We start term 3 with some great news regarding our ovals. **Final approvals have been granted to begin construction of the oval precinct.** It has been a long and painstaking task to gain these approvals starting in March 2009. We have encountered many hurdles especially in regard to environmental issues but now we are in a position to go ahead with the project. Tenders have been called and work should begin in late August with the ovals ready for the beginning of next year. The oval precinct will include two football fields, a 400 metre running track, smaller practice field, long jump pits, high jump areas etc. It will be a tremendous addition to our College facilities.

During the holidays the **extension to the library and the student services centre were completed.** These new buildings add to the services we can offer students and parents. The library now has a theatre and more flexible spaces for student research and discussion. Initial reaction from students, parents and staff about the extension has been overwhelmingly positive. The student services centre will accommodate the Counsellors, Learning Support teachers, Pastoral Coordinators and Campus Minister. The staff will move into the building during this week.

On Friday we welcome **13 students from Kisarazu High School in Tokyo.** They will be at Emmaus for two weeks studying English and immersing themselves in Australian culture. Thank you to the families who have offered to be homestays for the students. I know they will enjoy their time at Emmaus and with their homestay families.

The College Musical **Grease Junior** is fast approaching its first public performance. The students have been rehearsing for months and we look forward to an entertaining production. Tickets went on sale last week and are still available online at [http://www.trybooking.com/BODG](http://www.trybooking.com/BODG) and from the College Office 8:15am to 2:00pm. Cost of tickets – Adults $12, Students & Children $6. Children 4 and under – sitting on a lap – are free.

This week I have noticed a number of students who are **learner drivers**, driving into the College grounds. The College Pastoral Board formulated a policy regarding learners and P plate drivers two years ago. In summary it states that in order to provide a safe environment where there is significant vehicle congestion and pedestrian traffic, the following conditions apply to learner and P plate drivers –

a) Permission must be sought to enter the grounds from the Principal or delegate.
b) Students to park their vehicle in the parking area designated by the College.
c) **Learner drivers are not to drive in the College grounds.**
d) Students accept responsibility for any damage to their vehicles.
e) Students are not to access their vehicles between 8:40am and 3:15pm.
f) Students to follow the ‘Procedures for Student Drivers’ as formulated by the College.

Thank you for your cooperation with this important safety issue.

As part of professional development, all those in Senior Management positions in Brisbane Catholic Education take part in regular performance appraisal and development processes to assist in professional development planning.

**Stephen Adair, Head 7-12, is undertaking such a review in Term 3, 2012.**

As part of this process, a survey prepared by the Griffith Business School will be emailed to a random selection of families in the coming weeks.

Every blessing for the week ahead.

**KEVIN SCHWEDE**
Principal
Welcome back to Term 3. I hope that you and your families have enjoyed a happy and relaxing holiday. It was wonderful to see the children return to school, keen to learn and with happy, refreshed faces.

At assembly, and in class, time has been taken to review the expectations that we have at Emmaus. These expectations support a focused and productive learning community. Please talk with your child about what they can do to demonstrate the following:

As learners we show:
- Responsibility and respect to ourselves
- Responsibility and respect to others
- Responsibility and respect to Emmaus and community

Parent Teacher Conferences
Parent Teacher Conferences are being held this week for all students at Emmaus. These are extremely important conversations for all families to be a part of. They are an essential part of our work together to support the learning of all our students. What needs to be achieved is a focused and productive learning community.

Please contact your class teacher if you need to make an appointment time.

Teacher Professional Learning
Teachers at Emmaus are currently involved in a broad range of professional learning opportunities. This term, two teachers from the Early Years will be attending a comprehensive program about Language, Communication and The Australian Curriculum. All P-6 teachers will be participating in an Action Learning Project designed to support teachers in developing effective strategies for the teaching of Mathematics. In particular, there will be an emphasis on planning experiences that help students to develop their thinking and reasoning skills when solving more complex problems.

Staff Changes
There have been a few small changes to staffing for Term 3. These include:

- Mr Roland Kowitz is on Long Service Leave and will return on Monday 27 August. Mrs Karen Down will teach 4K during this time.
- Miss Calandra has returned from 6 months leave and assumes her position as class teacher in 5C.
- Mr Undery will teach Year 3 Physical Education this term. Students are reminded to wear their sports uniform on a Wednesday.

