

Calendar of Events

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Fri 16 Assembly 3AR
**GRIP Leadership House
& Vice Captains**

Mon 19 to Thu 22 Canberra Trip

**Mon 19 Bookings open for Term
1 Learning Conferences**

Tue 20 Morphett Vale Sacrament
Program 5.30pm to 7pm

**Wed 21 Harmony Day—Shared
Multicultural Lunch**

Sun 25 Palm Sunday

**Tue 27 Holy Week Presentation
9.15am**

Wed 28 Holy Week Presentation
9.15am
Board Meeting 6.30pm

Thu 29 Holy Week Presentation
9.15am

Fri 30 Good Friday

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Mon 2 Easter Monday

Fri 6 Sports Day

Mon 9 to Thu 12 Learning
Conferences

Fri 13 Assembly 4/5H
End of Term - normal
finish time 3.05pm

School Holidays 14 to 29 April

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Mon 30 Term 2 Commences

Tue 1 to Fri 4 Junior Primary
Swimming

Tue 1 Morphett Vale Sacrament
Program 5.30pm to 7pm

Thu 3 "Cakes for Change" Stall
4/5PM

Fri 4 Assembly 4/5PM

Mon 7 P&F Meeting 9am

Thu 10 "Cakes for Change" Stall
6/7RM & Rec S

Emmaus Feast Day

Fri 11 Mother's Day Stall

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15th March, 2018

Physical Education

It has been an exciting start to the Physical Education program at Emmaus. Our Reception to Year 2 have been exploring movement patterns through different obstacles courses and game challenges. While preparing for Sports Day, the children have practiced their fundamental movement skills and movement sequences using different body parts. Our Year 3-7 children have taken part in many new games while focusing on the athletic events for Sports Day. In our athletics unit, we have started with a large focus on running technique to improve our speed and running efficacy. The children are very excited for Sports Day to show the skills they have learnt in Physical Education lessons.

In extracurricular sport, 16 children were chosen to represent Emmaus at the Catholic Primary Schools Swimming Carnival on Wednesday, March 14th. These children were Ruby, Tyson, Mitchell, Henry, Isaac, Aijay and Zoe from Year 4; Charlotte from Year 5, Connor, Jack, Will, Jasmine and Maddy from Year 6; and William and Abbey from Year 7. The children represented their school very well on the day placing in the top 4 in 36 of 41 events. Ruby Kerrison won U10 Age Champion while Abbey Veltman and William Mensforth tied for Senior Age Champion. Despite winning the U10 and Senior Age categories Emmaus finished second overall, just a mere 9 points behind first place. A big thank you goes to the parents who helped with either transport or timing throughout the day.



From the Principal

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

State Election

We are now well and truly into the final run up to the State Election. You will find information from the 6 major parties, included in the link sent with this newsletter. The information is in the form of a table which enables you to easily compare each party's response to a range of issues affecting Catholic Education in SA (CESA). CESA hopes this information enables voters to make an informed decision at the polling booth on Saturday. You might even recognise the student on the front of this electronic comparison chart!

National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence

As I reported in our last newsletter, on Friday 16th March, Emmaus Catholic School will be joining in the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence. The National Day of Action is Australia's key anti-bullying event for schools and in 2018, schools are called to '**imagine a world free from bullying**'. On this day, each class will participate in activities designed to help students learn about how to get on with others and how to solve their problems without physical or verbal aggression.

Everyone has a role in creating safe and supportive places for children and young people. If your children share with you information about themselves or others being hurt or upset at school, please encourage them to tell their teacher/s. If they need support please let the teacher know yourself.

Be watching FB for images of our students, 'imagining a world free from bullying'.

Gary Pascoe

I have just received news that Gary Pascoe will be remaining at St Bernadette's Catholic School at least until the end of term 2. We have therefore extended Amanda Fairley's contract accordingly. I will also commence work on covering Jen Houareau's administration time in the 4/5 class. I wish Gary well with this extension and welcome Amanda to stay on for this additional period.

Canberra Trip

Next week our year 6/7s will participate in their much anticipated 'Canberra Trip'. There has been a lot of planning and preparation for this trip and students have been counting down the days. It's only 4 sleeps now until lift off! Keep an eye on our school FB page for regular updates and images of our students out and about in Canberra. We have even planned a meeting with our local Federal Member for Kingston, Amanda Rishworth at Parliament House. This camp is such an educational and exciting opportunity for our students to enjoy in their senior year. After this year, we will take our year 6s to Canberra, every year.

