

Tuesday August 8th. 2017

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“Authoring our Own Future.”

The children in Mok Borreeyn are exploring a variety of mediums for their art work at the moment, in this instance, woodwork.

Zavier, Elli, Emily and Ben look very intent on achieving success don't they!! Great efforts being shown by all!



WONDERFUL TO BE BACK TO EMMAUS!

Whilst most of us dread the return to work after a break, there is an enormous sense of delight in returning to this wonderful school community after my couple of weeks off at the start of term!

I was blessed to be able to travel to Ireland and Portugal over the school holidays and the first two weeks of term. Having never really travelled overseas before it was a truly wonderful experience to be able to share with my wife!

In my absence Emmaus was in brilliant hands! This is a truly wonderful staff team who continue to do an outstanding job of not just promoting the academic growth of your children but also caring for them in all domains. Our staff team continue to nurture the creative abilities of your children. They continue to develop the spiritual and faith dimensions of their being. They continue to work hard to ensure that your children understand the importance of physical activity and a healthy diet and lifestyle. Our teachers continue to work very hard to work with the children in their care to work through the inevitable social and emotional challenges that arise in a school with a student population of 356.

Do we always get things right? Of course not. Can we improve? Absolutely!

In noting this having been teaching in catholic education now for 38 years I can only stress that i have never worked with a more dedicated team of teachers and a more committed overall staff team than I have the pleasure to work with here at at Emmaus.

Thank you all!

Special thanks needs to be reserved for Georgia Cann who has not only done a brilliant job all year to date as Deputy Principal at Emmaus, she has obviously shone in the role of acting Principal over the course of the last couple of weeks.

I have received a great deal of feedback noting how wonderfully Georgia has led our community over the course of the last couple of weeks.

Well done and thank you Georgia, our entire staff team are appreciative of your efforts!

On Thursday night of last week I mentioned to parents and children engaging in our first preparation session for the Sacrament of Confirmation of the importance of 'belonging'.

Emmaus Catholic Primary School deserves to feel very, very proud of it's ability to ensure that all who embrace it are made to feel welcome and a genuine sense of 'belonging'.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE NEXT WEEK OR TWO OR SO ...

<p><i>Tuesday August 8th</i> Community Leadership <i>Team meeting.</i> <i>All parents welcome!</i></p>	<p><i>Thursday August 11th.</i> Religious Education <i>Leaders Conference, Sarah Orr, Halls Gap.</i> <i>Kanamo mass, St Alipius.</i> <i>9.30 am</i></p>	<p><i>Friday August 12th.</i> Second day of REL <i>conference for Sarah.</i> <i>Principals meeting,</i> <i>Brendan away.</i></p>	<p><i>Wednesday August 30th</i> SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY. <i>Building teacher capability and leadership as we work with Colin Sloper to become a more Professional Learning Community.</i></p>
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UPCOMING SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY.

Our final closure day in relation to our staff team's professional development directed towards becoming a more "Professional Learning Community" is scheduled for **WEDNESDAY AUGUST 30TH**, as noted on the calendar on our previous three newsletters.

As a staff team we have decided to place significant emphasis on the teaching of Mathematics, specifically the crucially important area of place value, and to this end we have had many after school meetings, readings and professional conversations in our planning times to build our capability in the way we teach.

On August 30th Colin Sloper from Hawker Brownlow, the publishing company commissioned to lead Catholic schools all over the Diocese of Ballarat, will work with the entire staff team along with Margaret McDonald from the Catholic Education Office to facilitate our continued growth as teachers.

Thank you for your continued support of our efforts to improve our craft as teachers and in doing so improve learning for your children.

SECONDARY SCHOOL ENROLMENT INFORMATION

Damascus College Enrolment Information Evening

Damascus College warmly invites all families to attend our upcoming Information Evening. The Information Evening will include a tour of the College, activities for students and an information session for parents.

