One of the most interesting videos I have come across in the past year is called ‘First Follower: Leadership Lessons from Dancing Guy’. It was posted on ‘YouTube’ by Derek Sivers in 2010. The video depicts an exuberant, yet lonesome dancer at a festival. He is ‘all arms and legs’ – quite awkward, but seemingly oblivious to the fact that he is on his own. But the man does not remain alone for long. What happens next is quite extraordinary. Please watch the video and then you can read the rest of this article in three minutes or so …

Incredible, right?! As the commentator describes, leadership is over-glorified. Yes, the scene wouldn’t have happened without the shirtless guy, but he would have been a ‘lone nut’ if he wasn’t joined by the first, second and third followers. Due to the integral role of these followers, a movement was created.

Clearly following has always been an important part of revolution. The most obvious example which comes to mind is Christianity, with the spread of Jesus Christ’s teaching owed to the 12 apostles (the first followers). How can we apply the lessons from this video in a modern context at Emmaus College?

Firstly, House competitions such as Athletics, Swimming and Cross-country are invariably won by the team that has the most participants (followers), as each competitor earns at least one point for their participation. For me, an indelible image from the 2016 House Athletics Carnival was of Mr Stephen Willis (Chavoin Middle House Leader). Like the Pied Piper, Mr Willis led the entire group of Chavoin Year 7 students onto the track for an event. Not one Year 7 student from that House remained in the grandstand. No prizes for guessing which House won the Athletics that day!

Many classrooms have students who regularly participate in activities and contribute to class discussions. Sometimes a few students lead the charge, with others preferring to sit back and spectate. If these ‘spectators’ were more readily involved, we would have a much more dynamic learning environment.

There are many initiatives and opportunities at Emmaus, from Social Justice activities to debating to lunchtime sport. So next time you see a good idea, consider supporting it. You may just be that first or second follower who plays a critical role in turning a little thing into a big thing.
been delivered and the framing will commence next week as will the installation of precast panels where the lecture theatre will be located.

COLLEGE BOARD NEWS
As communicated by the Chair of the College Board, Mr Louis Souchon, the College Board approved an increase in school fees of $270 for the 2017 school year. As outlined by Mr Souchon, while the College Board is aware of the impact of fee increases on families, it is also imperative that the school remains in a strong financial position. It should also be noted the additional cost to parents with the introduction of the compulsory Year 8 Canberra trip in 2017.

YEAR 12 FINISH
Congratulations to our Year 12 students on their conclusion to classes, Graduation Mass and their Final Day festivities. Attendance at the Graduation Mass continues to grow, with over 900 people in attendance on the evening of Tuesday, 18 October, and celebrating the Eucharist together for the final time as a Year Level with family was a fitting way to conclude thirteen years of schooling. It has become a multi-generational event, with many grandparents also now attending.

The Celebration Day on Wednesday, 19 October included the traditional Fashion Parade, School Song and the General Assembly which gave the whole school community a chance to acknowledge the students’ six years at Emmaus. While there are a couple of aspects of the morning we will change for 2017, the vast majority of our students are to be thanked for enjoying the occasion in a generally appropriate manner. Thanks to the many staff for their contribution in ensuring the success of the important celebrations. Year 12 exams commenced on 26 October and conclude on 17 November. Year 12 students have one final farewell, their Valedictory Dinner on 18 November at Etihad Stadium.
2016 VISUAL ARTS EXHIBITION
Congratulations to everyone involved in another very successful Visual Arts Exhibition staged on 13-14 October in the Bill Holligan Performing Arts Centre. We had a large number of families attend for the Opening Night. Our guest for the opening was Mr Neil Angus, State Member for Forest Hill, who presented special awards for outstanding commitment, effort and achievement for Studio Arts to Anthony Santos, Mollie McCarthy and Callum Mackie and Visual Communication and Design to Jade Guarnera. Thanks to Amy Witorz for curating the exhibition and the many Visual Arts staff for all their hard work involved in staging the show.

