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Emmanuel Christian School
Grade 8 English Class
AN **n.i.e.** SPECIAL FEATURE

Our own kind of music

By Jane Akhurst and Justin Sproule

EMMANUEL Christian School has produced a talented band and choirs this year.

The band consists of grade seven students and is conducted by music teacher Mrs McDermott.

The instruments played are flute, clarinet, trumpet, trombone, saxophone, percussion and guitar.

Mrs McDermott teaches the students playing woodwind instruments and percussion, and the principal, Mr Simon Matthews, takes the brass players.

Mrs McDermott says the students are doing very well and have already performed at the Emmanuel Christian School oval opening and the Calvin Christian School Gold Members luncheon.

There are two choirs —

primary and secondary. The primary choir performed with the famous Vienna Boys Choir on July 11 at the Federation Concert Hall, and the senior choir has performed at the oval opening ceremony and the Calvin Gold Members luncheon.

Mrs McDermott wants the choirs and band to perform at the Eastern Shore Eisteddfod, Grade 10 graduation and at Christmas time.



TOP NOTE: The Emmanuel Christian School band and choir.

Great to just go to school

By Laura Mapley and Brenna Geer
EMMANUEL Christian School is growing in many ways this year.

Principal Mr Simon Matthews says he is very excited about people "learning how great our school is".

"We have some really interesting and exciting things happening in our music department, like our new grade seven band and our 5/6 training band," he said.

"We also have a preschool playgroup for young children called Emo Kids."

The government has granted the school \$15,000 to develop a playground for the secondary school and the students are looking forward to this development because they will have more fun on the new equipment.

Improved oval well worth it

By Jessica Valentine and Hugh Morgan
THE School Oval has been completed along with the extra security and new fences.

The oval and security systems cost a whopping \$200,000. Teachers and students think it's a great improvement and well worth the time and money.

Former principal Mr Tom Hockley organised the upgrades and changes were made at the end of 2003 and early 2004, being completed late March.

The oval is about 120m by about 60m. The primary students have been regularly using the new oval for morning PE.

The school has had a number of sports carnivals on the oval and these have been a great success.

Basketball glory at nationals

By Matthew Sakaris and Joshua Natoli

EMMANUEL Christian Schools Grade 9/10 boys' basketball teams recently represented the state in the National Christian Schools Championship.

These were held at the Dandenong Basketball Stadium, Melbourne from July 27-29.

Emmanuel captain Luke Harback was the championship's top scorer and named most valuable player of the tournament.

He was also selected in an all-star team that will have the chance to play in the United States.

The Emmanuel's squad was Simon Verdouw, Joe Vanderslink, Matthew

Ninnes, Jayden Andrews, Hamish Jack, Luke Harback (captain), Paul Herweynen and Jordan Long.

Coach and former Emmanuel student Adrian Harback went with the team along with No.1 fan Mr Malcolm Lacey, a former teacher at Emmanuel.

The school supported the team financially with fundraisers and also with everyone's prayers.

PE teacher Mr Matthew Rushton did the paperwork, entering the squad into the competition.

The team has been playing together for about two years and trained extremely hard for the competition.

There were six teams in Emmanuel's group and 26 in the whole competition.

Teens on an island mission



By Nicole White and Kate Bienefelt

AN excited and lucky bunch of Grade 10 students from Emmanuel Christian School travelled to Fiji on a mission trip last term.

The group left Melbourne on May 13 on the six-hour flight to Nadi to help out at the Fijian YWAM (Youth

With A Mission) Base. YWAM is a Christian organisation that trains young people to evangelise.

This is only the third time students from the school had gone to Fiji.

It was a chance to build relations with Fijian schools and experience a different culture.

The students helped by

painting buildings and visited some local schools.

They all said the Fijians were very friendly, sharing and generous.

One of the students, Danica Geer, said it was a great experience and hoped she would go back some day. "It was worth every penny," she said.

Principal blows our trumpet Off to a great start

By John Moss and Joseph Weeks

OUR new Principal, Mr Simon Matthews, has come to Emmanuel Christian School after being the principal at Kingston Primary School.

Mr Matthews, 39, became a teacher at 24, and says he loves the job.

Before becoming a teacher he was a musician with the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra, playing the trumpet.

He says this school is growing in lots of ways and that it is due to the vision and hard work of many staff members, parents and students.

His plan for Emmanuel is

to see it grow in knowledge and commitment to Jesus Christ.

"I enjoy teaching because I can mix with other people and have a great time," he said.

Mr Mathews has been teaching Bible and music to the Grade 7 class.

EMMANUEL Christian School on Hobart's beautiful Eastern Shore started in 1979 and is still growing.

With eight hectares of grounds close to Ralph's Bay, we've established a happy, caring environment where children develop their skills — and an understanding of God's world and their place in it.

We have a playgroup once a week called Emo Kids. It is designed to help parents and their young children get ready for a successful start in the kindergarten year.

It also helps parents feel like they belong to the community before their child's first day.

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