Lisa McCormick

Welcome back to Semester Two. I hope everyone had an enjoyable break and return renewed and full of enthusiasm for the rest of the year.

Setting Goals
On our first assembly there was much talk about taking small steps to achieve great things. One of the first steps is to genuinely reflect on where we are at and set new goals. I encourage all parents and students to sit with their Semester 1 report card and sincerely discuss where to from now. All too often we see report cards as endings rather than beginnings. We receive them, read them and then file them. In reality they are the best information we have to set goals for the next semester – they are the best place to start.

Once some goals are set I suggest parents and students take opportunity of the Parent Teacher Conferences on Wednesday evening to discuss an action plan for moving forward with the goal derived from the Semester One report. By working together on this plan there is a far better chance of it being realised.

Parent Teacher Conferences
As I’ve spoken in the past, a team approach to our young people’s education is best. When home and school work together in support of the student they do better. Parent Teacher Conferences are a time to reflect on Semester One achievement and plan for Semester Two. They are on Wednesday evening the 18th of July from 3.20pm to 7.30pm. Bookings can be made via Parent Teacher Online.

Musical
The musical is coming along well and we wish all the cast and crew all the very best for the performances on the 27th and 28th. “Break a leg” everyone.

Term 3
Term 3 is a big one for students academically. While we still have some sport, carnivals and excursions on, it is less interrupted than Term 2 so students should be able to focus on their school work and studies. It is important to get off to a good start with homework and study so they should be well underway by now. Please remember homework is done every day and includes work set by the teacher and review of all work done that day. The only way there can be “no homework” is if the student was not at school that day. Study is review of all work completed so far that is yet to be assessed. So even if there is “no homework” there is always study. In addition to this, assignments need to be worked on regularly as well so that they are not left until the end.

Q CST
Many Year 12 students will complete the Queensland Core Skills Test this term. We will be running an information session on the QCS Test for all interested parents on Wednesday evening in conjunction with the Parent Teacher Conferences. This will occur at 5.00pm and again at 7.00pm in the Tanika room attached to the Lomandra Centre.

Welcome
We welcome Veronica Pronger to our staff. Veronica teaches drama in Years 7-12.

Stephen Adair
FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - CURRICULUM & TEACHING: P-6

CRITICAL AND CREATIVE THINKING

Students are already hard at work and beginning some very exciting work. This term will see students involved in interesting and exciting units of work that continue to be based on the Australian Curriculum. This will allow students to gain knowledge and understanding about a variety of concepts and apply this knowledge to critical and creative thinking.

Critical and creative thinking is an important skill within the Australian Curriculum. Students will have many opportunities to develop and refine these skills as they progress through their school life. Critical and Creative thinking is one of the General Capabilities which are part of the Australian Curriculum and help students to become successful and active learners.

Listed below are some of the skills that students will be learning throughout the semester:

- Pose questions to explore issues
- Identify main ideas and clarify meaning
- Prioritise ideas and select information to form creative responses to issues
- Organise information based on similar ideas from given sources
- Compare and contrast points identified within information
- Identify and categorise information
- Sequence, paraphrase, elaborate and condense information
- Explain ideas in a variety of ways

You can work on some of these skills with your children at home during homework time, by asking them to explain their answers or ideas in a different way, ask them to identify the main idea or explain some information they have read to you. Students could compare some of the things they read and find similarities.

Marie Koranias

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - CURRICULUM & TEACHING: 7-12

ACHIEVEMENT

This week on assembly students were encouraged to reflect on their Semester 1 results and to take just “one small step” towards making a plan for improving achievement. Of course, different people need to take different steps depending on their level of interest, ability, time, or plans for the future. If we are doing something we love, we find it quite easy to spend time and energy engaging in that activity. This is called intrinsic motivation and comes from within us quite effortlessly. For those things we don’t enjoy – perhaps homework, assignments, exams, or certain subjects – we rely on extrinsic motivation to take that “one small step”. Invest some time now to consider what you will do to take one small step this term by asking yourself: What are two things I would like to achieve in the next week, next month, next year? How will I know if I’ve achieved them? Who can help me? I would love to hear from any students who have decided to take “one small step” so we can organise a regular check-in time to monitor progress. To see Mrs Lloyd come to student reception.