ANNUAL BOARD DINNER
The Annual Board Dinner was held on 13th October. This occasion was an opportunity to thank the Board Committee, Sub–Committee members, and the Parents and Friends Association for their contribution to Emmaus College during the year. It was also an appropriate setting to acknowledge milestone years of service for College staff. This year the following staff were recognised:

35 years: Robyn Dowling
30 years: Vincent Bernardo
20 years: Michael Gartland
15 years: Fiona Macaulay, Jenny Bacon, Christine Lyons
10 years: Paolo Albertella, Anne McLachlan, Jenni-Lee Monaghan, Janina Saliba, Linden Compassi, William Keane, Helen Hirst

CHANGE TO YEAR 11 REPORT FORMAT 2017
Emmaus College is planning to move away from our traditional summative Semester Reports during 2017/2018. Year 11 students in 2017 will see the introduction of Continuous Reporting where students and parents will be able to access assessment results online throughout the Semester. Some of the advantages of Continuous Reporting are:

1. Timely feedback – the progress report is issued when the task is completed and assessed.

2. No end of Semester “surprises” (negative results). If there is a problem, parents should be aware of it when it arises.

3. Greater accountability of students’ work habits.

4. Access online anywhere, anytime through EmmLink.

It has been decided to phase in Continuous Reporting with Year 11 to ensure an efficient roll out and ‘iron out’ any potential issues that may arise.
EMMLINK 2017
Emmlink (our new Learning Management System, Portal and Intranet which replaces StudyWiz) will be rolled out at the commencement of 2017 after being developed and trialled in 2016. Please be aware that Studywiz will cease operation from 10 December.

Congratulations to Louis Pockett (Year 10) for winning the Emmlink logo competition.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS
As this is the last Principal’s Review until the ‘End of Year’ Newsletter for 2016 (which will be emailed mid-December), please be aware of important events in coming weeks.

- Tuesday, 8 November - Presentation Evening, Robert Blackwood Hall, Monash University.

Tickets still available from Student Services at Vermont South and Burwood. This year there is a limit of five tickets per family (excluding award winners and performers’ tickets). Please only collect tickets for people you are sure will be attending.

- Wednesday, 16 November - Information Meeting for Year 7 2017 Parents and Students
- Thursday, 17 November – Year 7 2017 Orientation Morning 8.45 am – 12.30 pm
- Friday, 18 November – Year 12 Valedictory Dinner, Eithad Stadium
- Tuesday, 29 November – Year 7-8 Mass 7.00 pm Tony Frizza Stadium
- Friday, 16 December – Final Newsletter
- Monday, 19 December – Year 7-9 reports available online.
- Tuesday, 20 December – College Office closes at midday.

Best wishes to our exchange students travelling to Germany and Italy as they spend time with our Sister Schools and their exchange families.

YEAR 10 RELIGION
The following poem is a response to scripture found in the Gospel of Mark.

Power of repent, power of forgiveness,
Even for those admirably religious.
Sins committed by those in illness,
Jesus rose to heal his stillness.

A man plagued with paraplegia
Hoping to be rid and become free-er.
All gathered to witness heroism,
A tribute to victorious Catholicism.

Power of purgation, power of regret,
A sin they cannot just forget.
Time of weakness in this man’s actions
Wanting to take back, sense of retractions.

“I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home”
And with that he walks away able to freely roam.
Nothing holding him back,
But the distance of his life’s remaining track.

Power of believing, power of gratitude,
Unforgettable act of selflessness to all that viewed.
Jesus heals and forgives a sinner,
Paraplegic no more – his ways he shall reconsider.

Kaleisha Pascoe (Year 10)

CALCULATORS FOR MATHS EXAMS
Calculators will not be provided for loan during Mathematics exams at the end of this Semester. This will be the case for Maths exams in Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11. All students are to be responsible for bringing their own calculator to their Maths exam.

If for some reason this is not possible, please email me at ruth.fry@emmaus.vic.edu.au or alternatively your son or daughter could visit me in my office in the SLC before the day of the Maths exam.

Thank you.

Mrs Ruth Fry – LAL Mathematics
DISCOVERY WEEK – THE FINAL FRONTIER
The final significant Y9@E experience for the year was the Discovery camp program. There were nine unique camps providing a range of physical and emotional challenges – white-water rafting, surfing, mountain bike riding, sea kayaking, performing, catering, sailing, horse riding to name a few. Taken out of their comfort zone, the students were forced to draw on the resilience and independence they have acquired throughout the year in order to cope with the challenges put before them. Thirteen intrepid students also took on the World Challenge Thailand expedition – a two week overseas journey involving a community project, trekking and a unique cultural immersion experience. A huge thank you to all staff who made these fantastic experiences possible: Damian Hess, Terry Carman, Anne McLachlan, Mary Di Venere, Wendy Wyngaard, Lauren teWierik, Stephen Willis, Brendan Boyle, Geraldine Klein, Jayden Cox, Julia Russo, Claudia Stow, Denise McCann, Rhonda Bowers-Bone, Tracey Reilley, Victoria Blundell, Robert Santagada, Sherwyn Rogers, Peter Russo, Catherine Ryan, Sylvia-Jade Tandberg, Michael Barclay, Margaret Kempner, Julie Hepburn, Anthony Quon, Alice Mount, Lynette Hartley and Helen Phillips.

