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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

At last Friday's whole School Assembly, I introduced Margaret Wedd. Margaret is the daughter of Les Emerson after whom our school is named. It was wonderful to hear Margaret reflecting on her father's career and the great honour that he felt when our school was named after him. Les was the Director of Special Services in our Department of Education from 1968 until his retirement in 1976. One of his great achievements was the establishment of many new Specialist Schools to provide the options and choice that we have today. It was Les Emerson who asked me to take on the role of Executive Officer at the Krongold Centre, Monash University.




Margaret was impressed by the way Emerson School has never stood still in offering additional learning opportunities for our students. It was the first time she had visited both campuses.

Out of School Hours Care (OSHC)

Under the Coordination of Jenny La'Brooy, our Assistant Principal, Student Services, we are wanting to submit an application for an After School Care Program at Emerson School. The great aspect of this proposal is that it would be free of charge to parents and the school. The target group for this program will be Junior and Middle School. I encourage all parents who are interested in this proposal to complete the survey attached to this newsletter and return it to school as soon as possible. Our application needs to be submitted by Friday, 18th August.

***John Mooney
Principal***

BUS AWARDS

	DANDENONG	PAKENHAM	NOBLE PARK	NARRE WARREN	CRANBOURNE	ENDEAVOUR HILLS
	BRAYDEN W	NOVELLI D	JAYDEN M	RYLEE E	KENNY M	JAI W

DIARY DATES 2023

FRIDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER - Last Day of Term 3 (early finish)

MONDAY 2ND OCTOBER - Term 4 Commences

VALUE OF THE FORTNIGHT

We are currently studying the value, Kindness, during the month of August.

Kindness can be something as simple as giving a smile as we greet one another each day. Such a kind gesture can brighten up the other person's day. I'd like everyone to get behind this simple gesture and see how we can contribute to making the world a much happier and better place.

I have included a poem about the power of the smile for you to read and share.

A SMILE FOR YOU

Smiling is infectious: you catch it like the flu,
When someone smiled at me today, I started smiling too.
I passed around the corner and someone saw my grin
When he smiled I realised I'd passed it on to him.
I thought about that smile then I realised its worth,
A single smile, just like mine could travel around the earth.
So, if you feel a smile begin, don't leave it undetected
Let's start an epidemic quick, and get the world infected.

*Dianne Wright
Campus Principal—Middle School*

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF EMERSON SCHOOL

We are on the search for your favourite family recipes to create and publish an Emerson School Cook Book, to celebrate our 50th Anniversary.

Traditional recipes, cultural recipes, recipes handed down from past generations, your favourite recipes, we would love for you to share them with us.

Please advise if this is a recipe you have created, had handed down to you or have found online (for copyright purposes).

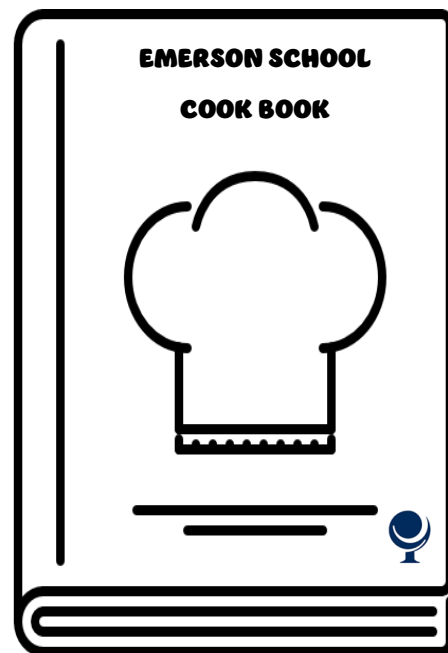
If it is a recipe from online, please include the link to the website.

Please send your recipes or website links, along with a photo (if possible) of your recipes by August 25th to:

*Emerson School c/o Fay Veitch—1430 Heatherton Road, Dandenong VIC 3175 or
Fay.Veitch@education.vic.gov.au or drop it into the school office.*

We appreciate your assistance and cannot wait to see our Emerson School Cook Book published in the near future.

Please note: not all recipes submitted may be featured.



