

“The Year 8 journey so far...”

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There is a saying that “from little things, big things grow.”

Take a look at our Year 8 students! Six months ago two hundred and ten “little tackers” entered the wide, glass doors of the Year 8 area. We welcomed them with huge smiles and enthusiasm. Most were eager to be back – others had a look of apprehension. They had taken a step up in the school yard hierarchy.

Gca Y`MYUF`, `ghi XYbng`UbX`h`Jg`U[Y`hc`VY`U`fci`V`]b[`hja`Y`Zcf` them. Their bodies are changing at a scary rate, the dynamics of their friendship groups ebb and flow, their teachers suddenly expect them to take responsibility for their learning and themselves and the outside world throws at them the Swine Flu, an economic crisis and Black Saturday for good measure!

Yet despite all these tumultuous events, all the evidence suggests that our Year 8 students are doing pretty well.

Recently I surveyed a large number of Year 8 students. One of the questions I asked them was ‘Name three differences between being in Year 7 to being in Year 8?’ Many responded gUm]b[`h`Uh`h`Ym`Z`ha`cFY`gYW`fY`UbX`UX`[fck`b`]b`W`bUX`Yb`W` Some felt that there were greater homework demands, subjects were harder and that teachers were stricter and that they had higher expectations than in Year 7. It was interesting to note that students had developed a sense of connectedness. They know what is expected of them and they have become masters of their environment. They now know where everything is and who is who. They have achieved a degree of seniority; they weren’t the ‘babies’ of the school anymore.

Another question they were asked was, ‘What issues have you experienced in Year 8 that you did not experience in Year 7?’ The answers to this question were quite interesting because most felt they had become more responsible and better organised, especially when it came to locker keys, homework, bringing materials to class, returning permission forms or wearing the correct uniform. Some felt that there was more pressure and a lot more homework. A common response related to the higher expectations with respect to homework and the inevitable fear of performing at one’s best in exams.

Some students felt that bullying was more prevalent in Year 8 than in Year 7. This response reinforces that we as a College need to maintain a zero tolerance approach to bullying. Our ‘Fair go for all’ policy helps students to deal with bullies. It is also discussed widely in classrooms especially in Health and Personal Development, Religious Education and Pastoral Care. Only a couple of months ago, Brainstorm Productions visited Year 8 students and performed ‘Verbal Combat’. This was a very powerful performance that highlighted issues for bullies and victims.

What’s good about being in Year 8? Even though students have not completed the year yet, their responses were very positive. Common responses were;

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- h`YFY`UFY`bYK`dYcd`Y`hc`a`YYh`Vi`h`Uh`h`Y`gUa`Y`hja`Y`h`YFY`

- are familiar faces
 - K`Y`Xcb`h`Uj`Y`hc`]b`Y`i`d
 - M`i`UFY`fFY`UH`X`Ug`Ub`UXi`h
 - h`Y`Y`Y`W]j`Yg`UFY`bYK
 - K`Y`a`cj`Y`Ufci`bX`z`k`Y`Xcb`h`g`Um]b`h`Y`gUa`Y`WUggfcca`g
 - B`ch`h`Y`mci`b[`Ygh]b`h`Y`gW`cc`
 - BYk`W`U`Yb[`Yg
 - @Ygg`YI`Ua`g`A`A`hc`b`Ua`Y`U`ZYk`
 - c`f`a`Ubmigh`XYbng`z`DUgh`c`f`U`7`UFY`z`F`YU`Y`W]cb`8`Un`z`A`Y`X]Yj`U`8`Un`z`
- Geography Excursion, Year 8 City Experience Camp; which they are all excited about and looking forward to, make school more interesting and relevant.

Cb`F`YU`Y`W]cb`8`Un`z`gh`XYbng`XYj`Y`cd`Ub`]bg[`h]b`h`h`Y`f`ck`b` being. They develop an understanding about their relationship with others and with God. It is through experiences such as these that we hope to equip students with the insights they need to make good choices in life. They realize that they don’t have to conform to the hyped stereotypes portrayed in TV soap operas and trashy teen magazines. There really is more to life than book learning.

The Year 8 Pastoral Care program explores topics such as; Getting to Know You, Belonging, Working Together, Time Management, Friendship, Communication and Feelings. Students together with their homeroom teacher, work through these topics via worksheets, discussions and ‘hands on’ activities.

The Year 8 City Experience Camp, held on 8 and 9 October, aims to enhance pastoral interaction. Students will also have the opportunity to experience and appreciate the sights, landmarks, parks and historical buildings of Melbourne.