COMING EVENTS

Parent-Teacher Interviews will be held on Wednesday 18th July 2012 in the Lomandra Centre. All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend this important evening. Appointments can be made via the College website under “For Parents” and signing in to Parent Teacher Online. If you are having difficulty with access to the electronic booking system, please call student reception to book your times.

Year 10 to 11 Information Evening is scheduled for Wednesday 1st August 2012. It is important that all students and parents attend this evening to discuss preparations for the senior phase of education and to make an appointment for completion of the compulsory Senior Education and Training (SET) Plan.

Happy studying

Dionne Lloyd

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - STUDENT WELFARE

Welcome back to Term 3! I trust that following the holidays, everyone has settled back into the routine of school and working to the best of their ability in classes.

This week I have given over my column to Callum Eggerling and Alissa Schuller, Year 6 College Captains, who have prepared a report about some of the highlights of the first half of the year for our P-6 community.

In Term 1 and 2 our prep students had many visitors including a group from Ngutana-Lui who taught the prep students many things including how to throw boomerangs and how to prepare for and participate in, traditional emu dancing. Author, Kerry Brown also dropped in to share some of her stories with the students. As well as having visitors the ‘preps’ have learned about letters, sounds, numbers and about responsible and respectful behaviour to use at school. Year 1 students have also been learning about sounds and very importantly, Dinosaurs! While learning about dinosaurs, they had an incursion where they dug for artifacts and dinosaur bones and lots of other things.

While this was happening, Year 2 went on an excursion to the CSIRO where they learnt about bugs and their body parts. After learning about bugs, Year 2 students started an art unit where they created paintings and collages of what they used to look like when they were younger. As well as doing lots of work, Prep, Year 1 and 2 had a fun time during Under 8’s week. During the week they had a pyjama day and brought their favourite book to school which was read to them by a Year 6 student.

Year 3 students have learnt about the history of Australia Day, ANZAC Day and Harmony Day. They also learnt about animals and their different habitats and got to go on excursion to Alma Park Zoo as part of the unit. For Art they learnt about the principles of design. This year the Year 3 students sat the NAPLAN test for the first time and did lots of work preparing for it.

In Year 4 they have been learning about different types of materials in science. They also studied fantasy themed narratives which we overheard students saying were really fun. One of their excursions was to the botanical gardens as part of their unit studying different biomes.

Year 5 students have learnt about Burke and Wills and their expeditions together discovering inland Australia. Students also went on a gold rush excursion where they had to dress up in costumes and got to do lots of fun activities looking for gold. In science they also studied solids, liquids and gases and throughout the unit they did lots of experiments in the science lab.

During the first two terms, Year 6 have learnt lots and we’ve also had fun while we have been working hard. Early in Term 1 we went on our leadership camp to Thunderbird Park, where we got out of our comfort zones, whether it was completing the mud crawl or conquering the high ropes. After going on camp we took on the responsibilities of the sports baskets, raising the flag, collecting tuckshop and going across the road to playgroup with Father Dan, where we played with the little kids. Recently we went on an excursion to Parliament House where we learnt about the history of parliament and the different jobs in Parliament House. As well as going to Parliament House we were visited by Mr Greg Kinnear who showed us how the voting system works in Queensland and we all took part in a ‘mock election’ voting for our favourite game console.

Some of the whole school activities that we have been involved in were Emmaus Day and the Cross Country carnival. Both days were huge successes and we would like to say a big thank you to all the teachers who helped organise those days. Everyone who
participated in those days enjoyed themselves immensely. Thank you very much.

