



IMPORTANT DATES

SOUTH PLYMPTON NOVEMBER

Thu 12	JS Musical Evening Performance
Thu 12 - Tue 17	Year 10/11 Exams
Fri 13	JS Student Free Day
Mon 16	Foundation Orientation 2 Year 7 Celebration
Tue 17	The Rite Journey Home-coming
Wed 18	Years 1-6 Orientation Day Year 11 Celebration Day
Thu 19 - Fri 20	MS/SS Musical Auditions for 2021
Thu 19 - Wed 25	Year 10 ABW
Mon 23	Foundation Orientation 3 Year 8 Celebration
Mon 23 - Fri 27	MS Exams
Tue 24	Years 8 - 11 School Sport SA Park Run @ West Beach
Wed 25	Year 10 Final Day
Thu 26	SS Speech Night @ Edwardstown Baptist Church
Fri 27	Whole School Casual Day Year 5/6 Social

BROOKLYN PARK

NOVEMBER

Thu 12	JS Musical Evening Performance
Fri 13	JS Student Free Day
Tue 17	Foundation Orientation 2
Thu 19	Years 1-4 Orientation
Tue 24	Foundation Orientation 3
Fri 27	Whole School Casual Day

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

Whole School Casual Day - Friday 27 November 2020

Gold Coin Donation

With funds supporting Gwen's Pantry who work with refugees.

From the Head of Middle School

Dear Families and Friends

Will There Be Enough?

Billy's eyebrow creased even more. The concern on his face grew. "But will there be enough Grandpa?" he asked. Grandpa's eyes seemed to sparkle but his gaze never shifted as he led them closer to their destination. Billy held his empty drink bottle with urgency. His thirst seemed of greater significance than anything ever had. How was he to know the small crack it sustained on their hike would have drained it so quickly. Grandpa's canteen swayed and banged against his left hip, lid open...empty! Grandpa hadn't even seemed to hesitate to give it to Billy who had guzzled it down without pausing for breath. Billy had doubts that Grandpa knew what he was talking about. The same question kept bouncing in his mind. 'Could anyone anywhere at any time have felt more thirsty than he did right now?' Grandpa stopped. Billy almost walked straight into him. It was only now as the sound of their steps evaporated into the scrub that he heard it. Grandpa lifted a few large rounded rocks. The white around Billy's eyes widened. A spring of water bubbled endlessly from its hidden source before diving back underground to continue its mysterious journey. "Take your time Billy. Drink deeply. This water has no end."



The end of 2020 draws nearer and we can, without even realising, find that our innermost being can become thirsty and parched. There is a source that quenches like no other. "Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life." John 4:13-14

What a privilege to have access to living water, not only that quenches and nourishes our needs but overflows abundantly and brings life to all nearby. Nevertheless, how much like Billy we can be. Often questioning if there is enough. If only we knew the depth of its source!

May you be encouraged to take your time and drink deeply.

Jonathan Carpenter
Head of Middle School

Junior School

Class placements for 2021

Orientation Days Years 1 - 6 in 2021

On Wednesday 18 November (Week 6) all Foundation to Year 5 children will take part in an Orientation Morning where they will spend time with their new teacher for next year and meet the children who will be in their class. All parents will receive a letter home that day advising them of their child's teacher and class for 2021. I would like to remind parents that as keen as they are to know who their child's class teacher will be, it is fair for all to wait until the end of the day. We would ask that parents not walk the upstairs corridor, trying to seek advanced notice of which class their child is in.

The process of class placement is an extremely complex task. Teachers in the Junior School have wrestled over these decisions for many hours and held multiple meetings trying to achieve the best possible outcome for all. A minimum of six teachers have been consulted for every year level and every class. These decisions are not made by one person. Please be advised classes have now been set.

All children have been given the opportunity to identify three friends they would be happy to be in a class with so teachers can, where possible, ensure they are with at least one of their chosen friends. Teachers consider behaviour, social and emotional needs as well as an equitable distribution of academic needs across the class. Further to this, it has been the practice of the College for some time, that siblings be placed in different classes, and for students not to have the same teacher two years in row. Embracing that many criteria when trying to split 84 children across three classes is a complex and time consuming task!

It may be that your child does not end up with their ideal mix of peers in their 2021 class, however this is part of life for your children. Managing these emotions and growing through the circumstance is part of helping children grow in resilience – a significant life skill to success in life. We would be so grateful if you could partner with us to explain to your children that teachers have worked very hard to try and look after everyone. Children will listen carefully and watch the way you respond to their news. Your reaction can impact their thinking in this area. Teachers would appreciate your personal support and team approach in partnering with us to embrace the new look classes. Because of the significant hours spent crafting this process, we wish to advise that classes are now set and there is no room for a reshuffle of students.

