



## IMPORTANT DATES

### SOUTH PLYMPTON SEPTEMBER

Thu 3	Middle & Senior School Principal Tour
Mon 7	Spring Instrumental Evening in EPAC
Tue 8	Foundation Parent Teacher Interviews  Year 1-6 Student Led Conferences
Tue 8 - Fri 11	Year 10 Camp - Nunyara
Wed 9	Foundation Parent Teacher Interviews  Year 1-6 Student Led Conferences
Fri 11	Middle School Wellbeing Day @ Belair National Park
Mon 14	SACSA Soccer Year 3/4  Whole School Casual Day
Tue 15	SACSA Soccer Year 5/6  Middle & Senior School Parent/Teacher Interviews 3.30pm - 8.30pm
Wed 16	SACSA Soccer Year 7/8  Middle & Senior School Parent/Teacher Interviews 3.30pm - 5.30pm
Thu 17	SACSA Soccer Year 9/10  Middle & Senior School Principal Tour (additional)

### BROOKLYN PARK SEPTEMBER

Wed 9	Principal Tour
Mon 14	Whole School Casual Day
Tue 15	ELC - Foundation Parent Teacher Interviews  Year 1/2 Student Led Conferences
Wed 16	ELC - Foundation Parent Teacher Interviews  Year 1/2 Student Led Conferences 3.30pm - 5.30pm

#### Weekly Coffee Connect

South Plympton

Tuesday Morning 8.45am-9.45am

Brooklyn Park

Friday Morning 8.50am-9.45am

#### Weekly Prayer Connect

South Plympton

Thursday Morning 8.45am-9.15am

Term 3 Casual Day is earlier this year!

**Casual day for the whole school is Monday 14 September (Week 9)**

**Due to Senior School's themed day and to fit around the many camps at the end of this Term**

**The money raised from gold coin donations will go to support the Pitjantjatjara Bible Translation project**

## From the Deputy Principal

### Dear Families and Friends

After a long, sometimes wet and cold winter, I am sure we are all looking forward to what spring will bring. Longer days and increasing warmth, often gives an extra portion of optimism for what can be accomplished and enjoyed in any given day.

As an Independent Christian School and often in the middle of winter, you can sometimes feel like you are working in isolation from other schools, doing our best to work out the Vision and Mission that God established for our College. However, the good news is that we in fact are not working alone. The Christian School network continues to grow and thrive as we endeavour to be obedient to God's call.

As a member of Christian Schools Australia (CSA), it is encouraging to know that there are many Christian Schools around Australia with a strong sense of purpose, investing in both the spiritual and educational development of each child. This common goal is clearly evident when we meet at our bi-annual CSA State Conference to worship God, network, share intellectual property and to encourage and enjoy fellowship together. God is clearly at work through Christian Schooling. Below is an extract from the CSA website which I find encouraging as it aligns with our purpose at Emmaus.

*The purpose of Christian school education is the educational and spiritual development of each individual child. Spiritual formation is an essential component of a Christian school education.*

*In a Christian school, students are taught that we all are made in the image of God, who wants us to be fulfilled in life and work, in relationship with Him, with each other, and with the world he made for us to enjoy.*

*The brokenness around us is ample evidence that we fall short of God's standards. Our society bears little resemblance to the Kingdom of God. In a Christian school students are encouraged to consider the implications of the Christian gospel: that despite our shortcomings, in the death of Jesus, God has offered forgiveness and reconciliation to everyone.*

*The hope is that in response, students will commit their lives, in faith, to follow Jesus and empowered by the Spirit, commit to serving others and the world.*

*Thus Christian schools aim to prepare students to live full, productive and purposeful lives, contributing to the wellbeing of their families, communities and as global citizens.*

***Our purpose (the big 'why' of Christian education) is to see students find their life's purpose in Christ.***

(Extract from CSA website)

Please continue to uphold Emmaus Christian College and all Christian Schools in prayer as we undertake this important work. Providing a Christ centred education which aims to support each student as they develop and grow in their faith in Jesus Christ. May God's kingdom reign in our schools and all glory be to Him.

**Mark Potter**  
Deputy Principal

# Cody and Josh honoured for Brave Conduct

Year 11 students Cody and Joshua have been recognised with Commendations for Brave Conduct in the Australian Bravery Awards on 26 August. The Governor-General announced the Australian Bravery Awards to recognise and celebrate the courage of 29 Australians; of whom Josh and Cody are the only South Australian recipients.