Callum and Alissa

FROM THE APRE

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION Liturgy
Celebrating Christian education at Emmaus College is important as it allows us to focus on some of the many significant aspects of the school. Our four participating churches are represented by the four house patrons. Each patron has a powerful message for all members of the community. The Anglican tradition provided William Broughton as someone to offer a positive example when he lived by the motto “Neither rashly nor timidly”. The Catholic tradition can hold up Mary MacKillop for her concern for others by living the motto “Never see a need without doing something about it”. The Lutheran tradition has Dietrich Bonhoeffer whose motto was “Readiness, Responsibility and Action”. The Uniting tradition offers John Flynn with his motto “For Christ and Community”. Together these patrons and their mottos provide this Christian community with rich challenges.

The Liturgies will be held in the Lomandra Centre on Monday 23rd July. The P-6 group will celebrate at 2:15pm while the 7-12 section of the school will gather at 10.10am. All parents are most welcome to join us for prayer and ritual.

Tony Bourke

FROM THE GUIDANCE Counsellors

It’s that time of year when for many senior students thoughts necessarily turn to future study and career pathways. Even for students in earlier years, attending an open day, or a study expo can broaden their thoughts about what options are available in the future, and may assist them in planning subject choices in senior years. Following some background information for interested parents please find a list of potentially relevant information sessions and open days coming up.

QTAC: The Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre is a not-for-profit public company that acts on behalf of participating universities, TAFE Queensland, tertiary colleges and institutes of technology to publish course information, to provide application materials, and to process applications. Each Year 12 student will this year receive an appointment slip to see one of the Guidance Counsellors to assist them through the QTAC application process if they are considering tertiary study in 2013.

GETTING STARTED ON TERTIARY STUDY EARLY: You may have heard about some Year 11 or 12 students studying a university subject, along with their secondary school subjects. While this makes for a heavy study load there can be substantial benefits associated with beginning tertiary subjects during Year 11. Careful consideration of this needs to be undertaken, and more information can be provided by Guidance Counsellors. Tertiary institutions providing these courses include: Australian Catholic University (Uni Step-Up program), University of Southern Queensland (Head Start Program), Griffith University (QUESTS program), and University of QLD (Enhanced Studies Program). Year 10 and 11 students who are interested in finding out more can make an appointment with their Guidance Counsellor to seek out more details.

SPECIAL ADMISSIONS SCHEMES: There are a range of special admissions schemes that assist applicants with special circumstances to gain entrance to some tertiary courses. Find out more at http://www.qtac.edu.au/Applying/SASHome.html or make an appointment to see your Guidance Counsellor.

TERTIARY STUDY AND CAREERS INFORMATION
Information Sessions
Monday 5th August: Defence Force Recruiting are conducting an Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA) Information Session at the Currumbin RSL Club, Currumbin Creek Road Currumbin. The Session commences at 6 pm. Come and find out more about the benefits of a career in the Australian Defence Force through ADFA. Simply contact 07 5569 3906 to book your seat.

21-22 July 2012: Tertiary Studies Expo at Brisbane RNA Showgrounds 10am-4pm Exhibition Building. Come and talk to universities, TAFE, Defence & Police Forces, Private Education Colleges, and student support services FREE ENTRY. http://www.tsexpo.org/

Southbank Institute of Technology: Study 2013: Info Evening 25 July 4:30 – 7pm at the Technology C Block Performance Centre, 66 Ernest St, South Brisbane. Free entry to find out about the range of courses available. You can talk to teachers, and tour the facilities. Find out about FEE-HELP, VET FEE-HELP, and scholarships, university pathways, the high school STEP Program, student services, and employment trends.

TERTIARY INSTITUTION EVENTS
Tertiary Institutions Open Days whose course information is published on the QTAC website, and whose admissions are managed by QTAC:

- Christian Heritage College: 25 August
- CQUniversity Noosa Campus: 5 August
- Griffith University: Nathan, South Bank, and Gold Coast Campuses: 12 August
- Kelvin Grove Campus: 29 July; Cabooleture Campus: 19 August
- The University of QLD: St Lucia Campus 5 August; Ipswich Campus 8 August; Gatton Campus 19 August
- University of Southern Queensland Toowoomba Campus 19 August; Springfield Campus 26 August
- University of the Sunshine Coast: 12 August
- Bond University Open Day: 19 August 2012