“And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.” Romans 8:28

Helen Vonow
Head of Junior School

Junior School - South Plympton

Year 3/4 Camp

Last week, the Year 3/4 students and teachers, along with parent helpers, went to Mylor Baptist Camp for 2 days of fun and adventure. It was wonderful to see the students enthusiastically participate in all the camp had to offer. They encouraged each other to have-a-go, problem solve and challenge themselves with bridge building, flying fox and rock-climbing activities, just to name a few. Despite the cold and wet weather, a fantastic time was had by all.

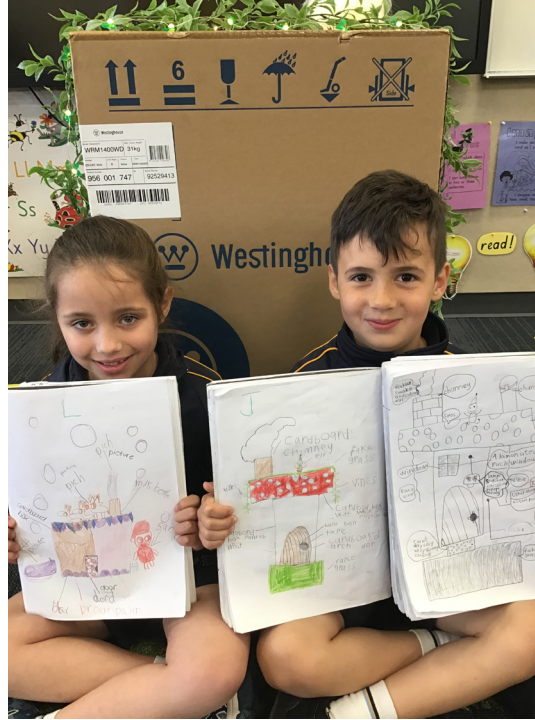


Corrinna Smith
Year 3-6 Wellbeing and Administration Coordinator

Junior School - Brooklyn Park

Design and Construction

The focus this term in our class has been design and construction. The design brief was to create a “break out” space. Students then had to explore the purpose of this space, draw and label a design using a variety of materials, and create a persuasive text explaining why their design was the best. Lastly, the students priced the materials, and are now ready for the construction stage. This project presented a wonderful opportunity for cross-curriculum learning with so many subject areas involved.



Kristy Houston
JP Coordinator and Year 1/2 Class Teacher

Middle School

Conversation Challenge

Our Year 9 Rite Journey students completed their “Conversation Challenge” last week, spending a double lesson developing their skills in conversing with others. Students were given question prompts and a time limit to share and listen to each other. It was engaging for many, and for others, a big challenge to step up into. But they all did, and it was a huge success. It is something many students would love to do again!



College News

Candle Making

Emmaus Christian College Outreach (ECCO) students have been spending evenings in the last few weeks making candles!

After a huge number of orders, students have given up time after school for multiple nights, melting, scenting, pouring wax, cutting and placing wicks, organising ribbon and tags. The smell is incredible and their efforts in creating and cleaning have been exceptional.

Thank you to the members of the Community who placed orders. You will love the result! The money raised is going towards Compassion's work in Indonesia, supporting people impacted by COVID.

People who placed orders will be notified via email in Weeks 5 or 6 about collection.



Whole School Casual Day - Friday 27 November (Week 7)

A gold coin donation is requested from students and staff who wish to participate. Funds raised will support 'Gwen's Pantry' who work with refugees.

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

Student Wellbeing

Introducing *Happy Families* for Parents

Do you ever wonder if you are doing a good job of this whole 'parenting' thing? Ever feel like you could use some help in this area? Well, we have teamed up with *Happy Families* to offer our entire parent community access to their program for FREE!

Happy Families is an online resource library created by renowned parenting expert, Dr Justin Coulson. Resources include articles, weekly parenting tips, teaching videos, live webinars and Q&A's with Justin, book recommendations and discount codes, family night ideas and much more. Justin tackles a wide array of issues that parents request support in, including managing screens, building resilience, dealing with anxiety, managing adolescent behaviour, sibling rivalry and much more.

Happy Families premium memberships are usually \$170 per family per year, but each ECC family now has full access for FREE. All you need to do is create your account [here](#) to get started.

