Dear Members of the Emmaus College Community

On the day of Christ’s resurrection, two of Jesus’ disciples were walking to the village of Emmaus. It had been 3 days since the crucifixion of Jesus – and they were grieving.

Along the way they met a man who eased their sadness as he explained the scriptures to them concerning the Messiah and although they did not know who he was, they urged him to stay with them.

That evening while seated around a table, this man took bread and gave it to them. Immediately their eyes were opened and they recognized the risen Jesus in their midst. Then he left.

They returned to Jerusalem and shared with the other Apostles how they had come to know Jesus in the breaking of the bread.

As we celebrate 10 years since Emmaus College opened, the Emmaus story reminds us of the road (journey) we are on. Like the Emmaus disciples we need to allow the Lord to open our minds and hearts to the joy and wisdom of learning and being part of a strong community. Emmaus Day on Friday bore witness to this and I thank the students, staff and parents for their contribution to a most successful day – when we stop and reflect on what it means to be part of Emmaus College.

Another very special day is ANZAC Day. As Australians we owe much to the men and women of our Defence Forces – both past and present. All students are invited to attend the ANZAC Day Commemoration Service at Jimboomba. All students and families can meet Mrs Gould and Mrs Betts at 6:30am next to the service road at the Jimboomba Tavern to march to Rotary Park. We ask all students to wear their formal school uniform.

In staff news, I congratulate Mrs Koranias on her appointment as Assistant Principal – P-6. Consequently Miss Cunning will remain as Year 6 teacher. In other news, Mrs Shipman has extended her leave until the end of 2012 and Mrs Hamlyn will continue as a middle school teacher.

I also wish to congratulate Miss Gallagher who was married over the Easter holidays and is now Mrs Faulks.

Construction of the new kindergarten will begin this week. As a result a large part of the area behind the tennis courts will be sectioned off. This will limit the parking available and add to our congestion. Please be courteous to other drivers and understanding of this difficult but unavoidable situation.

Open Day is being held on Wednesday 2nd May (next week) from 3:30pm to 5:30pm. Please advise anyone interested in enrolling a student at Emmaus that this is an ideal opportunity to view the College and meet staff and students.

Also a reminder to all parents that enrolments are being taken for Years 7 & 8 for 2013.

Every blessing for the week ahead.
Welcome back to Term 2. I trust that you have enjoyed a happy Easter and holiday break with your families. As we begin the new term, we look forward to what can be achieved. It would be great if you could talk with your children about what they intend to work on during Term 2. Students may need to be challenged to recommit to nightly reading and homework plans. Other students may have identified an aspect of their learning that they would like to improve. This might include concentrating in the classroom, asking more questions or following up learning at home. It may be a good idea to talk with your child’s teacher about learning goals for the term.

Prep - Before School Routines
In Term 2, parents are asked to say goodbye at the playground gate so that students can further develop their independence. Parents wishing to stay with their Prep child are asked to sit in the pod area. This area is not a play space before school. Only Prep students have permission to be in the playground.

Thank you for your support with helping your child to follow these routines.

Year 1 - Year 6 - Before School Routines
Students in Years 1 - 6 are reminded to be on the oval before school. The oval is the supervised play space for students between 8:05 and 8:30. Parents who wish to stay with students are asked to sit in the undercover area on the oval.

Coles Dockets - Sporting Equipment
Thanks to all families who helped to collect Coles dockets in 2011. Approximately $3,000 worth of sports equipment has arrived. This equipment will be used to increase access to sporting equipment at lunch time and to expand the resources that are used in PE lessons. Special thanks to the P&F for organising this initiative.

Welcome Back
It was great to see students engaged in learning on the first day back. This term should prove to be very interesting with units that will engage students through the use of investigations and inquiry based learning. Each class has an overview of what content will be covered throughout the term. This can be found on the classroom door. If you would like to know what students are learning about please don’t hesitate to read these overviews.

Numeracy
This year there is a focus on Numeracy across the curriculum. According to the Australian Curriculum, students become numerate according to the knowledge and skills to use mathematics confidently across all learning areas at school and in their lives more broadly. In mathematics lessons students will be involved in a variety of learning activities to aid the development of a deeper understanding of concepts through hands-on learning, math problems and asking and answering questions in a variety of ways. Students will also have the opportunities to apply their understanding to mathematical investigations and in other areas of the curriculum such as science and history to help solve and investigate a variety of questions and problems.

Throughout the term teachers will provide students with many opportunities that will engage them in the development, production and transformation of knowledge about numeracy across the curriculum.
To get the most out of being a member of the Emmaus College community and to ensure that school attendance habits help students to become work ready and prepare for further education and training it is important that students:

- Attend school every day
- Be on time to class and school activities
- Inform the school as soon as you know that you will be away
- Bring a note for your teacher in your school diary (from parents/care giver) to explain why you were away when you come back to school
- Sign in to Student Reception when late to school and provide an explanation
- Sign out at Student Reception and show a note of explanation (written in your diary) when leaving early

We know and understand that family morning routines are not always straightforward. Cars can break down and unexpected situations can occur. We accept that students may be late or not able to attend school on the odd occasion because of illness or unforeseen circumstances. Arriving late often or being away from school on a regular basis can impact on learning.

