



Emmaus
Christian College

Newsletter

Week 7 Term 4 | 24 November 2021

IMPORTANT DATES

SOUTH PLYMPTON

NOVEMBER

Mon 22 -	Yr 10 ABW
Fri 26	
Thu 25 -	MS Exams
Wed 1	
Thu 25	JS Performance Assemblies 9am - 10am & 2pm - 3pm
Fri 26	Whole School Casual Day
	Yr 10 Final Day
	Yr 5/6 Social in EPAC 6pm - 8pm
Mon 29	Senior School Speech Night and Yr 12 Graduation @ EBC 7pm
Tue 30	Yr 6 Graduation @ EBC 7pm

DECEMBER

Wed 1	Middle School Celebration Evening @ EBC 7pm
Fri 3	End of Term 4 Normal Finish Time (3.10pm)

BROOKLYN PARK

NOVEMBER

Thu 25	Christmas Performance Evening @ AWUC 6.30pm - 7.30pm
Fri 26	Whole School Casual Day
Mon 29	ELC Orientation 2
	F-Yr 4 Awards Ceremony @ AWUC 1.30pm - 2.30pm

DECEMBER

Thu 2	ELC Graduation @ AWUC 6.15pm
Fri 3	End of Term 4 - Normal Finish Time (3.10pm)
Fri 17	ELC Last Day

Weekly Coffee Connect
Brooklyn Park
Cancelled until further notice

Whole School Casual Day - Friday 26 November 2021

Gold Coin Donation
With funds going to Compassion Australia

From the Chaplain

Dear Emmaus Families and Friends

In 'what' do you place your confidence?

This year has once again presented so many challenges; there should not be any surprises in hearing that! The 'on again – off again' nature of daily life has been ever present. Currently we face discussions about what our lives will look like once the state borders open up, what shape international travel may take and so on.

There are new rules being placed upon society, with mandates stating the requirements for attendance at sporting events, at function centres, animal parks and the like, mandates placing constraint upon employment. It is daunting, confusing, filled with uncertainty and heartache. What do we do? How can we plan? Will I see my family and friends? What does this look like? These are the very real and raw questions and emotions before us. Our confidence may feel shaky.

For the follower of Jesus, time and time again throughout the scriptures we see the challenge to place our trust, hope and confidence in God. Look at Proverbs 3:5-6. Or consider Psalm 139. Read again Isaiah 40:28-31. For the follower of Jesus, we are repeatedly called to consider the poor, the marginalised, the outcast, to offer care, welcome and provision to those on the fringes of society. What does Micah 6:6-8 instruct us? How does Jesus implore us to behave in Matthew 6:25-34? We could spend all day doing this.

Now, of course there are also plenty of passages of scripture that give direction to speaking up against injustice, standing firm against the oppressor, speaking truth in the darkness. I would wager though, that the spiritual dynamic in which we face ourselves still calls for my words and actions to honour Christ over and above myself. It is hard to wrestle with these truths. But it is truth nonetheless.

Paramount to all of this, is to encourage our hearts with what we read in scripture; that in every situation in every circumstance, through every trail and obstacle, God is with us. You may like to look up the following Bible passages, and as you do so I pray that your Spirit would lift, that your eyes would be fixed upon Jesus, that your heart would be encouraged and that your hope would be renewed.

Psalm 139:1-10
Matthew 6:25-34
Numbers 6:24-27
John 14:27
Colossians 1:15-20
Hebrews 12:1-3
1 Peter 1:3-5
1 John 3:1

God has this whole situation held tightly in His hands. God is watching over you.

Psalm 121

- ¹ I lift up my eyes to the mountains— where does my help come from?
- ² My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.
- ³ He will not let your foot slip— he who watches over you will not slumber;
- ⁴ indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.
- ⁵ The LORD watches over you— the LORD is your shade at your right hand;
- ⁶ the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night.
- ⁷ The LORD will keep you from all harm— he will watch over your life;
- ⁸ the LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.

Grace & Peace,

Adam Wood
College Chaplain

Junior School - South Plympton

New Nature Playground at South Plympton

We are pleased to be able to share with you an Artist's impression of the proposed new nature playground for ECC South Plympton.

