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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



Today, Friday 13th October, 2023 we celebrated the Official Opening of Stage One of our Building Modernization Program for the Junior/Senior Campus.

The event was attended by many members of the Emerson Community and catered by the staff and students of our Essential Food Services Class SSE. Thank you to everyone for bringing this project to fruition. We look forward to developing more resources and facilities for Emerson students in the years to come.



**John Mooney  
Principal**



## DIARY DATES 2023

**WEDNESDAY 18TH OCTOBER** - Curriculum Day (NO SCHOOL)    **TUESDAY 19TH DECEMBER** - Last day of Term 4 for Students  
**SATURDAY 18TH NOVEMBER** - Emerson School Open Day    **WEDNESDAY 20TH DECEMBER** - Last Day of Term 4 for Staff

## VALUE OF THE FORTNIGHT

We will be studying the value, Tolerance, for the next fortnight.

Tolerance is about the willingness to accept feelings, habits or beliefs that are different from your own. Tolerant people are broad-minded and open thinking. They are respectful, kind and sensitive to others. Tolerance is important because it provides society an opportunity to live together in peace and harmony.

Unfortunately the current debate on the Voice has provided us with many examples of anger-infused negative and destructive comments from both, the YES and NO sides. The wonderful thing about living in a democratic society like Australia is that we all have a right to freely express our opinions and thoughts. Our freedom to express ourselves is a gift bought by the enormous sacrifices made by our defence personal, please do not ruin it by a lack of tolerance towards others whose opinions differ from your own.

Hate has 4 letters, so does Love.  
Enemies has 7 letters, so does Friends.  
Lying has 5 letters, so does Truth.  
Negative has 8, so does Positive.  
Under has 5, so does Above.  
Cry has 3 letters, so does Joy.  
Anger has 5 letters, so does Happy.  
Right has 5 letters, so does wrong.  
Hurt has 4 letters, so does Heal.

It means life is like double edged sword... So transform every negative side into an aura of positivity... We choose the better side of the life.

**Dianne Wright**  
**Campus Principal, Middle School**

## FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

We feel it is important to bring the following to your attention:

Australian parents are advised to closely monitor their children's social media use and be aware that they may stumble across incredibly distressing content.

Australian psychologist and cyberpsychology consultant Jocelyn Brewer gave Mamamia advice for parents concerned about their kids' being exposed to violent content.

"Social media can, at any time, serve up distressing, unfiltered and inappropriate content that young minds (and even mature ones) may struggle to process and cannot ever unsee," Jocelyn tells *Mamamia*.

"At this time, where there are threats being made to live stream such abhorrent and extreme content, parents are well placed to have sensitive but unambiguous conversations about the issues and be wary of how quickly this content can spread if broadcast, without young people ever going looking for it."

She says that banning something outright from teens doesn't always have the desired effect.

"Banning or totally restricting something can sometimes mean that teens might then be super curious and seek to circumvent parental advice.

"They might then get exposed to the traumatising content, and not seek help for fear of getting in trouble, and be further distressed by attempting to process it alone, without the guidance of parents and carers.

"The importance of talking to your kids in a way that is appropriate for your family and going gently on attempting to talk about the complexity of big issues, cannot be underestimated."

Extract from: [https://www.mamamia.com.au/why-delete-social-media-israel-hamas/?fbclid=IwAR2Et1mMpyH\\_xBPND7HYUupq30HllzdSpHnRWAoGNO0lgKIPL7qUCXG4aR0](https://www.mamamia.com.au/why-delete-social-media-israel-hamas/?fbclid=IwAR2Et1mMpyH_xBPND7HYUupq30HllzdSpHnRWAoGNO0lgKIPL7qUCXG4aR0)

### **Warning to parents:**

Some schools are urging parents to delete social media apps from their phones as Hamas terrorists are expected to release distressing videos of Israeli hostages begging for their lives.

As one psychologist has noted, "The videos and testimonies we are currently exposed to are bigger and crueller than our souls can contain."

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**Mamamia**

## JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS - HEALESVILLE SANCTUARY

JSI and JSJ went to Healesville Sanctuary on Wednesday. It was a beautiful warm day. Everyone wore a sun hat, and applied sunscreen. We started the day with emus, kangaroos and reptiles, and then visited the parrots, followed by the bird show. The black cockatoos were beautiful and we enjoyed seeing the wedged tail eagle up close as it swooped over our heads. We then had lunch and cooled off under some misting sprinklers in the picnic area. Drink bottles were re-filled and we saw some dingo's and then listened to the emu information talk, before heading back to school.

*Sharon Lee and Monika Pubby  
Classroom Teachers*



## SCHOOL HAT REMINDER

Reminder to wear hats for Term 4.

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.



