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College Newsletter

From the desk of

12 JUNE 2026

Janine Biggin

The Principal

This week has been a significant one for many of our students as they undertook their Semester 1 examinations. Across the College, classrooms and examination spaces reflected the preparation and commitment of our young people as they worked to demonstrate their learning and understanding. While examination results provide an important measure of achievement, they do not tell the whole story. Consistent effort, a willingness to seek support and persistence when learning becomes challenging are equally important indicators of success. These qualities have been evident throughout the past week and deserve recognition.

As we move into the final weeks of term, we extend our best wishes to all students representing Emmanuel College in ACC and SACCSS competitions. Whether participating in regular fixtures or finals, we know our students will represent the College with pride and demonstrate the values of teamwork, commitment and sportsmanship. I look forward to acknowledging the students

As Semester 1 draws to a close, we also enter an important period of planning for future pathways. In the final week of term, our Year 10 students will participate in Careers Day, providing an opportunity to explore future study, training and employment options and begin considering the pathways that best align with their interests and strengths. This work will continue throughout Term 3 as students across the College engage in subject selection and pathway planning. Our Year 12 students will be supported as they consider course selections and post-school opportunities. Term 3 is always an interesting time; we continue working, and talk as much about the following year as we do about the current one.

At Emmanuel College, pathway planning is about helping students make informed decisions about their future and understand the opportunities available to them. We look forward to working closely with students and families throughout this important process.

'Peace be with you'

John - 20:19

Principal

I would also like to acknowledge the work of our teaching staff, who have invested considerable time in preparing students for their examinations and supporting them throughout the assessment period. Thank you also to our families for the encouragement and support they continue to provide.

As we conclude this week's newsletter, we take a moment to reflect on the recent Feast of the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the example Mary provides to all members of our community.

Loving God,

As we reflect on the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we give thanks for Mary's faith, courage and unwavering trust in Your will.

Mary listened with an open heart, responded with generosity and remained faithful through times of joy and challenge. May her example inspire us to approach our own lives with the same spirit of hope, compassion and commitment.

As our students complete examinations, participate in sport and begin planning for future pathways, help them to make wise decisions, recognise their gifts and trust in the opportunities that lie ahead.

May our College community continue to be guided by Mary's example of kindness, humility and service to others. Strengthen us in our learning, our relationships and our faith, so that we may always seek to bring out the best in ourselves and one another.

Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us.

Amen.

Dr Janine Biggin
Principal

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John - 20:19

Student Wellbeing

From the desk of the

Deputy Principals

Lockers:

Students are reminded to ensure that their lockers are locked at all times. The College is not responsible for items that may go missing from lockers which are not secured. If your child requires a new lock, they can purchase them from student services for \$15. Alternatively, they can purchase their own from external retailers. Thank you for your support with this matter.

Year 12 and Driving to School:

A reminder that any Year 12 student who is driving to school is required to complete a form through their House Leader. Due to limited staff and visitor parking, student's are not permitted to park on campus but can park in neighbouring streets, provided they are mindful of our local residents and parking restrictions. Thank you for your support with this matter.

Deodorant:

Families are reminded to not allow their children to use aerosol deodorant at school. If sprayed in close proximity to others, it can trigger asthma, allergies, and breathing difficulties for some students and staff. Using roll-on or stick deodorants instead helps maintain a safe, healthy, and comfortable learning environment for everyone.

Black Dog Institute:

The Black Dog Institute is a leading Australian mental health research and education organization based at UNSW Sydney. It focuses on understanding, preventing, and treating mental health conditions such as depression, anxiety, bipolar disorder, and suicide risk.

On Tuesday 25 June at 7pm, they are running a webinar on understanding and supporting your teen's mental health. To register, please see the below information.

Join our free Teen Mental Health Matters webinar to gain practical tools for starting supportive conversations about mental health with your teen.

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Ebn2V7tDR2utTUKMK83gZg#/registration

Parent and Guardian Resources:

Hobsons Bay

<https://www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/Community/Community-services/YS-Young-people/YS-Parents-and-families/YS-Parent-and-guardian-resources>

Wyndham Bay

[https://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/services/libraries/kids/parent-and-teacher-resources?](https://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/services/libraries/kids/parent-and-teacher-resources?utm_source=chatgpt.com)

[utm_source=chatgpt.com](https://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/services/libraries/kids/parent-and-teacher-resources?utm_source=chatgpt.com)

[https://www.catholiccarevic.org.au/services/family-support/engaging-wyndham-families/?](https://www.catholiccarevic.org.au/services/family-support/engaging-wyndham-families/?utm_source=chatgpt.com)

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Student Wellbeing



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EVERY MINUTE COUNTS

Why Being On Time Matters

At Emmanuel College, we believe every student deserves the opportunity to flourish academically, socially and spiritually. One of the simplest yet most powerful ways parents can support their child's success is by ensuring they attend school every day and arrive on time.



