Dear Members of the Emmaus College Community

On Wednesday, 22nd February, our students and staff gathered to mark Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the Season of Lent for 2012. During the course of Lent, members of the Emmaus community have been asked to reflect on the need to ‘have a change of heart and walk with Christ.’

The essence of the Lenten Season has been beautifully summarised by Pope Benedict who began his Lenten message a few years ago by saying that, “Lent is a privileged time of interior pilgrimage towards Him who is the fount of mercy. It is a pilgrimage in which He accompanies us through the desert of our poverty, sustaining us on our way towards the intense joy of Easter.”

For us as a Christian College, one of the ways we give practical expression to our Lenten obligations will be through Project Compassion. I trust that through our class and pastoral care groups that our students in all year levels will be generous and support this very worthy cause.

Last week, the Year 6 students travelled to Mt Tamborine for their camp. The young people had a great time engaging in a vast array of challenging and fun activities. My thanks to the Year 6 teachers, Mrs Gould, Ms Wakeford and Ms Cunning who organised the camp, and to the parent helpers who spent the 3 days assisting the teachers and students.

2012 is the National Year of Reading, with the theme being “Discover and Rediscover the joy of Reading”. Research tells us that students who read, have a much more expansive vocabulary and more ideas for writing. The College Resource Centre staff have organised a range of activities to encourage reading among students. This week, as part of that program, a number of Gold Coast Titan Rugby League players visited the College to read to selected classes to encourage them to read more.

At recent P&F meetings, there has been discussion about alternating times for the meeting to allow more parents to attend. As a result of these discussions, the next P&F meeting on Monday, 23rd April will be at 7pm in the Lomandra Centre. It is hoped this change will make it easier for more parents to attend.

Congratulations to Louise Bolland (College Captain 2011) for winning a bursary from the Logan City Council to assist with her university studies. Louise is a high achieving student and this recognition of the Logan City Council will help her with her Journalism studies over the next 3 years.

Could all College volunteers (tuckshop, library, classrooms etc), please call in to the College Reception to collect our Volunteer Induction Pack. This pack contains important information that all volunteers need to be aware of. Thank-you for volunteering your time and for your co-operation with this matter.

Every blessing for the Lenten Season,

KEVIN SCHWEDE
Principal
Lisa McCormick

Parents wishing to withdraw their child from NAPLAN are asked to let us know by writing to me. They are familiar with the structure and expectations of this formal assessment. In addition, students will be looking at practice test papers to ensure they are prepared for the test.

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Please contact me directly if you would like any additional information about NAPLAN.

Lisa McCormick

***IMPORTANT DATES & EVENTS:***

**Saturday, 10th March**
- CMC Rugby League 9’ Challenge Carnival (Yr 8,9 teams)

**Monday, 12th March**
- P&F Meeting, 8.45am Lomandra

**Tuesday, 13th March**
- Pacific District Championships Day 1
- Primary District AFL Trials
- Musical Rehearsal— Yr 7-12 Lead Roles & Chorus Rehearsal— (1st Break)

**Wednesday, 14th March**
- Year 8 Camp, Wed 14th March—Fri 16th March
- Year 11 & 12 Drama Workshop
- Musical Rehearsal—Yr 7-12 Cast & Crew, 3pm

**Thursday, 15th March**
- Musical Rehearsal, 1.30pm—3pm
- Pacific District Trials—AFL(U15), Hockey(U19), netball(U15, U19), Rugby Union (U18)

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**FROM THE HEAD: P-6**

**YEAR 6 LEADERSHIP CAMP**

Year 6 students have enjoyed a wonderful and challenging time away on their Leadership Camp at Thunderbird Park. Whilst on camp, students participated in a range of activities that aimed to foster team work, personal growth and an awareness of the qualities they bring to peer relationships. A special thanks to the teachers and parents who supported the students on camp. Your generosity has allowed the students to enjoy a positive camp experience.

**POLICE VISIT**

As part of Operation Edify the Year 3 classes were fortunate to have visits from Constable Brad and a number of community police volunteers last week. Constable Brad talked to the children about road and bus safety and encouraged them to take care and be thoughtful about the safety decisions they make. The police commented on the positive and respectful behaviour shown by all the children during these visits.

**CELEBRATIONS OF LEARNING**

Term 1 Celebrations of Learning will be held on Thursday 29 March. These celebrations are a very important part of recognising the learning that has taken place during the term and an opportunity to think about learning goals for Term 2. Times for celebrations are listed later in this newsletter.

