



**Emmaus**  
Christian College

# Newsletter

Week 1 Term 2 | 4 May 2022

## IMPORTANT DATES

SOUTH PLYMPTON

&

BROOKLYN PARK

*Please check College  
[Website](#) for Important  
Dates*

## From the Principal

**Matthew 25:40**

*"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'"*

Dear Emmaus families and friends

I welcome you back to Term 2 and pray that the term break including Easter and Anzac Day has provided you and your family some time to rest, connect with family and loved ones and doing some things that bring you joy. With respect to COVID arrangements the 'plan' to commence Term 2 remains the same as Term 1 hence this at least provides a degree of consistency. As shared by the SA Premier last Tuesday we may see further school restrictions easing following Week 2 and 4 of this term and we will let you know of any changes as soon as we are ourselves aware.

As Term 2 commences I encourage you and your family with the same passages of scripture I shared with staff during our time of devotion together Monday morning (Matthew 25:40 and the Book of Esther overall). As an amateur bee keeper and back yard vegetable/herb gardener, I have noticed late season honey, tomatoes and herbs for example are much more flavoursome than when produce is abundant in the Spring/Summer prime growing time. More challenging growing conditions seems to bring out the very best produce in terms of flavour. Esther's challenges similarly brought out the very best in her decision making – a life and death decision for her that ultimately saved the lives of the Israelites preserving the bloodline from which Jesus would ultimately come (quite significant in the big scheme of things!)

I am certainly not being dismissive of the significant impact COVID has had on individuals and communities over the last 2 years, however, I have witnessed these challenging times also bring the very best out of people. Evidence of behaviours of those continuing to serve across our Emmaus community reaching out in support of others (so many acts of kindness) in so many ways despite their own challenges has both humbled and encouraged me. God certainly works through all our circumstances; however this can be most pronounced as we 'lean-in' close to Him in our time of need (which is often through the service of those He has placed around us – Matthew 25:40).

I would also like to share with you an important staff appointment specific to the South Plympton Campus. Mrs Andrea Gear will retain her role as Head of Senior School at this time, however, following a thorough process has also been appointed into the new role as South Plympton Campus Principal (F-12).

Day to day South Plympton matters will still be managed by the existing South Plympton Heads of School and their respective staff and leadership teams, as has always been the case, however Andrea Gear will now support the Heads of School in turn with all South Plympton matters.

The new role of South Plympton Campus Principal reports to the overall Emmaus Christian College Principal, a role that I retain. As the Emmaus ELC expands to 3 rooms this term; the Brooklyn Park School Campus continues to rapidly expand; and as the 4<sup>th</sup> Middle School student stream is poised to commence at South Plympton in 2023 there is a need for increased Leadership across the College to ensure all matters are managed thoroughly and in a timely manner for students and families. As such this new role is an important step in maintaining the high standard of service for our students and families as the College continues to grow. Further correspondence will follow from Andrea and myself this term as she transitions into this important role in the life of the College.

Blessings,

**Andrew Linke**  
Principal

## Junior School - Brooklyn Park

### ANZAC Day

Last term, the Hilton RSL extended an invitation to all schools in the local area, inviting us to be involved in their annual ANZAC Day dawn service. Our Brooklyn Park Year 5/6 teacher Richard Heath was delighted to attend, accompanied by one of our students, Max and his father Tom. Together they represented ECC during the ceremony and laid a wreath created by the 5/6 class.

The service was held at the West Torrens Memorial Gardens, at Brooker Terrace, Hilton. Following the service, a community BBQ breakfast was put on by the RSL. Thank you to Max and Tom, and Richard Heath for representing ECC in honouring those who have given their lives for our country.



**Marni Greenwood**  
Head of Junior School, Brooklyn Park

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## Junior School - South Plympton

Learning languages can be lots of fun, but also very beneficial for us! When we begin to learn a new language, we begin to understand and expand our knowledge of customs and traditions from all over the world! During these crucial years of development of our students, it is vital for our students to be exposed to different ways of how others see the world and begin to appreciate the different lifestyles of other cultures!

During Term 1, we learnt many expressions and vocabulary related to Easter and the Resurrection of our Lord. In addition to this, we learnt of French Easter traditions and how this blessed holiday looks like in France! We always aim to never separate the language from the culture as language without culture is like maths with no applications!

