



**Emmaus**  
Christian College

# Newsletter

Week 7 Term 4 | 25 November 2020

## IMPORTANT DATES

### SOUTH PLYMPTON NOVEMBER

Thu 26	Year 12 Graduation Ceremony
	Year 5/6 Social
Fri 27	Whole School Casual Day
Mon 30	JS Awards Ceremony
	Year 9 Celebration Assembly

### DECEMBER

Tue 1	JP Celebration Picnic
	Year 6 Graduation
Wed 2	MS Activity Day - TBC
	<b>End of Term - Normal Finish Time 3.10pm</b>

### BROOKLYN PARK NOVEMBER

Fri 27	Year 1-4 Orientation
	Whole School Casual Day
Mon 30	ELC Orientation
	JS Awards Ceremony

### DECEMBER

Tue 1	JP Celebration Picnic
Wed 2	<b>End of Term - Normal Finish Time 3.10pm</b>

**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 Chaplain

### Dear Families and Friends

We are fast approaching the end of what has been quite an eventful year! Since the calendar turned to 2020 we have faced a constant barrage of challenges, and even over the last week we found ourselves in the midst of a lock down the likes of which one would not have thought would ever occur in South Australia.

This year has brought with it all manner of grief and loss. There have been many who have grieved the loss of a loved one. So many people have missed out on significant events like milestone birthday celebrations, or graduation services. School camps and trips have been cancelled. Weddings have been postponed or hurriedly pulled together. Travel plans have been thrown into chaos. Families have been separated interstate or overseas, elderly relatives have been forced to decline visitors. Church services have been cancelled and delivered online. The list goes on.

For many this is not a year to celebrate let alone one to choose to remember. Fear and anxiety has been an ever present battle to subdue. And believe it or not Christmas is just around the corner and many are beginning to contemplate what Christmas and the ensuing holiday period will look like, in this Covid aware world in which we now find ourselves.

All of this is undeniably true, the reality of such is right before us. Yet even so, in the thick of the heartache, in the middle of anxiety or fear we are reminded to come to Jesus and surrender our heart to Him. It requires of us faith to bring this burden, person, or issue to God, believing that He WILL move that mountain, that He IS able.

And in doing so it moves you from anger to surrender, heartache to hope, despair to promise.

The scriptures are full of promise and encouragement, to surrender whatever is going on in our world to God above, coming to Him through Jesus His Son.

Matthew 11:28 says

<sup>28</sup> *Then Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."*

Proverbs 3:5-6 tells us

<sup>5</sup> *Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;*

<sup>6</sup> *in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight.[a]*

John 14:27 states

<sup>27</sup> *Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.*

We read in 1 Peter 5:6-7

<sup>6</sup> *Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that He may lift you up in due time. <sup>7</sup> Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you.*

I could keep on listing passages from the Bible that remind us that God is with us, that we can surrender all our burdens to Him. But far better than that is for you to spend time in the scriptures for yourself. Regardless of whether you are finding the current environment around us challenging or not, whether you feel anxious or calm, I challenge you to read through Matthew 6:25-34, Psalm 23, Romans 8:26-39. Add to this a prayer of surrender.

A simple prayer that author John Eldredge writes is this, *'Dear God, I surrender everything and everyone to You.'*

Try it. Sit in that space for a few moments. If you are still holding onto fear, anxiety, worry, whatever it may be, then perhaps you have not surrendered it to God. Pray it again. And again if necessary. The situation around us may remain unchanged, yet your spirit within can take comfort, hope and find joy in the knowledge that God is with us.

As we head towards the closing weeks of this year may you know that our prayers are with you. May you know the peace of Christ in your heart and mind. May you grasp opportunity to love others. May you fix your eyes on Jesus, walking in confidence that your steps are found in God's loving embrace. And may these words from Romans lift your spirit within,

Romans 15:13

<sup>13</sup> *I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in Him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit.*

Grace and Peace,

**Adam Wood**  
Chaplain



## Junior School - South Plympton

### Junior Primary Orientation

Last Wednesday, the children enjoyed meeting their new teachers for 2021. We had lots of fun interacting with our new classes. The end of a school year is always bittersweet as we say goodbye to our current classes but are excited about the upcoming changes of the new year. We are confident that God has great things ahead for us all!