**NAPLAN**

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Lisa McCormick

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**FROM THE HEAD: 7-12**

**STUDY**

Recently on assembly I spoke with the students about the need to make sure that study and school is their number one priority. I have written about this before and won’t go over it again other than to say that this is especially important at this time of the term when assignments and exams are due. As parents and caregivers we need to make sure we monitor our young people’s workload and time management more at some times than others. Now is the time of the term to make sure we prioritise school above everything else.

**PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS**

Parent Teacher conferences for Years 7 -12 will on Wednesday the 28th of March from 3.20pm to 8.00pm. This year we will be using an online system for booking interviews with information about booking coming home with the term one progress reports. Please make sure you keep this time free in your calendar to meet with teachers about your child’s progress.

**CROSS COUNTRY**

Our annual cross country is on Wednesday the 21st of March from 8.30am to 11.00am. A look at the calendar will tell you that we will be running a Thursday timetable on this day. The following day Thursday the 22nd of March will be a Wednesday timetable. This applies to the whole school P-12.

In addition to the day swap Years 7 – 12 will swap the lessons around for the day and have sport in the morning for the running of the carnival. After the carnival students will return to class for lessons 2,3,4 and 5.

**CROSS COUNTRY PARKING**

Please note that on the day of the cross country the side road down to the oval will be closed from 8.30am to 11.00am. Any parents that park on the dirt area adjacent to prep will not be able to leave between 8.30am and the end of the carnival.

**THANKYOU**

I am always in awe of how much our students have on offer and the lengths staff go to in order to provide opportunities for our students. In the two weeks either side of this newsletter we have had excursions, camps, sports, musical rehearsals, performing arts night, study groups, tutoring, clean up Australia Day, Leaders breakfast, Drama workshop, reading programs and more all happening in addition to the normal class teaching load. This
commitment to our children’s education is inspirational and I strongly encourage all students and parents to make sure they acknowledge the contribution our wonderful staff make to Emmaus. A simple thank you is all that is required to make a teacher feel they efforts are worthwhile and not unnoticed.

Steve Adair

FROM THE APRE

PROJECT COMPASSION
Caritas Australia is Part of the global network that spans over 200 countries and territories.

For over 110 years, Caritas has worked towards the creation of a just world. In 1964, Caritas began in Australia. A Catholic Agency for International Aid and Development, Caritas is Latin for love + compassion – two qualities which are central to our work.

At the launch of Project Compassion for 2012 Emmaus students joined with others in the Queen Street Mall to highlight the need in the community to be generous. Congratulations to these students who represented us so well and so enthusiastically. We begin another year of generosity towards those in need.

The words from Oscar Romero may direct our thoughts during the season of Lent.

“Aspire not to have more but to be more”

Peace be with you

Tony Bourke

FROM THE APA CURRICULUM & TEACHING 7-12

BE READY TO LEARN
On ABC radio last Saturday former Tasmanian cricket captain Jamie Cox described the current generation of Sheffield Shield players as “coachable...their eyes are open and they are ready to learn.” Along with cricket players, these attributes also contribute to what makes a successful student. Teachers use the drafting process to provide valuable feedback to students on specific areas for improvement. Students’ drafts should resemble as closely as possible the finished product to give themselves the best chance of producing quality work. In doing so, they demonstrate their “coachability”, their willingness to improve. Unfortunately, those students who choose not to take the best advantage of the drafting process will often produce work that is not their best.

PROGRESS REPORTS
This week teachers will finalise their Term 1 progress reports. These statements will be issued to parents in time for Parent/Teacher interviews to be held Wednesday 28th March 8.00pm-8:00pm. Reports will provide feedback to parents and students with regard to students’ conduct, organisation, application, and task completion using the descriptors very good, good, satisfactory, or immediate improvement needed. For overall progress in a subject, teachers will use the descriptors progressing satisfactorily, or immediate improvement needed. For overall progress in a subject, teachers will use the descriptors progressing satisfactorily, or immediate improvement needed.

Happy drafting
Dionne Lloyd

FROM THE JUNIOR YEARS CURRICULUM COORDINATOR

CLASS CELEBRATIONS OF LEARNING
Parents and friends are invited to join us for Class Celebrations of Learning on Thursday, 29th March.

