



# Newsletter

Week 7 Term 2 | 15 June 2022

## IMPORTANT DATES

SOUTH PLYMPTON  
&  
BROOKLYN PARK

Please check College  
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Dates

## From the Head of Junior School, Brooklyn Park

Dear Emmaus families and friends

### Building with Purpose

If you've visited our Brooklyn Park Campus recently, you will have noticed that there has been plenty of building activity. The third ELC room and outdoor area is almost complete and our upstairs East Wing is currently being refurbished into four new Junior School classrooms. As I have previously shared, God has continued to add more families to our Brooklyn Park community and this year the current classrooms are all in use! The new classrooms will be needed for next year, as our numbers continue to grow.

While the new rooms have been progressing, our students have had some fantastic opportunities to see what goes on behind the scenes. The Building Site Manager was kind enough to invite some of our younger classes to come in for a tour. The children loved having a look at the plans and progress, and to ask questions about the building process. There was much excitement when a huge crane appeared on site to put the new air conditioning units in place on the roof. The children were fascinated as they got to see first hand how the crane operators used hand signals to communicate with the people on the roof, as well as watching the big machine in action.

It has been exciting to see the development of our Campus progressing and the purpose of our growth was beautifully highlighted to me during a recent conversation I had with one of our Foundation students. When asked why the builders are here and what they are doing, I replied that we are building some more classrooms, so that more children can come to our College. With barely a hesitation, the enthusiastic response came back, "YAY! More people to tell about Jesus!" The simplicity and joy in her comment has stuck with me. Growth can mean lots of practical tasks that are added to the job list – logistics to plan, building to be done, enrolments to process, staff to employ, furniture to buy, the list goes on. But it also means the expansion of our Christian mission, or, as phrased by a 5-year-old girl, more people to tell about Jesus. What a simple and beautiful reminder that we are here, not to serve ourselves, but to serve our God – To share the good news of His love for us with others.

*"But my life is worth nothing to me unless I use it for finishing the work assigned me by the Lord Jesus—the work of telling others the Good News about the wonderful grace of God."* **Acts 20:24**



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



# Junior School - South Plympton

## Reading Buddies

After a long break, we have finally been reunited with our buddies across year levels in the Junior School. When announced to the class that our Year 9 buddies would be joining us, there was a resounding cheer and palpable anticipation for their arrival.

While watching our buddies interact with the Junior School students, one smiles when you observe Year 9's reading, speaking and sharing more about themselves with our little Year 1's. What a gift of mentorship and service from our lovely Middle School students to our young and eager little ones. This beautiful scene prompted the reflection on the life of Jesus and his relationship with his disciples.

Mentorship is such a valuable part of Christian discipleship. Jesus mentored the Twelve to know him (and, through him, to know the Father) and to represent God's love in the world. Even as he reminded them "servants are not greater than their master," he washed their feet. It was an act of service and ministry – one so simple, yet powerful and deeply meaningful. When Jesus served and ministered to his disciples, he provided a clear example of God's love for them and encouraged them in their service for one another.

Intergenerational friendships and relationships are so important and we are so grateful for this weekly opportunity at Emmaus! Intergenerational community is part of God's vision for the church, family, and school life alike. Through these relationships, we see older, more mature students encourage and care for our younger children. In turn, our younger children share their infectious enthusiasm and zest for life with the older students in our community.

Proverbs 27:17 says "*Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another.*" It is a privilege for our children to have the weekly chance for mentorship and service, a time where young and old can share in their enjoyment of stories, laugh at funny jokes and spend precious time building each other up in the body of Christ.

**Morgan Venter**  
Wellbeing & Administration Coordinator F-2



# Junior School - Brooklyn Park

## Reader's Theatre

This term our Year 3/4 students at Brooklyn Park have engaged in a Reader's Theatre program to develop their reading fluency, improve expressive language, and grow their oral presentation skills. Students have been repeatedly reading and learning a script from a well-known story in readiness to perform in front of the Foundation classes. It has been lovely to observe students engage in collaborative reading, show courage by performing in front of each other and express their creativity.



**Alex Lauder** and **Kristy Houston**  
Year 3/4 Teacher  
Wellbeing and Administration Coordinator



## Uniform Shop

The uniform shop will be closed during the last week of Term 2 (Week 10).

You will still be able to order via QKR, with the delivery days being Tuesday 5 July and Friday 8 July, the items will be given to your child.

