From the Principal’s Desk...
A Christian Community Must Reflect the Nature of God

NAPLAN RESULTS THIS WEEK

Students in Year 3, 5 and 7 will be given their Naplan results this week.

At Emmanuel Christian Community School Our vision is: that through the teaching of God’s Word we will bring people to Christ and help them to grow in Him as it is found in Matthew 28:19-20. At the same time we aim to build a place of quality teaching and learning excellence that honours Christ and prepares our students for life.

We respect the quality of the NAPLAN tests but realise these are multi-choice and one off tests. The Naplan tests results are useful for us as teachers - to see where we can improve and to track how students are learning as they grow. If you would like to discuss your child’s results more with their teacher, please feel very welcome to arrange a meeting.

A copy of a letter written by Primary School Principal, Rachel Tomlinson, in Lancashire, England that was sent home with her students KS2 test results, recently went viral. It was very similar to comments made by an American teacher and academic Kimberley A Hurd.

As the principal of Emmanuel, along with the school staff, we would like to echo the main points of that letter to our students

Dear Year 3, 5 and 7 students

This week you are taking home your results from the Naplan Tests, rating you with all children in your class level in Australia. We want to remind you of how very proud we are of your efforts to do your best in these tests back in May.

You may be delighted or disappointed with your results. Mr Cruz and your teachers would like to remind you that these tests do not assess all of what makes each of you special and unique - created and loved by God.

The people who create these tests and score them do not know each of you - the way your teachers do and certainly not the way your families do. They do not know many of you speak two languages. They do not know that you love God, can play a musical instrument, are clever at making things, run fast, that you can dance or paint a beautiful picture. They do not know that your friends count on you to be there for them or that your laughter can brighten the dreariest day.

We appreciate you and continue to enjoy guiding, working with and learning from you each day at school.

With Christian love from
Mr Cruz and Staff of EC.C.S.
Emmanuel students in year 5, 6 and 7 contributed to the “Advocate” Baptist Churches Magazine this month. Below is a copy of that written contribution.

Banding together

By Sam Pavone (Year 7)

In Term 2 the Year 7 boys and their teacher, Mr Gabrielsson, were invited by Mr Doug Fitch to a farm in Bruce Rock. They stayed there for two nights, doing different activities arranged by Mr Fitch and his wife. The boys were very excited when they left for Bruce Rock in early June.

On arrival, they settled into their ‘new home’, a massive shearing shed. Some boys were worried that they would not last because there were no ‘comforts’ like a bed and a toilet. Whilst setting up, the boys also found out that the toilet was a ‘lodge’ above a hole in the ground. During their three day stay, the boys searched for yabbies, spotted hawks, shot a rifle and created the biggest fire they had ever seen. They also learned about student learning where teachers were connected by satellite and ‘watched’ it by looking from a far. Collecting firewood every morning and sleeping on the shearing shed floorboards.

The kids also took the local youth from Harvey town and played soccer and football outside under the sun.

Overall it was a fun and educational experience learning about life on the farm, the value of hard work and just how amazing God is.

City slickers hit the sticks

By Alyna White (Year 5)

In Term 2, Steve McKinnon came and spoke to Year 5 students at Emmanuel Christian Community School about TEAR Australia, an organisation that helps communities around the world. He told the class how life is for them and how blessed we are to have clean water, fresh food and shelter.

Alyna White came up with an idea to raise money for TEAR – making gum bands to sell to students in the school. She had made about 20 when I asked her if she needed help. After two weeks of hard work together, around 190 gum bands were created.

With the gum bands, Mr Pate, a special day was organised where students were allowed to buy and wear gum band bracelets. Wearing gum band bracelets is normally against school rules so children were happy to support this special day.

When Gum Band Day arrived, tables were set up in the school’s undercover area. People started arriving at the gum band stall before they were even allowed to be sold. A mixture of boys and girls from Years 1 to 12 thought the bands cool: around 170 of them were purchased.

The Year 5 class also brought in some change for TEAR and, together with the gum band money, a total of $535 was raised. With the money raised, some chickens, clean water and a toilet were built. It’s good to know that creative ideas and hard work can help families in poorer communities.

It’s all a masquerade

By Demisca Cogocarencu (Year 6)

Wednesday 2 April was the day Year 6 and 7 had been waiting for – Masquerade. A 5-star restaurant experience. Students were asked to dress formally and most importantly wear a mask.

When the day arrived, it started normally except that girls were made up and their hair was fancy before coming to school.

Finally, 12:30pm arrived and it was time to ‘Masquerade’. At midday, parents were ushered into a beautifully decorated room where masquerade masks were handed out. Parents were then instructed to wear their masks to the Masquerade and dance. The music started and the guests were given their masks. Dr Dougall Stannard and the mayor of Masquerade was famous with him.

Dr Stannard spoke about people who pretend they are good, wearing masks to cover up who they really are, telling human beings who are stuck in life.

After some final Easter retorts, the day that ended. Masquerade was an entertaining and informative experience and one message was clear – we do not need ‘masks’, we need Jesus.
PETITION TO PARLIAMENT

MLA for Girrawheen, Margaret Quirk, is circulating a petition calling on the Government to provide access to subsidized swimming lessons to ALL primary school children in the metropolitan area.

Currently, students in Catholic and Independent Schools access swimming lessons on a user pays basis.

She argues that learning to swim is an essential life-skill for all Australian children.

You can support this petition by signing a copy in the school office.

