



Newsletter

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

I have been concerned for some time about the use of vapes by school age children in Victoria. I was shocked to hear this week from health authorities that 50 children under the age of 5 had been admitted to hospital because of vape poisoning.

The liquid in vaping cigarettes has a variety of toxic chemicals and ultrafine particles that can be inhaled deep into the lungs. Vapes contain high levels of nicotine concentrate, the equivalent to one packet of cigarettes. The use of vapes could lead young children to an early nicotine addiction which could be deleterious to their health.

The physical appearance of vapes often appear to look like highlighters and pencils. It is disturbing to hear that these units are being found in the pencil cases of young children in Primary Schools.

I ask all parents to be vigilant about this urgent matter.

*John Mooney
Principal*

PSR NIGHT REMINDER—THURSDAY 30TH MARCH

PSR Interviews are on Thursday 30th March 2023.

If you have not yet received a PSR time from your child's teacher please contact the office.

A reminder that Middle School will finish at 1.45pm and Junior/Senior School will finish at 2.00pm.

Buses have been notified and will run one hour earlier than usual.

KINDNESS AWARDS

- ◆ Ana and Emma K have nominated Dakota (MSB), Nihael (MSK), Willow Mae (MSD) and Dion (MSD) for always being very helpful by taking items and packing up after lunch group on a Thursday.
- ◆ Ana has nominated Lennon (JSK) as yesterday, during Houses, he was comforting many of the Junior students who were scared and telling them we are safe indoors. He was also trying to keep other students from opening the blinds as the lightning was frightening some students. It was very mature and responsible behaviour and Ana was very impressed.

DIARY DATES 2023

THURSDAY 30TH MARCH - PSR Night (early finish)

THURSDAY 6TH APRIL - House Investiture

THURSDAY 6TH APRIL - Last Day of Term 1 (early finish)

MONDAY 24TH APRIL - Curriculum Day (no school)

TUESDAY 25TH APRIL - ANZAC Day (no school)

WEDNESDAY 26TH APRIL - Term 2 Commences

MONDAY 12TH JUNE - King's Birthday Holiday (no school)

FRIDAY 23RD JUNE - Last Day of Term 2 (early finish)

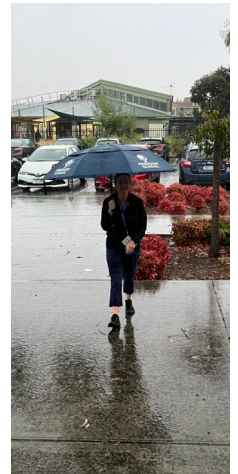
MONDAY 10TH JULY - Term 3 Commences

VALUE OF THE FORTNIGHT

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

Flexibility is being open to change. It means not always having to have your own way. Many unexpected things happen to us that we cannot control. When things happen that upset us it can mean that we may need to do things differently or improve in some way. Flexibility means you see difficult things as a challenge, and that you are willing to make changes to become a better person.

Yesterday we were all faced with a challenge as the rain, thunder and lightning threatened to disrupt our weekly House meetings. Fortunately all our staff and students displayed great flexibility in adjusting to having their House meeting take place in their respective House rooms. Mr Walsh organised for a shuttle bus service for all our Juniors and Seniors to travel to the Heatherton Road campus after Houses finished. Thank you everyone for your patience and flexibility yesterday.



Dianne Wright
Campus Principal—Middle School



BUS AWARDS



JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS—RACV SAFETY SQUAD INCURSION

Last Tuesday the Junior School students took part in an RACV program called Safety Squad.

The program aims to empower students to stay safe both at home and on the roads. Our educator Nicki covered passenger safety, pedestrian safety, bike safety and identifying hazards in the home. Nicki did a fantastic job to make the presentation engaging, interactive, fun, and of course educational.

Nicki gave each student an information brochure and Safety Squad keyring to take away with them. We encourage all our families to continue the discussion on passenger, pedestrian, and bike safety at home.

A big thank you to Christine Marlow for organising our RACV Safety Squad Incursion.

*Leanne Russell
Head of Junior School*



EMERSON SCHOOL PARENTS AND CARERS GROUP



Well done Emerson Family for another successful catchup! On Wednesday March 15th, the lovely, Janet Syer, took time out of her busy day to come and chat about all the exciting new building works happening at our school. We met in JSC during period six, had light refreshments and were in awe of Emerson's future. Cannot wait to step inside!

Everyone was impressed with more lovely treats made by our wonderful students and staff in the Cooking Room. We wonder what scrumptious treats will be made in the shiny new kitchens? Our next meeting, and last for the term, will be on Wednesday March 29th, in the Junior School EAL room, where we will chat about things to do on the holidays. Feel free to bring along any ideas too.



Emma Kuhnell (OT) & Georgina Georgalli (EAL Teacher)



EMERSON CONNECTION - JUNIOR SCHOOL

PARENT/CARER MEET UP

AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET OTHER EMERSON FAMILIES IN THE JUNIOR SCHOOL AND BUILD SOCIAL CONNECTIONS.



Discussion topic
- Easter holiday
ideas

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29TH, 2:15PM

EMERSON SCHOOL JNR CAMPUS EAL ROOM

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

FACILITATED BY GEORGINA (EAL TEACHER) & EMMA (OT)

CITY OF GREATER DANDENONG HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

City of Greater Dandenong Youth and Family Services offer school holiday activities, featuring a range of diverse and exciting activities for young people.

Join us for the All About Autumn School Holiday Activities during the April 2023 holidays.

When: 11 - 21 April 2023

Venue: Various locations

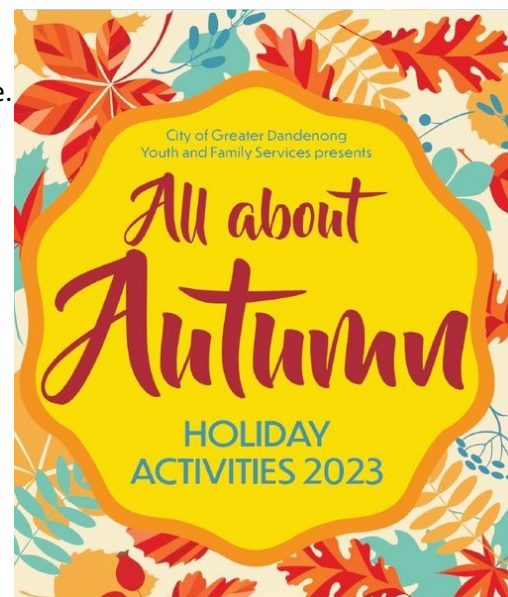
Age: 12 - 25 years

Cost: Free or low cost

Bookings: Registration essential. Bookings open.

For enquires contact Youth and Family Services on 9793 2155 or visit:

<https://youth.greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/programs/holiday-activities>



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SUN
30 APRIL, 2023

LIVINGSTON RESERVE
CRANBOURNE EAST

10.30AM - 2.00PM
OVAL 1

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FOOTY PLAYERS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY**



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