

Newsletter



Dear Parents, Students and Members of the Emmanuel Catholic College Community,

As you would no doubt be aware the Federal Government has moved to provide a significant boost to funding capital development and building projects in education as part of its Building Education Revolution initiative that is designed to stimulate employment and the Australian economy.

While the vast majority of this funding will be directed to Primary schools across the nation there are opportunities for secondary schools to access some of this funding and the College Executive and Board are currently evaluating what possibilities might exist for our campus that we may be able to apply for. Unfortunately very tight timelines are in place for the application process and the rush from all schools to be involved has made it very difficult to have architects, builders and other authorities to service the massive demand. We are hopeful that the College will be able to successfully access parts of this funding towards important projects that would have otherwise perhaps been earmarked as having to be deferred for long term future development.

As the application process unfolds and various developments emerge I will endeavour to keep the community informed as to what is occurring. I look forward to whatever is planned, hopefully coming to fruition.

Last week the Director informed the wider Catholic school community that two new single gender secondary Colleges planned for the northern suburbs would be deferred. He has asked that we publicise the background to this decision in our Newsletters through the following statement.

“The office has received notification that the WA Planning Commission has declined to approve the rezoning from rural to urban usage of the local structure plan which includes the single-gender Colleges site in Joondalup.

This poses problems for the development of the school sites. While further negotiations are taking place, the opening of the Colleges will be deferred until this matter is fully resolved.”

John Bormolini
PRINCIPAL

COMING EVENTS AT ECC

Friday March 20	ACC Swimming Carnival
Wednesday March 25	Emmanuel Day (Feast of the Annunciation)

Study Tip #3 – Effective Study

For each session of study;

Set yourself an achievable amount of work to complete.

Be active and remain focused throughout.

Enjoy the challenge of improving yourself.

Reward yourself after good effort.

There is a limit to how much you can mentally digest in any given period. Never study for more than two hours without a break.



Mass at Emmanuel 8.15am Wednesdays- fortnightly in the Chapel

Dear Year 7-9 Parents,

The Staff at Emmanuel Catholic College have supported the proposal to celebrate Mass in form groups at the College at 8.15 am fortnightly on Wednesdays at the College Chapel. The Mass goes for about 20min. Students will only be expected to attend one Mass a year and we hope you will be able to have your child at the College at 8.15 am for their form Mass. You are most welcome to attend Mass as well.

The roster for the year is as follows:-

7.1 4th March	7.2 18th March	7.3 1st April	
8.1 13th May	8.2 27th May	8.3 10th June	8.4 24th June
8.5 5th August	8.6 19th August	9.1 2nd September	9.2 16th September
9.3 21st October	9.4 November 4th	9.5 18th November	9.6 December 2nd

Please do not hesitate to give me a call if you need any further clarification.

Joe Cordina

Deputy Principal

27th Feb 2009

Dear Parents/Guardians

Re: Westpac Australian Mathematics Competition for Year 7 - 10

The Westpac Australian Mathematics Competition (AMC) will this year take place on **Thursday, 6th August**. This international competition is one of the largest single events on the Australian Education Calendar, with participants from over 40 countries within the Pacific and South East Asia region. The aims of the competition are to:

1. highlight the importance of mathematics as a curriculum subject
2. give students an opportunity to discover talent in mathematics
3. provide resources for the classroom and general discussion

Other details for this competition are found on the website

www.amt.canberra.edu.au/amcfact.html

Though the AMC is open to all students of all standards, **all** students in Extension classes will participate in this year's competition. We would also like to encourage students who are in either Mainstream or Enrichment classes to participate in this competition if they wish to.

The costs for this competition will be met by the Mathematics department. I am therefore asking for your support in encouraging your son or daughter to get involved in this important annual event. Mainstream and Enrichment students who wish to take part in this competition should indicate their interest to their mathematics teachers by March 9th.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Francis Maloba

Head of Mathematics

Emmanuel Catholic College

Emmanuel Catholic College SMS messaging and Attendance

From 28th April 2009, parents will be informed by mobile phone Short Message Service (SMS) should their child be absent from school without prior explanation being provided to the school.