INFORMATION EVENING: Wednesday 6th September at 5pm
Please arrive at 4.45pm for registration.

STUDENTS OF ALL AGES ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.

2019 Year 7 Enrolment at St Patrick's College Applications close on Friday December 1, 2017.

If you are considering a Catholic education for your son, St Patrick's College offers an education delivering academic excellence, a strong focus on social justice, sports, and the arts. Enrolments for 2019 Year 7 are now open and you are invited to submit your sons application by Friday December 1, 2017.

A College prospectus can be downloaded from <http://www.stpats.vic.edu.au/en/prospective-families/prospectus/>

Applications for 2019 close on Friday December 1 with interviews to take place in early March, 2018.

Please contact the Registrar, Ms Caitlin Bennett for further information on 5331 1688.

2019 Year 7 Information Evening

All families are welcome to attend the 2019 Year 7 Information Evening on Thursday October 26 at 7.30 pm which will take place in the College Chapel. Families will hear from the Headmaster, Mr John Crowley, the Director of Junior School, Mr John Richards and have the opportunity to tour the College. Please register your attendance through Trybooking and by clicking on this link: <https://www.trybooking.com/RCPH>

College Tours

College tours are available each month on a Friday morning for prospective families and take in all learning areas of the College. To book a tour, please contact Caitlin Bennett at cbennett@stpats.vic.edu.au or phone 5331 1688.



*Please mark these important dates on your calendars at home!!
As noted in the above flyer our students / families will be broken into two groups to present their skills and learning in the Performing and Visual Arts.*

Thus, families will only attend the Buskers Festival on one night.

The children and our staff team have been working hard for some weeks now to ensure that our 2017 Buskers Festival is better than ever whilst unique to the way we learn and teach at Emmaus.

Again I stress, please note the date for your child's Buskers Festival presentation on your calendars at home, it will be a wonderful night!!

SOME HIGHLIGHTS OF TERM TWO.



LOTS OF WONDERFUL LEARNING TAKING
PLACE AT EMMAUS!

WHETHER IT BE THE KANAMO STUDENTS
ENJOYING TIME WITH EMERGENCY SERVICE
WORKERS IN OUR COMMUNITY, VISITING
EXCHANGE STUDENTS OR MOK BORREEYN
STUDENTS ENGAGING IN ART AND CRAFT
TASKS IN READINESS FOR THEIR BUSKERS
FESTIVAL DISPLAYS, IT IS ALL HAPPENING!

Important dates for term three, 2017.

