



NEWSLETTER

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Important Dates

September

Thu 21st

SACSA Soccer Yr 6/7 Boys & Girls
@ Barratt Reserve

Fri 22nd

Whole School Casual Day

Sun 24th - Fri 29th

Yr 9 Outdoor Ed Camp

Mon 25th - Wed 27th

Yr 5 Camp @ Wallaroo

Mon 25th - Fri 29th

Yr 10 Arts Trip & Heaps Good
Camp

Yr 10 & 11 Leaders @ Outdoor Ed

Yr 11 Work Experience

Yr 12 Mock Exams

Tue 26th

Yr 12 Food & Hospitality Parent
Dinner

Tue 26th - Fri 29th

Yr 6 Canberra Trip

Thu 28th

SPELD Workshop in Staffroom
9.00am - 10.00am

Yr 8 Boys & Girls Immunisation (3)

Fri 29th

End of Term 3

(normal finish time)

October

Mon 16th

Term 4 Commences

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)

CASUAL DAY - Friday 22nd September 2017

Gold coin donation

Funds going towards two local projects - please see College News for more information

From the Head of Senior School

Dear Families and Friends

Have you ever had one of those days when everything is hard to do? With young children it often feels like you have lived a lifetime before you have even got to work – especially when there is a spanner in the works. Spanners that make everyday life hard: illness, sleep deprivation, arguments over what someone is wearing or something that cannot be found – the awful cry from the teenage cave of "Mum, where have you put my socks/blazer/one school shoe or the assignment that is due today?" Because we all know that parents enjoy making their mornings difficult by secretly hiding their child's things.

But what about when it gets really hard. When life throws things at you that feel monumental. When you are forced to stop and learn that you cannot control life really at all. Sometimes the only thing that you have control over is your choice about how you respond.

I know we struggle when bad things happen, but they do and everyone has a story of hurt and loss in their lives. We also all have stories of hope and perseverance. But the question remains as to how we persevere in the Christian life especially when things get tough? How do we keep it secure? How do we hold onto it?

Perseverance is continuing to do something in the face of difficulty and opposition; it is being steadfast in purpose and persisting in our Christian faith, especially when life is hard. Jesus' metaphor of the Vine and the Branches in **John 15:1-4** provides a clue on how we manage in time of pain: *"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me."*

I do not want to really think about my summary of this metaphor that Jesus gives here as it makes me scared that there will be pain to put me to the test. As pain is not easy to think about and it is not fun. But all of us have been in that place of hurt, misery, anguish. And all of us will be in the place at some point in the future.

C.S. Lewis notes in his book 'The Problem of Pain' that there is an end goal, as we are *"not metaphorically but in very truth, a Divine work of art, something that God is making, and therefore something with which He will not be satisfied until it has a certain character. This life is a training ground. A time of great struggle and growth. God is slowly, but with great care and intention, changing you into the person God has created for you to be. The process will hurt at times, and hurt deeply. But the person it is changing you into in the end—strong, wise and able to face more than you ever imagined—THAT is exactly the person God wants for you to be."*

Now for practical advice, that I learnt from my time on Emmaus Walk in 2004. I learnt that to persevere involves maintaining contact with Christ, which means that in our personal relationship with Christ we strengthen the life of God in us. Contact in Christ is possible through prayer, meditation, the sacraments, and the living Word.

Also, contact with other Christians - lucky for me I work here at Emmaus Christian College. There is also sharing through worship and study groups. This keeps us accountable and gives us the resources of good friends and wisdom when we will need it during our struggles. We have the security of eternal life and Christ with us all of the time, especially when He told us that *"when two or three are gathered in my name, I shall be there in their midst"*.

Finally, I would like to finish with the verse of hope from **Luke 21:19** *"Stand firm and you will win life"*.

Andrea Grear
Head of Senior School

Weekly Coffee Connect
Tuesday Morning
9.00am - 10.00am



Weekly Prayer Connect
Thursday Morning
8.30am - 9.00am



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.

Junior School News

Tournament of Minds

This year the College had 7 teams, three Junior School and four Middle School, entered into the Tournament of Minds program. The forty-nine students are to be congratulated for their very competitive performance on Sunday 10th September at Flinders University. The teams did not win medals but the personal growth of many of the students was significant, with individual students rising to the important challenges presented in the weeks leading up to and including on the day. Tournament of Minds is a problem solving program for teams of students from both primary and secondary years. This program aims to enhance the potential of students by developing diverse skills, enterprise, time management, and the discipline to work collaboratively within a competitive environment. Thank you to Susanne Milne for her expert facilitation of the teams.