The new playground will retain:

- All current trees
- The spider web
- The water tank alongside the lawn

The new playground will remove:

- Current sandpit
- Climbing wall
- Monkey bars
- Junior Primary play equipment

This will all be replaced with:

- A large sandpit with elevated water course surrounded by large tree logs and large boulders
- Water pump
- Large culvert under the boulder rocks adjacent for children to crawl through
- A lower ground cubby with slippery dip, fire pole, scramble net and monkey bars
- Mud kitchen complete with two sink and taps
- Outdoor classroom area
- Elevated cubby with viewing platform above the water tank
- Additional seating and half a dozen garden beds

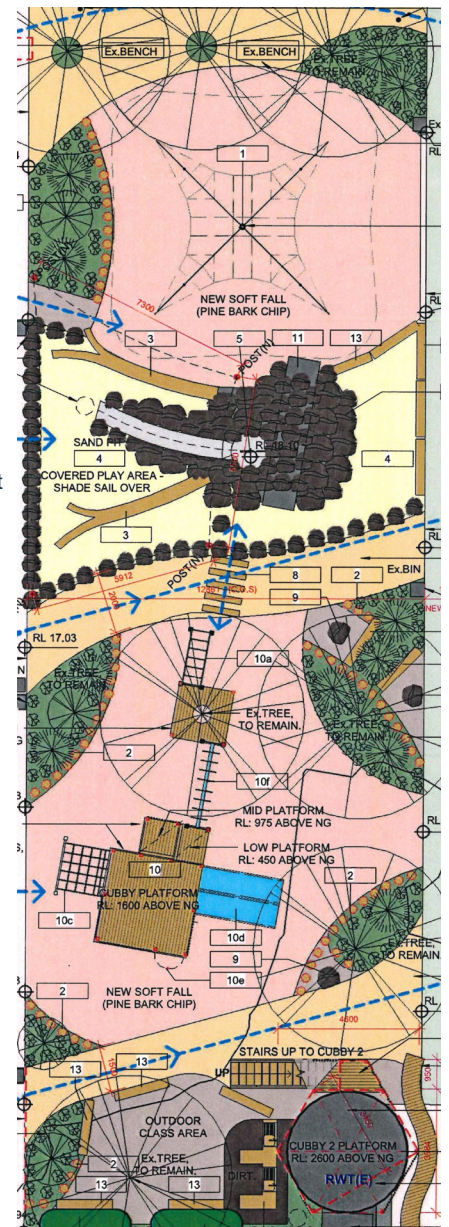
We hope it will be INSPIRATIONAL and a wonderful place for children to engage in learning and play!

We wish to advise there will be some complexities for us to navigate, requiring patience and flexibility for the last eight school days this term.

- **Contractors began** work today at 7am. Contractors will be on site daily from 7am until 3.30pm
- **An excavator bobcat** will come in to assist in the removal of the current playground
- **Trucks will be moving in and out** of the staff car park driveway between 7am and 3.30pm most days. There will be no trucks between 8am and 9.30am; and no trucks after 2.30pm. This will enable students to come on site in the morning without any big machinery movement, and also for students to be able to leave at the end of the day with no large machinery moving up the driveway.
- **Disabled access** will be maintained through the staff gate along the pavers into the normal administration door. A disabled car park will be accessible adjacent to the western fence.
- **The high fencing** on the ECC building side will be enclosed with shade cloth to try to minimise the dust into the classrooms, and also assist in preventing distraction for Junior Primary classes. The fencing adjacent the oval will be mesh, so that students are able to observe what is happening during the demolition phase.
- **Jackhammers and Bobcat** - We wish to advise that it will be very noisy. Jackhammers will be used to remove all the foundations in the cement blocks underneath the playground etc. Regretfully, we need to accommodate this work, to maximise the Christmas holiday time, to ensure as much work can be completed as possible before Week 1, Term 1, 2022.
- **Off limits** - No staff, students or parents are to enter the site of development.
- **Parent drop off & pick up** – Due to limited space, we would be grateful if parents could please wait on the lawn area for their children rather than enter the JP verandah area space.

We apologise in advance for any complexities this may cause. We pray God's blessing of protection and safety over the site and development.

