



## IMPORTANT DATES

### SOUTH PLYMPTON

#### AUGUST

Fri 7	Extra Curricular Photo Day
Mon 10 - Fri 14	Science Week
Mon 17	SACSA AFL Yr 5/6 Boys @ Kings Baptist
Wed 19	SACSA AFL Yr 7/8 Girls @ Barratt Reserve
Thu 20	SACSA AFL Yr 9/10 Boys & Girls @ Barratt Reserve
Fri 21	SACSA AFL Open Boys & Girls @ Barratt Reserve

## From the Head of Junior School

Dear Families and Friends

### God's Word

A number of you will have heard me mention before that every school holidays, I look forward to spending some retreat time with God – just Him and I, usually at a BnB or by the sea. This time it was for two days in my home lounge room and a day by the sea.

A few weeks prior, God had placed on my heart what the focus of that time should be. It had come after a whole staff Professional Development session through the series Open Book – a series that our Chaplain Adam Wood is leading staff through. In that most recent session, God had convicted me that I had been spending all my time reading the New Testament, and not much time reading the Old Testament.

So I prayed to the Lord about which OT book it was He wanted me to start reading. The name Samuel kept popping into my head over a two week period, and so that is where I started... It never ceases to amaze me how fascinating it is to read a whole book of the bible in a sitting. It helps to reveal patterns, key words, themes and phrases, that would otherwise be missed if we only read single or small passages of verses here and there.

Another thing that amazes me is that you can read the same passage of scripture, and yet each time you do, God reveals or brings comfort for something different.

As I read 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel in the holidays, God reminded me there is often lengthy time between God's plan from one thing to the next – in fact years! Be patient... How often do we expect God to answer our prayers immediately? Do we inquire of Him and then be prepared to patiently wait upon the Lord?

Other key reminder messages that stood out for me during my retreat time included:

1. **Seek the Lord in all decision making**
2. **When the Lord has a plan, NOTHING stands in His way**
3. **We need to be willing to obey God's calling**
4. **God promises He will be with us**
5. **God promises to equip us – therefore be faithful to do whatever comes before you on a daily basis**
6. **God can be grieved when we are not obedient to His plan for us - when we do not seek the Father's heart**
7. **It is the Lord that calls and blesses. It is also the Lord that gives consequence to those that do not honour the Lord's direction - we surrender any grievance we may have to the Lord**
8. **The condition of our heart towards God is very important**

We only truly understand the New Testament when we read it in light of the Old Testament, as one book from Genesis to Revelation. I invite you to reflect on your own reading of the Bible. Are you reading both the Old Testament and the New Testament?

May the Lord bless your reading of His Word.



**Helen Vonow**  
Head of Junior School

<b>Weekly Coffee Connect</b> South Plympton Tuesday Morning 8.45am-9.45am Brooklyn Park Friday Morning 8.50am-9.45am
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<b>Weekly Prayer Connect</b> South Plympton Thursday Morning 8.45am-9.15am
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# Junior School - South Plympton