Looking forward to an eventful Term 2 here at Emmaus Christian College, where we can collaboratively learn more about holidays and how they look many kilometres away from us!

Blessings,

**Neven Daoud**  
Primary & Middle School French Teacher

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## College News

### Remunerated Volunteering Opportunity for Interested Year 11 and 12 Students

Debating SA is urgently seeking additional adjudicators for Junior and Middle School debates due to unprecedented schools' competition team entries this season.

Inspire the next generation of thinkers by becoming an adjudicator for the Debating SA Schools' Competition. Adjudicators are responsible for awarding the result of interschool debates as well as providing constructive feedback to participants. It is a wonderful way to connect with and support young people whilst further developing your own skills in critical and analytical thinking and gaining valuable experience to include on your Resume!

An honorarium of approximately \$45 is paid each evening to assist with expenses.

Volunteering hours may also count toward IB CAS or school equivalent community service programs.

This opportunity is open to all persons of Year 11 age or older.

For more details and to sign up please go to their [website](#).

**Susanne Milne**  
Launch Coordinator ELC-10



## Middle School

In Week 9 of Term 1, Year 7 students were blessed to be able to attend camp at Wirraway Homestead. They enjoyed sleeping in tents, riding horses, herding sheep among many other activities, but the highlight was the friendships that were forged. We are so grateful to God that this experience was able to proceed! Year 7s - you embraced new challenges and encouraged one another - well done!





## Sporting News

In Term 1, we held our Sport Day Carnivals, Ruby won for Junior School and Topaz won for Middle/Senior School. Year 1-6 Water safety week was held in Week 10 of Term 1 with many students braving the weather conditions and getting in the pool to learn various aspects to stay safe or provide assistance for those in trouble in aquatic based environments. It was great to watch so many students persevere, conquer their fears and have fun with their friends in the pool.

On Saturday 30 April our U13, U15 and U17 SAUCNA Winter Netball Season resumed. Also, our new Winter Season sports on offer for Terms 2 and 3 are Soccer (Year 1-7), Netball (Year 1-12), Tennis (Foundation to Year 6) and Basketball (Year 1-12). There are coaching and officiating opportunities for weekly sports and if students are interested please email the [Sports Department](#) with your name and experience as they will be suitably remunerated for their time and efforts. Other sporting opportunities in Term 3 will likely include Badminton and Table Tennis, also competing against other schools and clubs. More information about these will be communicated in time.

The 'Let's Get Moving' program has commenced at ECC this term at both campuses, operating during Home Group time. This program involves identified students who participate in four sequential activities two mornings a week to develop their fundamental movement patterns: balance, jumping, hopping, strength, body image and coordination. These activities are fun and exciting and are personalised to challenge each child's capabilities. These sessions are conducted by Jodie Stewart, F-2 H&PE Teacher and various School Support Officers.

Recently we have also had a number of students compete or be selected for higher representative competitions and opportunities. Some of these include:

- Sam (Year 12) who competed at the National Athletic Carnival, held in Sydney. Sam ran a PB of 61.25secs in Men's 400m Hurdles.
- Orlanzo (Year 10) competed in Men's U17 Pole Vault and cleared an equal PB 4.35 and won silver.
- Oseremhen (Year 8) competed in Girls 4x100m relay team and won bronze in the final.
- Oliver (Year 8) competed in the Men's 200m Hurdles.
- Hayley (Year 11 - pictured) was selected to attend the Matildas Youth Soccer Camp held in Canberra.

If have any questions or queries about sporting matters, please email [Sports Department](#).

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



## Uniform Shop

Parents are welcome to come into the school to purchase uniform during the opening times below. Please wear a mask.

### 2022 Normal Opening Hours

<b>Monday</b>	8.30am - 10am		3pm - 5pm
<b>Thursday</b>	8.30am - 10am	1pm - 1.30pm	3pm - 5pm

If you need any uniform, please do not hesitate to [email](#) or phone on 08 8292 3810. If you know your child's size, you can order and purchase via the Qkr App.

**Christine Blom-Cursaro**  
Uniform Shop Manager