



# Emmanuel Christian School

Shield of Faith Sword of the Spirit Eph 6:16.17

## Student briefs

### Welcome to new principal

THE new principal at Emmanuel Christian School, Geoff Hewitt, brings a lot of experience, including 20 years at Illawarra Christian School in Wollongong, NSW. Mr Hewitt teaches biblical studies and life skills, as well as having the demanding role of head of school. Our former principal, Simon Matthews, is now the head of Christian Schools Tasmania.

TRAVIS MORTYN and DOMINIC PANNE

### Technology bonus

THIS year Emmanuel Christian School was blessed to receive some new IT equipment from school funds and a grant from the Federal Government. The equipment is newer and faster than our previous computers. Information technology is an important aspect of education because technology is constantly changing and we need to know how it works and how to use it.

THOMAS McKILLOP and SIMON MERRIGAN

### Soccer success

EMMANUEL Christian School has won nearly all its soccer matches this season. Players are having a lot of fun and making heaps of progress with their skills. They are playing well as a team and learning a variety of skills from their coaches. The coaches are all volunteers and are teaching skills that will help later in life, such as good sportsmanship.

THOMAS BRIGGS and AARON BIENEFELT

### Camping excursion

TO start the school year with a bang, teachers at Emmanuel Christian School organise an exciting camping experience for all secondary students. It is a great chance for teachers to bond with their students, and also for new students to make friends before spending time with them in the classroom. This year the camp was held at Spring Beach Youth Convention Centre, and everyone is looking forward to next year's camp.

KATHERINE SPOULE and MILLICENT GLASS

# LEARNING THEIR LIONS

SARAH SHORT and SARAH KEANE

EMMANUEL Christian School has a long history of performing school plays.

In September, the students will be hitting the stage with another fantastic production, *Roar*.

Props are being made, students are learning their lines and costumes are being designed and sewn together.

Along the way, students are realising that the play isn't just part of the school curriculum — it is building unforgettable memories for each and every one of them.

Every two years Emmanuel Christian School has the opportunity to produce a play, usually based on a Christian theme. Grades 5 and 6 students are given the major roles.

Each play involves a lot of enjoyment for students, staff members, parents and the community.

This year's original production of *Roar... A night with the lions* is based on the Old Testament's *Book of Daniel* and it shows the importance of obedience

to God, the power of God and God's love for His people.

Mrs Janet Tiitinen, the director and Grade 3-4 teacher, has been working on the script since late last year.

All students are enjoying the experience. Undertaking such performances helps younger students with their acting ability. The roles for each character, especially the main roles, were written with the student in mind.

Annette Turvey choreographed the four dances in the play. She gives up her time to help out with each of the school plays. This year she has had some extra help from Grades 4 and 5 students Madeline Bourke, Jade Kiker and Sarah Turvey.

Throughout the history of Emmanuel Christian School's productions, many memories have been made and never forgotten.

A lot of high school students still reflect on their time as primary school students, and the memories of the plays they participated in.



**KINGS OF THE JUNGLE:** Emmanuel Christian School students Jenna Merrigan, Isaac Clinkers and Noah Sharples practise their scary faces for the school play.

*Roar* will be performed on September 2 at the Citywide Baptist Church, 300 Cambridge Rd, Mornington.

There will a matinee for schools at noon and a

community performance at 7pm for parents and wider community.

Tickets are available from the school office for \$5 for adults or \$10 for a family. Phone 6247 8476.

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## Bird house bonanza takes technology to new heights

SCIENCE teacher Kevin Welch has taken technology to a whole new level at Emmanuel Christian School.

Mr Welch came up with a plan for Grade 8 students to build bird houses to encourage medium-sized parrots such as the colourful rosella or the swift parrot to nest and mate within the school grounds.

The bird houses will repel predators and let the parrots live in peace.

The students have also attached little cameras to the bird houses, enabling them to study the birds' mysterious life cycle.

In the future Mr Welch wants to put the footage on to the internet to encourage other schools and the

public to embrace this idea and try it themselves. This will hopefully generate interest and passion in the students of the school.

The school received a \$550 Landcare grant to buy materials for the design, including plywood and the cameras.

Students painted their bird houses brown with a special tech-

nique that made the refuges look like bark. They learned many skills, including woodwork, painting and using technology.

Staff and students are now eagerly waiting to see if the birds will nest. So far the building of the bird houses is going to plan, and soon the students will be able to see the results of their labour.

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