Remember, at Emmaus College we:

- mark rolls every day
- ask for notes if you have been absent
- check on your wellbeing if you are away from school or late for class

If you are experiencing problems, please speak to a member of staff as we may be able to offer support while helping to work through these situations. The evidence shows that strong connections with school and regular school attendance is directly linked to positive academic, social and personal development for children and young people.

We greatly value these connections at Emmaus College.

Liesl Profke

RESOURCE CENTRE NEWS

ZIPTALES AND WORLDBOOK ONLINE GAMES AND BOOKS
As part of our digital library collection we have subscribed to Ziptales for students to access. There are many fabulous stories as well as games, craft ideas and information about different ways of writing. Children can listen to stories as well as read them online. There is a NAPLAN practice area as well.

Our other subscription is Worldbook Online. They have a suite of products. An online encyclopedia suitable for junior years, another suitable for older readers and the Early Learning package which has early reading and numeracy games, stories and activities. If you want to let your children access somewhere safe these are sites that will be secure.

Our Username is: Emmaus4280 Password: emmcoll
If any of these are of interest to you or you want more information please contact the VET Notice Board in Flindersia.

If you have a student that is serious about doing a SAT and has a family member or someone you know willing to take them on, please help us by contacting Darren Paten or Michelle Whyte for further information.

Darren Paten & Michelle Whyte

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**SPORTS REPORT**

**CROSS COUNTRY 2012**

This year Emmaus College held our cross country carnival on Friday 30th March with races scheduled according to age and gender. The day was very successful and many students competed at their best to gain points for their Houses.

The carnival House results and age and year group champions are as follows:

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**General News**

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**School Based Traineeships Available**

- 1x Certificate III in Business Administration – Hawthorne Road, Brisbane
- 1x Certificate IV in Information Technology Multimedia – Fortitude Valley
- 11x Certificate III in Business Administration – Klumpp, Road, Mt Gravatt
- 8x Certificate III in Information Technology – Klumpp Road, Mt Gravatt
- 2x Certificate III in Sport and Recreation – Runcorn
- 3x Certificate III in Sport and Recreation – Colmslie
- 1x Certificate III in Retail – Beaudesert

These positions are advertised in student daily notices as well as the VET Notice Board in Flindersia.

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Darren Paten & Michelle Whyte

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**CONGRATULATIONS**

There has been one student who has been successful with obtaining a School-based traineeship over the holidays, this student will be undertaking a Certificate III in Information, Digital Media and Technology.

**TAFE**

Please remember if a student is sick or unable to attend their TAFE day, please remember to contact BOTH the TAFE and us at the College regarding the absence.

**Assistance Required for Validation**

As part of maintaining our RTO status to comply with AQTF Standards, we would like to invite parents that work in the areas of Business, Work Education and Information Technology (this could be any job in any industry) to assist us in the process of Validation. The validation process involves an industry representative and the teacher of that qualification to review teaching and assessment strategies and assessment tasks to see if they comply with Industry Standards. This would involve between 1-2 hours of your time and would take place here at the College. If you would like to assist us by helping out please contact Darren Paten or Michelle Whyte for further information.

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Darren Paten & Michelle Whyte
Thank you to all staff and students who made the day such a success, in particular the HPE team. We look forward to sending large Cross Country teams to the upcoming Primary District, Secondary District and Secondary SECA Carnivals. Buses will be provided to and from the venues. The top 10 runners in Primary (aged 9 – 12) and the top 6 runners in Secondary (aged 13-17+) are eligible to compete at these carnivals. Permission notes for these events will be given out to students in the coming weeks.

John Huston

**SENIOR FORMAL UPDATE**

Next Saturday evening our Year 12 students will get glamorous for their Senior Formal. As the first of many great celebrations as Seniors, the Year 12s and invited friends, staff and family will gather at the Brookwater Golf Club, Brookwater for a formal dinner and celebration.

Students will begin their arrivals from 5.30pm with many having organized specialist cars for the occasion. This will be accompanied by a parent reception where parents will have the opportunity to observe and mingle with the students. The students will then move into the function room for a 7pm start where they will celebrate together.

There has been a great deal of work that has gone into organizing the event and I would like to thank everyone who have contributed in different ways from designing invitations, deciding a colour scheme and meals, making invitations, selling tickets and organizing each other to buy tickets and organize tables. In particular I would like to thank Brittany Carroll, Tori Espig and Lacey Payne who collectively worked to get much of the “little stuff” completed in time for the big event.

The formal is a wonderful celebratory event which showcases our senior students and we look forward to once again seeing our seniors at this wonderful event.

Claire Proberts - Year 12 Coordinator
build our community and help those in need. If you can spare some time or money to help, it will be greatly appreciated. If you know of someone in need of assistance, please have the make a request through the school front office.

