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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### ***Remembrance Day***

Today is Remembrance Day when we say thank you to the men and women who fought for our freedom in the World Wars and in other conflicts. The official Roll of Honour detailing Australians who have died in war amounts of 103,010 lives lost. Thousands of others were wounded or disabled for life. Today is the day we remember them. We will never forget their sacrifice.

### ***Building Update***

The first storey concreting is now complete in Stage One of our modernization. Some photos are included below. Our Site Manager, James O'Callaghan, can be seen in our upper north east corner of the building with a wider view of our front gate and a backdrop of the Dandenongs.

***John Mooney  
Principal***



## EMERSON CONNECTION—JUNIOR SCHOOL PARENT/CARER MEET UP

**EMERSON CONNECTION - JUNIOR SCHOOL**

**PARENT/CARER MEET UP**

AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET OTHER EMERSON FAMILIES IN THE JUNIOR SCHOOL AND BUILD SOCIAL CONNECTIONS.  
CATCH UPS RUN EVERY 2 WEEKS.



Discussion topic  
- Educational  
Toys and  
Games

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH, 2:15PM**

**EMERSON SCHOOL JNR CAMPUS - PARKING AT MCNAB COURT**

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

## VALUE OF THE FORTNIGHT

We continued studying the value, Peacefulness, this week.

We have had over 77 years of peace since the end of World War II on 2 September. Australia was transformed during the war years. I have listed a few of these sites to show you what they were used for during the war years. Below you will see some 'Sites of Significance' now and then photos.

### Camp Pell, Royal Park



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Royal Park was once the temporary home for thousands of US soldiers, living in tents and prefabricated Nissen huts.

The area was known as Camp Pell, commemorating US airman Major Floyd Pell, who was shot down during a Japanese raid on Darwin on 19 February 1942.

It was not the most glamorous address in Melbourne: it lacked some of the comforts afforded to US officers stationed at Camp Murphy, not far away at the MCG,

where some of the ground's fine facilities were part of the accommodation.



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### Murchison POW Camp



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The Murchison camp in the Goulburn Valley was one of four camps set up in the region to intern enemy soldiers – Germans and Italians who were captured overseas and sent to Australia - and later, the Japanese POWs from Cowra.

Another four camps were built near Tatura for civilians in Australia who were considered a security risk. The Goulburn Valley was an ideal location: it was a fertile area, where food was plentiful and the water supply reliable.

The Murchison POW Camp No.13 was established in 1941 and its first intake was 4,000 Italians, many of whom were released into the local area to do work in 1944.

Although little of the original site remains, there are two memorials, one for the Germans and the other for the Italians.



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### Lake Boga Flying Boats



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The Australian Catalina 'flying boats' undertook a range of roles during World War II, from patrol aircraft, to bombers and also laying mines.

Like all aircraft, they needed repair. They were sent to a secret location in the dry, flat Mallee area, at Lake Boga. The location was the only inland flying boat base in Australia and it remained a well-kept secret until late in the war.

The lake itself was a brilliant sea-blue colour, shaped like a saucer and perfect for the Catalinas to come to rest.

A roofed swimming pool sat next to the lake to provide respite for the air crews and tradespeople labouring in the dry heat.

The site was home to not only a group of RAAF mechanics but also about 100 WAAF (Women's Auxiliary Air Force) who came from Melbourne, Portland, Ballarat, Sydney, Ulverstone and other points of the compass to provide skills that ranged from fabric repair to dental nursing.

Australia took delivery of its first 18 Catalinas from the US in 1940 and the flying boats remained in RAAF service until 1950.

Some were painted black, called 'Black Cats' and were used to lay mines as far from Lake Boga as the South China Sea. The lake has become a well-known camping spot that includes a museum with a restored Catalina.



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### Heidelberg Repatriation Hospital



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On 15 March 1941, what was known as the Heidelberg Military Hospital was officially opened, with only 20 patients and ambitions to grow to 1,500 beds and become the largest hospital in Victoria. Within two years, demand from wounded Australian soldiers, sailors and airmen, plus American, French and other Allied troops required 2,000 beds spread across 46 wards and the attention of 1,300 staff.

