

# EMMAUS COLLEGE

## NEWSLETTER – THURSDAY 24TH MAY 2018

### GOSPEL REFLECTION

As our College Chaplain Fr Marcel is on holidays, we are delighted to welcome Fr Terry who is ministering to our school in his absence. Fr Terry has written this beautiful and thought provoking reflection on the celebration of the Feast of Pentecost which has just happened last week in the Church Calendar.

#### Happy Birthday!

Have you ever wondered why we call Pentecost the birthday of the Church? In Greek, 'pneuma' means breath; it is also translated as Spirit, Holy Spirit. When any living thing is born after a period of gestation, (especially a human baby), it breathes on its own apart from the mother.

You may remember the story of creation. Yahweh formed 'humanity' from the earth, and breathed the breath' (pneuma) into 'Adam'.

Using that analogy, consider the Church. Jesus was with his Church during the gestation period. After the Resurrection the Church had to carry on the work that Jesus began. This could only happen because the Holy Spirit (the pneuma, the Breath of Life) had been given to it.

That's what happened at Pentecost.

The Lesson: We too can only function as living members of the Church if we depend on the Holy Spirit. Do we?

*Fr Terry*

#### Readings at Mass this Week

First Reading - Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40

For ask now of the days that are past...

Responsorial Psalm - Psalms 33:4-6, 9, 18-20, 22

For the word of the LORD is upright...

Second Reading - Romans 8:14-17

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God...

Gospel - Matthew 28:16-20

...Go therefore and make disciples of all nations...

### UPCOMING COLLEGE DATES

24 <sup>th</sup> May	Instrumental music showcase (moved)
27 <sup>th</sup> May – 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Reconciliation week
29 <sup>th</sup> May	Interschool girls AFL grand final
31 <sup>st</sup> May	Instrumental music showcase (new date)
2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Youth Mass at Holy family church
5 <sup>th</sup> June	Aaron Payne Cup – Rockhampton
6 <sup>th</sup> June	Shake and stir drama performance
7 <sup>th</sup> June	Interschool netball semi final

### FORTNIGHTLY PRAYER

Let us pray for everyone in our Emmaus family who is afflicted by ill health, caring for loved ones in need, struggling, burdened or overwhelmed.

Help us to be a nurturing and caring community. May we be generous in our support and service of each other. Let us proclaim the kingdom in the ways we welcome and promote healing of anyone in need of help.

May God grant wellbeing, hope and courage to all of us, as we walk together into the kingdom, which is God's loving, just and healing reign.

May the power of Christ sustain us in our need, light our way in the darkness and empower us to live.

We pray that Emmaus College will be life giving for all who work here. We pray for healing and recovery. Amen.



## EAMON HANNAN

PRINCIPAL  
Emmaus College

### Halfway mark of the Term

This newsletter marks the halfway point of the term. At this time it is important that students establish regular routines to assist with their study, assignment work and preparing for exams.

Things to consider are:

- Having the assessment calendar prominently displayed in the study space.
- Having a weekly planner
- Having daily checklists
- Check the location for study is the best available
- Ensure the student has all required equipment easily accessible – finding a drawer or storage space to store homework materials can help this
- Establish rewards – students can give themselves rewards for blocks of study completed
- Having a study checklist – checking off all requirements for a study session
- Having a worry pad – worrying thoughts can be a distraction as they pop into a student's head – some students deal well with worries by writing them down so that they can be dealt with later. In this way they can continue with their study knowing that the concern will not be forgotten.

### NAPLAN online one of 81 trial sites in Queensland

Emmaus College has been one of the larger trial sites in Queensland for NAPLAN online with well over 400 students completing the assessment piece online. A big thank you to Mr Simon Warren for his organisation of NAPLAN in the school and to all staff who supported the trial here. A really big thank you to our students who worked diligently on these exams over the four days last week.

### Eisteddfod

As I write this newsletter we have a number of our Jazz Band, String Orchestra, String Ensemble and Concert Bands performing or about to perform in the Rockhampton Eisteddfod. We congratulate them for their preparations and wish them all the best for their performances. Thank you to

Ms Alexia Lally and her dedicated team for their work with our young musicians throughout the year.

### Pentecost at Holy Family Parish

One of the college's strategic goals for 2018 is to have greater and stronger connections with our local parish – Holy Family Parish on Feez St. Ms Linda McKenzie, Mr Mike Harald and Mr Caje Gove were involved in developing decorations for the church for Pentecost last Sunday. Thanks to the staff and also to Ms McKenzie's religion class who prepared and placed the decorations in the church. Parishioners were very appreciative of the class's involvement.



A reminder that we have a parish Mass at the college Thursday 8am each week of term in the Chapel at the back of the Yaamba Rd Library. All are welcome. Mass concludes at about 8:25am so that students and staff can get to class on time.

### Human Powered Vehicles

This weekend Mr Peter Jensen and the Emmaus Human Powered Vehicle team are competing in the inaugural HPV event at Yeppoon. Mr Jensen is one of the organisers that have worked very hard to bring this event to the region. Schools from all over the Central Queensland region will be competing in a number of trial events on Saturday. See inside for more details.

