

*Emmaus Catholic Primary School*

# *Newsletter*

*~Authoring Our Own Future~*



EMMAUS  
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Term 3, Week 8  
3rd September 2019

## **Seasons**

There is a winter in all of our lives,  
a chill and darkness that makes us yearn  
for days that have gone  
or put our hope in days yet to be.

God, you created seasons for a purpose.  
Spring is full of expectation,  
buds breaking,  
frosts abating and an awakening  
of creation before the first days of summer.  
The summer sun gives warmth  
and comfort to our lives  
reviving aching joints  
bringing colour, new life  
and crops to fruiting.  
Autumn gives nature space  
to lean back, relax  
and enjoy the fruits of its labour  
as the earth prepares to rest.  
Then winter, cold and bare  
as nature takes stock,  
rests, unwinds, sleeps until the time is right.

An endless cycle  
and yet a perfect model.

We need a winter in our lives  
a time of rest, a time to stand still  
a time to reacquaint ourselves  
with the faith in which we live.

It is only then that we can draw strength  
from the One in whom we are rooted,  
take time to grow and rise through the darkness  
into the warm glow of your springtime  
to blossom and flourish.

Thank you God  
for the seasons of our lives.



# A Message from our Principal

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff, Students and Friends,

## **Celebration of Dads and Special Blokes**

Thank you to the many people who brought our celebration of Dads and special blokes to fruition last Friday. These community events are one way to experience the importance of gathering and celebrating. The setting up of the space, the catering, the organisation and the liturgy are all the result of hours of amazing work from parents and staff. Thanks!

Thank you also to the many dads, grandpas, uncles and friends to come along to be part of the celebration. We hope you enjoyed your special day!

## **Trivia night**

I was planning on preserving my brain cells in preparation for Friday evening and the Emmaus Trivia Night! The diary has other ideas! See you all at Fed Uni for this great evening this Friday at 7.00pm. The organising group are doing an amazing job to ensure a wonderful event - thanks in advance to the committee and the many volunteers who have offered their time.

## **School Review**

This week we welcome our Review panel:

- John Marks - external reviewer
- Tony Perkins - Educational Consultant
- Sandra Harvey - Assistant Director, System Improvement
- Shaun Mohr - Principal, St Columba's

Members of the panel will meet with staff, students and parents to learn more about what Emmaus has achieved over the last five years and support the school in setting strategic direction for the next five. We welcome the panel to our community on Wednesday and Thursday and look forward to working with them to continue to map the Emmaus journey.

Thanks for a great week!

God bless you!

*Jo-Anne*

# Student Achievements



**BNI Ballarat**  
27 Aug, at 3:09 pm • 🌐

Ben Blomely was our special guest today, helping Karen Pohlner from Wala Animal Sanctuary Inc. talk about the important service that Wala provides to our wildlife. Ben has been doing some fundraising with the support of his school and the local general store where he lives. He presented Karen with \$160 that he has raised so far. What a champion! Ben is a master woodworker and he and Karen are looking for donations of timber to make wildlife boxes, to help with the high demand of Spring babies. Tax deductible donations to Wala Animal Sanctuary Inc can be made here [www.wala.org.au](http://www.wala.org.au)



Well done Ben on your work to both raise money and make a difference to the lives of these animals. Your passion for this cause is wonderful as is the work you are doing with creating the wooden boxes for the wildlife animals.

# Congratulations

Eddie Foley celebrated his Baptism over the weekend with family, friends and parishioners at Sts Peter and Paul, Buninyong. There was great excitement as Eddie was welcomed into his family of faith.



# Social Justice

## A summary of reminders of how you can make a difference...

**Below are ways that you might like to contribute if and when you are able...**

- Wash and place plastic bottle tops from home in the basket to be donated to **Envision Hands**.
- Donate to **Eureka Mums** (**NEW Wish list**- BOYS Clothes Sizes 14/16, nappy bags, size 4 girls clothes, single prams).
- Purchase a copy of edition 2 of **The Little Issue** for \$5. Proceeds will be donated to The Soup Bus.
- Donate pre - loved sporting clothing and equipment to the **Play it Forward Appeal**.
- Participate in Ailish Ryan's **Sunshine Letters Campaign** by writing a letter to someone who may be experiencing loneliness in our local community and place it in the yellow mail box.
- Donate your time and become a **volunteer at Eureka Mums**. We are working to build a volunteer team of Emmaus parents. We currently have two ready and willing. For more information contact Jo O'Kelly ([jokelly@emtclear.catholic.edu.au](mailto:jokelly@emtclear.catholic.edu.au))
- Donate non perishable food items for **The Soup Bus**. Please ensure tins have the ring top opener please. The Soup Bus are also in need of adult sized warm jackets and male deodorant.
- Remind your children that '**Let's Get Just!**' an opportunity to discuss all things social justice, now occurs weekly in Nyereeka on **Tuesdays at 11am**.

