Welcome to the first Newsletter for 2017 and thank you for entrusting your children’s education to Emmaus College. As a Catholic community, it is our goal that the young people in our care encounter the joy of the Gospel. Pope Francis has said that, “the joy of the Gospel is something to be experienced, something to be known and lived.” Archbishop Hart, in his welcome to the 2017 academic year asks us “How shall we live? What is the purpose of life?, How should we direct our actions.” He rightly answers that we find our response in Jesus Christ. His Gospel gives us a perspective inspired by the wisdom of God. Our 2016 School Review clearly stated that Emmaus College is a faith-filled school community, and our challenge this year, in an increasingly pluralist secular society, is to continue to assist our young people develop a moral foundation, vision and hope as they are educated for an ever-increasingly complex world. This is clearly something that cannot be done in isolation, and we look forward to working with families to provide an academically excellent education and faith-based formation.

WELCOME
Welcome to the 2017 school year at Emmaus College. A particularly warm welcome is extended to families who are new to the Emmaus community. In 2017 the Emmaus College Newsletter will again be published every three weeks and emailed to families (it is also available on the College website (under News and Events – Newsletter). We would ask all families to take the time to read the Newsletter and also the College website and EmmLink to ensure that they are aware of what is happening within the Emmaus College community. The website and EmmLink will be regularly updated with important school information and the many activities taking place. Please follow us on Facebook, www.facebook.com/EmmausMelb or Twitter @EmmausMelb.

INFORMATION COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY
The holiday period was again a busy one, with various works undertaken. 2016 files were archived, servers, Lync telephones were upgraded and Year 7 iPads set up. Once again, we are confident that we have the expected ICT infrastructure to fully support the one-to-one device program we have in place.

In 2017 the College will continue to utilise CareMonkey as our online database for the collection of emergency medical forms from parents which are required for school records, and also for excursions, overnight camps etc.

As advised during 2016, EmmLink has now been rolled out. EmmLink is a Virtual Learning Environment (VLE), which not only contains a Learning Management System, but also school portal and intranet. This will result in a more integrated, flexible environment to share, teach and learn online. It replaces Studywiz and App4 Students/App4 Parents.

Reporting will again be online in 2017 (Interim and Semester) with Year 11 trialling continuous reporting through EmmLink. It is hoped to have Continuous Reporting across the school in 2018. All parents should have received ‘username’ and ‘password’ information from the school.

CONDOLENCES
To Assistant Principal Staff and Organisation, David White and family on the passing of his mother just before Christmas. David has now lost both his mother and father in a twelve-month period.

ST BENEDICT’S CHURCH
Congratulations to St Benedict’s Parish Burwood on the completion of the full renovation of their Church – certainly a major undertaking, and one watched closely by the Y9@E students in 2016. The Official Opening of the Renovated Church will take place on Saturday, 11 February, with Mass to be celebrated by Archbishop Hart.

NEW FACES IN 2016
This year we welcome nine new teaching staff to the College:

Andrea Contessotto – VCE Accounting & Year 7-12 Humanities
Stephanie DellapORTAS – Y9@E Art/VCD/Media/Program Teacher
Kim KelSO – Yr 7-12 English and Language Support
Brenton Kennedy – Economics & Yr 7-12 Humanities
Kathryn Minenna – Y9@E English
Frank Mithen – English Teacher
Tamie Nasr – Year 7-10 Science and VCE Biology
Matthew Orsini – Y9@E Teacher
Helen Phillips – Food Technology

We also welcome the following non-teaching staff:

Sheila Slattery – (School Nurse every Wednesday)
Kylie Walters – (back-up School Nurse as required)
Jeffrey Sherwin-Simpson – ITS Support
Penelope Wilmot – Masters Psychology trainee
James Box – AFL Trainee
NEW STAFF

Andrea Contessotto
My name is Andrea. I studied a Bachelor of Arts/Commerce (Honours) and a Master of Teaching at Monash University. I am really excited to be teaching geography, history and accounting at Emmaus College.

Stephanie Dellaportas
My name is Stephanie and this will be my third year of teaching. I first graduated from a Bachelor of Visual Art and Design before I did my teaching degree. I am also a pasta and tea enthusiast!

Kim Kelso
I am an English teacher and have come from Mount Scopus Memorial College. I have been teaching for 15 years in both Australia and International schools abroad. I am passionate about Literature and the English Language and in my spare time enjoy reading, writing, surfing and playing music.

Brenton Kennedy
I am a fifth-year teacher, who has come to Emmaus from St Mary of the Angels Secondary College in Nathalia. I teach Civics, Business Management and RE as well as my all-time favourite subject, Economics. Outside of school, I have a keen interest in music, sport and politics.