## **Diocesan Pilgrimage**

On the weekend a number of students and Mrs Aine Toman were involved in the Diocesan Pilgrimage. An American Christian musician Jesse Manibusan and a retreat team led students from across the diocese in a faith experience culminating with mass in St Joseph's Cathedral on Saturday night.

## **PACTS – Parents Assisting Career Transitions**

Thank you to Ms Sharon Lapere, Ms Narelle Sommerfeld, Ms Alison King and Ms Michelle Shields for their organisation of the PACTS event in the Yaamba Rd library on Tuesday night. This annual event assists parents in helping their Year 10 students make decisions about courses and pathways through senior and beyond. Our current Year 10 students will be the first cohort under the new ATAR system so there are differences including new subjects and rules for eligibility for tertiary entrance. Contact the staff above if you have any questions about this.



**AINE TOMAN**  
**ASSISTANT TO THE PRINCIPAL**  
**Mission**

## **Diocesan Youth Pilgrimage**

Senior students had the privilege of attending the Diocesan Youth Pilgrimage hosted by The Cathedral College on Friday and Saturday last week. Jesse Manibusan was an amazing musician and very generous with his time and talents in support of the students in attendance. Our students certainly had a "once in a lifetime" experience with this world renowned musician. Students in attendance had a wonderful time, and really valued the time and effort that the organising committee had put in to make this weekend the special experience that it was. For any students who missed out, there are other opportunities coming up in the near future, such as Year 10 (22nd -24th August) and Year 11 (8th -10th August) ACTS camps will be advertised in the near future, so watch this space.



## **Vinnies Appeal - Just 1 thing!**

Vinnies is a lay Catholic organisation that is there to give people in need a 'hands up' when they most need it. If you can, please send in 1 item - a can of fruit, a carton of long life milk, a bottle of shampoo, anything that is non-perishable and that you can spare. Bins for student to leave their donations are now in both libraries.

We are aware that our local North Rockhampton community is in dire need at this very moment. If you can spare it, we can make sure your donation is in the hands of someone who needs it by the following week.

Thanks in anticipation for your generosity.



## **Reconciliation week**

In recognition of Sorry Day and Reconciliation week, we are having a special assembly on both the senior and junior campus on Thursday 31st May 2018 at 11.15am. Parents and carers are welcome to attend this special prayer assembly.

## **Mass - Every Thursday in term-time**

All parents and carers are welcome to attend mass every Thursday morning at 8am in Yaamba Campus Chapel (in the library building). This is a very short celebration, usually finishing by 8.25am. It really is a lovely way to start the day.



**SHARON LAPERE**

**ASSISTANT TO THE PRINCIPAL  
Curriculum**

## **PACTS – Parents as Career Transition Support**

This week saw parents and students gather in the Yaamba Road library to hear about the changes to senior schooling in Queensland, career pathways, stress management strategies and the many ways our Year 10 cohort is preparing for selecting subjects for their senior years.

Thank you to the many parents who were able to make it to the event. Another PACTS event is planned for Term 3. Resources from the event are available via the links below.

- [Information Booklet](#)
- QCAA Changes to Senior School in [Queensland](#)
- Queensland Certificate of Education - Students finishing in [2018 & 2019](#)
- Queensland Certificate of Education - Students finishing in [2020](#)
- QCAA New Senior Secondary System - [Frequently Asked Questions](#)

## **About the new system:**

- Begins in Queensland with students entering Year 11 in 2019.
- Includes school based and external assessment
- Uses processes that strengthen the quality and comparability of school-based assessment.
- Introduces the ATAR (Australian Tertiary Admission Rank).

- The ATAR is a number between 0.00 and 99.95 with increments of 0.05, whereas the OP consists of 25 bands.
- The Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC) will be responsible for calculating students' ATARs

## **How is Emmaus preparing for the new QCE and Tertiary Entry system?**

Teaching staff at Emmaus College are members of QCAA Expert Writing Team, Learning Area Reference Group and in the role of Critical Friend (Syllabus expert). They have participated in Calibration, Endorsement and Assessment trials.

**Marzano framework—Art and Science of Teaching (ASOT)** implemented across Years 7—12.

**Reading Plus:** Online Reading Intervention Program implemented daily across the College from Years 7 to 12.

**ATAR ready Exam Blocks** in designated exam centre . Years 8, 9 and 10 - core subjects. Years 11 & 12 - all subjects.

Development and tracking of explicit teaching of **Cognitive Verbs** from Years 7—12.

**New assessment tasks and techniques** introduced into middle school to reflect new senior curriculum style, language and skills.

**Endorsed before Use** Teams review cross curricular internal assessment for alignment, reliability, validity, language, layout, conditions, standards, judgments, equity, feedback and assessment literacy.

**Unseen exams** reflecting new QCE system external exam conditions set by Heads of Faculty, unseen by teachers and students implemented across a number of subjects areas.

Staff complete **QCAA online Accreditation** program of professional learning and training at scheduled weekly meetings. (Assessment literacy courses).

