



IMPORTANT DATES

SOUTH PLYMPTON

MARCH

- Thu 11 JS Principal Tours
SACSA Open Volleyball
SSSA Yr 9/10 Tennis
- Fri 12 SACSA Yr 7/8 Volleyball
- Mon 15 Yr 8 Vaccinations
Yr 10 Vaccinations
- Thu 18 MS/SS Principal Tours
Yr 3-9 Cross Country Carnival
- Fri 19 Yr 3-6 Athletics Carnival
- Tue 23 MS/SS Parent/Teacher Interviews
- Wed 24 MS/SS Parent/Teacher Interviews
- Thu 25 Autumn Instrumental Evening in EPAC, 7pm - 8.30pm
- Fri 26 SACSA Athletics Carnival

BROOKLYN PARK

MARCH

- Fri 12 Photo Day
- Mon 15 ELC Orientation Visit 1
- Fri 19 Yr 3-4 Athletics Carnival
- Wed 24 JS Parent/Teacher Interviews
- Thu 25 Principal Tours
JS Parent/Teacher Interviews
Autumn Instrumental Evening in EPAC @ South Plympton Campus, 7pm - 8.30pm

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

From the Head of Middle School

Dear Families and Friends

What a privilege it was to meet with Year 9 parents for our recent Rite Journey Departure and Calling Ceremonies. A time set aside to pause, reflect and connect. An opportunity to consider the journey each student has had to bring them to where they are today. A time set aside to consider the faithfulness of God in their lives and the people that have shaped and impacted on who they are.

Raising young people requires patience. We all love the idea of standing tall on a mountain, gazing from on high the wondrous view from a position of success. The monotonous and arduous steps required to bring us there are much less enticing. It is clear that as humans we are on the endless search for quick and easy ways of reaching our desired destination with minimal discomfort. A life of discipline, integrity and faithful consistency is difficult and often undervalued in our media. Teaching, modelling and practising delayed gratification combats against this pursuit for instant fulfilment. And in the rush of modern life it is important for us to pause and take note of the Psalmist's words, *"Be still and know that I am God"* (Psalm 46:10).

Our Rite Journey program provides a valuable tool to assist with the important transition of children towards adulthood. But more than this, to celebrate, with thankful and grateful hearts the joy of journeying all of the ups and downs with loved ones, supported each step by our loving and faithful heavenly Father. I would like to sincerely thank all the staff, parents and students for embracing this time and the opportunity to mark the leaving behind of childish ways as they step up towards the journey of becoming all God has planned for them to be.



Blessings,

Jonathan Carpenter
Head of Middle School

College Employment Opportunities

Emmas is seeking suitably qualified Christian staff to join our teams:

South Plympton Campus

- Junior Primary Teacher – Full-time ongoing from Term 2, 2021
- Student Wellbeing Counsellor – Contract 1 day per week during Term 2, 2021

Brooklyn Park Campus

- Early Childhood Educator – Diploma qualified (ELC) – Full-time ongoing (1.0FTE)
- Early Childhood Teacher (ELC) – Part-time ongoing (0.4FTE)
- Early Childhood Educators/Co-Educators – Diploma or Cert 3 qualified (ELC) – Casual relief positions

Full details and application criteria are available on the College [website](#).

Applications close on Monday 15 March 2021 at 9am.

Please share this information with any family, friends and Church associates who may be interested in these roles.

Junior School - South Plympton

Welcome Fantastic Foundations!

It has been wonderful to have welcomed our fantastic Foundation cohort for 2021! We have already seen so much growth in the youngest members of our beautiful Emmaus community. The children are developing new foundational skills and knowledge on a daily basis. They are learning to be independent, as well as being able to work and play with others. Well done families on helping your little ones get off to a great start.



Tracey Alderman
 Foundation Teacher
 Wellbeing and Administration Leader F-2

Junior School - Brooklyn Park

It is Buzzing Around the ELC!

