

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I lift up my eyes to the mountains — where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. Psalm 121:1 and 2

I have a new word for everyone - most of us anyway: omphaloskepsis. What a great word! It just rolls off the tongue. It means 'navel-gazing' or engaging in self-absorbed behaviour. It is easy to get so preoccupied in our own spaces, that we miss what is right in front of us. When life is busy or stressful, it is safer to put our heads down and watch our feet one step at a time or like the new word, omphaloskepsis, gaze at our navels.

Conversations with some Grade 10 students last week highlighted some of the pressure they were experiencing about next year. The questions about subjects for 11/12 and what they want to do are looming larger than life. There is a risk for our young people to become quite inward looking because of the pressures around them.

The Bible tells us about where we are to look for the solution to our circumstances and situations we find ourselves in. If we look up to the mountains we are forced to look up and away and away from where we are.

The famous preacher D.L. Moody told about a Christian woman who was always bright, cheerful, and optimistic, even though she was confined to her room because of illness. She lived in an attic apartment on the fifth floor of an old, rundown building. A friend decided to visit her one day and brought along another woman -- a person of great wealth. Since there was no elevator, the two ladies began the long climb upward. When they reached the second floor, the well-to-do woman commented, "What a dark and filthy place!" Her friend replied, "It's better higher up." When they arrived at the third landing, the remark was made, "Things look even worse here." Again the reply, "It's better higher up." The two women finally reached the attic level, where they found the bedridden saint of God. A smile on her face radiated the joy that filled her heart. Although the room was clean and flowers were on the window sill, the wealthy visitor could not get over the stark surroundings in which this woman lived. She blurted out, "It must be very difficult for you to be here like this!" Without a moment's hesitation the shut-in responded, "It's better higher up." She was not looking at temporal things. With the eye of faith fixed on the eternal, she had found the secret of true satisfaction and contentment.<sup>1</sup>

This story reminds us that in looking up, we metaphorically see God. We know from Psalm 121:2 that our, 'help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.'

### Online Naplan Practice

Last week we participated in the School Readiness Tests for the 2019 Online Naplan Tests. Our students coped with the new system well. It seemed to be manageable. We had help from our IT team and teachers picked up the requirements without any dramas.

The plan is that Grade 3, 5, 7 and 9 will do their Naplan Tests online from 2019. We are all set.

**Scott Winkler**

**Principal**

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.sermonillustrations.com/a-z/s/suffering.htm>



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	<u>Notes</u>  <b>Thursday 20th September:</b> <b>Footy Colours Day</b> <b>Gold Coin Donation</b> Whole School <b>Pie Lunch</b> To Raise funds for cancer research. <b>Whole School Assembly</b> 9:10am <b>Monday 24th– Friday 27th September:</b> <b>Grade 5/6 Canberra Trip</b> <b>Thursday 27th September:</b> <b>Grade 2 Excursion</b> Mount Wellington and Botanical Gardens 11am– 2:30pm  <u>2018 Term Dates</u>  Term Three: 30th Jul - 28th Sep Term Four: 15th Oct -19th Dec
	<b>18/9</b> Banking	<b>19/9</b>	<b>20/9</b> Footy Colours Day Whole School Assembly <b>Pie Lunch</b> <b>Uniform shop</b>	<b>21/9</b> No Uniform shop	
<b>24/9</b> Grade 5/6 Canberra Trip	<b>25/9</b> Banking	<b>26/9</b>	<b>27/9</b> Grade 2 Excursion	<b>28/9</b> <b>LAST DAY TERM 3</b>	
<b>1/10</b> <b>HOLIDAYS</b>	<b>2/10</b> <b>HOLIDAYS</b>	<b>3/10</b> <b>HOLIDAYS</b>	<b>4/10</b> <b>HOLIDAYS</b>	<b>5/10</b> <b>HOLIDAYS</b>	
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#### Families in our school:

Niness, Nowakowski, Oakley and Park .

#### Other Prayer/Praise Points:

Give praise that we are able to appreciate the little things in life.

Pray for the grade 5 & 6s as they prepare for Canberra.

#### School Attendance :

- For absentees please use Emmanuel website or contact the office before 9:30am.
- An SMS will be sent to parents for unexplained absences.
- Please ensure late students are signed in at the office.
- If students are leaving early they are required to sign out at the office.
- Please note, a doctors certificate is required for more than 2 days absences.

#### Operation Christmas Child:

At Emmanuel Christian School we are participating in Operation Christmas Child. Each month we are collecting items around a different theme. These themes are;

- September – Something to wear
- October – School Item

We will be putting a Collection box In the Primary foyer & Infant foyer.

Lachlan Wavell-Bird

Molly Galbraith

OCC Ambassadors

For packing suggestions see link.

<https://www.samaritanspurse.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2014/11/2017-Shoebox-101-Flyer-1.pdf>



## Primary News:

Grade 5 and 6 are very excited about their pending trip to Canberra next week. They all have been given permission to wear their commemorative Canberra hoodies this term.

I asked them what they were looking forward to most:

William Sutcliffe- going to Canberra, the whole thing.

Caeleb, Anaeya & Felix- going up the Telstra Tower. It's around 196.3m!

Jeriah & Bree-going to the AIS; Australian Institute of Sports.

Georgie- I like flying and the Mint.

Molly- swimming in the AIS pool.

Priya- bus drive and the accommodation.

Wil Steele- Questacon!

Please remember our travellers in your prayers,

Miss Annie Joy



### Newsletter / Letter

#### Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER)

The Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) guidelines require schools to report the Australian Government funding in the school newsletter or equivalent, or a letter sent to parents/guardians.

**Newsletter:** If you place an article in your school newsletter, please provide a copy of the front page of the newsletter with the date and issue reference, as well as the article page.

**Letter:** If you send a letter to parents/guardians please provide a copy of the signed and dated letter, as well as a note showing how the letter was issued to the parents/guardians e.g. mail out, part of tour information pack, attached to the school newsletter.

Below is an example of the wording you can use in your newsletter or letter.

Students from our school will soon be undertaking (or have recently undertaken), an education tour of the national capital. Students will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of <<\$>> per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

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Uniform Shop News:

**Uniform Shop is closed Friday 21st September but will be open Thursday 20th September instead.**

**20% OFF ALL NEW UNIFORMS**

**Starting Thursday 20th September to Friday 28th September**



**THE LOST PROPERTY IS OVERFLOWING AGAIN.  
WITH END OF TERM COMING UP PLEASE LOOK FOR YOUR CHILDS  
CLOTHING.  
ANY UNNAMED ITEMS WILL BE DONATED TO THE UNIFORM SHOP.**



**2019 Kindergarten enrolments are filling quickly!**

**Please enquire at the school office if you require an enrolment form.**

**We also have spaces available for Grade 7, 2019**



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