



Emmaus
Christian College

Newsletter

Week 9 Term 3 | 15 September 2021

IMPORTANT DATES

SOUTH PLYMPTON

SEPTEMBER

Thur 16 SACSA AFL Football Yr 7/8
@ Barratt Reserve

Mon 20 - Year 5/6 Camp @ Wallaroo
Wed 22

Mon 20 - Year 9 The Rite Journey
Fri 24 Camp

Fri 24 Whole School Casual Day
Year 1-6 Cricket Clinic

Term 3 Ends
Normal Finish Time

OCTOBER

Mon 11 **Term 4 Commences**

BROOKLYN PARK

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SP Campus

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Weekly Coffee Connect
Brooklyn Park
Cancelled until further notice

From the Head of Middle School

Dear Families and Friends

Middle School Wellbeing Day

What a joy it was to see our Middle School students enjoying the beautiful Spring weather on Friday for our annual Middle School Wellbeing Day. Each year the Middle School Wellbeing Day is different for our Year 7, 8 and 9 students. This year we were so thankful to be able to provide a range of activities for our students to enjoy including going to the nearby Jervois St Park, Art, Sport, 'Quiz Night' and 'Minute to Win It'. Students engaged in activities in their Home Groups, academic groups and year levels and some prizes and treats were provided during their 'Quiz Night' session.

The wellbeing of our Middle School students is a high priority. This is why we set aside a full day to allow them to build relationships, have fun, engage in challenges, laugh, and interact with their teachers in a different environment. Many fun moments were had, and memories created during the day. Scripture encourages us to build one another up and lift our gaze. Hebrews 10:24 says, *"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds."* Philippians 4:8 encourages us, *"...whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable - if anything is excellent or praiseworthy - think about such things."*

I hope you enjoy these few snapshots of our great day.



Jonathan Carpenter
Head of Middle School

Junior School - South Plympton

Writers Corner Celebrating Words in the Junior School

John's Gospel begins with the verse *"In the beginning was the word..."* such a simple yet powerful phrase.

Reading your children's writing, tapping into their imagination, ideas, thoughts, and opinions are uplifting and insightful, as it allows us to have a glimpse into their understanding of God's world as they perceive and experience it. It is one of the many treasured gifts bestowed on us as teachers. Being able to write well can influence nations! *"The pen is mightier than the sword"*

Enjoy a sample selection of children's writing across the Junior School year levels:

Independent Writing in our Foundation classes

Little Fish by Chloe

It is a little fish.

The fish can swim.

The little fish is a ballerina fish.

The little fish can do a somersault.

It eats very little bread.

It blows bubbles.

It lives in a fish tank.

It likes to always swim around.

The little fish can do loop der loop.

The little fish can spin around. The little fish can follow you.

Year 2 Persuasive writing

BLUE is the best colour! by Sam

I think Blue is the best colour.

*Blue is the colour of the sky,
the sea and blueberries. (unless they are rotten)*

*Listen there is baby blue, cobalt blue,
dark blue and light blue.*

*If you like green and purple should thank the colour blue!
(not to mention yellow and red...)*

Now you know why blue is the best!

Year 3 and Year 4 have been creating poems, selecting appropriate images to enhance their prose, before displaying them in our corridors.

Here is a sample of their work from Ruth...

DAY

peaceful, luscious, moving, bloomy, chirping,
valleys, flowers, stars, crescent moon,
glittering, scurrying, transforming,
silent, gorgeous,

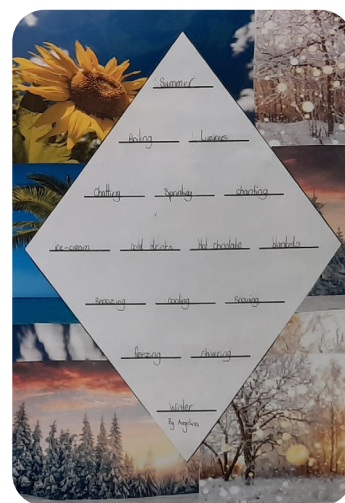
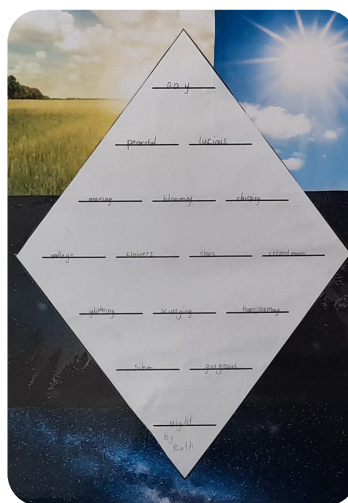
NIGHT

and from Angelina...

