

Next College Newsletter: Wed 20th September 2017

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Important Dates

Thu 7th September

Spring Instrumental Evening in EPAC @ 7.00pm

Fri 8th

'Let there be Coffee' Coffee Van
 Junior School Soccer Break up
 4.00pm - 6.00pm

Sun 10th

Tournament of the Minds

Tue 12th

Rec Parent/Teacher Interviews
 3.30pm - 7.00pm
 Year 1-6 Student Led Conferences
 3.30pm - 5.30pm

Wed 13th

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Thu 14th

SPELD Parent Workshop in Staff-room 9.00am - 10.00am

Fri 15th

'Let there be Coffee' Coffee Van

Mon 18th

SACSA Soccer Open Boys & Girls @ Barratt Reserve

Tue 19th

SACSA Soccer Yr 8/9 Boys & Girls @ Barratt Reserve

MS/SS Parent/Teacher Interviews
 3.30pm - 8.30pm

Wed 20th

SACSA Soccer Yr 4/5 Boys & Girls @ Barratt Reserve
 MS/SS Parent/Teacher Interviews
 3.30pm - 5.30pm

2017 Term Dates

Term 3

Wed 26 Jul - Fri 29 Sep

Term 4

Mon 16 Oct - Wed 6 Dec

(Term dates subject to change)

2018 Term Dates

Term 1

Mon 29 Jan - Fri 13 Apr

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
 9.00am - 10.00am



Weekly Prayer Connect
 Thursday Morning
 8.30am - 9.00am



From the Head of Middle School

Dear Families and Friends

This year the Middle School Wellbeing Day took a different format from our normal day. After Adam Wood shared a devotion with all Year 7, 8 and 9 students, we headed to the College buses for a mystery destination...

...St. Kilda playground. The focus of the day was activity, enjoyment and connection. After some time to explore the playground we all gathered together to enjoy a Krispy Kreme doughnut.

Students were given coloured sashes to wear - Ruby, Emerald and Topaz. We then participated in 'Capture the Flag' against other House teams and 'photo challenge'.

On our return to the College we had a devotion in our Home Groups answering the questions:

- Who brings you joy in life?
- What do you do that brings joy fully alive?
- What could you do for another that might bring them alive?

The day concluded with students receiving 'Wellbeing Showbags' containing a collection of goodies. Thank you to all staff for their extra time, energy and enthusiasm to make the event happen. Thank you to our students who displayed exemplary behaviour and participation for the entire day.



**Andrew Edmondson
 Head of Middle School**

Junior School News

2017 Oliphant Science Awards

These awards are an annually held competition for South Australian School students from Reception to Year 12 to develop their interest in Science through a Science based competition with a range of categories to suit a wide variety of abilities and interests. The Oliphant Awards provide students with an opportunity to expand their scientific literacy, by showing interest and understanding in the world around them and engaging in discussions about science.

Emmaus Christian College had an excellent result with 9 winners in 6 different categories. Thank you to Mrs Susanne Milne and Mrs Allison Storey for their support of our students and facilitation of the Oliphant Science competition.

Father's Day Breakfast

Over 350 fathers and children participated in the delightful Junior School community Father's Day celebration held at 7.30am on Friday morning. A delicious breakfast of bacon, eggs, pancakes, muffins, quiches and good coffee was served in the courtyard, bathed in sunshine, by our parents with many secondary student helpers. The special Father's Day activities, including ball games, skipping, cricket and colouring in were enjoyed during the morning. The Chamber Ensemble played beautifully throughout the breakfast.

Thanks to all fathers who took time out to support this very popular Junior School annual event. A huge thank you to the parent class representatives who with their many helpers worked tirelessly to organise, prepare and cook breakfast for our fathers.



Junior School Theme for Term 3 2017

God is Good all the Time. The Amazing Feast. Week 7 Bible Verse - *"Blessed are those who are invited to the Wedding supper of the Lamb!" Revelations 19:9*

Annette Craven
Head of Junior School

Sporting News

On Thursday 24th August, both male and female 'footy' teams played in the SACSA AFL Carnival and we had great results. We played in dry and windy, then saturating and stronger wind conditions all day. We had blood noses, sprained fingers, big hits and big team effort wins. Both teams qualified for the semi finals and won them defeating Kings girls and Tyndale Strathalbyn boys. Both teams played Tyndale Salisbury East in the grand final and both finished runners up. All players finished the day being very tired, stiff and sore but were very proud of their efforts as was Mr Ben Squire and myself. Our players supported each other well all day creating a lot of noise and humour. Well done!



