



MONDAY 30TH JANUARY 2012

EDITION 1, TERM 1 – WEEK 2

Dear Members of the Emmaus College Community

To our new families and students, welcome to Emmaus College and to our continuing families and students, welcome back to the 2012 College year. Despite the heavy rain last week, we have managed a settled start to the year with the majority of our students making a positive beginning to 2012.



The **newsletter** is an important part of our communication with families and this year it will be available every second Monday. Please check with your child each fortnight for the newsletter. Extra copies are available at the College office if your copy does not make it home. It is also available on the College's website www.emmausjimboomba.qld.edu.au

With our enrolment growing to 1100 this year, a number of **new staff** have joined our community.

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| • Bernadine Anning | 7-12 Teacher |
| • Denise Cooper | 7-12 Teacher |
| • Natasha Cunning | Yr 6 Teacher |
| • Glenda Earle | Student Services Coordinator (Inclusive Education) P-12 |
| • Nicole Hamlyn | 7-12 Teacher |
| • Cara Hemenstall | Yr 2 Teacher |
| • Lauren Hinton | Early Years Inclusive Education |
| • Iris Nathan | Student Receptionist |
| • Russel Ogilvie | 7-12 Teacher |
| • Adam Piasecki | IT Technical Support Officer |
| • Maria Sheather | 7-12 Teacher |
| • Jen Vaughan | 7-12 Teacher |
| • Olga Williams | 7-12 Teacher |
| • Donna Wilson | Secretary |



We make welcome the new members of staff and hope they enjoy being part of our community.

FREE MATHS

TUTORING: Library

Every Tuesday 3.15—4.00

- ◆ Years 7-10
- ◆ Years 11 & 12: Maths A

Every Wednesday 3.15—4.00

- ◆ Years 7-10A
- ◆ Years 11 & 12: Maths A & Maths B

BRING YOUR WORK,
CALCULATOR & DIARY

FREE ENGLISH

TUTORING: Lomandra

Every Wednesday 3.15—4.00

FREE SCIENCE

TUTORING: Library

Every Tuesday 3.15-4.00

Every Wednesday from 11.15am (first break)

Student sick...?

Call the **Absent Line:**

5547 9944



Construction has well and truly begun on our new buildings. The **Drama & Music rooms** adjacent to the covered sports area should be finished in the coming weeks. Extension to the **Senior Years Technology building** (now named Flindersia) including an extra science laboratory, Art room and Hospitality kitchen are due for completion in term 2 along with the extension to the resource centre and the new student services building. A **double storey block with 12 classrooms** should be finished early semester 2.

Plans have begun for the **kindergarten** to be opened in 2013. The kindergarten will be built in the second half of this year. If you are interested in enrolling your child in the kindergarten, please contact the office for details. Finally, initial work has begun on the **ovals** which will be built on the vacant land adjacent to the road that leads to the primary ovals. A completion time for the ovals is yet to be advised. As you can see, it is a busy year for construction however, this will be the final year of major construction.

The **first Parents & Friends meeting** for the year will be held on **Monday 13 February at 8:45am – 10:30am in the Lomandra Centre**. I encourage you to attend and contribute to this vibrant group who do so much good work for the College.



Every blessing for the year ahead.

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IMPORTANT DATES:

Wednesday 1st Feb -

Yrs 1—12 Parent Information Evening, 7.00pm

Tuesday 7th Feb -

Opening Liturgy, 9.30am (formal uniform)

7th & 8th Feb -

Year 1-6 Parent Teacher Meetings

Wednesday 8th Feb -

Years 7—12 Musical Auditions, 3.00pm

Thursday 9th Feb -

Swimming Carnival (Twilight 5.00pm—7.00pm)

Friday 10th Feb -

Years 1-6 Parent Teacher Meetings

Monday 13th Feb -

P&F AGM, 8.45am Tanika Board Room

Board Meeting, 6.30pm

FROM THE HEAD: P-6

WELCOME

Welcome back to all families as we begin the 2012 school year. I trust that you have enjoyed a happy and peaceful holiday break and are looking forward to another harmonious and productive year of learning for the students.