<i>Tuesday 8th August</i>	<i>Community Leadership Meeting 7:30-9:00pm. We welcome all to these meetings.</i>
<i>Thursday 10th August</i>	<i>Kanamo to 9:30am Mass at St Alipius</i>
<i>Monday 14th August</i>	<i>Nyereeka Liturgy in Wayaperri 9:00am. All welcome.</i>
<i>Thursday 17th August</i>	<i>Emmaus 10 year anniversary videoing</i>
<i>Thursday 17th August</i>	<i>Mok-Borreeyn to 9:30am Mass at St Alipius</i>
<i>Thursday 17th August</i>	<i>Confirmation Preparation Session in Wayaperri 5:30-6:30</i>
<i>Monday 21st August</i>	<i>Book Week begins. The theme this year is 'Escape to Everywhere.'</i>
<i>Monday 21st August</i>	<i>Kanamo Liturgy in Wayaperri 9:00am. All welcome.</i>
<i>Thursday 24th August</i>	<i>Emmaus 10 year anniversary videoing</i>
<i>Thursday 24th August</i>	<i>Nyereeka to 9:30am Mass at St Alipius</i>
<i>Friday 25th August</i>	<i>Book Week Celebration Day 'Escape to Everywhere' theme.</i>
<i>Monday 28th August</i>	<i>Nyereeka Liturgy in Wayaperri 9:00am. All welcome.</i>
<i>Monday 28th August</i>	<i>Royal South Street Competitions-Kanamo, Mok-Borreeyn & Nyereeka choirs. Her Majesty's Theatre</i>
<i>Tuesday 29th August</i>	<i>Grade 4 Maths Day at Damascus</i>
<i>Wednesday 30th August</i>	<i>School Closure Day- Professional Learning Communities with Colin Sloper, Director of Solution Tree Australia.</i>
<i>Thursday 31st August</i>	<i>Vornda to 9:30am Mass at St Alipius</i>
<i>FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 1ST</i>	<i>FATHERS DAY BREAKFAST AND LITURGY. (DETAILS TO FOLLOW)</i>
<i>Monday 4th September</i>	<i>Vornda Liturgy in Wayaperri 9:00am. All welcome.</i>
<i>Thursday 7th September</i>	<i>Kanamo to 9:30am Mass at St Alipius</i>
<i>Monday 11th September</i>	<i>Mok-Borreeyn Liturgy in Wayaperri 9:00am. All welcome.</i>
<i>Tuesday 12th September</i>	<i>Community Leadership Meeting 7:30-9:00pm. We welcome all to these meetings.</i>
<i>Thursday 14th September</i>	<i>Mok-Borreeyn to 9:30am Mass at St Alipius</i>
<i>Thursday 14th September</i>	<i>Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation 7:00 at St Alipius Parish Church</i>
<i>Friday 15th September</i>	<i>Vornda to Vic Park with St Alipius</i>
<i>Wednesday 20th September</i>	<i>Buskers Festival A-K families 6:00-8:00pm</i>
<i>Thursday 21st September</i>	<i>Buskers Festival L-Z families 6:00-8:00pm</i>
<i>Friday 22nd September</i>	<i>Last day of Term 3. 2:30pm dismissal.</i>

BOOKINGS FOR 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY FILMING.

Next Thursday, August the 17th we are filming parents, students and staff who have journeyed with us at Emmaus at various points of our school story over the course of the past 10 years. This filming will be used to create a "10 Year Anniversary" DVD to recognise this significant milestone.

Achieving the milestone of Ten Years as a school community is significant and we are extremely fortunate to have the services of parents in our school community, Heath and Pina Worsley from "H Studios" who have very generously offered to help us capture the thoughts of parents, students and staff to create a 'milestone DVD' with a copy being offered to every school family at the Annual General Meeting of the Community Leadership team in December of this school year.

If you would be willing to come into school and share a thought or two about your journey with us at Emmaus please respond to the CareMonkey that was sent today. We hope to have lots of voices and perspectives shared in this important DVD!

Thanks again to Pina, Heath and H Studios for your generous support!

RECOGNISING SURVIVORS AND VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ABUSE FROM WITHIN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH.

Over the last few months the Community Leadership Team have been discussing ways in which we could utilise the beautiful coloured ribbons that were placed along and around the fence of our school in recognition of the survivors and victims of sexual abuse with our Catholic Church.

We are hoping to create a memorable framed piece to be displayed within our school and would sincerely appreciate some help in coordinating this and would love some much needed expertise from parents who have an artistic flair or craft capabilities.

If you would like to be part of this could you please email Kara Meyer on karameyer83@gmail.com Your creativity will be greatly appreciated as we attempt to create a beautiful framed piece to recognise all survivors and victims of sexual abuse in our Church.

CONDOLENCES.

On behalf of all in the Emmaus community I wish to convey my sympathy to Jo O'Kelly, our friend and colleague, and Nick Stout, father of Connor, Isabelle and Lucas on the death of their respective grandparents. Any loss at any age is always difficult to absorb.

Please be assured Jo and Nick that you and your families are in our thoughts and prayers.

Have a great holiday all and thank you so much for a wonderful term!

God bless.

Brendan, for the staff team.

"There is no power for change greater than that of a community discovering what it cares about."



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