**Educator Impact:** evidence based professional development program implemented for all staff.

Ongoing professional development addressing literacy imperatives, **NAPLAN** writing & marking.

**Staff timetabled** onto multiple **preparation blocks** in subject teams. Focus: Preparation of Teaching, Learning and Assessment Plans (TLAPS), Endorsed before Use Assessment (EBU), resource development, peer professional Development, tracking of cognitive verbs and pedagogical approaches.

Over 90 staff have attended **professional development** in-service days offered by QCAA in the past 12 months.

### **Examination Block (Year 11 & 12)**

A reminder that the Year 11 & 12 assessment block for Term 2 commences on Wednesday June 13<sup>th</sup> and concludes on Tuesday June 26<sup>th</sup>.

### **Careers Expo**

On Tuesday of last week our year 10 students participated in the Careers Expo at CQU. This is a valuable experience for our students who are in the process of making decisions regarding their subject choices for years 11 and 12. The Expo offered our students the chance to speak to industry professionals and to get a feel for a number of occupations.



## **ANDREW PRATT**

**DIRECTOR OF CAMPUS**  
Senior School - Main Street



## **CARLEY ELLIOTT**

**HEAD OF FACULTY**  
English

### **RACQ docudrama**

Thursday of last week saw all of our year 12 students participate in the RACQ docudrama. The presentation involved actors simulating a car crash scene, with police and paramedics also involved in the scenario.

The presentation was quite confronting and really reinforced the message of road safety and smart decision making when behind the wheel.

The RACQ staff then spent a number of sessions breaking down the scenario with the students and debriefing the fatal 5 – speed, seatbelts, fatigue, drink/drug driving, distractions and the impact that these can have on people's lives.

Hopefully our students took these valuable messages on board.



### **Grin and Tonic**

On 4<sup>th</sup> May, the Grin and Tonic theatre troupe visited Emmaus to perform for our Year 8 and Year 12 students, as well as a number of Drama students from Years 9 to 11. On the day, the Year 8s were treated to a range of Australian history, poetry and prose in a thrilling show titled, "Ghosts of Down Under". Covering everything from "The Drover's Wife" to Harold Holt's disappearance, students enjoyed the chance to see texts come to life on stage.

In the afternoon, the senior group of students were treated to a contemporary performance of the redux version; a piece that many found moving. The show, titled "April's Fool" is a verbatim Queensland play about Kristjan, a 19 year old Toowoomba teenager who died of complications from illicit drug use.



On June 6<sup>th</sup>, Year 7 and 10 students will see performances by Shake and Stir Theatre Company. Please note, the Year 7 show will start at 8.30am so students will need to go directly to the hall on this day with hats and water bottles and have their name marked off by their Period 1 teacher before being seated. The Year 10 show begins at 9.35am and teachers will direct students when to leave the Main Street campus for their show.



**NIAMH TIMLIN**  
**HEAD OF SPIRITUALITY &**  
**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**  
Senior School - Main Street

### Girls Night In

Friday the 12th May, a group of our female students participated in our annual Girls' Night In. This event raises awareness and funds for the Cancer Council. The girls had a really fun night bonding whilst raising over \$700 for this worthy cause.



Alex Thomas Year 11 said "Girls' Night In gets bigger and better each year and I am already looking forward to next year's event"



### **PETER O'SHAUGHNESSY**

**HEAD OF FACULTY**  
Mathematics

### Maths Matters

#### **Maths Teams Challenge Year 11 and 12**

Well done to the year 11 and year 12 students who participated in the Interschool Maths Teams Challenge last Friday at Glenmore High School. By all reports, the students did very well and had a challenging, fun day overall. Teams for the Year 7, 8, 9, 10 Maths Challenge will be organised soon as their day will be held early in Term 3.



### ICAS Maths Competition

Any student wishing to participate in the ICAS Australian Maths Competition, could you please forward your name to Mr O'Shaughnessy via email:

[peter\\_oshaughnessy@emmaus.qld.edu.au](mailto:peter_oshaughnessy@emmaus.qld.edu.au)

This is open for students in years 7-12. The competition will be held in August but we will need to get the nominations in by mid-June.

### Maths Tutes

Maths tutes are on each Tuesday from 3.15pm - 4.15pm. Middle School (Yr 7,8,9) in the Yaamba Rd Library Senior School (Yr 10,11,12) in R5 on Main St.

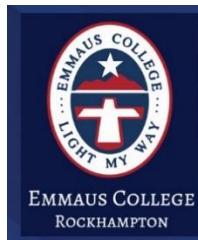
## Reminders

A reminder that all students in Years 7 to 12 should have their own scientific calculator that needs to be brought to all Maths lessons. Failure to do so is impacting heavily on students' ability to complete set class tasks. Scientific calculators can be purchased from the Library for \$17.50 each.

The standard equipment that needs to be taken to each Maths lesson is shown below.



Please attend to this matter if necessary.



