

**Next College Newsletter: Wed 16<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

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## Important Dates

### May

#### Fri 4<sup>th</sup>

SACSA Athletics Yr 2-7 @ Santos

'Let there be Coffee' Coffee Van @ 2.30pm - 3.30pm in JS area

#### Fri 4<sup>th</sup> - Sun 6<sup>th</sup>

'Generations in Jazz' in Mount Gambier

#### Mon 7<sup>th</sup> - Fri 11<sup>th</sup>

Reception Water Safety Week

#### Fri 11<sup>th</sup>

JS Mother's Day Stall

'Let there be Coffee' Coffee Van @ 2.30pm - 3.30pm in JS area

#### Fri 11<sup>th</sup> - Sat 12<sup>th</sup>

Year 12 Aboriginal Studies Camp

#### Sat 12<sup>th</sup>

Yr 7-10 Rostrum Public Speakers Competition @ Immanuel College

#### Mon 14<sup>th</sup>

Junior School Reading Parent Workshop in Staff Room 9.00am - 10.00am

#### Tue 15<sup>th</sup> - Fri 25<sup>th</sup>

NAPLAN Yrs 3, 5, 7 & 9

#### Thu 17<sup>th</sup>

Middle School Maths Workshop 7.30pm - 9.30pm

#### Fri 18<sup>th</sup>

'Let there be Coffee' Coffee Van @ 2.30pm - 3.30pm in JS area

## 2018 Term Dates

### Term 2

Tue 1 May - Fri 6 Jul

### Term 3

Tue 24 Jul - Fri 28 Sep

### Term 4

Mon 15 Oct - Wed 5 Dec

(Term dates subject to change)

Weekly Coffee Connect

Tuesday Morning

8.45am - 9.45am



Weekly Prayer Connect

Thursday Morning

8.30am - 9.00am



## From the Principal

### Dear Families and Friends

#### Romans 1:16-17 (NIV)

<sup>16</sup> "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile. <sup>17</sup> For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last,[a] just as it is written: The righteous will live by faith." [b]

I welcome you back to the second school term of 2018 with a reminder of true hope in Christ that sustains us irrespective of our worldly circumstances. This hope comes directly from the knowledge that our sins are laid on Christ and his righteousness is laid on us, and that this great exchange becomes ours not by works but by faith alone. *"By grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast"* **Ephesians 2:8-9.**

The last week of last term concluded with two particularly noteworthy community building events in the life of the College: Grandparents day and the Year 12 Formal. On Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> April it was such a pleasure seeing our Performing Arts Centre literally bursting at the seams with the grandparents of approximate 300 Junior School students. Every Junior School Student participated throughout the program including all together in the signing of one highlight item, John Farnham's 1986 hit song "You're the Voice". The famous lyrics "We're all someone's daughter; We're all someone's son" was expanded upon during this item declaring that we are all loved children of our Father in heaven. The love our Year 12 parents have for their children was similarly evident on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April when the annual Year 12 Formal commenced in the Emmaus Performing Arts Centre with some light refreshments and the all-important 'red-carpet' photo opportunity! It is always such a treat seeing our Year 12 students immaculately attired for this event, many departing the College for the exciting evening ahead in luxury chauffeured transportation! I personally thank all the staff and families for their time and energy coordinating these two important events in the life of the College. A few photos of these events are included below representing many more available on the Emmaus Facebook site.



## NAPLAN Testing

The annual Government NAPLAN tests for the nations Year 3, 5, 7 & 9 students are rapidly approaching with one key difference in 2018, most of the tests will be undertaken using a new 'on-line' format compared to the previous pencil and paper tests. Emmaus has undertaken extensive 'readiness' testing of our IT infrastructure over the last 6 months to ensure this format change will have no impact on our students. The tests are scheduled to be completed between 15<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> May, however Emmaus is intending to complete these tests during the first of these two weeks as has been the case previously. It is interesting to note that SACE is similarly transitioning to on-line exams at the end of Year 12, hence this is just a sign of the times!

## Oval Upgrade

As many of you may have noticed over the last few years, our grassed area on the southern side of the campus (generally referred to as our 'oval' despite its rectangular shape!) has struggled as our student numbers have reached in excess of 700; and with a considerable increase in sporting programs providing opportunities for our students. The grass struggles the most during the winter months when growth of the hardier grass variety all but stops. Considerable exploration of options to improve this situation has taken place over the last 12 months including the relocation of some sporting events to neighbouring venues to reduce some of the higher impact use of this area. Exploration also included the assessment of installing a synthetic grass surface over this area.