I would particularly like to welcome those families who are new to the Emmaus community. I would also like to welcome new staff members in P-6:

- Cara Hemenstall (Year 2 teacher)
- Natasha Cunning (Year 6 teacher)
- Lauren Hinton (Support Teacher Inclusive Education – Early Years)

COMMUNITY OF LEARNERS

Being a part of the Emmaus community means being a member of a *community of learners*. This means that all are challenged to prioritise learning and to support each other in this journey.

As a *community of learners*, Emmaus College is committed to providing a learning environment in which students can achieve their personal best. Common expectations across P-12 assist in the formation of shared beliefs and values that lead to enhancing learning.

These expectations are clearly outlined in the following statement:

As learners we show:

Responsibility and respect for self

Responsibility and respect for others

Responsibility and respect for Emmaus and community

PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

All parents are invited to attend the Year 1-12 Parent Information Evening being held on Wednesday 1 February beginning at 7pm. This is an important opportunity for you to meet your class teacher and find out more about teaching and learning priorities for 2012. Please ensure that you have returned an RSVP to your class teacher.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Teachers in Year 1-6 will conduct Parent Teacher Conferences in Week 3 (beginning 13 February). These conferences are an important way for positive partnerships to be established between home and school. Meetings focus on the strengths and areas of improvement for individual students and provide an opportunity for parents and teachers to identify strategies that will support the development of learning plans for Semester 1. All families are asked to book in a meeting time.

Best wishes for a happy start to the year.

Lisa McCormick

FROM THE HEAD: 7-12

WELCOME BACK

What a wonderful start to the year we have had. It is great to have all the students back after the holidays. They bring a life and vibrancy to the place that is just so special. It has been especially pleasing to see the relaxed and professional manner students have brought with them to the new year of classes. After only a few days you would think we had been at school for weeks such is the ease with which students have slipped back into or developed a routine.

Routine is so very important to our young people and I encourage all parents to try as hard as they can to ensure good routines at home for study and homework as well. These need to happen everyday and can be easily fitted into the routines of sport, work and household chores.

INFORMATION EVENING

Our start of year information evening is on Wednesday the 1st of February and I encourage all to attend with your Year 7 – 12 child. I spoke to students on assembly this week and told them that the further into their schooling they went the more they needed to be informed and empowered in their own education. It is a great idea for them to attend as well. The evening commences at 7pm in the Lomandra Centre.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

The formal school photos will be held on Wednesday the 15th of February for all students P-12. All students are to have formal uniform for this day. This includes ties for all boys Years 7-12 and blazers for Years 10-12.

Stephen Adair

FROM THE APA CURRICULUM & TEACHING 7-12

Already the 2012 College year has begun in earnest. Teachers have returned full of enthusiasm and a sense of purpose about what we want to achieve as a College, as specific faculty areas, and as individuals. This year our focus as a College is “enhancing learning”, and over the coming days and weeks classroom teachers will be outlining their expectations of students with regard to the processes and procedures that are necessary to ensure that each day our classrooms are places where learning happens.

This year also sees the implementation of the Australian Curriculum and at Emmaus College we will be working from the national documents in the areas of Mathematics, English, Science, and History. The teachers and Academic Coordinators of these subject areas have worked very hard to ensure quality programs have been developed ready for our students to learn.

For our existing students, those students new to our College, and for those embarking on a new phase of their educational journey – perhaps in Middle Years, or Senior Years – this is the time to make a new start, to set small and achievable goals – for example, to have all your equipment all of the time, to ask questions early, and to ensure that each and every day you are enhancing learning. I also hope you can have some fun along the way. I look forward to another exciting year of learning at Emmaus.

This day marks a new beginning,
a time of hope and promise.

A vision of peace and reconciliation,
a chance to begin again, the quest for justice,
compassion and positive relationships
Amen.