Our ELC educators highly value supporting children to become socially responsible and show respect for their environment. Any day you visit the ELC you will find children watering our plants, recycling various materials, sweeping and cleaning and taking care of God's creation they may find in our garden. To extend children's interest in this area we have been lucky enough to have Mrs Sonya Gordon from our Front Office bring us some caterpillars which we have been taking care of and eagerly observing them change into butterflies! Mr James Gordon from 'Bee Wild' also visited us and shared his knowledge as an Apiarist. He also brought in some bee hives for us to look at and some delicious honey for us to try!



Lisa Bennett
ELC Lead Teacher/Educational Leader

Middle School

Year 7 Geographers' visit from SA Water

Students in Year 7 Geography classes are currently studying water security and strategies to ensure Australian cities have reliable water supplies. Restrictions mean that Adelaide's Desalination Plant is currently closed to visitors. So we arranged the next best thing - for representatives from SA Water to come to us! They explained the different processes and the treatment of the saltwater and demonstrated what an important role it plays in meeting South Australia's demand for water.

"Today some people from SA Water came to tell the Year 7s about the desalination plant. I was amazed at how much water they produce and how they got water from the sea ready for us to drink. They were very informative and we all learnt a lot. I hope that soon we will be able to go there and see it but hearing about it was still very good." Nick, Year 7



Rebecca Dal Santo
Middle School Teacher

Year 9 - The Rite Journey

Our Year 9's of 2021 have just participated in their Departure and Calling Ceremony for the Rite Journey. This is the first significant experience of the year in which family and students take time to remember and cherish childhood before being symbolically called into the journey of becoming an adult. There were many moments of joy, reflection, love and challenge.

A special thank you to all the parents, caregivers, teachers and other significant family members for your intentionality, kindness, help and sacrifice in helping create such a significant experience.



Ben Squire, Kate Brice, Heather Edwards and Paul Mills

Senior School

Compass Conference 2021

This year Compass Conference was held in South Australia due to COVID restrictions. So, this year the three captains and three vice captains enjoyed the conference in Victor Harbor, as well as a sightseeing trip overseas to Kangaroo Island. They were joined by myself and our chaplain, Adam Wood.

Compass this year was a mix of students from Christian Schools from South Australia and it was a wonderful opportunity to meet like-minded people, many of whom become friends and this year with being local, the chance for ongoing friendships is easier. The conference is designed to help school leaders think about what they can do in their final year to make a difference in the lives of others and be the face of Christ in our communities.

The program was a series of talks about God’s big story of our faith which encouraged us to dig deep into biblical truths. We were challenged with inspiring speakers who provided new perspectives into faith and what it means to live as a child of God.

The whole conference is much more than lectures, we also had a lot of fun with a Bush Dance and worshipping together. But we saved the best to last with a trip to Kangaroo Island. It was a chance to appreciate its natural beauty and also get to know each other well – and eat fabulous food!

The challenge is now to learn to lead, which of course begins with learning to lead ourselves. The whole experience was a privilege to be part of and I am always encouraged by how our young people respond – it promises a hope filled future.



Andrea Grear
Head of Senior School

Year 10 Indonesian

Percakapan di Pasar (Conversations at the Market)

Year 10 Indonesian students have recently taken their language learning to a new level through researching and writing a dialogue that described them buying, bargaining, and selling at a traditional fruit market. Students then took on the roles of the seller and of customers to dramatise their script ‘on stage’ using authentic props from Java.

The goals of this assessed activity were for the students to demonstrate proficiency in pronunciation and also the ability to sustain an extended conversation in Indonesian with accuracy using new vocabulary.

One of the dialogues included bargaining for a fruit called Durian. This expensive and highly prized fruit has an odour so pungent it is banned from hotels in Singapore! On the streets of Indonesia, Singapore and Malaysia however, locals love the fruit they call the “King of Asia.”

The students can be proud of their good start to 2021.

Dan Fennell
Indonesian Teacher



First Aid

Please Keep Students Home When They Are Unwell

Children who are unwell struggle to concentrate and learn and they are unable to participate comfortably in daily school activities. We would like to remind all parents that if your child is unwell, it is imperative that they remain at home until they are well enough to return to school.