Please note that Bond University is a private education provider. It manages its own admission applications except for the Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery programs, which are administered by QTAC.) Tuition fees vary depending on your choice of degree. For more information please visit the Bond University website: http://www.bond.edu.au/index.htm

ASPIRATIONS DAY—ACU
During the last week of Term 2, 48 Year 10 students accompanied Year 11-12 Coordinator Claire Proberts, Year 9-10 Coordinator Robert Campbell, Campus Minister Luke Watts, and Guidance Counsellor Rachel Martin, to the Aspirations at Australian Catholic University. Students represented Emmaus College to a very high standard, participating in question and answer forums, listening to lecture style presentations about courses offered at ACU and engaging in webquests in the computer laboratories.

At ACU we received information in the form of brochures as well as lectures, and talks from some current students to tell us how they are experiencing university life, which inspired us all. The campus was up on a hill and had views of the airport and Port of Brisbane. During lunch, a live band from one of the music courses played, then we went on a tour and students planted ideas in our head.
about what we wanted to do when we left school. It was a wonderful day and I recommend this to the Year 9s for next year. Thank you to Mr Campbell, Luke Watts, Mrs Martin and Ms Proberts for all the work they put in to get us there.

Ashleigh S - Yr 10

TRIPLE P SEMINAR SERIES
St Matthews is pleased to invite the BCE and parent community to attend this free parenting seminar series. We encourage you to make the most of this opportunity.

Monday 30th July 2012: The Power of Positive Parenting. Presented by Professor Matt Sanders (Clinical Psychologist, founder of the Triple P program)

FROM THE RESOURCE CENTRE

Congratulations to these students who have now completed the Premier’s Reading Challenge.

| PYT—Abby Z, Tom P | PYC—Bryce F, Thorley B |
| 1B—Paris G, Emily I, Zoriana D, Taylah O | 1M—Elle P, Makyla R |
| 2T—Summer B, Toby M, Natasha C | 2R—Riley W, Matthew R |
| 3S—Samuel M, Sam W, Indigo T, Jordan T | 3M—Kassandra P, Lila R, Tori B |
| 3C—Kyra-Lee H | 4W—Harrison R |
| 4K—Natalie E, Madison M, Ryan K | 6W—Gabby W |

LIBRARY OPENS
This week we have taken possession of our new library spaces. The students are all very excited (as are the library staff) and we are hearing lots of ohhhhs and ahhhs as they walk around the completed library. Here are some pictures to show you some of our new spaces.

Susan Schuster & Corinne Muller

FROM THE PASTORAL CARE COORDINATORS

THE GREAT “UNIFORM” DEBATE
No doubt many of you have had those early morning conversations with your child/children about wearing the ‘correct’ shoes, socks, hat or jumper: I remember my mother being ‘just in time’ to remind me to remove my second earring or suggesting I tie my hair back before heading off to school. And, despite often insisting that I was “allowed to; that they let us” I would coyly return home from school with a friendly reminder in my diary to ‘ensure my uniform was correct’. It seemed, they did mind and I could not trick them.

But, what was the point of this “uniform” and why has the debate been going for so long?
An old colleague and friend, always used to tell our students that the uniform ‘presents a united image to the public – it tells people about our school’ but most important it gives you an identity and a sense of pride: I too find myself making similar statements. At Emmaus we show responsibility and respect for self; responsibility and respect for others and responsibility and respect for the Emmaus community and how we do that begins with how we present ourselves each day – how we choose to wear our uniform.

Now like my teenage self (and my adult self) who sometimes “forgets” things – leaves something at home; forgets to bring the clothes in off the line, the shoes from outside before the massive downpour – it is easy to understand and accept that sometimes, things do not go as we planned and so, we remind students and families that students should see any of the Pastoral Coordinators if this is the case:

⇒ Yr 7/8 – Mr Davey
⇒ Yr 9/10 – Mr Campbell
⇒ Yr 11/12 – Ms Proberts

A problem might include:
• Forgotten hat;
• Wrong socks;
• Forgotten blazer;
• Incorrect shoes