LEARN EARN LEGEND—INDIGENOUS ALL STARS EMPLOYMENT AND CAREERS EXPO

Come and meet local employers and training providers with exciting career opportunities for you. Friday 3rd February 2012, Broadwater Parklands, Southport, 10am-5pm FREE ENTRY. This is an opportunity for indigenous students and job seekers to meet with some major local employers, education and training providers in the fields of Hospitality, Mining, Childcare, Defence, Trades, Building and Construction.

The expo will be co-located with the NRL All Stars Bumebla Festival and students attending will be able to experience a range of cultural and sporting activities, and performances. To register email lel@outthereproductions.com.au or call (02) 9557 1444 for more information or see Mrs Lloyd.

Happy studying

Dionne Lloyd

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL— STUDENT WELFARE

THRIVING NOT JUST SURVIVING!

Welcome to the 2012 school year! I'd like to extend a very warm welcome to our new students, their families and new members of staff.

Effective learning and teaching is very much reliant on building trusting and respectful relationships. When students and teachers are in a good place they thrive. At assembly and in classes this week, staff and students have been reminded about our college expectations.

As learners we show:

- responsibility and respect for self
- responsibility and respect for others
- responsibility and respect for Emmaus and community.

Most days, being a student of Emmaus College will be exciting and lots of fun. However, at times there may be problems with other students or teachers; issues may happen at school, in your friendship groups, in sporting teams, on social networking sites and so on. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have issues or concerns. It makes everyone's life better, if it can be sorted out quickly.

Our aim at Emmaus is to develop reflective and thinking dispositions in students; to help them develop the interpersonal skills, values and attitudes needed to strengthen relationships. If things go wrong, students will be asked to consider ‘*what happened and what harm has been done?*’, and more importantly, ‘*what needs to be done to make things right?*’

Adopting this restorative approach cultivates lifelong habits, so our students are able to reflect on their contribution to relationships. It builds their capacity to restore focus when things go wrong. It enhances wellbeing and in turn, enhances learning. It helps our kids to *THRIVE!*

Liesl Profke

PRINCIPAL'S REVIEW

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.



Mr Kevin Schwede of Emmaus College JIMBOOMBA is undertaking such a review in Term 1, 2012.

As a part of this process, a survey form prepared by the Griffith Business School will be emailed to a number of families on **Wednesday, 8th February 2012**. The sample of families has been randomly selected across the various grades in the school.

If you would like to complete a survey and have not been part of the random selection group, a computer will be available at the school office on **Thursday, 9th February 2012**.

Ms Mary Wallis

Area Supervisor—South Logan
School Service Centre South

Catholic Education Archdiocese of Brisbane

FROM THE APRE

OUR EMMAUS JOURNEY

Welcome to everyone at the beginning of this year. Each year we set our goals in many directions and with the best of intentions we begin our school journey. The Emmaus story reminds us of the journey of the early apostles as they walked along that road to Emmaus. Confusion turned to understanding while fear was replaced with courage and motivation. This story (Luke 24:13-35) has a powerful message for all of us in that we are encouraged to walk with Christ as we go about our everyday activities. The apostles supported each other and formed a community with common aims and beliefs. Hopefully our Emmaus Community will prove to be supportive, caring and faith based.

INVITATION

The Opening Liturgy will be celebrated at the school on the 7th February in the Lomandra Centre starting at 9.30am. Everyone is welcome as we ask God's blessing on the school year and present our school leaders. Students from years 1 to 12 will come together for the first time in the year as a major part of the Emmaus school community.

GENEROSITY

The generosity of the school community was demonstrated once again at the end of the year with the tremendous response to the Christmas Hamper Appeal. Many people would have enjoyed Christmas more because the food, toys and decorations donated indicated care and goodwill. Thank you and well done.

Best wishes for the coming year.

Tony Bourke

FROM THE CAMPUS MINISTER

"When you welcomed me and I saw your face, it was like seeing the face of God" Genesis 33:10

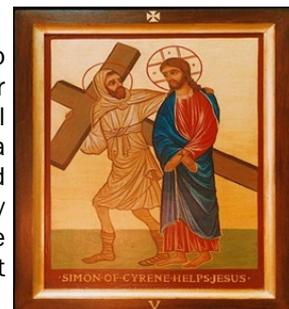
Welcome back to another year at Emmaus! I love this time of year, when students, families and teachers return with eagerness and enthusiasm for the new school year. When the students get together and welcome each other back with such genuine joy and excitement, we can all see the love of God made present through their friendships.

