Recently while leading a school tour, I was asked by a prospective parent, “What is Emmaus really good at? Do you excel in sport, drama, music, academic results?” I told her that, yes, our students perform strongly in these areas, but what we are really good at is student wellbeing. And the result is that our students are happy to come to school each day and connect with each other and their learning.

This is my second year as a Middle House Leader and transitioning our Year 7 students to secondary school is a huge focus. Starting Year 7 is very exciting, but also brings with it feelings of nervousness and anxiety. Inviting enrolled students to Emmaus in November gives them a chance to get a feel for their new school, meet their Pastoral Teacher and House Leader and, most importantly, other students. A second orientation morning in January before the other Year Levels start is an opportunity to figure out lockers, timetables and to gear up for the school year.

While transition is an ongoing process, the highlight is most definitely the Year 7 camp to Rawson in week 3. I love the energy and enthusiasm our new Year 7 students bring to the camp which includes canoeing down the Thompson River, 4-wheel driving, a climbing and abseiling wall, trivia and skit nights and a sporting round robin. By the end of the camp, I can see students from a host of different primary schools bonding together and getting to know each other.

As a Catholic regional school, Emmaus brings together families from a number of wonderful primary school communities. Connecting families with the Emmaus community is part of the transition process and involves a Year 7 Information Night, House Breakfast BBQs and a fantastic Year 7 Family Fun Day in early March. All of which contribute to a feeling of belonging and connectedness which helps our students feel part of Emmaus and want to do their best. So when next I am asked, “What is Emmaus really good at?” My response will be student wellbeing.

This Sunday is the fifth Sunday of Lent, with the Sunday after that being Palm Sunday and then the commencement of Holy Week. It’s a good time to stop and reflect on how we’re going on our journey of prayer, fasting and giving that Lent offers us. It’s easy in our busy lives to let good intentions slide, particularly if we see it all as a bit of an added extra to each day. But if we live the reality of being people on a faith journey, as we all are, we need to find time for our spiritual growth, for opening ourselves more fully to God’s desires for us and for the world. The ever present questions, and not just during Lent, should be where are we incorporating prayer into our day, to help us become more aware of God’s presence in our lives? What are we fasting from that will make more room for God in our lives? In what ways and to whom are we giving ourselves, so that we find God in the giving? While not easy, during Lent we are called to be more conscious in all we do, so that we may grow closer to the God of mercy and love.

EMMAUS SOUL BAND TO PERFORM IN THE TREASURY GARDENS
Catholic Education Week, commencing on Sunday 13 March, is a wonderful celebration of our faith and Catholic heritage, and the many and varied gifts of our young people. The Theme for Catholic Education Week 2016 linking with the Year of Mercy is ‘Be the Face of Mercy’. The Mass of St Patrick for Schools and even more, the Concert in Treasury Gardens (Thursday, 17 March), are joyous occasions and opportunities for our students to experience the wider Catholic education community. This year the Emmaus College Soul Band will have the honour of performing to thousands of students in the Treasury Gardens (weather permitting). Best wishes to these students, the Soul Band Leader, Mr Linden Compassi and the Director of Music, Mr John Collins on what promises to be a very memorable occasion.

FRIDAY MORNING MASS
Mass is celebrated in the College Chapel every Friday Morning at 8.15am. Parents are most welcome to join students at staff.
CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Chloe O’Malley (Year 9), who was recently presented with the Forest Hill Electorate Endeavour Shield by Mr Neil Angus.

Congratulations also to Tayah O’Dell (Year 9), who was awarded a bronze State medal for 13-year girls 100m breaststroke at the Victorian Age Swimming Championships last December. In early February Tayah won gold at the Victorian Sprint Championships for 13-year girls 50m breaststroke with a personal best of 36.01 seconds. We wish Tayah all the best when she travels to Adelaide later this month to swim in the National Age Swimming Championships.

RETIREMENT OF VAL ZAMMIT

On Friday, 26 February the College officially farewelled Mrs Val Zammit. Val commenced her employment as Manager of the Emmaus Second Hand Uniform Shop around 1994 and in 2002 commenced as a bus driver. With the Uniform Shop role, Val would have met many new families to Emmaus.