Student Led Conferences and Reception Parent/Teacher Interviews

Thank you to all the parents who attended the Junior School conferences or interviews in Week 8. During Student Led Conferences it was inspiring to watch students take the lead and do most of the talking. The students ran the conferences informing their parents about how they are going, what their goals are going forward, what kind of learners they are and most importantly for students to share their reflections on achievements and challenges. It was a fantastic opportunity for parents to receive updates on their child's progress and to view their child's bookwork, projects and art work. We hope that the students, while being guided by their teachers through this process, will gain a better understanding of their strengths and challenges and the correlation between their effort, progress, and resulting quality of work.



Junior School Theme for Term 3 2017

God is Good all the Time. Thanking God for everything. Week 9 Bible Verse - *"Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything"* Ephesians 5:19b-20

Annette Craven
Head of Junior School

Senior School News

Year 12 Holiday Workshop

A number of Stage 2 Subject teachers are offering workshops during the Term 3 holidays. I would encourage your child to attend if they would like support with their final assessment tasks or if their teacher requires them to. Of course, this is not always practical; however, it is a good opportunity to make use of teachers who are making themselves available for their students.

TEACHER	SUBJECT	WEEK	DAY
Jenny Wichert	Business and Enterprise	2	Monday
David Chu	Maths and IT	2	Thursday
Cathie Meaney	Drama and Workplace Practices	1	Tuesday
Esther Amoy	Art	2	Tuesday
Angela Ducker	Chemistry	2	TBC - Dependant on Student Availability
Neil Blenkinsop	History and Aboriginal Studies	2	Tuesday 10.00am - 12.30pm
Andrew Verco	Music	TBC	TBC - Dependant on EPAC and Music upgrades
Joshua Brenkley	Information Processing	1	Wednesday 9.00am - 3.00pm
Daryl Porter	PE	2	Thursday 10.00am - 2.00pm
Andrea Grear	English Literature Studies	1	Tuesday 10.00am - 1.00pm
Janine Bates	English	1	Wednesday 10.00am - 12.00pm
Allison Storey	Biology	2	Thursday

Andrea Grear
Head of Senior School

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.

Sporting News

On the evening of Friday 8th September, approximately 200 people attended our annual Soccer Season break up that consisted of players versus parents soccer matches for the under 8, 10, 11 and 12 teams. It was a perfect night with glorious weather conditions. Players won three out of four matches. There were many funny moments with parents being upstaged by their children, many deep breaths after long 5 metre runs made by the parents but overall great attitudes and no injuries. Bring on a bigger and better 2018 for all Soccer teams and players!



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

From the Library

Books to come back to school

As it gets close to the end of Term (and the rapidly approaching End of Year for Senior Students) can we remind everyone to look for those Emmaus Library items that should be returned to the Library. Senior School students may keep text books until the end of their exams/study period in Term 4 but are reminded that every item borrowed will need to be returned before they officially leave.

Visit your Local Library

With holidays coming, you should also find time to visit your local Public Library. Activities that are planned within your local Library may need to be booked ahead.....so check the Library's website for details.

Why Read?

Do not forget that reading is something to be encouraged and should have a regular place in our students' lives. Reasons to read:

It Improves Your Memory

"Typically, when you read, you have more time to think. Reading gives you a unique pause button for comprehension and insight. By and large, with oral language input (as is the case) 'when you watch a film..., you don't press pause' (at every moment of misunderstanding). The benefits of this increased brain activity keeps your memory sharp and your learning capacity nimble." From Proust and the Squid: The Story and Science of the Reading Brain by Maryanne Wolf.

Promotes Empathy

A study reported in 'Scientific American' suggest that those who read Literary Fiction (in contrast to formulaic Popular fiction or non-fiction) are more inclined to display empathy to others. The 'walking a mile in another's shoes' is a powerful way to develop understanding of others and their motivations. In our very 'me-centred' culture it is wise to encourage the reading of books that challenge us and allow us to grapple with deep issues and ideas. The inherently slow passage of our thinking while reading gives us a chance to mull over an issue and live for an extended period of time in a different emotional environment.