**ALL OF THE ABOVE CAN BE LEFT IN THE SOCIAL JUSTICE SPACE  
IN THE MAIN ENTRANCE.**

# Social Justice

## TIMOR NEWS

Three students (Abby, Chloe and Ella) from Damascus came to speak with Emmaus students about their visit to Timor Leste. The students shared information about their journey and reflected on the deep sense of personal connection they felt to their experience of the people, community, way of life and relationships. The students shared photos of our friendship school Sao Paula in Ainaro and told us about the students' joy in receiving the stationery we donated. We are so grateful to the Damascus girls for sharing their learning with us and we felt deeply inspired and compelled to find ways we can journey and walk in the footsteps of others.



# Buskers Festival

## BUSKERS FESTIVAL

Students have eagerly been preparing for our Buskers Festival. Tickets are free but need to be booked through: <https://www.trybooking.com/540834>

**2019 BUSKERS FESTIVAL**  
TUESDAY 17 SEPTEMBER (Vornda / Kanamo)  
THURSDAY 19 SEPTEMBER (MB / Nyereeka)  
6.30-8pm, 1503 Geelong Road Mt Clear  
An evening of performances presented by our students to  
celebrate their learning  
Tickets available at <https://www.trybooking.com/540834>

# Father's Day Liturgy



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# Notices

## **Sustainable School Shop**

A reminder to families that Emmaus has a subscription with Sustainable School Shop which allows families to sell and buy second hand Emmaus uniform free of charge. All you have to do is create an account. For more information please see the link:

<http://www.emtclear.catholic.edu.au/uniform>

## **2020 Planning**

We are currently reviewing our whole school enrolment numbers for 2020. If any families have plans to relocate next year and will therefore not be attending Emmaus, could you please notify the office as soon as possible.

## **Afterschool Bus Travel Transport Lists**

As previously advised, we are in the process of changing the way in which we register then record student after school bus / walking bus travel arrangements. A CareMonkey eForm was sent home detailing the new procedures commencing in Term 4. We ask that **all families complete and return the "Transportation From School - Term 4, 2019" form by tomorrow Wednesday, 4th September 2019.**

With regards to the Outside of School Care Program, this is managed by Buninyong Primary School who provide us with a student list each day, therefore this program will not form part of the Transport Lists. As per normal, please call the office if a late change has been made and the child needs to be notified.

In summary:-

- Transport Lists will be created for each bus and walking bus service, listing all students who regularly use these services based on the completed and returned "Transportation From School - Term 4, 2019" forms.
- Students who are absent for the day will automatically be removed when the morning attendance roll is marked.
- Children that travel occasionally will require parent / guardians to complete a "On Bus (Occasional Travel)" Form via the Skoolbag App advising the Admin Team before 2.00 pm. The Admin Team then create a transport pass, adding the child onto the service they require.
- Children that will not be travelling on their usual service will require parent / guardians to complete an "Off Bus (Regular Traveller)" Form via the Skoolbag App advising the Admin Team before 2.00 pm. The Admin Team then create a transport pass, removing the child from the service they regularly travel on.
- If changes are required after 2.00 pm, please call the Admin Team on 5330 2266. We cannot guarantee that the child will be notified and transport lists updated in time.
- Once the lists are updated, they will be initialised (which shuts off the ability to make changes) and printed for the staff to mark children when they assemble for the bus.
- To meet risk & compliance standards, and more so for the children's safety, children that are not listed on the Transport Lists will not be able to travel on a bus that day. They will be sent to the office for our Admin Team to contact parents or guardians to make other travel arrangements home.

Like always, if you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact our friendly Admin Team.

# Notices

## Skoolbag App

The Emmaus Skoolbag App is used for the following:

- **Notices** - alerting families of reminders (eg. Student Free Days / Book Week Dress up).
- **Newsletter** - weekly newsletters are also accessible via the app.
- **Absentee Form** - used to advise the office via email of your child's absence from school. Please complete before 9.30 am to avoid receiving a text message. You may also wish to enter your child's absence directly into PAM which records the absence immediately on the attendance roll. This is the preferred method.
- **Not on Bus (Regular Traveller) Form** - used to advise the office that your child will not be travelling after school on their regular bus / walking bus that day. This must be completed before 2.00 pm.
- **On Bus (Occasional Travel) Form** - used to advise the office that your child will be travelling after school by bus / walking bus that day. This must be completed before 2.00 pm.
- **Change of Details Form** - used to advise the office of any change of family details. Including address, parent / guardian telephone or work changes. Please also update your child/children's CareMonkey profiles ensuring that emergency contact details are correct.