Listed below are the times for each year level. This is an opportunity for students to showcase their hard work and all the effort they have put into their learning this term. This is an important part of the reporting process and the Celebration of learning allows parents to be involved and informed about what students are learning.

At the beginning of each Celebration of Learning, classes will present a brief demonstration about important things they have learnt during the term. Parents and students can then peruse the Student Portfolio and parents can discuss learning achievements with their child.

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We look forward to seeing you at our celebrations.

Marie Koranias

FROM THE APA—STUDENT WELFARE

YOUR DIGITAL FOOTPRINT – TAKE CARE WHAT YOU SHARE!

“The internet is a great place for sharing stuff, but you need to remember that you are responsible for what you share online. And that means there can be a very serious side to all the fun.” cyber[smart:] Australian Government Website

This week our Year 11 & 12 students listened to a presentation given by Sgt Nev Armstrong from Jimboomba Police. Nev (as he asked to be called) spoke about the poor choices some young people make when they are using technology, particularly mobile phones and social networking sites like Facebook.

He challenged our students to think through the consequences of their actions and talked with them about staying legal when using technology.

His message could be summarised in four words;

Think before you post!

Part of the fun of sharing videos, images and other content, is that friends can view and respond. It’s important to realise that what you share with your friends may also be viewed by others who you don’t know. Don’t post anything you don’t want others to know – private images and videos you send to friends or post on a social networking site may be passed on to others and uploaded to public sites.

Think before you post!

Read the terms and conditions of any sites on which you can post information or photographs. Be clear about what’s expected of you as a user. Everything you post or send becomes your digital...
footprint and, once it’s online, it could be there forever. Visit www.cybersmart.gov.au for tips and strategies to look after your digital reputation.

Think before you post!
Showing responsibility and respect for others is a moment-by-moment sequence of choices that we make every time we engage with others. Young people need the support and guidance of adults; parents, grandparents and teachers in the whole of their lives as they grow up. Together we can help our kids foster relationships built on respect and trust, offline and online.

Rachel Martin and Janelle Jones

FROM THE GUIDANCE COUSSELLORS

Effective Communication.
I have recently had the opportunity to talk to many individuals, and some classes as a whole about the importance of communication. The following “formula” for communicating your feelings and needs is something that can save a relationship from a great deal of hurt and misunderstanding.

1. **I feel...** Using I is important – it shows you are talking about yourself. Using “you” can put the listener on guard, ready to go on the defensive, and already shutting down their ability to listen with an open mind. Then say how you are feeling – not what you are thinking. Try letting people know that you feel sad, scared, hurt, lonely, rejected.

2. **When...** This describes the situation that led to your feeling. Again, try not to use “you”.

3. **Because...** We humans tend to respond well when we are given a good reason. State why you feel the way you do when a certain thing happens. If this can be argued with – just leave it at the way you feel.

4. **I would like / I need...** You need to have thought about a plan about what would put things right, or at least improve things. It is essential that the communication ends with some hope for things being repairable. The plan needs to practical, and possible.

For example:

- I feel disappointed when I am left waiting past the time we agreed on because it seems I don’t matter. I would like you to be on time so I can feel respected.

- I feel so pleased when you clean your room because it’s much easier to find things in a tidy room. I’d love you to do it again.

This formula can work for anyone! Try using it to assist your children to repair the next sibling fall-out!

**KNITTING SUPPLIES:** Do you have any balls of wool (even left over bits) or knitting needles sitting around, needing a home? Janelle and Rachel would love donations of knitting supplies for a program to be launched soon, providing young people with the opportunity to give something back to the community, and be part of a group effort in doing so. Please drop off any donations to reception, marked for the attention of Rachel. Many thanks! Any keen knitters who may like to find out more about the program and how they can help, please leave your name and contact details at reception for Rachel also.

Rachel Martin and Janelle Jones

FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER

**Fees**
Accounts for Term 1 fees were sent home with students last month. **The due date for payment was 23 February 2012.** If you did not receive your invoice please contact the office and they can arrange a copy.

Part of the enrolment process for Emmaus College includes the parent/s or guardian/s signing they agree to meet commitments and pay the required school fees as they become due.