KINDNESS AWARDS

- ◆ Mr Gould has nominated SSD and Mr Stokes for volunteering their free time to help weed and tidy the horticulture garden. It was a great help, thank you!
 - ◆ Ms Russell has nominated Mihi S for kindly helping a Junior student. The student was very upset as she had dropped her subway roll. Mihi helped pick up the subway roll and place it back in to the bag.
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JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS—FUN IN JSD!

JSD is a group of happy, friendly and enthusiastic students. The class consists of 5 girls and 3 boys who range in age from 6 – 8 years old. Miss Laura Gould is their adored teacher who nurtures, supports and encourages each student in JSD to be the very best that they can be.

The JSD classroom has a special purple class member called Dolly. Dolly is a creature from The Teacher’s Pet program that supports emotional regulation skills and helps teach the zones of emotional regulation. In JSD, Dolly helps the students feel calm and safe.

Favourite activities in JSD are literacy and numeracy groups with JSC, letter of the week craft, sensory and water play, and Science.



Leanne Russell
Head of Junior School



JUNIOR SCHOOL STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

CREATIVITY

Philip JSA

LEADERSHIP

Peyton JSB

SUNSHINE

Ephrain JSC

ATTENDANCE

Jason JSD

CITEZENSHIP

Samim JSE

SPORTSMANSHIP

Jaxon JSF

OUTSTANDING EFFORT

Kiyan JSG

SUPER READER

Karly JSH

FRIENDSHIP

Paul JSI

EMPATHY

Jessica JSJ



STAR HELPER

Hamzah JSK

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT OF THE WEEK

MSA DOMENIC P

For displaying maturity.

MSB JOSHUA N

For completing all his tasks.

MSC ISA M

For working smart in his school uniform.

MSD WILLOWMAE R

For showing kindness to her peers and always participating in classroom activities.

MSF SAMIRA A

For wearing correct school uniform all of last week.

MSG BRODIE J

For always doing the right thing in and out of class.

MSI EDDIE A

For settling in well in MSI.

MSJ YAHYA M

For a great start to Emerson.

MSK RILEY T

For working magnificently all the time.

MSL ANTHONY T

For working hard to complete all of his work in class.

ESO ABYAAN H

For opening up more socially in class with his peers.

ARTIST JADE B

For her wolf costume and drawing of a tiger.

ADAM N

For his painting of a bird and silk screen printing.

MR MAC ANGEL H

For great effort and application working on her chopping board.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MILKSHAKE AWARDS