**DARLENE HAMILTON**  
HEAD OF FACULTY  
Health and Physical Education

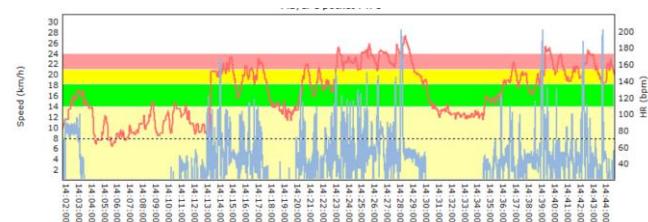
## 10 Physical Education

Students in 10 PE are currently learning about and experiencing aspects of the new Senior Syllabus which will be implemented in 2019. This term the class are learning about Energy and Fitness in Touch Football. As some of you would be aware the practical assessable component in senior PE will account for only 25% of student marks starting in 2019, so students will more often use physical activity to engage with the theory they are learning about.

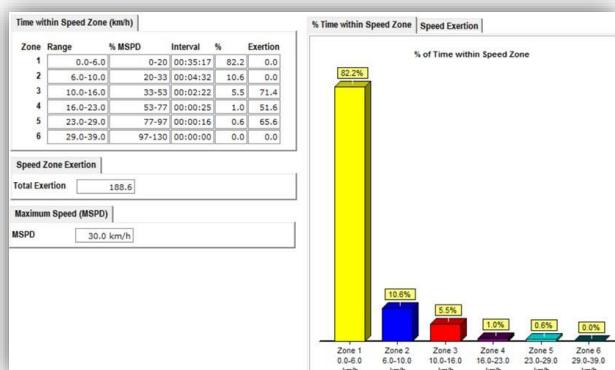
This term the 10 PE students have been using Bluetooth polar heart rate monitors which monitor their heart rate zones when participating in labs and games. Gone are the days of the fingers on the neck method. This vastly improved method of collecting data assists their understanding of the interplay of the 3 energy systems the body uses to produce ATP. The data we receive from the heart rate monitors via a mobile phone app looks like the graph shown. It provides accurate data for students allowing them to gain a better understanding of energy demands.



Students also utilise GPS units (thanks to the P and F) similar to those used in NRL and AFL which provide data like that seen below. The GPS data provides greater detail which allows students to engage in a deeper level of analysis as they not only receive heart rate data but data about speed, duration, distances, heat map layering, direction movement, etc. Students can match GPS data to participation and video footage which provides valuable insights as to how the energy systems work when we play.



If you are interested in the data ask a 10 PE student, explaining data to others aids with improving their understanding.





## LINDA MCKENZIE

HEAD OF FACULTY  
Religious Education

### Dialogue Australasia Network

Dialogue Australasia Network is an organisation that promotes the teaching of religion and philosophy. They currently have an **essay competition** for students in Years 9-12 to develop a 2000 word essay on the topic of Science and Religion: Conflict or Conversation. The winning essay receives \$250 in prize money. If you are submitting an entry, remember that the closing date is 1 June 2018. See their [website](#) for more information.

### Study of Religion (SOR) Trip

Study of Religion trip to Brisbane is on 17 to 21 October (Term 4) and costs \$350. Students have received the paperwork and copies can be accessed in the below links. Students visit a Hindu, Taoist, Buddhist and Latter Day Saints temple, a Jewish Synagogue, a Mosque, a Quaker House of Prayer, Orthodox Christian Church, and the Catholic Cathedral. In each of these places, they will explore the art, rituals, values and ethics of that particular faith tradition as well as have the opportunity to listen to and ask questions of religious leaders.

The dates for payment are:

[Code of Conduct and Excursion Consent](#) forms together with a deposit of **\$100 (non-refundable)** by **Friday 1 June (Term 2)**

A second payment of **\$125** will be due by **Friday 29 June (Term 2)**

The final payment of **\$125** on **Friday 27 July (Term 3)**

Alternatively, students may pay the entire amount in full

Find more information on our app.

### Tutes

After school Tute for 12 SOR Thursday 23 May in the Main Street Library from 3.20pm until 4pm. Another after school Tute will be held for Year 11 SOR students Thursday, 30 May.

### Pentecost weekend

Students from Year 9 RE and Year 12 SOR assisted in decorating Holy Family Church for Pentecost weekend (19/20 May). It was a wonderful display which will remain until the Sacramental candidates undertake Confirmation /First Eucharist 9/10 June.



## JUSTEN PARLE

SPORT DEVELOPMENT OFFICER  
Emmaus College

### CQ Capras Junior Rugby League squads

The following girls have been selected in CQ Capras Junior Rugby League squads for 2018

#### **Under 14 Girls**

Luca Howarth  
Lilly Yarrow

#### **Under 16 Girls**

Chloe Buttigieg  
Brittney Hooper (Shadow Player)

## Facebook

Follow Emmaus College Sport on Facebook and stay up to date with all College Sport news, events, achievements and draws. If you know of a sporting success that could be shared on our Facebook page please email us at:

[sport@emmaus.qld.edu.au](mailto:sport@emmaus.qld.edu.au)

[community@emmaus.qld.edu.au](mailto:community@emmaus.qld.edu.au)



## NARELLE SOMMERFELD

CAREERS & WORKPLACE LEARNING  
COORDINATOR

## Medicine@UQ Information Evening

**When:** Wednesday 30 May, 6pm

**Where:** The University of Queensland Rural Clinical School  
Health Sciences Learning & Discovery Centre Cambridge &  
Canning Streets Rockhampton

Over 25% of Commonwealth supported places in The University of Queensland Doctor of Medicine Program must come from a rural background. Students or graduates who have lived in Rockhampton for 5 years consecutively or 10 years cumulatively are eligible. If they are considering medicine as a career then they have a very real 'rural advantage' when applying to UQ.