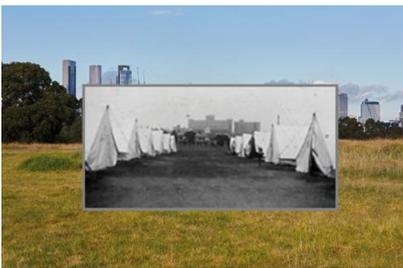


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The demand on the hospital services also revealed something more positive – the medical breakthroughs, particularly in plastic surgery to rebuild damaged faces, sophisticated surgery, x-ray techniques, pathology and psychiatric care. The hospital offered more than just medical care – there were regular concerts, performances and entertainments, all staged in an amenities hall funded, built and equipped with a 6,000 pound donation from the St John's Ambulance and Brigade.

One of the hall's highlights was a visit from British performer Gracie Fields, who was in the midst of touring Australia and the South Pacific entertaining troops when she made an appearance at the hospital. In 1947 the army handed the hospital over to the Repatriation Commission (the Department of Veterans Affairs), who continued to control it until the hospital became part of the Victorian state health system in 1995.

### Military Hospital, Royal Melbourne



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As the likelihood of a long war emerged from the tense battles in Europe, the United States Surgeon General started making plans to establish a medical unit that could be deployed overseas and support 2,000 beds. The Unit was drawing mainly from the university hospitals in Cleveland, Ohio and by the time they were commissioned, the war against Germany had also become the war against Japan. That meant the



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4th General Hospital Unit was destined for the South-West Pacific, and that meant Melbourne, where they disembarked on 27 February 1942.

There was a shock waiting for them – the new Royal Melbourne Hospital was still being built, so for the first few weeks the medical unit joined Camp Pell at Royal Park in huts and tents, while many of the nurses were billeted in the city's hotels. Six weeks later, and after a period of intense building activity, the new hospital's first ward was occupied with US army medical staff in place.

At its peak, the hospital dealt with 700 admissions in one day.

Many of the medical staff relocated from Camp Pell into temporary housing erected on the University High School's football oval, where barracks, a mess room and kitchens provided a welcome alternative to the camp's tents.

### Balcombe Gates



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The area around the Balcombe Estuary at Mount Martha was transformed into a training ground for the Australian Army during the early months of the war. The Federal government bought some adjacent farming land - which included a thriving apple orchard in 1940 - the site became a permanent camp. After Pearl Harbor and after the US mobilised, the camp became a destination for US troops not only to get some respite from the South West Pacific conflict



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but also to do training drills, including beach landing exercises near Martha Point. After the war, the site was transformed with new buildings into the Australian Army Apprentices School.

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### Empire Training Base, Benalla



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The air training scheme was an Allied initiative to pool the training and skill of Australia, Canada, New Zealand and Britain to take the fight to Germany in the skies over Europe. Initial local enthusiasm around the Benalla flight school after its establishment in June 1941 quickly provided three RAAF recruits. Interest in becoming part of the cadet training scheme was also high among boys aged between 16 and 18 from Benalla, Wangaratta, Euroa, Yarrawonga and



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Seymour.

Within weeks, there were more than 100 applications to have a crack at flying the school's de Havilland Tiger Moths. After the Essendon flying school was disbanded in April, 1942, Benalla absorbed its training aircraft, flying instructors and students.

Two years later, EATS ended, having helped train 27,387 Australian air crew but it came at a grim cost – the RAAF lost 5,100 airmen fighting in Europe.

After the war, the Benalla base became the Migrant Accommodation Centre, where many new migrants started their Australian life.

### VP Day Melbourne Town Hall



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It ended with '...the sounding of sirens, the ringing of bells, 'snow storms' of papers and streamers and the cheering of crowds,' across the nation's capitals, one Melbourne newspaper noted of VP Day. In Melbourne that night, trams were shunted out to the edges of the city and the streets given over to celebrations, with bands providing music on the main street corners, hundreds of people crowding on to the steps at the Elizabeth Street General Post Office while



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others congregated around the Town Hall.

In the morning, a group of girls who worked at a city milliner bought all the stock at a flower stall and showered the gathering crowds with petals and buds.

Later that day, the street lights that had been dim for three years were on again, and the Town Hall glowed a rich ruby red.

On railway hoardings in Batman Avenue, chalked messages read 'Victory' and 'V.P'.

