Welcome back to all members of our school community for what will be a most exciting year. We have welcomed 55 new students to Emerson School. Seven new staff members have also joined our team. We now have 108 staff members across both campuses.

I remind all existing and new members of our community that we are joint owners of our vibrant school. Together we will make it an even better place to learn. There are new initiatives and programs happening this year that have captured the imagination of everyone.

New Staff Members

Jess White has commenced as a member of our Sport and Physical Education team. Jess has had secondary education experience from Goulburn, NSW and Canberra.

Bridget Russo has taken up a teaching position in our Senior School. Bridget has come to us from Carranballac P-9 College in Point Cook.

Margaret Orr has been appointed as a teacher in our Music Department. Margaret brings a rich background of experience and training in philosophy, nursing, music therapy, singing and opera.

Matter Machar has commenced teaching duties in the area of Sustainability and Science. Matter has qualifications as a Marine Biologist and extensive experience in youth development in the City of Greater Dandenong.

Adam Storti has joined our Senior School teaching team. Adam has a background in secondary education, event management and tennis scholarship appointments in the USA.

Darren Junkeer has been appointed to our teaching staff of the Junior School. He is already well known for his teaching assignments in previous years.

Don Laughton has commenced duties as a sessional Musician in Residence at Emerson School. Don brings decades of experience in the delivery of music, instrumental and performance programs.
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Staff Changes

A significant number of staff members have been involved in taking on new rotational tasks this year for the purposes of bringing our two campuses closer and closer together and preparing for future growth and changes. One of the key changes is that I have asked Dianne Wright and David Walsh to change their roles in the overall management of the school. Dianne, has taken on the role of Middle Campus Principal. David has taken on the role of Junior/Senior Campus Principal. I thank Dianne and David for taking on these new changes and challenges.

CHANGES TO OUR UNIFORM CULTURE

There is no doubt that 2015 will be a year of growth. One of the important and necessary improvements will be to improve the standard of our student’s school uniform. Changes will be introduced throughout the year whereby students will be invited to participate. These initiatives will then become compulsory in 2015. There will be considerable publicity about these matters in months ahead.

Best wishes to everyone for an exciting school year.

Value of The Fortnight

FRIENDLINESS

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

Friendliness is making others feel welcome and at ease. At the beginning of every school year we welcome many new students and staff to Emerson. Every student has to get used to new classrooms, staff and mix of students. It can be a bit scary sometimes, especially if you do not know the other students or staff.

I would like students to think of ways we can be friendly to others. The person with the best ideas will win a free subway lunch. The completion closes on Wednesday 11 February.

A smile is a very powerful way of being friendly.

Here is a little story about the Power of a Smile for you to enjoy:

A SMILE FOR YOU

Smiling is infectious: you catch it like the flu,
When someone smiled at me today, I started smiling too.
I passed around the corner and someone saw my grin
When he smiled I realised I’d passed it on to him.
I thought about that smile then I realised its worth,
A single smile, just like mine could travel around the earth.
So, if you feel a smile begin, don’t leave it undetected
Let’s start an epidemic quick, and get the world infected
Emerson Coffee Arvo will be at the Jnr/Snr Campus at 1.30 next Monday 9th Feb. Parents and carers from both campuses welcome.

JANUARY
HUNTER (JSB), LACHLAN (JSF), SAXON (JSC), PARIS (JSF), YASSIN (JSH), NOAH (JSH), NOORA (JSB), CHLOE (JSE), BRODIE (JSA), ELOISE (JSI)

SUBWAY ORDERS
Emerson School, in partnership with Subway run lunch orders on Wednesdays. The prices have gone up by 50 cents to $5.50 for the six inch pack and $8.00 for the foot long pack.

Subway envelopes can be collected from the office.

ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED AT THE OFFICE BY 10AM ON TUESDAYS.

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