

Calendar of Events

JULY

Fri 27 Assembly 1/2G

Mon 30 Photo Day

Tue 31 July to Fri 2 Aug -

Learning Conferences
(Parent/Teacher
Interviews)

ICAS English testing for
nominated students

AUGUST

Thu 2 "Cakes for Change" Stall
4/5PM

Tue 7 Morphett Vale Sacrament
Program 5.30pm to 7pm

Thu 9 **Cross Country Carnival**
"Cakes for Change" Stall
6/7RM

Whole School Mass
Mary MacKillop

Fri 10 No Assembly

Sat 11 Quiz Night

Wed 15 Feast of Assumption
Whole School Mass
9.15am

Thu 16 "Cakes for Change" Stall
3AR

Year 6/7 Cardijn
Immersion Day

Fri 17 Assembly RecS

Tue 21 **BOOK WEEK**
Morphett Vale Sacrament
Program 5.30pm to 7pm

Thu 23 "Cakes for Change" Stall
1/2MR

Thu 30 "Cakes for Change" Stall
Father's Day Stall

Fri 31 Pupil Free Day

SEPTEMBER

Mon 3 P&F Meeting 9am

Tue 4 Morphett Vale Sacrament
Program 5.30pm to 7pm

Thu 6 "Cakes for Change" Stall
RecS

Fri 7 Assembly 3AR

The MUSIC ROOM

is a very busy place. We dance, sing,
compose, create, perform, sing in the
Choir and play in the Ukulele Band.

See more at

<http://emmausmusic.edublogs.org>.



A smile is the universal Welcome

My younger days were spent in the outer suburbs of Melbourne although in those days large chunks of bushland separated the suburbs and they were more like separate villages than suburbs. We used to spend a lot of our time riding all over the neighbourhood, climbing through fences to get to the good yabbing dams and exploring the local creeks for treasure, especially when they were in flood. (I haven't told my mother about the time I fell through the debris into the flooded creek and luckily had my older, stronger brother there to grab my arm and pull me out before I disappeared, probably best that it remains with the other things I have neglected to tell her!)

When I left primary school, I went to an alternative high school that had no uniforms, used students to build mud brick buildings and shingled dome shelter areas, and had a policy of all staff being called by their Christian names. As our sport field was literally a field on the other side of the train tracks that required us to chase the cows away before a PE lesson and to dodge the manure during the lesson I never explored sport beyond the football that was virtually mandatory for all of us in our little suburban village.

I had some amazing learning experiences there; got to do things I had never done before and felt like a valued, important member of that community.

It was initially a bit of a shock to my system when I moved to Adelaide and arrived at a school that was much more traditional in its approach to rules, regulations and relationships. My mud brick making and shingling skills were not really of much value there. I did however discover that I could run quite fast, particularly if it was in a straight line and not too far, that I was not too shabby on a lathe and that I could develop relationships even though the staff were addressed more formally. I had the opportunity to participate in the more formal aspects of student leadership that this school offered.

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I got to experience two vastly different educational outlooks but what both offered for me were people who saw value in me, were prepared to put time and effort in to me but expected that I would fulfill my side of the bargain by giving as much as I received. That has been my experience all through life whether it was at school, university or when I was working behind a bar or in the greengrocers. Even when I left university part way through a building course, got on a train to Melbourne and got a job as a printer (my poor mother got a phone call from me saying, "Hi Mum, I have left Uni, I am in Melbourne and have got a job. I will let you know more when I work it out." How did she put up with me?) I was a bit lost and unsure of what I really wanted out of life and a wonderful man that I worked with sat and talked with me over many lunches and helped me clarify what I wanted to do with my life. I never really got to thank Dave for being such a wonderful mentor for me. Thanks to Dave and so many others I am doing what I really want to do, how lucky am I to have had so many inspirational people to support and guide me.

This year I have once again had the opportunity to experience a school quite different from the school I am currently in. It was much smaller than Emmaus and was very culturally diverse, 22 nationalities represented in a school of 90 children. What it had in common though was the very strong community feeling and the warmth with which it welcomed people into the community.

From the Deputy Principal cont.

I would like to thank everybody for the warm welcome I have received on my return to Emmaus; it was like returning to home after an extended absence, I was blessed to have the opportunity to be a part of a different school community and equally blessed to be able to return to a school that places great value on welcome, personal connection and the support of all in our community.

We all have that role to play in the lives of those around us. Often we do not even realize that something we have said or done has had such a huge impact on a life. All we can do is put time and effort in to those around us and expect that they will fulfill their side of the bargain by giving as much as they receive.

"The greatest good you can do for another is not just to share your riches but to reveal to them their own." Benjamin Disraeli

Gary Pascoe
Deputy Principal

After School - Student Safety

Families are reminded at the beginning and end of day to use the pedestrian crossing in the car park.



**Would you please be vigilant with pre-schoolers around the school grounds, especially near the car park;
*children can be unpredictable.***

We care about everyone's safety. Thank you

TRANSFORMATION THROUGH PRAYER...

“The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.” *Romans 8:26-27*

“Prayer has to do with breathing. The way we were taught to pray was almost exclusively cerebral. We confined our prayer to inside the shell of the cranium. It is conceivable that one can have thousands of holy thoughts and holy words about God within one’s mind and yet be totally away from God. Sometimes people pray the prayers that they have learned. Because these prayers are so often said by rote, the heavy ideology and perceptions that are hidden in their phrases are seldom noticed.

