

# Newsletter



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

With seven weeks of the year already gone our senior students are fully engaged in studies and progressing through their selected courses. Mid term one is already an important time to stop and evaluate how things have started for each individual and whether each student is **handling the academic demands** and requirements for their selected path. This feedback will help better inform staff and parents as we go towards the next important juncture which is looking at **first term Interim Reports**.

I'm very pleased to be able to report that following evaluation of last year's **National Literacy and Numeracy testing data** that our students results are showing continuing improvement and in some areas significant gains in comparison to other similar schools as well as against State and National averages.

Of most significance is the **excellent results displayed by our Year Seven students** from last year, in all tests. Particularly in some areas where the outcomes are outstanding and demonstrate clearly that our approach and the model adopted by the College with this initial intake of Year Sevens has been a very successful one. Our Science results for example illustrate clearly that our Year Seven students are virtually one full year ahead in their progress and achievement in comparative terms to Year Sevens in other schools. Our levels of achievement Writing and Numeracy were also very impressive, comparatively.

This has been particularly encouraging and a vindication of much hard work over a long time to ensure that what was established at Emmanuel in regard to Year Seven students being a part of our secondary community, has been a success in all regards. We look forward to this trend and the consolidation in our academic foundation at entry level continuing as we go forward in the coming years.

Our recent **Senior Ball** held at the Fremantle Sailing Club was a wonderful evening and I wanted to express my thanks to all of those involved in the organisational work behind the scenes, the large number of staff who attended and assisted and Mrs Cosgrove for her dedication to detail and ensuring it was such a great night. My thanks and congratulations also to all of our students and partners for the fantastic manner in which they carried themselves. I thoroughly enjoyed greeting people on arrival and the opportunity to mix more socially with our stunningly presented final students.

A reminder from our student services admin personnel to parents to please notify the College as soon as possible in the morning of any **absentees**. Part of our processing requires that we attempt to publicise the absentees by 10 am and this becomes more difficult when we are notified later. The college is currently putting together the framework for an automated "text messaging" alert system to notify parents of an absentee that we have not been informed and this system should begin soon.

**John Bormolini**  
PRINCIPAL

## COMING EVENTS AT ECC

Wednesday March 25	Emmanuel Day (Feast of the Annunciation)
Thursday April 9	College Cross Country Carnival Last day of Term 1
Wednesday April 29	First day of Term 2

## Study Tip #4 – Be Prepared

*Be sure that your place of study includes reference materials and supplies such as pens, pencils, paper, ruler, calculator and whatever else you might need. You need to have enough room to store your study materials. Be sure you have enough storage space to keep your desktop or workspace clear of unnecessary materials that can get in the way.*



## P&F NEWS

### OUR TREE OF LIFE

This year, Emmanuel Catholic College celebrates its ten year anniversary.

Our Parents and Friends committee decided last year that we would commission a piece of art to commemorate this milestone and would present it to the college as a gift on behalf of the families and friends of the school.

The design brief was to create a “tree of life” as we felt this concept best reflected the strength and growth of our college.

Artist Lesley Fewtrell was chosen and her idea that a tree sculpture made from metal and inlaid with stained glass detail was agreed upon.

In her drawings, she describes it to be a “visual feast” and explained that it would be a three dimensional sculpture approximately 1.5m x 2.5m made from metal and interspersed with stained glass detailing the rich flora and fauna of the immediate area surrounding our campus.

A young tree was chosen as the concept because like our young college, a tree is also built on a strong foundation (its roots). We as a college have the strong foundation in our faith and belief to help us grow and become a magnificent specimen just like the tree. The sculpture has been made in such a way that as the college grows, it can be added to if we wish.

The tree is now situated in an alcove in our library with plenty of natural light to capture the beauty of the stained glass.

Please take some time to go and look at “Our Tree of Life” and see how many items you can spot within the tree. We hope you enjoy our special gift to our wonderful college.

From the Parents and Friends Committee 2009

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

### Year 7/8/9 Disco

The Student Leadership Team will be holding the annual Middle School Disco (year 7, 8 & 9) on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March from 7.00pm to 10.00pm. It will be held at St. Jerome's Hall on Rockingham Road, Spearwood. Tickets will be on sale from SLT members visiting forms and at recess from S4. Tickets will be \$5 and will only be sold before the event – there will be no door sales. There is a limit of tickets so get in quick to attend the major Middle School social event of the year.

Miss Durrant and the SLT

### 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.

## **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.

### **CHRISTIAN SERVICE OPPORTUNITY FOR YEAR 10S AND 11S-**

If interested contact the number below and organise to get a service log sheet off Ms Mentz

Event: Easter Fiesta Community Day, hosted by Harvest Lakes Residents Association

Date: Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April

No. needed: 4 – 6 students

Time: 9:00 – 1:00

Contact: Maria Reynolds: 0422 199 018 or reynoldsgm@iprimus.com.au

Duties: Helpers for: crafts, children's races, kitchen helpers (tea/coffee), helping register people for the community walk, organising children for the Easter Bunny

(The organisers for the Easter Fiesta Community Day need to know if there will be any students involved ASAP).