This is also one of the key factors in minimizing the risk of spreading harmful diseases and infection, along with other simple and effective measures such as regular hand washing, covering coughs and sneezes and wiping down frequently touched surfaces.

If your child has cold or flu like symptoms, such as a cough, fever, sore throat, shortness of breath or runny nose, even if these are mild, they should get tested for COVID-19 as soon as possible. They must remain at home until they have recovered and have received a negative test result. People with mild symptoms can still spread the virus. To help stop the spread of COVID-19, anyone with cold or flu-like symptoms should get tested. For further information about COVID-19, please visit the SA Health [website](#).

If your child becomes unwell at school one of the First Aid Officers will contact you to collect them as soon as possible. Sick children may rest in the First Aid Room for a short period of time until they are collected. If you are unable to collect your child, please arrange for one of your nominated emergency contacts to collect them. Please ensure that the College has a way to reach you or a nominated emergency contact at all times by providing current contact details and updating these details whenever there is a change.

Ros Argent and Maria McIver
First Aid Officers

Student Wellbeing

Organization and Time-Management Skills

When school is just beginning, most students are feeling fresh from holidays and are usually quite organized with the help of their parents. However, by the end of term, the wellbeing team sees a huge influx of referrals for students struggling with anxiety around school work. In many cases, this anxiety is largely due to students having fallen behind on work, not knowing when their due dates are and leaving work until the last minute.

Being the middle of term now, we have a great opportunity to help our students set themselves up for success instead of regret. Below are some habits you could help your child put in place for the rest of 2021:

- 1. Use a diary**
Using their diary every single day for marking due dates and scribbling reminders is a sure-fire way for student's to feel on top of things (even if they are not!) Young people often think "I don't have to write it down, I'll remember"- but unfortunately, our brain only has so much space and they will most often forget. Tell your child to get their diary out before anything else at the beginning of class, as they will be much more likely to use it if it is already on their desk.
- 2. Ask questions**
Encourage your child to ask questions if they are not completely sure of what is required of them. Explain that teachers want to see them do well, so they will not mind spending an extra 5 minutes explaining something to them. Many of the problems we see in the counselling room could have been avoided if some key questions were asked at the very beginning.
- 3. Just start with dot points**
We hear so many students saying that they could not start their assignment because it felt overwhelming. Let them know that they do not have to get it perfect in their first sitting! It's completely okay to start with breaking down the assignment into some headings with a few dot points underneath each. Just getting started is often the hardest part, so they will be more likely to succeed if they can welcome imperfection and give things a go.

Blessings

The Emmaus Wellbeing Team
Kat Law, Steph Reedman & Ben Squire

Uniform Shop

2021 Normal Opening Hours

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

If you need any uniform, please do not hesitate to [email](#) or phone. You can also order and purchase items via phone on 08 8292 3810.

Christine Blom-Cursaro
Uniform Shop Manager

Launch News

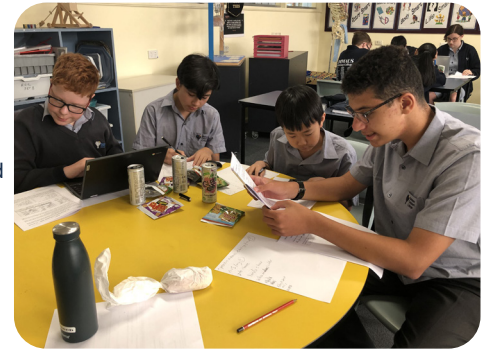
Oz Clo - The Australian National Computational and Linguistics Olympiad

Emmaus had three teams from Middle and Senior School compete in the first round of online two-hour Oz Clo quiz on Wednesday 3 March.

Participants worked in teams of four on a range of language-analysis problems.

Teams had been practising for weeks during their lunch time on past papers decoding hieroglyphics and foreign languages. At the completion of the competition, students spoke of how much they enjoyed the challenge and solving questions after experiencing academic struggle.