Although visits to recently installed synthetic fields both in SA and interstate showcased the superiority of such synthetic surfaces for sports use, it remains the case that our oval is not purely a sports playing surface, but has considerable recreational use too. Unfortunately the superiority of new synthetic surfaces for sporting applications does not translate into pleasant recreational use too. For this reason Emmaus is further exploring alternatives to keeping and improve the quality of the natural grass surface of our oval. The first step of this improvement process will be to address the very low mains water pressure irrigation capability by the installation of a tank and high pressure pump system. This work already commenced over the most recent holidays with the installation of a small concrete tank pad adjacent to the north-west corner of the oval, and associated trenching for electrical and water supply. The plan is for this project to be completed ready for the start of the next growing season.

Blessings,

**Andrew Linke**  
**Principal**

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## Senior School News

### Year 12 Formal 2018

This year's formal was held on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April in the Moet Room at Morphettville Race Course. The weather did not stop a good time from going down, as the students managed their entrances and exits in between the wild, but welcome, rain. I was especially impressed by the good humour, sense of fun and variety of beautiful suits...and dresses. They all looked gorgeous and were a delight to spend the evening with. This year's formal was a great way to finish Term one and look toward the rest of the year. It really was a very enjoyable evening.

**Andrea Grear**  
**Head of Senior School**

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## Sporting News

Welcome back to Term 2. We hope that you had an enjoyable break and were able to spend some time together as a family.

On Friday this week, Year 2 - 7 SACSAAthletics Carnival will take place and we wish every student the best as they compete in Division 1 against some large competitive schools. Running Club recommences on Tuesday Week 2 and it would be great to continue to see as many students and parents attend. Term 1 averaged 30 participants, this Term, hopefully more. During the cooler months we will predominantly be in the gym starting at 7.30am and finishing by 8.10am.

Many of our after school sporting competitions start early this term, so look out for more information via email or notes about training sessions, uniform collection, programs and other information.

Please continue to inform me about any children's sporting successes so we can acknowledge them with the wider Emmaus Community. We look forward to working with your child(ren) and yourselves this term across the various sports on offer.

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

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## Launch News

### International Geography Competition and History Olympiad, Berlin, Germany 2018

We are very excited that Drake, Year 10, is competing in both the International Geography and History Olympiad competition to be held in Berlin in the July School Holidays. Drake is representing not only Emmaus Christian College, but Australia, as he is the only and first Australian student to be competing in the international competitions. We are very proud of Drake's achievements and wish him all the best with his preparations and the competition.

### Rostrum Voice of Youth Competition

All the best to Erica, Year 9, who is competing in the Rostrum Public Speaking Competition on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May at Immanuel College. She has had to prepare and deliver a 6 minute speech and give a 3 minute impromptu speech.

### Oliphant Science Awards

Junior Primary students who would like to take up the challenge of researching a scientific concept, creating a science model or science based game, making a poster of taking scientific photographs, please see me for an entry form.

Further information can be found at [http://www.oliphantscienceawards.com.au/2018\\_event\\_information/2018\\_award\\_categories](http://www.oliphantscienceawards.com.au/2018_event_information/2018_award_categories)

### Debating 2018 Season

Emmaus has 8 Debating teams, from Year 5 to Year 9 competing this year. Competition for the Senior Teams starts in Week 2 and Year 5 - 7 Teams in Week 3. The teams compete after school hours at Pulteney Grammar School and Nazareth College. Thank you to all their coaches for their hard work in preparing their teams for their debates.

We wish all the students well for the season.

### Gifted and Talented Childrens Association of SA

GTCASA run a Saturday Club for Primary ages students. Please check their website <http://gtcasa.asn.au/> if you are interested in your child being enrolled in their enrichment sessions.

### One Minute Film Competition 2018

This competition is for students that want to use their creativity through media or just have a go! Open to all ages, film or animation. The topic is 'memory'. For terms and conditions and tips on how to film, click [here](#). Presented by ATOM. Entries are now open and close midday AEST on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> August.

### Susanne Milne

#### Launch Coordinator R-10

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## Canteen Roster

### Week 1 T2

Thu 3 <sup>rd</sup>	No help needed
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup>	Helen Talbot

### Week 2 T2

Mon 7 <sup>th</sup>	No help needed
Tue 8 <sup>th</sup>	No help needed
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup>	Chris Barry
Thu 10 <sup>th</sup>	No help needed
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup>	Nancy Pantelis

### Week 3 T2

Mon 14 <sup>th</sup>	No help needed
Tue 15 <sup>th</sup>	No help needed
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup>	Sam Allison
Thu 17 <sup>th</sup>	No help needed
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup>	Tam Battersby

### Week 4 T2

Mon 21 <sup>st</sup>	No help needed
Tue 22 <sup>nd</sup>	No help needed
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Kellie Lionelle
Thu 24 <sup>th</sup>	Nicole Doak
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup>	Rebecca Hutchinson

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 wear 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.

