

## Calendar of Events

### MAY

- Fri 18 **Assembly 1/2M**  
Walk Safely to School  
Day
- Mon 21 **Pupil Free Day**  
(OSHC available)
- 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
- 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**
- Wed 20 Little Learners,  
New Receptions  
Info Night 6.30pm
- Thu 21 "Cakes for Change" Stall  
1/2MT
- Tue 26 Morphett Vale Sacrament  
Program 5.30pm to 7pm
- Thu 28 "Cakes for Change" Stall  
4/5H
- Fri 29 Assembly 6/7s
- TBC Netball Carnival
- JULY**
- Fri 6 **Last day of Term**  
**Normal finish 3.05pm**

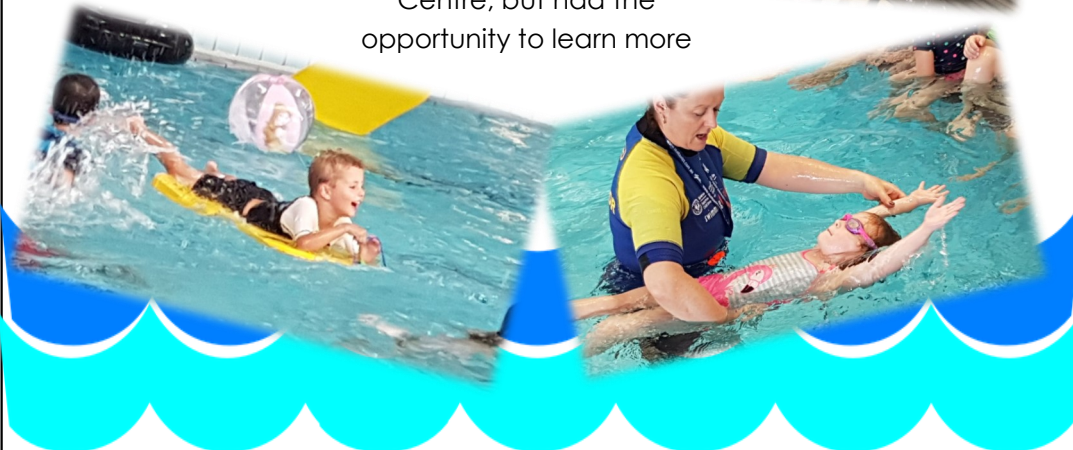


# Junior Primary Swimming 2018



Thank you to the parents,  
staff and everyone in our  
community who  
supported our Junior  
Primary Swimming  
program

The students not only had a  
wonderful time at  
the Noarlunga Swimming  
Centre, but had the  
opportunity to learn more



## From the Principal

Dear Families and Caregivers,

We have quickly settled into the routine of learning with a few key highlights you might have heard about from your child/ren.

### Emmaus Feast Day

Last week we celebrated our Emmaus Feast Day. We do this every year as a school, shortly after Easter, when the Gospel centres around Jesus' appearance to the disciples after His resurrection. This personal encounter with the risen Lord, inspire these two disciples to share their story and to continue Jesus' work. We share that story often at our school and we continue to be challenged to see Jesus in those around us and to follow in His footsteps – making a difference in our world. I hope you enjoyed some of the photos of this great day on FB. "May our hearts burn within us"!

### Mothers Day Stall

A big thank you to Anita Fenech and Monica Ellis for their amazing work purchasing and organising gifts for our Mothers Day Stall. All of our children were able to buy something for their mum and or grandma, ready to give out on Sunday morning. I hope all our mums enjoyed their special day.

### NAPLAN

This has been a big week at Emmaus as our year 3, 5, and 7 students participated in the National Assessment Programme for Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). We encouraged all our students to simply do their best. We reminded students that these tests did not measure their potential nor their creativity or compassion or getting along skills.

Because we need to wait so long before we receive the results of these tests, the information we receive about individual students is limited and usually out of date by the time we receive it. The tests are however are a useful way for the school to measure its progress with the teaching and learning of numeracy and literacy.

I am very proud of all our students who sat the tests this year, for their ability to remain calm under pressure. We continue to prepare for our students to move to the online version of these tests in 2019.