The funds collected go directly towards provisions for the students, whether it is photocopying, excursions for Prep to Yr 9, bus hire for SECA sport, musical instruments, IT network, classroom resources, Library resources and other consumables used by students. Other costs that include supporting students indirectly are - electricity, telephone, water, rates, rubbish collection, sanitary service, cleaning contractors, grounds staff, furniture and fittings and buildings/maintenance.

Your assistance in paying school fees by the due date enables the College to provide and maintain services and support to your children.

**OVERDUE ACCOUNTS**
Overdue notices were mailed last week to all account holders with an outstanding balance as at 01 March 2012. Your attention to settlement of your overdue account is appreciated. If you have paid your account after the 01 March 2012, please disregard this notice.

**PAYMENT OPTIONS**
BPAY facility is available. Each family has been issued a BPAY Reference number and this is in the top right hand side of all statements. We encourage all account holders to use this method of payment. If you choose to make periodic payments via BPAY, please call and advise the office.

If you prefer to make payments at college reception, please remember to bring your statement with you. As with other organisations, customer and reference numbers which appear on your statement are needed to accurately process your fees.

**E-LIBRARY**
You can also access an online database of newspapers, journal articles, maps, podcasts and transcripts from home. This is mostly appropriate for students in Years 7-12.

- Simply start by logging on to http://elibrary.bigchalk.com.au
- Username:49-65768
  Password: bigchalk
- Choose “My eLibrary” to create your own account. Search away!

Susan Schuster & Corrine Muller

RESOURCE CENTRE NEWS

**LIBRARY DATABASE AVAILABLE AT HOME.**
Did you know that you can look up and see if we have that special book at home?

Our library database Oliver is available at the address http://library.bne.catholic.edu.au/oliver/libraryHome.do Make sure you choose “Emmaus College, Jimboomba” from the drop down box and then you can search for books and resources. This is a great way to find out what we have on the shelves as well as any great websites that are considered appropriate for your research.

You can also look up our reading lists to plan for your next good read.

**MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT NEWS**

**MATHEMATICS NEWS**
Where does the time go? You will receive this in week 8 and with only a couple of weeks remaining until the Easter break, there is still much to do. Assessment in week 5 was carried out in years 7, 9 and 10 whilst year 8 did their assessment in week 6. You should be receiving your son’s / daughter’s results for these assessment
VOCATIONAL EDUCATION & TRAINING NEWS

TAFE
TAFE Students all seem to be really enjoying their chosen courses; it is wonderful to see the range of options students have at their disposal and using these opportunities to increase their future career pathways.

NOTE: 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.

SAT’s
There have been three students successful with obtaining a School-based Traineeship in the past week. One student will be undertaking a Certificate III in Electro technology and two others doing a Certificate III in Fitness. Congratulations to those students who were successful in gaining a Traineeship.

All upcoming School-based Traineeships and other VET info regarding SAT’s and TAFE is advertised in the student daily notices and is also displayed on the VET Information board that is located in Flindersia (formally known as SYTEC). If you have a student interested in pursuing a SAT or TAFE as a future option, encourage them to keep listening to the notices and to regularly check the notice board.

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 see the VET Coordinator Mr Paten or the Pathways Officer Mrs Whyte.

TAX FILE NUMBERS (YEAR 9-12)
A big thank you to Sue Higgins from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) who spoke to all Year 10 students regarding Tax File Numbers (TFN) two weeks ago. Sue interacted with the students to explain how taxation works. We have now sent all the returned TFN applications off to the ATO which were due back on Friday 2nd March 2012. It usually takes 4-6 weeks to process and the TFN will be sent to the address that appeared on the application form. So look out for this very important document when it arrives in the mail. If you missed the deadline or did not complete an application, but are still interested, there will be another opportunity to get a TFN in Term 3! The ATO does not like single applications from schools as they do bulk processing so it is unlikely any new applications will be sent before Term 3!

Darren Paten & Michelle Whyte

YEAR 6 CAMP REFLECTION

Last week the Year 6 students attended their Leadership Camp at Thunderbird Park. Much growth was seen in our young leaders over the 3 days as they challenged themselves with physical activities like the high ropes at Adventure Park and the mud obstacle course as part of the Mission. They also participated in other activities that allowed many of them to show their natural leadership skills to assist their group in solving mental challenges that required cooperation and communication within the group. Some of our Year 12 leaders also joined the Year 6’s and their presence was invaluable as they encouraged and supported their younger counterparts. Below are some reports from our Year 6 students.