Register [online](#) and choose Medicine@UQ Rockhampton.

Students who are considering a pathway in Medicine this event is worth attending. If you have any questions please feel free to email or call me.

## Careers Year 10

During Terms 2 & 3 all Year 10 students will participate in careers education as part of their Pastoral Care Program. Students will complete an online career [profile](#). The activity involves identifying individual skills, likes/dislikes, and investigating career and study pathways. A copy of the profile is automatically emailed to the students nominated email address and a copy to the school. I would encourage you to discuss this profile with your child.

Students are also completing a workbook which summarises the information identified in the career profile.

**Pathway Interviews** have been scheduled for all Year 10 students. I will be meeting with all year 10 students for a brief 15-minute interview where students will have the opportunity to ask questions and gain further information regarding study and career pathways. At the interview there will be an opportunity to review each student's Personal Learning Plan. The **Students will be notified of the date and time for the interview by email**. The interviews will take place during school hours however please feel free to contact me on 49235729 or email:

[narelle\\_sommerfeld@emmaus.qld.edu.au](mailto:narelle_sommerfeld@emmaus.qld.edu.au) if you have any questions or would like to make a further appointment. It is possible to schedule meetings before and after school.

## Apply now for the 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**.

**Please call at the careers office for assistance with your application.**

## University of Queensland NEWS

### New minor helps create game-changing Arts graduates

Students now have the chance to complete a new minor designed to enhance their employability as part of the Bachelor of Arts program.

Professional Pathways: Humanity and Society is made up of four courses that will allow students to develop skills such as intellectual agility, textual and digital literacy, creative and critical thinking, collaborative and communication techniques, all of which will make them more competitive in the future job market.

Throughout the courses students will build interdisciplinary and employability skills, and will also identify how the skills they learn in their degree can be useful in a professional

setting. Courses will also include engagement with industry purchase! More information will be provided in the next and alumni.

### **2018 Tertiary Studies Expo - Brisbane**

The 37th annual **Tertiary Studies Expo (TSXPO)**, Australia's largest tertiary studies expo, offers a unique opportunity for anyone interested in starting, changing or upgrading their career! Featuring many local, interstate and overseas education providers, students' services and job support agencies. Don't miss this great opportunity to map out your future, all in the one location! [208 TSXPO Events Details](#)



### **THERESE FITZGERALD**

**LIBRARY MANAGER & WHS ADVISOR**  
Emmaus College

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

### **Activities for Library & Information Week 2018**

#### **Join your local Library**

Did you know that the Rockhampton Regional Libraries and Queensland State Library both have online resources which may be useful for students? Membership is free for local and non-local residents and also allows free membership to the Queensland State Library EResources. Some of the resources available through these libraries includes free access to –

- eBooks
- Online magazines
- Databases for research (SLQ)
- Plus much more

[Rockhampton Regional Libraries](#)

[Queensland State Library](#)

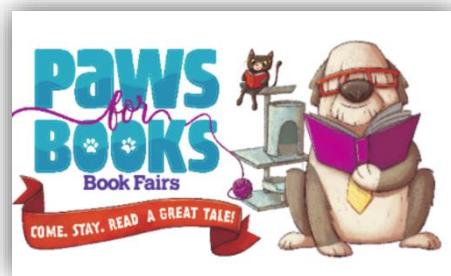
### **Scholastic Book Fair 2018 Paws for Books**

#### **Come. Stay. Read a Great Tale!**

The Yaamba Road library book fair is on and will finish this Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May. There are plenty of bargains to be had with priced from \$5 to \$25 plus lots of little stationery items to buy. We will be encouraging all students to browse the books on offer – hopefully they will find an interesting tale to

purchase! More information will be provided in the next newsletter.

The Senior Library will be promoting the local council libraries during this week and what they have to offer for high school students.



#### **Readers Cup competition**

Our students are once again preparing for the regional Readers Cup competition. This is a reading comprehension competition and requires the students to read a number of set novels and then answer questions about each book in a quiz format. The competition will be held at The Cathedral College on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June. Winner of the regional competition will then go on to the State final to be held in Brisbane in September. The books the students need to read and study this year are –

#### **Capricornia Year 7-8**

**Flora's War**, Pamela Rushby  
**Gangsta Granny**, David Walliams  
**Frog Kissler!**, Garth Nix  
**The Goldfish Boy**, Lisa Thompson  
**The Cut out**, Jack Heath

#### **New books**

The library receives new Fiction and Non-Fiction books weekly. Keep an eye on the display shelves to see what's new. The library also takes requests to purchase books depending on their suitability for students.

