

EMMAUS COLLEGE
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NEWSLETTER – THURSDAY 21ST JUNE 2018

Prepare the way of the Lord

This weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of the Nativity of St John the Baptist. John the Baptist was the last prophet of the Old (First) Covenant who gives way to the New Covenant in Christ. He said "*He must increase, while I must decrease*". John the Baptist was born to aged parents, who thought it was no longer possible for them to have a child. John's birth shows us that it is God's will that is done, despite human doubts. We should not take our small misfortunes as big tragedies, but rather place our trust in God. We need to ask God's help to get rid of the barrenness of our hearts.

The Church holds John the Baptist in high regard, as his role was to *prepare the way of the Lord*. His is one of only three 'births' recognised as a solemnity in the liturgical calendar. The other two, of course, are Jesus, and his mother Mary.

Fr Marcel



FR. MARCEL KUJUR
COLLEGE CHAPLAIN

Readings for Mass this week

First Reading Isaiah 49:1-6 ... I will give you as a light to the nations ...

Responsorial Psalm Psalms 139:1-3, 13-15 O Lord, you have searched me and know me ...

Second Reading Acts 13:22-26 ...Before his coming John had preached a baptism of repentance...

Gospel Luke 1:57-66, 80 Now the time came for Elizabeth to be delivered...

UPCOMING COLLEGE DATES

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| 22 nd June | QCS Practise tests |
| 23 rd -24 th June | Production camp |
| 25 th June | QCS Practise tests |
| 25 th -28 th June | Duke of Ed Camp |
| 26 th June | Year 11 & 12 Assessment concludes |
| 26 th -28 th June | Catholic Education Music camp |
| 28 th June | Interhouse field events |
| 29 th June | Interhouse athletics carnival |
| School Holidays 30th June – 15th July | |
| 1 st -6 th July | QISSN/QISSRL Carnivals |

EXAM PRAYER

With the exams approaching, we pray to the God of Wisdom.

We pray for all students – to be able to concentrate and do their best.

May God grant them calm and focused minds and the cooperative spirit they will need in a stressful time.

We pray for the teachers who will set and mark.

May their work be just and performed in a spirit of loving service to all their students.

Let us thank God for all the gifts we have been given as a community.

AMEN

A Prayer by John Loch



EAMON HANNAN

PRINCIPAL
Emmaus College

Students are completing their exams as I write this piece and assignments are being corrected. We are aiming to have reports available to families by the last day of Term (next Friday).

Our basketball teams and soccer teams are playing in finals and I wish them all the best.

This Friday the Middle School is taking part in the charity fundraiser Give me 5 for Kids. Students are wearing socks of choice with their sports uniform – See Ms Maher's section for more details. The Senior School are continuing with their exams under normal uniform conditions.

Next week we have our athletics carnival with the whole school out for athletics on Friday.

This is the final newsletter of the term and I would like to wish all of our families a happy and safe holiday.

QISSN and QISSRL Carnivals

Our first netball and rugby league teams are travelling north to Townsville and Charters Towers for their annual carnivals. We wish them all the best and thank our sports staff, teachers, coaches and parents for their support of the students at this carnival.

Main St Administration Building

At the end of term we are moving from our temporary office to take possession of the new administration building. We are hoping to be settled in our new office for the start of Term 3. Plans have begun for the development of the Emmaus Heart court yard which will be created after the old Main Street library in the middle of campus is demolished. Please be aware both offices will be closed during the school holidays due to construction.

ATAR Ready? – Yes we are!

Our present Year 11 students when they graduate at the end of 2019 will be the last group of senior students to receive an OP (Overall Position). They

will also be the last group required to sit the QCS (Queensland Core Skills) Test.

In 2020 the current Year 10 students will graduate under a new system being introduced to senior secondary education in Queensland. For those students on a pathway to university instead of receiving an OP (Overall Position 1 - 25) from the QCAA (Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority) they will receive an ATAR (Australian Tertiary Admission Rank 99.95 to 30 or less) from QTAC (The Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre). This use of an ATAR will bring Queensland in to line with the rest of the Australian states and territories.