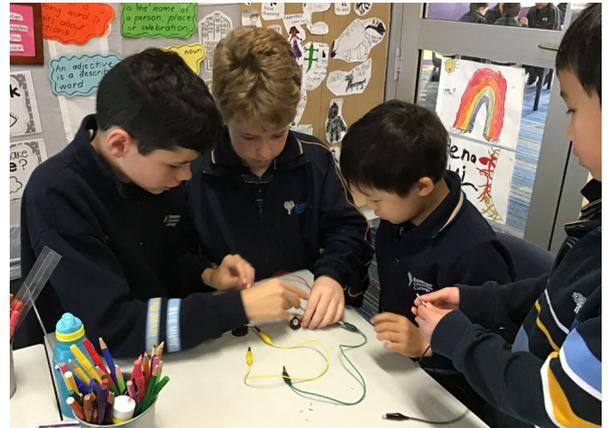
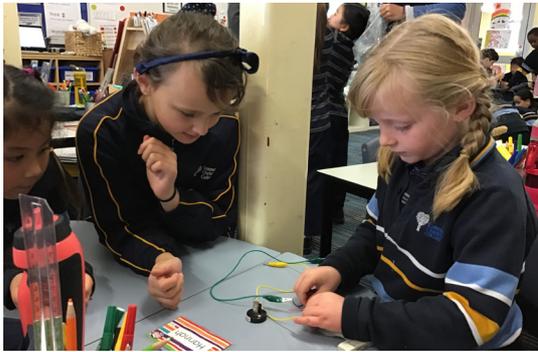
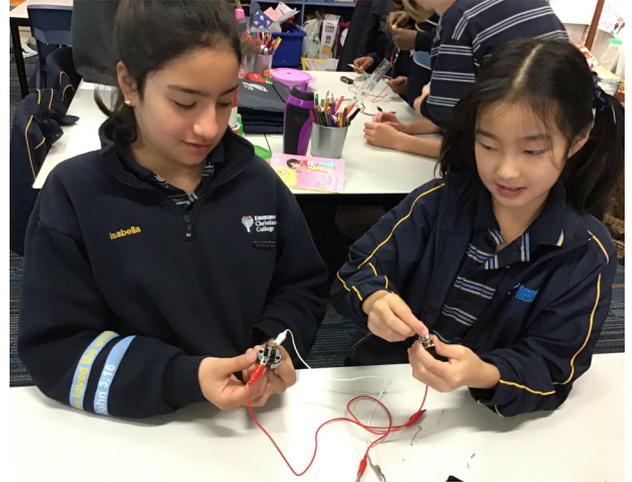
## Inquiry Learning

Children are naturally curious about the world around them. They are fascinated to further their understanding. One of the powerful ways we engage and enrich children's learning is through guided inquiry. Teachers seek to find out what the students already know before engaging them in opportunities where they can help identify what else they would like to find out.

In a Science unit "Look and Listen", Year 1 and Year 2 shared what they already knew. Teachers identified that the children brought with them plenty of prior knowledge, so our learning took a few interesting turns. Each of the children wrote down a question that they wanted to research. These questions were sorted into areas of similar interest and then the teachers chose targeted learning experiences that would help the children learn and understand more.

Several of these questions involved electricity giving light. Mrs Robyn Butler's Year 5/6 class kindly came and shared how to build circuits using batteries, globes and wires. Rich engagement and connections came from a "hands on" experience where the older children explained and showed the younger students how this worked. It was quite amazing! As part of our conclusions, the children drew diagrams of torches and circuits, labelling the parts.

Their sense of confidence and agency in this task reflected the powerful learning that had happened when working with the older students. When children engage in inquiry and are actively involved in the learning process, great things happen!



Pip Cooper  
F - 2 Curriculum and Learning

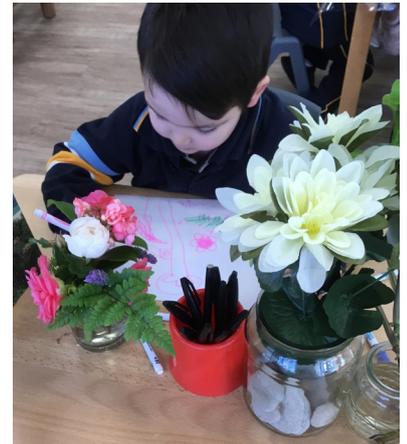
# ELC - Brooklyn Park

## Nature Play at ELC

*"This is the LORD's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes."* Psalm 118:23

Our Nature Play curriculum has brought both excitement and involvement amongst all the children within our Early Learning Centre. Sensory exploration from interacting with natural environments allows children to learn with all of their senses - seeing, hearing, touching and smelling.

*"Mud play has an extremely important role to play in sensory development, providing a platform for creativity, imagination, resourcefulness and free expression"* Nature Play SA.