During her 14 years as a bus driver, Val very reliably and safely transported students on morning and afternoon bus runs as well as multiple sport journeys and excursions around Melbourne and further afield. Val’s three children – Justin, Mark and Joel - were all students of Emmaus and we wish her and Michael well as they retire to the Mornington Peninsula.

LEARNING CENTRE UPDATE

Unfortunately there have been some unexpected delays associated with our new Learning Centre as a result of our final engineer’s reports. At this stage we are working through the issues, and once these are resolved, we will be in a position to lodge our tender documents.

FAMILY FUN DAY

This year’s Family Fun Day was another great success. Beautiful March weather, the enthusiastic leadership of parent Peter Ryan and his band of helpers and friendly rivalry between the Year 7 Houses helped ensure a terrific afternoon. Thank you to the over 250 people who attended the event.
RECENT ACTIVITIES

Music Camp
Around 60 students and Music and support staff headed to Ferngully Lodge Healesville for the Annual 3-day Music Camp (Sunday to Tuesday, 6-8 March). The students were able to plan their musical year, collaborate and most importantly work on their areas of musical expertise. Immediately upon returning from the camp, students performed a concert for appreciative parents in the BHPAC which was very well attended.

Hairspray Auditions
Auditions for the 2016 College Production Hairspray were recently completed and the cast announced. This year we had over 150 students audition for the 50 cast positions available. This says a great deal about the high esteem that the College Production is held within the student community at Emmaus.

Outdoor Ed
The Semester One Year 10 Outdoor Education students and staff journeyed to the Glenelg River region of south western Victoria. At the time of writing, the camp has gone well, with the weather unseasonably warm for March.

ADVANCE NOTICE PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS
A reminder that Parent Teacher interviews take place in the afternoon and evening of Thursday, 14 April (classes conclude at 12.45 pm) and Tuesday, 19 April. Interim Reports will be available online from Thursday, 24 March. More details regarding Parent Teacher Interviews to come.

END OF TERM
It is hard to believe that this is the final newsletter for Term 1 (Term 1 is a couple of weeks shorter than usual due to an early Easter). I would like to acknowledge the efforts of staff and students during what has been a very busy start to the 2016 school year. Many significant activities have taken place, particularly the Opening School Mass, Year 7 Orientation Camp to Rawson, Year 12 Retreat, EISM Swimming Carnivals at MSAC, Outdoor Education and Music Camps and the upcoming Y9@E City Explores and the House Athletics Carnival next week at the Knox Athletic Track.

SAFE TRAVELS
There will be two major Emmaus tours taking place over the Easter holidays. On 26 March, 25 students and 3 staff will depart for a 3-week adventure through Europe (England, The Netherlands, Germany and Italy). The second of these trips is the Annual Year 8 trip to Canberra departing 30 March. We have over 60 students and 6 staff heading to the nation’s capital. This trip has been incredibly well supported over the years, and the College Board in 2015 agreed to the trip becoming an integral and compulsory component of the Year 8 Humanities curriculum from 2017. Current Year 7 parents have already been informed of this decision last year at the Year 7 2016 Information Session. We wish all Emmaus travellers a safe and enjoyable journey. Thank you to all staff members who are leading the tours.

Easter
While enjoying the holiday break that Easter provides, we ask all families to make every effort to attend the Easter services in their parish, or if they are away, at their holiday destination.

TERM 2
Classes resume for all students on Tuesday, 12 April. As well as Parent Teacher interviews early in Term 2, another very important event is the Charity Concert, now in its twelfth year. It is hoped that we can fill the Bill Holligan Performing Arts Centre on 21 April for this event, with all proceeds going to Caritas Australia.
Don’t miss our

Annual Charity Concert!

