

Calendar of Events

MAY

- Fri 4 **Assembly 4/5PM**
Mon 7 P&F Meeting 9am
Thu 10 "Cakes for Change" Stall
6/7RM & Rec S
Emmaus Feast Day
Mass at 9.15
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**
(OSHC available)
Thu 24 "Cakes for Change" Stall
3AR
Fri 25 **Start of Catholic**
Education Week
Tue 29 Morphett Vale Sacrament
Program 5.30pm to 7pm
Thu 31 "Cakes for Change" Stall
1/2MR

JUNE

- Fri 1 Assembly REC DA
Early Dismissal 1pm
(2pm Staff Mass @
Cardijn) - OSHC
available
Mon 4 P&F Meeting 9am
Thu 7 "Cakes for Change" Stall
1/2G
Fri 8 **Grandparents Day**
Mon 11 **Queen's Birthday**
Tue 12 Confirmation 7pm at
Mary Help of Christians
Wed 13 Athletics Carnival
Thu 14 "Cakes for Change" Stall
Rec DA
Fri 15 Assembly 1/2MR
Disco

Edition 33

2nd May, 2018

1/2G Swimming



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From the Principal

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back! I hope you all enjoyed the glorious weather over the holidays and that you had some time to relax with family and friends.

We are of course straight back into it! Finishing last term with Parent/Teacher/Student learning conversations, gave students a good basis for setting their learning goals for term 2. I encourage all of you to discuss with your child what he or she sees as their goals for this term and how you will support them at home to achieve their goals.

Soccer

Term 2 means Soccer! This year we have 5 teams competing against other local teams in the Noarlunga District Junior Soccer Association. A HUGE thank you goes to Kylie Vogt who is again co-ordinating all of these teams and liaising with the NDJSA regarding fixtures and association expectations. I also want to thank all of the parents who have stepped up to coach these teams and the parents who have offered to be team managers and support the coach and Kylie with the soccer season.

As there has been in the past, we will continue to host a BBQ for all home soccer games and the expectation is that parents take turns during the game to cook and serve sausages. There will be a roster drawn up for each team and we ask people to organise their own swaps if they are unable to help when rostered. In this way, we share the load and raise much needed funds for our soccer teams which will be spent on goalie uniforms, balls, referees etc. Your help with this BBQ is both needed and appreciated.

Clubs

This year we will again be offering our students the opportunity to develop their interests and passion with after school clubs. This term there will be:

Maths Extension Club (Yr 4-7) – Kristy Stewart

JP Art Club (R-2) – Justine Raponi

JP Dance Club (R-2) – Georgia Richardson

Primary Dance Club (Yr 3-7) – Ellen Gurr

JP Stem Club (R-2) – Laura Spurling

This term the cost for all clubs will be \$15 and all will run 3:15 until 4:15. Permission and payment must be received before students can participate in these clubs and numbers will need to be limited to ensure adequate space and resources for those involved. Places will be offered on a first come basis. We intend to introduce further clubs over this term and into next term. Look out for notes coming home separately.

Playground

Our playground is almost ready and our students are itching to get on and play. We are awaiting the delivery of bark chips which will be used as soft fall under the play equipment. I have been told Tuesday next week the work will be finished.

Child safety at Emmaus

We take the safety of our students very seriously at Emmaus. Everything from the playground to classrooms to camps and excursions (and much more) are carefully planned and assessed. We explicitly teach students how to keep themselves and others safe both online and in their real world environment. Child safety is not just a job for teachers though but for all staff and community members. We all want to keep our children safe. To support us with this, there are a number of policies and guidelines which have been developed for schools and parents to use. These are listed below for your awareness. I encourage all of you to be vigilant in terms of child safety and report any concerns to myself or directly to the Child Abuse Report Line (CARL): 131 478 or you can make an online report at: <https://www.childprotection.sa.gov.au/reporting-child-abuse>
[Policy for the Care, Wellbeing and Protection of Children and Young People 2011](#)
[Cybersafety: Keeping Children Safe in a Connected World](#)
[Keeping Safe: Child Protection Curriculum](#)

Have a good weekend everyone,

God bless,
Catherine

EMMAUS FEAST DAY - A GREAT REASON TO CELEBRATE!