At Emmanuel Catholic College, student attendance and safety is a high priority.

To improve the efficiency of our attendance procedures, we will be informing parents/caregivers about any unexplained absences for their child.

The school expects parents/caregiver to contact the school in advance if they know their child is to be absent.

From 28th April 2009, an SMS text message will be automatically sent to the mobile phones of parents explaining that our records show that your child is absent from school.

The message will arrive on the phone displaying the number, "0428 937 348". Parents should store this number in their mobile phone under "Emmanuel Catholic College" so that when the message arrives, the parent is aware the message has come from the school.

Parents are asked to reply by pressing the reply option on your mobile phone when you receive a message from the school and add your son or daughter's name, year, date of absence and the reason they are absent or late.

e.g. Steven Smith, Year 11 was sick yesterday (Tuesday 15th November)

Text version = "Smith S yr11 sick tues 15 nov"

OR by phoning the school office or sending a note explaining the absence.

Updating Parent Mobile Phone Numbers

As part of the process of implementing this exciting new system, the school is seeking your assistance. We already have an extensive list of parent's mobile numbers; however we would like to make sure our records are fully up-to-date. A letter and reply slip were posted to all families this week requesting essential details.

Parents are asked to return the reply slip by ***no later than Wednesday 18 March, 2009***, through your child's Form Teacher.

Thank you for your assistance and co-operation. We look forward to making this exciting transition, and to improving our communication with you.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

The new opening hours for the uniform shop are;

Monday	closed
Tuesday	8.00 - 4.15
Wednesday	8.00 - 11.30
Thursday	closed
Friday	8.00 - 4.15

Due to the interschool swimming carnival on the 20th March the Uniform Shop will be closed. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

Also just a reminder that next term all students must be in Winter College uniform on day one. Year 11's will need to purchase the senior tie.

All new Year 7 and 8 students need to make sure they have their winter try-on as soon as possible.

Call Terrell or Faye on 9414 4017 for further details.

P&F NEWS



- You are all welcome at P&F meetings. It is a great way of finding out what is going on around the school and meeting other parents.
- The P&F will be selling the Entertainment Values Books again this year for \$65. This is a great fundraiser for the college, so if you like the idea of being able to get discounts on a large number of businesses, buy your books from us. They make great presents. Please email Mandy De Gennaro leode@bigpond.com.au for more info or if you want one ordered for you.
- Watch this space for some exciting information about our college ten year anniversary – coming soon

The next P&F meeting is on March 23rd at 7.00pm in the Board Room. ALL WELCOME

Senior Ball 2009

The annual Emmanuel Catholic College Senior School Ball was held on Saturday 7th March at the Fremantle Sailing Club. The students and their partners looked fantastic, on a perfect evening for dinner and dancing.

Special thanks must go to the Year 12s who put in much time and effort as part of the ball committee. Thank you to the staff who attended as well, and helped the Year 12s celebrate a wonderful night.

Congratulations to the following students who won awards on the evening:

Mathew McGuinness	Michelle Portelli
Damien Scott	Elyce Lines
Lloyd Rogerson	Elizabeth DeAguiar
Michael Dos Santos	Celeste Wilkins
Diego Aguilar	Samantha Marciano

Best Female Dancer	Lilian Donaldson
Best Male Dancer	Carlo Fernandes
Beau of the Ball	Matthew Hunter
Belle of the Ball	Georgia Peach

Most importantly I wish to thank our Year 12 students for representing our college and themselves in the best possible manner. There were many positive comments from all who had contact with them on the night. It was the way the Year 12 students conducted themselves that made the evening so successful, enjoyable and unforgettable.

Mrs Teresa Cosgrove
Head of Year 12

SCHOOL FEES

Please note that fees are now overdue. Could you please contact Sonja Matthes or Annette Doust to make arrangements for payment. Also if you have a Health Care or Pension Card you will need to fill in the appropriate form by the 9th April to be eligible for discount.

ECC SPORTING NEWS

This week was a relatively quiet week for our College sporting teams with a bye for the SASJ competition. All SASJ teams will also have a bye next week due to the ACC swimming carnivals.