Lauren Hughes  
ELC Director

# Middle School

## 7D Student-Led Devotions

Students in 7D have enjoyed sharing their reflections, ideas and insights with the class during student-led devotions. Every term they are given a theme, and need to work in collaboration with others to design an engaging and thoughtful devotion to present to the class. The students have been very creative, using slide shows to demonstrate their learning and often including interactive activities like Kahoots (online quizzes), games, scavenger hunts and outdoor activities. Topics covered so far this year have been Courage, Hope and Creativity.



**Rebecca Dal Santo**  
Middle School Teacher

## Year 9 Art

Year 9 Art students were privileged to have Judith from Adelaide Art Gallery come and provide them with an intensive portraiture workshop. We explored the use of charcoal, line, facial proportions and consolidated their learning with a self-portrait using mirrors. As evidenced in the photos, the courage, determination willingness to take risks was exemplary. I am very proud of our Year 9's.



**Ben Squire**  
Middle School Teacher

## MS Assembly

On Monday 27 July, we returned to having our regular Middle School Assembly in Lesson 6. It was a really uplifting event with several items performed by some of our very talented music students. Mr Paul Mills designed the assembly to be 'an extravaganza' to start us off for the term. He arrived deliberately late after a fun video of him starting with an online assembly at his computer (as we have been doing for many weeks) then looking for the Middle School - but we were all in the EPAC waiting for him!

We look forward to the remainder of the year having our weekly assemblies, gathering together as a Middle School, worshipping and learning about God.



## Senior School

The Senior School at Emmaus Christian College has a significant focus on the growth of the Christian character of our students. We are concerned with the development of the whole student, as well as the academic achievement of each student.



**Andrea Grear**  
Head of Senior School

Our extra curricula programs, pastoral care and Christian outreach ensure we promote a social justice mindset and Christian service. Students have the opportunity to discover what it means to participate in a socially just world through several of our camps and programs, but recently through our time at Forbes Primary School. After the pain of Covid-19 on our programs we are able to start again with our lunch time and weekly reading program for the students. We are very excited to be able to visit our buddies every Tuesday and read with Junior Primary students who often need someone to help them with their reading.

During Term 2 our students recorded themselves reading their favourite picture books so we could keep in touch during the restrictions. It has been a blessing to be part of this program and watch how beautifully our students interact with these children.

## First Aid

### Medications on Camps

We have several camps coming up later in Term 3 and we would like to take this opportunity to remind parents of our school policy regarding medications on camp.

#### Prescription Medication

First Aid Officers can only administer prescription medication when it is accompanied by a Medication Plan for Prescription Medication completed by a doctor.

#### Over the Counter Medication

Over the counter medication may only be administered to student when it is accompanied by a completed Medication Plan for Over the Counter Medication with a pharmacy label affixed.

These medications include: eye drops, ear drops, creams, ointments, paracetamol, hay-fever/allergy medications, travel sickness tablets, vitamins and nutritional supplements or other alternative medicines. Medication must be provided in its original packaging with a label from the pharmacy attached.

During camp all medication will be kept secure by staff (including Senior School camps). It is for the safety of every student that campers **ARE NOT permitted to keep medication in their luggage.**

If your son/daughter will be attending a camp in Term 3 and may need to take medication on camp please ensure that the College has a current Medication Plan, Asthma Care Plan or other Health Care Plan on record. Health Care Plans must be renewed every 12 months or whenever there is a change in the care needs of your child. If you require a blank Medication Plan or Asthma Care Plan, these can be collected from the Front Office at the College or downloaded from the College website. When completed please return it to Student Services as soon as possible.

Please note that Asthma Care Plans must include details of reliever AND preventer medication if your child is on a preventer.

We would encourage you to plan ahead for your child, particularly considering that the hay fever season begins in September and this may affect some students. Without a current Medication Plan, staff are UNABLE to administer any medication. There is no student self-medication allowed on camps. Please provide your child's Health Care Plan, Medication Plan or Asthma Care Plan several weeks prior to camp.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

**Ros Argent and Maria McIver**  
First Aid Officers

## Principal Tours

Tour dates for Term 3 are:

### South Plympton Campus

Wednesday 2 September, 9am - Junior School (F - Year 6)

Thursday 3 September, 9am - Middle and Senior Schools (Years 7 - 12) **BOOKED OUT**

Thursday 17 September, 9am - Middle and Senior Schools (Years 7 - 12)

### Brooklyn Park Campus (ELC - Year 6)

Wednesday 9 September, 9am

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 website.