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

Scholarships at Emmaus Christian College

Applications are now open for Scholarships offered by Emmaus Christian College for 2019 as follows:

- Academic Scholarships for Year 8 in 2019 (applications close Thursday 18th January 2018)
- Music Scholarships for Year 7 or 8 in Year 2019 (applications close Friday 2nd February 2018)
- Pilgrim Scholarship for Year 8 in 2019 (applications close Friday 2nd February 2018)

Full details of scholarships and application forms are available on the College website.

Scholarships at Emmaus Christian College are available to students who meet the College's enrolment criteria. Please contact the Registrar on 8292 3834 if you require further information.

From the Chaplain

Hello Emmaus! It has been such an honour to begin in this role as College Chaplain. Thank you for the warm welcome!

I have had the privilege over the past weeks to spend some time with some of the senior school classes, and in particular facilitate some Q&A workshops with them. Students have submitted questions to their teachers and these have been subsequently forwarded to myself, so as to prepare to address and discuss them. Students were encouraged to ask whatever questions they would like, but encouraged to ask the questions that perhaps they have always wanted to know more about but have not been prepared to articulate.

The questions I received were mixed and varied, ranging from questions related to favourite food to deep theological ponderings; to moral and ethical debate. Participating in this process has made two things in particular stand out to me.

- 1) It is ok to ask questions or to express confusion, or dare I say it, doubts; particularly concerning matters of faith.
- 2) When we do voice our opinion, to do so graciously and with respect, acknowledging that others may not hold the same point of view.

Throughout the Bible, in particular the Psalms, we can read of many occasions where the Psalmist utters their complaint before the Lord – ‘How long, Lord’, says King David in **Psalm 13**, or ‘My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?’, again says David in **Psalm 22**. In each case there is a heartfelt cry to God, expressing the confusion, their doubt, the questioning of God’s plans. But the dialogue with God does not end there. As we continue to read further through those Psalms, we see the writer often penning the phrases, ‘But you, O Lord’, or ‘But I trust’...

Not only does the Psalmist (both here and elsewhere throughout the Psalms) demonstrate real life emotions, heartfelt urging and the deep longings from within, but it also shows us that we can and ought to express our heart to God. It is ok to acknowledge what is going on. It is ok to cry out to God with the guttural cries of “what’s going on... why!?” My prayer is that you would be able to “*present your requests to God*”, as Paul instructs us in **Philippians 4:6-7**. You may find it hard to finish your cry to God with words expressing trust in Him, but be assured that He is listening (**Ps 34:12-16**). And my office door is always open to talk with you, or pray with you. (And if I am not there at that time, leave me a note in the letter box or drop me an email!)

Secondly, it seems that our current social and political landscape has lost the art of having a civil conversation. People are loudly voicing their opinion on various social issues, indeed some of great moral and ethical depth. And it feels like conversation has deteriorated into a shouting match, on both sides. It is quite ok to have an opinion, to live one’s life by a moral and ethical standard; in fact I believe that that is one of the distinguishing characteristics of Christian faith.

When we do speak though, how do we do so? Paul exhorts the Colossians to, “*Be wise in the way you act towards outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone*” – **Colossians 4:5-6**. Whatever judgement call you make, if you are a follower of Jesus, we ought to speak words that are gracious, gentle, loving. Remember to ask yourself, are we known for what we are for or what we are against?

Peace to You and Yours,

Adam Wood
Chaplain

Music

Performing Arts Calendar 2017

Term 3	Week 7	Thursday 7 th September	Spring Instrumental Evening @ 7.00pm in EPAC
Term 4	Week 6	Tuesday 28 th November	Year 5/6 Battle of the Bands Concert

Andrew Verco
Music Coordinator (Rec - Year 12)

College News

Debating Teams Update

Both Year 8 debating teams finished strongly in the last round. Congratulations to Neetha, winning debater of the evening in the girls team and the boys team won their debate launching them into the quarter finals competing at Pembroke School.