What are now known as Authority Subjects will be replaced by a suite of subjects called General Subjects. Currently all Authority Subjects are assessed internally – which means that assessment is set, sat and marked at school. In the new system General Subjects will have some form of state wide external assessment (sat at school but set and marked by the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority) that will occur in the last weeks of Year 12. Some of these exams will contribute 25% whilst in some subjects they will contribute 50%.

ATAR ready? Yes we are!



There are also changes planned for the reinforcement of the internal assessment components of this system involving endorsement and confirmation processes.

The scope of the changes to Senior Education in Queensland are the biggest in generations. The last state wide external exams for all students occurred in the early 1970s.

At Emmaus we are ready for this change and preparing our students and staff in a number of ways including;

- We have teachers who have been actively involved in the development of the new syllabuses
- All of our senior teachers have been involved in QCAA workshops in their subject area.
- All of our teachers have been engaged in Professional Development in the new senior curriculum.
- Inter-systemic cooperation between schools across the Rockhampton region – recognised by the QCAA as best in state. Emmaus hosted the region last year and this year in August teachers from across the region will meet at schools in subject groupings to further enhance their understanding of the new curriculum.
- Middle school preparing for new senior curriculum.
- Well-resourced classrooms, technology, laboratories, workshops, hospitality, performing arts and art spaces.
- We will have a range of General, Applied and Certificate courses available to suit student needs.
- We have held and will continue to hold information sessions for parents on the new curriculum including the PACTS (Parents as Career Transition Support) sessions for the Year 10 parents and others who are interested.

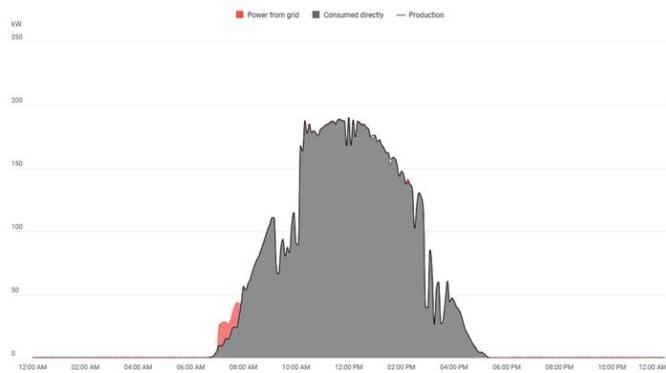
QTAC presentation 21st August 2018

See inside for more detail for our Year 10s who will receive an ATAR instead of an OP there are implications for what this means for Tertiary Entrance. Please mark your calendars for a presentation from QTAC this August or click attending to our Facebook event.

Solar Panels and Batteries operational

Our solar panels and batteries on the Yaamba Rd campus are now operational. Data from last Wednesday would indicate that the campus was 95% self-sufficient in power on that day. At present the

installers are still configuring the batteries to maximise their efficiency. Our panels on the Main St campus will soon also be deployed.



Asbestos Removal

Due to scheduled asbestos removal associated with the demolition of the old Main St library, the campus will be closed completely for the first two days of the July holidays – Monday 2nd to Tuesday 3rd July 2018. In line with Catholic Education procedures for asbestos removal no students, staff or parents are permitted onsite during the nominated asbestos removal period. Thank you for your co-operation with this important matter.



SHARON LAPERE
ASSISTANT TO THE PRINCIPAL
Curriculum

Exams

Congratulations to students from Year 7 – 12 who have prepared diligently for their end of semester exams and assessment. The commitment and determination by many students is evident when we see between 70 and 100 students attending after school tutorials on a weekly basis. We hope that the June – July break is both restful and rewarding.

Semester 1 Reports

At the end of this term student reports will be available on Parent Lounge and through Student Café. The reports highlight the following:

- Academic results
- Attitudinal indicators
- Cohort distributions

- Commendations
- Recommendations
- Progression towards Certificate Qualifications
- Tutorial commendations and recommendations

We look forward to gathering with you at the Parent Teacher interviews in Week 3 of Term 3 to reflect on the Semester and discuss strategies for success in Semester 2.

Parent Teacher Interviews (Tuesday July 31)

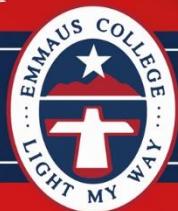
You are invited to attend the Parent Teacher interviews that will be held on Tuesday July 31st in the Emmaus College Hall on Yaamba Rd from 3:40pm until 7:00pm. [Bookings](#) for these interviews can be made from COB on Friday June 29th. We look forward to seeing you there.

