

## Calendar of Events

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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*

**Mon 30 Pupil Free Day**

### MAY

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

Tue 15 NAPLAN  
Morphett Vale Sacrament  
Program 5.30pm to 7pm

Wed 16 NAPLAN

Thu 17 NAPLAN  
'Cakes for Change' stall  
6/7MS & Rec DA

Fri 18 **Assembly 1/2M**  
Walk Safely to School  
Day

**Mon 21 Pupil Free Day**

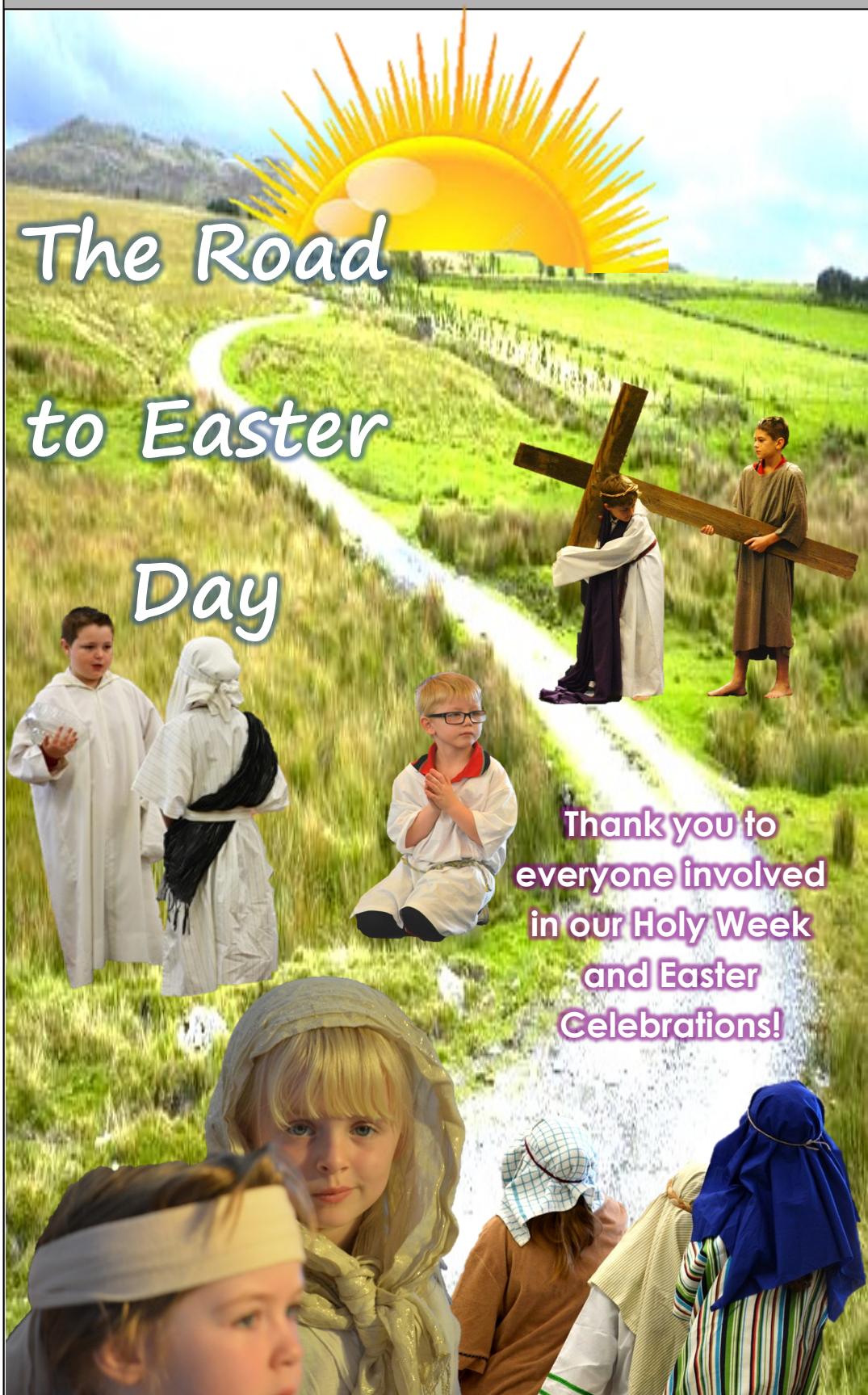
Thu 24 "Cakes for Change" Stall  
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Fri 25 Start of Catholic  
Education Week

Tue 29 Morphett Vale Sacrament  
Program 5.30pm to 7pm

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29<sup>th</sup> March, 2018



**Thank you to  
everyone involved  
in our Holy Week  
and Easter  
Celebrations!**

## From the Principal

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

### Happy Easter

Easter is almost here! During this week our students have been involved in the re-enactment of events leading up to Jesus' crucifixion. This is a tradition at our school and in fact Catholic schools everywhere, and it gives all of us an opportunity to listen to the story again, to see the characters with fresh eyes and to think about how it continues to speak to each of us. We are not alone in our sadness and suffering, Jesus is with us.

We know that Jesus is not dead but very much alive and this hope draws us into the joy of Easter and sustains us in times of struggle. Everyone is invited to celebrate the resurrection here at school, next Tuesday at 11:30am.

### Canberra Trip

Last week I had the pleasure of accompanying our year 6/7s to Canberra on their Senior Year trip. Some of these students had not been on a plane before and most of them had not visited the National Icons that we toured over the week including: The National War Memorial, Parliament House, Old Parliament House, the High Court and the National Portrait Gallery. There was also the CSIRO, Royal Mint, Australian Institute of Sport and Questacon.