Year 8 is an exciting time in the life of a student. It offers them the opportunity to excel in their studies. Year 8 is about developing new relationships. We encourage students to be active participants in the learning process. This may sometimes mean stepping outside their comfort zone and taking risks. If we do our job as educators well, then our students will be in a good position to cope with whatever challenges life throws at them, be it academic, social or global.

COMING EVENTS

[June]

- 22 Year 11/12, Units 2 and 4 studies commence
- 23 11-12 Futsal Championships
- 24 Interhouse Cross Country (Year 7-10, Year 11/12 runners)
Malaysian tour Information, 6.30pm Fabris Ctr
- 26 Term 2 ends for Years 7-12 at 3.20pm
- 27 Years 11/12 Central Australia Trip, until July 9
- 29 Term 2 vacation commences, until July 13

[July]

- 3 Year 7-12 Semester 1 Reports posted
- 13 Staff Conference
- 14 All students commence Term 3
Winter uniform compulsory
- 16 Year 10 Learning Assessment (absentees)
- 20 Newsletter No.10



PRINCIPAL'S REVIEW

Mr Tony Hirst

Last Sunday at Mass we saw the return of priests wearing green vestments after the red vestments of Pentecost and the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ. The green vestments suggest life and growth. It is during these next few weeks that the Church wants to nourish the life of the Spirit in us, and to encourage us to be faithful disciples. We can do this by prayer, works of charity and service.



It is hard to believe that it is almost twelve months since World Youth Day. Initiatives such as this clearly show life in the Church, and our own parishes and are real signs of growth, life and hope for today and the future. With the winter holidays upon us, it is an ideal opportunity for all members of the school community to use the break to slow down and to take some time to contemplate the many mysteries of frenetic pace that our modern world often demands. Our bodies and minds require rest, so I encourage everyone to spend some time doing this, in preparation for what is always a busy second semester.

Families in the last fortnight would have received two As is common at this time of the year, we have had a bi a VYf' cZ ghi XYbhg' Yi \J]h]b['Ui '[_Y' gma dhca g'z' Vi h' Uh'h' jg' ghJ[Y'k Y' \Uj Y' \UX' bc' V' b' Ufa YX' WUgYg' cZ gk]bY' Ui "'K Y'k]' _YYd' mci 'i d' hc' XUHy' k]h' 'UbmVX' Ub[Yg]b' h' Y' government's management of this medical situation, but at this stage it remains in the 'Protect Alert Status' phase.



On Tuesday 9 June, the Federal Member for Chisholm and Deputy Speaker - House of Representatives, The Honourable Anna Burke MP visited the Burwood campus. College Captains, Emily Bowman and Sam McPhillips, were guides as Ms Burke inspected College facilities,

especially the new computers which were funded as part of the Federal Governments National Secondary School Computer Fund project. Clearly the college is very pleased to be the recipient of such funding, and this was expressed to the Member for Chisholm.



The College recently received the Post Year 12 Destination information for the Class of 2008.

Total completed Year 12 (Actual number) - 129

VCAA Data

Tertiary Applications and Offers	106
University offers %	67%
TAFE/VET offers %	33%
Any tertiary offer %	96%

On Track Survey Data – April 2009

In Education and Training

University enrolled %	55%
TAFE/ VET enrolled %	17%
Apprentice/ Trainee %	11%

Not in Education and Training

Employed %	12%
Looking for work %	1%
Deferred %	10%

Each Year 12 cohort can have its own characteristics in h'fa g'cZ d'cgh' M'Uf' %&' XYgh]bUh]cbg' UbX' h' YgY' U[i fYg' UfY' similar to those of 2007. The classes of 2007 and 2008 have displayed a trend slightly away from university with slightly higher percentages looking at employment when completing their secondary education.

As this is the last newsletter before the winter holidays it is important to remind families of important information. Classes for all students conclude this Friday (26th June) at 3.20 pm. Classes resume after the holidays on Tuesday 14th July. Semester one reports are due to be posted home on Friday 3rd July. With the semester one reports, each family will receive a booklet entitled 'Emmaus College 2008 School Performance Data'. Schools now have a responsibility to report certain information to the Australian and Victorian Governments as well as the school community. Much of the information in the booklet has already been reported in various newsletters throughout the past twelve months.

