



IMPORTANT DATES

SOUTH PLYMPTON

MAY

Mon 24 - Fri 28	Yr 10 Work Experience
	Yr 11 Aquatics & Monarto Zoo Camp
Tue 25 - Fri 28	Yr 11 Adelaide Arts Trip
Sat 29 - Sun 6	Yr 11 Lands Trip

JUNE

Tue 1	SACSA Cross Country
Wed 3	Yr 7-12 Dance/Drama @ Inspiring Evening in EPAC, 6.45pm - 8.30pm
Wed 9	Music Showcase Evening in EPAC
Thu 10	MS/SS Principal Tour
Thu 10 - Fri 11	Yr 12 Drama Show

BROOKLYN PARK

JUNE

Tue 1	SACSA Cross Country
Thu 3	JS Principal Tour
Mon 7	ELC Orientation 1
Wed 9	Music Showcase Evening in EPAC, South Plympton

From the Head of Senior School

Dear Families and Friends

FOMO

Our progress through life means that we will probably be humbled at some point. Getting older is a humbling process as we let go of things that we have always identified ourselves with. In our culture we can be guilty of treating the elderly as if they are a bit inept, especially with technology. That they need to be kept safe, tucked away from the rest of the population who are getting on with life. Fear of missing out (FOMO) becomes a reality as we age – we really will miss out. But fear of missing out is a phrase that is hiding jealousy and pride. And humility is more than a lesson, it is where we need to be with our attitude as followers of Christ. The banquet etiquette that Jesus describes in Luke chapter 14 verses 7 to 11, remind us of God's heart for us:

⁷ When he noticed how the guests picked the places of honour at the table, he told them this parable: ⁸ "When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honour, for a person more distinguished than you may have been invited. ⁹ If so, the host who invited both of you will come and say to you, 'Give this person your seat.' Then, humiliated, you will have to take the least important place. ¹⁰ But when you are invited, take the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he will say to you, 'Friend, move up to a better place.' Then you will be honoured in the presence of all the other guests. ¹¹ For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

Old age moves us to the tucked away places at the table, the humiliating places, the least important places, but Jesus' promises are for the humble of heart. God looks into our hearts – we are to serve and not be proud, to love and help others is the heart of the gospel and what God plans for us. As I reflect on this passage, I know that fear of missing out is about a spirit that competes and knocks others out of the way because missing out is for weaker people. And I am not going to be left behind! It is a proud attitude that puts oneself first. It is the opposite of what Christ likeness I am required to have. It is an attitude that doesn't forgive – that goes back to the fear, that we try to leave at the foot of the cross. However, we pick it up again. Inspect it. Remember. Feel the pain again. And again. And this fear does not let go. It is afraid to let go. Why are we afraid to let go of our fears? Or pain. Is this also fear of missing out?

I will put that pain, that hurt, my fear at the bottom of the cross again. And I will take a souvenir. Just in case I miss out. Maybe my fear of missing out is fear of losing the right to hold onto that pain. I do not want to miss out on that self-righteous anger or self-pity. I do it all of the time. Fear of missing out is about my pride. And the antidote is to know my spiritual poverty. As Jesus said in the Beatitudes in Matthew 5:3 *'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for they shall inherit the kingdom of heaven'*. As I journey through my life, my spiritual poverty is increasingly evident. It is a chance to recognise that all of us are so very in need of grace, forgiveness and the love of God in our lives. As we know, perfect love casts out all fear. The only perfect love I know of is God's love.

So, each day let us practice FOMO. Not as the world knows it, fear of missing out, but rather as a new acronym – forgive others and move on. Include yourself. Leave the fear, the pride, the hurt at the bottom of the cross. Each day take it to the Lord. Leave your pride there and live humbly as you submit yourself to God's sovereignty in your life. And it takes each day. Each slow step of your journey to inch ourselves forward as we leave our FOMO spirit of pride and fear behind. I cannot change the past, but I can put on the armour of God today and leave my fear and pride at the foot of the cross. I want to practice the new FOMO – forgiving others and moving on. It just takes such a long time – a lifetime.