Regular attendance is about much more than simply being present. It is about building positive relationships, developing confidence, strengthening learning habits and giving students every opportunity to achieve their full potential.

JUST A FEW MINUTES CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE

It is easy to think that arriving a little late does not matter, but the impact quickly adds up.

LATE EACH DAY	LEARNING LOST EACH YEAR	LOST OVER 13 YEARS
 10 MINUTES	 Nearly 1.5 WEEKS	Nearly ½ YEAR 
 20 MINUTES	 Over 2.5 WEEKS	Nearly 1 YEAR 
 30 MINUTES	 Around 4 WEEKS	Nearly 1½ YEARS 
 1 HOUR	 Around 8 WEEKS	Over 2½ YEARS 



The beginning of the school day is when teachers introduce new learning, establish routines and set students up for success. Missing these important minutes can make it harder for students to engage, catch up and feel connected to their learning.



WORKING TOGETHER

Parents and carers play a vital role in establishing positive attendance habits. While illness and exceptional circumstances are unavoidable, maintaining consistent attendance and punctuality whenever possible gives students the best opportunity to thrive.

If your child is experiencing challenges attending school, please reach out to your child's **House Leader** or **Wellbeing Team**. By working together early, we can provide support and ensure every student remains engaged, connected and successful.



Your partnership makes the difference.
Thank you for supporting your child's learning and future.





ATTENDANCE SUPPORTS LEARNING AND WELLBEING

Research consistently shows that students who attend school regularly are more likely to:

-  Achieve stronger academic outcomes.
-  Develop positive friendships and relationships with teachers.
-  Build confidence, resilience and independence.
-  Feel connected to their school community.
-  Develop lifelong habits that support future success in education and employment.

Every lesson builds on the one before it. When students miss learning, even for short periods, it can create gaps that become increasingly difficult to bridge.



Remember...

 **EVERY DAY COUNTS.**

 **EVERY LESSON COUNTS.**

 **EVERY MINUTE COUNTS.**



Small improvements in attendance today can make a significant difference to your child's learning journey tomorrow.

Denis Palanci and Anita Duhig
Deputy Principals - Student Wellbeing

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Mission Integration

From the desk of the

Deputy Principal

We are pleased to inform you that Fr Stephen will be hosting an online parent workshop during his visit to Melbourne.

Date: Wednesday 19 August 2026 at 7:00pm

Topic: Accompaniment and Conversion: Walking with our Children Toward Christ.

Presenter: Fr Stephen Wang

Online Link to Join: <https://shorturl.at/02j66>

Meeting ID: 482 438 471 206 0

Passcode: bw6cm35P

Fr Stephen Wang is a Catholic priest of the Diocese of Westminster (UK) and currently serves as the Rector of the Venerable English College in Rome, where he helps form future priests. Ordained in 1998, he has many years of pastoral experience, including parish ministry in London and extensive work as a university chaplain, accompanying young adults in their faith journeys.

Fr Stephen is widely known for his engaging and practical approach to sharing the Catholic faith. He is the creator of the Sycamore programme, an internationally used resource designed to make Christianity accessible and meaningful.

Whether your children are just beginning their faith journey or exploring deeper questions, this session will equip you with inspiration, tools and encouragement to accompany them with grace and purpose.

Mark Sciberras

Deputy Principal - Mission Integration

MOST REV STEPHEN WANG PARENT WORKSHOP

**WEDNESDAY 19 AUGUST 2026
AT 7:00PM**



Melbourne Archdiocese
Catholic Schools



A Special Invitation for Parents

Parents across our MACS schools and the Archdiocese of Melbourne are invited to a unique opportunity to hear from Fr Stephen Wang, visiting all the way from Rome. Join us as he explores the inspiring topic:

**Accompaniment and Conversion:
Walking with Our Children Toward Christ.**

Come and be encouraged and inspired in your journey of faith and parenting.

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Or Scan QR Code to Join

SYCAMORE



Sports Captains

We are proud to recognise the outstanding achievements of our students across a range of sporting disciplines.

Cross Country

Our students achieved excellent results at the SACCSS Cross Country Championships:

- Brandon Morgan – 1st Place, 13-Year-Old Boys
- Jakob Miloi – 1st Place, 17–20-Year-Old Boys
- Marley Locastro – 3rd Place, 14-Year-Old Girls

Swimming

Congratulations to Amelia Broughton, who has been selected in the Team Vic Swimming Team and will compete at the School Sport Australia National Championships in June.