SUMMER

Boiling, luscious,
Chatting, Sprinting, Chanting,
ice-cream, cold drinks, hot chocolate, blankets,
snoozing, cooling, snowing,
freezing, shivering,

WINTER



Simile Poem by Stephanie in Year 6

Poor as a man that has lost his faith in God.

As strong as a Loving, spiritual heart.

As cute as a sloth smiling at you with happiness and joy

As smart as a student that got "A"s in all their work.

As thin as a needle that is sewing a new jumper.

As white as a polar bear protecting its babies in the cold snow.

As fit as a fish, in its own area and habitat.

As dumb as a chicken eating its own eggs.

As bold as an angel fighting against the devil.

As neat as my dad working on his desk.

As ugly as a turkey staring at you in the eye.

Susanne Milne

3-6 Curriculum & Learning

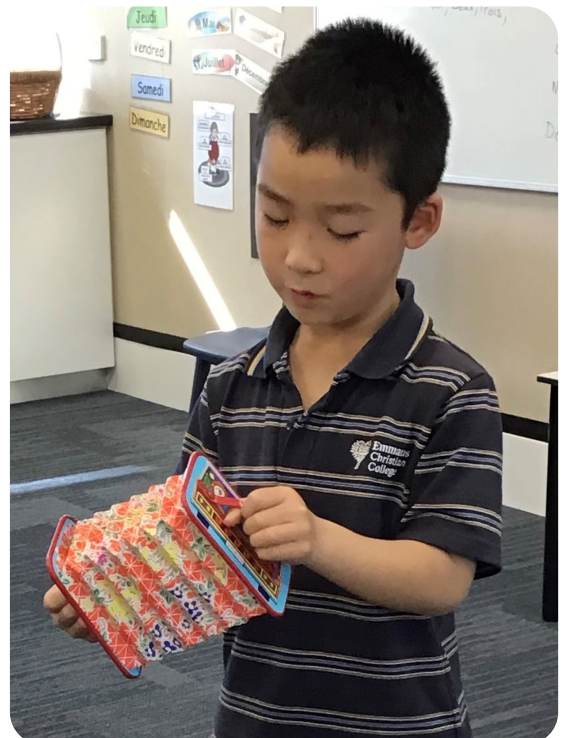
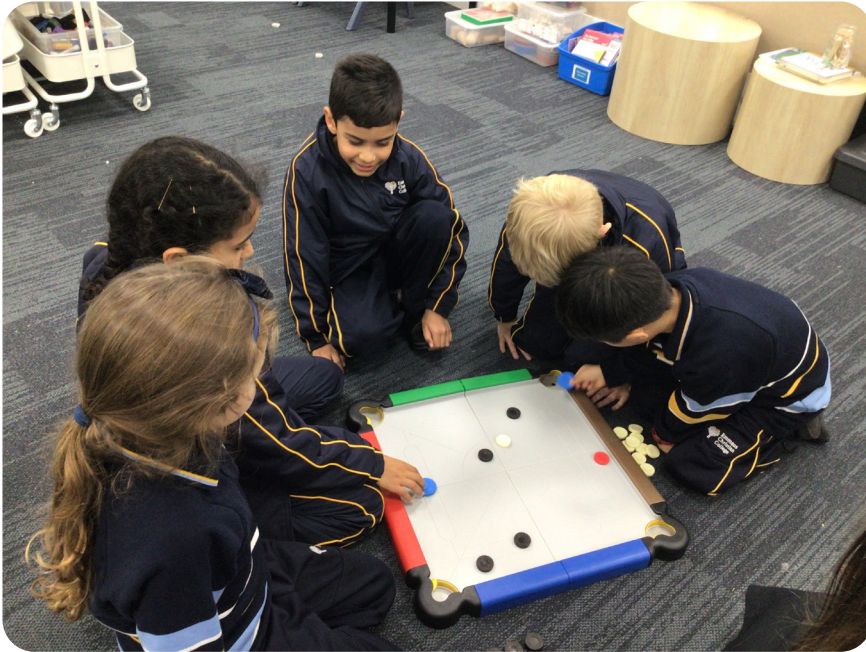
Junior School - Brooklyn Park