JUNIOR SCHOOL STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

**RESPONSIBILITY**

**John JSB**

**EMPATHY**

**Tyler JSD**

**GOOD LISTENER**

**Roman JSG**

**FRIENDSHIP**

**Ali JSE**

**CREATIVITY**

**Yunus JSF**

**OPTIMISM**

**Indego JSJ**

**TEAMWORK**

**Kevin JSI**



**BEST BEHAVIOUR**

**Philip JSA**

**Mustafa JSC**

**Thomas JSH**

**REMINDER**



There will be **NO** school this coming

Wednesday, October 18th due to a Curriculum Day.

There will also be **NO** Subway orders next week.

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### MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT OF THE WEEK

**MSA      JAKE W**

For initiating conversation with others.

**MSB      JEMMA L**

For always being kind to her friends.

**MSC      AREEB R**

For always being happy and excited.

**MSD      SHAE M**

For always giving 100% to all work tasks, plus being kind and friendly to students.

**MSF      RJ E**

For being a good sport and shaking the oppositions hand in a game of basketball.

**MSG      KEVIN G**

For having an excellent week and a great start to term.

**MSI      MANUEL**

For working hard and standing up for himself.

**MSJ      SELMA O & YAHYA M**

For a great start to term.

**MSK      KAYHAN F**

For participating and completing the Around the Bay bike ride.

**ESO      TAMMIE C**

For always helping her classmates.

**MR MAC      ALEX H**

For showing persistence and being orderly during his project.

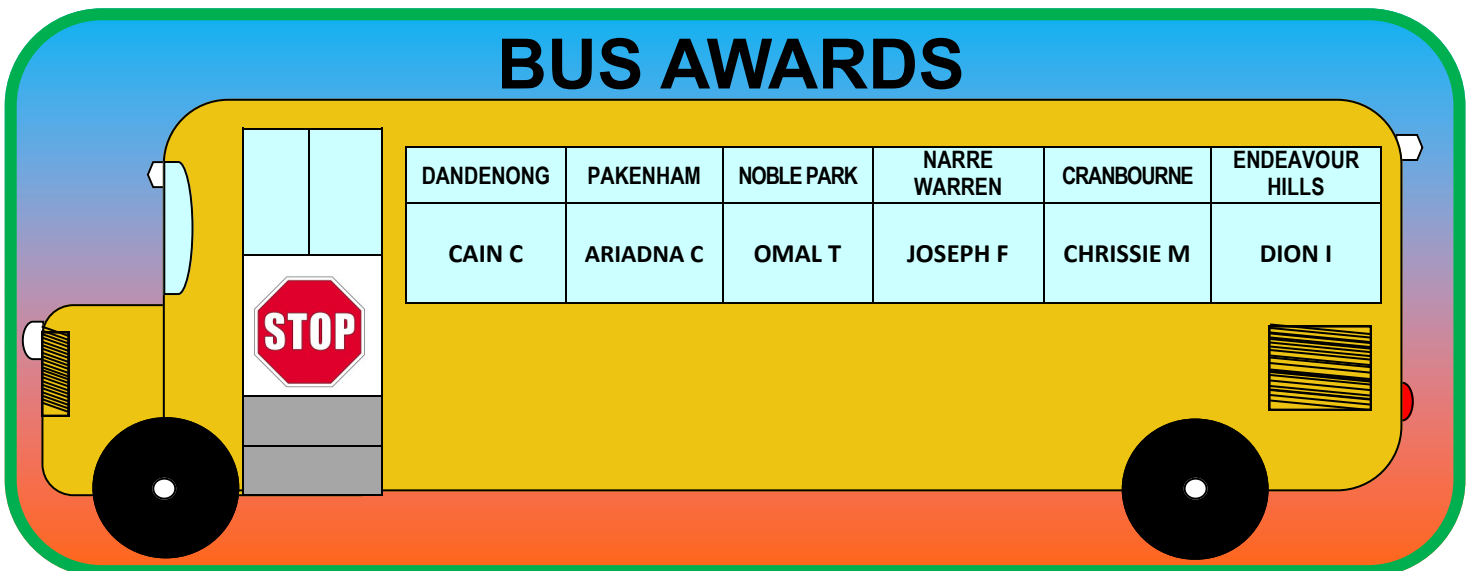
**SCIENCE      ALEX H**

For all of his insightful comments and thoughtful gestures during class discussions.

### MIDDLE SCHOOL MILKSHAKE AWARDS



### **BUS AWARDS**

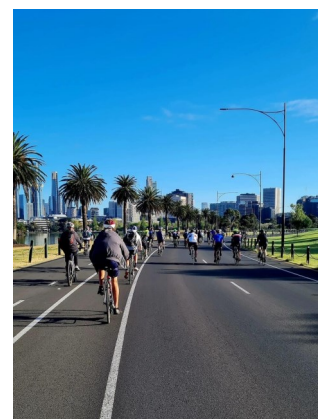
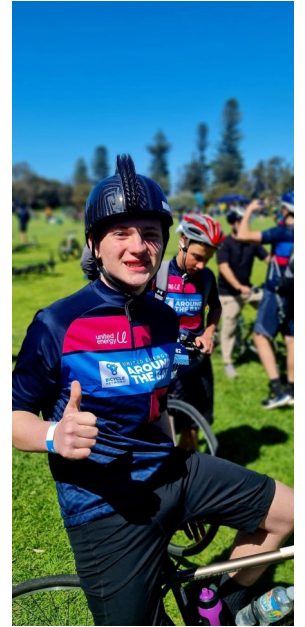


## AROUND THE BAY

Melbourne turned on a perfect day for our Around the Bay 50km bike ride last Sunday.

