

Welcome back to what should be another exciting year at Emmaus College. A particularly warm welcome is extended to families that are new to the College. As the new principal of the College I am certainly looking forward to working with students, teachers and families in ensuring that Emmaus remains a great Catholic school for families in the eastern suburbs of Melbourne. Having been Assistant Principal for the past seven years, I have an excellent knowledge and understanding of the school, its community and directions that we must head. Clearly I must acknowledge the outstanding contribution that Tony Frizza made during his seven years of leadership as Principal.

I trust that our students are well rested after the holiday break and ready for another busy year of learning and achieving their best. To say that it has been a hot start to the school year would be an understatement. Fortunately most rooms at the Vermont South Campus are air-conditioned and all the upstairs rooms at the Burwood Campus. The College administration did their best to ensure that students were in air conditioned rooms and as comfortable as possible in what was a once in one hundred year heatwave.

As is always the case, there were many minor projects and maintenance tasks completed over the holiday break at both campuses. The most significant of these was a computer server upgrade and the migration to a Microsoft Network for our system. Combined with this has been a significant upgrade of our wireless network. Many families will be aware of the Rudd Government Education 'Revolution'. Emmaus has received significant funding from this initiative, and both campuses have had many new desktop computers installed. This will be augmented by fifty new laptop computers for student use to be rolled out in coming weeks.

A new College website is in the process of being developed, and changeover should take place sometime this term. The College Portal has been closed, and this will be replaced with a new Learning Management System known as 'Studywiz'. Staff will become more familiar with this during term one, and we hope to have it running from the new website in the near future. In the meantime, we ask that families are patient, as in the short term there will not be the ICT linkages to work available. Once both the website and 'Studywiz' are up and running, they will be far superior to the products they will replace.

Other projects that have been completed include the installation of a 'plexipave' surface to the basketball/netball court at Burwood, and major painting, carpeting etc at both campuses. Our student toilets have also been changed over to dual flush and auto cut off taps installed. This was funded with the assistance of a state government grant and is expected to save around one million litres of water per year.

Tomorrow morning is the very important opening College Mass and Investiture of College Leaders. We are trialling the Whitehorse Club as a venue, as outdoors could be problematic with the weather we have experienced during the start of the school year. As this is a new venue, the capacity will only be fully realised once the seating has been set up. As such, we have had to limit the number of parents attending. Next year we will have a clearer picture as to its capacity.

The Emmaus theme for 2009 will be announced to students at the Mass. This year it is 'Humility'.

We congratulate the Captains for 2009 namely:

College Captains: Emily Bowman and Samuel McPhillips

Campus Captains: Rachael Quirk and Lloyd Iaccarino

We are sure that the 2009 school year will be one to remember, with the captains working with the many other leaders and wider school community.

Enrolments are very strong and the College is operating at capacity in most year levels.

LEVEL	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
YEAR 7	124	87	211
YEAR 8	124	87	211
YEAR 9	123	72	195
YEAR 10	126	76	202
YEAR 11	109	89	198
YEAR 12	89	72	161
TOTAL	695	483	1178

VCE results

The College again achieved a 100% success rate with the Year 12 Class of 2008, with all students qualifying for tertiary entrance. From the class of 2008, 98.72% of our applicants received a first round tertiary offer. This compares favourably with previous years (98.23% 2007, 95.10% 2006 and 95.41% 2005). The Median Study Score was again 32 compared with the state average of 30. The other figure to rank schools is the proportion of students obtaining Study Scores of 40 or more. This figure slipped to 8%, which is around the state average, but down on previous years. This is certainly an area the school needs to closely look at.

Overall, using the Median Study Score and proportion of Study Scores over 40, it is possible to make an arbitrary ranking. The Emmaus College Class of 2008 was in the top 22% of Victorian Secondary Schools and in terms of Catholic co-education schools, was the best in Melbourne and the third best in the state.