Physical Sciences – Push - Pull

In Year 1/2 at Brooklyn Park, we have been learning about how the force of push and pull affect objects in our daily lives, particularly during play. Students have created a wondrous Year 1/2 Toy Exhibition in which we have studied the effects of push and pull on each toy. We have also participated in an array of games to identify how the forces of push-pull are at work.

Students have developed as scientists by remembering to label their diagrams using scientific terms and arrows. They have had the opportunity to record predictions and final results of investigation using tables and templates. Students have also deepened their understanding of what it means to be a team member and work collaboratively through guided investigations.

Applying their understanding of these forces, students have been busy at work creating a toy with a moving part! Stay tuned!



Eunice Sweet
Junior School Teacher

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Senior School

Year 12 Geographers Visit Waste and Recycling Centres

Our Year 12 Geographers have been studying the concept of ecological footprints and how we can reduce the pressure humans place on the environment. The students visited some of South Australia's waste and recycling centres to see first hand what happens to materials that are thrown away and how they are processed to achieve the best outcomes. The tour provided the group with a fascinating insight into the scale of organic, electrical, plastic and mixed waste that is produced, but also the innovative ways that the materials are being recycled to serve a new purpose.



Chris Bright
Middle/Senior School Teacher

Teddy Bear's Picnic

The senior school leadership spent Thursday of Week 7 at Brooklyn Park with the junior school to have a Teddy Bear's picnic. This involved the reading of a story book, a chat with a big kid, and running around the yard. Sounds like a fun lunch for a primary student.

This is an opportunity for Senior students to speak into the lives of children and make reading something to look forward to and to have a connection between the two campuses. The ELC students also enjoyed the company of the big kid visitors and there was a lot of fun in this part of the school too. It was a lot of fun and Adam and I appreciated the support of the Brooklyn Park staff and our senior leaders.



Andrea Grear
Head of Senior School

Adam Wood
Chaplain

Year 10 Social Justice Camp

The Year 10 Social Justice Camp has happened again (7-10 September) and this year has brought me so much joy. Although the thought of being on duty for 24/7 over 4 days is a little overwhelming for staff, the benefits far outweigh this.

How can we not love being with students who learn so eagerly about social action and the impact they can have in the world? Students who are horrified to learn that by far the most people who are homeless are women - 50 to 60-year-old women the largest part of this group. Imagine what has gone wrong in their lives to end up in this position. And that is just the point: imagine or, even better, empathise. Learning about our responsibility for our brothers and sisters, who are all made in the image of God no matter their circumstances.

Op Shopping for a special event was a highlight as we spent an evening at the OpShop Fashion Parade and Bush Dance. We all looked resplendent in our variety of fabulous pre-loved clothes, but better than this, we were all able to give back into the system that supports so many people. The Matildas entertained all of us with bush dancing and a lot of energy was expended – leading to better sleep!

Thursday included visits to different agencies, including a drug rehabilitation centre, for males only and served the Homeless in the city; Brushed with Kindness who helped with a home that had been terribly affected by the fires last summer; and others with Gwen's Pantry and The Salvation Army who make a difference in so many peoples' lives. It was an opportunity to put in practice what it feels like to do things for other people. The Slow Fashion Workshop reinventing pre-loved clothes into something special was popular and the results impressive. It was very popular and wonderful to see students learn great skills that help the environment. Really interestingly, most of the organisations that provide this help are Church based. It says a lot for Christ's love in the world.



Andrea Grear
Head of Senior School

From the Library

Bookweek 2021 - Thank you!

Another 'Bookweek' has come and gone... and the Library staff want to say thank you!