Well done to Erica, Matthew, Jenna, Paul, Eve, Jamie, Rachel, Cooper, Ily, Isaac, Dylan and Joseph for representing our College. Thank you also to Mrs Sarah Grieger for her invaluable support.



Opportunities for Extension

The Computational & Algorithmic (CAT) Competition for students in Year 5 -10 is an online, one hour problem solving competition which seeks to identify computer programming potential; something which students might not normally have an opportunity to demonstrate.

The competition will be held on Wednesday 24 March 2021 at 9am in the EPAC. The cost is \$6.50.

The CAT is not a programming competition, and no programming experience is required. Results in the CAT often enable a talent to be discovered which is not always apparent or sought in normal classroom activities. Some questions test the ability to accurately perform procedures. Others require logical thought while the more challenging problems require the identification and application of algorithms.

If you would like your child to be part of this competition please [email](#) me for a form.

Return the form to Student Services with payment by Wednesday 17 March.

Junior School Chess Club

Over 35 Primary students (Foundation to Year 6) attend our chess club each Monday at lunch in the OSHC Area.

Students are problem solving and strategically planning their attack and defence.

Thank you to Jessica and Stephanie from Year 6 who are promoting, training, and assisting in this exciting opportunity for students to learn the art of an ancient game! Thank you also to Mrs Denise Strybos for her support in ensuring this club is a success.

New members are always welcome. Beginners too!

Susanne Milne

Launch Coordinator F-10

Curriculum Coordinator Years 3-6

Instrumental Music Program

Our first Instrumental Evening for the year is coming up on Thursday 25 March (Week 9), 7pm in the EPAC. These Evenings are an opportunity for instrumental students to perform in front of an audience, providing a platform for performance irrespective of their ability and all students are encouraged to perform (those learning outside of the College also). Students nominate themselves via a Google Form, places are limited but registration is open now. Please click [here](#) to register.

Vocational Education Training (VET)

Student Success Story

Vocational Education and Training (VET) courses provide students with industry-based training and employment skills specifically to enhance their career pathway, potentially setting them up to apply for entry-level positions in their chosen career field. We celebrate with old scholar Maddison in her VET testimony below.

Maddison completed a Cert III in Early Childhood Education and Care while completing Year 12 and gaining her SACE in 2020. At the end of her school year, Maddie gained a position as an Assistant Educator at a Childcare Centre, after successfully navigating the interview process. Maddie was hoping her qualification would enable her to move directly into work after completing school as she wasn't intending on taking a University pathway, and this is exactly what VET enabled her to achieve.

Maddie said, *"My experience with VET was very successful as I have been employed as an Assistant Educator at a childcare through the completion of my Certificate III VET course. The course itself required a lot of hard work and commitment, especially with COVID restrictions in place throughout the year."*



Tracey Medhurst

VET/Performing Arts/Learning Support

Canteen Corner

If you have time and would like to volunteer in the canteen, please come in and see me or you can [email](#) me.
 If you have any questions regarding the Canteen menu please do not hesitate to [email](#) or telephone 8292 3860.

Roster

Week 7 T1

Thu 11

Fri 12

Week 9 T1

Mon 22

Tue 23

Wed 24

Thu 25

Fri 26 Rebecca Vincent

Week 8 T1

Mon 15

Tue 16 Heidi Van Eck

Wed 17

Thu 18

Fri 19

Week 10 T1

Mon 29

Tue 30

Wed 31

Thu 1 April

Fri 2 **Public Holiday**

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 collect 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.

Sharon Hughes
Canteen Manager

Why do parents choose Christian Schools?

You are invited to participate in a survey offered by Christian Schools Australia (CSA): 'Why parents choose Christian Schools'.

The survey results will provide important insights into the reasons why parents choose to send their children to Emmaus and will give us a better understanding of our community. This will assist us with future school planning and improvement strategies.

The survey will be conducted amongst all families with children enrolled in participating Christian schools.

To access the survey and for more information, please check your inbox for the email sent on Tuesday 9 March or contact Sonia Wood, Marketing and Community Relations Coordinator, via [email](#).

The survey closes on **Thursday 1 April 2021**.

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