### Uniform Shop Holiday Opening Hours

The Uniform Shop will be open during the second week of the school holidays on the following days:

**Thursday 21 July 11am - 4pm**

**Friday 22 July 9am - 1.30pm**

### 2022 Normal Opening Hours

Parents are welcome to come into the school to purchase uniform during the opening times below.

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

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

# Senior School

## Called to Serve

This year we have been bereft of live assemblies up until Week 6 of this term. However, Covid restrictions have a silver lining – we have been creative in our response to making the assembly lesson a powerful tool of practising service. Each Home Group has worked together and decided on a project of service in the community. These efforts have been celebrated this week in our first in person assembly of the year. And what a wonderful way to return – each Home Group presenting their service action and their chosen object of their charitable endeavour. The list below is a testament to students who look beyond the school gates and to their environment around them, and know that they can make a difference. What a great group of students!

HG 1	Mr Fusco/Mr Brenkley	Sausage Sizzle fund raiser for Breast Cancer Research
HG 2	Mrs Willcocks	Sausage Sizzle fund raiser for Breast Cancer Research
HG 3	Mr Mills	Sausage Sizzle fund raiser for Lion Heart reading
HG 4	Mr Eaton	Reading to Junior students
HG 5	Mrs Grieger	Vermont Retirement Homes visit
HG 6	Mr Chu	Sausage Sizzle fund raiser for Lion Heart reading
HG 7	Mrs Potter	Backpacks for SA
HG 8	Mrs Wildman	Quilt for Women's Shelter
HG 9	Mrs Bates/Mr Blenkinsop	Biscuits for Food Bank
HG 10	Ms March/Mrs Moss	Food Drive/Terrariums for a church sale
HG 11	Mrs Storey	Bake stall for Orka
HG 12	Mr Brown	Sausage Sizzle fund raiser for Lion Heart reading

**Andrea Grear**  
**Head of Senior School**  
**South Plympton Campus Principal**

## College Employment Opportunities

We invite dedicated and passionate Christian professionals to apply to join us in achieving our mission to provide an education where Christ is at the centre and young people thrive.

### Head of Junior School, South Plympton Campus

We are seeking a passionate Christian teacher with exceptional leadership ability to use their skills, expertise, and qualifications in a key leadership role in a growing and dynamic setting.

For the full Position Description and to Apply, visit our [website](#).

### Early Learning Centre Opportunities

We invite like-minded Teachers, Educators and Co-educators to join our expanding centre as we launch our brand new, THIRD ROOM!

Visit our [website](#) for Position Descriptions and to APPLY!

### Fourth-year Preservice Teachers

Fourth-year Preservice Christian Teachers are invited to apply for a Special Authority to teach at our College.

### Temporary Relief Teachers

We always welcome applicants for Temporary Relief Teachers at Emmaus!

For more information, visit our [website](#) or contact [Human Resources](#).

# College News

## Inaugural Community Outdoor Cinema Event

Saturday 4 June was our inaugural community outdoor, turned indoor, cinema event that saw approximately 200 people attend to watch Space Jam: A new legacy. Senior School student leaders Harris, Danilo, Jonah, Sebastian and Ebahi worked together on this new concept which was a success. We had Paella, Churros and many hot drinks available. The weather was less than ideal outside, but inside the gym we had a large 5m screen, speakers and subs helping to create an awesome atmosphere. Prior to the movie commencing watching students, parents, staff and local members of the community mingle, smile and laugh was an overdue sight. We hope that those who were able to attend enjoyed the experience and we aim to offer the same experience next year in Term 1, hopefully being held outside.

Daryl Porter

Senior School Topaz House Coordinator

H&PE/Sports Coordinator F-12

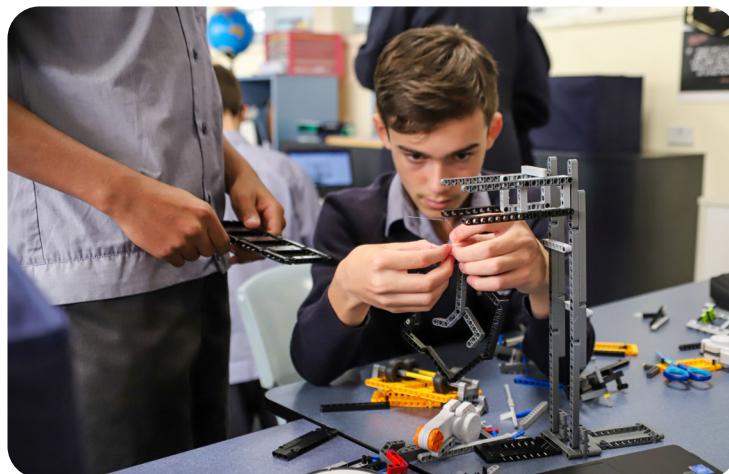
## Lego Masters Challenge

This term, 51 students in Years 7-9 enjoyed competing in a Lego Masters Challenge. The challenges required students to design, build, test and refine structural and robotic contraptions. We were so impressed with the way students rose to the time-pressured challenge, demonstrating great teamwork, camaraderie, persistence and problem-solving techniques.