Year 7-9 students can gain permission to borrow from the senior library via a form which is filled in by their parents or guardians. Please see the library staff for more information.

## Accessing Library Resources

The library page can be accessed by clicking on the library tab at the top of the [intranet page](#).

Emmaus College subscribes to a range of online databases so that students have reliable and up to date information for assignment research. These databases are available from the Library intranet page. Students are encouraged to make this their first port of call when beginning research for assessment as this is much more time efficient than using search engines such as Google and Wikipedia.

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



## Database Focus



Gives clear and comprehensive information on conditions and diseases, health and wellness, mental health, and the human body.



## Eisteddfod

Well done and good luck to all of our ensembles competing in Eisteddfod this week, as well as many individuals who performed over the weekend. You have done Emmaus College proud!

## Showcase Concert – Thursday 31 May

Due to Eisteddfod, our Instrumental Showcase Concert is now on **Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> May** (Week 7).

The concert will begin at **6:30pm in the Emmaus College Hall**, and feature our large ensembles, as well as several small groups and Eisteddfod performances. Please come along for a great night of entertainment by our talented musicians!





## SONYA ACUTT

ENROLMENT AND STUDENT  
RECORDS OFFICER  
Emmaus College

### Summary:

On Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> 2018 – Year 10 Emmaus College students went to CQ University for a career exposition event. Here, students freely explored many careers and possible paths for their future. Many were able to ask questions, and participate in hands on activities, which everyone enjoyed.

### Offers of Enrolment

Things have been very busy in the Enrolments Office over the past two weeks as we get everything ready for our first round of offers, for placement in Year 7 in 2019. Offer letters will be sent out via Australia Post this coming Friday. A reminder that signed acceptances must be returned to the school, along with the payment of the non-refundable \$300 acceptance levy by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2018. We look forward to welcoming the next group of Year 7 Students into the Emmaus College Community in 2019!



## ASSESSMENT UPDATES

### Year 7 Maths

Test (Integers and fractions) now Week 7

### Year 7 Religious Education

The exam will now be held in Week 9 (not Week 10)

### Year 10 Literature

Please be advised that there has been an amendment for Year 10 Literature this term. There is no longer an imaginative written task due in Week 7. The only task for Year 10 Literature this term is the analytical spoken task due in Week 10.

### Year 10 Science

The Year 10 practical report is now due in Week 1 next term and the BOS exam is now in Week 9.

### 11 Maths B

EMPS now due week 8

## EMMAUS MEDIA TEAM

### Careers Expo

By Vincent Ramirez on behalf of the Year 10 EM team

### Experiences:

When everyone arrived at the entrance of the stadium, students separated into groups and went to explore the many booths inside:

- Groups went to visit the university booths to ask questions and guidance for the future and to see how their favourite subjects or interests can lead to careers that they would enjoy. Many students grabbed the booklets provided or gave their school contacts to gain more information.
- Others went straight to the hands-on activities where many students had fun while they got a taste on what the career had to offer. Everyone had smiles and laughs all around, as they tried to control a simulation, give CPR to a dummy or strap someone into an ambulance.
- Students went to trades or apprenticeships /traineeships to see where it would lead them and asked a variety of questions regarding employment. Then, others went into recruitments booths; like the defence force or the police force, and asked what qualifications were required.



Overall, the year 10s were focused and determined to learn more about how they would shape their future. Everyone was happy to receive guidance for their futures, gain freebies and eat food.



Special thanks to Ms. Narelle Sommerfeld for helping guide students for their future and career paths

### **Emmaus Day Report**

By Rueben Durrand and Bree Larsen on behalf of the Year 9 EM team

On 11<sup>th</sup> May, the students, staff and community members of Emmaus College celebrated Emmaus Day. A day where all members of our Emmaus community can come together to celebrate our school and the people that help it run so smoothly. During Emmaus Day students, participate in a Mass, a number of sporting activities and a concert at the end of the day run by our students. The day is exceptionally fun and gives all students a chance to get involved. A number of students claiming that it may just be their favourite event during their Emmaus journey so far.

As it does each year, Emmaus day 2018 kicked off with the morning Mass. Lead by Father Bryan and organised by volunteers, this event gives everyone a chance to participate and leave with the feeling of acceptance and spirituality. The Mass is a moving for all and allows the whole of the Emmaus

community to come together and celebrate the Emmaus journey. During the event all of the students, teachers, staff, family and friends involved come together to pray, sing and receive blessings amongst each other. Another group that attended the Emmaus day mass was the NET team, who are visiting Emmaus this year to support our students. We interviewed one of their members to see his overall opinion on the event.

"I enjoyed the music and the union of the entire Emmaus community" - Michael Greathead, NET team.



An event on the day that most students enjoy is the sporting activities. During these, students of different ages come together with their year levels to take part in different sports and games. These are supervised and run by the 9-12 SRC (Student Representative Council). A handful of these activities include Binball, Pony Run, Rob the Nest, Soccer, Stuck in the Mud and many others. We interviewed several people at the event and asked them about what they thought.