To be held on Thursday, 21 April at 7.15pm in the Bill Holligan Performing Arts Centre

All proceeds to Caritas Australia

Tickets
Adults - $5
Students - $3
CAFÉ TOUR
As part of the VCAL program, we are completing a ‘big project’. This year, we are designing and building a café-style outdoor retreat for staff to relax at lunchtimes or free periods. To get design ideas, we visited cafés in the Vermont area. We visited six cafés throughout the morning, 2 cafés at Vermont South Shopping Centre, ‘Frienz Like You’ and ‘Cheeky Latte’ on the corner of Canterbury and Mitcham Roads and 2 cafés at Brentford Square including ‘Latte Lounge’.

At most of the cafés, we had the chance to speak to the owners and ask them questions on how they got their ideas for the café, examples of cost, what works and what doesn’t. All of the owners gave us invaluable information that will really help with the construction of the staff café. The owner of Latte Lounge, Chris, even offered to visit our proposed site and give us ideas of what can go where and what not to do! Thanks, Chris!

From this excursion, we are currently in the design stage to select a useable area. We have done this by giving each group member a certain task – from designers, builders, landscapers, project managers and even a cameraman! All in all, we are working as a team and everyone’s job plays a big part on completing this project.

Fletcher Cole – Year 11 VCAL

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM
Our Intermediate VCAL class recently began the first project within the Community Partnership Program with Bunnings. We were in attendance at SCOPE Ringwood, where our task was to re-decorate the front of the building. We had an enjoyable time painting the building and were pleased with the responses we received from the staff and clients.

Mr Kieran Witts – VCAL Co-ordinator

VCAL SPORT AND RECREATION
Students in the 2016 program have just completed a 4-week program of pool sessions at the Monash Aquatic Centre for their unit on Basic Water Rescues. Sessions were held in the outdoor pool, indoor pool, and wave pool.

The Unit covers assessing a situation and determining, and putting into practice dry land rescues involving reach and throw techniques and rescues in the water, including swimming with rescue aids and by board.

Appropriate follow-up treatments and incident reports according to industry standards are also covered.

Miss Kirsty Sanderson – VCAL Sport & Recreation
It is hard to believe that we are six weeks into the school year already and that Term 1 holidays are less than two weeks away! Many achievements and events (not to mention 224 students settling into secondary school life!) have taken place over this short time and everyone has had a great start to the year.

OPEN MORNING
Open Morning on 12 February was a great opportunity to show what Emmaus College is all about. Over 80 Student Leaders took on the role of Tour Guides and did a magnificent job. Thanks to everyone for making the day a success.

YEAR 7 ORIENTATION CAMP

As is tradition each year, the Year 7 students journeyed to Rawson in East Gippsland for their Orientation Camps. More and Rice Houses started the week off with their camp being held from 15-17 February and Chavoin and Colin students followed from 17-19 February. The focus of the week is getting to know each other better and this was very evident amongst the students and staff and a pleasing outcome. Year 7 students were well supported by the Year 10 Peer Support Leaders, who displayed outstanding leadership. Everyone competed with gusto in the annual Trivia competitions with Colin and More being successful. Chavoin and More also took the prize in the “Skits” performances on the last night of each camp. Many staff were involved in enabling these camps to happen and I thank them for their time and generosity of spirit. My thanks also to all students who make these camps the experience that they are and to the Middle House Leaders, a job well done.
MIDDLE STUDENT COUNCIL INVESTITURE
On 23 February students elected from Years 7 – 9 as Middle Student Council members were invested with their badges of office. I congratulate these students and I look forward to working with them throughout 2016.

YEAR 11 SEMINAR DAY
The Year 11 Seminar Day was held on 19 February. The day was led by David and Katie Kobler from YourChoizes. The students were divided into seminars based on gender and during the day explored questions such as “What is manhood?”, “What it means to be a young woman in society”, What influences do media and marketing play in society?” and “How does one develop a positive relationship?” The structure of the day was a mix of large-group input and small-group discussion. It was well received by students who provided very positive feedback.

YEAR 7 BREAKFASTS
In the last week of February each of the Middle School Houses hosted a breakfast for the parents of the Year 7 students in their House. As in previous years, the breakfasts proved to be an outstanding success. Quite a number of our parents attended and our Middle School House Leaders - Stephen Willis, Teresa Talia, Amanda Finn and Terry Carman, together with their Pastoral teachers and Peer Support Leaders, are to be congratulated on providing a great and welcoming opportunity for all of our Year 7 parents and students.