### Playground

The other reason we have had a big week this week, is that the Playground has finally been opened and our students have FINALLY been allowed to play on it – boy did they make up for lost time! It has been very exciting for our students who watched patiently as the old playground was demolished and the new one constructed.

The new Playground has prompted a few new rules with both playgrounds. Students ARE allowed to play on the playground before school – when the teacher is on duty. Students can play on the playground after school, as long as their own parent/caregiver is supervising them. JP and Primary students still have to play on their own playgrounds at lunch and recess times.

We have just started the process to replace the JP Playground before the end of this year. Watch this space.....

### OSHC

Our OSHC staff have introduced a Home Learning Table in the afternoon OSHC sessions and OSHC staff are taking time to listen to children read before they are collected each night. This has proved popular with both students and families. Planning for the June holidays, Vacation Care has commenced. If your child accessed the April Holiday Vac Care programme, you are invited to complete this short survey to help staff plan an engaging set of activities. (Students have also given feedback about their holiday experiences in OSHC). <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Z7C98HR>

Have a good weekend everyone.

God bless,  
Catherine



## For those who have died...

As a community, we stand together with Brenton and Sandra and their family as they grieve the loss of Gareth, Thomas and Jerome Renshaw's older brother. We send them our prayers, our thoughts and our love, especially during this time.



We also stand together with Kerin Tinnion and her family (a past family) as they grieve the loss of Kerin's Father, Alan; Grandfather to Joshua, Christian and Ethan.

*Dear God, you created everything and you are the source of all things. We understand the cycle of things and the timely changing of seasons. We thank you for the gift of life with which you have blessed us. We thank you for our families who love and care for us. We thank you for the special memories that we have to remember each other. We know that you are always with us. Help us in times of sadness and give us strength. Amen.*

## Student Safety

*"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.*

*Students should seek the assistance of other nearby adults if they feel unsafe and should report the event to a trusted adult (parent or school staff member) as soon as possible.*

*SAPOL advises that taking out a mobile phone and calling police can deter the offender and they recommend the student making a formal report to their closest police station."*

## School Community Rewards is now on

facebook



Keep up to date on all the latest program offers, news and ideas for schools and families

 [facebook.com/school-community-rewards](https://facebook.com/school-community-rewards)

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*From the APRIM*

### OUR DAILY CHOICES AND THE PERSON WE ARE GROWING TO BE

As part of our big concept for learning this term, 'Sustainability- enough for all, forever,' the Middle School classes are learning more about making moral decisions. This Religious Education topic is extremely important for our young adolescent learners and they have grappled with a number of big questions so far. One part of the learning has been trying to define the connection between 'right' and 'wrong' choices and the concepts of 'good' and 'evil'- no small feat for anyone, let alone Year 6/7 students!

Students were asked to place characters from books or movies on a continuum from 'good' to 'evil' and explain the reasons for their placement. This led to some vigorous discussions and opened up questions about levels of wrong choices, God and the Trinity, God's relationship with humankind, the Holy Spirit's influence when we make decisions and how God is the measure of 'goodness' in the world. There were many changes made with great reasoning and these conversations could have continued for many hours! Here is a photo showing how our adolescent learners constructed the continuum during the lesson.



### HELPING OUR CHILDREN MAKE 'RIGHT' CHOICES

'The doors we open and close each day decide the lives we live.' On a daily basis we are all faced with making choices.

Remember when our children were emerging from their infancy and were in the "terrible two's" category? One word they loved to use was "No" and child development experts told us that they were testing their sense of power in their world and were beginning to realise they have some control or choice over the situations they are in. We were told to respect our children's wishes some of the time, so that they could have a healthy experience of their own power. We were told that when they were teens, their earlier healthy experiences would enable them to make the right choice when their peers encouraged them to do something they may not want to do.

In a similar way, we were told that parents who wanted to be their children's friend instead of their parent and never said "no" themselves, ran the risk of raising children who have a misguided sense that they are "all powerful". Their children think that their choices are always right and so they don't need to respect other people, especially adults or people in authority.