Improves Vocabulary

A reader has opportunity to slowly consider new vocabulary and to assimilate the spelling of known words. How much richer our world is when we can communicate with language rather than grunt or nod. Take time with children in their younger years to promote language acquisition by reading with your children. Words on a page may need to be explained for a book to have meaning, for some younger children. In addition, do not stop sharing good books with older students either. They may also be able to recommend some amazing books to you.

Carolyn Hull, Alicia Buxton and Janet Maschmedt

College News

Casual Day - Friday 22nd September

Casual Day for Term 3 is in support of Refugees. Money raised will go towards two local projects that support asylum seekers in our community. One is to provide some small appliances and kitchen goods for a family shelter and the other is a donation to a local refugee advocacy organisation.

A gold coin donation is requested from students and staff who wish to participate.

Please note: Appropriate dress is ESSENTIAL. No inappropriate slogan on T-shirts, no low-cut strappy or midriff tops, no see-through clothing, no short shorts and NO THONG type shoes allowed. This is particularly relevant to 'Home Ec' and 'Tech' lessons where this becomes a safety issue.

Women's Trade Expo

On behalf of the Emmaus Connect Group (ECG), we invite you to the first Women's Trade Expo, an exhibition of Emmaus Christian College family businesses.

- When: Friday 20th October 2017, 7.00pm - 10.00pm
- Where: In Emmaus Performing Arts Centre (EPAC)
- Tickets: General admission \$5.00, Exhibitors \$10.00. Purchase online at [Try Booking](#)

This event is designed to support the working mothers (and families) of Emmaus Christian College who own a small family business. The night will be filled with exhibitors from our College, showcasing their small business.

There will be a door prize to be won, a show bag to purchase for \$3.00 (samples to be collected from participating exhibitors), a printed Business Directory (an e version will also be distributed after the event), demonstrations and light finger food.

Do you own your own business?

If you would like to be an Exhibitor, please purchase a \$10.00 Exhibitor ticket at [Try Booking](#) and email your details to [Aleks Darwin](#) by Friday 29th September, 2017. and for more information, contact Aleks Darwin at aleks.darwin@gmail.com

Launch News

Tournament of the Minds

Congratulations to the 49 students who took on the 6 week challenge of working together in teams of 7 to solve difficult problems. Their solution had to be presented in a 10 minute time frame to a panel of 3 judges. They were creative in their drama, costumes, use of humour and props. We were so proud of them. Thank you to parents for your support during this time and for coming to their performances. Special thanks to Mrs Trisha Perkins, Mrs Helen Rance and Mrs Annette Craven for giving up their Sunday to support our students.

Debating

Congratulations to the Year 8 boys Debating team who defeated Pulteney Grammar School last week in the semi finals. Well done to Daniel for winning 'speaker of the debate'.

They will be competing against Pembroke School in the Grand Final to be held at Parliament House on Saturday 23rd September at 10.00am. All are welcome!

Thank you to the teachers and family members who came to cheer the team on in the quarter and semi finals.

Thank you to Mr Jeremy Coggins and Ms Sarah Burrow for your valuable insight and coaching into the world of debating.

We wish Matthew, Daniel, Cameron and Ryan all the best for the Grand Final. Go Emmaus!

History and Geography Quiz

On 7th September, 9 Emmaus students went to Blackwood High School to compete in the History and Geography competition against students from Pulteney Grammar, Cedar College, Blackwood High School, Aberfoyle High School Ignite and Eynesbury College. Emmaus students were extremely successful.

Well done to our two Year 8 teams. They won a first and third place in the History Bowl. Trophies and medals were presented.

Congratulations to Ryan and Drake for winning their division in the History Bee and to Kaitlin who came third. These 3 students along with Jaydan, Erica and Joelle have all been invited to Germany to compete on an International level, all in the History Quiz and Drake and Ryan for qualifying in the Geography component. Just under 600 questions were answered in a day!

Susanne Milne

Classroom Teacher

Student Wellbeing Coordinator

Keeping Children Safe

There's still 2 hours to go until you get to your desired destination, the children in the back are bored and you have used up all your engagement toys and treats.

In comes the saviour. The tablet, or smartphone to the rescue. Flick on the child's favourite YouTube channel, or App and away they go. Instantly quiet and attentive. Focussed on something engaging and relevant to them, giving me the space to rest, or giving you some peace and quiet.