I applaud our staff that supervised and cared for these students: Alicia Sandercock, Paul Mensforth, and Ben Ryan and I am also grateful to Maree Fowke for planning our itinerary. This week we will book our trip for next year which will again be for our senior students, who will of course be our year 6s.

### Parent/ Teacher /Student Learning Conversations

Formal interviews/learning conversations will be conducted in week 11 this term. Students should attend these conversations with their family to build the three-way partnership that will support each student through his/her learning journey.

During these learning conversations, you will get a good overview of your child's strengths and weaknesses in all areas. In this way you are best placed to support your child with his/her learning goals. We know that when parents are engaged in their child's learning, the outcomes for children are maximised. This is what we all want for our students – maximum learning. As such, I hope that you will make these learning conversations a priority.

### Sports Day

Friday April 6th we will hold our annual Emmaus Sports Day. Our new PE teacher, Amanda Fairley has poured enormous energy into the organisation of the day and our Emmaus staff will support her to the hilt. Lots of parents have put their names on rosters to sell, cakes and sausages and I am thankful to the P&F for organising this side of the day. We are just praying for sunshine now! Go McAuley! Go MacKillop! Go Marin! Go Coolock! – May the best team win!

Wishing you a hope filled Easter!

Catherine Gurr

### Easter Raffle

Congratulations to those who won prizes. The raffle raised \$860.

We would like to thank everyone for their support with the Easter Raffle.

Thank you from the P&F Committee



*From the APRIM*



### JOURNEY TOWARDS EASTER

“Happy Easter!” Well, almost. There are still a few days to go before we enter into the joys of “Chocolate Land!” Of course, one important thing to do before we loosen our belts on Easter Sunday, is to have a bit of a rethink about what actually happened on the first Easter day.

No doubt, if we had been alive in Jesus’ time we, too, would have been astonished by the miracle of his resurrection. “Jesus’ Resurrection was about breaking out into an entirely new form of life, into a life that is no longer subject to the laws of dying and becoming, but lies beyond it – a life that opens up a new dimension of human existence.” Jesus is WITH US ALWAYS, challenging us and strengthening us to be more.

Now, what would we have been thinking if we were one of Jesus’ followers on that first Easter day? “....they were simply overwhelmed by the reality, but after their initial hesitation and astonishment, they could no longer ignore that reality. It is truly he. He is alive; he has spoken to us; he has allowed us to touch him, even if he no longer belongs to the tangible in the normal way.”

So, when Easter Sunday does arrive we can join with the writer of Psalm 117 in saying, “This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad”. We can rejoice and be glad, because Jesus, through his humanity, has given us the opportunity of true resurrection. However, as the resurrected Jesus said to the once doubting Thomas, “You believe in me Thomas, because you have seen me; happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe.” John 20:29. That’s us.

The eggs and bunnies that we share are symbols of the new life that is found in Jesus. And as commercial as we may think the season has become, we can’t deny the happiness that is experienced in the giving of eggs and the family-times shared. May your Easter be filled with love and happiness and may your family be blessed with new life found in Jesus.

Happy Easter – enjoy those chocolate eggs!

*(Adapted from Prin-Scripts 2012- All Quotes from “Jesus of Nazareth” by Pope Benedict XVI)*

### **Let your LIGHT SHINE this EASTER...and BEYOND...**

Matthew Kelly and the team from Dynamic Catholic have put together a free Lenten Program and some people in our community have been following it. The program includes a daily video message. I thought, as we prepare ourselves for Easter, you might like to be reminded to Let Your Own Light Shine! Click on the image below, scan the QR Code with your smart device/phone or follow this link... <http://dynamiccatholic.com/bestlentever/lent-reflections-2017/let-your-light-shine/>



## HOLY WEEK PRESENTATIONS

On behalf of the whole Emmaus Community, I wish to send our warmest thanks to all the staff and students for their immense work in creating our Holy Week Presentations. There were so many powerful, transformative moments created out of the drama and prayerful scripts.

Thank you also to the many parents and visitors who came to share these experiences with us. Lastly, thank you to our Year 6/7 Seniors Café Team for their dedicated service to others this week!

Our hope is that the story of Jesus, his death and resurrection, will remain in the hearts of our students. It is a powerful story and one which is absolutely alive in the words and actions of anyone who shows unconditional love, compassion, mercy and forgiveness.



**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 13<sup>th</sup> April (Last day of term.)

### 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 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Term 4: Oct 16th Oct 30th Nov 13<sup>th</sup>**

Contact the parish office for more information or to register your child by phone: 8326 1555, via email ([mvparish@internode.net.au](mailto: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 Morphet 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](mailto:pmensforth@emmaus.catholic.edu.au))

## ***Stranger Danger***

*"Students and families are reminded to be wary of approaches from strangers, especially when they are unaccompanied or travelling to and from school. If they are approached students should not respond and should not accept offers of rides or gifts."*

## **Kids Zoom Watch**

**It has come to our attention that a new style of watch has become available for children. This watch has the capacity to take video recordings.**

**Due to the privacy issues the video function causes, students are advised that this style of watch is not appropriate for a school setting and as such may not be worn at school.**

**Please speak to your child's class teacher if you require clarification.**

## **UNIFORM COMMITTEE**

As we commence a new year, we are looking for parent representatives to join our uniform committee. This group of parents meets once a term during the day, with the Principal and the Lowes' representative to ensure our students continue to wear smart uniforms that can withstand the usual wear and tear.

If you are interested, please email an expression of interest to Catherine Gurr - [cgurr@emmaus.catholic.edu.au](mailto:cgurr@emmaus.catholic.edu.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.



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