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## Performing Arts

### Music News

Our Music Program at Emmaus has enjoyed continued progress and brought great positivity to students both physically and mentally. We are thankful for the freedom we continue to enjoy to come together as a school community and the ability to enjoy music together. We are also excited to have some performance opportunities for students this term, this started with Worship Bands playing at assemblies last week.

Music staff would like to draw your attention to some important changes relevant to all instrumental students across F - 12:

- 1. Students with lessons scheduled before 8.35am are required to sign in at Student Services before attending their lesson** as they miss the morning roll. Daily attendance is recorded by their Home Group teacher during the Home Group period (8.35am to 8.55am). When your child signs in before they go to their music lesson, Debby Scheepers (Student Services) and the Home Group teacher will know that they are in attendance that day and you will not receive an incorrect SMS saying they are absent. This system should ensure we are keeping appropriate records and duty of care for your child. Please note that all year levels need to sign in manually on the paper form rather than scan their student ID card, giving the reason 'Music Lesson'.
- 2. We can also confirm that all instrumental lessons will now be rotating** to provide a fair system for all students, this includes Senior School students. The exception to this is a lesson before 9am and at 3pm where students can have a set lesson time by arrangement with the family.
- 3. To aid in the development of a strong and lasting extra-curricular music program at Emmaus we have made a significant change to ensembles moving forward.**  
***Students are only eligible for one of our auditioned ensembles if they are a part of the equivalent non-auditioned ensemble.*** Students that this affects immediately have been notified. We believe this involvement will see students build skills, confidence and give opportunities to lead.

If you would like to discuss this any further, please do not hesitate to contact Andrew Verco via [email](#) or phone the College on 8292 3888.

**Tracey Medhurst**  
Performing Arts Assistant

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## Uniform Shop

### 2020 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. You can also order and purchase items via phone on 08 8292 3810.

**Christine Blom-Cursaro**  
Uniform Shop Manager

# Canteen Roster

**Week 3 T3**

Thu 6 No help needed  
 Fri 7 Sam Allison

**Week 5 T3**

Mon 17 No help needed  
 Tue 18 No help needed  
 Wed 19 **HELP NEEDED**  
 Thu 20 Natalie Almond  
 Fri 21 **HELP NEEDED**

**Week 4 T3**

Mon 10 No help needed  
 Tue 11 No help needed  
 Wed 12 **HELP NEEDED**  
 Thu 13 No help needed  
 Fri 14 Katherine Papazoglou

**Week 6 T3**

Mon 24 No help needed  
 Tue 25 No help needed  
 Wed 26 **HELP NEEDED**  
 Thu 27 No help needed  
 Fri 28 Catherine Chua

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**

# Senior School Career Planning

## Tertiary Open Days



Tertiary Open Days this year have been affected by Covid and, hence, most campuses are providing virtual tours and talks. This should still be a great opportunity to assist students with career decision making.

The Open Days are scheduled at various times, but **registering will be essential**. This is also a good opportunity for parents to be involved and supporting their students.

Following are some details of the links some of the specific institutions:

- **Flinders Uni -10 - 15 August**  
Various talks and virtual tours according to timetables and bookings  
<https://www.flinders.edu.au/study/events-key-dates/open-days>
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- **UniSA - 9 - 10 August**– various talk times - **16 - 26 August** small in-person group tours  
<http://www.unisa.edu.au/openaugust>
- **Adelaide Uni - Sunday 16 August**  
Various talks and virtual tours according to timetables and bookings  
<http://www.adelaide.edu.au/openday/#talks>
- **Tabor Adelaide - 15 August from 10am - 3pm**  
Face-to-face on campus  
<https://tabor.edu.au/open-day-2020/>
- **TAFE SA**  
<https://www.tafesa.edu.au/courses/info-sessions>