'Wistful, joyous, sad, exuberant, perplexed, sorrowful, delirious, wild, these citizens sighed, sang and shouted their relief that war.

People went mad. It was shoulder to shoulder in Swanston Street. It was fantastic.

The nation was given two days off.

Victorian pubs were given the equivalent of three days extra beer supplies just to cope.

In Melbourne's Chinatown, a wild array of firecrackers exploded in Little Bourke Street. 'Three cheers for China,' one local Australian said. 'Happy day!' said the excited gentleman who lit the fuse.

Ten days later, 30,000 servicemen and women, and defence workers, came together in a Victory Parade that marked, for many, the final evidence of the war's end.

For the next fortnight we will be studying the value Self Discipline.

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

## JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS — CUP DAY CELEBRATION

JSI, JSJ and JSK have been meeting together once a week to learn about 'Countries of the World' and cultures. We are now learning about different types of 'Celebrations'. We had a celebration in class for Melbourne Cup Day. It was a lot of fun as the students and teachers got dressed up, shared some food and watched a replay of the race together.

*Sharon Lee*

*Class Teacher*



## EAL AT JUNIOR SCHOOL

For the past few weeks students have been busily sewing these beautiful owls to tie in with our current text *Owl Babies* by Martin Waddell, illustrated by Patrick Benson. We expanded our vocabulary with words like *swoop*, *wishing*, *ivy*... It's a great story to share and if you see any of these famous faces around, see if they can tell you all about it.

**Ms Georgalli**



## KINDNESS AWARDS

- ◆ Titus, Riley, Ben and Mr V have been nominated by Ms D'Souza for spending some time fixing the JSA classroom table.
- ◆ Joy W has been nominated by Ms Paul for organising all the paperwork and helping staff with their entries into the Dandenong Show.
- ◆ Aaren W has been nominated by Mr Van Twest for helping to carry an old couch to the skip bin last week. Aaren mows lawns on the weekend and hopes to become a landscaper!
- ◆ Ronin K (Mrs Kent's son) has been nominated for helping open the Middle School gates this morning.



## **DIARY DATES 2022**

**Thursday 17th November 2022**

Report Writing Day

**Friday 16th December 2022**

Last Day of Term 4 (Students)

**Tuesday 20th December 2022**

Last Day of Term 4 (Staff)

**Monday 30th January 2023**

First Day of Term 1 (Students)

**\*\*NO SCHOOL\*\***

**JUNIOR SCHOOL STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS**

**John S**

***JSA***  
**Lining Up**  
**Master**

**Erin U**

***JSB***  
**Caring**  
**Friend**

**Jay D**

***JSC***  
**Best**  
**Improvement**

**Ayaan R**

***JSD***  
**Outstanding**  
**Neatness**

**Jackson D**

***JSE***  
**Handwriting**  
**Hero**

**Tahlia S**

***JSF***  
**Improved**  
**Reading**

**Rielly D**

***JSG***  
**Supreme**  
**Determination**

**Jessica H**

***JSH***  
**Magnificent**  
**Motivator**

**Indujaa M**

***JSI***  
**Wonderful**  
**Worker**

**Cruz O**

***JSJ***  
**Lovely**  
**Listener**

**Dylan K**

***JSK***  
**Reading**  
**Superstar**

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## MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT OF THE WEEK AND MILKSHAKE AWARDS

**MSA ALEX H**

For being kind to Mr Hutching.

**MSB KIAN P**

For being kind to his friends.

**MSC NOOR K**

For always presenting neat work in class.

**MSD KEVIN G**

For excellent story writing.

**MSE SELMA O**

For catching up on testing.

**MSF ANTHONY T**

For being a good worker and always trying his best at everything he does.

**MSG MANAIA S**

For showing patience during game time on Friday.

**MSH JADE B**

For always working hard and trying her best.

**MSJ CHRISSIE M**

For great work with time.

**MSK HUNTER M**

For working hard on Essential Assessment.

**MSL ALI A**

For making an outstanding presentation.

**MS INNES IQRA W**

For her acrylic painting of a tropical sunset.

**MR MAC JACKSON G**

For his accurate biscuit cutter work.

**ESO NICKO D**

For working really well all week.