QTAC presents Understanding ATAR and the new QCE system in Queensland. (Tuesday August 21st)

YOU ARE INVITED

QTAC presents a community event.
ATAR and the new QCE system
21 August 2018 5:30pm - 6:30pm
Emmaus College hall

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Queensland's new ATAR system launches in 2019
Find out what it means for your student

All are welcome to attend
Sponsored by the Emmaus P&F Association

During Term 3, students in Year 10 will be involved in reviewing their Semester 1 results and planning their pathways into subject options in 2019. To support students and parents in this important process, Emmaus College invites parents/carers and Year 10 students from schools throughout Rockhampton to attend an information evening presented by QTAC (Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre). The presentation will take place from 5:30 – 6:30pm on Tuesday August 21st. A representative from QTAC will

provide valuable information about the new ATAR and QCE (Queensland Certificate of Education) systems due for implementation in 2019.

Set yourself a reminder and click attending to our Facebook event.

Queensland Core Skills Tests (September 4th and 5th)

Our Year 12 students will complete the four (4) QCS tests over two days in September, Week 8, Term 3.

The tests are held over two days in the Yaamba Road hall.

| Date | Testpaper |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| 2018 | |
| Tuesday 4 September | |
| Morning (2 hours) | Writing Task |
| Afternoon (1 hour 30 minutes) | Multiple Choice I |
| Wednesday 5 September | |
| Morning (2 hours) | Short Response |
| Afternoon (1 hour 30 minutes) | Multiple Choice II |

Students and Tutors have been busy preparing for these important tests.

Additional information about the purpose and structure of the tests is available from [QCAA](#)

Of particular note are the Retrospectives which provide examples of both the test and model responses from 2001 – 2017. We would highly recommend that senior students continue to engage with this excellent preparatory [resource](#).

For parents and carers, an excellent resource is provided by the QCAA and is available through their [website](#) or [here](#).



AINE TOMAN

ASSISTANT TO THE PRINCIPAL
Mission

A Message from the NET Ministries

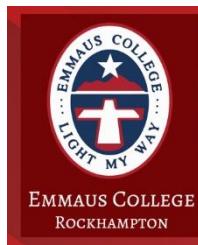
NET Ministries It's been a beautiful week as we got to share time with many young people who have just made their First Holy Communion and Confirmation last weekend. Congratulations to all of them! Students at Saint Anthony's celebrated the Feast Day of Saint Anthony with an all school Mass and celebratory cake afterwards. We were privileged to share the special Mass with the entire school. We focused on "Prayer" with the year 6 students at Saint

Joseph's and wrote individual and personal prayers with the class divided into small groups of students. Luke and Gerry led music during Hour of Power where students and parishioners took time to reflect on scripture: Matthew 5: 20-26. Friday began bright and early with Emmaus students at Breakfast Club followed with a day spent on both Emmaus campuses, land MX Youth that night. MX Youth focused on "Hope in the Unexpected Moments" while Mick shared a personal experience about his encounter with hope. We're getting ready for SOUP SUNDAY on June 24th after the 9:00am Mass. We will be serving soup after Mass to all parishioners as a way of saying THANK YOU and encouragement for all to extend an act of kindness to a friend, family member, or neighbour. Please keep the NET Team and the youth in your prayers, especially those who have recently made sacraments in the Church. God bless you!

Soup Sunday: June 24th after 9:00am Mass at Holy Family the NET Team will be serving soup to all parishioners as a way of saying THANK YOU for your support. The NET team will be preparing large pots of soup to serve. Feel like helping make soup? Your help would be greatly appreciated! All are welcome to bring a dish of soup to share with the community. Please contact the NET Team at 0433007282 if you would like to contribute to the soup collection. We hope to see you there!

MX - YOUTH NIGHTS: All youth in grades 7-12 are welcome. Every Friday 7pm-9pm at Park Avenue Hall. For more information contact the NET Team on 0433 007 282. (Supervision provided).

Connect with NET on [Facebook](#)



JULIE MAHER
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
Yaamba Road Campus

Give Me 5 for Kids on Yaamba Rd Campus

Give Me 5 for Kids is a national fundraiser to support the local children's hospital wards, in our area, there is the Mater and Base Hospital Children's Wards.

