



IMPORTANT DATES

SOUTH PLYMPTON

NOVEMBER

- Mon 1 - Year 12 Exams
- Fri 12
- Thu 11 Remembrance Day Commemoration
- Mon 15 - Yr 10 & Yr 11 Exam Week
- Fri 19
- Mon 15 Foundation Orientation 2
- Tue 16 Yr 9 The Rite Journey Home Coming
- Wed 17 Yr 1 - 6 Orientation Day
- Yr 6 to 7 Orientation Day
- Thu 18 SACSA Table Tennis
- Think Challenge @ Temple Christian College, Paralowie
- Fri 19 SACSA Table Tennis
- Yr 11 Award Assembly
- Yr 10 Award Assembly
- Mon 22 - Yr 10 ABW
- Fri 26
- Mon 22 JS Awards Ceremony
- Tue 23 Foundation Orientation 3
- Thu 25 - MS Exams
- Fri 26
- Thu 25 JS Performance Assemblies 9am - 10am & 2pm - 3pm
- Fri 26 Yr 10 Final Day
- Yr 5/6 Social in EPAC 6pm - 8pm

BROOKLYN PARK

NOVEMBER

- Tue 16 ELC Orientation 1
- Foundation Orientation 2
- Thu 18 Yr 1 - 6 Orientation Day
- Tue 23 ELC Orientation 2
- Foundation Orientation 3
- Thu 25 Christmas Performance Evening @ Adelaide West Uniting Church 6.30-7.30pm

From the Head of Middle School

Dear Emmaus Families and Friends

When admiring a beautifully manicured garden of thriving plants, you can sometimes hear comments such as, "You're so lucky your garden grows like this." As though it had fallen into place as random luck, that weeds do not grow there and the garden takes care of itself! Every gardener knows this is simply not true. A garden requires continual care and intentionality. Pruning in the correct season, the adding of nutrients, organic fertiliser, trace elements, moisture and air all contribute to soil structure and fertility. Hidden from view, microorganisms and worms do their life giving work. And yet the weeds still grow. Mulching and strategic ground covers can assist but there remain regular times you just have to get your hands dirty and tend to the garden.

We can learn so much from God's creation that applies to our lives. Raising young people is much the same. There are many thoughts and philosophies out there about what is good parenting and what is not. The inescapable reality is that raising young people is a privilege and a great opportunity to shape and grow children in the ways of the Lord. The relentless nature of this makes it challenging and why having a 'village' is so important. As we near the end of another year be encouraged by **Galatians 6:9**...

"And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up."

After all, God created gardens to thrive and bring joy.



Jonathan Carpenter
Head of Middle School

Weekly Coffee Connect
[Brooklyn Park](#)
Cancelled until further notice

Junior School - South Plympton

Year 3/4 Camp

In Week 3, Year 3/4 students and teachers from South Plympton and Brooklyn Park went to Mylor Baptist Camp for 2 days of outdoor activities and adventure. We are very thankful that our prayers were answered, and despite it being cold and wet, the rain held off during each activity time. The students were able to participate fully in all of the outdoor activities and had a wonderful time on the giant swing, flying fox, low ropes, and bouldering wall. Activities such as archery, bridge building and crate stacking were a huge hit, and it was wonderful to see the students supporting each other and challenging themselves to try new things. A wonderful time was had by all.



Corrinna Smith
 Year 3/4 Teacher
 Junior Wellbeing & Admin

2022 Class Placements - South Plympton & Brooklyn Park Junior Schools

Orientation Days Year 1-6 in 2022

At South Plympton on Wednesday 17 November, and at Brooklyn Park on Thursday 18 November, 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 at the end of the day, advising them of their child's teacher and class in 2022. We would like to remind parents that as keen as they are to know who their child's class teacher will be, it is reasonable for all to hear the news from their children at the end of the day.

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. Multiple 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 where possible, and for students not to have the same teacher two years in row. Embracing all this criteria when trying to split children across two or 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 2022 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
South Plympton

Marni Greenwood
Head of Junior School
Brooklyn Park

ELC - Brooklyn Park

Run, Jump and Roll - ELC Mini Sports Day!