We would like to thank Mr David Chu and Mr Andre Van der Merwe who coordinated this extra-curricular learning opportunity. In addition, the event could not have happened without the student coaches Callum, Jamie, Kim and Joseph.

Stay tuned for FIRST Lego League in Term 3.

Challenge 1 – Impossible structure



Challenge 2 – Robotics



## Sporting News

On Monday 6 June, Foundation to Year 4 students were blessed with a gymnastics display from Noah Hunter who is a 12 year old state level gymnast. Noah performed for those students who have and are participating in the Gymnastics unit of work during PE this term. It was lovely to see the delight and appreciation on student's faces as they witnessed Noah demonstrating skills in floor work, aerial on the ropes, strength on the wall bars and jumps and turns using the mini trampoline and springboard. He used a lot of the specific vocabulary that is being taught during our PE gymnastic lessons and showed students what can be achieved from great foundations.

There are many opportunities for children to participate in gymnastics outside of school. For further information please go to Gymnastics SA where you can be directed to a centre that will suit your child's needs and interests.

**Daryl Porter**  
**Senior School Topaz House Coordinator**  
**H&PE/Sports Coordinator F-12**

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## Student Wellbeing

### Healthy Friendships

Friendship what a lovely word to be able to use. What do we think when we say friendship?

Do we think about the depth behind what entails a healthy friendship, or do we think it just means to have someone to play with or hang out with? Establishing a healthy friendship aligns with some elementary facets that we already have installed in us; sometimes, we forget to implement them. Everyone needs a support network, so how do we offer others a healthy friendship. Here are some tips on how we can implement healthy connections:

**1. Support, trust, and honesty:** When we consider ourselves a friend to someone, we automatically offer to be their support network. Supporting your friends entails showing up for them in the good and the bad. If we forget to show up, we can expect that person won't show up for us. So, let's show up! Without trust, there is no authenticity to the friendship; enabling trust allows for strength during the more challenging times in friendships. Without trust, the friendship will become quite turbulent in more difficult times. Stumble turbulence will enable us to run into a negative driving force, leaving us to not be transparent with one another and establishing no loyalty, trust and honesty ([Psychology today](#)).

**2. Listen to your friends:** Sometimes we forget to listen to our friends because our own life is busy and complicated. However, friendships require us to be attentive and tend to our friend's needs. If we don't understand what our friend genuinely needs, we will stay in our bubble of needs, feel alone, and wonder where our friends are. Listening is a crucial concept in establishing friendships to eliminate those feelings of where are my friends? I'm alone and caught in my own needs. Listening entails scraping the judgement; we are all human and make mistakes. Friendships don't function well on conditions; we need to remember we are imperfect and forgive our friends. We all need second chances, so giving people second chances sets you and them up for a successful healthy friendship without conditions ([Psychology today](#)).

**3. Respect your friends:** Respect one another. This entails boundaries, and remembering their story is a different life story to yours. Some people may carry a great deal of fear when entering friendships, fear of being hurt. We mustn't crowd our friends and allow space and friendships to deepen over time. Integrating our values into friendships is a critical way of developing strong connections and staying true to who we are. Respecting others' values is essential and equally important to recognise when your values don't align, remembering not to disrespect someone based on their different values ([Psychology today](#)).

**1 Thessalonians 5:11** "Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing."

**Colossians v10** "Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you."

### Further Support

Life is full of ups and downs, and our Wellbeing Team is here to support your children through any of those challenges. You can make a referral to see one of our Counsellors on the Emmaus [Wellbeing Support Page](#).

Blessings,

**Tash King**  
**Student Wellbeing Counsellor F-12**

# Launch News

## Da Vinci Decathlon

Last week, Emmaus Christian College sent three teams on three separate days to compete in the annual da Vinci Decathlon Competition held at St Peter's Girl's College in Stonyfell. Teams of eight students competed against 23 other schools from across Adelaide in an all-day Academic Competition. They competed in: Science, English, Engineering, Creative Producers, Art and Poetry, Legacy, Code Breaking, Mathematics, Ideation and Cartography.