Tracey Alderman  
F - 2 Wellbeing and Admin



## ELC - Brooklyn Park

### Our first ELC Graduating Preschool Class

#### Belonging

*"Children's identities, knowledge, understandings, capacities, skills and relationships change during childhood. They are shaped by many different events and circumstances. Becoming reflects this process of rapid and significant change that occurs in the early years as young children learn and grow. It emphasises learning to participate fully and actively in society"* Early Years Learning Framework.

As our founding class of students are to complete their preschool program with us at ELC, we feel truly blessed to have been able to watch this group grow so much throughout this year. Together they have grown into a beautiful community of learners. At our Celebration Night in Week 9 we look forward to celebrating the exciting milestone as our Room 4 class move from ELC to Foundation. With friends old and new, it is with great excitement that our Room 4 class have now begun their Foundation Transition visits, exploring their new classrooms and meeting their new teachers.

*"I feel excited and great about starting school"* – Clay

*"I feel brave"* – Rhys

*"I feel good about it because I went there and it's different to what I thought and now I think it's going to be great"* - Aria



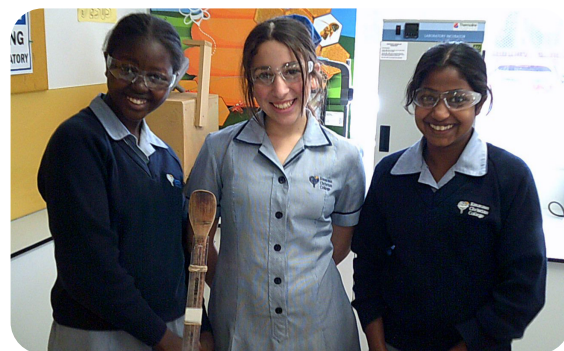
Lisa Bennett  
ELC Coordinator



## Middle School

We praise God for the countless ways He has blessed our Middle School in 2020.

*"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."* Romans 15:13





## Senior School

### Forbes Farewell for 2020!



The end of the school year was celebrated at Forbes Primary School on Tuesday of Week 5 with a Teddy Bears Picnic. The whole of the Junior School helped celebrate the buddy reading program that we had attempted to run for the year, with a digital version of stories being read in Term 2.

It was so very touching to see the junior students who had read with the same Senior student from Emmaus for most of the year say goodbye. There were a few tears and promises of returning next year.

This is our opportunity to speak into the lives of children and make reading something to look forward to rather than a chore. Reading is so very important and we are so appreciative of the effort the staff at Forbes go to with this program and Adam and I are so very proud of how our students conduct themselves.

We plan to continue and maybe even expand this program in 2021.  
What a blessing to be able to serve in our community.

**Andrea Grear**  
Head of Senior School

**Adam Wood**  
Chaplain

### Year 10/11 Awards Ceremony

Monday of Week 6, Year 10 and 11 students were part of an Awards Ceremony as they are not able to participate in Speech Night this year due to Covid-19 restrictions. We did not want our students to miss out on the opportunity of being recognised for the efforts in academia, community, sport and the Performing Arts, so the show went on!

Community and wider awards were announced and subject award winners were announced and received a certificate for their excellence in a particular subject area. Year level Dux will be organised later in the year as reports are compiled and it is possible to determine the student with the best aggregate in Years 10 and 11.

Thank you for the hard work and community attitude of all our students. These awards only recognise part of what we are about at Emmaus, as we know that each student is created in the image of God and is uniquely valued with their particular set of skills, circumstances and personality. Each of us has the ability to be all that God wants us to be, each day is an act of worship in praise of this very fact. I continue to be amazed at the breadth of talent and glory in our Senior students. We survived a Covid-19 year, we can do anything!