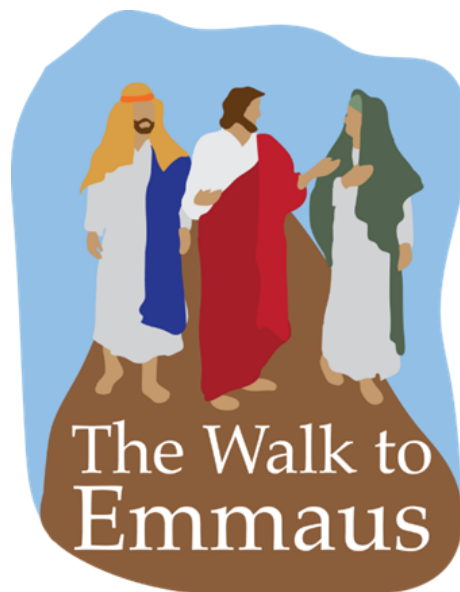


Next Thursday 10th May, we will celebrate our Emmaus Feast Day. This is always a special day for our school community and a day we remember the important story from which our school receives its name - the story of the walk to Emmaus, from Luke's Gospel. In this story, we hear about two disciples who are traveling to the town of Emmaus about 15 km from Jerusalem, after Jesus had been crucified and had risen from the dead. Jesus joins them but they do not recognise him. It seems strange that they don't recognise Jesus. *But is it so strange? Do we always recognise Jesus in our busy lives?*

Jesus explains the scripture to them and tells them about everything that has happened to Jesus including his death and resurrection but they still don't know who he is. *Do we recognise God speaking to us when we hear the readings at Mass? Do we remember that Jesus is present at every mass we attend, in the people who are there, in the priest and in the bread and wine?*

Jesus goes to walk on but the disciples ask him to stay with them. Later the disciples recognise Jesus when he breaks bread with them. *Do we realise that Jesus is with us in the simple events in our daily life, as we walk to school, as we talk to friends, or as we share a meal with family and friends?*

Jesus then disappears from their sight. The disciples quickly return to Jerusalem to tell the apostles and others about their experience. *Do we have the courage to tell others about our faith and our beliefs? Do we talk to our children about faith and the importance of spirituality?*



Emmaus Catholic School is certainly a community on a journey with Jesus. We see and experience the presence of Jesus all around us.

We invite all families to join us to celebrate our Feast Day whole school Mass on Thursday 10th May at 9.15am.



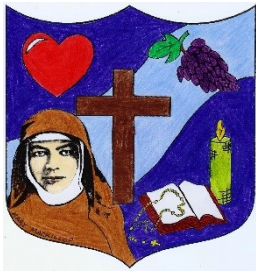
SUPPORTING PROJECT COMPASSION IN 2018

As part of our Emmaus Feast Day activities, students will be completing our annual **Caritas Walk for Others**. We invite each student to **donate a gold coin** to Caritas Project Compassion and complete the challenge, which involves collecting and carrying water on a trek around the school. More information about our activities and the Caritas Walk can be found in the Emmaus Feast Day note. If your family still has your Project Compassion box at home, these can be returned to the front office as soon as possible.

EMMAUS HOUSE TEAMS

With the upcoming celebration of our feast day, it is a good opportunity to recall the origins of our house names. Our students take great pride in their house teams and it has proven to be a great system for strengthening the student community and providing leadership opportunities across the school. Each of our house teams gets its name from an important person or place. These people and places reflect the ideals that the Emmaus story describes...

