



# Newsletter

Issue 2 — Friday 10th February 2023

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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The continued development of Stage One of our modernization is central to many conversations both at Emerson and in the local community. Our building team is a hive of activity everyday, with as many as 35 skilled tradesman pushing forward to complete the building. It is projected that the school be given occupation of the new building in late May (approximately Week 6, Term 2).

We will be having a Curriculum Day on Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> February. This will coincide with the installation of digital, fibre optic and NBN connections to the new building. In order to do this, both campuses of our school will be without any digital or landline phone connections for that day. All landline calls will be diverted to a mobile phone on that day. If the connections are not complete on 24<sup>th</sup> February, the work will continue over the weekend to ensure that all is ready for normal operations on Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> February.

At our School Council meeting last Tuesday night, various celebrations for our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary were discussed. These will be conducted in Term 4 of this year. We will keep all community members updated of these exciting developments.

**John Mooney**  
*Principal*

## VALUE OF THE FORTNIGHT

We will continue our study of the value, Friendliness, next week.

Friendliness begins with liking yourself and believing you have something to share with others. It can be as simple as smiling at someone. Another way to show others that you care is by sharing things with them or asking them about their day. Remember to let your friends know how happy you are to see them. This will help them feel valued and important. Emerson students and staff are among the friendliest people I know!

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

## BREAKFAST CLUB 2023

Breakfast club will be running again in 2023 at both campuses.

Junior/Senior School will be holding their breakfast club on Monday and Wednesday's.

Middle School will be holding their breakfast club on Tuesday's.

## DIARY DATES 2023

| <u>Thursday 23rd February 2023</u> | <u>Friday 24th February 2023</u> | <u>Thursday 30th March 2023</u> | <u>Thursday 6th April 2023</u> |
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| Parent Information Night           | Curriculum Day                   | PSR Night                       | Last Day of Term 1             |
|                                    | *NO SCHOOL*                      | *EARLY FINISH*                  | *EARLY FINISH*                 |

## **JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS—SUPERSTAR JUNIOR SCHOOL EDUCATION SUPPORT STAFF**

We are very lucky in Junior School to have 10 wonderful ES staff members.

Every day, our ES staff work hard to keep our classrooms running smoothly by supporting our students to learn and our teachers to teach.

They go above and beyond to help make our classrooms and playgrounds a fun and safe place to be.

Thank you Leanne, Masha, Sam, Jemima, Anthony, Judy, Rekha, Sue, Carrie and Lakmali.

*Leanne Russell*

*Head of Junior School*



**Name:** Leanne

**Years at Emerson:** 12

**Football Team:** Collingwood

**Hobbies:** Bike riding, walking my dog and reading

**I like working at Emerson because I love seeing the students achieve their goals.**



**Name:** Masha

**Years at Emerson:** 3

**Football Team:** None

**Hobbies:** Watching movies, going on road trips and playing guitar

**I like working at Emerson because staff members are so welcoming and kind. It is a nice place to be.**



**Name:** Sam

**Years at Emerson:** 4

**Football Team:** St Kilda

**Hobbies:** Buhurt, gaming

**I like working at Emerson because it is an incredibly rewarding job.**



**Name:** Jemima

**Years at Emerson:** 4

**Football Team:** Western Bulldogs

**Hobbies:** Walking my dogs, reading and playing games with my kids

**I like working at Emerson because I love helping the students achieve their best.**



**Name:** Anthony

**Years at Emerson:** 1

**Football Team:** Essendon

**Hobbies:** Cooking, gaming and being active

**I like working at Emerson because every day is something new. The staff and students are friendly and it's very rewarding.**

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**Name:** Rekha

**Years at Emerson:** 3

**Football Team:** Hawthorn

**Hobbies:** Reading, listening to music, solving puzzles and crosswords

**I like working at Emerson because I love the school culture, my friendly and caring colleagues and the amazing children!**



**Name:** Judy

**Years at Emerson:** 14

**Football Team:** None

**Hobbies:** Cake decorating, needlework, spending time with family

**I like working at Emerson because the kids are awesome.**



**Name:** Sue

**Years at Emerson:** 2

**Football Team:** Geelong

**Hobbies:** Reading books, listening to music, singing and dancing

**I like working at Emerson because it's a caring and positive environment.**



**Name:** Carrie

**Years at Emerson:** 1

**Football Team:** Essendon

**Hobbies:** Reading, watching movies and walking my dog!

**I like working at Emerson because of the welcoming and caring environment, and also the happy and positive attitudes of all the staff and students.**



**Name:** Lakmali

**Years at Emerson:** 6 months

**Football Team:** None

**Hobbies:** Playing piano, guitar and travelling

**I like working at Emerson because it's such a nice place. Everyone is very kind and supportive. I love working with all the students.**

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**JUNIOR SCHOOL STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS**

**BEST BEHAVIOUR**

**Thomas JSH**

**PARTICIPATION**

**Zayd JSE**

**OPTIMISM**

**Salahuddin JSA**

**PATIENCE**

**Michael JSB**

**SHARING**

**Mohamed JSG**

**LEADERSHIP**

**Tonyblessing JSD**

**FRIENDSHIP**

**Mustafa JSC**

**INQUISITIVE**

**Aden JSF**

**OUTSTANDING EFFORT**

**Benyamin JSJ**

**EMPATHY**

**Paul JSI**

**SUPER READER**

**Isaac JSK**

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## **KINDNESS AWARDS**

- ◆ Ms Russell nominated Lennon (JSK), Thomas (SSB) and Rielly (JSI) for kindness awards because they immediately ran to retrieve Hunter's drawings for him after a gust of wind blew them onto the oval.
- ◆ Yesterday one of our school buses dropped off their Junior and Senior students at the Middle School Campus by mistake. The Middle School students nominated the driver of the Cranbourne Bus, James, and his supervisor, Zubi, for kindly offering, and then taking, the Junior and Senior School students back to the Heatherton Road Campus.