YEAR 12 2015 REUNION
About two-thirds of the 2015 Year 12 cohort returned to the Vermont South Campus on Friday 26 February for an informal reunion. It afforded the students the opportunity to share experiences and stories of university orientation week, work placements and life in general after Emmaus. A lovely afternoon.

PARENTING INFORMATION FORUM
Supporting Parents, Grandparents and Carers

LET'S TALK ABOUT DRUGS AND ALCOHOL
By the time they hit late Primary to early Secondary School it's likely that a child has already been exposed to drugs and alcohol in some way - whether through friends, television, movies, books, family members or the internet.

Date: Thursday 21 April 2016
Time: 7.30pm-9pm
Venue: Waratah Room, Whitehorse Centre, 397 Whitehorse Road, Nunawading (rear of Nunawading Library)
Further Information: Please contact Council’s Parent Resource Officer on 9262 6175 or molly.block@whitehorse.vic.gov.au
Cost: $2 gold coin donation payable on the night
Other Information:
• There will be Auslan interpreters available at this forum if required. Please indicate whether you require Auslan interpreters through the online booking process.
• Please note we are unable to accommodate children in this forum.
EMMAUS WRAP

YEAR 12 RETREATS

Emmaus College Year 12 students attended a 3-day Retreat from 17-19 February. These are an important part of the Year 12 calendar and all camps were an outstanding success. Students explored personal and faith issues and the program was a great mix of conversation and activity. A wonderful way to commence the Year 12 experience.

THE GERMAN EXCHANGE PROGRAM

BENEFITS OF AN EXCHANGE!

Meaningful exchange programs are much more than magnificent sceneries, stunning sights, and exotic cuisines. While those things certainly have their place, a successful exchange goes much deeper and also seeks to foster mutual understanding and appreciation, and promote positive relations between students from different countries. The German-Australian exchange between Emmaus College and its Sister School, Gymnasium Johanneum, has been a popular and established part of the Emmaus calendar over the past 14 years. It provides students from both schools with enduring and rewarding life experiences, and is designed to deepen the understanding of each other’s cultures. Moreover, it gives students the unique opportunity to practise and improve their language skills, and helps them to develop global perspectives and a global mindset.

There are reciprocal exchanges at the end of Year 10 each year and each is embedded in the “host family” concept, whereby genuine friendships have a chance to grow, and deeper insights into the nature of family life in each culture can be established.

Students from Germany come to Australia at the end of Term 3 and are hosted by an Emmaus student for 8 weeks (July until September). In return, Emmaus students have the opportunity to go to our German Sister School over the summer holidays (December until January) and are hosted by the family of their exchange partner.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN HOSTING A STUDENT?

Due to the generally high interest of German students wishing to be part of the exchange, Emmaus College would like to offer students not currently undertaking German in Year 10 the opportunity to host a student and to play an active role in the benefits an exchange brings not just for the individual family but also for the entire school community. If you are interested in hosting a German student, please contact Mrs Sabo via email, maria.sabo@emmaus.vic.edu.au; or me directly sebastian.mockler@emmaus.vic.edu.au, or phone 9845 3276 and you will receive further information. I would like to express my sincere gratitude and appreciation to anyone who has the opportunity to host a student from Germany. Thank you very much in advance or shall I say ‘vielen dank’!

Mr Sebastian Mockler – German Teacher
TEXTILES - ALL SEWN UP!

Katarina Kristo, a Year 12 student from 2015, has been selected by an expert panel from hundreds of applicants to have her work exhibited as part of ‘Top Designs’ in the VCE Season of Excellence 2016, for her innovative Product Design & Technology Textiles folio completed last year.

It is a great exhibition of high quality from Year 12 Design, Media and Communication subjects, held at the Melbourne Museum in Carlton, and I encourage members of the Emmaus community to attend. General entry to the Museum is free for students and concession card holders, and the exhibition runs from 18 March to 10 July.