It is nice to come back to school in relative peace and quiet. The last few years have started with challenges on a national and global scale. We remember the floods of last year, and the way that the south east joined together to help those who suffered. We remember earthquakes and tsunamis and war and famine, and thank God that we are safe, and in a position to help our brothers and sisters around the world. It will be another big year at Emmaus, and hopefully projects we started last year, like the Cyrene Project, the Red Cross blood drive, and the St Vinnies school sleepover will continue to grow this year, as the College community embraces the different challenges they present.

Our theme for Term 1 is 'Welcoming Community', and I hope and pray that our students and their families all find some new friends this year as they live out this theme. As the scripture says above, we show people God when we offer welcome and hospitality!

THE CYRENE PROJECT: SHOULDERING ANOTHER'S BURDEN

The Cyrene Project aims to provide a spiritual support to our year 12 students in their final year at Emmaus. Year 12 is a busy and stressful time, and knowing that there is a family praying for them will encourage and strengthen them throughout the year.



According to Scripture Simon of Cyrene helped Jesus carry his cross. With this in mind we are looking for families to help shoulder the burden of our Year 12 students. Families participating in the project commit to praying as a family for the student at least once a week. This could happen as part of grace in the evening, spontaneous prayer, family prayer times, or even at the weekly church service. How the family chooses to integrate this intention into their prayer life is up to individual circumstance.

The commitment is that the family prays on a continuous basis throughout the course of the year. The expectation is that the family does not initiate contact with the student – i.e. no face to face meetings, no written communication, and no gifts.

We are asking for families to contact Luke Watts, the campus minister if they are interested in taking part. Please email or call via the office to leave your details.

God bless.

Luke Watts

FROM THE GUIDANCE COUSSELLORS

Getting back into school routines can be difficult. Maybe checking how your family is going against these tips will provide some ideas to make things a little smoother.

ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE: It's good to try getting to school well before the bell so you can see that your child is settled before you leave. If parents are on time to pick them up, children feel more secure.

It's worth checking that your child has everything they need before you leave for school in the morning, and before you come home at night. This can save on upsets at home and at school when your son/daughter can't find their special pencil box or favourite book.

CLOTHING: Organising your children's clothing the night before school can save a last-minute rush in the morning. You may also need to pack alternatives in case of weather changes.

Name labels mean your children won't lose everything they own – only some things!

Spare underwear is also a good idea.

SLEEP: Ensure your child is back into a good sleep routine. Start to slow things down, and avoid the stimulation of Nintendo games etc. just before bedtime.

FOOD: A healthy lunch and snack will help your child stay alert and meet their energy needs during the day. A good breakfast is also vital to start the day well.

A bottle of water is also vital to keep your child hydrated and alert, ready for learning.

COMMUNICATION BETWEEN SCHOOL AND PARENTS:

A child's education is a responsibility shared between school and families. Good communication between school and home will really improve your child's experience. There are lots of formal ways to make contact with school, including: parent-teacher interviews; information evenings; newsletters; notices etc.

Please don't try to speak to your child's teacher without notice during pick up/ drop off times. Use your child's diary to inform the teacher about small things you would like them to know about. If a longer conversation is needed, then make an appointment. It is far better to have a talk with plenty of time, and no interruptions about something that is important for your child's wellbeing, than to feel you have to rush the information. Parents can also call the office to make a time to speak with their child's Guidance Counsellor. This year, Rachel is working with the "even" years (P, 2, 4...) and Janelle is working with the "odd" years (1, 3, 5...)

Lots of information and ideas about getting back to school without undue stress is available at

<http://raisingchildren.net.au>

All the best for the school year. We look forward to working with teachers, parents and students alike.

