



Emmanuel Christian School

Shield of Faith Sword of the Spirit Eph 6:16.17

SCHOOL GROWS STRONGER

EMMANUEL Christian School has reaped the rewards of planting more than 150 trees on the school grounds.

Grade 5/6 teacher Heather King enters the Clarence City Council's Water Wise competition every year and this year Rebecca Kent from Grade 6 won the poster competition prize — a selection of trees from the council's Mornington depot.

The school won some trees last year and principal, Simon Matthews, decided to make good use of them.

The trees have been planted around the perimeter of the school and students hope to plant blackwoods along the school's driveway

too. Teatree, callistemon, and sheoak are just some of the species that have been planted at the school.

Mr Matthews selected these types because they are native and live for about 50 years. The school chose to plant the trees around the perimeter to provide shade and encourage bird life.

Emmanuel has also been blessed with a significant grant from the State Government for a new playground. The outdoor gym is thought to be the first of its kind in the state.

Quentin White Builders donated time and manpower to assist in the initial project while our ground-

skeeper, David Smith, completed the finishing touches.

The area took shape during the school holidays ready for the return of secondary students. It was a real surprise for them and the expressions on their faces said it all.

Even the primary students lined up to see what all the fuss was about.

The students had great fun trying out the equipment and all look forward to using it regularly to enhance their physical fitness.

Meanwhile, bench seats were recently installed at the school to give students a meeting place at recess and lunch times. PE teacher Mathew

Rushton said if the outdoor gym was used the right way students would maintain and improve their health and wellbeing.

The area is currently being assessed to see if there is enough room to install more equipment.

Staff from the school's primary section have seen how much the students love the equipment and look forward to additional equipment in the future.

By Scott Morrisby, Julian Cantwell, Jamie Warr and Brendan Morrisby

Born to shine

A NEW life skills program has started at Emmanuel Christian School. *Shine and Strength* gives young adolescents the inspiration to embrace every opportunity and show their inner strength.

School counsellor Julie Weeks said the program helped teenagers who got lost in the growing up process.

"We also believe in affirming the immense value of the boys and girls here at Emmanuel Christian School," Ms Weeks said.

Ms Weeks, Anna Gregory and a team of young women run the program along with church youth worker Glenn Carmichael and teachers Matt Rushton and Robert Jansen.

Kelsey Andrews and Samantha Miller

Love this playgroup!

EMO Kids is a fun-filled playgroup based at Emmanuel Christian School for children under five.

Parents and children get together every Wednesday morning to take part in a series of fun and exciting activities. Emo Kids includes water play, singing, arts and crafts, stories, sand play, playground activities, dancing and much much more.

The mother of two Emmanuel students, Susie Ising, organises and runs Emo Kids with help from Jane Edler. Parents and friends of the children also help out.

Emo Kids is a great way to learn and make friends before starting Kindergarten.

Joshua Quan and Tom Vanderslink

Primary sports program

PARENTS at Emmanuel Christian School don't need to worry about their kids getting overweight because a wonderful sports program encourages students to get active and learn that exercise can be as much fun as video games and television.

Students from the Grade 6 class take younger students for daily PE activities four times a week where relays, ball games, skipping, athletics, and running make physical activity lots of fun.

Teachers have noticed that the children work better in the classroom after taking part in the activities.

Ellen Bibby

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Musicians hit the right notes

THIS year has seen some electrifying developments and achievements at Emmanuel Christian School.

Under the direction of teacher Belinda McDermott and principal Simon Matthews, the school's music program has expanded students' skills and knowledge.

The school regularly participates in the Clarence Eisteddfod and the primary section celebrated success recently gaining a well deserved merit award.

The school's senior choir has plenty to sing about too scoring first place at the eisteddfod while the Grade 7 band earned a merit award.

Mr Matthews said the music program helped students improve their musical skills.

He said music was a great outlet and he hoped that the school would soon have a wider range of instruments to choose from.



MAGNIFICENT MUSIC: Emmanuel Christian School students belt out a tune.

The music program is available to students from Kindergarten through to Grade 10.

Primary students have been learning to play a variety of instruments.

The Prep-Grade 1/2 class is learning percussion on the marimba, xylophone and glockenspiel while Grade 3/4 students are learning to play the guitar and the recorder.

Grade 5/6 students spent the first eight weeks of the year trialling different instruments.

By the ninth week each chose the instrument they would be playing for the remainder of the year.

The Grade 5/6 students also formed a choir giving themselves a chance to express themselves further.

Secondary school students have

the opportunity to play in one of the school's two bands, sing in the choir, or tap their creative juices by composing their own music.

Grade 9 and 10 students study music as an optional subject, Grade 7 students have formed a band and the Grade 8 class regularly splits into smaller groups to play songs together.

By Melanie Kent and Andrew Huxley

Students make a big difference in Rokeby

EMMANUEL Christian School students have joined forces with Rokeby's St Matthews Anglican Church to host lunches for the local community once a month.

The lunches were first staged in 1996 and now attract up to 25 people on the

first Friday of every month. Emmanuel principal Simon Matthews said there were a number benefits associated with helping out at the lunches.

"As a school we are committed to helping the children learn to serve other people and it's good to have that

connection with the local churches," Mr Matthews said.

One of Emmanuel's helpers Tegan Andersen said she thoroughly enjoyed helping the community.

"One day I'd like to see the same thing happen for me," Tegan said.

Mr Matthews said the school was always looking for ways to better serve the local community.

By Stefani Riseley and Sophie Benson

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