SPORTS STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS

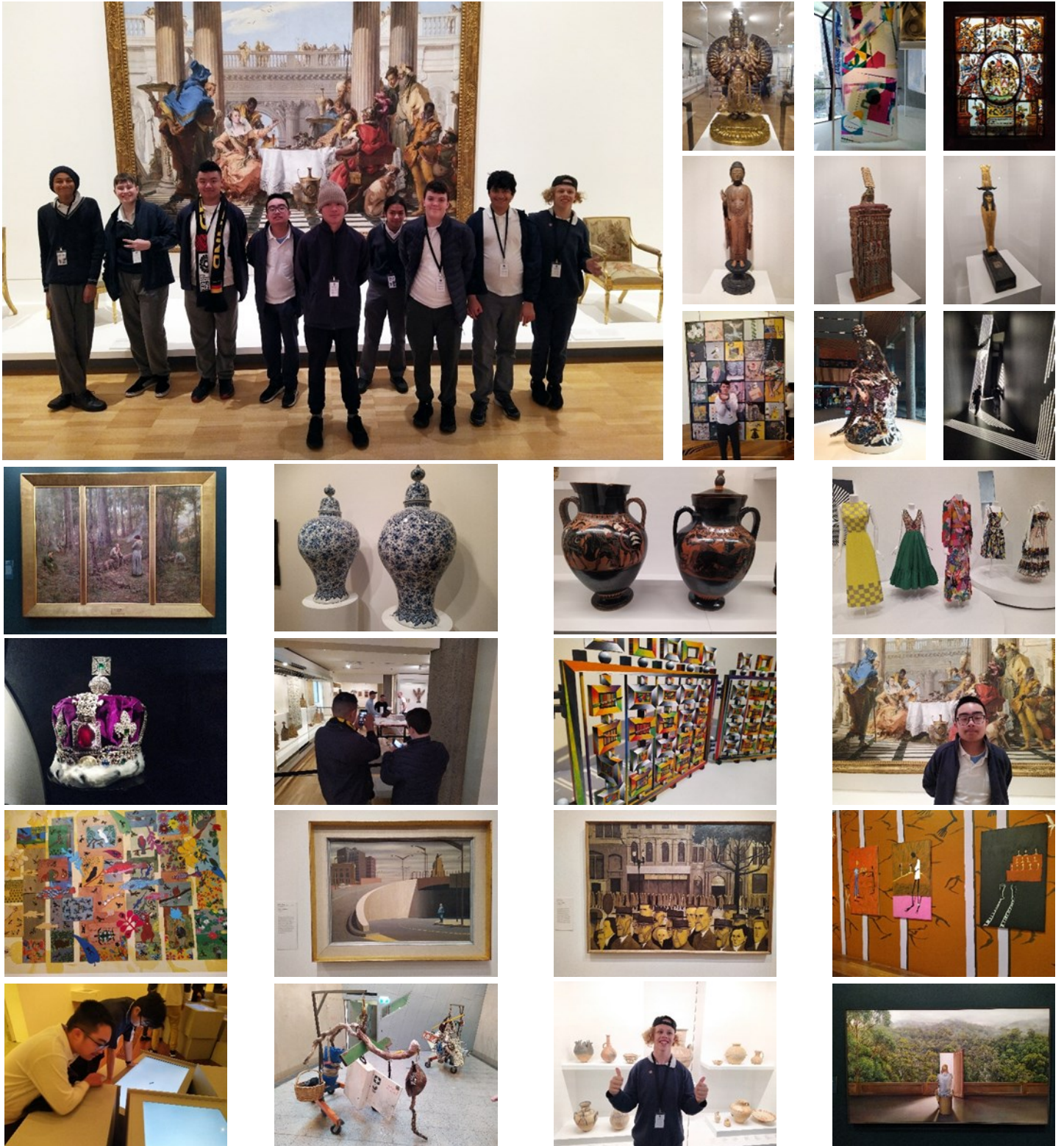


MIDDLE SCHOOL ART—NATIONAL GALLERY OF VICTORIA

On Tuesday the 25th of July, several Emerson School students attended the NGV International and The Ian Potter Centre: NGV Australia, Fed Square as part of their art studies.

The National Gallery of Victoria, popularly known as the NGV, is an art museum in Melbourne. Founded in 1861, it is Australia's oldest and most visited art museum. It contains the largest and most comprehensive range of artworks in Australia. Students visiting the NGV saw European, Asian, Oceanic and American art collections. They saw paintings by old European masters, Greek vases, and Egyptian artefacts, fashion and textiles, photography, prints and drawings, antiquities and global contemporary art.

*Shirley Innes
Middle School Art Teacher*



OUT OF HOURS SCHOOL CARE (OHSC) SURVEY

Appendix A: Survey questions for parents and carers

High Intensity OSHC is an initiative funded by the Victorian Government to provide outside school hours care (OSHC) services in specialist schools. The services are specifically designed with the needs of children with disability and are offered free of charge. After school care and vacation care are offered as part of the initiative. Services run with high educator to child ratios to meet children's individual needs and ensure high-quality and safe care.

EMERSON SCHOOL is exploring the possibility of offering a High Intensity OSHC service in 2024 and is seeking to understand what demand there is within the school community for such a service. Please fill in this survey with as much information as possible to help us understand what need you or your family has for OSHC.

1. In which suburb/town do you live? _____

2. Are you interested in accessing OSHC at EMERSON SCHOOL?

- Yes
 No

There is no need to complete the rest of the questions if you answer "no" to Question 2.

3. If you are interested, how many children would attend the service? _____

4. Which of these types of care would you use?

- After school care
 Vacation care
 Both after school care and vacation care

5. How many days per week would you be likely to use the service? _____

6. If you had access to an OSHC service, would this provide you with greater employment or study opportunities?

- OSHC would let me start looking for work
 OSHC would make it easier to stay in my current job or to work longer hours
 OSHC would allow me to start study
 OSHC would make it easier for me to continue studying
 OSHC would provide me with respite care
 Other – please provide details:

7. Do you currently use any disability services to provide care or activities outside school hours?

- Yes
 No

If yes, please provide details:

Could all forms please be returned to:

Jenny La'Brooy, C/o Emerson School