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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

At this time of the year, our focus turns to Graduation ceremonies in our Senior, Middle and Junior School cohorts. Our Junior School Graduation was held yesterday and it was a wonderful celebration for the 24 Junior School graduates who will be moving on to our Middle School next year. Next Monday, we look forward to the Graduation Ceremony of our Middle School students as they progress on to Senior School in 2023.

On last Monday evening, our 2022 Senior Graduation Dinner was held at the Freccia Azzurra Club, Braeside. It was a wonderful celebration of our graduating students' time here at Emerson School. Congratulations to Ms Nancy Ishak and her team for the organisation of a lovely evening. Our graduating students are to be commended on their achievements and we wish them a bright and happy future. A number of people have asked me for a copy of my speech, so I have decided to share it with you via our weekly newsletter. The speech reads as follows ...

Good evening to our graduating students, their families, staff members and all invited guests.

The Graduates of 2022 have spent their three years in our Senior School in conjunction with the COVID-19 pandemic that commenced early in 2020. They are to be congratulated for the leadership they have shown to all students in our Junior, Middle and Senior School throughout this challenging period.

The positive attitude of our Graduates has been every evident in their engaging conversations, their collaborative spirit and in the way they have represented their school with pride and dignity.

One way that I can measure these attributes is by the number of students that visit me in my office to have a chat about what is happening at school and in their study program.

Another way is the reports that I get from visitors who often remark on the maturity and poise of our Senior students. This indicates to me that students are growing in self image and self confidence.

I have noted the pride that Graduates have shown in wearing their graduation jackets in 2022. They have recognized that they are the leaders that set an example for our younger students. They are very proud of the building program that is emerging at the front of our Heatherton Road Campus. They will return for the opening ceremony next year and to participate in the celebration of our school's 50th birthday in 2023.

Parents and students in the State of Victoria need good options and choices when choosing a school program that will enable every student to blossom and achieve. Emerson School is one of the most inclusive schools that I have ever encountered. Emerson promotes the growth of every student regardless of the number of years spent at the school. Some Graduates this evening have been at Emerson for two years; some have here for 14 years.

In conclusion, I would like to wish all Graduates a happy and exciting future. Be sure to come back and let us know how things are going.

I am very proud of you and all that you have achieved. The best is yet to come.

I wish all the graduating students from Senior, Middle and Junior School all the very best.

***John Mooney
Principal***

VALUE OF THE FORTNIGHT

We will continue studying the value Moderation next week.

Christmas is fast approaching. There are only 16 days to go. This time of the year is full of excitement and joy. It is very important that we limit the intake of unhealthy party food during this time, as too much rich food and soft drink, can make us sick and ruin the festivities. So please remember to celebrate this Christmas with an attitude of Moderation in all that you do. Make sure you have a balance between work, play and rest.

Dianne Wright
Campus Principal—Middle School

THANK YOU SSB

A very big thank you to the VCAL Building and Construction students. This year's Middle School gift from our Year 9 Graduates is a Monkey Bars. It was designed by the Graduates and built by the students in SSB.



PARENT GROUP

On Wednesday we held our last Parent Group meeting. We would like to thank all the parents who attended the party and supported our group throughout the year. We had a lot of fun learning and supporting each other.

We look forward to making more connections and strong friendships next year too.



Georgina Georgalli (EAL Teacher) &
Emma Kuhnell (Occupational Therapist)

KINDNESS AWARDS

- ◆ Nathan P and Jade B have been nominated by Mrs Slusher for helping carry things from her car to the office and holding the doors open for her and other staff.
- ◆ Kenny's mum Belinda nominated Visal P as he walked Kenny to the car as his mum hadn't seen the bus pull up.

DIARY DATES 2022/2023

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

Arvey H

JSA

Perfect

Patience

Philip L

JSB

Super

Speller

Harnoor N

JSC

Creative

Genius

Ahmad F

JSD

Happy

Helper

Ahmed M

JSE

Mathematical

Mastermind

Nikkisha W

JSF

Magnificent

Manners

Elijah R

JSG

Positive

Attitude

Mohamed L

JSH

Wonderful

Worker

Areeb R

JSI

Best

Improvement

Maryam H

JSJ

Happy

Helper

Haider A

JSK

Musical

Maestro

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT OF THE WEEK AND MILKSHAKE AWARDS

MSA JASON D

For being helpful to his classmates and teachers.

MSB CESARAE A

For being polite to new teachers in MSA.

MSC SHAE M

For always being kind to her friends.

MSD KEVIN D

For consistently doing his homework and giving 100% to all learning activities.

MSE ROOZBEH A

For always having a go and being cooperative.