"I have played Pony run and Stuck in the mud so far, I thought it was so much fun for my first Emmaus day" - Kitty Keighley, 9H

"It seems better organised than the last Emmaus day" - Mr Cullen, Teacher Aid

These are just a few of the many staff, teachers and students who were involved in these activities.



During our concert, students performed incredibly well. Every student who would like to share their talents with the rest of the school has the chance to and this year we had a number of different acts presented. From singing, to dancing, acting, playing instruments, cheerleading and even a Michael Jackson impersonation. Rebecca Rufus performed not only an amazing solo, singing 'Chasing Cars', but also a duet and sang with our schools vocal ensemble. Rebecca, who has been singing since she was little, said she really enjoys performing at the concert and has done it in past years, saying, "I was extremely nervous but also excited, and once you get up there and start singing you just completely relax and all the nerves are gone."



Over all, the day was a success, with a beautiful Mass in the morning, sporting and team building activities run by our SRC members, and a concert with the talents of our performing students blowing away the rest of us.

## WIZARD OF OZ

Introducing Toby who will be making a slight name change come July as he takes the role of Toto in the Wizard of Oz



Production rehearsals continue to flow on smoothly with lots of hard work being put in by our Production Team, Cast, Orchestra and Backstage Students.

Our wristbands have arrived and our t-shirts and water bottles are on their way so please ensure that your student's production levy payments have been made as per the schedule in the booklet given out at the beginning of rehearsals. If payments have not been made, your student will not receive their t-shirt and water bottle until they have been made. Thank you to those people who have already made contact with me regarding payments – this does not affect you.

Our posters have also arrived and look amazing so if you are aware of any businesses who may wish to display one of our posters, please grab some from me.

All students have been sent an email regarding costume requirements. They have been asked to get certain items and these need to be given to the costume ladies, ensuring that their names are on each item as soon as possible.

Remember to get in early and book your tickets to get great seats to this amazing [show!](#)

# HUMAN POWERED VEHICLE

## Yeppoon HPV round

When: Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> of May

Where: Barmaryee Sports Complex in Yeppoon

Emmaus College is entering 3 cars as part of a 27 vehicle grid, please find attached a [link to the program](#) for the day.



## Rugby Carnival

Congratulations to our U18's girls' team who competed in the 7's Rugby Carnival at Emmaus on the 20<sup>th</sup> May. The team played well and won the final, with a score of 24-14.



## Spring Regatta

Emmaus rowers competed in Rockhampton's Sprint Regatta on the weekend. This was the first regatta of the year, and also the first regatta for our new beginners. Rowers compete in single, double and quad boats over 500 and 1000m races.

Congratulations to all our novice rowers: Cooper Lill, William Lauga, Patrick Fletcher, and also Ms. Currall - who all competed in their first 500m races! Along with our more experienced rowers, our novices all competed well winning or placing in each of their events.

The next local regatta is being held on the 9th June 2018 on the fresh side of the barrage on the Fitzroy River. We would love to see Emmaus spectators on the river bank cheering for the squad.

Any students interested in having a go at rowing can contact Emmaus Rowing Head Coach, Kim Byrne at:  
[kim.byrne.rfrc@gmail.com](mailto:kim.byrne.rfrc@gmail.com)



## COMMUNITY EVENTS & DATES

## My Student Exchange

In late August, I will be travelling to beautiful Italy with World Exchange Program Australia to live as an Italian teenager for three months. I am extremely excited to be able to share the Australian culture with my host family and community and bring back many great memories, but of course, I am even more excited to eat all the delicious Italian food! I know I am going to learn so much from my exchange and cannot thank WEP and Emmaus enough for supporting me in my decision to take on this amazing adventure.

Tate Kafka-Bauer



## **State Trampoline**

Well done to Year 7 student Sam Durkin who recently won three gold medals at the State Trampoline Championships which was held in Rockhampton. Sam will travel to Melbourne in the coming week to compete at the National Championships. Good Luck Sam!



## **The Rotary Club of Rockhampton Fitzroy – High Tea**

The Rotary Club of Rockhampton Fitzroy are holding a High Tea on the 10<sup>th</sup> June. All profits will be contributed to their local projects, for more information click [here](#).

## **Student Travel Rebates**

### **Bus Fare Assistance**

- Does your child attend a **school outside the Brisbane City Council** boundary?
- Does your family spend more than **\$20/week\*** on fares to and from school (\* \$15/week if you hold a concession card)?

### **Bystander Campaign**

Queensland Government (2018) 'Bystander campaign'  
What can I do?

Do you suspect that someone you know is being abused, and you want to help somehow? Perhaps a neighbour, friend or family member has confided in you about experiencing domestic and family violence in their relationship?

There are three ways you can help, depending on the situation

- 1. Talk to the victim**
- 2. Provide resources and help them take action**
- 3. In an emergency call 000**

- Does your child travel on a **publicly available bus** not owned or associated with the school?

### **Students with Disability**

Does your child have a **verified disability** that requires **transport assistance** to and from school?