More Discovery Camp details and photos next page.

To celebrate the achievements of the students throughout the year, all Year 9 families are invited to the Y9@E Showcase on Tuesday 22 November where we can reflect on the wonderful experiences had by the students in the Y9@E program. There will be more details to follow soon.
YEAR 9 DISCOVERY WEEK

DUKE OF EDINBURGH CAMP

32 of the Duke of Edinburgh students and 5 staff spent a fantastic week at Wilson’s Promontory National Park. There were a range of very challenging activities, including (for 24 brave students) an overnight hike to Sealer’s Cove, abseiling, canoeing, surfing, sports rafting, boogie boarding and stand up paddle boarding, as well as some short walks to Squeaky Beach and to the top of Mount Oberon.

All students rose to the challenge of giving things a go, and all experienced success at many of the activities.

The students undertook all the cooking and cleaning, and maintained a well-ordered camp site. For some, the new experience of sleeping in tents will be one they remember forever.

Many thanks to the parents for having such capable and willing students, and to the staff for taking time out to help make the camp a huge success.

Ms Julie Hepburn
HOSPITALITY CAMP
We began the week thinking it would be easy to cater for the Performance group and ourselves and the teachers – all up we had about 40 people, but we discovered there were a few dietary requirements we had to factor into our catering. As well as providing breakfast, lunch and dinner (and snacks) we had to do the clearing and washing up as well! (we did have some help from the performance students). We also had our own learning activities which included going to Gordon TAFE and learning how to make macaroons and bread, having a visit from a ‘butler to the stars’, doing a tour of Peppers Resort in Torquay and learning about ‘from the farm to the table’ at The Farmers Place in Torquay. We also had a treat ourselves at Gordon TAFE restaurant where we had a four-course meal.

We had decided at school to have different themed nights to make it interesting – including an Italian-themed night with pasta and garlic bread, a Greek-themed night which included souvlaki wraps and salad and an Asian-themed night with stir fry and fried rice. The comments we received on the quality of our cooking were all positive and there weren’t many leftovers at the end of each night. It was a great experience for us and we had great fun in our teams.

The highlight of the camp was watching the Performance students put on their ‘Play’ and having the ECO camp students visit us for the night (we also made them supper which included brownies, cupcakes and a number of other goodies).

Thanks for the experience.

The Hospitality Camp Students – Torquay, October 2016
YEAR 8 CITY EXPERIENCE
On 6-7 October all Year 8 students were involved in the 2016 City Experience. Students spent two days in the city and surrounds learning a lot about Melbourne through visits and sessions at the Shrine, MCG, Etihad Stadium, Queen Victoria Market and Melbourne Zoo to name a few. It was also a chance for Pastoral teachers and students to spend time together to enhance the relationships that have developed over the year within their House. A big thank you to all of the staff and students who attended for all of their time and effort that contributed to making the Year 8 City Experience a great event, particularly the Middle House Leaders who put much time ensuring the success of this annual event. This was the thirteenth and last City Experience as the focus in 2017 and beyond moves to Canberra where half of Year 8 will travel in May and half in August.

YEAR 12 GRADUATION MASS & FINAL DAY
The academic year has concluded for the Year 12 students who are engaged currently in the final exam process. Their results will be made available in December, with recognition of the top performing students taking place at the 2017 Opening College Mass. The Year 10 and 11 students will begin their examination cycle on Friday 10 November; a short break after the exams will be a prelude to the Headstart program (23 November – 2 December).