### **Christian Service Excursion**

On Monday the 16<sup>th</sup> of March two of our Year 11 students Jordan Cross and Chanise Fisher (Year 11) represented the College at Shopfront, a Catholic Support Agency that provides meals for homeless people. Brother Peter Negus and Kevin came to talk to our students both this year and last year about the services Shopfront provides. The Colleges involvement is to cook soup which is delivered on a regular basis. The students are able to count this towards their Christian Service hours. Some students also get to visit Shopfront for service during Christian Week in Year 10 . It is always an eye opening and rewarding experience.

## **CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL**

*Term 1 concludes with our Cross Country Carnival: It's being held on the THURSDAY of week ten. The event offers an opportunity for our gifted runners to push for a spot in our interschool Cross Country team, and it offers everybody a good chance to find 30 minutes of exercise and enjoy the outdoors with their friends. The 3.3km course weaves around the College Campus and into the Beeliar Regional Park that borders our College.*

**When:** Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April

**Where:** Emmanuel Catholic College Football Oval

**Time:** First race starts @ 1.10pm.

**Dress:** Sports Uniform is to be worn to School. HOUSE T-shirts are to be worn, NOT the white Sports top. (Wearing the white sports top will not help contribute points to your house for the Tassie shield)

**The Canteen will be open at recess on this day, but CLOSED during LUNCH.**

### Order of Events:

Wave 1: 1.10pm Year 7 Boys

Wave 2: 1.15pm Year 7 Girls

Wave 3: 1.20pm Year 8 Girls

Wave 4: 1.25pm Year 10 Boys

Wave 5: 1.30pm Year 11 Girls

Wave 6: 1.35pm Year 9 Boys

Wave 7: 1.40pm Year 10 Girls

Wave 8: 1.45pm Year 8 Boys

Wave 9: 1.50pm Year 9 Girls

Wave 10: 1.55pm Year 12 Girls

Wave 11: 2.00pm Year 11 Boys

Wave 12: 2.05pm Year 12 Boys

*This cross country Carnival includes:*

**A professional timing company, which means all students, will be fitted with electronic timing bands and with the use of pressure pads all runners will have their time recorded.**

**All the top results for each age group will be recorded and available on the following website**

**<http://bluechip.racetiming.com>**

**Students will have the opportunity to set school records and have their names etched in Emmanuel History.**

**The Champion, Runner Up and Third place awards for each year and gender group.**

**The Tassie Devil is still available for the HOUSE with the most participants on the day, and in house shirt.**

**Cross Country Shield available for the Champion House for 2009.**

*All these aspects of the day are designed to lift the profile of this annual event, and to make it as professional and exciting as possible.*

*Please note that this event is a compulsory school day and if your son or daughter is unfit to participate they must supply Mr Dayman with the attached note **and a medical certificate**. These students will be given jobs to help out with the running of the event.*

*Any student that is absent on this day must supply a **medical certificate** upon their return to school. Please remember that any students that do not comply with the processes put in place for being absent for College Sporting Carnivals will have their names recorded.*

*Any queries about this event please contact Mr Dayman at the College.*

Mr B. Dayman

Sports Coordinator





### Canteen roster week commencing 23/3/2009

Monday 23/3	Tuesday 24/3	Wed 25/3	Thursday 26/3	Friday 27/3
Marie Collier				

### UNIFORM SHOP - NEW 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

### National Youth Week Cockburn Talent Quest

We are looking for Young People to bring out their inner star and perform any act, whether it is singing, dancing, stand up comedy etc...

The heats for the Talent Quest will be held on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April from 6 – 8:30pm, and the finals held on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April at the National Youth Week Carnival, all being held at the Cockburn Youth Centre. There will be a Major Prize of a **NINTENDO Wii** and consolation prizes.

If you think this could be you, contact the Youth Centre on 9411 3888 or email [youth@cockburn.wa.gov.au](mailto:youth@cockburn.wa.gov.au) and let them know your name, age, what act you will be performing and contact details.

### MATER CHRISTI PARISH NEWS

Parish Clergy: Fr Bryan Rosling & Fr Jim Corcoran  
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Fax: 9417 7946 email: [materchristi@iprimus.com.au](mailto:materchristi@iprimus.com.au)

### *This Week's Liturgy*

Mon 7.45am  
 Tue 9.30am BRIGHTWATER  
 Wed 9.00am EMMANUEL COLLEGE  
 FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION  
 5.00pm HOLY HOUR  
 6.00pm  
 7.00pm UNITY  
 Thur 7.45am  
 Fri 9.00am  
 7.00pm STATIONS OF THE CROSS  
 Sat 5.00pm RECONCILIATION  
 6.00pm  
 Sun 8.00am 10.00am 5.00pm

*Today we will use the first preface of Lent  
and the third Eucharistic Prayer*

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