Last week, Year 6 cohort went to Thunderbird Park. On the first day, group 5&6 did bush survival while group 1&2 did the Mission and 3&4 went to Adventure Parc. At bush survival you had to make shelters and a fire. Then it was lunchtime with yummy food.

After lunch we did outback art, which was so much fun and we did a boat race, in which all of our boats sank. Then it was free time, so we all had a shower before the Leadership Liturgy which was fun. Then it was time for bed in our cabins. There were 7 cabins. I was in cabin 3 with Gabrielle, Maddison, Georgia E, Georgie B, Lucy & Madelyn. The next day group 5&6 went to Adventure Parc with Mr Campbell. It was so much fun. We did the flying fox with the pulley

By Gabby C

On camp at Thunderbird Park, we did the high ropes. On the high ropes, we did the flying fox and all sorts of high stuff. The Mission was where we crawled under a net with mud going in your face. You had to run down and up a steep hill. You had to go down into a ditch and do the net thing again. Then you had to do it all over again until you can’t do any more.

By Claude D

EMMAUS LEADERS IN ACTION

YEAR 6 CAMP
Last week a few Year 12 students travelled to Thunderbird Park to spend a day with the Year 6 students on their Leadership Camp. This was an opportunity to develop our leadership skills by helping the Year 6 students enjoy themselves, conquer their fears and complete many challenges, including the mud crawl, bush walk and high ropes course.

All the Year 12 students agreed with Lacey and Jess when they were reflecting about this event: “It was an awesome experience for us to interact with and get to know the younger students.”

On behalf of all the Year 12 students that went on camp, I would like to thank the Year 6 teachers for inviting us to join camp, and letting us get involved and help with the activities, and to thank the parents who provided transport to and from Thunderbird Park.

Finally to the Year 6 students, thanks for making our time on camp really enjoyable. We hope you had as much fun as we did!

Nick S – College Captain

YEAR 10 BUSINESS VENTURES

As part of the Year 10 Business Class, the students are learning about how to create and run a business. The students are required to come up with a business venture, then make and sell a product. Listed below are some very enterprising businesses that will be showcasing their hard work by setting up stalls around the College on Monday 19th March and Tuesday, 20th March. Please show your support and take a look.

By Claude D
Yr 10 History Excursion

Congratulations to the historians in Year 10, who explored Brisbane’s war history at Fort Lytton and the State Library. These photos show our students looking very clever, as they examined artefacts, publications and ephemera (little bits and pieces like ration stamps, stickers, pamphlets, etc) from World War Two in Brisbane. Multimodal presentations will take place in Week 10 - parents are cordially invited to attend.

Yr 8 Medieval History Excursion

On Thursday 23 February Year 8 went on a bus trip to the city.

We first visited the Cathedral of St John. We were surprised about how big the Cathedral was. When we walked in everyone thought it had the wow-factor. The ceiling was so high and the walls were very thick, because they were made from sandstone. Every wall had at least one stained glass window, which represented an important part from the Bible. On the northern side there was a beautiful Rose Window that used the whole space of the wall. We were then split up into groups and allocated a guide, who showed us around the Cathedral and explained what each part of the Cathedral meant.

After another bus trip we arrived at the Abbey Museum in Caboolture. When we got there we had a quick lunch and then split into two groups. Part one was a talk by Sir Justin and Sir Christian who told us about Knights’ weapons and how they lived. We also had the privilege to hold and try on some of the weapons and armour. Part two was a tour of the museum, where we saw and were amazed by some very old and interesting artefacts. We completed sections of our activity booklets to remember what we had seen and learned.

As we arrived back at school at 3.30pm, we were all very tired. Everyone agreed that it was worth it because it was such a great day.

by Kaitlin B and Jacqui F

Rock’n Roll— Pets that don’t cost a lot of money or your time

Hacky Sacks—that’s what we sell!

Stickers Galore—Groovy stickers that come in a range of sizes, colours & designs. Pre-orders being taken.


Music Department Update

Performing Arts Night.

Our Semester 1 Performing Arts Night will be held in the Lomandra Centre commencing at 6:30pm on Thursday 22nd March. All students involved in the College Musical, Choirs (Yrs 2-3, 4-6 and 7-12), Orchestra and Concert Band will be performing on the night. Serveral drama students will also be performing. A letter will be sent home to all students involved by the end of this week. This is a great opportunity to see a “sneak peak” of our College Musical so come along for what’s sure to be a fun-filled entertaining night!

