It was great to see our continuing and new students arrive yesterday for their first day of the 2016 school year. Our new school uniform was clearly evident! I would like to thank all parents and guardians for the excellent take up rate that has been reported by our uniform supplier, Beleza Uniforms.

We have started the year with 421 students. This includes 46 students who are new to school. Term 1 is only nine weeks long and will fly by very quickly. I would like to remind all students, parents and staff that they are joint owners of our school. It is a joy to unlock the potential within every student and to participate in the celebration on newfound skills and personal competence.

We have welcomed eleven new staff members to Emerson in 2016. These are:

- Visual Arts Teacher: Jacqueline Malanga
- Performing Arts Teacher: Tony King
- Speech Pathologist: Ruth Braden
- Speech Pathologist: Rose Denby
- Engagement and Wellbeing Officer: Adam Shaw
- Vocational Pathways Officer: Anna-Marija Zika
- Education Support: Jack Gaze
- Education Support: Antony Zuccon
- Education Support: Wahid Hashimi
- Yoga, Calmness, Meditation: Nicola Salza
- Relaxation, Calmness, Meditation, Wellbeing: Fiona Collins

Best wishes to everyone on a sensational school year.

JOHN MOONEY
Principal

We will be studying the value Friendliness for the next fortnight.

Friendliness is all about a warm smile and a kind word of encouragement.

Welcome to all our new staff and students at Emerson.

You’ll find us to be a very friendly school!

Dianne Wright
Middle Campus Principal
**SCHOOL UNIFORM**

Uniform subsidy has now commenced.

Uniforms purchased before 10th April, 2016 – a $150 subsidy will apply.

11th April until 10th July, 2016—a $80 subsidy will apply.

11th July until 2nd October 2016—a $60 subsidy will apply.

3rd October until 20th December, 2016 - a $50 subsidy will apply.

In order to obtain the subsidy, you will need to purchase your uniform from the Beleza’s Dandenong store, 162 Cheltenham Road, Dandenong.

Please note subsidy can only be used on ONE occasion.

**BUS CHANGES**

It is of most importance that Parents/Carers notify the appropriate school office prior to 2.15pm to make alternative travel arrangements for the day. This can be done by calling the office or a note in the student diary.

The word of the student cannot be accepted.

**ABSENCES**

Please advise your child’s campus

BEFORE 9.15am of an absence.

Jnr/Snr Campus—9791 8900

Middle Campus—8762 6466

**CSEF**

CSEF FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FROM THE OFFICES OF BOTH THE JNR/SNR AND MIDDLE CAMPUSES.

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

NO LATE FORMS WILL 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.

**START & FINISH TIMES**

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

BOTH ARE HELD AT THE JNR/SNR CAMPUS, 1430 HEATHERTON ROAD, DANDENONG

**NEWSLETTER**

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