (even though the physical library may be closed).

If you already have a library membership, then you are able to login and access digital books and audio books from the Library catalogue via their [website](#).

Remember this Public Libraries Collection is NOT curated with a Christian World view therefore families should be aware that parental oversight and responsibility should be exercised before enabling the download of a digital book or audio book for a school-aged borrower. Whereas our school limits the borrowing of some resources to younger students, the Public Libraries system is simply a delivery point and not a censor or guardian. This is still the role of parents to exercise oversight. But you may discover a book that you can read or listen to together. There are digital picture books, novels for children and teens and magazines.

In addition public libraries are facilitating a 'reserve and collect' of physical books from your local library. Access information from your local public library.

Premier's Reading Challenge

The PRC is continuing... Another Challenge but this one has benefits. All students are able to continue reading whatever the circumstances and complete their Premier's Reading Challenge record sheet via Google Classroom for Year 3 - 9, Senior students can access a Premier's Reading Challenge record sheet via the PRC website link below and email the completed sheet to the College [library](#).

[PRC Record sheets](#)

The requirement to read books from the Reading Challenge list will be waived, but books that are recorded should be of an appropriate standard for the age of the reader. Once the record sheet is complete it can be submitted via Google Classroom.

Escaping into a book may be the joy that our students need. Keep encouraging reading.

Carolyn Hull

Teacher Librarian

First Aid

Sanitising Hand Gel containing nut oil

As you may be aware, due to COVID-19, many places and facilities are requiring people to apply sanitising hand gel before entering.

It has just come to my attention that some brands contain nut oil. If your child has a severe nut allergy, please be aware that the brand pictured here contains macadamia nut oil, therefore may not be safe for your child.



Thank you

Ros Argent and Maria McIver
First Aid Officers

Student Wellbeing

New Wellbeing Website

In the wake of what is going on in the world, we are all having to get a little creative in how we do relationships, school, work and even church. Well, the wellbeing team has had to do the same in how we can offer counselling and support in whatever phase comes next for the school. Therefore we are excited to share with you our new Wellbeing Website - a one-stop-shop for caring for your child's mental, emotional and spiritual wellbeing. The site is already active for you to access and will be the main way you can access wellbeing resources and support from us if we do move to remote learning in Term 2.

The site includes spiritual encouragement from our Chaplain, Mr Wood; wellbeing resources for mental health, self-care, organization, motivation and more; links to phone and online counselling services in Australia, and of course, instructions on how to access digital counselling directly from our own wellbeing team. We will be updating the site regularly with more resources and encouragement, and will check the site daily to ensure we return your enquiries in a timely manner. We encourage you to peruse the site and see how it can benefit you and your family in this difficult time.

The site can be found via the Emmaus [website](#) or by clicking [here](#).

Blessings

Kat Law & Ben Squire
Student Wellbeing Coordinators

Uniform Shop

In Week 11 the Uniform Shop will NOT be open on Thursday.

The uniform shop WILL be open the second week of the school holidays for those who want to be extra organised!

The opening dates and times are:

Thursday 23 April, 11.00am to 4.00pm

Friday 24 April, 9.00am to 1.30pm

The uniform shop WILL be open on Monday 27 April 8.30am - 10.00am and 3.00pm - 5.00pm.

This will be the last day the uniform shop will be open, until further notice.

If you need any uniform, please do not hesitate to [email me](#) during Term 2 to make an appointment or to order and purchase items via phone.

Stay safe every one as we enter a new phase of living.

God bless you and keep you.

Christine Blom-Cursaro
Uniform Shop Manager

Canteen

We would like to thank you for your support in Term 1 and look forward to your continued support when we are back at school. Keep a look out for an updated canteen menu when we return.

May God continue to bless, guide and keep you and your families safe.

Sharon Hughes
Canteen Manager