The Dux of the College for 2008 was Corey Byrne who's ENTER Score was 98.0. We congratulate Corey on this fine achievement.

Congratulations to Lionel Pacheco who was selected for the University of Melbourne "Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars Program" for 2009.

In Victoria, about 13,000 of 57,300 applicants for Commonwealth-supported places missed out on first-round offers.

By Mr Tony Hirst, Principal

STOP PRESS

To say that is has been both a hot and tragic start to the school year is an understatement. The combination of extreme heat, gale force winds and weeks of no rain contributed on Saturday to one of the worst disasters in Australia's history. Our prayers and sympathies go out to all victims. As this newsletter goes to print, I am not sure of the impact it has had on the Emmaus community. As a school, we will assist the Red Cross State Government Bushfire Appeal. I would ask all families to support these initiatives in coming weeks.



PRINCIPAL'S REVIEW

Mr Tony Hirst

This year we welcome many new staff to the College. We are confident that they will add to the already high standard of teaching and pastoral care that already exists at Emmaus. A photograph and short summary of new staff members is included with this newsletter.

The College was involved in the Catholic Education Office School Improvement Framework (SIF) in 2008. The basis of this was to ascertain how the school was travelling using a number of surveys and indicators. As a result of the SIF, a number of targets, goals and outcomes have been developed as part of a long term plan. These broadly fall under the categories of:

1. Education in Faith
2. Learning and Teaching
3. Student Wellbeing
4. Leadership and Management
5. School Community

It will be the task of the College this year, and for the duration of this SIF term, to initiate a number of key improvement strategies for each of the categories to reach these targets and goals.

The start of any school year is always a busy time for everyone. I would strongly encourage parents to show their support for their children's education by attending the various meetings and activities in the coming weeks here at Emmaus.

I wish you all well for the coming year as we work together

in partnership in the education of your children.

FAREWELLS

The end of the 2008 school year marked the retirements of three outstanding educators. An evening to publicly acknowledge the significant contribution of Mr Tony Frizza was attended by nearly three hundred people. Tributes by the President of the Association of Canonical Administrators, Fr. Frank Arnold, and the Chair of the College Board, Mr Chris Ashdowne highlighted the many aspects of the College that were either introduced or enhanced during Mr Frizza's tenure as principal. As always, Mr Frizza was humble and humorous in response. As a College community we wish Tony and Trish Frizza our very best wishes as they embark on a more relaxing phase in life.

Mrs Christine Holland and Mrs Wendy Marshall also retired after having a combined forty four years at Emmaus College. Mrs Holland assisted hundreds of our students in her role as Special Education teacher and Co-ordinator. Her greatest joy was seeing students with difficulties associated with school, progress to reach their fullest potential. There are many former students that make comment on the role that Christine played in their education.

Mrs Wendy Marshall spent close to a decade each at both the Burwood Campus and the Vermont South Campus. She was Year 12 Co-ordinator for many years before taking up the role of Year 7 and Transition co-ordinator. For many parents, she was the first point of contact with the school and she was always striving to assist families to make sure that their child settled in well to life as an Emmaus student.

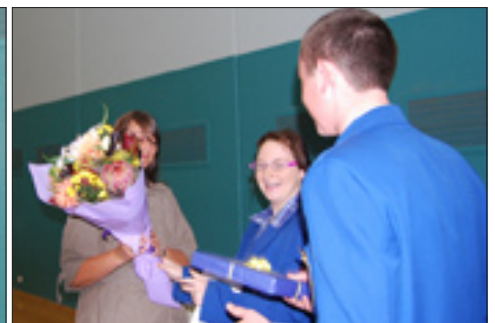
While not a retirement, we also farewelled Mr Anthony Banks after 19 years at the College. Mr Banks worked at both campuses, and in the last few years as Year 10 and Year 11 Co-ordinator. Always a popular figure with both staff and students, we wish Anthony well on his move to St. Peter's Cranbourne.