The Emmanuel First XI cricket team have unfortunately finished their season. Due to an unfair and biased competition draw the boys only got to play 2 games, whereas other schools got to play three games. They won one and lost one. Some positive news to come out of the senior boy's cricket is Kieran Murphy's selection into the ACC representative cricket team that will be playing the Combined Government Schools at the WACA on Monday 30th March.

The senior girls super 8's cricket team competed last week at Rosseter Reserve in Victoria Park in the Southern Schools Super 8's competition. They played three games on the day, with one win and two losses. This is a good result considering all but one member of the team were year 10's.

Well done to our two senior cricket teams for 2009.

Next Friday, 20th March, Emmanuel Catholic College will be participating in the 'C' Division ACC swimming carnival at Beatty Park, Leederville. The squad have been training very hard on Tuesday and Thursday mornings and we wish them the best of luck next Friday.

Mr B. Dayman
Sports Coordinator

2nd Week of Lent

Project Compassion , Week 2 brings you the story of Prabha.

Prabha lives in one of India's poorest tribal areas. Water shortages, poor health, illiteracy and trafficking have compounded her community's vulnerability. Now Prabha participates in a Caritas Australia-supported program that is empowering families to increase their livelihoods and regenerate their environment. Your Project Compassion donation brings hope to families like Prabha's, empowering them to work together for a sustainable future.



Photo: Peter Saunders

Dear Parents;

Re: Year 8 Mathematics Placement test:

Refer to the course statement which was given to your Year 8 child at the beginning of this term. The Year 8 placement test will take place in week eight of this term. The aim of this test is to enable us to identify the various needs of our students, so that we can place them in either extension, mainstream or the enrichment classes according to their needs.

The test will cover concepts which students will have covered up to week eight of this term.

Students therefore need to start preparing themselves early enough so that they can obtain a good mark in this important assessment.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Francis Maloba
Head of Mathematics



Canteen roster week commencing 16/3/2009

Monday 16/3	Tuesday 17/3	Wed 18/3	Thursday 19/3	Friday 20/3
Claire Lines				

UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS

As from the 3rd March the new opening hours are as follows:

Tuesday 8.00am—4.15 pm
 Wednesday 8.00am—11.30am
 Friday 8.00am—4.15pm

There is also a large range of second hand items available.
 Contact Terrell and Faye on
 9414 4017

The Education Tax Refund—Get 50% Back

Under the new Education Tax Refund, parents and others who are eligible can now claim 50% of their eligible education expenses up to \$750 for primary students and \$1500 for secondary students.

This means you could receive a refund each year of up to \$375 for each primary and \$750 for each secondary school student in your care.

Are you eligible?

To be eligible you must have received Family Tax Benefit Part A for each child whose education expenses you wish to claim. You can also claim the Education Tax Refund if you were stopped from receiving Family Tax Benefit Part A because your child received any of the following:

- Youth Allowance (student) aged 18
- Disability Support Pension
- ABSTUDY
- The Veterans' Children Education Scheme
- The Student Financial Supplement Scheme
- A scheme under s258 of the Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004
- An Australian Postgraduate Award.

MATER CHRISTI PARISH NEWS

Parish Clergy: Fr Bryan Rosling & Fr Jim Corcoran
 340 Yangebup Road, Yangebup, WA 6164 Ph: 9417 4763
 Fax: 9417 7946 email: materchristi@iprimus.com.au

“OPERATION SPIRITUAL CLEAN-UP”

We are holding our parish family celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation on **Wednesday 1st April at 7.00pm** (note change of time from the usual 7.30pm).

There will be 12 priests in attendance.

The main thrust of the ceremony is being prepared by a young person in the parish, with help from friends. (It is brilliant). I will give more details later.

Attendance at the 2nd Rite of Reconciliation is growing steadily.

A little over half the parish family are now going to reconciliation at Christmas and Easter.

We are appealing to the *other half* to come to this wonderful ceremony on

WEDNESDAY 1ST APRIL AT 7.00PM

Shame the devil – mark the date on your calendar!

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