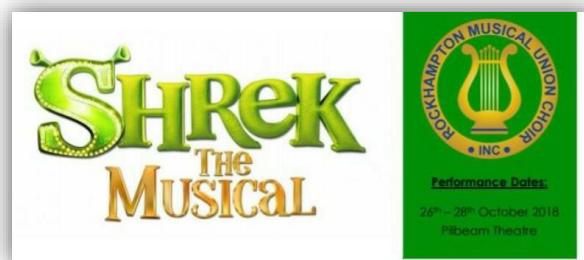
- Has your school's learning support teacher assessed your child's **travel capability rating** as 'semi-independent' or more dependent?

Visit our website to see if you qualify for financial assistance to help with the cost of transport and [apply by 31 May 2018](#). Late applications will not be accepted.



## **Rockhampton Musical Union - SHREK the Musical**

Book your audition [online](#), auditions will be held in the Emmaus College drama rooms (Yaamba road)  
Information on audition preparations can be found using the [link](#).



## **Archer Park Rail Museum**

- DATE: Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2018  
TIME: 9am-1pm  
Tram starts at 10am  
ENTRY: \$2 – under 14 years free



## **Premier's Reading Challenge 2018**

Dear parents and guardians

I am delighted to invite all Emmaus College – Yaamba Rd students to join in the 2018 Premier's Reading Challenge. Reading plays an important part in students' lives during their school years and beyond.

It allows children to actively engage their imagination and opens up a world of educational opportunities.

The reading period for the 2018 Premier's Reading Challenge commences on Monday 14 May and closes Friday 24 August. You can still join the challenge – it's not too late!

Last year, an outstanding 156,000 students from 850 schools took part in the challenge reading a total of 2.19 million books.

This year the Premier has challenged all state and non-state school students from Prep to Year 2 to read or experience 20 books, Years 3 and 4 to read 20 books and Years 5 to 9 to read 15 books. Experiencing books can include shared reading, listening to stories, or reading picture books. The aim for the 2018 challenge is to engage more students than ever before.

Students wishing to take part in this year's challenge can register by emailing Lynda Nicholson, our school's Premier's Reading Challenge coordinator.

Every student who completes the challenge will receive a Certificate of Achievement signed by the Premier. Students who participate but don't complete the challenge receive a Certificate of Participation from the school. It will be my great pleasure to present these certificates during the Premier's Reading Challenge celebration weeks to be held 5 – 16 November 2018.

For more information about the Premier's Reading Challenge, please click the [link](#).

You can play a big part in your children's future by encouraging them to be part of this positive initiative.

I look forward to seeing as many of our students as possible embrace the 2018 Premier's Reading Challenge.

Yours sincerely,

Eamon Hannan

Emmaus College

## **13 Reasons why**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We would like to make you aware that Netflix is releasing a series containing sensitive and mature topics. 13 Reasons Why (Season 2) was released on Friday 18 May. It is likely to be a discussion topic in broader society and may be accessible to your child.

We have prepared the information below so that you are able to respond or act preventatively to support your child. The Netflix series, 13 Reasons Why, was a topic of much discussion amongst the school community following its release in March 2017. The series tells the story of a senior student, Hannah, who suicides and leaves behind thirteen cassette tapes detailing the reasons why she ended her life. The final episode depicts her method of suicide, which researchers have cautioned may increase the potential risk to vulnerable people. Despite the controversy, Netflix has announced the release of the second season of the series.

The content of season two is currently unknown; however, there has been speculation that it could include a school shooting, an attempted suicide, a lawsuit against the school and a rape trial. The second season is expected to be graphic and confronting. Young people may be at risk if exploring these themes unchecked, unsupervised and unsupported. Headspace and Netflix have collaborated ahead of the release of 13 Reasons Why (Season 2) to create safe and informative resources for young people, parents and schools. They have produced a discussion guide available via the [link](#)

There is also a designated webpage where the resources will be located, a set of videos from the cast addressing issues depicted in the show, and detailed help seeking information for young people.

This information will be accessible via the [link](#)

The 13 Reasons Why series is rated MA15+ in Australia; however, many younger students have viewed the first season. If your child has not yet seen the series, you have two main options:

1. Restrict their access on Netflix through parental [controls](#)
2. Supervise their exposure and debrief them on the content. Be aware that the season of 13 Reasons Why was a widespread topic of conversation and students may have accessed the series in private, which places them at an increased risk. Parents are encouraged to have

conversations about content of 13 Reasons Why with your child if it is discovered that they have viewed the original series. It is important to be aware of common warning signs and how to respond.

The following links offer useful information

[Beyond Blue](#)

[Headspace](#)

Our School / College Counsellors are also available to offer support and guidance for any youth mental health concerns

#### **Catholic Education - Domestic and Family Violence**

What does Domestic and Family Violence involve?

Behaviour that is violent, which can, but does not have to be physical. Violent behaviour can include:

- Spiritual violence
- Physical violence
- Psychological or emotional violence
- Financial violence
- Sexual violence
- Social violence
- Neglect
- Reproductive violence
- Stalking
- Legal violence

For more detailed definitions please follow the [link](#)

## **CURRENT VACANCIES**

### **Administration Assistant**

Part time – Term time

Monday to Friday 8am – 3pm

Applications close Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June

Find more information on our [website](#)