### Christine Blom-Cursaro and Sharon Hughes

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## Uniform Shop

### 2018 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

**Christine Blom-Cursaro**  
**Uniform Shop Manager**

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## Music

### Performing Arts Calendar 2018

Term 2	Week 1	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> - Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	'Generations in Jazz' in Mount Gambier
	Week 6	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Winter Instrumental Evening @ 7.00pm in EPAC
	Week 7	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 8-12 Drama/Dance Evening
	Week 10	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	MS/SS Music Showcase @ 7.00pm in EPAC
	Week 10	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 5/6 Battle of the Bands Concert
Term 3	Week 3	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> August	Tuesday on Flinders Concert
	Week 5	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> August	SA School Band & Orchestra Festival @ Westminster School
	Week 8	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> September	Spring Cabaret Evening @ 7.00pm in EPAC
	Week 9	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> - Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	Junior School Musical
Term 4	Week 3	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Music Count Us In

**Andrew Verco**  
**Music Coordinator (Rec - Year 12)**

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## Community News

### Student Placement

At the end of May, 25 French students aged 15 - 16 years will be arriving in Australia to study at local schools for 12 weeks. Student Placement are still looking to place 13 students with host families in a volunteer/unpaid capacity.

Host families help provide each student with the chance to study and experience life in Australia. This is a great way to practice your French, share your stories, learn about another country and culture, establish a lifelong link to a family in another country and contribute to international goodwill.

Students bring with them their own spending money, health insurance, a wonderful attitude and desire to learn about their new host country. Your extended family and friends will grow and learn as you all get to know your new 'son' or 'daughter' from another land. If you can offer a friendly, supportive and caring home environment, Student Placement would like to hear from you.

For further details contact Jenny Hanson (SPANZ SA Placement Coordinator) email: [info@studentplacement.com.au](mailto:info@studentplacement.com.au) phone: 8323 0973 or 0409 890 184.

### Parent/Carer Event with Dr Karyn Carson

Little Lessons Australia, support children by providing learning opportunities for Parents.

'Understanding and Fostering Children's Speech, Language and Literacy Development: Birth to 5 years' is their next session being held at 6.30pm on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May at Cove Civic Centre, Hallett Cove is . For further information telephone 0438 752 877 or click [here](#).



# Mother's Day Stall

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May

Assorted gifts will be  
available for purchase  
for \$2, \$5 and \$8 in the  
OSHC area.



*Stall*



## Parent Workshops in Term 2

### Middle School Maths: 'This is not how I did it at school'

"This is not how I did it at school" or "I never understood Maths" are often how adults feel about Maths. These free workshops, presented by the Mathematical Association of SA look at how key concepts for Middle School Mathematics are now taught in school, focusing on Number, Order of Operations and Problem Solving. The presentation will be flexible to the needs of parents attending and help parents become more confident to understand and support their children learn mathematics.

Josh Brenkley, Maths Coordinator 7-12, will be in attendance for each session.

Workshop 1:	Thursday, 17 May	7.30pm - 9.30pm	(For parents)
Workshop 2:	Thursday, 7 June	7.30pm - 9.30pm	(For parents)
Workshop 3:	Thursday, 28 June	7.30pm - 9.30pm	(For parents and Middle School students)

The third session on Thursday, 28 June will be for parents and children to explore mathematics together.

Location: Emmaus Christian College - Staff Room

Please confirm your attendance at TryBooking: <https://www.trybooking.com/VOPQ>  
Workshops are free of charge.

**Presented by the Mathematical Association of South Australia**



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### Help your Reception child to read and write

SPELD SA will be presenting two workshops aimed at Reception families that will cover many practical ways that parents can assist their children in becoming successful readers and writers. These workshops will complement the programs currently being used (Jolly Phonics, including tricky words) and will cater for Reception students at varying levels of development and mastery.

Workshop 1: Let us help you to help your child to read  
Monday, 21 May, 6.00pm - 7.00pm.  
Gillian Giles, Reception teacher will be in attendance

Workshop 2: Early writing skills  
Monday, 28 May, 6.00pm - 7.00pm.  
Jeanette Racz, Reception teacher will be in attendance

Location: Emmaus Christian College - Staff room

Please confirm your attendance via Seesaw App  
Workshops are free of charge.

**Presented by SPELD SA**