This day will be held on Friday 22 June on the Yaamba Road campus only. Students who would like to participate are invited to wear their sports uniform with crazy socks on this day.

This is not a compulsory event but students who elect to wear their sports uniform to school on Friday 22 June will be required to make a gold coin donation to support this fundraiser.



NARELLE SOMMERFELD

CAREERS & WORKPLACE LEARNING COORDINATOR

Medicine

Students applying for [Medicine 2019](#)

Year 11 Students - UQ Young Scholars Program

UQ's Young Scholars Program (YSP) provides high achieving secondary school students with an opportunity to discover, learn and engage with UQ's academic community and like-minded students from across QLD and NSW. Designed to nurture and develop future leaders, the Program also presents students with a unique opportunity for academic extension and enrichment.

[Applications](#) close Friday 10 August 2018.

Students can call at the careers office for assistance with their application.

SUN a CQU initiative

SUN is a CQUniversity initiative allowing students in Year 10 - 12 to study CQUni units whilst still in high school. Students can enrol in a range of unit's on-campus or by distance education, and combine them with their regular high school work.

What's New?

As of Term 1, 2018 high school students from across Australia will have the opportunity to undertake their first Start Uni Now (SUN) unit at **zero cost!***

Why choose SUN?

- Try before you buy: students can choose from over 100 units and try out their subject area of interest before embarking into university study
- Lower the cost of study: as well as the opportunity to try the first unit free*, SUN

- courses are offered at a heavily reduced price compared to normal university fees
- Direct entry: after passing at least one relevant SUN unit (and meeting the course prerequisites) students may be eligible for direct entry, skipping the QTAC process
 - Finish their degree faster: students may complete up to four units - essentially completing a whole semester before they graduate high school!
 - Credited towards QCE: each SUN unit successfully completed can be credited towards their Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE). Each 6 credit SUN unit is worth 2 QCE credit points.

Please call the careers office for details of your application.



THERESE FITZGERALD
LIBRARY MANAGER & WHS ADVISOR
Emmaus College

The opening times for both libraries are 8am – 4pm Monday to Friday during the school term

A Reminder to students that they can borrow books to read during the holiday break.



Premier's Reading Challenge

The Premier's Reading Challenge is in full swing. All students in Year 7 to 9 are being encouraged to join in the challenge this year. This is an annual state-wide initiative for state and non-state schools and home-educated students from Prep to Year 9, as well

as children (aged up to five years) enrolled in an early childhood centre. All students who complete the Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) will receive a Certificate of Achievement signed by the Premier. These will be presented in Term 4.

The Premier's Reading Challenge is not a competition but aims to improve literacy and encourage children to engage in reading for pleasure and learning. Students in Years 7 to 9 will be challenged to read 15 books (can also include magazines and newspapers) between Monday 14 May and Friday 24 August. It's not too late to join the challenge! If you haven't yet joined, please email [Mrs Nicholson](#) to sign up.

Return of Semester 1 Resources

A reminder that students need to return any overdue resources no longer needed for Term 3 or Semester 2. A letter will be sent to parents at the beginning of Term 3 with the overdue items listed from Semester 1. Items not returned by the date stated on the letter will have the cost charged to school fees during Term 3.

Accessing Library Resources

The library page can be accessed by clicking on the library tab at the top of the intranet page.

[The Oliver Library page](#) and search tool is available at home from the College external [web page](#):

- Select Login to Intranet
- Select the *Library* tab at the top of the page

THE EMMAUS COMMUNITY

Winter Regatta

Emmaus rowers recently competed in Rockhampton's Winter Regatta, held on the freshwater side of the barrage on the Fitzroy River.

Congratulations to Thomas Millar on blitzing the Year 8 Boys Single Scull. Gabrielle Davis placed third in

her Single Scull event; and Cal Wing, Matt Stitz and William Lauga all placed second in their individual events. Thomas and Copper Lil came in second in Rockhampton for their Year 8 Double Scull. Will, Cooper and Patrick Fletcher also finished second in their Quad race. For something different and to get more race practice, pictured here is Thomas in the Double with Sarah Byrne, President of Fitzroy Rowing Club (and former Emmaus student). It was a great day, well done to everyone involved!