Have a good weekend – don't forget to vote!

Catherine

Make your vote count for your child's education

As we head towards a State Election, parents are encouraged to consider how each political party is promising to support our Catholic schools.

Catholic Education South Australia has asked Political Parties to respond to a number of issues that are important to ensure that every child receives the best education possible.

All six of the major parties have acknowledged the significant contribution of Catholic Education SA and respect the right of parents to choose the school that best meets the needs of their child.

Please go to the Catholic Education South Australia website to:

- Compare what each party is offering

- Read the full statement supplied by each of the six major parties

- Explore other resources

For more information go to: www.cesa.catholic.edu.au/news/fair-funding-campaign

From the APRIM

HOLY WEEK...ALLOW IT TO CHANGE YOUR LIFE!

As we move through Holy Week this year, we are exposed to the radical nature of God's forgiveness in the manner in which Jesus accepts his crucifixion and death. Jesus is a victim of great injustice but instead of nursing feelings of hurt, anger, disgust and contempt, he exhibits a strong sense of compassion toward those responsible for his execution when he says, "Father forgive them for they do not know what they are doing".

Jesus' lack of self-pity is further illustrated as he slowly approached his death, crucified between two criminals and mocked by the religious officials and others who passed by. When one of the criminals makes fun of him saying, "Are you the Messiah? Then, save yourself and us!" Jesus has no angry response. Instead, when the second criminal asks, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom," Jesus does not ask him what he has done or how repentant he is, but with compassion responds, "Today, you will be with me in paradise."

The events of Holy Week remind us of our calling to be active Christians in the way we lead our own lives. If we are harbouring hurt within us, Jesus' actions can encourage us towards forgiveness and away from grudges and bitterness. We have all experienced hurt through the actions or words of another and this hurt we might have carried for years and deprived ourselves of the opportunity to embrace peace, hope, gratitude and joy by being unforgiving.

Forgiveness is a decision to let go of resentment and thoughts of revenge. In place of anger, confusion, maybe anxiety or even depression through being swallowed up by our own bitterness or sense of injustice, we can move away from our role as victim and relieve the power, that the offending person or situation has on our life. As we let go of hurt and resentment and don't allow them to define our life, we open ourselves to find compassion and understanding. Slowly, we embrace forgiveness and begin once more to live a truly Christian life.

Jesus' example to us on Good Friday, clearly defined for us the extent of God's forgiveness and the encouragement for us to do likewise in our own limited human way. But Jesus' example has an after effect as well, for on Easter Sunday he rose gloriously to new life. How about us this Holy Week? Is there unforgiveness we still have to deal with, that overshadows our lives? How will we truly experience and celebrate the new life on offer this Easter? *(Adapted from Prinscripts, 2011)*

To learn more about Holy Week...

Click on the image below, scan the QR Code with your smart device/phone or follow this link... https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HugMM_3FfnI



YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER PRESENTATIONS

Holy Week is a very special time of Lent. It is the final week before Easter and we remember the events of the final days of Jesus' time on earth, before his resurrection. We also reflect on the impact of the Resurrection at Easter.

Each year, as a school community, we recall these special events in our Holy Week and Easter Presentations. There are 4 parts to our presentations. Each part is presented by different year levels in the school.

These include:



Part One: Tuesday 27th March 9.15am

Jesus' Life and Ministry (Rec- Year 2)

Part Two: Wednesday 28th March 9.15am

Palm Sunday, Last Supper, The Arrest (Year 3, 4, 5)



Part Three: Thursday 29th March 9.15am

The Passion of Jesus through the Stations of the Cross (Year 6, 7)

Part Four: Tuesday 3rd April 11.30am (after Easter)

Easter Prayer Liturgy- The Resurrection

Our Café Connections will be open before each presentation. Please join us for all or part of our celebrations.

We look forward to sharing this special time with you. From the Learners and Staff of Emmaus.



PROJECT COMPASSION
FOR A JUST FUTURE

SUPPORTING PROJECT COMPASSION IN 2018

We hope you have received your family's Project Compassion Box. These boxes are a very tangible way for us to donate those loose coins that, once added together can mean a lot to a charity like Caritas. You may like to think of a fun way to engage children in this giving. Any families who do use these boxes for donations can return them to the front office by Friday 13th April (Last day of term.)