Futsal

Stavya Das proudly represented Australia in the Under 14 Futsal Team during a recent tour of the United Kingdom.

Soccer

Congratulations to Vasili Simosis, who has been selected in the Under 18 Team Vic Soccer Squad to compete at the National School Carnival. Axel Spiridonis and Ethan Ristevski have also been recognised as emergency selections for the squad.

Hockey

Hayley Jeromson has been selected to compete in the International Youth Hockey Cup in Sydney from 22–28 June.

Badminton

At the SACCSS Open Badminton Tournament, Fideline and Dew were crowned Girls Open A Champions, while Marcus and Odellon claimed the title of Boys Open A Champions.

Netball

Congratulations to Tahlia Whear, who was named Best Player of the SACCSS Senior Division 1 Season.

Athletics

The NDC Athletics Carnival was a tremendous success, with Winters House crowned Overall Champions. A number of new records were established across the competition:

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Sports Captains

Event	Athlete/Team	Result
Year 11 Boys 400m	Thomas Kneale (MCK)	58.76
Year 10 Boys High Jump	Sebastian Witkos (MCY)	1.56m
Year 12 Girls High Jump	Olivia Alush (CAS)	1.40m
Year 12 Boys High Jump	Caelan Espenschied (CAS)	1.75m
Year 8 Girls 100m	Alexis Yong (MCK)	14
Year 10 Boys 100m	George Biscocho (WIN)	11.52
Year 11 Boys 100m	Levi Kiragu (MCK)	11.89
Year 7 Boys High Jump	Alexander Co (WIN)	1.36m
Year 8 Girls High Jump (Equal Record)	Hannah Parry (MCK)	1.30m
Year 9 Boys Shot Put	Xavier Pilling (CAS)	10.38m
Year 10 Boys 200m	George Biscocho (WIN)	23.99
Year 11 Boys 200m	Levi Kiragu (MCK)	25.14
Year 8 Girls Long Jump	Emma Kelly (CHA)	4.20m
Year 10 Girls High Jump	Ogechi Nwaegerue (MCY)	1.33m
Year 8 Boys 4 × 100m Relay	Chaminade (CHA)	54.85
Year 9 Boys Discus	Xavier Pilling (CAS)	30.26m
Year 8 Girls 4 × 100m Relay	Chaminade (CHA)	59.99
Year 8 Girls Shot Put	Emma Kelly (CHA)	6.87m
Year 10 Boys 4 × 100m Relay	Cassidy (CAS)	51.49
Year 11 Boys 4 × 100m Relay	McCluskey (MCK)	49.16
Year 9 Girls Shot Put	Victoria Woolley (MCK)	6.84m
Year 12 Girls 4 × 100m Relay	McCoy (MCY)	1:01.06
Year 12 Girls 4 × 100m Relay	Winters (WIN)	1:01.06

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Cassidy House Report

Cassidy House has had a fully packed Semester 1 2026, with Year 7s already halfway through their year and our Year 12 students completely occupied in their SACs and GAT preparations. Our homerooms start with a prayer and move on to various activities, from the Homeroom Kahoot on Tuesday, Inter-homeroom Scattergories competition on Wednesday, AFL tips from each homeroom on Thursday, and a fresh-air Friday. Cassidy House has had a strong presence in the College events this semester and I am thrilled to announce that as a House community, we raised the most amount of money on Marianist Day, which was donated to a charity of our choice, St Vinnies.

A special mention to the Cassidy House vice-captain, Sean Tanner and his family for generously donating 200 cupcakes for Marianist Day - these cupcakes were a major attraction for the Cassidy marquee and helped us achieve our fundraising goal. Sean Tanner and Nicholas Garrata prepared these cupcakes from scratch, showing great collegiality and community spirit. Thank you, again.

Our student leaders were the backbone of this initiative and organised everything from start to finish. I thank them on behalf of the staff and students. We look forward to the upcoming Winter Sleepout and Winter Warmup appeal.

Our homeroom and subject teachers work relentlessly to ensure that every student learns in a safe learning environment and receives the guidance and support to make informed decisions. Some students always do the right thing, demonstrate Marianist values daily, and quietly continue contributing to our College community. I want to express my immense appreciation to these students for their excellent work. Thanks for your hard work and commitment.