The Year 5/6 girls and Year 7 teams won their final debates at Pulteney on 29th August on 'Banning hugging in schools is not a good idea'. Year 5/6 boys lost by a small margin. Congratulations to both Ariana and Martin both in Year 5 for winning debater of the evening in each of their debates.

Congratulations to the Year 8 boys team for winning the Quarter Finals on Tuesday 5th September. Well done to Cameron for winning debater of the evening.

Final rankings have been published by Debating SA for the season:

- Year 6/7

Emmaus Red	Year 7 Team	8 th out of 92 teams
Emmaus Green	Year 5/6	29 th out of 92 teams
Emmaus Blue	Year 5/6	72 nd out of 92 teams
- Year 8

Emmaus Blue		2 nd out of 46 teams - competing in the finals at Pembroke School
Emmaus Green		35 th out of 46 teams

Thank you to the families of our 5 teams for regularly coming out to support our teams, listening to their speeches, giving words of advice and finding supportive evidence.

What a great team of people behind our students.

Thank you to Mr Jeremy Coggins, Ms Maria Zucco, Miss Sarah Burrow and Mrs Carolyn Hull for their weekly assistance in coaching our teams over the two Terms. We appreciate your time and expertise.

History Bowl History Bee and International Geography Quiz

On 7th September Emmaus is sending 3 teams to the History Bowl competition. Some of our students will be competing in the History Bee and the International Geography Competition that is being held at Blackwood High School.

We wish them all the best as they compete against other schools.

Tournament of the Minds Competition

Seven teams across Junior School, Middle School and Senior School have been working hard writing scrips, making costumes and props. We wish them well as they compete against 120 other teams from across the State at Flinders University with their Long Term Challenge and their Spontaneous problem.

Susanne Milne Classroom Teacher

Oliphant Science Awards

The Oliphant Science Awards had their Open Day on Sunday 27th August at Findon Function Centre. Emmaus won numerous awards. Congratulations to the following students for their winning entries;

Scientific Enquiry

Jaimie, Year 8

Millie, Year 9 - Highly Commended

Scientific Writing

Hannah, Year 8

Mahalia, Year 4

Computer Programming

Cameron and Joshua, Year 8 - combined project, also winner of a special prize from RACI

Multi Media

Ruby and Lydia, Year 8 - combined project

Models

Scarlett, Year 8 - also winner of University prize

Ricardo, Year 8 - Highly Commended

Posters

Daniel, Callum and Caleb, Year 8 - Highly Commended (combined poster)

Thank you to all students who accepted the challenge and produced such high quality entries!

Presentations will be awarded at Brighton High School on Friday evening 22nd September.

Thank you to Mrs Jenelle Reeves for her assistance in transporting our entries.

Allison Storey and Susanne Milne Classroom Teachers

Uniform Shop

2017 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

Canteen Roster

Week 7 T3

Thu 7th **HELP NEEDED**
Fri 8th Tam Battersby

Week 9 T3

Mon 18th No help needed
Tue 19th No help needed
Wed 20th Sam Allison
Thu 21st **HELP NEEDED**
Fri 22nd Rebecca Hutchinson

Week 8 T3

Mon 11th No help needed
Tue 12th No help needed
Wed 13th **HELP NEEDED**
Thu 14th **HELP NEEDED**
Fri 15th Karen Ames

Week 10 T3

Mon 25th No help needed
Tue 26th No help needed
Wed 27th No help needed
Thu 28th No help needed
Fri 29th 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 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

Community News

Springfest - Flinders University

School students and their families, keep the date free! Saturday 14th October 2017, 10.00am - 3.00pm.

A great opportunity for families to explore and discover Flinders University's new plaza and Hub!

- Nature Play SA - building your own cubby house
- Digging for Diprotodons - become a Paleontologist for the day
- Performances
- Art and Craft
- Behind the scenes tours
- Brewing natural potions
- Create your musical instrument out of recycled materials
- Story telling my Mem Fox
- Markets

Who knows what seeds will be planted?

