

**Issue 3 — Friday 17th February 2023**

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## **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

Yesterday, our school House meetings returned for the first time in three years. Our eight Houses are named after famous Australians who made an outstanding contribution in their field of activity.

***Our House names are:***

<b><i>House</i></b>	<b><i>Named After ...</i></b>	<b><i>Field of Recognition</i></b>
Bradman	Don Bradman	Cricket
Cowan	Edith Cowan	Politics
Drysdale	Russell Drysdale	Art
Paterson	Banjo Paterson	Literature
Flynn	John Flynn	Flying Doctor Service
Dunlop	Weary Dunlop	Medical Physician
Melba	Nellie Melba	Opera Singer
Rafferty	Chips Rafferty	Visual Arts (Movies)

### ***Building Update***

Our new building is starting to take shape. This photograph shows the one way driveway where our Ventura buses will enter from Heatherton Road.



***John Mooney  
Principal***

### ***Notice of School Council Election***

This notice is attached to this newsletter. Community members are encouraged to participate in this important process.

## **DIARY DATES 2023**

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

## VALUE OF THE FORTNIGHT

We will study the value, Reliability, for the next fortnight.

Reliable people can be depended upon to always do their best to keep their commitments. They care about doing what they promised to do. Over the next few weeks I will be introducing our Student Leaders to you. These students have been chosen because they can be relied upon to carry out their duties.

Last Friday I introduced our 16 House Captains to the school community at our Friday Assembly. Yesterday we relied on them to lead their Houses into their House Room for the first time in three years.

*Dianne Wright*  
*Campus Principal—Middle School*

TEILA	FAITASI	RAFFERTY	RED
JAYDEN	MAK	RAFFERTY	RED
SUMMER	LARSSON-DEMPSTER	DRYSDALE	NAVY
JENNIFER	HENG	DRYSDALE	NAVY
HUNTER	TAMATE-FORBES	COWAN	AQUA
ALENA	LAY	COWAN	AQUA
CAIN	CHRISTIE	FLYNN	PURPLE
BRODIE	JORDAN	FLYNN	PURPLE
KANE	KING	DUNLOP	LIME
JADE	BAILEY	DUNLOP	LIME
CHARLIE	NOEN	BRADMAN	YELLOW
ANGEL	HALL	BRADMAN	YELLOW
CODY	WORRELL	MELBA	ORANGE
AMELA	HALKIC	MELBA	ORANGE
ISABELLE	SMITH	PATERSON	EMERALD
RILEY	THOMAS	PATERSON	EMERALD

## KINDNESS AWARDS

- ◆ Aaren W and Cruz O have been nominated by Mr Silverwood for helping clean the bus window and seats for the supervisor.
- ◆ Sinai F and Teila F have been nominated by Christine Mc for assisting a student who was separated from his class when walking back to the Junior/Senior Campus after houses. The looked after him until they found his teacher.

## SPORTS STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS



## JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS—TERM ONE SWIMMING PROGRAM AT SPALSH'S DANDENONG

Our Junior School swimming program started this week for JSI, JSJ and JSK. Over the next four weeks these students will participate in seven lessons aimed at developing water safety and swimming technique.

The students are not only building on their swimming skills but are also developing independence in terms of dressing and looking after their own clothing and swimming items.

Thank you to Mitchell and all the wonderful swimming teachers at Splash's Swimming School.

*Leanne Russell*

*Head of Junior School*



## JUNIOR SCHOOL STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

**SUNSHINE**

**Alice JSA**

**PARTICIPATION**

**Elijah JSJ**

**OPTIMISM**

**Arvey JSB**

**FUNTASTIC**

**Azizah JSC**

**GOOD THINKING**

**Samim JSE**

**POLITENESS**

**Isabelle JSF**

**LOL**

**Casey JSD**

**Yunus JSK**

**INQUISITIVE**

**Rueben JSG**

**OUTSTANDING EFFORT**

**Qaireena JSH**

**Rielly JSI**

## 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.



## MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

**MSA VICTOR S**

For being respectful and adapting to change.

**MSB JEMMA L**

For completing her work to high standards.

**MSC MUSTAFA R**

For having a great start to Term 1.

**MSD CANDIZ M**

For being a kind, helpful and hard working student.

**MSE WILLIAM C**

For a good start to the year and contributing well in class.

**MSF KIARA S**

For a fantastic start to the year and buying Ms Ryan some lollies for my sore throat.

**MSG ABULFAZAL A**

For giving a helping hand in class and showing kindness.

**MSI IQRA W**

For being a quiet achiever and completing all of her work.

**MSJ SELMA O**

For an excellent start to the year.

**MSK TALYN C**

For being a really responsible student.

**MSL ROOZBEH A**

For his creative writing piece - 'The Wild Street Voice'.