That said it is important to note here that ongoing issues/problems may require a longer conversation and negotiation. In order to help students take responsibility for their uniform concerns/problems Emmaus has established a reasonable process giving students ample opportunity to seek assistance and to talk about what help they might need to fix the problem. I have outlined the process below:

1. Identification
   • Students Identify that they have forgotten something of their uniform and see their Pastoral Coordinator before Pastoral Care in the morning
   • Pastoral Coordinator will write a note to identify the issue/problem with the uniform

2. Infringement
   • Students going to Pastoral Care with the incorrect uniform who have not spoken with their Pastoral Coordinator will incur a uniform infringement

3. Responsibility
   • 3 uniform infringements will result in having to complete a Responsibility and Respect Plan at lunch time
   • A fourth uniform infringement will be a break of the plan and will result in community service after school (Tuesday/Thursday)
   • Ongoing infringements may result in a discussion with the Head of Secondary or Assistant Principal—Welfare

As we begin a new semester I would like to take this opportunity to applaud those students who have been consistent in wearing their uniform correctly and to those students who have taken time to make corrections and amendments to their uniform to ensure it is correct for this new semester. I would like also to remind students and families that it is the Winter Uniform for Term 3. The complete Uniform policy can be found on the Emmaus College Website and is on Page 11 of the student diaries.
My parents never said it although I knew they desperately wanted to…. instead they humbly reminded me each evening to make sure I had my uniform sorted for the next day. They knew something I didn’t, for they were “old hands” at this uniform thing… and thankfully, their friendly reminders kept me from many afternoons of community service.
Claire Proberts—Senior Years Coordinator

YEAR 10 SOCIAL JUSTICE DAY

BUILDING BETTER FENCES
Last term all Year 10 students studied Social Action of the Church with a focus on social justice. Students were inspired by the work of those people who have worked in the field of social justice and action across all faith traditions.

This term, students are drawing on what they have learned and aiming to get a deeper understanding of who we are and what is of purpose in our lives and in the life of others.

That said, in Week 3, Christian Education week, students will be participating in a whole day reflection and workshop on Social Justice on Tuesday, July 24. Students will listen to guest speakers including the enthusiastic and inspiring Scott Darlow who has twice visited the College; students will also listen to representatives from St Vincent de Paul and the inter-faith and refugee community.

This is a compulsory school day for all year 10 students, one which sees them participate with a greater understanding of and for the community to which they belong.

Additionally, our Year 10 students will host Year 10 students from other Brisbane Catholic Education school in the evening as the social justice themes continue.

The focus of the day and the evening is ‘Building better fences’ and focusses on the way in which we build relationships with those who we know as well as those with whom we are least familiar.

We are looking forward to working with our students on this day and inviting other students to join with us on the evening. More information will follow as we progress closer to Tuesday, July 24 (Week 3).
Claire Proberts

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION & TRAINING NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS
Congratulations to Crystal L (Cert III In Hospitality) in Year 11 and Tanelle C (Cert III In Childrens Services) in Year 12, who have both been successful with completing their School Based Traineeships. Also congratulations to Jessica L (Year 10) who has been successful in obtaining a School Based Traineeship in a Cert III in Business Administraion (David Dwyer and Associates—Jimboomba), also to Kelley F (Year 12) who has been successful in obtaining a School Based Traineeship in a Cert II in Retail at McDonalds at Holmview.

AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE INFORMATION SESSION
Time is running out for your Year 12 students to get their application in for the Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA) January 2013 intake. There are still many careers available in the Navy, Army and Air Force through ADFA where students will receive a fully funded UNSW degree in Engineering, Arts, Science, Business or Technology whilst at the same time receiving a salary while they learn. We are now into the second half of 2012 and it is important for students to apply now in order to give them the best opportunity to complete the selection process before applications close later in the year.

On Monday 6th August, Defence Force Recruiting will be conducting an ADFA Information Session at the Currumbin RSL Club, Currumbin Creek Road Currumbin. The Session commences at 6 pm please RSVP ASAP by phoning 07 5569 3906

YEAR 10 STRUCTURED WORKPLACE LEARNING
As part of Certificate I in Work Education we will be preparing to complete Work Experience the week of the 29th of October, this year we will be asking students to find their own placement as this encourages the student to take ownership of this opportunity and makes them really think about future career choices. If you own a business and are willing to take on a work experience student or know of anyone that would be interested please contact the College and speak to Darren Paten or Michelle Whyte for further information, all insurance is covered by the College and this is at no cost to any party involved in the process.

