

Newsletter

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

I would like to thank all parents and guardians for your participation in our Program and Student Review (PSR) meetings that were held by WebEx yesterday. These meetings are an important component in establishing positive relationships and collaboration between teachers and parents/guardians. These lead directly to better student outcomes and achievements.

The fences for a Stage One Building site will be erected next Tuesday, 5th April. I have met with the Project Manager and Site Manager from Commercial and Industrial Construction Group (CICG) this week to commence the introduction of building proceedings. With Term One concluding at 1.45pm for Middle School and 2.00pm for Junior/Senior School next Friday, 8th April, it will be exciting to return to Term Two on Tuesday, 26th April to see what has happened during the Term break.

> John Mooney **Principal**

VALUE OF THE FORTNIGHT

We will be studying the value, Forgiveness, for the last week of Term One and the first week of Term Two.

Forgiveness means that if someone hurts you, you are prepared to give that person another chance. Everyone makes mistakes. Forgiveness is about not retaliating or seeking revenge even if you feel that you have an excuse to do so.

It is by moving on that we will feel better in the knowledge that the other person has an opportunity to learn by their mistake and change their behaviour. You are giving them a valuable learning experience.

> **Dianne Wright** Campus Principal—Middle School

SUBWAY ORDERS

SUBWAY ORDERS ARE AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS EACH WEEK ON A WEDNESDAY.

There are special Subway envelopes available at the office of either campus. Please fill in details with the correct money included and hand these to the Office any time before Tuesday 10.00am each week.



DIARY DATES 2022

Tuesday 26th April 2022 Monday 13th June 2022 Friday 24th June 2022 Friday 8th April 2022

First Day of Term Two Queen's Birthday Last Day of Term Two Last Day of Term One

NO SCHOOL **EARLY FINISH**

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JUNIOR SCHOOL STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

Evon T

JSA

Amazing Artist Jason M

JSB

Supreme Determination

Henry L

JSC

Happy Helper

Samim M

JSD

Faithful Friend **Ahmed M**

JSE

Handwriting Hero Zain M

JSF

Magnificent Manners

Benyamin T

JSG

Mathematical Mastermind

Miley C

JSH

Terrific Team Player Areeb R

JSI

Improved Reading

Faith S

JSJ

Best Improvement **Lennon F**

JSK

Positive Attitude

JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS — AUSKICK FOOTBALL CLINIC

AFL Victoria have been running after school footy clinics at St Gerard's Parish School on Wednesday afternoons. They kindly invited a group of Emerson Junior and Middle students to be involved. After school finishes at 3pm, students have been enjoying afternoon tea in the Gym and then are taken across to St Gerard's Parish School.

A big thank you to Mr Hutching, Mr Peduto and Mr Lambden-Grant for organising and supervising our students during the Auskick sessions.

All the students involved have further developed their footy skills and have had lots of fun!

Leanne Russell
Head of Junior School







ADVANCE PROGRAM

Students taking part in our Advance Program recently attended Melbourne Cable Park in Bangholme.

They took part in the ropes course. This was a new challenge for all the students.

It was great to see many students overcome their fears and complete the course.

Thomas Hutching & Hilary Corlett









MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

MSA DUC N

For his fantastic reading.

MSB ANDRENA C

For always following instructions and making good choices.

MSC CANDIZ M

For always trying her best completing her work.

MSD JOE T

For always doing his best work for Mrs Searle.

MSE CODI A

For working well on Geometry tasks.

MSF ANTHONY T

For beautifully neat writing in his 'Australian Emblems' project book.

MSG ALI A

For showing strong work ethic and trying his best.

MSH MICHAEL C

For working well in Literacy.

MSJ LUKE D

For helping out around the classroom.

MSK JOSH A

For working really hard on his spelling.

MSL ALI A

For working hard and always putting a smile on everyone's face.

ARTIST YENSITH A

For an excellent technical drawing using a protractor and ruler and drawing many logos from memory.

ESO DUC N

For his outstanding progress in chess.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MILKSHAKE AWARDS



KINDNESS AWARDS

* Mrs Jacobs has nominated Nikola P for a kindness award as Nikola picked up everyone's rubbish without being asked.



SPORTS STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS



PATHWAYS EXPO

What will your child do after year 12? Post School Pathways

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Some services that you will be able to explore are;

TAFEs and RTOs

Disability Employment Services

NDIS representatives

Day services

SLES providers and more...



Let's shape their future!

When: Monday 4th of April

Time: 5:00 - 7:00 pm

Where: Emerson School

1430 Heatherton rd. Dandenong North

Please register your spot by calling vocational pathways office at Emerson School.