A word of caution though, it is very important to remember to supervise our children's use of any internet based Apps or programs as they can cause many issues around unsafe internet use. Pick YouTube for example, because it is one of the most used... and potentially worst.

- YouTube has the ability to choose and 'preload' a playlist of videos to watch. These are matched to what the program believes is as closely matched to what is being watched currently. It makes it easy for a 5 year old to keep watching what they want. But, YouTube also preloads options that might not be age appropriate, and if left unsupervised, your child has a high risk of watching excessive violence, or harmful and oversexualised content.
- YouTube also functions based on advertising. This advertising comes in the form of advertisements throughout the selected video, or 'pop ups' that can be clicked on. These too can be damaging for children and without supervision, children may begin watching harmful material, or worse.

Lesa Gale, Australian Federal Police Officer, who is in charge of the Victim Based Crime unit states that leaving a child unsupervised on the internet is akin to abandoning them in a busy shopping centre. According to an article written in the Advertiser 3 weeks ago, children as young as 4 are unwittingly being exposed to sexual predators who are pretending to be someone else. The article also explained that up to 750,000 sexual predators are online and every 9 minutes, a web page shows a child being sexually abused. Additionally, YouTube is one of the primary ways children are introduced to pornography. It is serious stuff.

So, it is extremely important that we think twice about leaving our children unsupervised while on the internet, Instagram, YouTube or those seemingly harmless social media Apps, as we need to be extremely careful about what our child has access too, as well as who can get access to them.

Ben Squire

Year 9 Rite Journey Coordinator and Student Wellbeing Coordinator

Music

Performing Arts Calendar 2017

Term 4	Week 6	Tuesday 28 th November	Year 5/6 Battle of the Bands Concert
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Andrew Verco
Music Coordinator (Rec - Year 12)

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
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Summer Uniform Term 4

Please refer to the Uniform Booklet, found on the Emmaus website for details concerning summer uniform for your child's year group. Make sure your child's summer uniform still fits and is in good condition.

Uniform Updates

The Uniform Committee has made a few changes to the school uniform. When we change an item of uniform we have a phasing out period so the 'old' uniform can wear out. The changes are as follows:

Middle and Senior Girls Skirt

All Middle and Senior girls are required to wear the tartan skirt from Term 2, 2018 (including Year 12 girls)

Junior, Middle and Senior Rugby Shorts

All students will be required to wear the new micro-fibre navy short with the gold piping from 2019

Junior School Track Pants

All Junior students will be required to wear the track pant with the gold piping from 2020

Holiday Opening Hours

The opening hours during the school holidays are:

Week 1	CLOSED
Week 2	Thu 11.00am - 4.00pm Fri 9.00am - 1.30pm

Christine Blom-Cursaro
Uniform Shop Manager

Canteen Roster

Week 9 T3

Thu 21 st	HELP NEEDED
Fri 22 nd	Rebecca Hutchinson

Week 10 T3

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

Week 1 T4

Mon 16 th October	No help needed
Tue 17 th	No help needed
Wed 18 th	Alisa Wenzel
Thu 19 th	HELP NEEDED
Fri 20 th	Helen Talbot

Week 2 T4

Mon 23 rd	No help needed
Tue 24 th	No help needed
Wed 25 th	Katherine Papazoglou
Thu 26 th	HELP NEEDED
Fri 27 th	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

FREE Money Matters Course for women

A free six week course in mastering money and budgeting. This short 6 week course has yielded amazing results in the past in helping participants overcome financial crisis, develop and implement money management techniques and people feel more confident in making positive and assertive decisions. Topics include: how to save money, goal setting, scams and poverty traps, budgeting and assertiveness.

When: Every Tuesday morning, starting Tuesday 24th October, 2017

Time: 9.30am – 12.30pm

Where: MarionLIFE, 887 Marion Road (corner Marion Road and Alawoona Avenue), Mitchell Park

Bookings are essential, to register or for more information email community@marionlife.org.au or phone MarionLIFE on 8277 0304.