We ask that all families download this app to ensure they are receiving all notices / alerts sent via the app and that you have access to the forms listed above. Please see the following link on how to install the Skoolbag App [Skoolbag App Instructions](#).

## Community Leadership Team (CLT)

Our next CLT meeting is next **Tuesday 10th September** at 7.30pm. Our Vornda team are presenting at this meeting - sharing the teaching and learning for our little people. All are welcome to join us at the meeting and hear more about the great start our Foundation students have to their education journey.

An agenda will be sent out at the end of this week.

[CLT Meeting Minutes from Tuesday 13th August 2019](#)

[Nyereeka Presentation](#)

## Emmaus Trivia Night

**THE CLT FUNDRAISING ARM WOULD  
LIKE TO SHOUT OUT A SINCERE...**

# **THANK YOU!**

**THANK YOU! THANK YOU!**

to ALL of our VERY generous  
sponsors who have donated  
goods and services for this  
Friday's Trivia Night - we are  
overwhelmed by your  
enormous generosity!



**WITH AN EXTRA  
SPECIAL SHOW OF  
APPRECIATION TO THE  
BUNINYONG DISTRICT  
COMMUNITY BRANCH**



**FOR THEIR MASSIVE  
FINANCIAL  
CONTRIBUTION TO OUR  
MAJOR 2019 SCHOOL  
FUNDRAISER!**

# Community Notices



## 2019 SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIPS



### BMX COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL STUDENTS AGED 6-18 YEARS

Represent your school and race for the title of BMX Victoria 2019 Schools Champion in your relevant age class.



This series is open to both Licensed (BMXA) and unlicensed riders across novice and expert abilities.



Events are run by the clubs and BMX Victoria so you can experience what BMX Racing is all about.

#### ROUND 1

Lilydale BMX Club  
Friday 13th September

#### ROUND 2/FINAL

Bendigo BMX Club  
Saturday 19th October

For more information, visit [www.bmxv.com.au](http://www.bmxv.com.au) or contact [office@bmxv.com.au](mailto:office@bmxv.com.au)

#### **ROUND ONE**

Lilydale BMX Club  
Friday 13th September 2019

#### **ROUND TWO/FINAL**

Bendigo BMX Club  
Saturday 19th October 2019

Entry Fee - \$25.00 (per event)

Register here -

<https://forms.gle/SKCZomXhVjTUvPgr8>

The 'Expert' category is for students with BMX Australia Membership.

The 'Novice' category is for students with no BMX Australia Membership.

A compulsory Ride in2 BMX Coaching Clinic will be held prior to the commencement of racing at each round for all novice riders.

For more information contact Craig at [office@bmxv.com.au](mailto:office@bmxv.com.au)

Above is information on the Victorian BMX Racing School Challenge. First round is on Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> September. The competition is open to all students regardless of ability and they assist with coaching at the start of the day.

Jonty from Mok-Borreeyn (pictured below) will be racing in the competition. For further information please feel free to contact Greg Woodburn on 0458922033.



# Community Notices

9:00am  
TO  
2:30pm

**MINERS RUSH**  
HATONDO HOMES BALLARAT  
SELKIRK

## BASKETBALL CAMPS

MARS MINERDOME September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>  
PHOENIX COLLEGE September 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>

**AVAILABLE FOR ALL AGES**

**\$60 FOR 1 CHILD 1 DAY**  
*PRIZES & GIVEAWAYS THROUGHOUT THE CAMP!*

**\$150 FOR 1 CHILD 3 DAYS    \$225 FOR 2 CHILDREN 3 DAYS    \$300 FOR 3 CHILDREN 3 DAYS    \$375 FOR 4 CHILDREN 3 DAYS**

PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY

Entry forms available on our website [www.ballaratbasketball.com](http://www.ballaratbasketball.com) or online booking <http://bit.ly/2WVIC9M>  
For more information or to register contact Ryan McKew on 5338 1220 or email [ryan.mckew@ballaratbasketball.com](mailto:ryan.mckew@ballaratbasketball.com)