FINAL ASSEMBLY 2008 - TRIBUTES FLOWED

Right: Recipients of Academic Awards

Far right: Year10 students sang acappella style "Good ol' Frizza forever".

Below: The SRC presented Mr Frizza with a memento of his years at Emmaus. Mrs Marshall and Mrs Neat were presented with bouquets and gifts as a thank you for many years service.





BURWOOD BUZZ

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

The staff and students at the Burwood Campus have enjoyed a busy but settled start to the year. A full day of orientation for the Year 11 students helped them to navigate their way through a

substantial collection of information in the early part of the day. After lunch Mr Mark Dobson spoke to students about setting goals and establishing their focus for 2009; hopefully he will speak to them again as part of the Year 11 Seminar day to be held later in the year. Following a morning of re-establishing parameters after the Christmas break, the Year 12 students moved into classes to pick up the threads of the Headstart Program held at the end of 2008. Thanks must go to the coordinators Ms Lochery (12), Ms McKenna (11) and Assistant Co-ordinator Mr Thomas and most particularly to the homeroom teachers who have had a considerable amount of administrative work to undertake. Despite the very trying conditions created by the extreme weather two fruitful days of student activity occurred.

WELCOME

A warm welcome is extended to all Year 12's and Year 11's including a returning student Abbey Conlon. We also welcome several new staff members and wish them all the best: Mrs Mara Vivarelli, Ms Ann Hyland, Ms Abbey Henderson and Ms Lauren Byrnes all of whom have a teaching role; Ms Bronwen Auty who returns after twelve months leave; Ms Chelsea Young-Healy, a former student, who is assisting in the textiles room; Mrs Ruth Fry who has moved to the Burwood campus from Vermont South and Sr. Roma Carroll who has been appointed as the Pastoral Associate. Ms Jenny Davidson, Mrs Julie Sykes and Mrs Lyn Fraser are also teaching classes at the Burwood campus.

SRC

The Student Leader group has commenced its planning. Having participated in a Leadership Program in December 2008 and begun this year with a meeting on Wednesday January 28, the group is keen to make their mark; as they put ideas into place, I anticipate being able to inform the school community about them.

STUDENT DROP-OFF AT BURWOOD:

Parents are asked to note that students must be dropped off in Loudon Rd. The Burwood campus cannot accommodate cars coming onto the property as the asphalt area serves as both a gathering place for students and is a pedestrian area for students alighting from buses and walking up from the tram. It also serves as St. Benedict's parish car park. Your support in adhering to the Loudon Rd drop-off would be appreciated.

TECHNOLOGY UPGRADE

The college is currently undertaking a very significant computer upgrade. As a consequence there has, and continues to be, some difficulty in the use of computers and computer systems for both staff and students. It is to be hoped that the upgrade will be completed shortly which should see an end to any problems.

MAINTENANCE UPDATE

Significant work was undertaken at the VCE Campus over the Christmas/New Year holiday. Apart from the regular work that is undertaken, major projects included many classrooms being painted, the staff work room carpet being replaced, the walkway was covered, new lino was laid in the sick bay, two small classrooms were converted into one larger room and an extra office and store room was created all of which help to create a pleasant and productive working environment for both staff and students.

STOP PRESS - VET START DATES ALTERED

We have received very late notification that some VET courses will not commence until the week beginning Monday February 16. All VET students have been briefed regarding their courses amended start date. Please note that this is not a decision made by Emmaus but by our controlling body. All VET in VCE and VCAL students will have sufficient work from their VCE/VCAL studies to have them gainfully employed in using the unexpected time to their advantage. The Library will be available for student use during this time.

