DIARY DATES

25th February
Parent Information Night

10th March
School Photo Day
Information to come

14th March
Labour Day
NO SCHOOL

17th March
PSR Night

24th March
End of Term One

11th April
Term Two commences

Value of The Fortnight
We will continue our studies on the value, Responsibility, for the fortnight.

Responsible people always do the task to the best of their ability.

I am looking for the student who can list the tasks that they are responsible for both at home and at school.

The person that has the longest list of responsibilities will receive a free subway lunch.

The competition closes next Wednesday afternoon.

DIANNE WRIGHT
Middle Campus Principal

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Attached to this newsletter are details of our School Council Elections that are held in the first term of every year. I encourage all community members to participate in this important process.

JOHN MOONEY
Principal

START & FINISH TIMES

Jnr/Snr Campus

Monday— 9am-3pm
Tuesday— 9am-3pm
Wednesday— 8.50am-3pm
Thursday— 9am-3pm
Friday— 8.50am-3pm

Middle Campus

Monday—9am-2.45pm
Tuesday—9am-2.45pm
Wednesday—8.50am-2.45pm
Thursday—9am-2.45pm
Friday—8.50am-2.45pm

PLEASE NOTE—WEDNESDAY MORNING IS HOUSES AND FRIDAY MORNING IS ASSEMBLY

BOTH ARE HELD AT THE JNR/SNR CAMPUS,

1430 HEATHERTON ROAD, DANDENONG
JUNIOR SCHOOL STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

JSA  RITWICK B
For his great colouring in activity.

JSB  BEN B
For being a hard worker in class.

JSC  BRODIE J
For his enthusiasm for learning.

JSD  ALI A
For always listening to his teachers and smiling.

JSE  ALEX T
For his persistence and good listening in class.

JSF  CAIN C
For always doing his best.

JSG  ANTHONY P
For always greeting others politely.

JSH  AITYANA G
For HELPING Mr Barnett in class.

JSI  TONY B
For settling well in JSI.

JSJ  MARTIN K
For his exceptional whole body listening.

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Mrs Searle  DANIELLE M
For being a kind, helpful and responsible student.

Mr Bowen  MADDIE COX
For always displaying manners in the classroom.

Mr Stokes  ALLY J
For persistence and determination throughout the whole week.

Miss Harding  JAMIE O
For a great work ethic.

Miss Murphy  MORSAL S
For always being cheerful and pleasant.

Ms Ryan  MATTHEW G
For his positive start to the year in every way. Keep it up!

Miss Yearwood  AARON P
For always being friendly and polite.

Mr Mara  TRISHA J
For always being a fantastic student.

Mrs Slusher  GEORGIA P
For ignoring someone who tried to upset her and Mrs Slusher is REALLY proud of her.

Mr Marczenko  DANIEL N
For always being positive and friendly to his peers.

ESO Award  JOSHUA J
For working hard in the yard.

Ms Hickox  JOEL W
For being a great role model.
CSEF FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FROM THE OFFICES OF BOTH THE JNR/SNR AND MIDDLE CAMPUSES.

APPLICATION FORMS AND A COPY OF YOUR CURRENT CENTRELINK PENSION CARD/HEALTHCARE CARD NEED TO BE RETURNED BY 29TH FEBRUARY.

NO LATE FORMS MAY BE ACCEPTED!

REMINDER TO WEAR HATS FOR TERM 1

IT IS COMPULSORY FOR STUDENTS TO WEAR HATS FOR TERMS 1 & 4.

WE ALSO STRONGLY SUGGEST THAT SUNSCREEN IS APPLIED AND A WATER BOTTLE IS BROUGHT TO SCHOOL TO KEEP HYDRATED.

STUDENTS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO WEAR HATS DEPICTING OFFENSIVE OR ILLEGAL LOGOS.

It is vital that our Bus Bays are kept clear at all times.

Please do not park in the Bus Bays.

JUNIOR SCHOOL BIRTHDAYS

JOANNA

NO PARKING
EMERSON SPORT

The sporting year at Emerson School has begun with more programs and student involvement than ever before! We have a number of programs and activities already running and many more planned in 2016.

Water Safety

The Advance group and our Middle School graduates will be participating in swimming and water safety programs over the next few weeks. Knowledge and experience gained through these programs are critical to a child’s holistic development, especially in a country like ours. Over the summer there were multiple news reports relating to innocent lives that were lost in our waterways. While not all drownings are preventable, too many lives are lost in situations that could be avoided by undertaking a basic water safety or swimming course. At Emerson School we will endeavour to provide this opportunity to as many students as possible. Outside of school hours, all local swimming pools run classes that cater for all levels of swimming abilities.