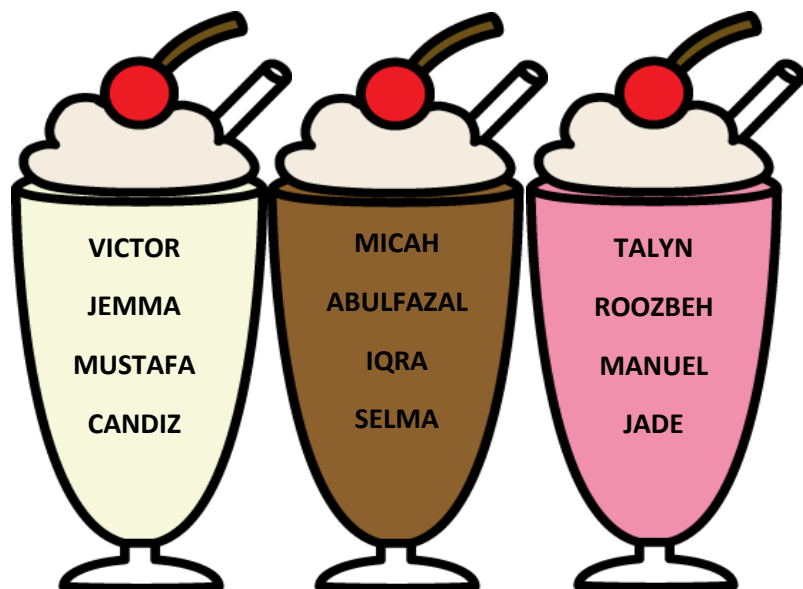
**ESO JADE B**

For doing amazing work during our reading session.

**ARTIST MICAH W**

For his excellent watercolour drawing of Germany's famous landmarks.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL MILKSHAKE AWARDS



## INTRODUCING OUR 2023 MIDDLE SCHOOL CAPTAINS

On Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February, during our Middle School Assembly, 10 students who nominated themselves gave exceptional speeches explaining why they would like to be our 2023 Middle School Captains. I would like to congratulate everyone who participated.

Below are the speeches of our successful School Captains.

Hi, my name is Riley T and I would like to become your School Captain.

I believe I would make an excellent School Captain, as I love coming to school every day to learn and see my friends. I love to help people and will always help any student especially the younger students at Middle School. I come to school every day and on time so you will always be able to find me somewhere on the school grounds. I am always honest and reliable and I am a very responsible man. I always try to do my best at school and behave nicely.

If I become School Captain, I would like to do bus lines, hand out notices, help Mrs. Hickox to do assemblies and help the students and teachers in anything that they need. I also promise to always do my best to represent Emerson Middle School and show that it is an awesome school with amazing teachers and amazing students who have a lot of talent and are all great kids.

Thank you for listening to me and please vote for me,  
Riley T.



My name is Jade and I would like to be Middle School Captain.

I would make a good captain because I am responsible and I like to help people.

If I get the role of school captain I will remember to do bus lines and deliver folders, every day. I will also help Ms. Hickox with assemblies on Mondays.

I would like to wish everyone who is trying out to be a captain – Good Luck!



Hello, my name is Ashton and I would like to be your school captain. My hobbies are playing sport for Emerson and my local AFL and cricket club. My other interests are growing my YouTube channel, riding my bike and organizing things. I have always wanted to be school captain. I am friendly, approachable and enjoy helping staff and students. I am a good role model to everyone. I like making new friends and I am very respectful to everyone.

I hope you vote for me. Thank you!



Sup fellow humans, I mean hello students of Emerson! I am Alena L and as you can see, I'm running to be school captain this year. I know this is a lot to ask but if you listen to what I have to say, please consider me to be your number one vote for school captain.

Luckily, I have many good things to say about myself, not to brag but I think of myself as a friendly and positive person. My friends would agree...right besties? An important thing about being school captain is that they understand what you want, since I like spending time with other people, I think it makes me someone that can relate to you guys. This will be the most important thing for me as a school captain. Anyway, please consider voting for me, Alena L. Thank you for listening!



## HOUSES IS BACK!



## 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.

## 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.





## HOUSE POLO SHIRT ORDER FORM



Students at Emerson School participate in a House Program (or 'Houses') every Thursday 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 Thursdays. 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 Thursdays.

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 THURSDAY 23RD FEBRUARY 2023**



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**HOUSE POLO SHIRT ORDER FORM**

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

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

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

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





## SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTION

### EMERSON SCHOOL SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTION 2023

At Emerson School we have a School Council of 15 members.

- 8 Parents who are not employed by the Department of Education (DE) (Two year terms)
- 4 DE employees (Two year terms)
- 1 School Principal
- 2 Co-opted Community Members (Two year terms)

**TOTAL: 15 MEMBERS**

Every year the terms of office of half of the parent members and half of the DE employees expire and an election is held. Retiring councillors are eligible for re-election if they still qualify as a parent of the school or are a DE employee according to the conditions of category membership.

#### **PARENT MEMBERS**

In March 2023, the terms of office of four parent members will expire – Deborah Barnett has declared herself available for re-election.

#### **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (DE) MEMBERS**

The terms of office of two councillors in this category will expire in March 2023. Dianne Wright and Sam Silverwood have declared themselves available for re-election.

#### **KEY DATES**

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| 1. Friday, 17 <sup>th</sup> February, 2022 | Call for nominations                      |
| 2. Friday, 24 <sup>th</sup> February, 2022 | Close of nominations                      |
| 3. Friday, 3 <sup>th</sup> March, 2022     | Distribution of ballot papers if required |
| 4. Friday, 10 <sup>th</sup> March, 2022    | Close of Ballot                           |
| 5. Tuesday, 14 <sup>th</sup> March         | Declaration of Poll                       |

Nomination forms for the above positions are available from our Business Manager, Lynn Carland.



**JOHN MOONEY, PRINCIPAL  
AND COUNCIL ELECTION RETURNING OFFICER**

17<sup>th</sup> February, 2023

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