Our Cassidy students' dedication and efforts in several College opportunities are commendable and inspiring. I want to acknowledge our student leaders, Max Reynolds, Saurin Pandya, Daniel Surbevski, Jeremy Cassar, Sean Tanner, Conor Proulx, Tomi Molnar, Darcy Tredinnick, Andrew Zgrdja, Johnny Nguyen, Liam Amper and Dante Buhagiar. They regularly attend the student leadership meetings and have contributed to the planning and operation of various events.



Nidhi Chhibber
Cassidy House Leader - SPC

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John - 20:19

Cassidy House Report

Cassidy Reds have been extremely busy this term. Some of the important events for the students this term have been Marianist Day, the Athletics Carnival, Year 7 student leadership interviews, and homeroom Dodgeball to mention a few.

Cassidy senior student leaders showed their outstanding skills in shortlisting and selecting the new Year 7 student leaders for Cassidy.

Our new Year 7 student leaders are:

- Mason McEwan - Cassidy J
- Scarlett Sy - Cassidy E

CONGRATULATIONS!

Both students prepared well written applications for the position and tabled remarkable ideas to encourage Year 7 participation in house activities. Mason and Scarlett, Cassidy House welcomes you to this new role for 2026.

Further in the term, Cassidy was placed second in rankings for their accolades and victories at the Athletics Carnival on May 28th. Cassidy boys' participation was outstanding, more points than any other house male students.

The following Cassidy students were declared Champions for their year levels:

- Year 8 Male Champion: Stavva Das
- Year 10 Male Champion: William Jackson
- Year 11 Female Champion: Jordyn Brock

The following Cassidy students set exceptional records this year:

- Olivia Alush beat the High Jump record at 1.4m
- Caelan Espenschied beat the High Jump record at 1.75m
- Xavier Pilling broke the shot-put record at 10.38m and Discus at 30.26m
- Cassidy also broke 4x100m Relay record at 51.49s

What a fun day it was for all of us, and it was made even more memorable by the efforts of our Year 12 students.

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Cassidy House Report



Cassidy is grateful to the leadership of our senior students, especially Joshua Pilling and Tahlia Whear for their organisation of Dodgeball fixtures for Cassidy homerooms. Again, this term Cassidy F has emerged as the overall winner between both clusters.

With Term 2 ending soon, Year 12 leaders have also started to collate some memorabilia for Year 12 Cassidy students to reflect on their Emmanuel journey. Please respond to the email that Angelina Le sent to all Year 12 Cassidy students that contains a form to upload your photos so that we can have a display in the study hall.

Taranjeet Kaur and Terry Manoussaki
Cassidy House Leaders - NDC

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McCoy Homeroom Report

Hunter Longmuir - McCoy House Captain

Throughout Term 2, McCoy students have been busily involved in their academic studies and heavily involved in the ACC Sporting Program.

Over the next few weeks, the Year 8-11 students have their mid-year examinations. This is a good time for students to get into the habit of studying so that they are developing study techniques in preparation for Year 12. Some study tips include creating a study timetable, revising notes, creating cue cards and doing practice questions. However, it is also important to maintain a good study-life balance by taking brain brakes, healthy eating, going outside for some fresh air and getting adequate sleep. Good luck for exams and try your best. We wish everyone well for the assessment period.

Social Justice - Liam Peterson

The Social Justice Team has been quite proactive this term with the introduction of our term's new focus targeted towards homelessness with the theme being 'The Winter Warmup'. All McCoy students are strongly encouraged to bring one or two items of canned food, old clothes or toys. All these donations will go a long way in helping people in need, particularly those who are struggling outside on these cold nights. We encourage you all to join the social justice team to bring Jesus's mission of helping people come to reality.

Homeroom report Joshua Felli and Miguel Alegre - Melba

Our homeroom teacher creates a vibrant classroom community by kicking off the day with collaborative activities like Pictionary and Trivia. These interactive games serve as the perfect boost of engagement and building school spirit before our classes begin. By transforming a standard morning routine into a fun, team-building experience, our teacher ensures that homeroom is both motivating and socially rewarding for everyone.

In McCoy homerooms we undertake Pulse every Wednesday morning to check on students on their mental health and wellbeing, or what's going on in and out of school. Pulse is an important thing because the teachers in the school may be concerned about why you're not doing well.

Homeroom report - Barton

Homeroom in McCoy has always been enjoyable ever since Year 7. It is good time of the day to catch up with mates, study for upcoming SACs/tests and do homework that you should've done at home. During homeroom every week, we are allowed to go onto our laptops as every Wednesday we do a PULSE check in which is pretty much a mental health check, and a good way to ease into the morning. Every Thursday we give our opinions about who is going to win this week in the AFL for our McCoy footy house tipping competition, and every Friday my homeroom does Pictionary. It is a fun way to end the week and definitely brings out the competitive spirits in some students. Our homeroom teacher Miss Mascarenhas always has a smile on her face and cares about her Barton students or, in her words, "Barton Besties".