Janelle Jones & Rachel Martin

FROM THE RESOURCE CENTRE

It is **INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF READING 2012** and we will be celebrating with some special events happening in the library.

Why is Australia having this special focus for the year?

The National Year of Reading 2012 is about children learning to read and keen readers finding new sources of inspiration. It's about supporting reading initiatives while respecting the oral tradition of storytelling. It's about helping people discover and rediscover the magic of books. And most of all, it's about Australians becoming a nation of readers.

Nearly half our population can't read with any fluency. It's a shameful and worrying statistic. We've identified three goals which will help us turn Australia into a nation of readers and encourage a reading culture in every home:

- For all Australians to understand the benefits of reading as a life skill and a catalyst for well-being;
- To promote a reading culture in every home; and
- To establish an aspirational goal for families, of parents and caregivers sharing books with their children every day.

This year will see a whole heap of amazing, fun, reading activities taking place around Australia and online, so people of all ages, from different backgrounds, can discover and rediscover the joy of reading. Please read every night with your child as your special effort to celebrate this special year

LIBRARY BORROWING (PRIMARY)

Each child in P-6 has a borrowing day allocated to their class. Books are issued to children for 2 weeks so that if a lesson is missed they have another week to bring it in before it

becomes overdue.

Barcodes will be contacted onto the children's diaries. These are considered their 'library card'. They will require their diary, bag and have brought back previously borrowed items to borrow each week. We will lend to children if they forget their diary however a library bag is essential. Rewards will be given to children who remember both.



HOME READERS (PRIMARY YRS 1-4) will have a barcode contacted onto the front cover of their clear plastic folder. If you have purchased a folder that is not clear could you please make sure that the children get one for home readers. Our scanners do not cope with other colours. Home Readers are changed daily and we require parent helpers for this to run smoothly. We would be grateful if you would consider helping out in this way. A team of 4 can change all the readers in a little under an hour straight after school drop off.

OPENING HOURS

Our library is open 8am until 4pm Tuesday to Friday and 8am until 3pm on Mondays. You might like to bring the children in for a story or to do homework after 3pm, while you wait for older children to finish Choir etc.

As we have a librarian on duty during these hours, we are always happy to discuss suitable books with children or to help with any of their research needs. We love it when we are asked to help.

Corinne Muller & Susan Schuster

FROM THE MATHEMATICS COORDINATOR

MATHEMATICS NEWS

Welcome back to 2012. This is going to be a HUGE year in Mathematics – even listening to the news media recently there has been much talk about the implementation of the Australian Curriculum and Mathematics at Emmaus College is well poised to accept the changes and challenges ahead.



As a parent – what does it mean for us all?

My suggestion is to continue to ask questions and be informed about what students are studying in their various subjects. Remember that the Australian Curriculum is the required program for Mathematics, English, Science and History from Foundation (Prep) to Year 10 in 2012. Other subjects will be forthcoming in the years ahead.

What are the Mathematics changes at Emmaus - Secondary?

The Years 7 to 10A Programs (10A is the advanced Year 10 Mathematics curriculum) have been re-written with some new topics being introduced in various year levels and other topics being modified. For a full outline of the Australian National Curriculum please log into <http://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/> (My suggestion is to take the guided tour on the front page and then try the tabs at the top of the page.)

A significant financial investment in Mathematics resources has been undertaken for 2012. All students from years 7 -

10 will have access to the latest edition of the Maths Quest text books which have just been printed for the first time. This includes a written text book as well as an electronic version of the text book and other resources. Homework and classwork can be accessed online (*no more... "I didn't do my homework because I forgot my text book"*) and parents are invited to peruse the work being done, at any time.

Students will be able to do some of their work online (eg: some homework), it can then be automatically corrected and their results emailed instantly to their class teacher. As Mathematics teachers enter their classes each day, they may already be aware of who has or hasn't done their homework. This should enable the teacher to know how students are travelling and assist as required. On Parent-Teacher night, parents should also be able to view what work has been attempted and how well students have achieved on each topic of study. Please do not hesitate to contact your class teacher or myself if you have any queries.

Is Tutoring in Mathematics still available?