Grease the Musical Update

Are you sick of fighting to find space in your wardrobe and cupboards?

We can help YOU!

If you have any bridesmaid dresses, formal dresses, taffeta skirts, pooldle skirts or ‘GREASE’ style clothing that you don’t need any more, the cast of GREASE (2012 Emmaus College Musical production) would love to take it off your hands and use them on stage in our musical. We are currently looking for all kinds of clothing and accessories that would be suitable for use in our musical production for male and female roles including bridesmaid and formal dresses (the puffier the better), taffeta skirts, poolde skirts, chiffon scarves, cheer leading outfits, men’s suits, shirts, shorts and ties, sequined vests and any other GREASE (the movie) style clothing . All donations of clothing are greatly appreciated and can be dropped off to Student Reception or the 2T classroom in the early years pod.

Margaux Tarrier—Wardrobe Manager

Equestrian News

On Saturday three members of the Emmaus College Equestrian Team competed at their first interschool event for this year. It was held at the new Caboolture State Equestrian Center and run by Dressage Queensland’s Young Rider committee as a fundraiser and interschool qualifier. For one member of the team, Kiara T, it was her first ever interschool event and should be proud of her results. The three girls were all secondary riders which enabled us to field a secondary team and for the first time Emmaus College received a secondary team prize of 6th overall in the championship. Sarah G also received 2nd place in her Preliminary 1B test. All three riders, Kiara, Sarah and Rebekah achieved qualifying scores for their tests which will go towards their nomination for the State Championships in July. Upcoming events for other team members to watch out for are Cantonbury’s Showman Competition in March and Dressage at Dooben on the 1st of April. Team members are asked to keep up with events which will be listed on nominate.com.au.

Congratulations to Ethan M who competed in the 2012 Interdominion competition last week in Perth. Ethan and his horse Paleface Katie, raced against 14 of the fastest horses in Australia. He was successful in his race making him the under 16 Australian champion for the second time. This is an amazing effort as Ethan is only 10 years old. Over the 600 metre race Ethan gave the front horse an 80 metre start and was still able to gain first place. Terrific effort Ethan.

Maria Gould
P&F News

Our first night meeting of the year will be early next term on Monday 23rd April at 7pm in the Lomandra Centre. Everyone is welcome – especially those who can’t make the day meetings. Depending on attendance, our plan is to alternate each month to give everyone maximum opportunity to come along.

If you can’t make meetings, we still welcome your input – please feel free to email any issues or concerns you want discussed to: pandifsecretaryemmaus@gmail.com

If you would like to join the P & F email list, send us an email and we will send you copies of the minutes of meetings as well as any special “shout outs” about events happening or opportunities to help.

We know that all parents have many demands on their time. The P & F is a great way to stay in touch with what is happening at school and contribute to the future.

Events coming up include: Cross Country (Wed 21st March), Easter Raffle (drawn 30th March – notes have gone home and we will also be selling ticket on Tuesday 27th outside the Library and at the Cross Country) and Mothers Day Stall (early next term). We would love some parents who can help with these special activities. Please either email, or phone Richelle on 0410 502 431, Raelene on 0402 907 977 or Selma on 0408 077 427.

Second Hand Uniform Shop

The Second Hand Uniform Shop is now open in our nice new room at the back of The Hub (Banksia). To celebrate our new premises, a special half price sale is happening this week only – Monday and Wednesday from 8-9am and 2.30-3.30pm. Come in and grab a bargain! Normal operating hours will be Monday 8-9am and Wednesday 2.30-3.30pm. All enquiries: Rhonda 0430 519 876.

Student Banking

Student banking is off to a flying start with plenty of new enrolments. We are looking at hitting the 200 mark very soon! Last week we had 70 students bank and this week we had 83!!!!!! Yay. Well done to Riley W who has received 10 tokens and claimed his prize. All enquiries: Dani : 0431 569 314

Community Support Group

To make our school community even stronger, the Community Support Group is looking for volunteers who may be willing to lend a hand from time to time to local families experiencing difficulties. The next newsletter will include a special survey to outline ways in which people can help. Keep an eye out for it! In the meantime, feel free to contact our Community Support Coordinator Lianda Bacon on 0418 791 063.