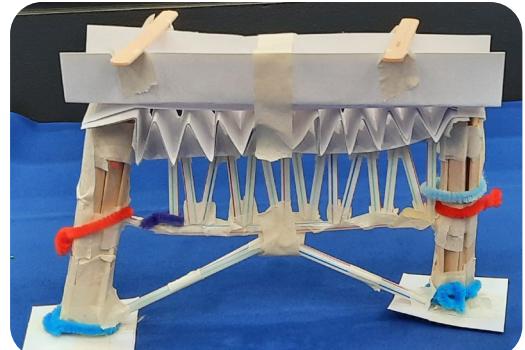
Our teams worked well together, encouraging one another and gave their best.

### Congratulations go to our:

#### Year 5/ 6 Team

3<sup>rd</sup> place in Engineering

Students had to construct a free-standing bridge out of paper and straws that could hold a golf ball, using a repeating pattern in its design.



#### Year 7 Team achieved outstanding results

1<sup>st</sup> place in Code Breaking

2<sup>nd</sup> Place in Ideation

2<sup>nd</sup> Place in Creative Producers

5<sup>th</sup> Place in Cartography

#### Year 9 Team

3<sup>rd</sup> Place in Cartography

3<sup>rd</sup> Place in English

All three teams were publicly commended with their attitude and respectfulness with our Year 7 winning the prize.



Year 7



Year 9

## Debating SA Competition

Students participating in Debating have testified that their confidence has grown in being able to speak in front of an audience and that they have increased their understanding of how to write persuasive essays. We have over 60 students participating in this 2022 season.

Thank you to our amazing parent body for supporting your child and their teams with rebuttal practice, transport and enthusiastic applause. A team effort!

### Round Two

Venue: Cabra Dominican College

Congratulations to Pasquale (Year 7) for winning Speaker of the Night.

Venue: Pulteney Grammar School

ECC Blue 5 defeated Parkside Primary

ECC Yellow 6 (Brooklyn Park Team) defeated St Catherine's School

ECC Maroon 7 defeated Blackwood Primary School. Thank you to Greg and Janice for filling in

Congratulations to Elise (Year 7), Amelia (Year 5) and Diana (Year 5) for being awarded speaker of the night in their respective teams.

Venue: Adelaide High School

Our Senior Gold team are currently holding first place. Well done.

Congratulations to Rachel (Year 11) for winning speaker of the night.

Venue: Glenunga International School

Year 10 Black defeated Glenunga International School

We could not have so many teams without support and coaching from our team of teachers who give up extra hours to coach our students.

Thank you to Madame Neven Daoud, Mrs Sarah Grieger, Mr Nigel Eaton, Mr Max Dal Santo, Mrs Jude Potter, Mr Andy Malcolm and Mr Richard Heath for supporting our teams. You are appreciated.

## Legacy Junior Public Speaking Competition

The Legacy Junior Public Speaking Award is aimed at enhancing the oral communication and public speaking skills of secondary students aged 12-14 years.

Both, Ben and Bradley (Year 9) have been meeting weekly since Term 1 to work on their prepared speech on one of Legacy's values: Social Justice, Compassion, Personal Sacrifice, Voluntary Service and Mateship. The second component of the competition was the impromptu speech where they had 15 minutes to prepare a two minute speech on the topics : "What makes me happy" and "Making a difference"

Both boys spoke with confidence, and has a presence about them.

Congratulations to Bradley for progressing through to the State Final that will be held in August.



**Ben**

**Susanne Milne** and **Mrs Carolyn Hull**  
Launch Coordinator ELC-10 Teacher/Librarian



**Bradley**

## From the Canteen

### Canteen Roster

#### Week 7 T2

Thu 16

Fri 17 **No help needed**

#### Week 9 T2

Mon 27 **Lorraine Scott**

Tue 28

Wed 29 **No help needed**

Thu 30 **Blake Watson**

Fri 1 July **No help needed**

#### Week 8 T2

Mon 20

Tue 21

**Sam Allison**

Wed 22

**No help needed**

Thu 23

Fri 24

**No help needed**

#### Week 10 T2

Mon 4

Tue 5

Wed 6 **No help needed**

Thu 7

Fri 8 **No help needed**

*There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them.<sup>5</sup> There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord.<sup>6</sup> There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work. 1 Corinthians 12:4-6*

God bless

**Sharon Hughes**  
Canteen Manager

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