Thanks to the generosity of the teachers involved, I am pleased to announce that Mathematical Tutoring for the Middle School and Senior School will be offered in 2012, with more on offer than in 2011. Tutoring is conducted in the Resource Centre (Library) and available as follows:

- **Years 7 – 10 Mathematics, Years 11 and 12: Maths A** is on Tuesday after school from 3:15 pm to 4:00 pm.
- **Years 7 – 10A Mathematics, Years 11 and 12: Maths A and Maths B** is on Wednesday after school from 3:15 pm to 4:00 pm.



If your son or daughter would like to attend Tutoring, it is free of charge and the only requirement is that students bring their calculator, diary and any work that they may require assistance with. It is the student's responsibility to bring the work to tutoring, as the teacher assisting them may not be their usual class teacher. Last year some students arrived without any work to tutoring and were unable to receive the full intended benefit. The number of students who attend is usually small and teachers may have the opportunity to spend more time to attend to and assist students' personal needs in Mathematics. Students in 7 – 10 can attend both days, if they wish to do so; there is no set limit as to how many times a student may attend. Our aim is to assist each student to achieve their best!

Tutoring will commence tomorrow (Tuesday 31st January).

Finally ...

If you have any Mathematical queries, please do not hesitate to contact your son or daughter's class teacher, or myself. The easiest way to contact me is via telephone (leave a message at reception) or email cwhart@bne.catholic.edu.au and I will get back to you as soon as possible.

May this year be a positive one, filled with achieving the promise and potential that each student has to offer. My aim for the year is not just to teach Mathematics to students, rather, it is to teach students to think like Mathematicians!

Clarence Hart

FROM THE SPORTS COORDINATOR

Welcome to another fantastic sporting year at Emmaus College! Firstly, I would like to thank Mrs Angela Deacon for her contribution to the Sporting Life at Emmaus College over the past few years. We have many exciting carnivals, competitions and selection trials for all students in the college coming up throughout the year. School sport is compulsory for all students. Appropriate sports uniform, hats and sunscreen must be worn during sport by all students. School Sport is scheduled in the following manner:

THURSDAY SPORT

Years 8-12 participate in compulsory Thursday afternoon Sport in a rotating format which includes SECA team training (8-12), Musical Preparation for 'Grease' the Emmaus Musical, Inter- House Winter and Summer Sports Competitions for Years 8-12 in Terms 3 and 4.

FRIDAY SPORT

Years P-6 participate in compulsory Friday afternoon Sport in a rotating format which includes different games, activities, training for carnivals and general team games. The focus is on play, participation and building enthusiasm for sport.

COMPETITIVE AND REPRESENTATIVE SPORT

Emmaus College is affiliated with various primary and secondary school sporting bodies. A brief description of each body and its relevance to Emmaus students is included below.

PRIMARY SCHOOL SPORT

- Local Primary schools gala events/'friendlies'
- Beaudesert District Primary School Sport (BDP)

SECONDARY SCHOOL SPORT

- Associated Catholic Colleges Association (ACC)
- Pacific District Secondary School Sport (PD)
- South Eastern Colleges Association (SECA)

ABOUT DISTRICT SPORT

If your child is interested in selection in a District Sporting team they need to be in either of the following age groups and currently enrolled at Emmaus College. Please note that students should play the sport proficiently and at Club level outside of school.

- **Beaudesert Primary District School Sport:** Turning 10 (in 2011) and up to turning 12
- **Pacific District Secondary School Sport Turning:** 13 (in 2011) and up to turning 19

Students must register their intent to trial at District level with the School Sports Coordinator (myself) and obtain a permission note, medical forms and any other relevant documents. They must then return all required information, parental permission and levy fee by the due date; to the College Student Reception. I will then nominate them into their trial.

PLEASE NOTE

- Transport to and from District trials is the responsibility of the child and his or her family.
- Students can access upcoming trial information at school. This will be located on the Pandanus Notice Board (Sports Coordinator's Notice Board).

