

Tuesday August 15th. 2017

# EMMAUS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL.



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“Authoring our Own Future.”

Isn't it heartwarming to see the younger generation caring so kindly for their aged parents!!!  
Molly, you are so patient with your dear old mum!



## ONGOING IMPROVEMENTS AT EMMAUS ON THE RADAR!

I am delighted to let all in the Emmaus community that some excellent news has transpired in recent weeks re the fact that we have been successful in acquiring land around our school! (see attached site plan)

The paddock, whilst used on a daily basis by our students has never technically been 'ours'. It soon will be as will the block next to the paddock (where the old house used to be before it was demolished) and the paddock behind it running down to the creek.

This is sensational news for our school community! We have been negotiating with the Ballarat Diocesan authorities for close to six years to see this result so to have resolution is wonderful!

We at Emmaus are indebted to Bishop Paul Bird and the Ballarat Diocese for the granting of the land to our school. Bishop Paul, along with the new Manager of Diocesan Finance, Andrew Jirik have been incredibly supportive of our efforts to enhance our school site, as was Andrew's predecessor, Mark Bromley.

Whilst negotiations have been progressing re the acquisition of the land noted we have also been in regular contact with Federation University re a number of excellent

portable buildings that they were keen to remove and a couple of which we were keen to site at Emmaus. A price has been agreed to by Federation University and the Catholic Education Office of Ballarat which will allow us to site a couple of the buildings. (one of which includes a toilet block)

As our student population continues to grow the location of high quality non-permanent buildings onto land that we have on our title is crucial.

Planning Consultants have been commissioned to assist us in the dotting of "i's" and crossing of "t's" but the core message that we wish to convey is that Emmaus continues to flourish!

This information has been shared with members of our Community Leadership Team last week and I am delighted to spread the good news more broadly!

*I often refer to Emmaus Catholic Primary School. As we grow, as we continue to find ways to improve our learning and teaching culture, our grounds and buildings, our community and of course of Christian culture we are reminded that the word catholic is derived from a Greek word, "Kathos". Kathos means welcome to all!*

*We look forward to continuing to welcome all whom we possibly accommodate into the future!*

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

<p><i>Thursday August 17th Filming for the creation of our Tenth Anniversary DVD with parents, students and staff.</i></p>	<p><i>Thursday August 17th Night two of our Confirmation preparation program for students due to receive this Sacrament in a few weeks time.</i></p>	<p><i>Friday August 18th. Vornda to the Melbourne Zoo!</i></p>	<p><i>Wednesday August 30th SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY. Building teacher capability and leadership as we work with Colin Sloper to become a more Professional Learning Community.</i></p>
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# 100 DAYS OF SCHOOL FOR OUR VORNDA STUDENTS WAS A DAY TO CELEBRATE!!



DOESN'T TIME FLY!!!

100 DAYS OF PRIMARY EDUCATION WAS CELEBRATED BY OUR VORNDA STUDENTS YESTERDAY AND A FUN DAY IT WAS!!

WELL DONE TO ALL CHILDREN, PARENTS AND ESPECIALLY OUR STAFF TEAM WHO ENTERED INTO THE SPIRIT OF THE DAY WITH SUCH GUSTO!

WELL DONE ONE AND ALL!

## **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 next

**WEDNESDAY AUGUST 30TH.**

as noted on the calendar on previous newsletters.

As a staff team we are placing significant emphasis on the learning and 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.

## **FOOTY DAY!!**

**Friday 22nd September.**

On the last day of term 3 we will be gathering together to celebrate 'Footy Day' and recognising that there is no better team in the AFL than Carlton! So pull on your teams merchandise and get into the finals fever.

Throughout recess and lunch there will be football activities that will be organised by our Nyereeka students which everyone is welcome to participate in. A parade where children will be able to sing along to their team's theme song will also be organised.

Footy themed food will be available to order through FlexiSchools in the week leading up to the event and will close at 10:30am on Wednesday 20th of September so that orders can be placed.

Pies, pasties, sausage rolls, vegetable rolls and donuts will be available and their will be GF options too.