COMING EVENTS

[February]

- 9 **No homework night**
- 10 Opening School Mass and Investiture, 8.45am
Whitehorse Club, Burwood Hwy, Burwood East
Leadership Meetings (Student)
Year 7, 2010, Info Session #2, Fabris Center
7.30pm
- 11 Year 7 Parent's Meeting, Fabris Center 7.30 - 9.00pm
- 12 Year 9 Interschool Sport commences
VCAL Parent's Meeting, Burwood 6.00pm
Swim Training 7.00 am
Year 11-12 Parent/Teacher "Meet & Greet",
Burwood 7.00 -9.00pm
- 15 Open Day, 2.00pm - 5.00pm at Vermont Sth
Year 7, 2010 Information Session, Fabris
Center - #3 2.00pm; #4 3.30pm
- 17 School Photographs
Swim Training 7.00 am
- 19 Year 9 Interschool Sport (Round 2)
Instrumental Music Teachers' Concert, Fabris
Centre 7.30pm
- 20 Southwood Swim Carnival 11-4pm
Open Morning, Vermont Sth 9.00 - 10.30am
- 23 Year 7 Camp, Rawson (Group 1 - B/Go/Gr/O)
until February 25
Newsletter #2



AROUND 7-10 CAMPUS

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

Welcome to everyone for 2009, particularly to families with their first child starting at Emmaus this year. It gives me great pleasure to write my first article as Head of the 7 – 10 Campus and I look forward to corresponding with all families either through the newsletter or in person during the year.

Year 7 Students

On Thursday January 29, we welcomed 211 Year 7 students and their families into the College community. The day was extremely hot but all the students did very well. Twenty four Year 10 Peer Support leaders assisted the students in navigating their way around the campus and helping them settle in. It will be busy for the students over the next few weeks as they continue to settle in to Emmaus and prepare for their Orientation camps at the end of the month.

Year 7 – 10 Orientation

The rest of the school joined their Year 7 peers the following day on Friday January 30. This was again an exceptionally hot day but considering the conditions, all students were excited to see their friends after the break and settled into the day well. This year, there is a total enrolment of 819 students at the 7 – 10 Campus.

Year 7 Parent Meeting

All Year 7 parents are strongly encouraged to attend the Year 7 Parents’ Information session on Wednesday February 11 starting at 7.30pm in the Fabris Centre. As well as meeting the leadership team together with other significant staff involved with Year 7, the main focus of the evening is to meet homeroom teachers and have an opportunity to discuss your child’s transition to secondary school and how we can all work together to ensure continued success.

Improvements to College Grounds

Over the Christmas break, a lot of work was undertaken by the maintenance team to improve our surroundings. A number of classrooms were freshly painted as were the corridors in the main building. The drama room floor and Bill Holligan hall floor were resealed and a new concrete access way was poured on to the lower oval which was greatly appreciated by all who used the oval for car parking during the first week. Our thanks to the Maintenance team for the great work that they do.

Opening School Mass

The Opening School Mass and Investiture will take place on February 10th at the Whitehorse Club starting at 8.45am. All charter buses will drop students off at the Whitehorse Club and students will walk back to the Vermont South campus at the conclusion of the Investiture. We ask all parents to drop their students at the Whitehorse Club next Tuesday by 8.30am. Unfortunately this year, due to limited seating capacity, we cannot invite all parents to attend.

Open Day

The College Open day at the Vermont South Campus will be held on Sunday February 15 from 2pm – 5pm. This is a

great opportunity for new or prospective parents together with current parents to wander around the campus and see the great opportunities that are part of your son or daughter’s daily program. There will be students present to take you on a tour. Everyone is most welcome.

Messages to Office

A reminder, especially to new parents, that during school hours all messages, forgotten lunches or equipment for students must go directly to reception in the Father Arnold Building. For security reasons, parents are requested not to go directly to classrooms.

Supervision Hours

The Year 7-10 Campus has staff on supervision duty from 8.05 a.m. each morning and in the afternoon until 3.45 p.m. as the last of the charter buses departs. For legal reasons, we clearly stipulate these times, and encourage parents not to have students on Campus before or after these times unless required for specific school tasks.