Helen Vonow
Head of Junior School



Brooklyn Park

ELC is Buzzing with Sweetness

As part of our "Emmaus Eats" edible garden project, we have partnered with local Apiarist James Gordon from Bee Wild. The beehive that we purchased has been relocated to Geranium and James regularly sends us updates about how our Emmaus hive is going. Recently he visited us at ELC with our hive and children were involved in extracting the honey from our hive. The aroma that filled our classrooms was just delicious and such an enjoyable learning experience. Our hive has already produced an excess of honey that has been bottled ready to sell! All profits from our honey sales will go back into funding our Emmaus Eats garden. We invite our Emmaus community to purchase a jar and support our ELC project.

We thank the Landcare Woolworths bee bonus grant that has made this sweet opportunity possible for us.



Lisa Bennett
ELC Lead Teacher/Educational Leader

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas in Junior School

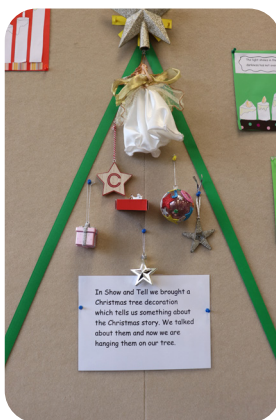
In our Foundation class at Brooklyn Park we have been learning about the true meaning of Christmas. All through the year we have been learning about God's special rescue plan for the world. As we welcome and celebrate God's precious gift to us in this Christmas season, we have been looking at the story of Jesus' birth in picture books and learning new songs for our Christmas performance. Students have also brought in an item for "Show and Tell" relating part of the story of Jesus birth, which we have hung on our class Christmas tree.

Needless to say, the excitement is mounting.

The staff and students from our growing campus pray God's blessing and peace upon everyone in our school community and wish you a very Merry Christmas.

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders, and he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

Isaiah 9 v6



Gillie Giles
Junior Teacher

Middle School

In Christian Studies lessons we have been looking at the different themes and styles that are in the book of Psalms. As a class we read and analysed many examples before preparing our own individual Psalms as a class activity. We had different analogies, poems and metaphors of God's character, such as a comparison to the vastness of the ocean, a guiding lamp unto our feet and even the unconditional love of a new puppy. We are proud of our efforts and they are on display at the back of our classroom!



Andrew Malcolm
Middle School Teacher

Year 8 Bowling

On 15 November, 77 excited Year 8 students prepared to “rock and bowl.” With this in mind, we made our way to Zone Bowling for a morning of “playing catch and throwing strikes.” There were smiles, laughter, dancing and singing as many students left “no pins standing.” Memories were made, friendships were strengthened and students were able to pause in the busyness of Term 4. Another memorable opportunity for our Year 8 students to embrace and enjoy.



Senior School

Year 12 Child Studies Students Hand-crafted Gifts

Year 12 Child Studies students recently produced and packaged hand-made gifts to celebrate the arrival of new babies and congratulate their mothers. Each student created unique, hand-crafted items with a chosen theme to express love, care and support for their precious new life and their Mum. The students have donated these to Genesis Pregnancy Support for new mothers, which will contribute to the variety of support services Genesis provides.

Congratulations to all our students who have completed their final exams.



Jude Potter
Senior School

Adjustment to ICT Policy for 2022 - Mobile Phones

4.8. Student Personal Devices

Students may bring personal devices, including mobile phones, to the College. However, they do so at their own risk. Students will keep the devices on silent mode and in their locker during the school day. Student personal devices will not have access to the College network.

Junior School

- Between 8.35am and 3.10pm, personal devices are to be turned off and in the student's bag during the school day.

Middle and Senior School

1. In recognition of the social and educational benefits of being 'unplugged' from their phones, Year 7-12 students are not permitted to use their phone or wireless headphones/ear buds on school grounds between 8.35am and 3.10pm including break times.
2. If student personal devices are at the College, they are to be locked in the student's locker.
3. Students are to put their internet connected device, ie Smart watches, on 'airplane mode' to prevent phone calls and messages being sent or received during the school day.
4. Exceptions can be made with the permission of a teacher for pedagogical reasons such as:
 - Using a subject-specific app
 - Excursions (eg Geography Field Trips)
 - If a task requires students to take photos and videos of their peers, it is to be done using school-issued devices.
 - Students are **not permitted** to use their phone to listen to personal music.
5. If students are using personal devices without staff permission:
 - a. Teachers will remove the device/s and place them at Student Services.
 - b. Students will collect the device at the end of the school day from Student Services.
 - c. A second placement at Student Services will result in a parent being required to collect the device.
 - d. If a student refuses to hand over their phone or these concerns continue, further steps will be taken.