On Wednesday of Week 2, our children of both Class 3 and 4 joined together to participate in our Run, Jump and Roll Mini Sports Day!

There was such a buzz of excitement from our athletes as we began our event with the national anthem. We really felt the spirit of our Emmaus community as the Junior Primary students came down to cheer on and encourage our athletes!

We had 6 different events: Basketball relay, egg and spoon race, running relay, soccer dribble and goal, water cup challenge and an obstacle course. We each had a turn at the events, giving it our very best go, climbing and rolling over the obstacles, running as fast as we could and kicking many, many goals!

We concluded with the children cheering on their teachers in a teacher relay race and then we celebrated together with fruit and frozen yoghurt back at ELC. What a great day we had, well done everyone!



Lauren Hughes, ELC Director



Middle School

Year 8 Camp

In Week 3 the Year 8's went to El-Shaddai at Wellington. Here are some of the quotes from students in 8S about the camp:

- It is a nice place. There is plenty of space to have free time and there are many activities for you to do
- Leaders were great and the activities were fun
- I thought the food was one of the best I had at a camp, my favourite meal was Nachos, and the sweet chilli sauce was amazing
- The camping centre was really welcoming and didn't make you feel uncomfortable if you didn't want to do the activity
- It was a really good layout, and it had a lot of cool facilities
- I thought the El Shaddai Camping Centre was great because all of the rooms were hygienic and there were lots of things to do in free time

The students had a wonderful time, and we cannot thank El-Shaddai enough for their flexibility with the bad weather.



Allison Storey
Middle & Senior School Teacher
Middle & Senior Science Coordinator

Senior School

Year 10 Servant Hearts

This term our Year 10 students continued their learning about helping others through their efforts to make a difference in their community; a philosophy based on the heart of our Social Justice Camp. The students researched an organisation as part of their Personal Learning Plan and set a goal to assist in meeting one need in their local community. This could include a video advertising a social justice cause, fundraising for a specific need, advertising for volunteers, creating a basic website or even writing a letter to an MP.

Students created a presentation of how the group has assisted their chosen organisation, as well as discussed, their group's strategies to achieve their goals to make a difference in other peoples' lives. And the groups were diverse and the ideas were wonderful. Groups of Year 10 students raised money through bake sales, selling scarves and cutting hair for: Catherine House; Habitat for Humanity; Hutt Street Centre; Teen Challenge; Operation Christ Child; Baptist Care; and Adelaide West community food table – just to name a few organisations.

The means of raising money varied from selling baked goods to having mullets cut into a couple of students' hair and a very helpful teacher's hair. The mullet is back! Noah and Ethan from Year 10 along with Mr Michael Worley raised a whopping \$950 for the Cuts for Catherine House campaign. Students also had food drives for the Salvos, Marion Life, Adelaide West Uniting Church and Baptist Care. Others volunteered their time at Meals on Wheels and helped those who are at home and need more help whilst waiting for a space in other care. Canteen was also a recipient of fundraising through the sale of scarves, which proved to be one almost legitimate way of getting around the uniform policy that I have seen. But all good things must come to an end, so the scarves will now be weekend wear.

The big question is 'what next?' for each student. How do you sustain the energy and time required for supporting these good causes? Moreover, how do you champion the cause even after the assignment is finished? These questions help develop our student's hearts as they reach out in the love of Christ to their fellow brothers and sisters in our community. Indeed, it warms my heart to see our students look beyond themselves to the needs of others and chose to make a difference in their lives. I am so proud of them and their teachers who encouraged this altruism in our young people.