Kathryn Minenna
I previously worked in the public service sector for ten years, with a focus on staff learning and development, before moving into teaching. My face will be familiar to staff and students at Emmaus College, as I have worked here as a relief teacher for the past five years.

Frank Mithen
I have taught for 13 years and have a major in English Literature and a specialty in that area. I am teaching Year 12, Year 11 and Year 8 English classes at Emmaus. I have a Bachelor of Arts (Literature major) and Diploma of Education. I have come from Billanook College, where I taught for the past 7 years.

Tamie Nasr
After undertaking a degree in biomedical science, I found my true passion lay in teaching. Over the last 10 years, I have taught religious education, maths and science. One of the highlights of my life that teaching has offered me is working with underprivileged children in Indonesia and Cambodia.

Matthew Orsini
I was a student at Emmaus, completing VCE at the Burwood Campus. I enjoyed being at the school so much that I’ve come back to teach. After travelling and teaching in England for two years, I’m back home. I teach Humanities and Business at Year 9, where I help students understand the real world and how they fit in to it.

Helen Phillips
I have been fortunate to have been associated with Emmaus College since 1998, where I began teaching VCE at the Burwood Campus. After a few years of teaching, I left Emmaus to have my three beautiful children. After an extended break, I returned five years ago to CRT at Emmaus. I love being around children, going for long walks with our cavoodle, Milly, and teaching children about the importance of learning to cook to be independent.

NEW LEARNING CENTRE

Building works are progressing on schedule for our new Learning Centre. The roof has been installed, internal framing is well advanced and the rough-in of services (electrical, data etc.) has commenced. It is anticipated that windows will arrive before the end of February. The next few months should be incredibly exciting as the new Learning Centre really takes shape. The new Learning Centre will house Languages, a 240-seat lecture theatre, VCAL, Education Support, College Psychologists and Careers, in a striking contemporary structure designed for 21st century students.
OTHER CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY WORKS
The total renovation of the Year 9 Food Technology room was completed during the holiday break. The room was basically gutted and transformed with stainless appliances/benches/storage etc. This was a major undertaking and the work of Matt Anderton and his maintenance team and Business Manager Gary Casey must be acknowledged – and Food Technology Assistant Maria Dowling for the packing, unpacking of equipment etc.

Other work was undertaken during the holiday break by maintenance and cleaning staff to ensure the school has a very fresh appearance for the commencement of the 2017 academic year.

OPENING MASS AND INVESTITURE
Tuesday morning (7 February) was the very important Opening College Mass and Investiture of College Leaders. This was held in the Tony Frizza Stadium. Thank you to the parents, family and friends who attended.

The Emmaus theme for 2017 is to Know Christ through Harmony. Throughout the year, this will be our focus.

We congratulate the Captains for 2017:

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We have many other students in a variety of leadership roles across the College, and we are confident all our Student Leaders will work to leave a positive mark on the school in 2017.

CURRENT AND PROSPECTIVE ENROLMENTS
There continues to be very strong demand for places at the College. As at 1 February enrolments were the following:

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17 February is the closing date for enrolment applications for all Catholic Secondary Schools in the Archdiocese of Melbourne for Year 7 2018.

Please also be aware that enrolments for all Victoria Catholic Secondary Schools for Year 7 2019 close on 25 August 2017. This is a significantly earlier enrolment date (while students are in Year 5).
Please make this date known to your friends, relatives or neighbours who are up to the stage of choosing a secondary school for their children. As Emmaus College has seen significant demand for enrolments in recent years, please ensure that if you are a current family, and wish to enrol another child for 2018 or 2019, that your application is also in by these closing dates.

Emmaus College Information Sessions for Year 7 2018 are as follows:

- Monday, 13 February: Information Session Vermont South (7.00pm)
- Wednesday, 8 and 15 February: School Tour (9.00am - bookings essential for these tours – see College website)

**YEAR 12 2016**

Congratulations to the Emmaus College Class of 2016 for the results they achieved. From the class of 2016, 94% of our students who applied to VTAC received a first round offer. (52% getting their first preference, 19% their second preference, while a further 9% received their third preference – 81% received their top three offers). As stated in the Final Newsletter for 2016 the Median Study Score was 31 compared with the State average of 30. The other figure commonly used by the media to rank schools is the proportion of students obtaining Study Scores of 40 or more. This figure was 7.0%.

The Dux of the College for 2016 was Alex Brennan whose ATAR was 99.05. We congratulate Alex on this fine achievement.

The following students achieved an ATAR of 90 or above, which is a top 10% ranking.

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Please note that many other students could be added to the table for their effort, persistence, etc. but may not have had the innate ability to be 90+ students. Each student has their own unique story, and these are not usually able to be highlighted to others.