Prayer makes a clearance. It is the liberation of God from our hungers, needs, and images. Prayer allows God to be God. And prayer also allows our secret selves to be themselves. This is a recommendation that Meister Eckhart makes again and again: be who you are. This is one of the great spiritual duties.

To pray is to come into presence. It is about leaving the heavy emotional, cognitive, and ideological baggage outside the door. When you sit down and come into the presence it is then that you are most yourself. This presence is the nearest thing to us.

In being yourself completely, you clear the clutter and accretions that have formed around your emotions, spirit, and mind. In being yourself, your original essence can approach the place it came from, that is, God.

Maybe this is the ground for the union of which the mystics speak. God would no doubt love to unite with you as you are now; but there are some protrusions in his way, he cannot therefore embrace you completely. Prayer is about clearance. Prayer is attention and gathering. You attempt to free yourself for this natural and primal union with God the Source.

When a well awakens the mind, new possibilities begin to flow, and you find within yourself a depth and excitement that you never knew you had. This art of awakening is suggested by the Irish writer James Stephens, who said,

“The only barrier is our readiness.”

We often remain exiles, left outside the rich world of the soul, simply because we are not ready. Our task is to refine our hearts and minds. There is so much blessing and inner beauty near us that is destined for us, and yet it cannot enter our lives because we are not ready to receive it. The handle is on the door; only we can open it.”

John O'Donohue (From “Anam Cara: The Book of Celtic Wisdom.”)



*Calm me, quiet me, settle me... Steady me, balance me, ground me...
Plant me, root me, embed me... Support me, sustain me, protect me...
Forgive me, pardon me, free me... Refresh me, restore me, heal me...
Enfold me, embrace me, hold me... Lord, hear my prayer today...*

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 3: 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)



Good News

Mya Croser (Graduate 2017), has been selected to compere the 2018 Catholic Schools Music Festival.

We're proud of you Mya!



School Photo Day is: **Monday 30th July**

Please take time to read the relevant information on the MSP Photography payment envelopes and remember these helpful points

Don't seal envelopes inside each other. You can pay for all children in one envelope however each child needs to have their own envelope on photo day

Family envelopes are still available at the front office. Please enclose correct money as no change is given. Cash, cheques, credit card and money orders accepted.

For any enquiries, please feel free to contact us
e: admin.adelaidesouth@msp.com.au or p 08 83913951



The closing date for the Lucky Book Club is **Thursday, 9th August.**

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 Thursday morning—9th August (No late orders accepted). *Please ensure your child's name and class are on the order form.*

Thank you,
Wendy Moulder

School Banking Information Session

Our school is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students.

School Banking is a fun, interactive and engaging way for young Australians to learn about money and develop good savings habits. Children who deposit money into their Youthsaver account through School Banking earn Dollarmites tokens, which they can save up and redeem for exciting rewards.

The rewards available during 2018 are:

Twister Power Handball

Secret Scratch Pad (NO LONGER AVAILABE)

Sparkle Glitter Pens

Glow Light

Mighty Boom Handball

Heat Reactor Pencils

Slushie Maker Cup

Zoom Flying Disc



School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. Our school receives a Regular Savers Contribution of \$5 for every 10 deposits processed per student as well as an Annual Contribution which is based on the number of students who made at least one School Banking deposit in the prior year.

School Banking day is Monday

We will be holding a School Banking Information Session at our school:

Time: 8.30 – 9am

Date: Term 3, Friday 17th August

Location: Near your School Office

Please join us and find out more about the School Banking program and how your child can get involved.

If you are interested in opening a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account for your child you can visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking and click on the link to open a Youthsaver account. A School Banking representative will be available at the Information Session to show you how you can do this. In order to verify yourself and your child, you will need your driver's licence and your child's birth certificate, but if you don't have these with you on the day, you can complete verification online at home.

Lucas is coming to Emmaus Catholic School

A special Dollarmites visitor is coming to Emmaus Catholic School.

Lucas is excited to see you all in Term 3 on **Friday 17th August** at your Schools Assembly.

Remember, School Banking day is every **MONDAY**.



PARENTS in EDUCATION WEEK

Free expert sessions for parents

Behaviours for learning and wellbeing: skills for life.
Learn how to help your child to develop behaviours to be their best.

28 to 30 August 2018

Adelaide Entertainment Centre, Star Room

Get involved!



In person



View online

Join us at the live sessions, live stream the content or watch on-demand until November 30

Tuesday 28 August
7pm-8.45pm

How to live positively in a digital world

Balance screen-time
with children's learning
and development



Linda Cranley
University of
Notre Dame



Genevieve Johnson
La Trobe University

Wednesday 29 August
7pm-8.45pm

Behaviours for learning and wellbeing

How to set your child
up for success



Dr Justin Coulson

Thursday 30 August
7pm-8.45pm

No more bullying

Tips for identifying,
defusing and
preventing
bullying



Lesley Harrison
eSafety Commissioner



Brett Murray
CEO of Make Bullying
History Foundation



Andrew Fuller
Clinical Psychologist

Program details and registration www.education.sa.gov.au/pieweek



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