Pursuing personal best *
Principal’s Reflection

Jill Hennessy, local MLA and Minister in the new State Government, was guest speaker at the 2014 Celebration of Excellence evening. Jill spoke about her journey from VCE, when she was not sure if she was going to make it, to the important role of civic leadership to which she has been elected as a member of parliament.

She reflected on how the values which have been at the heart of her journey – fairness, equality of opportunity, compassion and embracing communities – grew out of her experience of the tough lives and challenges faced by many in the community in which she grew up. Living out these values and being her best in her studies, career, family, community was not always easy. Jill reflected on the role of resilience in the face of failure and the need to recognise that mistakes are the way we learn. She emphasised the importance of sticking at it during the tough times.

After performing at his end of year piano recital, my 14 year old son received a medal from his piano teacher, as did the other performers. Not another medal for the entitlement generation, I thought. What was written on the medal, when I had a look at it after the presentation, was one word – Perseverance. No doubt those young performers did deserve a medal for their sticking at the practice and lessons which had resulted in their growth as musicians over the year.

This growth mindset is what we too celebrated at the Celebration of Excellence and encourage the young women and men of the College to embrace in their journey of growth and learning in 2015.

Christopher Stock

Kwong Lee Dow Scholarship

Hanna Luna, John Ricca and David Suric were recently welcomed to the University of Melbourne Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars Program. A tailored program of events will support their secondary studies, inspire their career plans and provide opportunities to interact with the University community.
Remembrance Day

On Wednesday 11 November, Emmanuel College paused to remember those who have served and fallen in wars.

We remember the sacrifices of our brothers and sisters and recall the efforts of those who now sleep peacefully, some in faraway places.

We are thankful for those first Anzacs in World War I whose actions established the traditions we as a nation hold so dear today. Our short service was led by our Liturgy and Social Justice Captains.

As part of this important day we placed wreaths at Altona, Williamstown, Newport and Altona as a sign of respect for those who gave the ultimate sacrifice in war.

RecLink

Staff and students competed and assisted in the Annual RecLink Run. RecLink Australia is a charitable organization who strives to provide sporting, social and arts activities to those who may experience homelessness, substance abuse, social or economic hardship.

Many thanks must go to those staff and students who gave of their time so generously.

Soccer Fun Day

Well done to the Grade 4s and 5s who competed in the recent Emmanuel College Feeder School Soccer Fun Day.

It was a wonderful day with 330 players from eleven of the parish feeder schools giving their all and displaying a great spirit of sportsmanship and fair play.

Members of the Emmanuel College Soccer Academy played a significant role in organising, officiating and supporting this annual event.
Celebration of Excellence Awards Evening
Wednesday 26 November 2014.

Congratulations to students who received achievement awards at the Celebration of Excellence Evening. Well done to Year 12 students Caitlin Kerr and Shannon Attard, and staff members Jenny Webster and Clinton Gray, on receiving Marianist Excellence Awards, and to Emmanuel College Scholarship winners Nicholas Bervanakis and Jordan Camilleri.
STUDENT MARIANIST
Caitlin Kerr

THE ANNA ROMITO PERFORMING ARTS AWARD
Adriano Priscino

TONY GELLIE AWARD
Christopher Koulis

SENIOR PUBLIC SPEAKING
Michael Palatsides

SENIOR MUSIC AWARD
Brandon Farrugia

SENIOR PUBLIC SPEAKING
Brett McColl

JUNIOR MUSIC AWARD
Joshua Morton-Galea

TONY GELLIE AWARD
Lucas Gauci

THE ANNA ROMITO PERFORMING ARTS AWARD
Adriano Priscino

TONY GELLIE AWARD
Christopher Koulis

THE B.GENE STIGER MEMORIAL AWARD
Tristan McGrath

PATRICK KENNA AWARD
Rhys Mutch

DAVID TEMPLETON SCHOLARSHIP
Warren Rossario

SOCIAL JUSTICE AWARD
Tahlia Thompson

SENIOR SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR
Bryce Williams

SENIOR SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR
Connor Menadue

JUNIOR MUSIC AWARD
Shane Magro

MARGARET JEAN WARNER SCHOLARSHIP
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Thank you to House Leaders and staff on the most successful NDC Year 9 camp conducted at Camp Howqua this week. The generous commitment of staff who led the camp is much appreciated. We look forward to an equally successful camp for our St Paul's Year 9s in a few weeks.

At the Notre Dame Campus, the VCE centre has been completed with senior students and staff utilising this purpose built senior study and classroom areas. While at the St. Paul’s Campus, construction of the new stairs and walkway between the eastern and western ends of the Jubilee Building has been completed. At the Notre Dame Campus, the VCE centre has been completed with senior students and staff utilising this purpose built senior study and classroom areas. While at the St. Paul’s Campus, construction of the new stairs and walkway between the eastern and western ends of the Jubilee Building has been completed. On Sunday 15th of September the St. Paul’s and Notre Dame Campus held its open day. Under beautiful bright spring weather 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.

Well done also to Ben Carrigan, 10 Cassidy, on his scholarship with the Melbourne Victory Youth Team and to James Xydias, 11 McCluskey, and Joe Monek, 11 McCluskey, on their selection for the team which competes in the National Premier League U20’s competition.

Stairways Program

A range of areas including Literature, Social Justice, Fashion, Alternative Energy and Philosophy, amongst others were on show at the Year 8 and 9 Stairways Presentation Evening GROW. Students presented their area of investigation with confidence and in-depth knowledge.

Congratulations to the Stairways students on their impressive achievements and to Bill Stiger for his leadership of the program and Clinton Gray for his support.
Netball Premiers

Congratulations to the Year 8 Netball team, and coach Rosa Martic, on an outstanding come-from-behind win in a high quality SACCSS Grand Final against Salesian College.

The team was down by 4 goals at half-time but showed steely determination to cut the margin to 1 goal by the third break. With 2 minutes to go, in a see-sawing final quarter, Emmanuel was 1 goal down but the girls held their nerve, in a heart-stopping finish, to win by two goals.

The squad has shown great character in winning back-to-back premierships in Year 7 and 8, as well as impressive spirit in the way they play the game.

Elite Sports Performance

Congratulations to Year 12 student, Connor Menadue, on his selection by Richmond Football Club at pick 33 in the AFL draft.

Connor is an impressive, level headed young man, and elite athlete, who represented the College with distinction in SACCSS competition, including some dominant performances at Athletics carnivals. He has all the ingredients for success in his chosen pathway.

Well done also to Kaylah Spiteri, 7 McCoy, on her second placing in the Victorian Taekwondo Championships, and selection for the Nationals to be held in Adelaide in early December.

Congratulations to Cameron Jakobi and Justher Angeles on their selection in the ACC senior team of the year in hockey and basketball respectively. Well done also to Ben Carrigan, 10 Cassidy, on receiving a scholarship with the Melbourne Victory Youth Team and to James Xydias, 11 McCluskey, and Joe Monek, 11 McCluskey, on their selection for the team which competes in the National Premier League U20’s competition.
On Saturday 7 February, Emmanuel College will be holding an Information Morning for parents of prospective students of the College, starting at 9.00am at the Notre Dame Campus and 10.30am at the St Paul’s Campus.

This is a fantastic opportunity to see the College first hand and to meet senior staff members, students and parents.

If you are unable to attend this morning, you may wish to join our monthly tours of the College at either campus.

For further information contact Michael Pichner Leader of Community Relations or Donna Grech, Registrar on 8325 5100.