Emmanuel College

Pursuing personal best

NEWS
Term 3 2014
“Success is going from failure to failure without losing enthusiasm”. This quote from Winston Churchill really puzzled me. How can you be successful if you keep making mistakes?

Sounded like one of those trendy quotes - romantic but not a help in real life. I kept thinking about what Churchill said as I have been discovering more about how we learn through ideas like Carol Dweck’s ‘growth mindset’ and Daniel Coyle’s ‘talent code’. It turns out we actually have to be out of our comfort zone, to wrestle with a question, a problem, a challenge, in order to learn.

Mistakes, confusion and uncertainty are an essential part of learning. That was Churchill’s point. Do you like having to wrestle with problems and sustain effort to solve them? Sometimes I have to pump up my enthusiasm to stick at it but the satisfaction in the learning gained makes it worth it. And apparently your brain forms new connections every time we make a mistake – that is what learning is in brain-speak. Bring on the next failure!

Christopher Stock

Year 12 Seminar Day

In August, our Year 12 students participated in their final seminar day for the year.

The theme for the day was “Our Community” which saw the students reflect on the past six years at Emmanuel College and the friendships they have forged over that time.

Held at Werribee Park, the day commenced with a liturgy. The day allowed students to take time to talk with each other and share in each other’s future goals.

The day proved to be very successful for all involved.
World Challenge Trivia Night

Congratulations to our World Challenge students who organised an amazing trivia night.

With over 200 people in attendance, Learning Street C was transformed from basic classrooms to a magnificent venue covered in balloons and trestle tables in for what was a fantastic night for all.

Over $3000 was raised which will go towards community support in Cambodia.

RecLink Friends of Alice

Congratulations to our students and staff who have just returned from Alice Springs working with the Indigenous communities in Central Australia.

Xavier Smith, Tahlia Thompson, Daniel Gatt, Joel Gauci, Tyeson Hickey, Mr Evans, Mrs MacPherson and Mrs Mills joined with RecLink Australia to support the Friends of Alice Grand Final.

Our students joined with the Indigenous football teams at Trega Stadium in Alice Springs where they engaged in a special event that brings the Indigenous together through AFL.

A special thanks must go to all those involved in this magnificent experience, particularly the Mutitjulu Aboriginal community for making us so welcome into your community.
Marianist Day

Marianist Day was celebrated on Friday 12th of September with students and staff participating in mass and then a range of activities.

It was an important day as the College celebrated the life of Blessed William Chaminade.

Blessed William Chaminade was founder of the Marianist Order in France in the early 1800s. This tradition continues at Emmanuel College.

College Open Day

On Sunday 14th of September, the St.Paul’s and Notre Dame Campuses held their Open Days.

Under beautiful bright spring sunshine Emmanuel College staff and students were on hand to showcase the excellent facilities and give visitors to the College an opportunity to experience the breadth of teaching and learning programs and extra curricula activities on offer.

Year 11 Ski Trip

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Term 3 sport at SPC consisted of Basketball, Hockey and Table Tennis, as well as Lacrosse, Badminton and Cross Country tournaments.

Senior Basketball made it through to the preliminary finals before going down to CBC St Kilda.

In the Cross Country, we had two notable results, with John Camilleri winning the Senior 5km race, and Matthew Hussey of Year 7 coming 2nd in the U/13 3km race.

After winning the ACC Championship in Term 2, the Senior Soccer team participated in the Melbourne City All School Championships. They were extremely competitive all day, winning two games and drawing two games and finishing 4th overall.

The focus this term at NDC has been on the preparation for the Division 1 SACCSS Athletics Carnival.

The team had some fantastic results with the following athletes winning overall champion of their age group:

13YO MALE         Michael Demarinis
14YO FEMALE     Lori Arkinson
15YO MALE         Nick Masini
17-20 MALE        Connor Menadue

Term 3 was the season for Year 9s to participate in the SACCSS premier league competition. Whilst we had only one team qualify for semi-finals – the Girls Basketball – our Boys Soccer team was unlucky missing out on a finals spot on goal difference.

St John’s Catholic College Darwin were in Point Cook this term playing a number of friendly Netball Games against Mt St Josephs, Mackillop and at NDC. The NDC team consisted of the following students:

• Year 8 - Jessica Bos, Rebecca James, Tegan Minnett, Caitlin Gallina, Mary-Lucy Giordano, Olivia Woodruff
• Year 9 - Taylor Gregory, Lauren Tidmas
• Year 11 - Annalise Southby
Showcase

Our annual Showcase performance was a huge success. A combination of dancing, solo performances, rock bands and our very first instrumental music ensemble performing on the night showed the variety of talent at the College.

Congratulations to all our performers and their teachers on a memorable event.
In July, students from the graduating classes of '74...'84...'94...and '04 met at the St Paul’s Campus to celebrate their reunion.

The classmates were greeted by familiar faces of long serving members Bill Stiger, David Barr, Graeme Briggs, Michael Pichner and Christopher Stock.

Attendees received a bottle of wine commemorating the event and were taken for a tour to witness the significant investments that have taken place at the St Paul’s Campus.

Old Collegian Professor Anthony Sagona

In August, the College welcomed old collegian Professor Anthony Sagona to the St Paul’s Campus.

Anthony completed his education in 1973 and currently lectures at Melbourne University in Archeology.

Anthony presented Emmanuel College with a copy of his recent book titled *The Heritage of Eastern Turkey*.

Twilight Talk and Tour

Emmanuel College is holding a Meet the Principal and Tour for parents of prospective students of the College on:

- **Tuesday November 11** - 6.00pm Notre Dame Campus Point Cook
- **Tuesday November 18** - 6.00pm St. Paul’s Campus Altona North

If you are unable to attend, please contact our College Registrar to arrange a visit on 8325 5119 or email enrolments@ecmelb.catholic.edu.au