Josh and Cody were recognised for rescuing Trish Woodham, 73 and her dog from drowning in the Coromandel Valley lake in July 2019. Trish nominated the boys for the Award and is 'extremely proud and thrilled for their recognition'.

It was an exciting morning at South Plympton Campus last Wednesday with Channel 10 interviewing them live for Studio 10 and for Channel 10. Congratulations Cody and Josh! You have made our community, state and nation extremely proud!

You can read the Advertiser article (paywall) [here](#).



# Junior School - South Plympton

## Connecting with our Brooklyn Park Friends

Emmas Christian College is blessed to be able to offer our dynamic and distinctively Christ-centred education on two campuses, South Plympton and Brooklyn Park. Recently our F-2 students had the opportunity to come together to engage in fun and exciting learning experiences at the Brooklyn Park Campus.

Our Year 1/2 students are currently exploring an inquiry unit on "Places and Spaces" where we have been researching what makes an excellent playground. Sketching and designing models of the equipment that should be present has been an activity that the children are really enjoying. A visit to our amazing Brooklyn Park "Nature Play" playground was the catalyst for some exciting dreaming and planning for what might be possible at the South Plympton Campus. The Foundation students also visited a few weeks later. It was a wonderful opportunity for the children from both campuses to meet and play together.



**Tracey Alderman**  
F - 2 Wellbeing and Admin



## ELC - Brooklyn Park

### Belonging to Communities

*"Experiencing belonging – knowing where and with whom you belong – is integral to human existence. Children belong first to a family, a cultural group, a neighbourhood and a wider community. Belonging acknowledges children's interdependence with others and the basis of relationships in defining identities. In early childhood, and throughout life, relationships are crucial to a sense of belonging. Belonging is central to being and becoming in that it shapes who children are and who they can become."* Early Years Learning Framework.

This term Room 3 and Room 4 ELC children have been exploring the word 'Community'. We have been exploring the different types of communities we belong to – our family community, our ELC/Emmas Christian College community, our local community and the wider global community. Taking photos to document the people and places in our Emmas Brooklyn Park community, children collaborated to create a 3D model of our ELC, Front Office and neighbouring Bible College and Church. We have explored the special design elements of our ECC logo and children have painted their own impressions of this. We are looking forward to a letter exchange with ELC extended family members and participating in a postcard exchange with a group of other preschools from around the world to expand our understanding about the wider global communities we have connections with.



**Lisa Bennett**  
ELC Lead Teacher/Educational Leader



# Middle School

## Science Week

The students had a wonderful time during Science Week in Week 4. We hired a scissor lift to do a giant egg drop. Students had to make parcels to protect their eggs when they were dropped from a great height. Could the eggs survive the force of impact due to gravity? Sadly, a lot of the eggs became scrambled. However, we did have some winners and it was wonderful to see the smiles on their faces when one survived and also when one went splat! We had an awesome Science Week and I am sure that all the students will have eggcellent memories!



Allison Storey  
Science Coordinator



## Boys Connections

Boys Connections restarted with a "ready, steady, Go!" After a COVID-19 break the Middle School students competed in a Mario Kart Tournament as Adam Wood and Lachlan (Year 9) helped muster the chaos! There was determination, passion and food! Be ready for round 2 in two weeks!



## Preparing for TRJ Camp

TRJ Camp is quickly approaching and our students were blessed to have Baptist Care Adventure come to our College and help to prepare and equip our students further. We explore our values and how they can help ourselves and others in various situations during camp, and we learnt the key principles of tarp building ready for our exciting solo experience!



Ben Squire  
Middle School Teacher



## Positions Vacant

Applications are invited for suitably qualified School Assistants to join our pool of casual/relief support staff in a range of areas (First Aid, Food & Hospitality, Science Lab, General Admin). Some relief positions are available immediately.

Applicants are required to provide the following documents:

- Cover letter
- Resume
- Application for Non-Teaching Position
- Working with Children Check
- RAN Certificate

Applications should be emailed to [Heather Headland](#) as soon as possible or by COB Tuesday 8 September 2020.

Further details are available on the [College website](#).

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## College News

### SA Young Writer's Award

Sophie (Year 12) came first in the Year 11/12 category of the SA Young Writer's Award and was judged the 'Overall Winner' of the entire competition for 2020.