**Andrea Grear**  
Head of Senior School

### Year 11 Celebration Day

Year 11s celebrated their final day on Wednesday 18 November with an excursion at various 'mystery locations'... and the timing could not have been better! The students started out at Adelaide Zoo with a photo scavenger list, then moved on to a catered lunch in Botanic Park with garden games and finished the day at Elder Park with paddle boat rides, tours on Popeye and hot donuts and milkshakes. We ended our day with a certificate ceremony to honour students and groups throughout the day. It truly was a celebration of all their achievements through the year - well done, Year 11s!

**Esther Amoy**  
Senior School Ruby House Coordinator  
R - 12 Visual Art Coordinator

## Employment Opportunities at Emmaus

Emmaus is seeking suitably qualified Christian Staff to join our team in 2021:

**OSHC Assistants** - Multiple casual regular and relief positions are available from Term 1, 2021 (afternoons only) during term time

**F - Year 6 SSO Learning Support** – 2 part-time roles at our Brooklyn Park Campus (19 hours over 5 mornings for 40 weeks per year)

**Early Childhood Worker (Diploma qualified)** – Ongoing full-time role at our ELC Brooklyn Park Campus

**Applications for these roles close on Monday 7 December 2020 at 9am.**

Further details and application requirements can be found on the College [website](#) under 'Positions Vacant'.

Please share these exciting opportunities to become part of the Emmaus team with friends, family and Church associates.

## 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](#)

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## Performing Arts

### Instrumental Program

We have a few vacancies for students wanting to receive instrumental tuition next year. We are excited to offer our instrumental program to Brooklyn Park students from 2021 also. Please see all information regarding our instrumental program on the College [website](#). Instrumental Tuition forms can also be found on the [website](#). If you have any further questions, please contact me via [email](#).

**Tracey Medhurst**  
**Performing Arts Assistant**

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## First Aid

We would like to say thank you to parents for working together with us in regards to the care and wellbeing of your child(ren) throughout this year. Your understanding and support with school requirements and policies helps us ensure that students' needs are met to the highest possible standard.

### 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?

### Updating Care Plans

Medication Plans, Asthma Care Plans and other Health Care Plans need to be updated annually or whenever there is a change in the care needs for a student. If your child's Health Care Plan is due to be updated, the school holidays are an ideal time get this in order ready for the 2021 school year. Medication Plans and Asthma Care Plans can be downloaded from the College website or you can collect a blank form from the First Aid Officers. If you have any questions please contact one of the First Aid Officers.

### Returning Borrowed Clothes

If your child has borrowed clothes from the First Aid Room recently can you please ensure that they have been returned?

### Thunderstorm Asthma

Please read the information below which is an extract from the Asthma Australia website.

Thunderstorm Asthma can be very serious for people with asthma.

It is important to be Thunderstorm Asthma aware and prepared for the upcoming thunderstorm season. It could save your life or your loved one.

Thunderstorm Asthma events are believed to be triggered by an uncommon combination of high grass pollen levels and a certain type of thunderstorm, causing pollen grains from grasses to be swept up in the wind and carried long distances. If grass pollen is a problem for you then thunderstorms in spring and summer may also affect you. Some pollens can burst open and release tiny particles that are concentrated in the wind just before the thunderstorm. These small particles get deep into the airways and can trigger asthma symptoms.

To avoid exposure, stay inside with the windows and doors closed until after the storm has passed.

According to the Department of Health and Human Services, there is a greater risk of an Epidemic Thunderstorm Asthma event occurring this year due to a wet spring encouraging grass growth. This is caused by the La Nina effect, which usually means above-average winter-spring rainfall for Australia.

To ensure all members of the community are best prepared this thunderstorm season, Asthma Australia has information to help if an Epidemic Thunderstorm Asthma warning is issued.

For more information, please visit this [link](#) which can also be found on the [Asthma Australia](#) website.

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

## Lost Property

All lost property is currently on a clothes rack outside Student Services.

Please also check at Student Services for valuable items such as watches, spectacles, purses/wallets, jewellery and more.

Any articles not claimed by the end of this Term will be either given to the Uniform Shop, First Aid or donated to Charity.