School Charter Buses

Most bus runs have started the year in an efficient manner. It is a major task organizing the buses, especially when you look at the number of students involved. This year we have close to 600 students utilising the 13 charter buses.

Car Park

Please continue to exercise great care when driving on school grounds, especially in areas where students are dropped off or collected. There is often substantial student movement, so please drive slowly and be alert at all times. In the first few days we had considerable traffic flows (and some minor delays) but this usually reduces as more students make their own way to school on buses, rather than getting a lift with their parents.

Hawthorn Road

Victoria Police remind drivers that there is a 40 km/hr speed limit on Hawthorn Road outside the school. This is a permanent speed limit. Also City of Whitehorse traffic officers have in the past been photographing and fining parents that drop students off in the yellow no standing areas near the school crossing. Please obey the law and keep this area clear when the crossing flags are displayed.

NEW FACES in YEAR 7



MEET OUR NEW STAFF



Mrs Christine Bassili will teach Art and Visual Communications.



Mr Shaun Healy will teach English/RE/Health



Mr Chris Vlahov will teach Civics, Economics, Maths RE and LEAP at 7-10 Campus



Ms Annmaree Nesci will teach RE and English



Mrs Cathy Lambe will teach Maths and Health at 7-10 Campus



Mr Elia Carter PE and Outdoor ED



Mr Tim Howe will teach English, PE, Health & Personal Development



Ms Rachel O'Shea is Special ED Co-ordinator Years 7-12



Mrs Michelle Sutton will be an Integration Aide



Mr Tim Blamey is a Music Teacher



Mr Phillip Bates will teach Systems/Electronics & Woodwork.



Sister Roma will be available at both Campuses, to assist with our Pastoral Care Program.



I have been in the IT business for 12 years and have taught Years 11 and 12 Information Technology for 10 of those years. I enjoy working with students and encouraging them to learn about themselves as well as their studies. I believe that if young people have goals and dreams and are prepared to work hard, they can achieve anything.

Ms Antoinette Siarabalos

I am returning to Emmaus as Assistant Principal – Head of 7-10 Campus after spending the past 4 years as Campus Co-ordinator at Padua College in Mornington.

I was previously at Emmaus for 11 years from 1994 – 2004. My role is to ensure the continued success of the 7-10 campus in all areas. I am also teaching Year 8 and Year 10 Mathematics.

Mr David White



As an ex-student I'm very excited to be teaching at Emmaus College, however, as a graduate I'm a bit nervous. I'm teaching 8, 9, 10 English and 10 R.E. I'm looking forward to beginning my teaching career here, and with such welcoming and helpful staff as well.

Ms Fiona Tassone

SENATOR THE HON JAN McLUCAS

Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Ageing

MEDIA RELEASE: 5 February 2009

PARENTS AND TEACHERS WARNED OF BACK-TO-SCHOOL ASTHMA SPIKE

The Parliamentary Secretary for Health and Ageing, Senator Jan McLucas, today urged parents and teachers of children with asthma to ensure they have an up-to-date Asthma Action Plan as students begin a new school year.

The Australian Government has allocated \$5.4 million to the Asthma Management Program (AMP) in 2008-09 to produce best practice treatment, encourage proactive management and reduce the personal, social and economic impact of asthma.

An important component of the AMP is the Asthma Friendly Schools Program. This program, which will receive around \$1.4 million in Australian Government funding in 2008-09, provides training for teachers and asthma management guidelines for schools.

Senator McLucas said that an Asthma Action Plan could prevent serious attacks by helping people with asthma recognise worsening asthma symptoms and giving them clear instructions on what to do in response.

"In February each year, we see a dramatic increase in the number of school-age students being hospitalised and attending Accident and Emergency departments due to asthma-related illnesses," Senator McLucas said.

"People with asthma, particularly children, are more vulnerable to the extreme temperature changes and respiratory viruses which students can be exposed to when they return to school.