Thank you for your support with the change in policy. Working together we can help our students make good choices and learn the skills they need to find balance in their schooling and personal lives.

Andrea Grear
Head of Senior School

Jonathan Carpenter
Head of Middle School

Scholarships at Emmaus Christian College

Applications for Scholarships are now open!

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](#).

Sibling Applications for South Plympton and Brooklyn Park

As we begin the interview process for 2024 enrolments please ensure that you have submitted your sibling application for 2024.

Interviews will open up to new families at the beginning of Term 1 2022, so it is imperative that you complete your sibling enrolment. Please visit our website where you will be able to complete a sibling application and pay online.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact:

South Plympton - [Barb Greenslade](#) on 8292 3834

Brooklyn Park - [Sonya Gordon](#) on 8292 3899

Barb Greenslade
Registrar

From Student Services

Dental Services to be offered to Students

Mobile Dental Services Australia Healthy Smiles Across the Miles Program are offering all students access to an onsite Dental check-up at no out-of-pocket expense.

The Healthy Smiles across the Miles Program is run using best practice guidelines as set out by the Australian Dental Association. Check-ups are scheduled to be performed at the Community Centre close to the school by qualified dental practitioners in their mobile dental van.

Forms have already been sent home via your child.

Important dates/deadlines for the program are listed below:

- Completed forms to be returned to Student Services by 2 December 2021
- Following the student registration process, the dates for the following activities are:
 - ~ Initial dental check-ups and treatment – during the upcoming school holidays at the Community Centre
 - ~ Mobile Dental Services Australia will contact parents/guardians to obtain verbal consent prior to any follow-up treatment being undertaken after initial dental check-ups.

For further information about the Program, please go to their [website](#)

Performing Arts

Instrumental Music Program

Vacancies exist across our Instrumental Program for students interested in learning an instrument in 2022. Instruments particularly sought after are Trombone, Tenor Saxophone, Double Bass and Bassoon. We also offer a Piano and Voice combination with one of our tutors if you are particularly interested in learning both instruments as a combo. Please see all instrumental tuition details on our College [website](#), along with tuition forms.

If you have any questions, please contact me via [email](#)

Tracey Medhurst
VET, Performing Arts, Learning Support

College News

Whole School Casual Day - Friday 26 November

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

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' & 'Tech' lessons where this becomes a safety issue.

First Aid

We would like to say thank you to parents for working together with us in regards to the care and wellbeing of the students throughout this year. Your understanding and support with school requirements and policies helps us ensure that students' needs are met to the highest possible standard.

Collection of Medications

As the conclusion of the 2021 school year is rapidly approaching we would like to advise parents that we DO NOT store student medications here at the College over the long school holiday period. Could all medications please be collected from the First Aid Room before or on the final day of school?

Updating Care Plans

Medication Plans, Asthma Care Plans and other Health Care Plans are required to be updated annually or whenever there is a change in the care needs for a student. If your child's Health Care Plan is due to be updated, the school holidays are an ideal time get this in order ready for the 2022 school year. Medication Plans and Asthma Care Plans can be downloaded from the College website or you can collect a blank form from First Aid. If you have any questions please contact one of the First Aid Officers.

Returning Borrowed Clothes

If your child has borrowed clothes from the First Aid Room recently can you please ensure that they have been returned?

Ros Argent and Maria McIver
First Aid Officers

Uniform Shop

2021 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 on 08 8292 3810. You can also order and purchase items via Qkr.

Additional Opening Times

December 2021

Monday 6	9.00am - 1.00pm
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January 2022

Monday 10	10.30am - 5.00pm
Tuesday 11	10.30am - 5.00pm
Wednesday 12	9.00am - 4.00pm
Thursday 13	9.00am - 4.00pm
Friday 14	Closed
Monday 17	8.30am - 5.00pm
Tuesday 18	8.30am - 5.00pm
Wednesday 19	8.30am - 5.00pm
Thursday 20	8.30am - 5.00pm
Friday 21	Closed
Monday 24	8.30am - 5.00pm
Tuesday 25	Closed
Wednesday 26	Closed
Thursday 27	8.30am - 4.00pm
Friday 28	8.30am - 1.00pm

Christine Blom-Cursaro
Uniform Shop Manager

From the Canteen

As the 2021 school year draws to an end, we would like to thank you for your support over the year; with a special thank you to our volunteers for graciously sharing their time with us in Term 1 and 2. We look forward to your support again next year.