For Parent Teacher interviews for Semester 2 Emmaus College has purchased a product known as Parent Teacher Online. Parent Teacher On-Line (PTO) is the new generation web service for arranging parent teacher interviews. Parent Teacher interviews are organised on-line and free of the stress of returning booking sheets and not being in control of the situation. PTO will allow parents /guardians to log on 24 x 7 and arrange their interviews with teachers from the comfort of their own home, work or any internet cafe.

More details regarding this new parent teacher booking system will be distributed with the semester reports. Log-in and password details are the most important elements, as you will be guided through the process once you enter the website. For families that don't have internet access, Vcc_]b[g' WUb' VY' a UX' h' fci [\ ' h' Y' 7c' Y[Y' cZ UJW' "'@cc_' for further details with the Semester Reports.

Pictured left: The Honourable Anna Burke MP with Principal Mr Hirst; College Captain Emily Bowman provides the before and after information on our computer acquisitions.



BURWOOD BUZZ

Ms Anne McLachlan - Assistant Principal. Head of 11-12 Campus

There is not much happening at Burwood other than exams.

VET II - Applied Fashion Design & Technology

Structured Workplace Learning Week is currently being undertaken at various Fashion and Design Houses around Melbourne. More next newsletter.

Year 11 Designers

Students in the Unit 1 Class of Design & Technology (Textiles) recently completed their major design task for Semester 1. Each student designed and constructed a skirt from a design brief where innovation was to be a feature. The following students produced work of a particularly high standard and are on display at the Burwood Campus – (L-R) Sophie Fletcher, Alana Curro, Stephanie Clarke, Holly Curtis and Sarah Trace.



Scholarships for Children of Veterans intending Tertiary Studies in 2010

In 2010 the Australian Veterans' Children Assistance Trust fBJ 75HŁ UFY Yl dYVf]b ['hc [] Y 'UbUbWU' Ugg]ghUbW' Zcf i d 'hc' 65 students under many different scholarship schemes. All schemes help the selected children in need of the Australian veteran community with the costs of tertiary education. Applicants are considered for all schemes for which they are eligible. Schemes vary between \$3,000 and \$5,000 per year each.

Applications open on August 18 2009. To apply students must be:

- a. Within the means test. That is eligible on assets and]bVŁ a Y [fci bXg' Zcf M;i h '5''ck UbW' VYbYUhg' Zcf 'Z' '' time education.
- b. Enrolled, or planning to enrol in a full-time course of tertiary education in Australia by attendance at a university, TAFE or college. The course must be of one or more academic year's length and at an undergraduate level.
- c. The child or grandchild of a person who has operational service with the Australian Navy, Army or Air Force, or if not has three or more year's continuous full -time service as a member of the Australian Defence Force.
- d. Under the age of 25 when applying, unless exceptional circumstance related to veteran's service exist.

To receive an application form register interest on 1800 620 361. Children and grandchildren of Vietnam veterans should do so now, as should any others who believe that they are eligible. Applications close on October 31 each year.

Web: www.accsoft.com.au/~vvt

Email: vvt@accsoft.com.au

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Psychology in Action! - Year 11 Psychology

On Friday 22 May the two Year 11 Psychology classes took the long and arduous walk from the 11-12 Campus to St. Benedicts Primary School (next door). Why, you ask? Hc' fi b' h'Y'gh'cb' h'Y'; fUXY' %g' UbX'; fUXY' (g' Zcf' h'Y'f' UbU' assessment for Unit 1 Psychology (and having lots of fun in the mean time!).

These 'tests' included playing with play dough, coloured k UhYfz' h'XX]Yg' UbX' WŁ]bg']b' cfXYf' hc' UbX' ci h' h'Y' ghU[Y' cZ cognitive development the children were in according to the theories we were studying. It was quite funny seeing our big M'Uf' %g' hfmiUbX' 'Uh']bhc' h'Y' h']bmdf]a UfmgWŁcc' 'WŁU]fg' UbX' talk to the little kids... some found it quite challenging to talk to the younger children, but it brought out the natural teacher in others!

Best of all, the Year 11s got to bring in their favourite cuddly teddy bear to show the primary school kids... and all in the name of Science! Actually I think that, secretly, some of the Year 11s enjoyed playing with the play dough even more than the primary school children did...

The excursion was a great success; the Year 11s were able to k f]h' U' gVWYb]h' UWFYdcfhUVci h' h'Y'f' UbX']b[gZ' UbX' h'Y' d'f]a Ufmi school kids had a fun time out of their usual classes – and since everyone got a sticker, everyone was a winner!

Year 10s; Look out for information about Psychology at the subject information days later this year. Maybe it's something you'd be interested in doing next year.