SAT VACANCIES AVAILABLE
The VET Notice Board in Flindersia is now updated with all new Vacancies including Certificate III in Disability, Certificate III in Animal Studies, Certificate II and III in Business Administration and Business. We also have local companies seeking Trainees in Plumbing, Cabinet Making and Hairdressing.

If you are interested in seeking more information regarding any of these positions or just want further information regarding SATS please feel free to call the school to speak to Darren Paten or Michelle Whyte or alternatively make an appointment to meet with us.

SPORTS REPORT

SECA
SECA has already started! If you did not know, last week saw the
ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
The Junior (P-2) Athletics Carnival was held on the Primary Oval on the last day of School in Term 2. A big thank-you to Mr Oberle and all the members of staff for assisting in this important event for our Junior members. Congratulations to Flynn for their outstanding performance on the day. I hear it was a well earned win.

The Yrs 3-12 students will have the opportunity to showcase their talents at their Athletics Carnival at Jimboomba Little Athletics, Henderson Rd, Jimboomba on the 14th of August (Term 3 – Week 6). The Beaudesert Primary District Athletics Carnival will be held before our carnival on the 9th and 10th of August at Jimboomba Little Athletics. Selection trials will be run during the week to ensure we have the strongest team our school can offer.

Training for various athletic events will commence this week on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon from 3.10 – 4.00 pm. This training will be open for students aged 10 – Open. Tuesday afternoon we will run Discus, Javelin and High Jump Training with Miss Wakeford and Mr Oberle, and on Wednesday, Discus, Javelin and Sprints with Mr Boland, Mrs Faulks and Teneille Crase (Yr 12). I would encourage all students to utilize the skills of the members of staff on each session. Any students wanting to be selected in our Athletics team should attend.

KINGFISHER CUP
Students will be trialing for selection in the Emmaus College Junior and Senior Kingfisher Cup teams very shortly. Junior members (Years 5-6) and Senior members (Year 7) will be informed to meet myself and Mr Campbell at the Pastoral Coordinators window this week. Students will need to listen carefully to all notices so that they do not miss the sign up date. The talent is very strong in these age groups so students need to behave appropriately in and out of class and they also need to attend any training sessions/trials being run.

Please contact the college if you have any queries regarding sporting events, venues and general information.

John Huston

SPORTING ACHIEVEMENT
Congratulations to Jacqui F, Chloe C, Terran G and Chiara O on competing at the State Age Netball Competition and coming 3rd overall. Congratulations girls!

EQUESTRIAN UPDATE
The first week of the school holidays saw 5 of our equestrian team attend the State Interschool Championships held at an extremely wet and muddy Maryborough Showgrounds. The weather was definitely sent to challenge all the riders and their parents with the Interschool Committee having to first postpone the start of the competition on the Wednesday and then having to change venues and cut down the number of classes to be held. Despite all of this the riders displayed great tenacity and sportsmanship to continue to compete in such dismal conditions.

A highlight of the week was the surprise visit from Ms Profke and Ms McCormick who drove up on the Tuesday to support the girls in their competition on the Wednesday. Ms Profke even lent a hand cleaning out stables and collecting fresh sawdust for them - Andy, Jimmy and Charlie were most grateful for her efforts!! Ms McCormick wisely stayed dry and warm in the car! The girls were thrilled to see both teachers and be able to show them how hard they have worked and how much effort they put into their chosen sport. A huge thank you to Ms Profke and Ms McCormick for spending some of their holidays with us.

Each of our riders competed to the best of their ability with some pleasing successes. Jordi Lee Y came fifth in her first Interschool Challenge class, she was the Large Open Pony Champion and the Primary Rider Champion. Emma Gould was the Small Hunter Pony Reserve Champion. Sarah G, Alyssa C and Rebekah G gained significant placings in all their Showhorse Classes which then led to them being awarded the Reserve Champion Secondary Showhorse Team. This was a huge achievement for them considering that there were only the three of them in the team and that they came second only to the Glennie School which is a highly competitive team. Congratulations to all the girls who competed over the week, they worked hard in trying circumstances and should be proud of the way they represented Emmaus College once again.