For all the students and teachers who provided a little literary spark by dressing up to reflect a book - THANK YOU!

For the classes who have engaged with literacy and art/craft activities related to the short listed books and have decorated the library with their work – THANK YOU!

For Foundation classes who used their current theme of Fairy Tales to create masks for the Photo day – THANK YOU!

For Brooklyn Park staff who swapped and changed their programs to enable the Library staff from South Plympton to give them some Teacher Librarian input in the Library – THANK YOU!

For Middle School and Senior School Home group teachers who encouraged and enabled participation in the literacy focused activities in Home Groups – THANK YOU!

For parents who encouraged and helped their children to find the 'bits and pieces' needed for their costume and photo shoot - THANK YOU!

We hope you have enjoyed celebrating books with us. The photographs from across the campuses reveal a vibrant snapshot of the joy of engaging with books from "old worlds, new worlds and other worlds".



Holiday Borrowing

Library books will be able to be borrowed over the holiday period to encourage some recreational reading. We would like all families to check that there are no books, including class texts that should have been returned this term, still in your home. With camps and other end of term busy-ness, we would prefer books to come back, rather than to create overdue messages during the holidays.

Alicia Buxton, Carolyn Hull and Jan Maschmedt
Library Team

Scholarships at Emmaus Christian College

Scholarships will open on Monday 28 September 2021!

We are excited to offer two Scholarships for two students entering Year 7 in 2023.

- The ACER Scholarship is open to new or continuing students and closes on Thursday 20 January 2022
- The Emmaus Music Scholarship is available to one new student and closes on Thursday 20 January 2022

For more information visit the [Scholarships webpage](#).

Boys Connections

Nerf War

Year 11 and 12 students hosted and organised a fun Boys Connections activity with Year 7, 8 and 9 students on Tuesday, Week 8.

They organised some epic Nerf war simulations and had plenty of fun.

The next event will be a Basketball tournament and nibbles to share.

Ben Squire

Middle School Teacher



Uniform Shop

It is time to check your child's summer uniform, making sure it fits and is suitable for Term 4.

The Uniform Shop will be open during the second week of the school holidays as follows:

Thursday 8 November 11.00am - 4.00pm

Friday 9 November 9.00am - 1.30pm

Please remember to check in with the QR code and wear a mask.

2021 Normal Opening Hours

Monday 8.30am - 10.00am	Thursday 8.30am - 10.00am
3.00pm - 5.00pm	1.00pm - 1.30pm
	3.00pm - 5.00pm

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

Christine Blom-Cursaro

Uniform Shop Manager

From the Canteen

Emergency Lunch Requests

At our Canteen, we do not want any child to go hungry at lunch! So we are pleased to provide an emergency lunch for children who have forgotten to pack their lunch box.

To ensure that all our student orders are made on time, we have a standard emergency lunch consisting of a piece of fruit for recess and for lunch, either a Ham & Cheese sandwich or Cheese & Vegemite sandwich or baguette.

We can only adjust this emergency lunch order to accommodate special 'dietary requirements' NOT for 'taste bud preferences'.

To request an emergency lunch, Junior School students can go to their class teacher or Students Services by 9.30am and Middle/Senior School students can make their request directly at the Canteen. Payment is required the following day.

Please note: We are unable to check emails during the day so email requests from parents may not be received in time.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

God Bless

Sharon Hughes

Canteen Manager

"Words satisfy the soul as food satisfies the stomach, the right words on a person's lips bring satisfaction" **Proverbs 18:20**

Launch News

Debating SA Competition

Debating Round 5 Results for our Year 5 and Year 6/7 Teams.

Congratulations to our winning Debaters of the Evening - Tegan, Annie and Sarah.

Our students grew in confidence and in the knowledge of being able to successfully prepare, construct and deliver an argument. Critical thinking was evident in each argument.

Thank you to our Year 5/6 and 7 coaches for their time, expertise, and constant encouragement - Neriah and Danilo, Year 11 and to Kiros Mikhaeil and Madame Daoud.

Well done to our Year 9 Team who competed in the Quarter-Final last Thursday.