MacKillop House- Blue



The Sisters of Saint Joseph (founded by Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop) first went to Morphett Vale in June 1870. They lived and taught in a cottage on the property of a parishioner. Later they moved into a convent (where Mary Help of Christians Church now stands.) Father Peter Hughes, parish priest at that time, lifted the sentence of excommunication from Mary MacKillop on 22nd February 1872 in the sacristy of the 'Old Church' at Morphett Vale Parish.

McAuley House- Yellow



Catherine McAuley was the founder of the Sisters of Mercy. Catherine's concern for the marginalised was equalled by her wisdom and she intended that the wealthy would be brought into daily contact with the struggles of the poor. Two Sisters of Mercy continued the education of children in a Catholic School in Morphett Vale Parish. Sr Marita was the last Mercy Sister who was principal at Antonio School in the 1970s.

Marin House- Green



Father Dean Marin was the parish priest who saw the needs of the children in a growing parish community and was instrumental in establishing another parish school— Emmaus. He suggested the name for our school—as we journey together with Jesus. Father Marin was thrilled to have a House named after him and wished to let the school community know 'how honoured' he was to be remembered in this way.

Coolock House- Red



At Coolock House, in Dublin, Catherine McAuley gave catechetical instructions to household servants and the poor village children. Catherine's dream for her congregation of the Sisters of Mercy was for her sisters to: 'educate poor girls, to lodge and maintain poor young women who are in danger...and to visit the sick and poor. Coolock House, in the Morphett Vale Parish area, continues the work of Catherine McAuley today.

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 2: 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 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)



The closing date for the Lucky Book Club is **Tuesday, 15th May**.

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 Tuesday morning—15th May (No late orders accepted). *Please ensure your child's name and class are on the order form.*

Overdue Library Book Notices will be sent home next week. Please help your child to look for any Emmaus library Books and return them. Barcodes are on front covers (bottom left) and all picture Books have a large green spot top right. Thanks in anticipation of your help.

Thank you
Wendy Moulder

Baby News

We congratulate Maddison-Rose and Bailey Spencer (RS) on the safe arrival of their new daughter and sister, Georgia. We wish this little girl and her family all the best.



Ice Blocks

Ice blocks at lunch time have finished and will recommence in Term 4.

Many thanks to the amazing volunteers who gave up their time to sell ice blocks during Term one, especially those who jumped in at the last minute to cover shifts.

Thank you also to the year 6/7 students who assisted.

Thank you

Piano Lessons

Please Note: There will be no piano lessons with Lois next Thursday, May 10 due the Emmaus Feast Day.



Jottings from Joy



Perhaps your child could benefit from this educational program to assist dealing with change and loss....

Seasons for Growth® is based on the belief that change and loss are part of life and grief is a normal response to these losses. Children, young people and adults need the opportunity to learn about how death, separation, divorce, chronic illness or other significant loss events may impact on their lives. The *Seasons for Growth*® program provides an opportunity for participants to learn the knowledge, skills and attitudes required to understand and respond well to such experiences. This is a small group program which meets during school hours, to:

- ◇ support children and young people to understand and respond well to the issues they experience as a result of death, separation, divorce or other significant change and loss in their lives
- ◇ assist children and young people to understand that their feelings and other reactions are normal
- ◇ develop skills for coping, problem solving and decision making
- ◇ build a peer support network
- ◇ help restore self-confidence and self-esteem
- ◇ educate children and young people about the grief process.

If you think your child would benefit from participating in a Seasons for Growth group, with our Chaplain Joy as their “Companion” talk to him/her about participating in the program.

To express your interest or obtain further information please email jsaba@emmaus.catholic.edu.au or use the tear-off slip below. The first group will commence by the middle of Term 2.