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

## College Uniform Shoes

At Emmaus Christian College, we encourage our students to wear their uniform correctly to ensure a neat and consistent representation of the College. We would like to take this opportunity to clarify specifically, the College's Uniform Shoe requirements.

Our College Uniform requires that each child should own the following two pairs of shoes:

1. Plain, black, closed leather lace-up school shoe with black laces. No 'chunky' heels. Does not include 'mary-jane' style or black sports sneakers.
2. Quality sports shoes. Where possible, neutral colours including a single colour or combination of white, blue, grey, black. To be worn for PE Lessons.

Students in Foundation to Year 2 are permitted to have velcro straps instead of laces.

To view some visual examples, please see the [Uniform Shoe Guidelines](#) available on our [website](#).

**The Emmaus Uniform Committee**

## Launch News

### Oliphant Science Award Finalist

We are delighted to announce that Sohana in Year 9, was awarded 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Oliphant Science Awards Scientific Inquiry category. Her 28-page submission enquiry was 'To Investigate the effect different dish soaps and fruits have on the extraction of DNA.' Sohana received her Award at Brighton High School on Friday 13 November.

Congratulations Sohana on your excellent achievement for your hard work.

Susanne Milne

Launch Coordinator F - 10



## College News

### eSafety Commissioner Free Parent Seminars

Having the knowledge and resources to help create a safe online environment at home for our child/ren is crucial in this age of online connectivity. The Wellbeing Team is excited to share this excellent free webinar resource developed by the education team at eSafety through the Australian Government. It is a new free webinar series for parents and carers, to be delivered live in 2021. Each term, eSafety will offer a new topic that will run numerous times. These webinars will provide parents and carers with the knowledge, skills and tools to support their children to have safe, positive online experiences. This is especially important in an era when we are all online more than ever before.

The Term 1 webinar topic is **eSafety's guide to cyberbullying and online drama**. This will be offered five times over the term.

Attached is eSafety's 2021 webinar schedule. We would be grateful if you could note the dates as you start planning the year ahead. This schedule will also be included on the Emmaus Wellbeing website page.

## 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.

We would like to thank you for your support over the year; with a special thank you to our volunteers for graciously sharing their time with us. We look forward to your support next year.

Wishing everyone a Blessed Christmas and safe summer holidays.

### Roster

#### 2020

##### Week 7 T4

Thu 26	No help needed
Fri 27	<b>HELP NEEDED</b>

##### Week 8 T4

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

#### 2021

##### Week 1 T1

Mon 25 January	<b>Student Free Day</b>
Tue 26	<b>Public Holiday</b>
Wed 27	<b>HELP NEEDED</b>
Thu 28	No help needed
Fri 29	<b>HELP NEEDED</b>

##### Week 2 T1

Mon 1 February	No help needed
Tue 2	No help needed
Wed 3	<b>HELP NEEDED</b>
Thu 4	No help needed
Fri 5	<b>HELP NEEDED</b>

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



# Online safety webinars for parents and carers

Free, live webinars providing parents and carers with the knowledge, skills and tools to support their children to have safe and positive online experiences.

**Limited spaces available!**

**Visit:** [esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars](https://esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars) to find more information.

**Register now:** [register.gotowebinar.com/rt/2898435107213971215](https://register.gotowebinar.com/rt/2898435107213971215)

## Term 1

**Topic:** eSafety's guide to cyberbullying and online drama

**Dates:**

**Safer Internet Day**

9 February 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm  
10 February 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm  
10 February 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm  
15 February 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm

**National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence**

22 March 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm

## Term 2

**Topic:** To be confirmed

**Dates:**

4 May 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm  
5 May 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm  
6 May 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm

## Term 3

**Topic:** To be confirmed

**Dates:**

28 July 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm  
29 July 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm

**Child Protection Week**

7 September 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm  
9 September 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm

## Term 4

**Topic:** To be confirmed

**Dates:**

19 October 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm  
20 October 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm  
21 October 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm

EMMAUS CHRISTIAN COLLEGE OUTREACH PRESENTS:

GOLD COIN  
(OR MORE)  
DONATION

# CASUAL 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>