Congratulations are also offered to Craig Griffin (Year 11) who was selected for the University of Melbourne Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars Program for 2017-18.

**YEAR 7 AND YEAR 9 PARENT MEETINGS**

There was a meeting for Year 7 parents on Thursday, 2 February at 7.00pm in the Tony Frizza Stadium and then pastoral classrooms. The focus of the meeting was general year information, the Year 7 Orientation Camp, iPads and EmmLink, followed by an opportunity to meet with Pastoral Teachers. Thank you to the many parents who attended.

The Year 9 Parent Meeting took place on Monday, 6 February at the Burwood Campus. The focus of this meeting was information regarding this important year, and again the opportunity to meet with Pastoral Teachers.
YEAR 7 ORIENTATION
There were many smiles on the faces of students (and parents) on the Year 7 Orientation Day.

FEBRUARY CAMPS AND RETREATS
February is always a very busy month at Emmaus, and we wish all our Year 7 students an enjoyable Orientation Camp to Rawson and our Year 12 students a reflective Retreat experience at their four locations. Please be aware of the school’s requirement to return students to Melbourne during this period if a ‘Code Red’ day is designated.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS
The first of our Parents and Friends Association meetings for 2017 took place on Wednesday, 8 February at 7.30pm in the Board Room at Vermont South. Thank you to the parents who attended and are interested/willing to contribute to parent community life at Emmaus. The first major Parents and Friends activity for the year is the Family Fun Day which takes place on Sunday, 5 March.

TRAFFIC PATIENCE AND SAFETY
If entering school property at either Campus, please exercise extreme caution in relation to driving. Both Campuses are obviously high pedestrian traffic areas, and also have many vehicle movements per day. There are inevitable short-term traffic issues each morning and afternoon. Patience and care will reduce the likelihood of accidents. In 2017 the situation is compounded with building works at Vermont South having reduced parking and further slowed traffic flow.

A reminder also regarding speed zones at both Campuses. There is a 60 km/hr school speed zone on Springvale Road and 40 km/hr limit zones on Hawthorn Road during designated school times and a permanent 40 km/hr limit on Stanley Road. At Burwood Warrigal Road is 40 km/hr during designated school times while Loudon Road and Central Avenue are permanent 40 km/hr zones. Police regularly enforce these speed limits, as do council officers in relation to illegal parking – especially in the yellow zone areas near school crossings.

CONGRATULATIONS

Chamaine Chu
Charmaine was cast as the main supporting character for the television program called Nowhere Boys. The program first aired on the ABC on 11 November 2016.

In September last year, Charmaine competed in the Inline Speed Skating Championship held in Nanjing and placed 20th out of 44 skaters in her age division, and also achieved second place in the Half Marathon World Speed Skating event in Wuyishan, China in November. Well done, Charmaine!

Lisa Jamieson
Lisa (Year 9), was one of only 30 students to be selected to train with the famous Bolshoi Ballet for a 3-week Summer School Intensive to be conducted in New York in July this year. Congratulations, Lisa! We wish you all the best for your trip.

NOTICE
Parents are asked to note the following as they exit the school via Stanley Road.

- There is a stop sign at the gate
- Please exit at the correct speed
- Please do not park across or in the driveways of the neighbouring homes
- If you are dropping off/picking up your child/children in Stanley Road please reinforce the need to be cautious crossing the road and being aware of traffic at these busy times.
ITALY STUDY TOUR

Ms Monaghan, Mr De Luca, 20 Emmaus students and I departed for the Italy Study Tour. Most of the students on the trip had already hosted an Italian student when they were in Australia in July last year. This time the roles were reversed.

The first week of the trip was the Exchange Program, in Pinerolo, Piemonte, where our students attended school, lived with the families and enjoyed various activities the families had organised for them – whether it be a trip to the alps snow skiing or visiting the nearby city of Turin. As the school focuses on hospitality, they prepared a welcome lunch for us with some traditional dishes from the region. The school took us on two excursions, firstly to the Aosta Valley, Italy’s smallest region, for a guided tour of this unique town and then to visit their famous Christmas markets. The second excursion was to Milan, where the highlight was our visit to its breathtaking cathedral.

After we left our Sister School, we went on a brief tour of Italy visiting the following places: Verona, Venice, Lucca, Florence, Rome, Pompeii, Amalfi Coast and Positano.

Many thanks to the teachers for their support on the trip, and also to the students for making the trip memorable.