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SEASONS FOR GROWTH – Loss and Change program at Emmaus Catholic School in Term 2

Parent/s Name/s:

Best contact: phone: Email:

Child's name: Class:

Short explanation of loss situation & date:

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☐ I would like more information about Seasons ☐ I would like my child to participate in a group

Please return to Joy Saba via the Front Office, or email jsaba@emmaus.catholic.edu.au



What to do when children press your buttons

This workshop will assist parents/carers with:

- 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

CRECHE AVAILABLE

Bookings essential, please contact Centacare on 8215 6700 or
Email your details to: registrations@centacare.org.au

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



Police Checks

In 2017 the Catholic Church in SA foreshadowed changes to some of the arrangements relating to police checks for volunteers. These changes are consistent with moves across South Australia to align the volunteer police checking process more closely with recommendations arising from the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse.

Acceptable Forms of Clearances:

Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide—Police Check Unit (letter or card)

Department for Families and Social Inclusion—DCSI Child-Related Employment Screening (valid for 3 years);

Teachers Registration Board—South Australian TRB Certificate;

SA Police Officer—SAPOL Badge;

Licensed Bus Driver—Accreditation Card/Bus licence or company engagement documentation which states the driver is fully accredited by DPTI;

Licensed Security Guard (OCBA);

People who must have a Police Check:

Parents/Guardians/Grandparents or anyone volunteering on a regular basis and on excursions.

Students completing work experience at Emmaus.

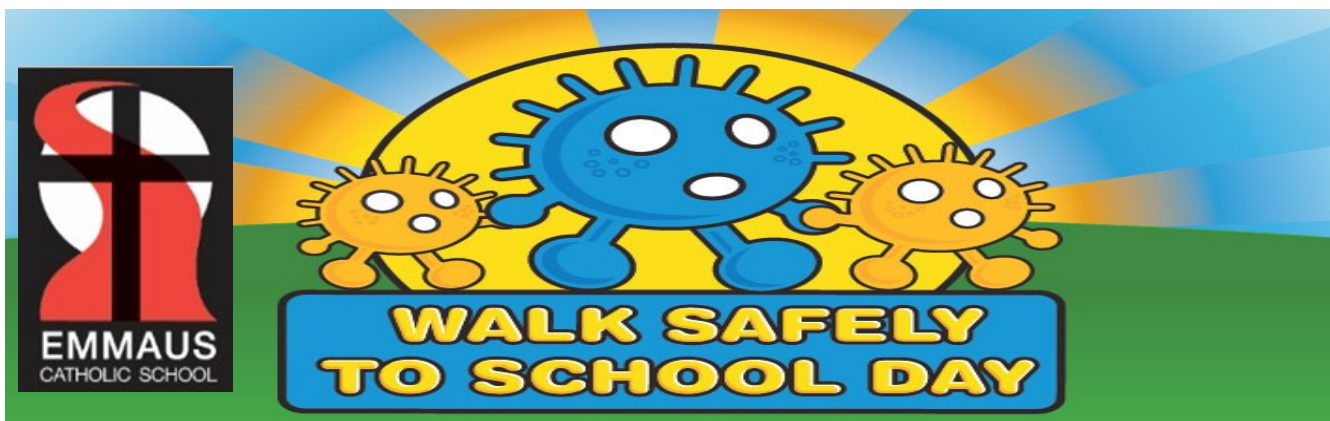
Volunteers who come in occasionally and are supervised, e.g in the classroom with a teacher or assisting at a P&F event (under direct supervision of someone who has a Police Clearance), may do so without a Police Check up to 7 times in a calendar year.

Please note—National Police Certificates are no longer acceptable.

For further information please see Monica or Maree in the Front Office.

N.B. Applications generally take approximately 6 weeks to process, sometimes longer.

Would you please ensure if you have one of the acceptable clearances, that you bring this to the office for copying. Thank you



WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL 2018

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

WE'RE TAKING IT IN OUR STRIDE ON FRIDAY 18 MAY 2018

Well it's that time of year again when our school seriously starts talking about walking!

Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. As walking all the way to school isn't realistic for many of us we will be meeting at the **Woodcroft Playground on Pimpala Road.**

Arrive at Woodcroft Playground (meet under the rotunda) at **8:15 am** **Emmaus staff will be present to walk the children to Emmaus.**

Depart Woodcroft Playground for Emmaus at **8:30 am**



Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes. It also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic.