Thank you

PARENT NIGHT
MONDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2014

TIME : 7.15PM

All parents and guardians are encouraged to attend Parent Night.

* Your will receive information about NEW tablet computers in 2015 for all students in Year 5, 6, 7

* HIGH SCHOOL update.

* VISIT your child’s classroom.

PARENT GROUP

Thank you to the Balga Community Association who operates the Balga Friday Markets, for their generous donation of $500 to the Emmanuel Parent Group.

We are currently fundraising to enable renovation and weather proofing of the courtyard behind the library and this makes a big difference to our efforts.

The Balga Friday Market operates each Friday at Princess / Wallington Reserve, Balga. Sellers admitted from 6.30am to 12noon at $10 per bay and buyers from 8am to 12noon at no cost. Bric a brack, plants, clothing, tools, books, toys etc are all for sale and morning tea / coffee, light snacks and cool drinks can be purchased. For further details, please contact Renee Colvin on 9342 5861 or Alan Stafford on 9342 4895.
Students dressed in a huge variety of national costumes and joined in a “Parade of Continents.” The Asian continent was chosen the best and most colourful costume wearers on the day. We shared delicious foods from many countries.

For the last part of our special day, the “African Beat” came and played, taught us about the drums of Ghana and let us have a try of the drums! Every student had a chance to try and we sounded very good.

THANK YOU school families for the terrific way you supported us with 2 costume days in 2 weeks!! We know that was a lot to ask and you did a FANTASTIC JOB. The students looked WONDERFUL!

THANK YOU
MASTERS GAMES
Masters Games is an annual event being held on the last Saturday in the October school holidays each year. This year it will be held on Saturday 11th October. There are over 30 different sport options over the day that are split up into 3 sessions. There is certainly something for everyone. Participants can choose to be as active or passive as they like with options of netball, basketball, volleyball, badminton through to lawn bowls, scrabble, bocce and even Uno. A registration form has been sent home with your child, if you are interested please return to Brendon Pirie (Year 5 teacher) by Monday 15th September.

GENERAL GENTLE REMINDERS
Please let the office know if you have a new address, telephone number, and emergency contact or if your child has a medical condition. It is essential that this vital information be logged into the school data base system, thus promoting contact and communication with each other. We endeavour to be aware of any medical condition which your child may have. If your child has developed or been diagnosed since their initial enrolment, then you should make sure that the office is aware of the circumstances.

ABSENTEE DETAILS
If students have been away from school on any day of the week, a note from the parent or the doctor must be given to the class teacher upon return to school. Please remember to note the date and day and also the cause (eg sick, holidays) for the absenteeism.

Children who arrive at school LATE or LEAVE SCHOOL EARLY should do so VIA THE SCHOOL OFFICE, where attendance records will be updated. Class Rolls are submitted electronically at 9.00am and 1.00pm daily.

NEW BIRTH
Congratulations to Ian and Kathy Slater, Kaitlyn and Jake on the birth of their new daughter and sister, Tahlia Jade.

OP SHOP SALE - THIS SATURDAY - 6 SEPTEMBER
10.00AM TO 2.00PM - FURNITURE / BOOKS - Kitchenware / Clothing / Jewellery
TRAFFIC FLOW FOR PICK UP AT 3:15PM
Please observe the traffic rules and routes at pick up time for 2 reasons:-

*** The safety of our children!
*** To ensure good relationships with our local residents.

AFTER SCHOOL PICK UP
Parents are reminded of the importance of informing staff if a person, other than yourself, will collect your child.
This includes families who are picked up by after-school centres. Forms are with class teacher.

PLEASE BE CAREFUL IN THIS MATTER

CAR PARK SAFETY!
Parents are reminded NOT TO DROP THEIR CHILDREN OFF OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL GROUNDS and allow them to walk across the car park.
Reversing cars do not see small children and it is very dangerous.
Thank you for - - RESPECTING THE SAFETY OF OUR CHILDREN

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for our school, for our teachers, for our children, and for our families
here at Emmanuel - and let us Praise God together for answered prayers!

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Thank you for taking the extra few minutes to enter and exit school grounds safely. We understand this is sometimes inconvenient BUT IT MAKES OUR SCHOOL SAFER and keeps our neighbours happy.
**IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM THREE**

**MONDAY** 15 SEPTEMBER  
PARENT NIGHT

**FRIDAY** 19 SEPTEMBER  
YEAR 6 & 7 CAMP

**THURSDAY** 25 SEPTEMBER  
END OF TERM THREE

**FRIDAY** 26 SEPTEMBER  
CAMPERS RETURN

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**CLASS ASSEMBLIES - 2014**

**TERM 3**

THURSDAY 11 SEPTEMBER  
YEAR 4

**TERM 4**

THURSDAY 06 NOVEMBER  
PRE-PRIMARY

WEDNESDAY 12 NOVEMBER  
KINDY ASSEMBLY & GRADUATION

THURSDAY 13 NOVEMBER  
GRADUATION - YEARS 6 AND 7

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**IMPORTANT DATES / EVENTS FOR TERM FOUR**

**MONDAY** 13 OCTOBER  
TERM 4 COMMENCES

**THURSDAY** 23 OCTOBER  
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

**THURSDAY** 30 OCTOBER  
INSTRUMENTAL CONCERT NIGHT

**THURSDAY** 27 NOVEMBER  
GRADUATION — YEARS 6 & 7 - 6.00PM

**THURSDAY** 11 DECEMBER  
SCHOOL CONCERT

**FRIDAY** 12 DECEMBER  
END OF YEAR

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