Miss Jenny Davidson



Left: Jaryd Dickson and Jess Hall asking their student some hard questions... about a teddy bear...

Below: Chris Jerez and Josh Minehan playing with play dough with a student.

Kiara D'Ademo and Nichola Stamatakos test a Grade 1 student with coloured water.



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Holy Saviour Parish, Highbury Road, Glen Waverley Bcfh'z' UfY' \cgh]b[' U' Zcfi a 'cb' hfUZŁW]b[' E' h']g']g' an important issue about which we should all be informed.

When: Saturday 20th June after 6pm mass.

7pm free soup and a roll

7.30 pm an address by:

Speaker: Sr Stancea Vichie of Good Shepherd Social Justice Network. Followed by the confronting, award k]bb]b[' U' a ' H'Y' >Ua a YX'f

Debrief over tea and coffee with Sr Stancea.

Enquiries ring Joe Annetts 9803 8996



AROUND 7-10 CAMPUS

Mr David White
- Assistant Principal
Head of 7-10 Campus

The last fortnight has seen classes for semester 1 conclude and all students from years 7 – 10 sit their semester exams. The exam and reporting process has gone very smoothly and the majority of students should be congratulated on their preparation and application to exams.

Reports will be sent home next week and I encourage all families to read them thoroughly and celebrate the successes while at the same time noting ways in which students can improve outcomes for semester two. Families and the College are always proud of the achievements of our students and the semester reports are a great way to acknowledge the hard work that has been undertaken.

Year 7 & 8 Sport

Year 7 and Year 8 Sport commences this semester. All Year 7 students will undertake sport every Monday afternoon throughout the semester with Year 8 students having sport on Tuesday afternoon. As with our Year 9 students, all Year 7 and 8 students have the chance to represent the College in a sporting environment and learn a lot about teamwork while enjoying the chance to participate in a range of sports. All Year 7 students can wear full PE uniform to and from school on each Monday of semester two with Year 8 students able to do the same on Tuesdays. I am sure our junior students will take up the opportunity that these afternoons present and will have a lot of fun enjoying the time with their peers.

Interhouse Cross Country

All Year 7 – 10 students will participate in Interhouse Cross Country this Wednesday June 23. Different year levels will participate at different times of the day and all students will have the opportunity to gain points for their House. The EISM Cross Country team will also be chosen after this day and I encourage all students who are selected in this team to take up the challenge to represent Emmaus College at the Cross Country Carnival.

I wish all students and their families a restful holiday period and I thank everyone for their continued support throughout Term 2.

Chavoin College 1974 Class Reunion

2009 will be 30 years since our HSC was completed as well as the end of Chavoin College. And so the search is on for students from the Class of 1974 who would have graduated in 1979 if they had completed the entire 6 years. The reunion will be held in November 2009. For more details contact Frances Postma on 9762 7128

I look forward to hearing from anyone from this class and/or if you know someone from this class please forward on this information.

Frances Postma

Inter-School Equestrian Competition

Emmaus will now provide the opportunity for students to compete in equestrian competitions, including dressage, show jumping, cross country and games.

The events will be held around Victoria during the weekends, and you will need your own horse and a parent to accompany you.

To register your interest, please see Mr Barclay at the Vermont South campus.

Consumer Stuff Competition

The Consumer Stuff Challenge Competition is an annual event run by Consumer Affairs Victoria to help young Victorians understand important consumer issues.

The competition challenges students to create an information product that addresses a consumer or (second hand car or managing credit).

The contest is free to enter and open to all Victorian secondary schools.

It's also a great way for students and schools to win some fantastic prizes, with over \$8,000 up for grabs.

For more info, please see Mr Barclay or google "Consumer Stuff Competition" and read the attached info.

This would be a great project to keep you occupied over the holidays!!!

Mr Mike Barclay



Emmaus College Production

THE WIZ is almost here!

Looking for?

On Wednesday 22, Thursday 23, Friday 24 and Saturday 25 July Emmaus College's production, 'The Wiz' is Rd Nunawading, for its long awaited debut. Emmaus 7 in this fun family adventure. Come along to witness one of the best College productions yet!

With tickets starting from \$20.00 for child, \$25.00 for adults and a bargain \$80.00 family ticket.

Order forms available online at www.emmaus.vic.edu.au or telephone 98453211.

You can also arrange your tickets for 'The Wiz' through the Emmaus College Reception, 503 Springvale Rd, Vermont South.

We hope to see you there!

Jacqueline Pagey 9 Orange