**INTRINSIC Healthcare**  
BRAIN • BODY • MIND

## Learning and Behavioural Dysfunction Workshop

Helping children achieve their potential

FREE ADVICE & GIVEAWAYS ON THE NIGHT

**7pm – 8pm, Friday 6th September 2019**  
**Ballarat Business Centre**  
Level 3, 15 Dawson Street Sth, Ballarat Central

With **special guest Yvette Knights** from The Movement and Learning Connection

CHIROPRACTIC • EXERCISE PHYSIOLOGY  
REMEDIAL MASSAGE • NUTRITION  
NATUROPATHY • HERBALISM

BOOKINGS ARE LIMITED

You can express your interest and register via our Facebook page or by calling **03 5364 2942**

**COME SKATE!**

**NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED**

**AGES 6-11**

**Wednesday 9 October**  
**Rolling 4.30-5.30pm**  
**\$85 for 8 weeks**  
**All equipment included**

For more information email:  
[brdl.coaches@gmail.com](mailto:brdl.coaches@gmail.com)

or visit Ballarat Roller Derby League on Facebook

**BUNINYONG COMMUNITY TENNIS CLUB**  
**JUNIOR SUMMER SEASON 2019/20**

All existing and new members welcome to play in the upcoming Summer Competition beginning

**Saturday 12th October**

Dates: Term 4, 2019—Term 1, 2020  
Time: Saturday mornings 9.00—10.30 am  
Where: Buninyong tennis Centre and local regional courts  
Ages: 7-21  
Teams: 4-6 players  
All abilities  
Cost: \$50 per player includes T-shirt and balls



Please notify Allison Pearce via email [sa.pearce@bigpond.com](mailto:sa.pearce@bigpond.com) by **Monday 2nd September** if keen to play

For enquiries please call our President Justin Orwin 0490 110 265

# Community Notices



## Sovereign Knights Basketball Club

### Join the local family friendly club

The Sovereign Knights Basketball Club is looking for new players for the 2019-2020 Summer season. We are looking for Girls and Boys aged from **5-15** to join teams from U/8-U18 age groups. The Summer Season runs in Term 4 in 2019 and 1 in 2020.

<https://www.facebook.com/SovereignKnights/>

Training is at **Damascus College** and games are played at the Ballarat Sports and Events Centre or Minerdome and are both one hour and less in duration each.

Please contact our coordinator [sboys@skbc.org.au](mailto:sboys@skbc.org.au) for more information and/or if you are interested in filling a position (Intention to play forms are now out) at our club.

**We would love to have you!**



### SEP-OCTOBER SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

**Monday 23rd of September to Friday the 4th of October 2019**

(excluding weekends and public holiday)

Eastwood Leisure Centre, Ballarat

8am to 5pm each day

Pre-School to Grade 6, boys & girls

\$45 per day (\$38.50 per day for 5+ days)

Enrol online [www.kellysports.com.au](http://www.kellysports.com.au)

## Important dates for Term 3, 2019

Please refer to our website calendar for all school event dates

<http://www.emtclear.catholic.edu.au/calendar>

Click on the Agenda tab at the top right of the calendar for an easy to read view of the monthly events.

# Community Notices



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10  
19**



## **LOOKING FOR LOCAL SUPERHEROES . . .**

SINCE ITS INCEPTION IN 1975, THE BUNINYONG FESTIVAL HAS RELIED ON THE HARD-WORK AND GENEROSITY OF LOCAL VOLUNTEERS TO FACILITATE A FUN-FILLED DAY FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY.

MANY HOURS AND MONTHS OF PLANNING GO INTO CREATING THIS EVENT WITH THE GOAL OF BRINGING TOGETHER OUR COMMUNITY TO CELEBRATE THE BEAUTIFUL TOWNSHIP OF BUNINYONG.

THIS YEAR ON OCTOBER 27TH, WE ARE LOOKING FOR LOCAL SUPERHEROES WILLING TO DONATE THEIR TIME FOR ONE DAY ONLY, FOR AS LITTLE AS 2 (OR MORE) HOURS! VARIOUS VOLUNTEER ROLES NEED TO BE FILLED FROM TRAFFIC MARSHALLING AT THE 'CRACK THE CRATER' RUN, TO ASSISTING THE STAGE MANAGER, HELPING WITH INFRASTRUCTURE SET-UP AND EVERYTHING INBETWEEN!

IF YOU CONSIDER YOURSELF FULL OF 'KAPOW!', 'WOW!' AND 'KNOW-HOW'...

**PLEASE CONTACT:**

**JANINE - 0429 424 989**

**OR NIC - 0448 811 812**

The Buninyong Festival - [buninyongfestival.com.au](http://buninyongfestival.com.au)