## SPORTS STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS



## VICTORIAN ALL SCHOOLS ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

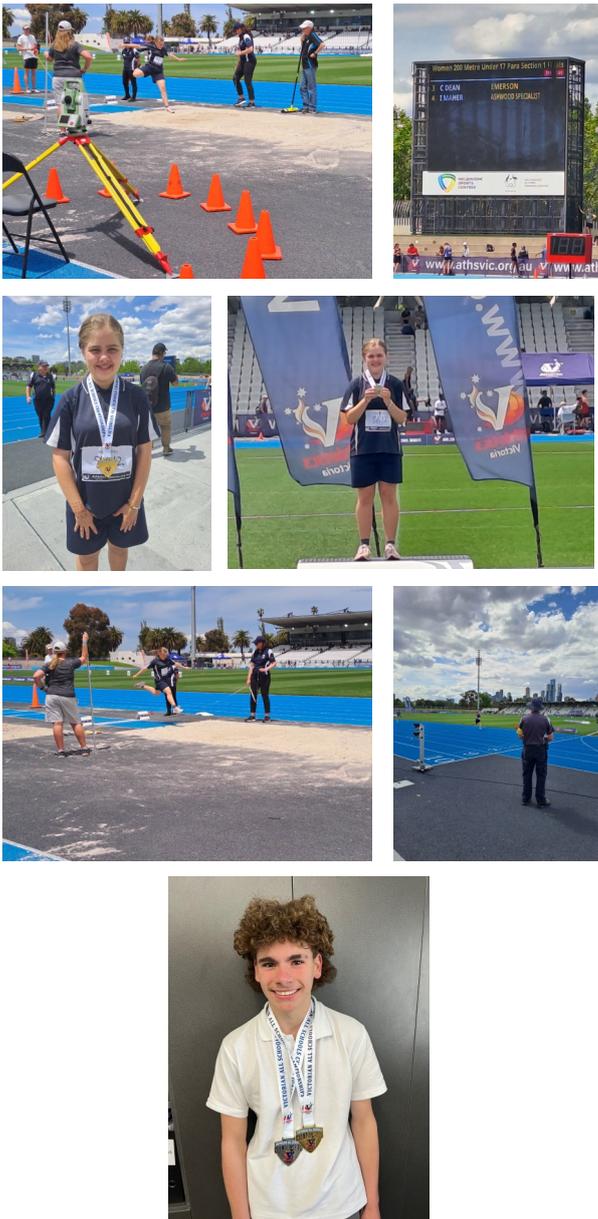
On Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November Catherine D (MSK) and Nicholas D (MSL) represented Emerson at the Victorian All Schools Athletics Championships at Lakeside Stadium, building on their strong performances at the School Sport Victoria Championships last month.

Nicholas won Gold in the Men's U17 Para Long Jump and Silver in the Men's U17 Para 200m. In the Long Jump, Nicholas improved his PB by 5cm, jumping an incredible 4.91m and breaking the national U17 record! In the 200m, Nicholas finished a gallant 2<sup>nd</sup> with a time of 27.68, a PB of 0.85 seconds.

Catherine won Gold in the Women's U17 Para Long Jump and the Women's U17 Para 200m. In the Long Jump, Catherine improved her PB by 4cm, soaring to 2.27m. This was a courageous effort considering that Catherine required first aid for sunscreen in her eye. In the 200m, Catherine did her utmost best to chase down the U20 athlete, stopping the clock at 39.15.

Both Nicholas and Catherine have qualified for the National Championships which will be held in Adelaide from 9-11 December. The Emerson community is so proud of your achievements!

*Chris Winter  
Athletics Coach*



# Valorous Place Open Day

Factory 3,  
4-6 Len Thomas Place  
Narre Warren

Friday 2nd December  
10:30am to 2pm  
& 4pm to 7pm

Raffle  
Coffee Van  
Free Sausage Sizzle  
Tour of Valorous Place  
from our participants

Opportunity to buy products made by our Participants, include:  
Chopping Boards  
Knife Blocks  
Phone and Tablet Holders  
Candles  
Pot Plants  
and more!!

What our participants have to share when they meet you:  
Independence skills  
Money skills (Budgeting, Cash handling etc)  
Communication & Active Listening  
Hand and Eye Coordination  
Travel Training (Planning routes)  
Safe at Work

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