Congratulations to Rachel Whitting and Madeleine Rosenbrock for finishing third in the State-wide ‘So You Think You Can Design’ competition, held at Northern College of Arts & Technology in December 2015. After being shortlisted within their class, then within the State, the students showcased their exceptional design skills, problem solving and teamwork, designing and creating an innovative bag within a few hours.

Miss Eloise Warburton – VCE Product Design & Technology Teacher

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APP4 PARENTS PORTAL LOGIN ON LAPTOPS

How to access your daughter/son’s homework & set tasks

1. In your web browser, go to the Emmaus College homepage, go to “Quick Links” and select App4 Parents

2. If you haven’t done so, please create a new parent/guardian for your son or daughter. To do this you need your son/daughter’s Emmaus Username & Password. You need to have a separate account for every student at the College.


Once the new parent account has been created, your son/daughter’s Emmaus Username is used. Your Parent Access Code is used to login.
TRACY TURNBLAD – Taylah Paull
EDNA TURNBLAD – James Williamson
WILBUR TURNBLAD – Aristotle Ploutos
Corny Collins – Patrick Crummy
PENNY PINGLETON – Ivy Healy
LINK Larkin – Leonardo Balsamo
AMBER VON TUSSLE – Mairread Ellemor
VELMA VON TUSSLE – Rachel Whitting
SEAWEED J. STUBBS – Aziz Kastoun
MOTORMOUTH MAYBELLE – Genevieve Strumila
LITTLE INEZ – TBA
DYNAMITES – Susan D’Souza, Tiana Chandrasena, Charlice Nalupta

COUNCIL MEMBERS
Kara Glover
Elissa Wortley
Isabella Spagnuolo
Danielle Anselmo
Lauren Kelly
Elise Bradley
Adin Baxter
Joshua Sleeman
Michael Ringin (Principal)
Finn Hussey
Lachlan Fraser
Harrison Montalto

PEOPLE OF BALTIMORE
Taylor Daniels (Prudy Pingleton)
Jordan Turner (Matron/Gym Teacher)
Alessandra Negro
Ashley Ocone
Catia Palermo
Will Grant (Mr Spritzer)
Connor Niarchos
Liam Hartrick
Ben White (Mr Pinky)

COLOURED CAST
Hannah Niewoudt
Zivai Matipano
Tate Edwards
India Callander
Alysha Coady
Jana Tyrikos
Hayley Chandrasena
Elisha Torres
Tyler Anderson
Lucas Faundez
Jacob Rozario
James Imbuido

Thank you to all those who auditioned for Hairspray. With approximately 150 people putting their names forward we were overwhelmed with talent, making the casting process a very long and difficult job. To all those who auditioned, well done! We were impressed with the level of talent, the research that went into song choices and the performance qualities that were displayed. It is important to note that Hairspray requires very specific casting, and roles were especially limited this year due to script requirements.

Emmaus is very fortunate to have so many students interested in performing in the College Production and we strongly encourage you to try again next year if you were unsuccessful. If you would like individual feedback from your audition please make a time with Miss Cavallo.

Congratulations to those who have been cast. Regardless of your role, you have earned yourself a place in this Production and should be proud of your efforts.

Rehearsals have already commenced!

Once again, well done to all. You have proven that Emmaus College talent is a force to be reckoned with!

Miss Elise Cavallo, Mr Robert Mulholland and Mr Phill Scanlon – Production Team
### Hot Food
- **Beef Burger** $4.50
- **Cheese & Spinach Roll** $3.50
- **Chicken & Cheese Burger** $4.00
- **Chicken Chilli Tender** $4.00
- **Dim Sim (recess only)** $1.00
- **Hot Dog & Sauce (lunch only)** $3.00
- **Pastie** $3.50
  - Meat $3.50
  - Shepherd’s $3.50
  - Egg & Bacon $4.00
  - Chunky Chicken $4.00
- **Pizza** $3.50
  - Margherita $3.50
  - Ham & Cheese $3.50
  - Ham & Pineapple $3.50
- **Pork Riblet Roll** $4.00
- **Sausage Roll** $3.00
- **Soup - Pumpkin, Chicken, Tomato** $1.20
  with buttered roll $1.50