Andrea Grear
Head of Senior School

Employment Opportunity

Emmaus is seeking a suitably qualified Christian staff member to join our team:

Senior Finance & Admin Officer – Full-time ongoing role
Applications close on Monday 31 May 2021 at 9am

Further details and application criteria can be found on the College [website](#) under 'Working at Emmaus'. Please share this exciting opportunity to become part of the Emmaus team with friends, family and Church associates.

Weekly Coffee Connect
[Brooklyn Park](#)
Wednesday's - 8.35am-9.30am

Middle School

Since the beginning of the year, 7B has been delighted to welcome three new students, Mia, Ethan and Justin into our Home Group. They bring with them a range of God given talents, interests and experiences. We pray that during their time at Emmaus they will grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ (2 Peter 3:18).

Mia

Favourite food?

"My favourite food is probably either 'Maccas' as the Aussies call it, or Mexican salad."

Something you like to do at the weekend?

"I love using any form of public transport since we didn't have any trains/trams in Bloemfontein, South Africa where I lived, and buses weren't the best place to be at any time of the day really."

Something which you are thankful for:

"I am very thankful for being able to get into Emmaus Christian College, because everyone who asked me which school I am going to has told me that it is a great school and I can understand why they say that. I am also thankful for having the opportunity to be able to come to Australia."

Ethan

Favourite food?

"My favourite food would be Balsamic-Glazed steak rolls."

Do you play a musical instrument or a sport?

"I used to play viola and violin for 4 years. I play volleyball."

What were your first impressions of Emmaus Christian College?

"A very welcoming community, the teachers and students made me feel welcome."

Justin

Favourite place you have visited?

"Thailand."

Something which you are thankful for?

"All my family and friends."

Something you like to do on the weekend?

"I like to play volleyball when I have free time. I play for a club."



Chris Bright
Middle/Senior School Teacher

Senior School

Year 12 Geography - Trip to Glenelg Beach

Our Year 12 Geographers visited Glenelg to gather data on a range of Geographical issues including the environmental quality of the area; conflicting uses of the beach; the provision of facilities; and coastal defences. The students will be completing their own independent fieldwork reports later this year, so this was a great opportunity to trial new techniques, evaluate their effectiveness, and enjoy the sea view!



Year 12 Geography - Zoom Quiz Night

The SA/NT Inter-school Geography Zoom Quiz night took place last week. A team of Year 12 Geographers called "The Brightsiders" entered and put their Geographical knowledge to the test. Questions ranged from the Geography of dog breeds, to glaciation! Well done to the team who finished in an admirable 8th position out of 16, but most importantly had a lot of fun.



Chris Bright
Middle/Senior School Teacher

Launch News

Debating SA Competition

On Tuesday 11 May, five teams from Years 5 to 7 competed at Pultney Grammar School.

For 18 of our students, this was their first debate. The Pultney foyer was abuzz with nervous energy in anticipation of speaking in front of an adult audience. We are delighted to announce that our Year 5 Orange team defeated Parkside Primary in an interesting debate on: "Cats are better than dogs."

Congratulations to our first-time debaters who won 'Debater of the Night' awards - Janice (Year 5), Joshua (Year 5) and Oliver (Year 6).

da Vinci Decathlon-

An all-day Academic Competition-competing in ten subject areas consisting of: English, Maths, Science, Engineering, Art and Poetry, Drama, Cartography, Ideation, Code Breaking and Legacy.

Last week, Emmaus sent teams of eight students, from three different year levels to compete at St Peter's Girls school against 23 schools from around Adelaide. All the students gave of their best and we are very proud of their personal and group achievements. Quotes from our teams:

"The day was fun yet challenging and the sense of team work was amazing."

"Difficult but I enjoyed working my brain."

"It is surprisingly fun dynamic for such hard work."

"We worked well as a group."

"We tried to think outside the box."

Congratulations to our Year 5/6 team who came second in the Legacy component of the da Vinci Decathlon and to our Year 7 team who came fifth in the State with their Art and Poetry submission.