Children need to be eased into decision making from an early age, because as they grow, so do the number of choices they have to make; not only will the number grow, so will the complexity. Making a choice takes a balance of self-confidence and the mental stability to think through the consequences of the decision. As parents, we can model good choice-making skills and verbalise our decision making process, when appropriate, to illustrate to our children how to work through options and consequences. It is important that we teach our children to think well about the consequences of any choice, so the best choice can be made in the prevailing circumstances.

Helpful parenting will offer our children guidance rather than answers and will ask leading questions instead of giving directions. We might have to witness our children make mistakes but this can help them handle wrong choices in the future. Of course, in these circumstances we need to be compassionate and avoid belittling.

One important way to assist our children in good choice making is to encourage them to form positive friendships, because children are likely to make the same choices as their closest friends make. This means that the friends our children have and the choices their friends make, will have quite an influence on our children's decision making. It would be most encouraging for us, as parents, to know that if we have skilled our own children well, they can be a positive influence on their friends.

As parents, we are constantly under observation by our children. Our children's ability to make good choices is in our hands.

*(Adapted from PRINSCRIPTS 2012)*



*From the APRIM cont.*



## PROJECT COMPASSION FOR A JUST FUTURE

### SUPPORTING PROJECT COMPASSION IN 2018

As part of our Emmaus Feast Day activities, students created a beautiful coin artwork to raise money for **Caritas Project Compassion**. Each student was invited to bring a small bag of coins to include in their House Team's Helping Hand Coin Artwork. It was a great activity where students really considered how they could have an impact in the world and make their dreams for the world come true!

**Congratulations to McAuley House who raised the largest amount in their hand artwork- a fantastic \$160.00.** MacKillop raised \$155.40, Coolock raised \$138.85 and Marin raised \$125.20! That is a **total of \$579.45 for Caritas!** With the money raised on our Bread and Rice Day, along with donations through Project Compassion boxes, **as a school we have raised a grand total of \$1207.20!** Thanks to the students and the families of the Emmaus Community for helping make such a difference in the world!



### CELEBRATING SACRAMENTS- CONFIRMATION



Congratulations to Jasmine Ellis who has recently celebrated her Confirmation. This is a very special part of her faith journey. Jasmine celebrated at St Luke's Catholic Church at Noarlunga on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May, with Archbishop Philip Wilson presiding. We pray that the Spirit continues to be with Jasmine and each day she uses the Spirit's gifts of courage, wisdom, knowledge, understanding, right judgement, reverence, and awe and wonder.

*From the APRIM cont.*

### 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 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 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 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](mailto:pmensforth@emmaus.catholic.edu.au))

### **Sandpit Toy Drive**



The Junior Primary Learning Community is asking families to donate any kitchenware, bakeware or gardening tools (made of metal or hardy materials) that could be used as play equipment in the Junior Primary sandpit. Examples could include cake tins, pots and pans, ladles, sieves or Tupperware.



We thank you in advance for your generosity and support ☺



# **CORPUS CHRISTI MASS**

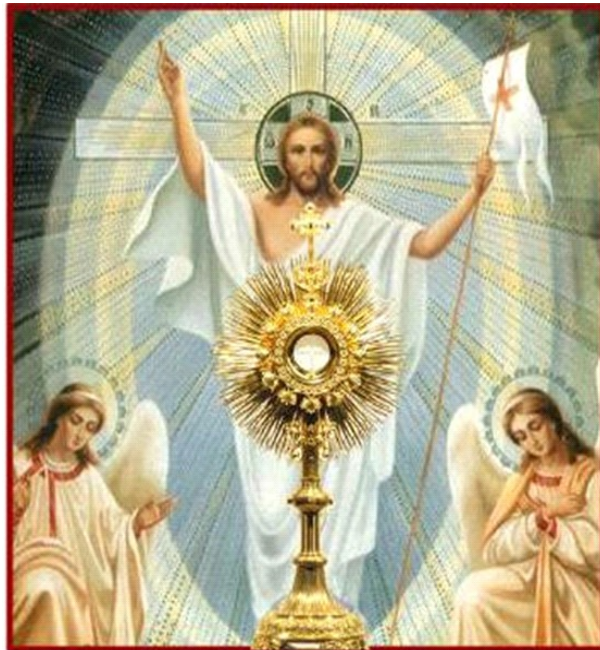
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# **PROCESSION**

(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***

# 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 express interest in your child participating in this group, please email [jsaba@emmaus.catholic.edu.au](mailto:jsaba@emmaus.catholic.edu.au) or use the tear-off slip below.