The Year 12 Graduation Mass took place on Tuesday, 18 October and the Year 12 Final Day celebrations were held the following day. The students are to be commended for the spirit of co-operation and goodwill that was evident in their conduct leading up to these key events. A very large number of people attended the Mass during which the students were presented with their graduation certificate and plaque as mementos of their time at Emmaus. On Final Day, after enjoying a breakfast in the Senior Learning Centre, the students undertook the traditional parade around the Tony Frizza Stadium enabling all Year 7-11 students, staff and parents who attended to admire the range of costumes on display. The concert for the Year 11 and 12 students was entertaining and well organized, setting a fine example for Year 11 in terms of how they present this activity in 2017. The Year 12 students conducted themselves beautifully during their last weeks at school and ended on an excellent note. Thanks are extended to Anne McLachlan, Michael Gartland and all Senior House Leaders in organising the day, and to Mr Mulholland, Ms Willison and Ms McCann (who put in an enormous amount of time and effort preparing the audio visual segments) for their technical support. A great team effort.
YEAR 7 SINGING @ PRESENTATION NIGHT
As Presentation Night fast approaches on 8 November, our Year 7 students have been busy preparing their songs to perform on the night. Under the direction Mr Scanlon, Mr Collins and Mr Compassi and the Middle House Leaders, the students have rehearsed the National Anthem, our College song “The Road” and a surprise song for the night. All of the school community attending Presentation Night can look forward to another sensational performance from our Year 7 choir.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP 2017 INTERVIEWS
Over the last two weeks, interviews for College Captain, Vice-Captains and House Captains have been held. The interviewing panels have been impressed by the quality of candidates for each of the positions. All students have articulated vision, purpose and commitment to the College for 2017. Each panel has had the very difficult, but enviable task, of selecting leaders for these very significant positions. The announcement of the successful applicants will be made at Presentation Night on Tuesday, 8 November. Thank you to all students who put themselves forward to lead their peers next year.

YEAR 9 DISCOVERY CAMPS
Our Year 9 students participated in their Discovery Camps last week. There were 9 camps running concurrently – Sea Kayaking on the Gippsland Lakes, Sailing also on the Gippsland Lakes, Snowy River Adventure in the Snowy Ranges, Hospitality in Torquay and Geelong, Performance in Torquay, Eco Adventure at Airey’s Inlet, Island Adventure on Phillip Island, Duke of Edinburgh at Wilsons Promontory and World Challenge in Thailand. All camps went very well with students able to experience a range of things that would normally not be part of their every day. Our thanks to all the students for their sense of fun, adventure and commitment which they brought to the week and the 26 staff who accompanied our Year 9s. A big thank you to Michael Lafferty and Lauren teWierik for the many hours of preparatory work in making this unique experience possible.

Y9@E FRENCH/AUSTRALIAN SCHOOL PROJECT
Three classes of Year 9 History students at the Burwood Campus, are participating in a collaborative WW1 Centenary Project with College Mermoz, near Fromelles, France, to investigate the lives and experiences of ANZACs. Our students have researched soldiers buried at the Australian war cemetery in Fleurbaix and have sent the information to their French partners, who will translate it and give the information to “Fleurbaix patrimoine” (the historical club in Fleurbaix). The students at College Mermoz will also be visiting the cemetery to place wooden crosses (courtesy of the AWM) decorated and signed with thoughts of remembrance by Emmaus students, on the gravesites in time for Remembrance Day. The program has been a great success so far and we hope to continue this as part of the History course at Year 9, at least until the end of the WW1 Centenary, 2018, and hopefully beyond.

Emmaus College’s collaboration with College Mermoz has been one of the most rewarding learning experiences (for me at least) undertaken during our collegiate humanities program this year. It has, in my belief, managed to truly personalise the brutalities of World War 1 to such an extent that we feel a much stronger connection to the events of that period than what we would have had in an archetypical classroom environment. Sure enough, learning dates and figures is a valid way to learn, but the Centenary Project has gone beyond learning to creating an understanding of World War I which is unparalleled. Through our correspondence and collaboration with College Mermoz in France, who have been able to procure information that we could not, we have made new friendships and links to our past which have made this project all the more worthwhile, and an overall dynamic and captivating learning experience.

Joshua Van De Ven (Year 9)

To be a part of this project for me means that I can become more aware of the kinds of things generations before us did to help save and protect our country, and to help the students in France to gain a better knowledge of the Australian soldiers who fought over there also protecting their country. It has helped me to gain a better understanding of the kinds of things our soldiers did. I think this program also helps all students involved appreciate the sacrifice of the soldiers, and helps us to give something back by remembering them. The interaction between our two schools gives us in Australia an idea of how different and similar schools are around the world, and it also can start new friendships and opportunities for us all.

Dominique Willett (Year 9)

Miss Helen Sirianni – LAL Humanities
ITALIAN NEWS

YEAR 10 ITALIAN EXCURSION
Year 10 Italian students have been learning about post-World War 2 immigration to Australia by the Italians. This topic explores what motivated the Italians to leave their home and families behind to come to a place that was so far away. Students studied about the difficulties Italians faced when they arrived here as well as what jobs they undertook. Italian Immigration has helped shape our nation and has made so many contributions to our local culture especially in terms of food.