Interschool Sport

All of the basketball teams tasted success in the opening round of our interschool sport fixture, which was a fantastic effort. This sets a platform from which all of the teams can build upon for the rest of the tournament. Even more importantly, the staff have been blown away by the interest levels show by the students to represent their school on the basketball court. We have over 60 students to try and fit into 4 teams, which is proving difficult, but we always endeavour to give all of our students a chance to enjoy themselves in the sporting arena.

In addition to basketball, the South Specialist Schools Sports Association (SSSSA) are trialling a beach volleyball competition this term. Last week Emerson School had 15 students wanting to give volleyball a try and despite the complex nature of the sport, our students all enjoyed the challenge.

Cross Country

Mr Murray and Ms White have been busy assembling a team to represent Emerson in the SSSSA and possibly state cross country events. Training will commence in the coming weeks each and every Thursday afternoon.

Runners Club

Each morning, our Junior School Runners Club takes place on the athletics track. Well done to each and every member of the club for embracing some exercise in the mornings. So far we have a group of students who are setting a cracking pace and have reached their 50 lap milestone!

50 Lap

Cain
Thomas T
Thomas C
Cody
Justin
Kaneisha
Ollie
Marissa
House polo shirts can be ordered through school again this term. Only house polo shirts, in the appropriate house colour, will be allowed to be worn on Wednesdays. No other clothes, regardless of colour, will be accepted. If students do not wish to buy a house polo shirt they will need to wear their correct school uniform to Emerson on Wednesdays.

The cost of the polo shirts have been heavily subsidised by the school and will cost $10 each.

Please fill in the form below and return it to the office with the money no later than 26th February if you wish to purchase a house polo shirt.

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**HOUSE POLO SHIRT ORDER FORM**

NAME: ___________________________________________ 
CLASS: _____________

HOUSE: ________________________________ 
SIZE: ____________

QUANTITY: ____________

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: $___________
PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 25th, 2016 at 7.30PM

As listed in the Calendar on page 2 of our Student Planners, we are having a Parent Information Night on Thursday 25th February. There will be lots of new programs to learn about and new staff to meet. This is not a specific Parent/Teacher Interview Night like the Program and Student Review Night which is to be held on Thursday, March 17th. It is a chance for you to learn about school organization, to hear about all our programs and to meet the staff who run them.

The evening will commence at 7.30pm in the Emerson Room with a brief overview of our whole school programs including various Sports Programs, House System, and Specialist programs etc.

At the conclusion of this session parents will be invited to join staff at one of three locations. Junior School will go to the Staff Room, Middle School will stay in the Emerson Room and Senior School will meet in Elaine Gleeson’s classroom.

The evening will finish with refreshments in the Staff Room.

**PLEASE NOTE: THIS INFORMATION NIGHT IS ONLY FOR ADULTS.**

Please fill in the form below if you will be attending this night and return it to school before Tuesday 16/02/2016.

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I/We will be attending the Parent Teacher Information Night on Thursday 25th February.

NAME/S:____________________________________

Signed:____________________________________

Date:________________________

Child’s Name/s:____________________________________

Child’s Class:____________________________________
EMERSON SCHOOL
SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTION 2016

At Emerson School we have School Council of 15 members.

- 8 Parents who are not employed by the Department of Education and Training (DET) (Two year terms)
- 4 DET employees (Two year terms)
- 1 School Principal
- 2 Co-opted Community Members (Two year terms)

TOTAL: 15 MEMBERS

Every year the terms of office of half of the parent members and half of the DET employees expire and an election is held. These retiring councillors are eligible for re-election if they still qualify as a parent of the school or are a DET employee according to the conditions of category membership.

PARENT MEMBERS

In March 2016, the terms of office of four parent members expire. Kerrie Grave and Nicky Panagiotou have declared themselves available for re-election.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION & TRAINING (DET) MEMBERS

The terms of office of the two councillors in this category will expire in March 2016. Jenny La’Brooy and Jacinta Harding have declared themselves available for re-election.

KEY DATES

1. Friday, 19th February, 2016 Call for nominations
2. Friday, 26th February, 2016 Close of nominations
3. Friday, 4th March, 2016 Distribution of ballot papers if required
4. Monday, 14th March, 2016 Close of ballot
5. Tuesday, 15th March, 2016 Declaration of Poll

Nomination forms are available from our Business Manager, Lynn Carland.

JOHN MOONEY, PRINCIPAL
AND COUNCIL ELECTION RETURNING OFFICER

Friday, 19th February, 2016