Raelene Lawler

Primary District Netball Trials

On February 29, 2012 twelve Emmaus Students competed in the Primary District Netball Trials for selection in the District team. All girls participated with enthusiasm and good sportsmanship in every match – even when it was raining! The girls represented Emmaus proudly and there were 4 girls selected to play in the Possibles and Probables match for district selection.

Hayley H, Alissa S and Inidannah B from year 6 and Jacinta F from Year 7 played with determination and skill throughout this match. Jacinta F was selected as a shadow member of the Senior Primary District Netball Team. These girls worked tirelessly and should be congratulated on their efforts and all girls should be proud of their achievements on the day. Many thanks also go to Mrs Flaxman who assisted the team throughout the day.

Margaux Tarrier—Team Manager

Uniform Shop Update

| Opening Times | Monday: Closed | Tuesday & Thursday: 8am-11am, 2pm-4pm | Wednesday & Friday: 8am-11am |

As the mornings are starting to get chilly it’s nearly time for Winter Uniforms. Uniform shop has most uniforms available for purchase so get in early and beat the rush and don’t miss out. Additional stock will be arriving later this month.

All Senior Students are required to wear their blazers in term 2 & 3 with their formal uniform. If you have a blazer on order they are available for collection

Sport Caps

Year 4 - Year 9 Students: Sport caps are only permitted to be worn during sport or PE lessons. No caps are to be worn during break times for these students. Wide brimmed hats are to be worn during these times

Year 10 - 12 Students: As part of the Senior Uniform Policy caps are only to be worn with sports uniform NOT formal uniform

Out of Stock

- Sport Shirt size 14
- Middle years Boy’s Shorts size 67
- Middle Years Boy’s Shirt size 100cm
- Senior Girls Skirt size 10
- Senior Girls Blouse size 12
- Prep Shirt size 4
- Boys Blazer size 20L & 22
- Primary Sport Shorts sizes 14

Wendy Spanner

Other Items.....

Relay for Life

Relay for Life is being held on 6-7th October 2012. If any parents are interested in participating for Emmaus College, could you please contact Lani Pickard at lpickard@bne.catholic.edu.au for more information.
Dust off your clubs, start practicing your swing and get a team of 4 together for the EMMAUS GOLF DAY. This annual event is always a great social day and caters for all standards of golfers. If you are interested in taking part in this fantastic day please collect a nomination form from Student Reception.

Where: Hills Golf Course, Jimboomba
When: 1pm, 19th May
Cost: $40 per person (includes lunch, 18 holes of golf and prize)

RSVP: Please return completed nomination forms by 23rd April to Student Reception.

There are still many wonderful opportunities for companies or individuals to provide sponsorship for this event. Nearest the pin and longest drive are just a couple of examples of opportunities that exist. Please contact me if you are interested in becoming a sponsor/donating a prize.

Tony Grimston - ITD Teacher and Golf Enthusiast

FREE IMMUNISATION CLINICS—LOGAN CITY COUNCIL

• Beenleigh Library, Crete St, Beenleigh Every Thursday 9am—10am
• Jimboomba Library, 18-22 Honora St, Jimboomba Every Thursday 11am—12noon
• Browns Plains Early Years Centre, Cnr Wineglass Dr & Middle Rd, Hillcrest Every Thursday 1pm—2pm
• Logan Central Library, 26 Wilbur St, Logan Central Every Thursday 3.30pm—7pm

No appointment needed. For further information contact Logan City Council on 3412 5318.

Does your child suffer asthma or eczema?

Every day, thousands of Australian children suffer the effects of asthma and eczema and families struggle with illness management and children’s behavioural and emotional adjustment.

Positive Parenting for Healthy Living is an adaptation of the successful Triple P Positive Parenting Program offering practical ideas and support for parents of children suffering asthma or eczema. This innovative group program is designed to help parents manage their child’s illness, assist children in coping with their illness and emotions, and prevent and manage difficult child behaviour.

Over the next few months and for a limited time only, parents of 3-10 year old children suffering asthma or eczema are able to access Positive Parenting for Healthy Living Triple P as part of a University of Queensland research project. Parents will be able to attend the program free of charge, and will be asked to complete 3 sets of assessment measures (questionnaire, symptom diary, and family observation) over a 6 month period, as part of the study. Contact Amy Mitchell on (07) 3365 7305 or email healthyliving@uq.edu.au or visit www.exp.psy.uq.edu.au/healthyliving for more information.