Soyal (Year 10) came first in the Year 9/10 category and Vanessa, Sophie, Ben and Yedam (Year 10) were shortlisted.

Congratulations to all.

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## First Aid

### Adolescent Scoliosis Spinal Curvature - The National Self-Detection Program for Scoliosis

*Extracts taken from 'Scoliosis Australia' website.*

The past several decades have seen major advances in the management of spinal deformity of adolescent idiopathic scoliosis (AIS) in particular. Early detection of AIS, and treatment where indicated, result in much better outcomes as might well be expected on general principles. This is the basis of screening adolescent girls for scoliosis because in the early stages of curve development the girls have no symptoms.

In the 70s many countries world-wide commenced the screening of school girls however these programs have not continued, largely due to the prohibitive cost factor. NB: Scoliosis which requires treatment is far less common in boys than in girls.

A new approach of self-detection is the way for the future and government and non-government schools are asked to periodically inform girls in Years 5 to 7 (10 to 12 years of age) and their families of 'The National Self-Detection Program'. The optimum time for the detection of scoliosis is just after the onset of the adolescent growth spurt and this corresponds to Years 5-7 for the majority of girls.

Please take the time to read the information from Scoliosis Australia, click [here](#), which contains further details about The National Self-Detection Program.

If after reading the Fact Sheet, a girl or her parents think she may have a curvature, then follow-up with the family doctor is recommended. An education program on scoliosis for general practitioners was introduced via The Australian Family Physician and is also available on their [website](#).

Thank you

**Ros Argent and Maria McIver**  
**First Aid Officers**

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## Launch News

### Oliphant Science Awards Competition Results

Congratulations go to Sohana, Year 9 for winning a place in the Oliphant Science Awards for her Scientific Inquiry into "The effect of different detergents on different types of fruit."

Students from all over the state compete in this annual prestigious award and we are very proud of Sohana and her diligent scientific research being recognized as a place getter for her hard work.

**Susanne Milne**  
**Launch Coordinator F-10**

## Uniform Shop

### 2020 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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If you need any uniform, please do not hesitate to [email](#) or phone. You can also order and purchase items via phone on 08 8292 3810.

**Christine Blom-Cursaro**  
Uniform Shop Manager

## Canteen Corner

We would like to thank all the parents, students and staff that took the time to complete the canteen survey. We value your feedback and suggestions for improvement. Some suggestions will take a little more time to implement and some have already been implemented!

Menu improvements include:

- Mayonnaise is now without gluten, egg and lactose (vegan)
- Baguette choice includes without mayonnaise
- Malaysian chicken, Beef Masaman and Lamb Rogan Josh are all gluten and lactose free
- Dahl is vegan.
- Butter Chicken is gluten free (however it contains almond meal and cream)

If you pre-order, you can customise ingredients in sandwiches, baguettes, wraps, burgers and hotdogs. For example, add tomato or remove condiments.

Waste / Landfill reduction initiatives include:

- Bamboo forks and spoons are now biodegradable
- Decrease in paper bag use, eg, we no longer put drinks and snacks in bags

We are constantly on the lookout for eco-friendly packaging options.

We are currently investigating an online order system, and changing the service area at the canteen.

Thank you for your support.

### Canteen Roster

#### Week 7 T3

Thu 3	No help needed
Fri 4	No help needed

#### Week 9 T3

Mon 14	No help needed
Tue 15	Natalie Almond
Wed 16	<b>HELP NEEDED</b>
Thu 17	No help needed
Fri 18	<b>HELP NEEDED</b>

#### Week 8 T3

Mon 7	No help needed
Tue 8	No help needed
Wed 9	<b>HELP NEEDED</b>
Thu 10	No help needed
Fri 11	No help needed

#### Week 10 T3

Mon 21	No help needed
Tue 22	No help needed
Wed 23	<b>HELP NEEDED</b>
Thu 24	No help needed
Fri 25	<b>HELP NEEDED</b>

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 collect 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.