Wishing everyone a Blessed Christmas and safe summer holidays.

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

Academic THINK Challenge at Temple College Paralowie

Congratulations to our two eight-member Year 8 and 9 teams who were placed 2nd and 3rd overall in the Christian Schools Academic THINK Challenge competition on Thursday 18 November. There were over 150 students competing from as far away from the far North of our State to Strathalbyn.

Our students worked really hard throughout the day's competition in 9 different subjects to achieve outstanding results. They had been meeting weekly giving up their lunch in preparation for the competition.

The students collectively received 1st place in the following subjects: History and Politics, Mathematics, General Knowledge and Engineering.

Well done to Hannah, Ella, Tahlia, Chelsea, Niki, Sehreem, Meagan, Mahalia, Isaac P, Isaac C, Jayden, Nick, Bradley, Noah, Vincent, Andrew, Caleb and Yehoon.

We are proud of you. Thank you to Mrs Storey for assisting on the day!

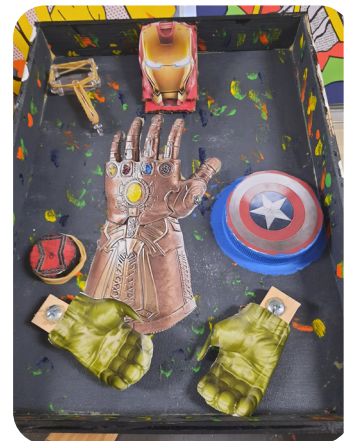


Art and STEAM in Year 3 - 6 Classes

Our team of teachers are always looking for ways to foster creativity in our students and enable curiosity to abound.

This term our corridors have continued to be a hive of activities, with students engaged in painting and glueing paper in vibrant colours, and the banging and glueing of wood to create imaginative pinball machines.

Each project and painting shows the diversity and creativity in our students. Our rooms reflect the deep learning that occurs as our students explore an interconnected world. It is inspiring!



Fred Hollows Humanity Award

"The Fred Hollows Humanity Award recognises Year 6 students who follow in Fred's footsteps by making a positive difference in their community. It celebrates students who show compassion, integrity and kindness in their everyday lives, just as Fred did."

Since its inception in the ACT in 2012, the Award has recognised more than 1,600 Year 6 students from across the nation."

We are pleased to announce that Stephanie in Year 6 was nominated for the award. Stephanie has been a driving force in serving in many areas of our Junior School community but in particular, has faithfully co-led the JS Chess club for the last two years.

She has personally encouraged a plethora of younger students to join and has patiently taught them each week the finer points of this strategic game.

Well done Stephanie.

FIRST Lego League

Eight Middle School students competed in their First Lego League at Pulteney Grammar School. The competition was fierce yet friendly.

We are thrilled to announce that our team qualified for the Nationals!

They came second in the Project presentation and demonstrated such resilience and positivity that the judges were extremely impressed - especially as they had lost all their codes for their robot the week before and more on the morning of the conference!

Congratulations and thanks go to: Jamie (Coach), Callum (Assistant Coach), Isaac, Joseph, Isaac, Dylan, Nick, Caleb, Dineesh, Hudson, Mrs Melanie Zybek and Mr Chris Fusco for their guidance and to Mr David Chu for his support.



Susanne Milne
Launch Coordinator F-10
Curriculum and Learning Leader 3-6

College Employment Opportunities

Emmaus is seeking suitably qualified Christian staff to join our team:

- **Early Childhood Teacher** (0.6 FTE x 40 weeks) ongoing at ELC, Brooklyn Park
- **Early Childhood Educator - Diploma Qualified** (32 hours to full time x 48 weeks) ongoing at ELC, Brooklyn Park
- **School Assistant - Learning Support** (16 hours over 4 mornings x 40 weeks) ongoing at Junior School, Brooklyn Park

Full details and application criteria are available on the College [website](#).

Applications close on Friday 26 November 2021 at 9am.

Please share this information with any family, friends and Church associates who may be interested in these roles.

Gold coin
Donation

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Casual Day

All money raised will go to
Compassion Australia

Friday the 26th
of November