Good luck to Thomas and Gabby. This weekend the pair will be representing Emmaus College in Bundaberg at the Central Queensland Schools Championship Regatta.

Any students interested in having a go at rowing can contact Emmaus Rowing Head Coach, [Kim Byrne](#)

Production

Our production students are continuing to work hard each Sunday and the show is starting to come together well! It is exciting to see the progress each week.

A reminder that this weekend is our Production Camp weekend and the production students are required to attend rehearsal from 9am to 9pm on Saturday 23rd and 9am to 5pm on Sunday 24th June. This is always a fun weekend that the students look forward to but is very much about hardwork and learning. Cast members are strongly encouraged to practise at home each and every day. Spending 20-30mins a day going through dance moves, song words, dialogue and blocking of scenes means that less time

will be wasted going over work that has already been taught.



The adults who work on production are all volunteers but willingly give up their time freely so that our students can have this amazing opportunity – all that they ask is that the students do their part by knowing their work, being respectful and bring along things when asked.

We will have Eddie's Doughnut Van arrive on Saturday evening and each student will be able to get either a free snow cone or a free doughnut. They are of course, able to bring along some money to purchase items themselves also.



Students are required to bring the following to camp:

- Any costume pieces as previously directed by the Costume Team (This is a definite requirement!)
- **Lunch** both days
- Morning and Afternoon Teas to be shared (if they wish) over the two days

- Water
- Warm Clothes including socks for their feet as the hall can become quite cool in winter.
- PJ's for our Saturday evening rehearsal if they wish – it is tradition to have a rehearsal in pyjamas!
- School work which may need to be completed
- Money for Eddie's Doughnut Van if required

The production levy of \$180 was due last Friday 15th. Please ensure that you pay this levy, either via Parent Lounge or at the office, if you have not already done so. If there are any concerns regarding payment please [Sonya Accutt](#) as soon as possible.

Year 7 Home Economics

Year 7 students presented their assessment tasks and the results were amazing! They had to prepare and present a 'healthy breakfast'.



Readers Cup

On Tuesday 19 June, Year 8 students – Laura Bell, Lyka Bowser, Emily Esser, Piper Evans, Lauren Kluver, William Lauga and Clare McCosker participated in the Capricornia regional Readers Cup competition in the Year 7/8 category held at The Cathedral College. Readers Cup is organised by the Qld Branch of the Children's Book Council of Australia. It is a state-wide competition for young readers. Teams of four students together read a set of books, and then compete with other school teams to answer quiz questions from the books.

While our teams did not win on the day, our students have thoroughly enjoyed reading the books, working together and competing as a team. A big thank you to Daena Scheuber for accompanying us on the day.

We look forward to working with new teams next year. Keep an eye out for Readers Cup information coming out during first term, 2019.

Thanks, Mrs Nicholson.



P&F Meeting

Please be advised the P&F Meeting scheduled for July 17 has been cancelled.

CURRENT VACANCIES

Semester two – Teaching position

- Junior Maths
- Junior Religious Education
- Combination of Science and Physical Education

Applications close Monday 25th June

[Apply today!](#)

NOTICES AND EVENTS

Google Summit 2018

Have you heard about
this year's Google Summit?

24 & 25 September
Google for education
Hosts a two day conference

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EDTECH team brings you this event

more information can be found at:

<https://events.edtechteam.com/rockhampton2018/127918>

All are welcome to attend

real-life Queensland families and stories. The Tippaper also has information on how and where families can access Triple P parenting support through seminars, groups, one-on-one support either in person or on the phone, or by doing Triple P Online or Teen Triple P Online.

- To request a quantity of free copies for your school, please phone (07) 3236 1212.
- To read it [online right now](#)

Free online magazine about positive parenting out now!

The latest issue of the free Qld Triple P Tippaper is out now! The theme for this issue is Assertive Discipline so there some great tips on effectively guiding kids' behaviour. Read about real-life Queensland families and stories including the dad who had to overcome his initial panic at the thought of being home alone with a toddler all day; the mum who saw through the social media 'perfect parent' hype; ways to encourage kids to grow and eat healthy food; and lots more.

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With thanks,

The Triple P – Positive Parenting Program team

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