"I urge parents and teachers of children with asthma to reduce their risk of having asthma attacks by ensuring they have an up-to-date Asthma Action Plan."

Senator McLucas said the risks of asthma attacks among children increased at the start of the school year and it was important to prepare as a family.

"The spike in asthma-related hospitalisations among school-age students at the start of each school year is a stark reminder that asthma is a serious health condition which can, at times, be fatal," Senator McLucas said.

"Children with asthma can lead full and healthy lives with the help of their GP, but we cannot afford to be complacent.

"Developing a written Asthma Action Plan with your GP is an integral part of asthma management. It is a must for every child with asthma to have a current plan."

"Eighty-five per cent of schools across Australia are involved in the Asthma Friendly Schools Program, which provides training and support for staff to deal effectively with asthma," Senator McLucas said.

"It is important that school staff are prepared to deal with asthma, particularly during these periods of increased risk."

Further information on asthma management is available through Asthma Foundations Australia (www.asthmaaustralia.org.au) and the National Asthma Council Australia (www.nationalasthma.org.au).

Media contact: Derek Tipper 0434 663 757

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE (EMA)

Eligibility Criteria

The EMA payment is made in two instalments and to be eligible the claimant must be a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of 16 and hold a current Centrelink Pensioner Concession or Health Care Benefit Card or a Veterans Affairs (TPI) Pensioner Card or be a foster parent as at the first day of Term 1 (28 January 2009) for the first instalment and the first day of Term 3 (13 July 2009) for the second instalment and submit the application to the School by the due date.

Purpose of Payment

As the EMA is provided to assist low income families, any Centrelink payments that are not income-tested, e.g. Carer Allowance, formerly Child Disability Allowance, Mobility Allowance and Remote Area Allowance, are not eligible unless the claimant also holds and applies with a current Centrelink Pension Concession or Health Care Card or a Veterans Affairs (TPI) Pensioner Card or is a Foster Parent on the first day of Term 1 for the first instalment and on the first day of Term 3 for the second instalment.

Amount and Payment Method

The annual amount will comprise 70% of the total EMA and will be paid from March and the second instalment will comprise the remaining 30% and will be paid from September 2009.

It should be noted that one half of each instalment is paid to the family and the other half is paid to the school. Where all levies and other student-related costs have been met, the College will credit the school portions received towards tuition fees. Students turning 16 during the year will be eligible for the payment on a pro rata basis.

Commencing in 2009, you will have the option to receive your payment directly into your own nominated bank account. This will enable you to get faster, more convenient access to your money. Just tick the EFT payment option and include your bank account details on the form.

Processing Applications

Applicants should complete an Education Maintenance Allowance 2009 Application Form for the first instalment. The form is available from the College General Office. If you receive the first instalment and are still eligible for the second instalment, you do not need to complete another application form for the second instalment. However, if you were not paid the first instalment and become eligible by the due date, you may apply for the second instalment.

Closing Dates for Applications

Application forms for the first instalment must be submitted to the College by 27 February 2009 and 7 August 2009 for the second instalment. Please note that the Department will not accept late applications.

Completed application forms should be delivered in person to the General Office at Vermont South Campus, at which time a photocopy of the Health Care Card will be made.

It takes between four and ten weeks from the date the school lodges its EMA forms for claims to be processed and payments made.

Diane Caldwell

Principal's Assistant

EDUCATION TAX REFUND

Keep receipts for the Education Tax Refund

Hon Wayne Swan MP, Treasurer, 22 January 2009

With a new school year just around the corner, today I call on parents to make sure they keep their receipts to make the most of the Rudd Government's \$4.4 billion Education Tax Refund.

For millions of Australian families, preparing for the new school year can involve an extra financial strain – just after the Christmas holiday period – as they face hefty costs like laptops, internet connections and school textbooks.

