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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

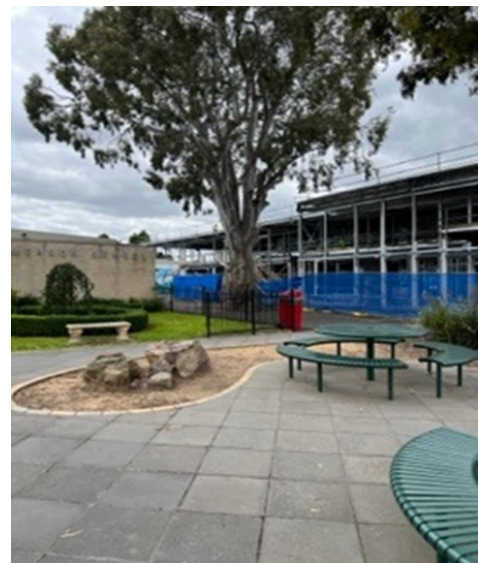
Junior/Senior Campus - Building Update

Our final two weeks of the 2022 school year will be filled with many memorable events particularly Graduation ceremonies. Our new school building at our Heatherton Road Campus now has an entire roof. It won't be long before the walls go up and internal fittings are installed. The size of the building is capturing the attention of students, staff, families and neighbours.

End of Year

Our last day for students in 2022 will be Friday, 16th December. Classes will finish at normal times on this day.

John Mooney
Principal



VALUE OF THE FORTNIGHT

We will continue studying the value Moderation next week.

We practise Moderation by knowing our own limits and knowing what we need in order to function at our best. Everyone is different. Some people need ten hours of sleep while others may function perfectly on less.

Moderation requires self-control. To keep ourselves in balance and not addicted, we need to watch that something is not beginning to rule our lives. I am conscious that some students spend too many hours on their phones or on social media. Research shows that having even a small a break from social media can reduce anxiety and depression. Short breaks from social media can also positively impact a person's overall wellbeing.

Dianne Wright
Campus Principal—Middle School

JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS — JSA PIZZA PARTY AND SLEEPOVER

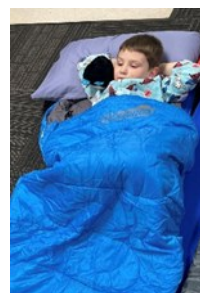
Last Friday night JSA had their very first sleepover at school. The students danced, played games, and surprised Ms Russell with a birthday party. We enjoyed pizza, ice cream and bedtime stories.

The students loved it! We had lots of fun, laughter and giggles. The students slept well and were calm and peaceful. It was sweet to watch two students whisper softly to each other as they fell to sleep.

A big thank you to the JSA parents for your support, and to Ms Russell, Masha (and Masha's daughter Nimshi) and Sue.

Janet D'Souza

Class Teacher



DIARY DATES 2022

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)

JUNIOR SCHOOL STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

JSA Students

JSA
Terrific
Team Players

Aiden H

JSB
Handwriting
Hero

Henry L

JSC
Jolly
Joker

Lavina T

JSD
Caring
Friend

Gerrard Y

JSE
Wonderful
Worker

Blayden C

JSF
Reading
Superstar

Paul T

JSG
Handwriting
Hero

Zayd M

JSH
Best
Improvement

Kenny M

JSI
Lovely
Listener

Urim M

JSJ
Positive
Attitude

Domenic P

JSK
Terrific
Team Player

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT OF THE WEEK AND MILKSHAKE AWARDS

MSA ALEX H

For forming strong friendships.

MSB MADELEINE L

For always completing her work.

MSC ERIC S

For working extra hard on his Mathletics.

MSD DYLAN P

For consistently completing his homework and giving 100% to all learning tasks.

MSE HANNAH M

For being cheerful.

MSF ALL MSF STUDENTS

For being well behaved when Ms Ryan was away last week.

MSG JAXON M

For holding the door open for his peers.

MSH JADE B

For absolutely awesome work in Literacy.

MSJ ELJON N

For being resilient and a happy role model.

MSK KAYELIA H

For being brave enough to go sailing.

MSL ALL MSL STUDENTS

For their amazing work during the Junior School PE sessions.

MS INNES MATARIKI M

For his well built and painted Pokémon mug.

MR MAC KEVIN D

For building a very solid knowledge base.

ESO SEBASTIAN H

For his excellent clay work in Art.



KINDNESS AWARD

- ◆ Masha, Sue and Ms Russell have been nominated by Mrs D'Souza for volunteering to join JSA students for their pizza and sleepover party. They sacrificed their precious Friday night family time to stay overnight with the students.
- ◆ Alisha P has been nominated by Ms Russell as Alisha noticed a Junior student looked upset on the playground. She took this student by the hand and walked and comforted him. It wasn't long before the student was happy again. Thank you Alisha for being a kind and caring young woman.

SCHOOL HAT REMINDER

Reminder to wear hats for Term 4.

It is compulsory for students to wear hats in Terms 1 & 4. We also strongly suggest sunscreen is applied and a water bottle is brought to school to keep hydrated.



VALLEY VILLAGE MEWS

The below link and photos were featured in the most recent Star Journal newspaper.

Well done to all Emerson students and staff who participated.

<https://dandenong.starcommunity.com.au/news/2022-11-27/dance-for-young-and-old/>



SRI LANKAN BREAKFAST AND CULTURAL MORNING TEA

On Thursday 1st December a special Sri Lankan Breakfast and Cultural Morning was held at the Heatherton Road Campus for Junior and Senior students to raise money for Foundation of Goodness. Foundation of Goodness is a charity that is supporting students in rural Sri Lanka during the current economic crisis.

The breakfast took place in the Emerson Room and staff and students were treated to delicious Sri Lankan cuisine, such as string hoppers and kimbula banis (crocodile buns). A big thank you Srini, Lanka, Mr Junkeer, Danushka, Sandimini, Masha, Navoda and Lakmali who spent hours preparing these dishes to share. Thank you also to Ms Innes and Middle School students for creating a beautiful artwork to display.

Following the breakfast, students gathered in house groups and did four different Sri Lankan cultural activities: rapid fire cricket, lantern making, singing nursery rhymes and flag decorating. It was wonderful to see students so engaged and eager to learn about Sri Lankan culture. Thank you to Ms Chong, Lakmali, Mr Junkeer, Mr Kemp, Sandimini, Ms Sidhu, Masha, Navoda and Danushka for leading the activities. Thank you also to all the house staff that supported the students throughout the morning.

We are so fortunate to be apart of such a diverse Emerson community and have the opportunity to immerse ourselves in a range of cultures. Thank you to everyone that donated to Foundation of Goodness. Together we raised \$70.



THE HON. GABRIELLE WILLIAMS MP ANNUAL 'STUDENT ART COMPETITION'

Last week our Junior School artists were busy creating amazing artworks for the annual The Hon. Gabrielle Williams MP 'Student Art Competition'. From JSA through to JSK, the students used a variety of drawing and painting mediums to respond to the theme "what I'm looking forward to over the summer holidays".

Some of the topics included flying on the plane, summer BBQ's, catching fireflies, swimming at the beach, eating ice cream, more time with my family and riding my bike. With over 100 entries from Emerson's Junior School Department, the successful entries will be used for greeting card designs.

Good luck to all the artists with their entries. The Hon. Gabrielle Williams MP is the Minister for Mental Health and the Minister for Treaty and First Peoples.



Pamela Paul

Junior & Senior School Visual Arts