Ms Maria Sabo – LAL Languages

On Friday, 2 December 2016, 20 Emmaus students studying Italian and Food joined Mrs Sabo, Ms Monahan and Mr De Luca to travel half way across the world to explore Italy. We were given the amazing opportunity to live with our exchange students for one week to not only try to improve our Italian listening and speaking skills, but to fully experience their beautiful culture. The Italians live a very busy “nonstop” lifestyle revolving a lot around family, food and fun. Hence it was “La Dolce Vita”, the sweet life. We adored staying in the picture perfect little region of Pinerolo near Turin, and it became very difficult to part from our Italian families with many tears and hugs shared at the end of that week. The following 11 days were incredibly memorable as we toured across the country visiting Rome, Vatican City, Florence, Verona, Luca, Pisa, Pompeii, the Amalfi Coast and my personal favourite, Venice. Seeing so many of the world’s most renowned attractions was truly breathtaking. To stand inside the Colosseum, walk through the Vatican, climb the Leaning Tower of Pisa as well as ride along the canals of Venice in a gondola were dreams come true. Every day of the trip was exciting and a once in a lifetime experience where so many wonderful memories and close friendships were created which will be cherished among our lucky group for many years to come.

April Walters (Year 12)
Emmaus College is hosting three Seminars with Dr Michael Kelly CSsR, Department of Theology: Mission and Ministry, University of Divinity - Yarra Theological Union.

The seminars are for those wishing to gain a deeper appreciation and understanding of Catholic Thought and History.

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Seminar Cost $20. Each seminar includes an evening meal.

* Twilight Scripture Seminars are credited for the purpose of Accreditation to teach in a Catholic School.

Please complete the following and return to the College by Monday, 20 February.

I wish to register for the Twilight Scripture Seminars at Emmaus College in 2017.

Name: __________________________________________________________________________

Email ___________________________________________ Mobile Phone: ____________________

Special Dietary Requirements: ______________________________________________________
COMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY

13
- Year 7 Camp Rawson (Chavoin/Colin), 13-15 Feb
- Senior School Peak Skills Session 1, 7.00-9.40pm
- Year 7 2018 Information Session, Vermont South, 7.00pm

15
- Year 12 Retreat, 15-17 Feb
- Year 7 Camp Rawson (More/Rice) 15-17 Feb

17
- Year 7 2018 Closing date for enrolment applications

20
- Catch-up Photographs
- Senior School Peak Skills Session 2, 7.00-9.40pm

21
- General Assembly & Middle School Investiture

22
- Theology Seminar 1

24
- House Swimming Carnival
- Class of 2016 Reunion, Vermont South, 3.45pm

27
- Outdoor Education Camp 27 Feb-3 Mar
- Senior School Peak Skills Session 3, 7.00-9.40pm

MARCH

1
- Ash Wednesday
- Theology Seminar 2

3
- Newsletter No. 2

5
- Year 7 Family Fun Day, 2.30-5.30pm
- Music Camp, 5-7 March

6
- Parent Forum BHPAC, Vermont South, 7.30pm

7
- Music Camp Concert, BHPAC, 5.30pm

8
- International Women’s Day
- Theology Seminar 3

9
- Education Committee, 7.30pm

12
- Catholic Education Week, 12-18 March

14
- EISM Division 2 Swimming Carnival

15
- Y9@E City Explore 1
- Year 10 Reflection Day

16
- Y9@E City Explore 2
- Year 10 Reflection Day
- Finance Committee, 5.15pm
- College Board AGM, Vermont South, 7.30pm

17
- Y9@E City Explore 3
- St Patrick’s Day

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 3.15PM - 4.00PM

EVERY THURSDAY FIRST TERM

To sell uniforms, form may be downloaded from the College website. Please email uniformshop@emmaus.vic.edu.au with any queries.

THE CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) commenced in 2015 for four years and provides payments for eligible students to attend camps, sports and excursions.

Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply. An annual payment of $225 is paid for eligible secondary school students. A special consideration eligibility category also exists. Payments are made directly to the school and are tied to the student.

CSEF applications for 2017 open from Term One 2017 and can be accepted up until the end of Term Two with payments commencing March 2017.

Application forms are to be completed and lodged with the College. CSEF applications forms can either be obtained via Quicklinks on the Emmaus website homepage or are available at Student Services or the College Reception Desk. For further information, please refer to the CSEF website.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT USERS

From 1 January 2017, the Victorian Public Transport Concession Card was renamed PTV School Student ID. This is separate to the myki card. As at 30 January, the age limit for a Child myki concession was also increased to 18 years. Visit ptv.vic.gov.au to download the 2017 PTV School Student ID and Student Pass Application Form. The completed form and student photos may then be signed and stamped by staff at Student Services. Registration of myki cards is recommended to enable the balance on the myki to be protected if it is reported lost or stolen.