MSF TAMMIE C

For being such a kind and positive young lady.

MSG KANE B

For showing generosity on our Menzies Ave excursion on Friday.

MSH RYLEE C

For great work throughout the week.

NIHAEL M

For helping out his classmates.

MSJ JACK M

For helping his fellow classmates.

MSK REBECCA K

For being helpful to her classmates.

MSL ELMEY M

For always being kind to others.

MS INNES JOSEPH F

For his brilliant drawings of monsters and his fantastic feathered chicken.

MR MAC SEBASTIAN H

For helping Mr MacKinnon to complete a project.

ESO JADE B

For her excellent display of patience with other students.



SPORTS STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS



ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

On Saturday 3rd December, 20 students travelled to Mt Evelyn for Round 6 of the Athletics Victoria Shield League. For many of the squad, this was a culmination of six weeks of training with the Glenhuntly coaches at our after school Wednesday clinics.

The day began at midday at our Junior/Senior campus. Students applied sunscreen and hydrated themselves in readiness for the long, hot day ahead. There was a buzz in the room as students were eager to put into practice the skills they had learned over the past six weeks. A special presentation was made to 2021 Emerson graduate and Nicholas Hum scholarship winner William Leaso.

Will received his Glenhuntly singlet ahead of his debut for the club.



When we arrived at Yarra Ranges Athletic Track, we were warmly greeted by the Glenhuntly coaches. The coaches provided terrific support to students during their events. The program included the 100m, 400m, long jump and discus. Our students gave everything they had when performing in their events. This was on show in the 400m where Brodie J (MSG) and Mataariki M (MSK) treated spectators to the race of the day. They each burst out of the blocks and at the 200m mark could not be separated. As the going got tough as they came around the bend for the final time, they continued to push each other. It was anyone's race as they dug deep down the final straight. A photo finish was required to split the two boys, with Brodie winning by 0.03 seconds!

The students should be very proud of the way they conducted themselves. They were incredibly friendly to all the officials and learned about the starter gun. They cheered their teammates and all the Glenhuntly members competing. The Emerson spirit was certainly on show. The team was rewarded for their efforts with a pizza dinner when we returned to school.

A huge thank you to Mr Lincoln Bowen, Carrie and Daina for their incredible support on the day. We are also grateful to Glenhuntly Athletic Club for covering the cost of the entries and our team dinner.

Chris Winter

Athletics Coach



2022 ECHO STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

On Friday 2nd December, two Emerson Senior School Basketball Teams played in the Echo Cup State Championships at the State Basketball Centre in Wantirna South, run by Basketball Victoria.

The boys team displayed skill and determination throughout the tournament, however, lost in their semi-final by three points. The girls team had another impressive performance in the female division convincingly winning all their games and are back to back to back champions.

Congratulations to the following players who were great ambassadors for Emerson, both on and off the court: Cody W, Gow D, Jordy F, Josh C, Josh H, Odou O, Teila F, Jackson V, Alisha P, Maya M, Mia W, Monash O, Salima G, Sinai F, Traveline T.



Lance Wright

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

On Friday 25th November, a group of seven students represented Emerson School in the Annual SSSSA Swimming Carnival. The day was a great success with all students enjoying themselves and displaying great sportsmanship. A number of students came home with either winning or podium ribbons too which was a great reward for effort.

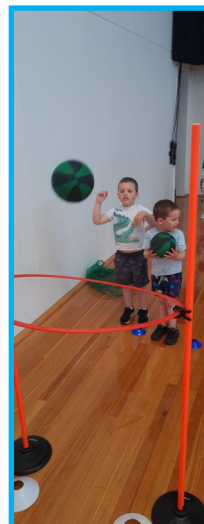
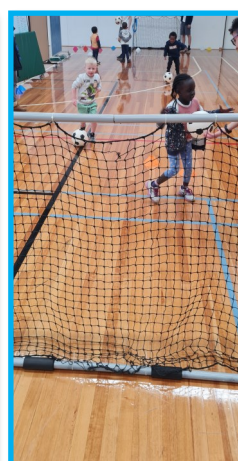
Well done on another successful Swimming Carnival and make sure we are spending plenty of time in the pool throughout the holidays to ensure we have just as much success next year.



WELL DONE MIDDLE SCHOOL GRADUATE STUDENTS!

Well done to all our Middle School Graduates who over the last few weeks have hosted kinder and Junior students for games and activity sessions.

Everyone had lots of fun and it was wonderful to see the graduates display great initiative and confidence when planning games and delivering their sessions.



MIDDLE SCHOOL ART PHOTOS—NOVEMBER 2022