We are so proud of your efforts in reaching the finals. Their team was undefeated during the season.

Congratulations to Ariana, Mahalia, Hannah, Maggie and Joseph for all their hard work in preparing for each debate.

Thank you to Mr Jeremy Coggins for coaching the team throughout the season.

Mrs Carolyn Hull and Mrs Susanne Milne



SACLO- South Australian Computational and Linguistics Competition

Friday night we had two teams compete against 13 Adelaide High School team, in the inaugural South Australian linguistic coding competition.

Our Year 8 and 9 students had spent several weeks leading up to the competition practising how to decode foreign languages through finding patterns. Our teams are to be commended with the resilience, camaraderie, and perseverance they displayed during the 2-hour competition.

Well done to Lena, Ruby, Ariana, Mahalia, Isaac, and Dylan for taking up this challenge.

Mrs Sarah Grieger and Mrs Susanne Milne

Tournament of the Minds

We had two Year 5/6 teams compete in the National Tournament of the Minds Competition which was held on Sunday 12 September at Flinders University, Tonsley Campus.

The students worked in groups of 7. There are two parts to the Tournament:

- A 10-minute solution to a complex open-ended problem had to be written, performed with costumes created out of mostly recycled materials within 6 weeks. The students excelled in working collaboratively to creatively solve the problems in Social Sciences and in Literature.
- Work together as a team to solve a Spontaneous Problem.

All students were able to use their skills and talents and they received encouraging feedback on their group work, presentation and exceptional talents.



Year 6 Student Leadership Initiative

Our Year 6 leaders meet weekly for training and to implement new initiatives.

Last week the leaders ran a "Lego Masters" Competition at both South Plympton and Brooklyn Park Campus.

Our Junior School student body took up the challenge and produced amazing Lego Creations. Even Hamish would have been speechless with our Junior student's ingenuity in creating diverse scenes out of bricks!

Our Year 6 judges had a difficult time selecting the top entries and had to make sure that they had clear criteria as they carefully evaluated each scene.

There were lots of conversations and exclamations as students viewed each other's inspiring builds.

Thank you to our Year 6 leaders for their planning and excellent organisational skills. It was a huge success!

Congratulations to all students who participated.

Susanne Milne

Launch Coordinator F-10

Curriculum and Learning Leader 3-6



College News

An Ode to the Canteen

To celebrate Book Week this year in Middle and Senior School, Home Groups competed in a series of literary challenges to win a pizza lunch. Well done to the two most all-round literary Home Groups (Mrs Bates in SS and Mrs Mangos in MS)! One of the challenges was to compose an original poem about our wonderful school canteen. A few of these are reproduced below for your enjoyment and as tribute to the hard work of our devoted Canteen Staff and Volunteers.

*O Sharon, O Sharon
The Canteen is never barren
The food tastes great
Thanks for your work mate
When I haven't been to the canteen in a while
Your garlic bread always makes me smile
The canteen is never barren
O Sharon, O Sharon*
HG 12 Wildman

*A legend is Mrs Hughes
Supplies us with strawberry moos
The lines may be long
But the garlic bread makes us strong
With healthy options for us to choose*
HG 9 Bates

*There once was a child so hungry
He decided to eat his pet bunny
To the canteen he went
His pocket money spent
A garlic bread replaced his pet bunny*
HG 7 Dal Santo

Whole School Casual Day

Friday 24 September - Last day of Term

A gold coin donation is requested from students and staff who wish to participate, with funds going to Catherine House.

Please note: Appropriate dress is ESSENTIAL. No inappropriate slogans 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.

Senior School Holiday Workshops October 2021

SUBJECT	TEACHER	DATE	TIMES
English Lit Studies	Andrea Grear	Tuesday 28 September	11am - 1pm
English	Janine Bates, Sarah Grieger, Nigel Eaton	Tuesday 28 September Monday 4 October	9am - 3pm 9am - 9pm
Art	Esther Amoy	Thursday 30 October Thursday 7 October	10am - 2pm 10am - 2pm
History	Neil Blenkinsop	Tuesday 5 October	10am - 2pm
Physics	David Chu	Thursday 7 October	9am - 12pm