BREAD AND RICE DAY- LIVING SIMPLY AND SUSTAINABLY

On behalf of the whole Emmaus community and Caritas, we say thank you to those dedicated parents who cooked and served the bread and rice last week. The celebration and the lunch ran very smoothly and we couldn't provide these important learning experiences without your help. Thank you for your generosity!

2018 MORPHETT VALE PARISH SACRAMENT PROGRAM

The Sacrament Program began in early February.

This program is especially for children 7 years of age and older who would like to continue their spiritual journey in the Catholic Church and receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion. The Sacrament Program will be held fortnightly on Tuesday evenings at 5:30pm - 7:00pm in the Morphett Vale Parish Hall, during school terms only.

These dates include:

Term 1: March 20th

Term 2: May 1st May 15th May 29th June 12th June 26th

Term 3: July 24th Aug 7th Aug 21st Sept 4th Sept 18th

Term 4: Oct 16th Oct 30th Nov 13th

Contact the parish office for more information or to register your child by phone: 8326 1555, via email (mvparish@internode.net.au) or by visiting their website (<http://www.morphettvalecatholic.com/>)

BAPTISM

God calls each of us to a closer relationship with God where we can gain clarity, fulfillment and true happiness. It can be hard to hear this call and there is certainly enough noise to distract us. But when the time is right, something opens us to a deeper understanding and we are transformed. May we each take time to listen more closely to God's call. What awesome things has God got planned for you?

There have been a number of parents and families asking about Baptism in the parish and seeking baptism for their children. The parish is certainly here to support families on this very important stage on their faith journey. If there are any other families interested in baptism, please contact the parish office on 8326 1555 or visit the website: <http://www.morphettvalecatholic.com/> . I may also be able to answer any of your questions.

RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS)

Adults who are interested in Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion prepare and celebrate through the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA.) In the Morphett Vale Catholic Community, the program begins in the second half of the year and the sacrament is celebrated on Easter Saturday the following year. If anyone is interested or just wants to find out more about the program, please contact the parish office on 8326 1555 or visit the website: <http://www.morphettvalecatholic.com/> . I may also be able to answer any of your questions.

God Bless,

Paul Mensforth

APRIM (Assistant Principal –Religious Identity and Mission)

(pmensforth@emmaus.catholic.edu.au)

Fee Reminder

Term 1 fee reminders statements will be sent out shortly.



If you have not made arrangements to pay by direct debit or contacted me to make other arrangements, payment for the full year is due by the end of Term 1.

If you feel you may be eligible for School Card, please see the office.

If you have any queries or would like to make an appointment please contact Vickie Richardson.

Jottings from Joy

ADVANCE NOTICE

Free Parent Workshop Week 4 Term 2

What to do when children press your buttons

This workshop will assist parents/carers:

- Identifying triggers
- Understanding what is behind their child's behaviour
- Learning how to defuse the behaviour and find new behaviour management strategies



Venue:
Emmaus Catholic Primary School
2 Todd St
Woodcroft

Date:
Wednesday, 23rd May, 2018
Time:
1.45-3pm

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Bookings essential, please contact Centacare on 8215 6700 or registrations@centacare.org.au

Parent-Teacher Interviews/Learning Conferences

Parent-Teacher Interviews/Learning Conferences will be offered from Monday, April 9 to Thursday, April 12. Bookings are open on Monday, March 19. All Families are strongly encouraged to see their child's teacher.

Information will be sent home on Monday, March 19, this will also be emailed and posted in School Stream.

SCHOLASTIC Book Club



The closing date for the Lucky Book Club is **Wednesday, 21st March**.

Instructions for ordering are in the catalogue. Payment by credit card/debit card needs to be completed online via LOOP—<https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/Parent/Login.aspx>

If paying by cash or cheque please have your payment and order form in a marked envelope and place into the Communication Box for Wednesday morning—21st March (No late orders accepted). Please ensure your child's name and class are on the order form.

Congratulations, Emmaus has earned Scholastic Reward Points to the value of \$210.50 from your children's book orders. This money will be used to add books to our Library. Thank you for helping to achieve this.

Thank you
Wendy Moulder

Meet our School Community
Rewards representative...

Eliza Pryce

**You will be seeing Eliza around our school,
supporting events.**

Eliza is happy to answer any questions you have about *School Community Rewards* – plus she can assist you with your banking so you can do more with your money!

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