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McCoy Homeroom Report

Laver Homeroom report Jason Scire

In the morning in the Laver Homeroom, we get together and connect with other year levels. On Wednesdays we complete a quick morning Pulse check in. It is a chance to give gratitude to our friends and teachers. Pulse is a great way to start the morning because you reflect on things you are grateful for or reach out and talk about your wellbeing. On Thursdays we take part in a footy tipping competition amongst our homerooms, it is a great opportunity to come together as a homeroom and share our ideas of who we think is going to win. Altogether the Laver homeroom mornings bring everyone together.

ACC Sport: Aiden Vella

Football

Our Senior, Year 8, and Year 7 teams are still fighting hard in the regular season, with all three sides closing in on finals. Unfortunately, our Year 9/10 team narrowly missed out on a finals this term.

Soccer

It was a season of near misses for our soccer squads. While all teams were ultimately eliminated during the regular season, multiple year levels fought right up until the very end.

As a college, we congratulate every student who proudly wore the jersey and participated in ACC sports this term. To the teams still in the running for a premiership, we wish you the very best of luck.

Term 3 Sports Sign-ups

Sign-ups for Term 3 sports, including Basketball, Table Tennis, and Field Hockey are now officially open, with trials starting in the coming weeks. We encourage all students to get involved and join in the fun. If you have any questions, please reach out to the respective teacher running each team.

Congratulations

We congratulate Isiah Holland Year 11 Dunlop on his selection in the Indoor State Hockey Team and we wish him well for the upcoming competition.

We congratulate Kiran Murthy Year 9 Melba on his selection into the Under 15 School Sports Victoria Field Hockey Team as the only bottom aged player. He has been playing hockey for a total of five years and this year will be his 6th season. The State Hockey competition kicks off on the 25th of July to the 31st of July in Melbourne. We wish Kiran all the best!

We congratulate Ross Tolcher, Dunlop Homeroom, a Year 8 student and a sailor, who over the summer period participates eagerly in sailing. Ross advises that each new year different sailing clubs around Australia host the International Cadet National Championships where everybody gets to compete against each other. Placing in the top ten takes competitors to the World Championships, where you get to represent your country. In 2024 Ross represented Australia in the international cadet competition, which is a small two-person dinghy comprising a crew member and a skipper. In 2024 Ross was a crew member, and he has recently switched to skipper. He hopes to make it back to the World Championships again at some point. We wish him well for his upcoming adventures.

We also wish Ayden and Lawon McCleish all the very best in their upcoming Australian Champion Netball competitions.

Jennifer Molloy

McCoy House Leader - SPC

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John - 20:19

Computers at Emmanuel - Then and Now



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Penny Cook
College Archivist

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John - 20:19

Calendar Term 2, Weeks 9A AND 10B

15 June	Year 8,9,10 and 11 Exams continue until the 18 th of June
16 June	GAT Exam ACC Yr. 10 Football – EMM v SMC, Yr. 10 Soccer – Semi Finals, Yr. 9 Soccer – Semi Finals
17 June	ACC Yr. 10 Football – EMM v SMC, Yr. 10 Soccer – Semi Finals, Yr. 9 Soccer – Semi Finals Year 7 Music Night SACCSS Inter Boys AFL
18 June	ACC Yr. 8 Football, Yr. 8 Soccer, Yr. 7 Football and Yr. 7 Soccer - All Grand Finals SACCSS - Yr. 7 Premier League Semi Finals
19 June	Winter Sleepout
20 June	Winter Sleepout
22 June	Careers and Pathways Evening - NDC
23 June	ACC Yr. 10 Football, Yr. 10 Soccer, Yr. 9 Soccer – All Grand Finals SACCSS Senior AFL Grand Finals Year 10 Healthy Relationships Retreat Day - SPC
24 June	ACC Senior Football – Grand Final NDC Yr. 10 (Group A-E) Careers Day NDC Yr. 10 (Group F-K) Healthy Relationships Retreat Day SACCSS - Senior Volleyball Grand Finals SPC Year 10 Careers Day
25 June	NDC Yr. 10 (Group A-E) Healthy Relationships Retreat Day NDC Yr. 10 (Group F-K) Careers Day SACCSS - Yr. 7 Premier League Grand Finals
26 June	Term Two ends 3.15pm

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