The Education Tax Refund will provide some much-needed relief to help families meet these costs, with refunds of up to:

- \$375 per primary school student; and
- \$750 per secondary school student.

All families with school children who receive Family Tax Benefit Part A will be eligible for the Education Tax Refund, which will be paid to families from 1 July this year.

Provided parents keep their receipts, the Education Tax Refund will apply to some of the most common back-to-school items, including:

- laptops;
- home computers and associated costs;
- home internet connections;
- printers;
- education software;
- trade tools for use at school;
- school text books; and
- stationery.

Parents are doing one of the most vital jobs in the country – bringing up the next generation of Australians – and the Rudd Government is proud to lend a helping hand.

We understand that the back-to-school period can be an expensive time and that every dollar counts, particularly as the global financial crisis continues to hit our economy.

The Education Tax Refund is a key part of the Rudd Government's Education Revolution to give Australian kids the best possible start in life and build the best educated and trained workforce in the world.

For details of who is eligible and what can you claim: <http://www.alp.org.au/media/0109/mstres220.php>

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO CURRENT PARENTS

Applications for Enrolment for Year 7 2010 close on Friday 27th February, 2009.

If you have a son or daughter currently in Grade 6 and wish to enrol them at Emmaus College in Year 7 2010 you must lodge an Application for Enrolment by Friday 27 February, 2009.

Offers of places will be posted Monday 4 May, 2009. Application Forms may be collected from the Administration Office.

EXCHANGE STUDENT PROGRAM

Learn all about student exchange, WEP Australia and the 2009/2010 exchange programs available at one of WEP's FREE information sessions in Melbourne.

31 March, 16 June

7.30 - 9.30pm

Hawthorn Library

584 Glenferrie Road

Hawthorn 3122

17 February, 10 March

7.30 - 9.30pm

Kingston Arts Centre

979 Nepean Highway

Moorabbin 3189

Students can choose from over 20 countries to live and study with the support of a host family, school and community. Explore new opportunities beyond the classroom!

WEP Australia is a not-for-profit student exchange organisation registered with the education departments.

Contact Judith Ortmann

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Private Instrumental Program @ Emmaus

On behalf of myself and the Music department, welcome to 2009. The private instrumental program is thriving this year with many new and continuing enrolments in all instruments. There are however still some vacancies in violin and brass and it's not too late to sign up.

The fee structure has changed from 2008. The cost to undertake individual lessons, per semester, is now \$456 with the cost of group lessons, per semester, being \$280.

There have also been a number of other changes. As of 2009 ALL students undertaking private instrumental tuition will be given a short assessment at the end of each semester and an official grade awarded on the students' reports. Therefore attendance to each lesson is essential.

In addition to this, all students enrolled in the private instrumental program are expected to be involved in their instrument specific ensemble (eg. Vocal ensemble for the singing students) and at least one other school-based ensemble.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mr Tony Toppi - Music Co-ordinator

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

February 17, 2009

Arthur Reed pre-paid envelopes have been distributed to all students.

On Tuesday 17 February please remember to bring your envelope with details of online payment or payment enclosed.

All students have their photo taken regardless if they are purchasing any photos, so neat and correct uniform must be worn, including blazers.

Refer to your planner about uniform requirements.

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12th February 2009

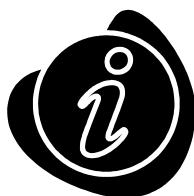
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**The Avenue
Neighbourhood House,
87 Eley Road,
Blackburn South**

Contact: Josh on 1300 889 335 or
Josh.fergeus@anglicarevic.org.

**FOSTER CARE
INFORMATION
NIGHT**

Supporting Families, Building Communities

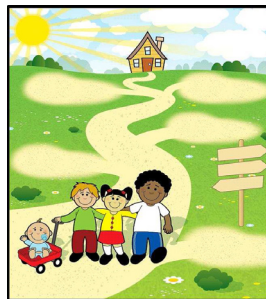


**YOU
ARE
INVITED**

If you've ever thought about fostering, or if you are interested in finding out more about foster care or volunteering, we invite you to attend our information session.