Another huge thank you needs to go to Mrs Pickard and her daughter, Riley, who also came up to support the team and take photographs of each of the girls. Mrs Pickard also kept our Facebook supporters up to date with posts and photos on how each of the girls were going. The girls also got a kick out of checking the Facebook page each night to see all of the great feedback and support they were getting from people back at home!

A new competition year has now started so all of the girls on our team can start looking for competitions that will help to qualify them for next year’s State Championships. Good Luck girls.

Maria Gould

P&F NEWS
We hope everyone enjoyed the holidays and is refreshed and ready for term 3. A big thank you to the lovely ladies who helped sort out our Pie Drive orders in the last week of school. And thanks to everyone who bought pies – we made over $1,000, which will be used to buy big cushions for the children to enjoy in our lovely new library.

NEXT MEETING
Our P & F meetings for this term are: Monday 16th July, Monday 20th August, Monday 10th September. Given that we’ve had significantly less people at the night meetings we have trialed, it has been decided we will go back to day meetings – 8.45am in the Lomandra Boardroom. If you can’t make meetings, feel free to email any issues or concerns you want discussed or placed on the agenda to: pandfsecretaryemmaus@gmail.com If you would like to join the P & F email list and have the minutes of meetings sent directly to you, please send us an email!

2013 “A COUNTRY FAIR”
Preparations are well underway to make our Fair an all-new experience for families to enjoy. I wanted to let you know in advance that we WON’T BE HAVING “BRING” WEEKS next year. We’d like the Fair to be less onerous and more fun, and we don’t
want it to be a financial burden or constant bugbear – but we do need people willing to help on the day!

We’ve already had some parents offer to run certain stalls, which is fantastic. If you’re keen to run a stall, please send me a quick email. I know next year seems a long way off – but with the fair brought forward to May, we have less time than we normally would. Our next meeting is 7 August 1.45pm – 3pm. Please feel free to send me an email with your ideas.
Sarah Hirschy – Fair Co-ordinator
pandfsunsetfair2013@gmail.com

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP
Don’t forget – the second hand uniform shop operates in our nice new room at the back of The Hub (Banksia). Normal operating hours are Monday 8-9am and Wednesday 2.30-3.30pm. Bring in your used uniforms for consignment sale! Because our uniforms are taken on consignment, we can’t exchange or refund any purchases – feel free to bring your child in to check sizes! All enquiries: Rhonda 0430 519 876 – between 9am to 4pm or leave a message on the P&F email.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT GROUP
If you know of someone in need of assistance, our Community Support Group is in place to lend a hand in emergency situations. Requests should be made through the school front office.
Selma Schuller – P & F Secretary
pandfsecretaryemmaus@gmail.com

FROM THE TUCKSHOP
Welcome back to Term 3. Tuckshop is open from 7.30am before school, 1st break and 2nd break. If anyone is interested in volunteering at the tuckshop, we could use some help on Fridays. Please leave your contact details at the college reception or at the tuckshop if you would like to become a volunteer. No experience necessary, learn as you go and the children love to see ‘mum or dad’ helping in the tuckshop.

Please remember to sign in at the college reception before coming down to the tuckshop and ask for a Volunteer Student Protection Information Pack.

Look forward to seeing some new faces.
Leanne Fullerton & Simone Partridge

Friday 27th July 11am –
Understudy Performance –
All tickets $6
Friday 27th July 7pm –
Adults $12 Students $6
Saturday 28th July 7pm –
Adults $12 Students $6
(Students – children aged 4-18yrs attending school requiring their own seat)
(Children under 4 years and who sit on parent lap are Free!)

CHOOSE YOUR SEAT ONLINE & BEAT THE QUEUES!
Booking is easy. Go to:
http://www.trybooking.com/BODG

Tickets are also available at the College Office between 8.15am & 2pm.