To help students reinforce some of these concepts, Year 10 Italian students took a tour of the ‘Museo Italiano’ in Carlton, where they completed various interactive activities - on 11 October (Ms Sabo’s class) and 13 October (Ms Di Natale’s class).

Students also enjoyed lunch at Criniti’s Pizza which is renowned for their massive 2 and 3 metre pizzas! What better way to enjoy the Italian contribution to Melbourne’s food culture?! 

YEAR 7-8 SWINBURNE JUNIOR ITALIAN POETRY COMPETITION
As already stated in the previous Newsletter, we had many students participate from Year 7 and 8 in September in the Swinburne Poetry Competition, and I am pleased to congratulate Luca Petterlin for coming third place in the Year 8 Italian section. Well done to all students, many of whom were awarded an Honours or Merit certificate. These certificates and prizes will be distributed once they have been received.

It has been a successful year for Emmaus College thanks to the dedication and commitment of our students. I look forward to next year’s round of poetry competitions.

VCE ITALIAN ORAL EXAMS
Early in Term 4, our Year 12 Language students attended the VCE Oral Exam, at various venues around the eastern suburbs. This exam is essentially the culmination of many hours of practice and preparation by students and their teachers starting from Year 7. The oral exam is always at the forefront of all oral exams we do throughout the Year Levels, as students will need to be well prepared to speak for 15 minutes before two examiners by the end of Year 12, which can be daunting prospect.

The VCE Oral Exam is broken into two parts: 7 minutes talking about themselves, their family, what they do in their free time, school and their future aspirations. The second half is a discussion about their detailed study, which is a text analysis on a specific topic.

It is incredibly satisfying for all language teachers to hear these students speak for this amount of time in their second language and it is also a thrill for our students feel a sense of accomplishment, after all these years of studying a language to be speaking it with ease, something many of them never thought would happen. Well done to all Year 12 Language students, we wish you all the best for your written exams. You now have acquired a second language. We hope that you continue to speak your language and feel proud of what you have achieved. Excellent work!

Ms Maria Sabo – LAL Languages
HOLY SAVIOUR Community Festival
Saturday 12th November
765 Highbury Road
Vermont South

Huge Variety of Stalls from 11am
Delicious Food All Day
Carnival Rides 12pm - 8.30pm

STAR WARS Characters
11.30 - 12.30pm
Bring your camera!

Free Music & Activities All Day
Entertainment, Food, Drinks till 8:30pm

ALL WELCOME

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COMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER

8  Presentation Evening at Robert Blackwood Hall, Monash University
9  Year 7-10 Classes Commence at 9.30am
10 Senior School Final Mass
11 Remembrance Day
   Year 10/11 Exams 11-18 Nov
16 Meeting for Year 7 2017 Parents, 7.30pm, Vermont South
17 Year 7 and Y9@E 2017 Orientation Morning
18 Valedictory Dinner, Etihad Stadium
22 Y9@E Showcase Evening
23 EISM Beach Carnival
   Year 11/12 2017 HeadStart Program, 23 Nov-2 Dec
28 Year 10/11 Reports Available Online
   Twilight Music Concert
29 Year 7/8 Mass, 7.00pm, Vermont South
30 Year 9 Final Mass

DECEMBER

1 Year 9 Exams Commence.
   College Board 7.30pm, Vermont South
2 Year 7/8 Exams, 2-7 Dec
   Secondhand Book Sale Evening
7 Orientation Morning
   Term 4 Ends 1.00 pm
8 Correction and Report Writing Day
   Student Leadership Training Day
9 Correction and Report Writing Day
   New Staff Induction
12 Staff Conference
   VCE Results to Students via VCAA/VTAC
   Results Service
13 Staff Conference
14 Teaching Staff Conclude Duties
16 Newsletter No. 12
19 Year 7-9 Semester Two Reports Available Online
20 End of School Year
   College Office Closes at 12.00 pm

Twilight Music Concert

When: Monday, 28 November
   Time: 5.30 pm
   Where: BHPAC

FRIDAY MORNING MASS

Mass is celebrated in the College Chapel every Friday Morning at 8.15am

Parents are most welcome to join students and staff.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

8.15AM - 9.00AM AND 3.00PM - 4.00PM

THURSDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2016
   THURSDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2016
   THURSDAY 8 DECEMBER 2016

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