POSITIVE START HOLIDAY CAMPS



Positive Start in 2022: FREE holiday camps

Dear parents and carers

During the past 2 years, the COVID-19 pandemic has meant that many students have missed out on the opportunity to experience outdoor activities in an organised, social and supportive environment.

The Victorian Government is committed to supporting the health and wellbeing of all children and young people, and is offering the chance for eligible students to attend a free camp program as part of the Positive Start in 2022 initiative, during the 2022 school holiday periods.

Free camps for eligible students

Camps are a great way for young people to build confidence, experience new activities, learn leadership skills, connect socially and make new friends.

Holiday camp programs can range from single overnight experiences to spending several nights away.

While on camp, your child may enjoy a range of social and adventure activities which could include team challenges, bush walks, orienteering, hut building, cooking, bush walks, painting with nature, rope courses, abseiling and canoeing. Camp providers will make every effort to ensure they are accessible to all students and will list their facilities and supports available on the Positive Start website.

Express your interest today

Places are limited, so if you are interested in this opportunity for your child or children, register your interest as soon as possible.

For further information, including how to register, visit: https://vacsdata.educationapps.vic.gov.au/PositiveStartHolidayCamps/ or scan the QR code.

Please also refer to the Holiday Camp Information below.

Once you register your interest, the Department of Education and Training will send you more information about available programs and how you can secure a booking.

Find out more

For further enquiries about the Positive Start holiday camps or to register your interest, contact positivestart@education.vic.gov.au

Kind regards

Stephen Fraser Deputy Secretary School Education Programs and Support Department of Education and Training

POSITIVE START HOLIDAY CAMPS



HOLIDAY CAMP INFORMATION

Which students are eligible for free holiday camps?

Students who meet one or more of the following criteria are eligible to attend a free holiday camp:

- attend a school that experienced closures of 5 days or more due to COVID-19 in 2021
- have an approved <u>Camps</u>, <u>Sports and Excursions Fund</u> (<u>CSEF</u>) application for 2022
- have a parent who holds a valid means-tested concession card (for example a Health Care Card, Job Seeker, Newstart Allowance, Disability Support Pension)
- are in out-of-home care (temporary or permanent)
- have a disability
- are from a refugee background
- are indigenous students
- are in the <u>Navigator program</u>.

When are the holiday camps?

The holiday camps will run in the 2022 school holidays — Term 1 (April), Term 2 (June/July) and Term 3 (September) 2022.

How much does it cost?

These camps are completely free of charge to eligible families. It will not cost you anything for your child to attend the camp. Most of the camps can organise transport from central locations however, for some camps, parents may need to provide transport for their child. Specific information regarding transport will be supplied by the individual camp providers.

How old does my child need to be?

Students in years 3 to 12 from the start of 2022 school year can attend holiday camp programs.

Will my child get to go with their friends?

Your child may be able to go on camp with their friends if they book to go to the same camp and there are places available. However, please note that your child's friends may not be eligible for the Positive Start free holiday camp funding. Only eligible families may book through Positive Start. Remember, your child will also have the chance to make new friends and build relationships with students from other schools.

What types of camps are there?

There will be a list of camps from which that you can choose. Each camp will have a brief description including where it is, the length of the camp (number of days), the dates it is running, how to get there; as well as a list of activities to help you decide which camp would best suit your child.

What general safety measures are in place to ensure camps are safe for students?

Camp facilities and sites are reviewed each year and are accredited by an independent national accreditation scheme to ensure they meet best practice standards and that all students receive the best care. All camp activities are compliant with national safety standards. All staff members have working with children checks and undergo a thorough induction and checking process as part of working with the camp.

POSITIVE START HOLIDAY CAMPS



What COVIDSafe strategies are in place at camps?

All Positive Start in 2022 camps must put into place a CovidSafe plan that aligns with Department of Health and Department of Education and Training advice. This includes operating under up-to-date CovidSafe practices such as appropriate cleaning, activity design, food service and accommodation density and layouts.

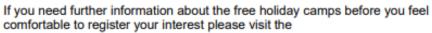
How do I register my interest?

It's easy to register your interest. Simply go to the link below or scan the QR code on the right and complete the registration details. Once you have provided your email address, the Positive Start team will be in touch with more information.

https://vacsdata.educationapps.vic.gov.au/PositiveStartHolidayCamps/

What happens next?

Within two weeks of registering your child's interest, you will be provided with more information including a list of available holiday camps and how to book.



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GET ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHER

Do your children love sport and getting active? Does your family or child have a Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card? You may be eligible for up to \$200 to support your child's sport and active recreation activities. Find out more at www.getactive.vic.gov.au/vouchers

GET ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHER PROGRAM



Apply for up to \$200 to support your child in sport and active recreation activities.

To be eligible your child must be

- aged 0 to 18 years
- a resident in Victoria
- named on a valid Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card and



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