## **EMERSON SCHOOL'S COLLECTION STATEMENT AND PRIVACY POLICIES**

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the Schools' Privacy Policy -

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Pages/schoolsprivacypolicy.aspx>

For more information about privacy, see Schools' Privacy Policy – information for parents -

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Pages/Schools-Privacy-Policy-information-for-parents.aspx>

## **SCHOOL HAT REMINDER**

Reminder to wear hats for Term 1.

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.



## **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.



## **HEALTHY LUNCHBOX WEEK**

Our students deserve every opportunity to learn and thrive at school. Give them a head start with brain boosting food from their lunchbox. Not sure where to start? Visit the #HealthyLunchboxWeek website for plenty of lunchbox recipes, tips, hacks and downloadable resources to help our students get set for a healthy year ahead. Check out their website for more info: [www.healthylunchboxweek.org.au](http://www.healthylunchboxweek.org.au)

## **SPORTS STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS**





## HOUSE POLO SHIRT ORDER FORM



Students at Emerson School participate in a House Program (or 'Houses') every Wednesday morning. The House program provides an opportunity for cross age tutoring of students, development of leadership skills and an emergence of a 'big sister/big brother' mindset. Students look towards nurturing and encouraging the younger members of their House like a family. Students are given a House group when they enrol. Each House group is designated by a colour and House polo shirts are worn by each student. House polo shirts can be ordered through the school office using this order form. Only house polo shirts, in the appropriate house colour, will be allowed to be worn on Wednesdays. No other clothes, regardless of colour, will be accepted. If students do not wish to buy a house polo shirt they will need to wear their correct school uniform to Emerson on Wednesdays.

The cost of the polo shirts has been heavily subsidised by the school and will cost **\$10 each**.

**Please fill in the form below and return it to the school office with the money if you wish to purchase a house polo shirt.**

**DUE DATE FRIDAY 24TH FEBRUARY 2023**



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**HOUSE POLO SHIRT ORDER FORM**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **CLASS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**HOUSE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **SIZE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**QUANTITY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$** \_\_\_\_\_





**YOUTH  
PROGRAM**  
for participants  
aged 8 – 17

## *playing for all*

*Playing for All – Youth* is a games-based program for children and young adults with intellectual disability/autism. It helps them get active, make friends and have fun while learning important life skills.

*Playing for All* sessions are delivered in a safe and supportive environment by qualified coaches who run activities that promote movement, teamwork, decision making and communication. Coaches also teach players the importance of being fit and staying healthy.

*Playing for All* is perfect for those who:

- aren't interested in competitive sport but would benefit from being active and having fun with others.
- who want to play sport but want to try different activities to build the skills, behaviours and confidence to take the next step.
- play sport already but want an additional activity or to learn new skills.

The ultimate outcome for everyone is to enjoy being active – and to stay active for life!

The types of NDIS goals this program can help a person achieve outcomes in include:

- Social and Community Participation
- Health and Wellbeing
- Personal Development

Sundays 12.15pm to 1.45pm

Sunday 5th Feb to Sunday the 2  
April 2023

Casey Stadium

04 Terry Vickerman Building  
65 Berwick-Cranbourne Road  
Cranbourne East VIC 3977



**REGISTER HERE**

<https://events.humanitix.com/vic-playing-for-all-youth-term-1>

## playing for all

### How We Play

**Duration:** 90 minutes of games-based activities and instructional learning.

**Sessions include:**

- small-sided games that allow for high involvement
- games with modified rules, area and equipment to promote inclusion and prompt understanding

**Team Play** This encourages players to work in a team to score a goal or point. These skills can be used in sports like football, basketball and netball.

**Target Play** This encourages hand-eye coordination as players aim an object towards a target. These skills can be used in sports like bowling, golf and bocce.

**Movement** This promotes the development of rhythmic and expressive skills. These skills can be used in sports like dancing, gymnastics, athletics, swimming and skiing.

**Net and Court Games** This encourages hand-eye coordination as players propel an object into space. These skills can be used in sports like tennis, table tennis and badminton.

**Batting and Fielding Games** This encourages hand-eye coordination as players strike an object and avoid getting caught by other players. These skills can be used in sports like cricket, baseball and softball.

### Come and Play!

To register for this program, go to <https://events.humanitix.com/vic-playing-for-all-youth-term-1>

To register your interest for a spot in future *Playing for All* programs, or to book a group, go to [bit.ly/playingforall](http://bit.ly/playingforall). Or contact us on [info.vic@specialolympics.com.au](mailto:info.vic@specialolympics.com.au).

Once you've joined the fun you're welcome to stay in the *Playing for All* program for as long as you like, or when you're ready, our coaches can help you transition to a chosen sport.

### About Us

*Playing for All* is a program of Special Olympics Australia. We have been providing sport and physical activity programs for children and adults with intellectual disability/autism for almost 50 years. Our vision is an inclusive Australia where all people live an active, healthy and fulfilling life.

[www.specialolympics.com.au](http://www.specialolympics.com.au)