Blessings

Kat Law & Ben Squire
Student Wellbeing Coordinators

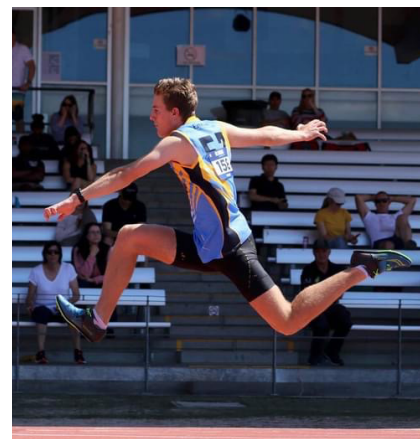
Sporting News

It is fair to say that 2020 has been a challenging year but amidst these challenges we have had a great opportunity for our Junior School students to get involved in our weekly Basketball and Netball sporting teams that compete against other schools. These teams have been challenged and have risen to these challenges to experience personal and team success. Our Term 4 sporting teams will continue into Term 1 2021 and we hope to be able to share further information about Winter season sports for Middle and Senior school in 2021.

Our SACSA sporting year has also concluded for 2020. Our teams have represented themselves and the College well and they have achieved some excellent results across a variety of sporting pursuits in Division 1, considering we are a Division 2 school! Just a quick recap of some of the results achieved this year. U11 to win Open Swimming Carnival, Open Boys Basketball runners up, Year 9/10 Boys Soccer runners up, Year 9/10 Girls Soccer Champions, Year 9/10 Girls Netball runners up, Year 7/8 Girls Basketball, Netball and Volleyball third place and Year 3/4 Boys Soccer undefeated.

There were a number of students involved with the VIVA All Schools State Championships and their results are listed below:

- Jonathan U/14 male: 500m - 4:43.45
800m - 2:17.17
- Miracle U/14 female: 100m - 15.93
- Nadia U/14 female: Triple - 8.60m
Javelin - 11.51
- Joshua U/16 male: 3000m - 10:41.01
- Orlando U/16 male: Pole Vault- 3.75m (PB & Gold medal)
- Fraser U/18 male: 100m - 12.60
110m Hurdles- 16.57
Shot Put - 9.52m
Long Jump - 5.38m



Photographs courtesy of Viva All Schools

Our sports calendar for 2021 will be available to view on our College website, in various areas around the College grounds as well as at each sub school information evening. We look forward to providing your children with more opportunities in 2021.

On behalf of the College a sincere Thank You to all coaches, team managers, scorers and officials this year. Your willingness to assist our students develop their sporting passion has been greatly appreciated.

We wish all families a safe and enjoyable Christmas break.

Partnering with Rebel

We are proudly partnering with Rebel in their Rebel Community Givebacks program which entitles our school to receive 5% of all our members purchases at Rebel back as credit to spend in store on sports equipment or team wear!

To support our school all you need to do is join the Rebel Active Loyalty Program and link your member account to our school next time you visit your local Rebel store. A friendly team member can help you do this in store and you will also receive some great benefits like exclusive member offers and access to VIP experiences, rewards and competitions for being a Rebel Active member.

Just remember to swipe your Rebel Active Loyalty Card in store or log into your account online when making a purchase at Rebel and our College will receive 5% back as credit to spend on sports gear!

Thank you for your support.

Daryl Porter
PE, Health and Sports Coordinator (F - Year 12)

From the Library

The end is nigh!

All library books are due back to the Library at the end of Week 6 - Friday 20 November.

Textbooks that are not needed for tests may be returned then too. We will allow MS students to return textbooks on the day of their final test in that subject. Everyone can play a part in enabling this to occur. Please check shelves at home... and even under beds and other furniture for Library books that may have gone missing. A rigorous clean out of backpacks may also uncover a smaller book that has been hidden in an unusual place. Classroom trays and lockers will also be checked.

Any book not returned by the final date may incur a charge to cover replacement. Our aim is to ensure that we have all books returned and ready for the 2021 school year. We are concerned when we have to prepare requests for payment, but I am sure that this distress is shared in your households too. Sadly, sometimes your child may have brought a school book home that was borrowed by another student. This always causes many hours of checking at school, so we do appreciate your care in returning books with any Emmaus barcode (including those marked as Bethesda/Tabor).

Premier's Reading Challenge Awards

It is wonderful to note that the Premier's Reading Challenge medals and certificates have been distributed to Middle School and Senior Students, and South Plympton Junior School will receive their awards and acknowledgments in Week 6 and Brooklyn Park students will have their own acceptance ceremony shortly. We are always pleased to see readers take pride in their certificates and medals... but realistically we are delighted when they discover that reading is a life-skill that they can take with them beyond the classroom walls.



Carolyn Hull
Teacher Librarian

Launch News

FIRST Lego League

Emmaus Christian College's Middle School Lego team competed against 15 other schools on Sunday at Pulteney Grammar school. The competition was friendly but fierce, and our students displayed gracious professionalism throughout the day.