For more information <https://www.flinders.edu.au/about/history/springfest>

Phantoms Cricket

Phantoms Cricket are looking to field an Under 10's and Under 12's team and have approached the Western Suburbs Junior Cricket Association for inclusion into their competition. If you are interested please contact Allan Sutherland (head coach) on 0474 191 850 or Simon Krieg on 0499 515 334.

Kenilworth Football Club - 2018 Girls Football

The Kenilworth Football Club has been a leader in Girls/Women's Football and they are expanding their program in 2018 and are currently looking for players in the following age groups: Senior Overage, Under 18's, Under 16's, Under 14's, Under 12's and Mixed Under 8's and 10's. If you are interested in playing in any of these groups please contact Geoff Farrugia on 0426 844 497 or via [email](#).

Cochlear Aurora Photo Contest 2017

STEM: Women Branching Out is offering 2 x \$500 prizes to the top entries and 2 x \$500 rewards to the winning school/science teachers to further support women in STEM.

This year there will be two prize categories, Years 8, 9 and 10 and Years 11 and 12.

The prize money for school science programs will be spent on science resources, equipment or promotion of girls in science/facilitation of opportunities for female science students.

The submitted photo must:

- Convey the fact that 'Science is everywhere!'
- Be creative, unique and eye-catching
- Convey directly or indirectly the essence of the title/content
- Be taken by the student

Students are only allowed to enter one photo; multiple entries are not permitted. For further information [click here](#)

Inter Cultural Management are seeking a Host Family

Bring home a big brother or sister and bring French, Italian or Spanish culture to life!

Why not volunteer to host an international student from France, Italy or Spain next year? We have a small group of delightful students coming to Australia for 11 weeks to immerse in local Australian culture, experience our High schools, sports, environment and lifestyle. All these international students are around 15-16 years old, speak excellent English, have their own spending money, cover all school expenses, and ICM arrange all aspects of the students program. They are looking forward to joining an Australian family for a short term cultural immersion stay. It is fun and interesting to help these young people achieve their Australian dream. If you would like to know more, please email your interest to ICM at info@icm-education.com.au or call Georgie or Anja on 1800 500 501, or visit the website www.icm-education.com.

Holiday Activities

Australian Sports Camps

Learn new skills and improve your game! ASC are offering 3 day sports camps for 6 - 16 year old's.

- AFL Football, Cricket or Soccer - 11th, 12th & 13th October at Adelaide Lutheran Sports Club, Adelaide
- Basketball or Netball - 9th, 10th & 11th October at Westminster School, Marion.

Book now at asc.camp/school or telephone 1300 914 368.

Children's University Adelaide presents Colourful Feelings

Explore the unique relationships between colours and emotions through history at an art workshop presented by an experienced lecturer. If you are interested in art - famous pieces of artworks, art history, colours with insights about the artists that create them, then this one is for you! Suitable for ages 7 - 14 years, however children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult.

This art workshop is being held on Thursday 12th October, 10.30am - 11.30am at Marion Cultural Centre.

FREE admission, bookings are essential. CUA members earn one hour in their passports. Telephone 7420 6580.

Calm and Confident Kids:

How to help kids worry less, manage stress and get through tough times

Kirrilie Smout



Do you have a 4 to 12 year old with a tendency towards worry, feeling anxious about being away from carers and shy or nervous around others?

Come along to the FREE "Calm and Confident Kids" seminar at the **Blackwood Church of Christ** on **Thursday 9th November 2017 at 7pm**. This is a 90 minute workshop conducted by child/adolescent psychologist Kirrilie Smout. You will learn about:

- The different kinds of anxiety and worry children experience
- What causes anxiety in children
- What strategies parents/carers can use to help their child feel less anxious
- What to avoid doing and saying to make anxiety and worry worse

There will also be an opportunity for questions at the end.

About Kirrilie Smout:

Kirrilie has provided therapy to over five thousand children, young people and families over the last 20 years. She is now the director of Developing Minds, a child and adolescent psychology clinic in SA. She is also the author of three books about young people, has won awards for her research and speaking skills and is regularly consulted by the media about child and youth mental health.

Places are limited - if you would like to attend, please **RSVP** to Amy at amy@developingminds.net.au **by Thursday 2nd November**