Andrea Gear
Head of Senior School

RAA Street Smart High Seminar

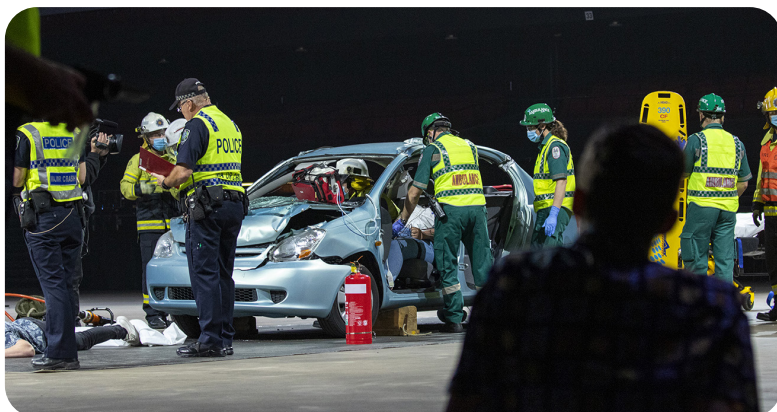
Recently, we joined with over 70 schools in South Australia's largest youth road safety event, RAA's Street Smart High. Our Year 11 students arrived at the Adelaide Entertainment Centre to improve their road safety knowledge, skills and attitudes. It is the ideal age to think about road safety and the importance of defensive driving.

The four-hour program included a simulated crash scene, real life stories from people whose lives have been affected by road trauma, and a demonstration on the importance of ANCAP star ratings when choosing a car.

RAA Community Engagement Senior Manager, Ben Haythorpe, said it was vitally important to educate novice drivers about the risks and dangers they faced when they get in a car or on a motorcycle.

He said that *"people aged 16-24 years make up 13% of the population but accounted for 21% of all fatalities in SA over the past 2 years."*

The event is supported by Think! Road Safety through the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure. Our students appreciated that their CCAPP teachers organised for them to attend this event for the day.



Michael Worley
CCAPP Coordinator

Andrea Gear
Head of Senior School

Senior School

Year 10 Geographers Visit Port Noarlunga

The Year 10 Geography excursion to Port Noarlunga provided an opportunity to learn about an environment that many of our recreational activities depend on. The day began with field sketches of key landforms and examining the unexpected effects of erosion at the base of a cliff. Coastal processes were measured along the shoreline using a range of equipment including tennis balls, tape measures and phone apps. The day finished with a walk through Southport sand dunes before the group retreated to the bus back to school.



Shayna
Year 10 Student

From the Library

Scholastic Book Club

If placing an order for Issue 8 of Scholastic Book Club, the final date for ordering will be Friday 12 November to ensure arrival before school finishes. Thank you for your support of Scholastic Book Club in 2021. All books ordered give the school reward points that can be used to purchase new resources for the school.

End of Year Book Returns

All Library books including textbooks must be returned to school by the last day of classes. Students will not be able to borrow after Friday 19 November, to allow us time to ensure all items are returned and a full stock take completed. Overdue notices will be sent out automatically from the Library system and will continue until all items are returned. If a book has been lost or damaged an invoice will be sent requesting payment. Please make sure you look in all the funny places that books can hide - under the bed, in their bookcases, in the car, in their school bags, under the cushions on the lounge...

Alicia Buxton, Carolyn Hull and Jan Maschmedt
Library Team

Performing Arts

Students in the Dance and Drama Faculty participated in the Inspiring Night, demonstrating their works in progress to the Emmaus Community. Students demonstrated excellent growth in their stage presence, genre techniques and design roles. As a special edition to the evening, Year 12 Dancers performed their final assessment for SACE Dance.

Congratulations to these students on their tremendous performance and outstanding results!



Jess Routley
Senior School Teacher
Drama & Dance Coordinator

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.

Additional Opening Times

December 2021

Monday 6 9.00am - 1.00pm

January 2022

Monday 10 10.30am - 5.00pm

Tuesday 11 10.30am - 5.00pm

Wednesday 12 9.00am - 4.00pm

Thursday 13 9.00am - 4.00pm

Friday 14 **Closed**

Monday 17 8.30am - 5.00pm

Tuesday 18 8.30am - 5.00pm

Wednesday 19 8.30am - 5.00pm

Thursday 20 8.30am - 5.00pm

Friday 21 **Closed**

Monday 24 8.30am - 5.00pm

Tuesday 25 **Closed**

Wednesday 26 **Closed**

Thursday 27 8.30am - 4.00pm

Friday 28 8.30am - 1.00pm

Christine Blom-Cursaro

Uniform Shop Manager

First Aid

Collection of Medications

As the conclusion of the 2021 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