Congratulations to the 14 Middle and Senior riders who completed the course in excellent time. You all showed great determination and did a wonderful job supporting each other throughout the day. You should all be proud of yourselves.

Thanks to the teachers and Kai's uncle and aunty who supported the ride.



## ATHLETICS

### Region Finals (Secondary)

On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October, 17 Emerson Middle and Senior students represented the school at the Secondary Southern Metropolitan Region Track and Field Finals at Ballam Park Athletics Track.

Every one of our students took home at least one medal. After his commanding performance at the Division Finals, Omal T (MSI) won two Silver medals (long jump and high jump) in extremely competitive fields. I wish to commend the flexibility of Alisha P (SSP). Alisha was asked at the last minute to compete in the 200m so that her teammate had someone to race against. Alisha not only finished the race but won the Gold medal! I'd also like to highlight the kindness of one of our team, Hannah M (MSG). Hannah noticed one of her teammates upset on the side of the track and raced to be by her side.

Emerson finished 2<sup>nd</sup> overall (out of 59 schools) in the Combined Team Scores. This is an incredible achievement!

The following students have qualified for the State Finals next Monday:

- Nick D (SSR) – 100m/200m/long jump
- Kai F (SSS) – shot put
- Brodie J (MSG) – 200m/800m
- Salima G (SSS) – 100m/800m
- Alisha P (SSP) – 200m/long jump/shot put
- Habiba M (SSE) – 800m
- Andrena C (MSF) – 800m
- Catherine D (SSD) – long jump

We wish them all the best!



*Chris Winter  
Athletics and Cross Country Coach*

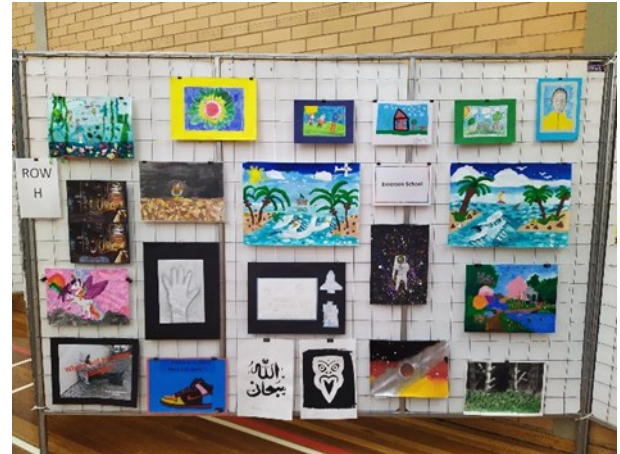


## NOBLE PARK COMMUNITY CENTRE ART SHOW - THIS WEEKEND!

See Emerson students work at The NPCC Art Show. It is a free annual, non-profit art exhibition. It shows artwork of all 2D mediums from all artists of all experience levels. They support artists through a range of prizes, with a major prize of \$500, and facilitate the sale of artwork without taking a commission. Opening Night Friday 6:30pm all welcome!

### Date and Time:

- Friday 13 October 2023 - 9.30am-3.30pm
- Saturday 14 October 2023 - 10am-6pm
- Sunday 15 October 2023 - 10am-4pm



☀ Well done to the following students:

Rielly D (JSI)  
Angelina T (MSC)  
Zija J (MSF)  
Kayla T (MSB)  
Braiden F (SSM)  
Candiz M (MSD)  
Martin M (MSF)  
Blake H (SSR)  
Miley C (JSJ)  
Roozbeh A (MSL)  
Anthony T (MSL)  
Talyn C (MSK)  
Micah W (MSG)  
Alexander H (MSI)

Imran B (MSA)  
Amin A (SSB)  
Sebastian H (MSD)  
Eli B (MSC)  
Adrian U (MSL)  
Jackson R (MSL)  
Mustafa R (MSC)  
Iqra W (MSI)  
Simon P (SSP)  
John H (SSS)  
Kane B (MSF)  
Indujaa M (MSB)  
Aishwarya D (MSG)  
Brodie J (MSG)





# EMERSON SCHOOL

*Presents*



## Emerson's Excellent Adventure

Whilst working on a group project, five students find themselves thrown into five iconic movies. Come along and see how our characters work through some tricky and thoroughly entertaining situations.

Can you recognise the five iconic movies they visit?

**Date:** Wednesday 25th October 7pm

**Venue:** Emerson School, Middle School Campus, Stadium

**Entry:** Gold coin donation on entry