### **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: .....

☐ I would like more information about Seasons

☐ I would like my child to participate in a group

## **Book now for our FREE parenting course.....**

## **What to do when children press your buttons**

### **Venue:**

Emmaus Catholic Primary School  
2 Todd St  
Woodcroft

### **Date:**

Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 2018

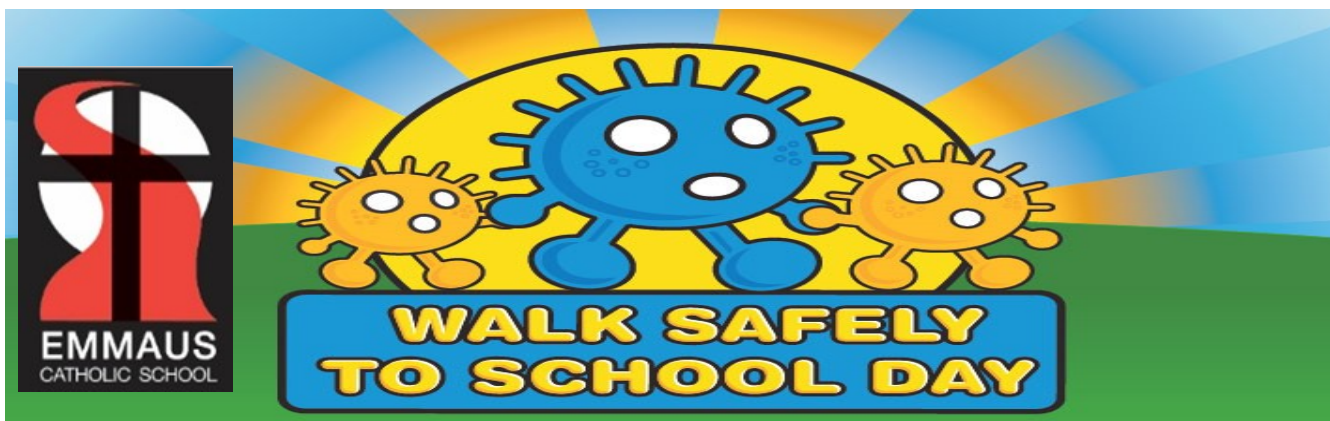
### **Time:**

1.45-3pm

**CRECHE AVAILABLE**

**Bookings essential, please contact Centacare on 8215 6700 or email your details to:**  
[registrations@centacare.org.au](mailto:registrations@centacare.org.au)





# 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!**

SRC Representatives  
2018 Semester One  
Term 2

Class	Name
<u>Reception RS</u> Brooke Shirley	Billy Davidson
<u>Reception RDA</u> Andrea de Dezsery	Victoria Powney
<u>Year 1/2M</u> Mrs Millemaci	James Kernot
<u>Year 1 / 2 G</u> Mirta Groeschel	Christian Monsigneur
<u>Year 1/2 MR</u> Danielle McNab Rebecca Riley	Mackenzie Benham
<u>Year 3AR</u> Mrs Adams Mrs Raponi	Nicholas Tippins
<u>Year 4/5PM</u> Mrs Payton Mrs Mc Mahon	Ruby Kerrison
<u>Year 4/5 H</u> Ms Fairley Miss Houareau	Derick Robert
<u>Year 6/7 RM</u> Mr Ryan Mrs McKay	House and Vice Captains Alexandra Meneses Immanuel Abornoz Viveros Tyler McDonald Darcie Hood
<u>Year 6/7MS</u> Mr Mensforth Mrs Sandercock	House and Vice Captains Abbey Veltnam Maddy Willoughby