Our team won the Engineering Excellence Award for their design and program.

Emmaus old scholars, Iona and Summer who competed in the Channel 9, "Lego Masters" earlier this year, presented us with the winning trophy. We are very excited to win a place in the top 5 schools and therefore qualify to attend (virtually), the Melbourne National finals later this year!



Congratulations to:

Callum, Campbell, Isaac, Jamie, Joseph, Kim, and Lachlan who have worked hard over the last 15 weeks.

The team collaborated after school, and during lunch each week to research the set "mobility" challenge, and to write a program that could successfully manoeuvre their Lego robot around the designated course.

Thank you also to Mr David Chu, Mr Max Dal Santo and Mr Daryl Porter for assisting the team.

Susanne Milne
Launch Coordinator F - 10

Scholarships at Emmaus Christian College

Scholarships are now open!

We are excited to offer two scholarships for two students entering Year 7 in 2022.

- The ACER Scholarship is open to new or continuing students and closes on 21 January 2021.
- The Emmaus Music Scholarship is available to one new student and closes on 29 January 2021.

For more information visit the [Scholarships webpage](#)

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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Additional Times 2020

December 3 Thu	8.30am - 10.00am and 3.00pm - 5.00pm
December 7 Mon	9.00am - 1.00pm

Additional Times 2021

January 7 Thu	9.00am - 1.00pm	January 18 Mon	8.30am - 5.00pm
January 8 Fri	9.00am - 1.00pm	January 19 Tue	8.30am - 5.00pm
January 11 Mon	10.30am - 5.00pm	January 20 Wed	Closed
January 12 Tue	10.30am - 5.00pm	January 21 Thu	8.30am - 5.00pm
January 13 Wed	9.00am - 4.00pm	January 22 Fri	8.30am - 1.00pm
January 14 Thu	9.00am - 4.00pm	January 25 Mon	8.30am - 10.00am and 3.00pm - 5.00pm
January 15 Fri	9.00am - 4.00pm	January 26 Tue	Closed Australia Day
		January 27 Wed	8.30am - 10.00am and 3.00pm - 5.00pm
		January 28 Thu	8.30am - 10.00am and 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

Canteen Corner

Lunch Orders

As the 2020 school year draws to an end, we ask when you place a lunch order if you can please give an alternative option as we run stock down. Thank you.

Roster

Week 5 T4

Thu 12	No help needed
Fri 13	No help needed

Week 7 T4

Mon 23	No help needed
Tue 24	No help needed
Wed 25	HELP NEEDED
Thu 26	No help needed
Fri 27	HELP NEEDED

Week 6 T4

Mon 16	No help needed
Tue 17	No help needed
Wed 18	HELP NEEDED
Thu 19	No help needed
Fri 20	Nancy Pantelis

Week 8 T4

Mon 30	No help needed
Tue 1 December	No help needed
Wed 2	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 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

First Aid

Collection of Medications

As the conclusion of the 2020 school year is rapidly approaching we would like to advise parents that we DO NOT store student medications here at the College over the long school holiday period. Could all medications please be collected from the First Aid Room before or on the final day of school? 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

Holiday Activities

SA Water Vacswim 2020/2021

The Vacswim season for 2020/2021 is fast approaching and they will once again be teaching young South Australians water skills, awareness, confidence and safety in their intensive learn-to-swim program which is run during the school holidays.

For further information and locations please visit their website. Please note that for online enrolments for their December programs close on Wednesday 2 December, while enrolments for January programs close on Sunday 20 December.

ASC -Australian Sports Camps

Australian Sports Camps are running high quality 3 day sports programs during the Summer holidays for 6 - 16 year olds.

Sports include Cricket, Basketball, Tennis, Netball and Soccer at venues including Westminster School, Springbank Sports Centre and Springbank Secondary College. For more information or to book, call 1300 914 368 or visit their [website](#).

EMMAUS CHRISTIAN COLLEGE OUTREACH PRESENTS:

GOLD COIN
(OR MORE)
DONATION

GASUAL DAY

Celebrate the end of 2020!

NOV. 27TH (FRIDAY WEEK 7)
IN SUPPORT OF GWEN'S PANTRY

Gwen's Pantry is a community organisation operating in the St Mary's area for anyone from the community (refugees, students, families, homeless, people with temporary or long term hardship) who is having a tough time. People can come in and collect free food to supplement their pantry, and have a coffee and a chat with one of the friendly volunteers.

<https://www.ebc.org.au/group/gwens-pantry-1>