Year 5/6



Lucas and Janice Entertaining 220 students



Year 7



Year 9

Legacy Junior Public Speaking

The Legacy Junior Public Speaking Award aims to encourage the use of clear and effective spoken English. The competition has provided an opportunity for Junior Secondary students to improve their confidence and to develop their speech-writing and public speaking skills.

On Friday 28 May we have one of our Year 8 students, Bradley who took up the challenge and will be competing in the heat.

We wish him all the best with his new venture into Public Speaking.

Rostrum Voice of Youth

State Semi Finals were held on Saturday 22 May.

Emmaus Christian College had two Year 10 competitors in the Rostrum Voice of Youth Semi Finals. The students had to prepare and delivery an 8-minute prepared speech and then on the day, they had 15 minutes to prepare a 3-minute speech. Both students chose the impromptu topic of "At the Crossroads." They approached the subject from completely different angles and both reached the 3-minute mark comfortably. It was an entertaining morning as the speeches were at a very high standard.

Well done to both Sohana and Jamie for reaching the Semi Finals and for showing a growth mindset throughout their preparation and the competition weeks.

Congratulations to Jamie for winning his Semi Final round and progressing to the Grand Final which will be held at Parliament House on Saturday 26 June.

Susanne Milne
Launch Coordinator F-10
Curriculum Coordinator Years 3-6



College News

Leaving early and arriving late

If a student arrives at school late or is leaving early for an appointment or other matter, parents are requested to advise Student Services. This can be done either by phone, email or a written note in the student diary. It is important that the College is aware of student movement and students need to have an **early departure or late arrival authorised by Student Services**.

Year 12 students are required to have authorisation for all times that include lessons, otherwise they have the privilege of leaving the School grounds. Thank you for your cooperation in these matters as we seek to ensure duty of care for all.

Student Drivers

Please note that the College's regulations in regard to student drivers have been updated and all students who drive with another passenger beside their siblings are required to fill out a permission form, **including a letter from the passenger's Parents/Caregivers**. This process meets with legal requirements and also means the College is informed of a student driver's passengers. Forms can be collected from Student Services and have been given to Year 12 students as of Monday 24 May.

Andrea Gear
Head of Senior School

First Aid

National Burns Awareness Month

The National Burns Awareness Month (1-30 June) aims to drive greater awareness amongst the Australian community of burns prevention and the correct first aid treatment for burns.

National Burns Awareness Month is an initiative of Kidsafe, Australia's leading community organisation dedicated to child injury prevention, and held in June each year as there is a significantly increased risk of burns during winter.

Please take the time to read through the brochures (links below) which contain lots of helpful information, including a Home Burns Safety Checklist, Burns Prevention and First Aid, Burn Safety and Adolescents or visit the [Kidsafe](#) website.

[Home Burns Safety Checklist](#)

[Burns Prevention and First Aid](#)

[Burn Safety and Adolescents](#)

Thank you

Ros Argent and Maria McIver
First Aid Officers

Principal Tours

Brooklyn Park Campus (ELC - Year 6)

Thursday 3 June, 9am - 10.30am
Thursday 24 June, 9am - 10.30am

South Plympton Campus

Thursday 10 June - Middle and Senior Schools (Years 7-12) - **BOOKED OUT**
Thursday 17 June - Junior School (Foundation - Year 6) - **BOOKED OUT**

Please pass this onto your family and friends who are interested in visiting Emmaus Christian College. Registrations are essential. For more information and to register visit the College [website](#).

Canteen Roster

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.

Week 5 T2

Thu 27
Fri 28 Lorraine Scott

Week 7 T2

Mon 7
Tue 8
Wed 9 Blake Watson
Thu 10
Fri 11

Week 6 T2

Mon 31
Tue 1 June
Wed 2 Catherine Chua
Thu 3
Fri 4

Week 8 T2

Mon 14 **Public Holiday**
Tue 15
Wed 16
Thu 17
Fri 18 Lorraine Scott

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

Uniform Shop

2021 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
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If you need any uniform, please do not hesitate to [email](#) or phone on 08 8292 3810. You can also order and purchase items via Qkr.

Christine Blom-Cursaro
Uniform Shop Manager