Remember, Active Kids are Smarter Kids so hopefully we will see you on our own Walk Safely to School Day journey on **Friday, 18 May 2018!**

CORPUS CHRISTI MASS

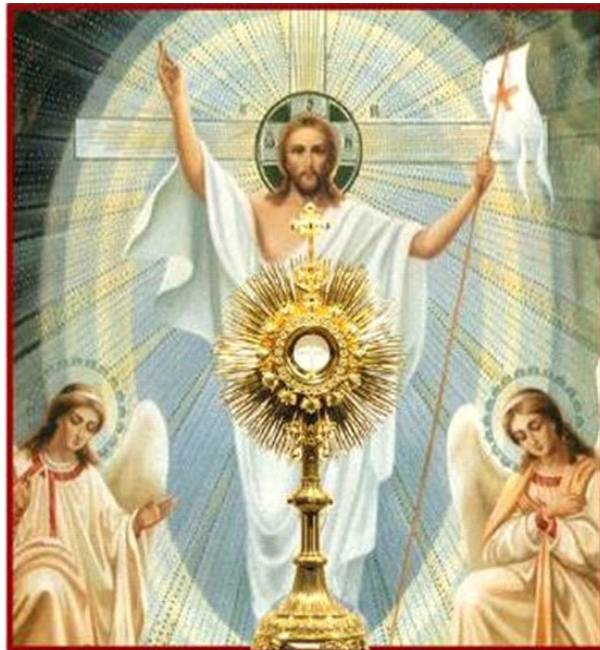
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PROCESSION

(Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ)

Sunday 3rd June 2018

**Mary Help of Christians Church
Corner of Bains Rd & South Rd, Morphett Vale**



Mass begins at 10.00am

followed by Eucharistic Procession

around the local streets, stopping at three altars en-route
for prayers and hymns, concluding in MHC Church with Benediction.
You are then invited to remain for a BBQ which will be held outside the Parish Hall.
Please bring a plate of cakes/biscuits to share!

All invited to remain for a BBQ

Gold Coin Donation

All welcome!

All enquiries—8326 1555

OZ ROSARY #53 AROUND AUSTRALIA

In October 2017, on the Feast of Our Lady of Victory, later to be known as Our Lady of the Rosary, well over one million lay people gathered in Poland around the Polish borders to pray the Rosary for the protection of their country and to intercede for their young people.

Ireland then followed with well over thirty thousand lay people gathering at fifty-three venues around the country, many of them on the coastal beaches and hills overlooking the ocean.

The number 53 was chosen because there are 53 Hail Marys in the Rosary. After Ireland, Italy's coastal parishes organised the Rosary.



**This GREAT SOUTHLAND of the
HOLY SPIRIT NEEDS the Rosary**

England and France are now organising their big Rosary events on the 28th and 29th April respectively.

Organisers in England already have over 160 groups volunteering to gather and pray on beaches, cliffs and in public places around the entire coast of the U.K.

On Sunday 13th May, Fatima Day, Australia will hold their own big national Rosary right around the country. A group of Sydney people under the patronage of Bishop David Cremin have been busy organising the event since November 2017.

Already many groups have registered on the Oz Rosary Facebook site to participate in the event. Rosary and prayer groups from Queensland, Canberra, Bathurst, Oberon, Greystanes, Cabramatta, Forbes, Tasmania, Adelaide and West Wyalong have registered to pray.

Many others have expressed interest in being one of the 53 venues or more to participate in the occasion.

**We will be gathering from 4.00pm to 5.30pm
to pray the Rosary in front of the Blessed Sacrament
in Mary Help of Christians Church.**

Please come and join us as we pray for our country and our youth!

Sunday 13th May 2018

4.00pm – 5.30pm

Mary Help of Christians Church

for the Recitation of the Holy Rosary