*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!!*

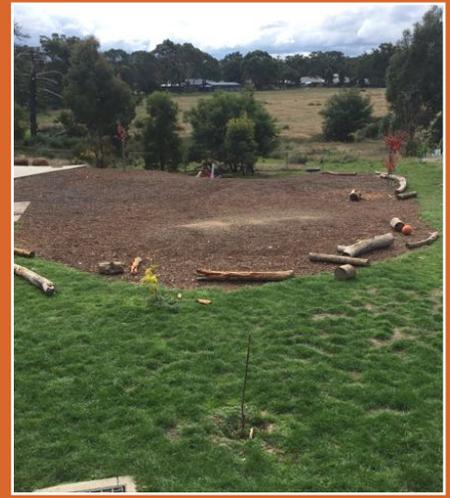
**WORKING BEE -**  
**GROUNDS IMPROVEMENTS AND IN**  
**READINESS FOR THE BUSKERS FESTIVAL.**

*On the weekend of Saturday September 16th and Sunday September 17th we are holding working bees from 9.30 - midday on both days with a view towards completing a couple of major activities.*

- 1) *We are looking to begin the process of further grounds improvements (see photos below and adjacent) Our first area we plan to improve is the area between our main building and the portable building that houses Mok-Borreeyn 1 and 2 as in the photo below.*
- 2) *Stage one of these works will include a concrete path to allow for more effective wheelchair access to the artificial turf area*
- 3) *We also plan to develop the grass / pine bark area at the rear of the school. This area will be tackled in subsequent working bees.*

*The other major job on this weekend of working bees will be to store and stack furniture throughout our school in preparation for the Buskers Festival which will occur later that week. We will also be looking for parent support to get furniture set up again after the Buskers is over on the Friday or if need be on the Saturday after we break up for the school holidays.*

*The works noted are significant and we can save many thousands of dollars in doing it ourselves! All the help we can get will be greatly appreciated!*



**Stage one of our development works is noted below with a path to be included to the artificial turf area.**

**Stage two is the area noted above.**

**It will be wonderful to open up new and exciting areas for our children to play or relax!**



### *Important dates for term three, 2017.*

Thursday 17th August	Emmaus 10 year anniversary videoing
Thursday 17th August	Mok-Borreeyn to 9:30am Mass at St Alipius
Thursday 17th August	Confirmation Preparation Session in Wayaperri 5:30-6:30
Monday 21st August	Book Week begins. The theme this year is 'Escape to Everywhere.'
Monday 21st August	Kanamo Liturgy in Wayaperri 9:00am. All welcome.
Thursday 24th August	Emmaus 10 year anniversary videoing
Thursday 24th August	Nyereeka to 9:30am Mass at St Alipius
Friday 25th August	Book Week Celebration Day 'Escape to Everywhere' theme.
Monday 28th August	Nyereeka Liturgy in Wayaperri 9:00am. All welcome.
Monday 28th August	Royal South Street Competitions-Kanamo, Mok-Borreeyn & Nyereeka choirs. Her Majesty's Theatre
Tuesday 29th August	Grade 4 Maths Day at Damascus
Wednesday 30th August	School Closure Day- Professional Learning Communities with Colin Sloper, Director of Solution Tree Australia.
Thursday 31st August	Vornda to 9:30am Mass at St Alipius
<b>FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 1ST</b>	<b>FATHERS DAY BREAKFAST AND LITURGY. (DETAILS TO FOLLOW)</b>
Monday 4th September	Vornda Liturgy in Wayaperri 9:00am. All welcome.
Thursday 7th September	Kanamo to 9:30am Mass at St Alipius
Monday 11th September	Mok-Borreeyn Liturgy in Wayaperri 9:00am. All welcome.
Tuesday 12th September	Community Leadership Meeting 7:30-9:00pm. We welcome all to these meetings.
Thursday 14th September	Mok-Borreeyn to 9:30am Mass at St Alipius
Thursday 14th September	Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation 7:00 at St Alipius Parish Church
Friday 15th September	Vornda to Vic Park with St Alipius
<b>Saturday Sept. 16th</b> <b>Sunday Sept 17th</b>	<b>WORKING BEE WEEKEND!!</b> <b>9.30 AM - MIDDAY BOTH DAYS.</b>
Wednesday 20th September	Buskers Festival A-K families 6:30 - 8:00pm
Thursday 21st September	Buskers Festival L-Z families 6:30 - 8:00pm
Friday 22nd September	Last day of Term 3. 2:30pm dismissal. <b>School furnishings to be reassembled.</b>



**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](mailto:cbennett@stpats.vic.edu.au) or phone 5331 1688.

More delightful photos of the Vornda students "100 Days" celebrations yesterday!



## ***BOOKINGS FOR 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY FILMING.***

*This 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.*

## **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](mailto: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.

## **SEW darn SPECIAL**

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### **Trading Hours:-**

*Monday - Friday | 8:00am - 6:00 pm*

*Saturday | 10.00 am - 3:00 pm*

*Have a great week!*

*God bless.*

*Brendan, for the staff team.*

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

*Margaret Wheatley*



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