**Sharon Hughes**  
Canteen Manager

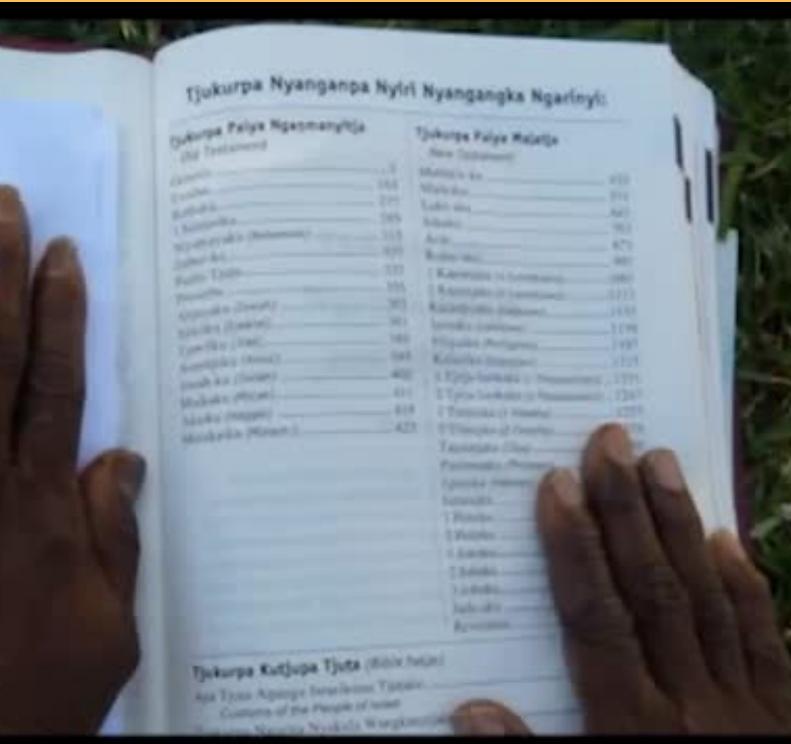
## Community News

### Parenting SA - Living with Young People

Living with Young People is a FREE workshop that helps you as parents and carers build an understanding of your teenager and their healthy development. For more information about their workshops please visit their [website](#).

MONDAY WEEK 9

# Casual Day Term 3



Join us in celebrating and supporting

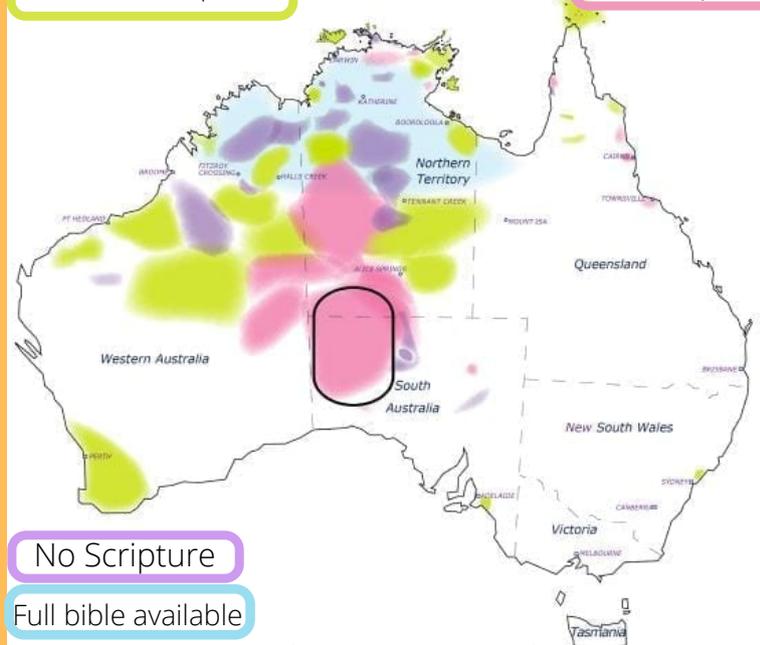
## THE PITJANTJATJARA BIBLE TRANSLATION PROJECT IN ERNABELLA.

Monday September 14  
gold coin or note donation

PITJANTJATJARA IS ONE OF THE FEW ORIGINAL 250 AUSTRALIAN LANGUAGES STILL USED DAILY. IT'S LEARNED BY CHILDREN AS A NORMAL PART OF GROWING UP AND IS SPOKEN BY SEVERAL THOUSAND PEOPLE: THOSE WHO LIVE IN THEIR TRADITIONAL HOMELANDS IN NORTHWEST SA, PARTS OF WA AND THE NT, AS WELL AS DIASPORA IN ALICE SPRINGS, PORT AUGUSTA AND ADELAIDE. WITH OUR HELP, PEOPLE WILL HAVE THE CHANCE TO READ GOD'S WORD IN THEIR HEART LANGUAGE.

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