Selma Schuller – P & F Secretary

STUDENT BANKING:-
Student banking has started well again this term with 90 students this week. To open a new account and take advantage of the great prizes, please remember banking day is Tuesday each week. We have an amazing competition starting today by Commonwealth Bank. All everyone needs to do is make 5 deposit before 30 June to be in the draw.

1st prize: Dollarmized as a new character (student) Family annual movie pass, 25 iPads for the school, $1500.00 towards a class/school excursion, $200 Spa voucher for banking coordinator and also 50 runner up prizes. Flyers will be sent out next week. Could I also thank Theresa Mahoney for her help with banking on a weekly basis.

Happy Banking,
Danielle (0431569314)

WINTER UNIFORM
Term 2 means winter uniform for all students. The Middle Year Boy’s are required to wear their shirts tucked in and they must wear their tie.

All Senior Students are required to wear their blazers with their formal uniform. If you have a blazer on order, they are now available for collection.

For Primary Girls, tights are now available for purchase. For Secondary Girls there are Navy Stockings sizes Mids, Talls & XTall available.

If you are unable to make it in to the Uniform Shop, you can place orders by calling the Uniform Shop on 5547 9990 or emailing wspanner@bne.catholic.edu.au

Out of Stock
V-Neck Jumper size 14
Rugby Socks size 2-7
Rugby Shorts size XS & S
Sport Shirt size 12
Prep Shirt size 4
Boys Blazer size 20L & 22

Wendy Spanner

SUPPORT - A - READER PROGRAM

Do you have an hour a week that you can use to help children improve their reading skills?
We are looking for volunteers who may be interested in becoming tutors for some of our younger students. The more volunteers we have, the more children we can help.

The Support-a-Reader Program here at Emmaus College, and thanks to the support of a wonderful team of Parents and Grandparents it has been a resounding success.

Many children who had previously struggled with reading, and therefore hated doing it, were later heard making comments such as “I love reading!”, “Can I go and read now?” and “Is it my turn to read yet?”

The Support-a-Reader Tutors were very enthusiastic, forming bonds with the students they were helping, and seeing the difference they were making.

The Classroom Teachers loved the program as they could see the difference it was making to many students in their class.

We are therefore very keen to keep this program going and to continue providing that extra support for students.

People who have already trained as tutors can commence straight away. If you let me know your availability I will put your name on the roster and you will be able to begin. I need to know what day/days and time you are available so that I can make up the roster. Once that is done I will send it out to you. Please send me your information in an email or a note (marked with my name on it) to the office as soon as possible.

For people wishing to train as tutors I will be running
training sessions later in the term. Training involves attendance at two training sessions (one and a half hours each), here at school. If you are interested, please contact me and let me know which days are the most suitable for you.

If you require further information please contact me.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Denise Keane
Literacy and Numeracy Improvement Teacher
Emmaus College
dkeane@bne.catholic.edu.au
phone: 5547 9990

OTHER ITEMS.....

The Emmaus College Car Show is coming soon!

Emmaus College will be holding it’s first ever Car Show on Sunday, 3rd June, 2012. All types of cars are welcome. There will be entertainment, food and family fun.

Watch this space for more information!
Contact April Maxwell on 5547 9990 if you are interested.

JIMBOOMBA THUNDER
Are you 6 or turning 6 this year??
Interested in playing Rugby League??

We need more players to join our U6 team, so come along and ‘give it a go’ and be part of our friendly and fun squad. JOIN NOW!!!

When: Training Mon & Wed 6pm-7pm
Where: Tully Park and soon to be Jimboomba Park South St.
Cost: Registration $45
Who to contact: Kylie Evile Ph 55478480 or mob 0437171065

(Come have loads of fun and meet new friends)

Beginning Experience is a weekend programme endorsed by the Catholic Church to help grieving, single-again persons move forward. The next weekend is from Friday evening 27th to Sunday afternoon 29th April 2012 at QCCC Brookfield. The weekend offers widowed, separated and divorced people who have moved through the initial shock phase of grief to work through their pain and move into the future with renewed hope. It is a live-in weekend with meals and accommodation provided.

Enquiries: Kathy 3882 0292 Lyn 3480 5337 Terry 3395 1150 Peter 3209 2180 Lorraine 5441 7326 Barbara 33240997
Look us up on the web. www.brisbanebe.org.au
**EMMAUS COLLEGE/CUTLIST.BIZ GOLF CLASSIC**

Golf Registration

Hills Golf Course, Jimboomba

**Date:** Saturday, May 19, 2012, Shotgun start at 1 PM.

**Entry Fee** (includes lunch, golf and prizes): $40/ person, $160/team of 4

Please arrive between **Noon-12:30pm** to sign in and have lunch.

**Format:** 4 ball Ambrose

**Team Members** (team captain please list your name first)

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Please complete form and return to Student Reception by 27th April

For any queries please contact Tony Grimston at Emmaus College.