### Focaccias
- **Cheese** $3.00
- **Tasty cheese & avocado** $4.00
- **Ham or chicken** $4.00
- **Ham or chicken & cheese** $4.00
- **Chicken, cheese & BBQ sauce** $4.00
- **Ham or chicken, cheese & tomato** $4.00
- **Ham or chicken, cheese, tom & avocado** $4.50

### Cakes
- **Donuts** $2.50
- **Muffins / cakes / slices** $3.00
- **Cookies** $3.00

### Rolls / Sandwiches / Wraps
(white, wholemeal, multigrain)
- **Chicken, lettuce & mayo** $4.00
- **Egg** $4.00
- **Ham** $4.00
- **Ham/chicken/tuna & salad** $4.00
- **Salad** $4.00
- **Tuna** $4.00
- **Salad Box** $3.50
- **Salad Box with ham, chicken, tuna,egg** $4.50

### Toasted Sandwiches
- **Ham** $2.50
- **Cheese** $2.50
- **Ham & cheese** $2.50
- **Ham & pineapple** $2.50
- **Ham, cheese & tomato** $2.50
- **Ham & avocado** $4.50

### Sushi - Friday only
- **Californian** $2.50
- **Prawn** $2.50
- **Teriyaki Chicken** $2.50
- **Tuna** $2.50
COMING EVENTS

MARCH
14 Labour Day Holiday – No Classes
15 Y9@E City Explore 1
16 Y9@E City Explore 2
17 EISM Senior Sports Grand Finals
17 Y9@E City Explore 3
Year 10 Reflection Day
Finance Committee, 5.15pm
College Board AGM, Vermont South, 7.30pm
Emmaus College Soul Band, Treasury Gardens
18 House Athletics Carnival, Knox
20 Palm Sunday
21 Champions Swim Carnival
Senior School Peak Skills, 7.00-9.40pm
24 Holy Thursday
Day 10 Timetable
Interim Reports Available On-line
Term ends 3.15pm
25 Good Friday
26 Europe Trip 26 Mar - 16 April
27 Easter
30 Canberra Trip 30 Mar – 3 Apr

APRIL
2 End of Daylight Savings
11 Staff Conference Day – No Classes
12 Classes for Term 2 Commence
Day 1 Timetable
Winter Uniform Compulsory
14 Parent-Teacher Interviews (2.00-5.30pm; 6.30-8.30pm) - Classes Conclude 12.45pm
19 More House Day
Parent-Teacher Interviews 4-5.30pm; 6.30-8.30pm
20 House Cross Country
21 Emmaus Students’ Annual Charity Concert, 7.30pm, BHPAC
22 Offer of Places to Year 7 2017 Newsletter No. 4
25 ANZAC Day – No Classes
26 EISM Division 1 Athletics
Chavoin House Day
27 Year 9 Reflection Day
29 Year 9 Reflection Day

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

For those needing winter uniform items for the second term, the Uniform Shop will be open on:

THURSDAY, 24 MARCH & THURSDAY, 14 APRIL
8.15–9AM AND 3–4PM

To sell uniforms, form may be downloaded from the College website. Please email Tania Keogh on taniakeogh@gmail.com with any queries.

BLACKBURN CYCLING CLUB

proudly support a BBQ Fundraiser to send Emmaus student, GODFREY SLATTERY to the UCI World Junior Track Championships in Switzerland 20-24 July 2016

Sunday, 3 April 2016, 8am-4pm Woolworths, Brentford Square, Forest Hill

POSITIVE CHOICES

ONLINE PORTAL FOR DRUG AND ALCOHOL INFORMATION

Drug education programs in Catholic schools are underpinned by evidence-based research. The National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre at the University of NSW, commissioned by the Australian Government Department of Health, has developed a Positive Choices online drug prevention portal. The portal is freely accessible to schools, teachers, parents and students across Australia at www.positivechoices.org.au. The portal has been developed with the National Drug Research Institute, Curtin University in consultation with teachers, parents and students.