ABOUT CARNIVALS

Our carnivals are where students can gain points for their

House via their participation and effort. Focus is on participation, competition, sportsmanship and house pride. Students wear House colours, compete in age groups, and cheer for their team members. Selection for Primary and Secondary District, and Associated Catholic Colleges (ACC) competitions are based on these carnival results.

The carnivals this term are as follows:

- **SWIMMING – TERM 1: Thursday 9th February**

(Jimboomba State School Swimming Pool- evening carnival, for students aged 10 and above)



- **CROSS COUNTRY-TERM 1: Thursday 21st March**
(whole day carnival – full school P-12 participation)

ABOUT PRIMARY GALA DAYS/FRIENDLIES

Local primary schools come together for a day of friendly competition at venues in and around Jimboomba. The aim is to encourage participation, team play and interaction and forming friendships with students from other schools.

ABOUT SECA SPORT

SECA sports participation is compulsory for ALL students in Years 8-12. They compete in the SECA competition in Term 2 and 3. Students will select a sport that they wish to compete in. During Term 1 school sport, students will train in their teams in readiness for the competition. In Term 2 and 3, students will compete against three other colleges in a round robin format over 9 weeks, incorporating finals.

FURTHER INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED FROM ME AT THE COLLEGE OR FROM THE HELPFUL STAFF AT STUDENT RECEPTION.

John Huston

FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT



EMMAUS MUSICAL 2012— GREASE JUNIOR!

Emmaus College is pleased to announce that the musical this year will be Grease Junior and it will be held on the 27th and 28th of July at 7pm in the Lomandra Centre. All students from Years 2 – 6 will have

an opportunity to be involved in the musical through the College Choirs – no audition is required. Yr 7 – 12 students will need to audition to be a part of the musical **with preference being given to those students involved in the 7-12 Choir**. Choir rehearsals will begin on the following dates:

- Yr 2-3 Choir: Monday 30th January 11:15am Banksia 1
- Yr 4-6 Choir: Wednesday 1st February 3:15pm – 4:15pm Banksia 1
- Yr 7-12 Choir: Tuesday 31st January 11:10am Banksia 1

A meeting for all Year 7 – 12 Students wanting to be involved in the musical (this includes main roles, chorus, dancers, actors and back stage crew) will be held on **Friday 3rd February at 11am** in Lomandra. Students **must** attend this meeting if they intend to audition. All information, contracts and parent consent forms will be handed out at

this meeting.

No student will be permitted to audition for the musical if they do not bring the completed documents with them to the audition.

7 – 12 Musical auditions will be held in the Lomandra Centre on Wednesday 8th February from 3pm. Students may depart after they have auditioned.

SPONSORSHIP

We are calling for local family businesses to provide sponsorship for the backdrops in the musical. We would like sponsors to purchase backdrops for us at a one off cost of \$500 each. Sponsors will then own that backdrop for the duration of 3 College Musicals (6 years in total). All sponsor businesses will be advertised in the College newsletter and website as well as in the musical programs and each night before the musical commences. If your business is able to provide sponsorship please contact Mrs Tahn Donaldson at the College or via email tclark@bne.catholic.edu.au by Monday 13th February.

PARENT AND COMMUNITY HELPERS

We are also looking for any community members who would be able to help out in the musical. We require helpers in sewing, hairdressing, make-up, carpentry and painting. We also require the help of musicians – piano players, brass, woodwind, guitar and drummers. If you could help out in any way – big or small please contact Mrs Donaldson at the College or via email tclark@bne.catholic.edu.au

Tahnyea Donaldson

FROM THE EQUESTRIAN TEAM COORDINATOR

Welcome back to what is hopefully going to be another exciting year for our Emmaus College Equestrian Team.



Last year was certainly an extremely successful year of competition for our riders and we are now looking for those students who would like to join us on the team. This year is going to be huge for Interschool Queensland. We have our SEQ Regional Championships being held in Beaudesert on May 5, 6, 7; the IQ State Championships being held in Caboolture from June 27 to July 1 and the most exciting news is that for the first time in years the National Interschool Equestrian Championships are being held at Toowoomba from October 3 to 6!!