MarionLIFE Hunger Walk

MarionLIFE are excited to announce the inaugural MarionLIFE Hunger Walk 9.00am on Saturday 4th November! Join them for a 4km walk along the Sturt River to raise awareness about those experiencing hunger and raise money to support MarionLIFE's work supporting individuals and families in need. Cost: \$15.00 for adults, \$5.00 for concession/children. The event will also have stalls from local organisations including the City of Marion, Foodbank SA, Uniting Care Wesley Bowden and Junction Australia to help participants connect with their community. The event is catered for by Marion Church of Christ's Side Gate Café, Foodbank SA and the Edwardstown Lion's Club. Why not register today and get involved! Hard copy registration forms are available from MarionLIFE Reception, 887 Marion Rd, Mitchell Park or register online <https://www.trybooking.com/315248>. For further information, contact MarionLIFE on 8277 0304 or info@marionlife.org.au.

Plympton Bulldogs 2018 Junior Soccer Trials

Plympton Bulldogs Junior Soccer Club have a variety of players and pride themselves on providing a friendly and supportive atmosphere. Their mission is to provide young people with quality soccer coaching in an inclusive supportive environment in which player development, safety and well-being is their main concern. Trials start on Monday 25th September at Pasadena High School for U12 - U17, for further information contact Michelle McKinnon on 0457 567 644.

Holiday Activities

Junior Parliament

YMCA SA is very excited to announce that they are running Junior Parliament for a third year during the school holidays. Applications are now open for 12 – 15 year olds who want to learn about parliament, meet new friends and develop their leadership skills!

What is Junior Parliament?

YMCA SA Junior Parliament is an apolitical program that gives young people an opportunity to learn about democracy, parliament, team building, public speaking and leadership in a fun and supportive environment. Junior Parliament is run by young people for young people. It is a chance for young people to have their say on issues they care about, meet some new friends and develop their leadership skills. Participants take part in a 3 day/two night camp which involves skills and leadership training and some fun recreational activities.

About the program:

- When: Monday 9th - Wednesday 11th October 2017 (second week of the school holidays)
- Where: Rostrevor College & Parliament House Adelaide
- Cost: There is a participant fee of \$220.00 per person which covers meals, accommodation and transport while on camp

Applications are now open, apply at <https://form.jotform.co/72151854527862>

If you have any queries, email melanie.munday@ymca.org.au or call 8200 2514.

Warriparinga Youth Event

Kumangka Paringa

**Friday 6 October,
9.30am–3.00pm**

**LIVING KAURNA
CULTURAL CENTRE**

Warriparinga Way
(Off Sturt Road)
Bedford Park SA 5042

Ages 8-20

FREE (lunch included)

Bookings Essential

Maximum 20 places

T 8357 5900

9.30am–10.00am
Registration

10.00am–11.30am
Tour with Tamaru

11.30am–12.30pm
SAPOL

12.30pm–1.30pm
Subway Lunch/Parndo Skills

1.30pm–3.00pm
Art workshop with Aunty Daphne Rickett

Young people under 18 to be accompanied by parents or guardians. No young person under 18 is to be left unsupervised at any time. Living Kaurna Cultural Centre will provide lunch for the young people on the day and all activities for the young people. At no time are the young people allowed to leave LKCC at any time unaccompanied.

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 Living Kaurna Cultural Centre

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WARRIPARINGA

COMMUNITY EVENT

Wednesday
11 October, 2017

**LIVING KAURNA
CULTURAL CENTRE**
Warriparinga Way
(Off Sturt Road)
Bedford Park SA 5042

Cost per workshop
\$11.25 per person

Limited places
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
T 83575900



Warriparinga Morning Tour

10am–11.30am

This gentle stroll through Warriparinga will be sure to enlighten you! Come and learn about the History and significance of Warriparinga pre and post settlement. Learn about the Wetlands, the Native Animals and Bush Tucker/Medicine plants around the site.

Suitable for all ages

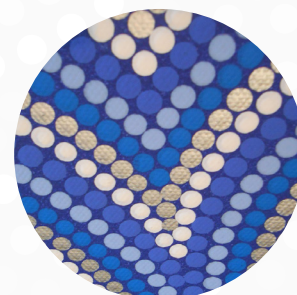


Weaving with the Southern Elders Weaving Group

12pm–1pm

Meet the lovely Southern Elders Weaving Group and have fun whilst learning the incredible art of weaving.

Suitable for Ages 7+



Art Workshop with Aunty Daphne Rickett

1.30pm–3pm

Do you want to learn about the symbols in Aboriginal Art? This workshop will give you an introduction to Aboriginal Art and you will be able to create your own masterpiece to take home with you.

Suitable for Ages 7+

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