We provide Foster Care and support for children and young people aged 0 to 18, an Adolescent Community Placement (ACP) program for young people aged 13 to 17, and several specific programs for children and young people with a disability or high needs.

If you are unable to attend this information session, but would like to learn more about becoming a Foster Carer or volunteer, please call Josh on 1300 889 335.



Foster Carers and other volunteers are:

- from all ethnic backgrounds, religions, and cultures
- single, married or in a de facto relationship
- working full time, part time, studying or unemployed
- have children or are childless
- gay, straight, bisexual or trans-gender

Date:
11th February 2009

Time: 7:30 - 8:30 PM

**Alvie Hall,
Corner of High St Road
& Alvie Road,
Mount Waverley**

Contact: Josh on 1300 889 335 or
Josh.fergeus@anglicarevic.org.au

**FOSTER CARE
INFORMATION
NIGHT**



Emmaus Wattle Park Junior Football Club

Registration Days

Sunday 15th February 10.00am - 12.00pm
and

Wed 18th February 5.00pm - 6.00pm

at Bennettswood Reserve next to Deakin Uni Burwood Hwy Burwood

All players and any new boys interested in joining are welcome

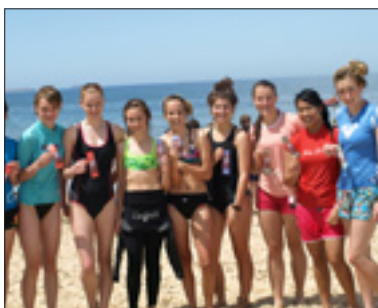
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EISM SURF LIFESAVING CHAMPIONSHIPS NOV. '08 @ PT. LEO SURF BEACH

Congratulations to the following students who represented Emmaus at the EISM Surf Lifesaving Carnival. The students had a great day in warm conditions but with very chilly water. They competed against Aquinas, Luther, Mt.Lilydale and St.Joseph students in a variety of water and sand events; Run-Swim-Run, Board Relay, Board Rescue, Wade Relay, Iron Woman & Iron Man, Beach Flags and Beach Sprints. Many of our team members received ribbons for top three placing in events and we have no overall College winner for this event. Thanks to Rachel B. our swim coach for training the team.

- DAVID BROCK
- MICHAEL COPLEY
- LIAM DOVE
- MICHAEL GAYED
- TYRAN GROVES
- DEAN KENGOS
- TIM KEOGH
- NICK KILDUFF
- TRISTAN LEMANSKI
- ERIC NGUYEN
- ADAM QUIRK
- HARRISON RAPTOPOULOS
- MATT SCHOENMAEKERS
- BEN SCHOENMAEKERS
- CALLUM SISSINS
- JAMES SISSINS
- NICK STAMATAKOS
- WILL SMITH
- RICHARD TRAN
- RYAN WONG
- HILARY BRAZEL
- ELLEN INGLESE
- SARAH FARMER
- NGO JASMINE
- RACHAEL QUIRK
- SOPHIE SOUCHON
- SARAH ZYLSTRA



CONGRATULATIONS

Good luck to Taliha Maggs who is representing Australia in Taekwondo at the Open Cup Challenge in Belgium in March.

Taliha won two gold medals for Australia in Taekwondo in 2006 and also the Leader Sports Star Award in 2007 for her on going achievements.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Isabella Hassall Year 8 who represented Victoria playing hockey in the Pacific Schools Games in Canberra last December. Her team won silver, runners up to NSW in the finals. Well done Isabella.



Isabella in action on the court

are you a PROUD SPORTING ACHIEVER?

If you are, we would like to hear from you ... SO
Please email your details of your sporting achievements to:

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Dont forget to include photos if you have any.