Last year one of our team members qualified for the Queensland State Team so it would be fantastic if we could build on that this year. Equestrian Queensland has also launched its new ICT platform 'Equnect' so joining this year is a little different. For lots more information on this and how to become a member of the Emmaus College Equestrian Team please contact Maria Gould at mgould@bne.catholic.edu.au or leave a message at the office and I will return your call as soon as possible.

I will also have information packages available for students to collect from my classroom – 6G – in the Banksia pod. Looking forward to seeing you all

Maria Gould

FROM STUDENT RECEPTION

IMMUNISATIONS

Students in Years 8 and 10 will have received their immunisation packs. Please ensure you complete the forms and return to the Student Reception by Friday 3rd February.

Please be advised that your child may miss their immunisation if not returned by this date. If you have any queries regarding this process, please contact Student Reception.

Iris Nathan

FROM THE UNIFORM SHOP

Welcome everyone to 2012. Hope you are all well rested and ready for a great year.

Uniform Shop has been the busiest shop in town these last couple of weeks. Thank you all for being so understanding and patient during these times.

Opening Times

Monday: Closed

Tuesday & Thursday:

8am-11am

2pm-4pm

Wednesday & Friday:

8am-11am

Orders can be made via email or phone with a credit card payment if families are unable to get into the shop at the opening hours. wspanner@bne.catholic.edu.au

OUT OF STOCK UNIFORMS

Orders have been placed for the below items and will arrive as soon as possible.

Out of Stock

Sport Shirt size 14

Middle years Boy's Shorts size 62,67,72 & 77cm

Middle Years Boy's Shirt size 85 & 100cm

Secondary V- Neck Jumper size 14

Senior Girl's Skirt size 10

Senior Girl's Blouse size 12

Wendy Spanner

FROM THE TUCKSHOP

Welcome to 2012 and hello from us at the tuckshop. Tuckshop is open every day for both breaks, with P-6 children required to order via the bag system, and place orders in class tuckshop boxes.

The 7-12 students may also order via the bag system, or come and see 'WHATS IN THE BOX'.

If your child has any dietary requirements it is best to order via the bag system.

The 2012 menu should have been distributed to your child's class by now, if not, they are available at student reception or at the tuckshop, and also online (2012 menu is still to be updated on Emmaus site)

Please follow the procedures on the back of the menu, as it makes things flow a lot easier.

If you are interested in helping at the tuckshop, we are looking for volunteers. Help is required from 8.30-11.45am, so if you are able to help, please leave your name and details at the front office or phone the school at 55479990 and they will pass on your details. No experience necessary, just your enthusiasm.

Leanne Fullerton

FROM THE STUDENT BANKING COORDINATOR

On Monday, 6th February the Commonwealth Banking Coordinator, Miss Tina, will be available after assembly from 2.30pm in Lomandra.



Tina will be available for any queries, or if any students in Prep to Year 6 wish to open New Student Accounts.

School banking will recommence on Tuesday, 7th February. All accumulated tokens can be forwarded to this year's list of prizes, but certificates for 10, 20 and 30 banking days will start from the beginning of this year.

Happy banking!

Jennifer Shaw

OTHER ITEMS.....

ANGLICAN CHURCH SERVICE IN FLAGSTONE

We offer a new modern style Anglican service on the first Saturday night of each month at Flagstone State School.

Our first for the year will be **Saturday 4th February at 5:30pm**. Bring your children and your friends and stay after the service for a sausage sizzle. We look forward to seeing you there, for more information ring Father Dan on 0409 898 507

ST BERNARDINE'S CATHOLIC PARISH SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION CONFIRMATION AND FIRST COMMUNION

Parents of Catholic children in Year 4 or above who wish their children to prepare for and celebrate the sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion in 2012 are asked to contact the parish office before **Friday 9th March** by phone 3884 7600, or email: brownpl@bne.catholic.net.au.

Please leave your name and a day-time telephone number on messagebank if you phone outside office hours (8.30am – 12.30pm Mon – Fri).