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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

It is hard to believe that only 30 days are left in 2023. There are twelve student days left with Tuesday, 19th December being the last day for students.

Valley Village Mews

The annual Valley Village Mews concert took place yesterday. Over the last 29 years this has been a highlight of our school's annual calendar. I would like to congratulate Dianne Wright for her extraordinary coordination of this project since day one. Well done to all students, staff and Valley Mews dancers for providing yet another joyful and memorable experience. The Valley Village Mews presented us with a donation of \$1055 which was gratefully received by Emerson School.



At our 50th Anniversary Luncheon that was held on 22nd October, the Member for Berwick, Brad Battin MP, spoke about his time involved in The Victorian Youth Development Program (VYDP) at Emerson before becoming a parliamentarian. On 31st October, Brad spoke about Emerson School in an address to the Legislative Assembly. All addresses to Parliament are officially recorded in the Parliamentary Record known as HANSARD. Here is an extract from Brad Battin's address:

Mr BATTIN (Berwick) - I rise after being invited last week to the special celebration of Emerson Specialist School in Dandenong, an amazing school that produces special kids for a great future ...

I had the pleasure of working at this school for a 12-month period as a Police Officer in the Police in Schools Program and working with youth development. One of the kids who came back I knew as Big Wal. If anyone looks him up on Instagram, he is flavour, flavour, flavour. A young kid that went through that school, he is so committed to making sure that he takes the opportunities in life that he was given by that school. He is now an entrepreneur and is buying his second business - an amazing story. Young Nick, who I used to speak with about football, who knew every result from every game from when football started up until today's date, is an amazing outcome - he celebrates the fact that he can travel on public transport as an independent person. I think that is absolutely outstanding from that school. This side will always stand with Specialist Schools, and I am going to invite our Shadow Minister out, because obviously a recent Royal Commission partly had discussions around getting rid of special schools, and we want to make sure that we stand up for them.

It is wonderful to see such comments about our dynamic school being placed on the Public Parliamentary Record.

VALUE OF THE FORTNIGHT

We will be studying the value, Moderation, over the next few weeks.

Moderation is about creating balance in your life. We practise it by knowing our own limits and knowing what we need in order to function at our best. Everyone is different. For example some need ten hours of sleep while others need much less to maintain their health.

*Dianne Wright
Campus Principal, Middle School*

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT OF THE WEEK

MSA ABYAAN H

For displaying resilience.

MSB JEMMA L

For always looking out for her friends.

MSC CAMERON S

For always offering to help his peers with their work.

MSD DION I

For always having a positive attitude towards his learning.

MSF KIARA S

For being helpful in the classroom and to Ms Ryan last week.

MSG BRODIE J

For always working hard and being a kind soul.

MSL JACKSON R

For his incredible work on his 'Passion Project'.

ESO KANE B

For following instructions and having fun in cooking.

MR MAC KEVIN N

For showing consistent effort each week in Woodwork.

ARTIST MIHAILO M

For his monster costume.

ARTIST DOMENIC P

For his drawing of a fighting machine.

ARTIST CRUZ O

For his mixed media artworks.

SCIENCE ASHTON S

For having a positive attitude and for his wonderful help.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MILKSHAKE AWARDS



DIARY DATES 2023/2024

TUESDAY 5TH DECEMBER - Senior School Graduation

MONDAY 11TH DECEMBER - Middle School Graduation

TUESDAY 12TH DECEMBER - Junior School Graduation

WEDNESDAY 13TH DECEMBER - Market Day

TUESDAY 19TH DECEMBER - Last day of Term 4 for Students

WEDNESDAY 20TH DECEMBER - Last Day of Term 4 for Staff

TUESDAY 30TH JANUARY - First Day of Term 1 for Students

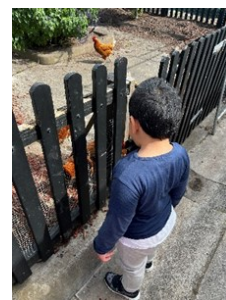
JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS—2024 PREP ORIENTATION

We were delighted to run our Prep orientation program over the last two Friday mornings. We welcomed our new Preps and their families/carers into the JSA classroom and Courtyard playground. It was lovely to watch the excited faces as the children explored their new school environment and met their teacher, Mrs Janet D’Souza.

The children engaged in activities such as puzzles, playdoh, duplo and playing with toys. They also enjoyed the outside playground and were introduced to our school chickens.

We all look forward to our new Preps joining our Emerson School community in 2024!

Leanne Russell
Head of Junior School



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.



STATE RELAYS

On Saturday 25th November, eight students travelled to Doncaster for the Victorian Relay Championships. Emerson had been invited by Athletics Victoria and Glenhuntly to enter a team in the U18 Men and U18 Women 4x100m relay.

The girl's team consisted of Jemma L (MSB), Teagan J (MSI), Habiba M (SSE) and Dakota A (MSB). The boy's team comprised Omal T (MSI), Tyler L (SSR), Ashton S (MSJ) and Mustafa R (MSC). Some of the students were competing against competitors four years older than them; they should be applauded for the way they remained composed and executed their own race plan. This was a valuable learning experience that has also opened doors for the students to pursue athletics outside of school.

A huge thank you to the families of the students for driving them to Doncaster and to the Athletics Victoria officials for supporting the students.

Chris Winter
Athletics Coach



SSSSA INTERSCHOOL CARNIVAL DAY

Congratulations to our Senior students who participated in the SSSSA Interschool Carnival Day! You did a wonderful job representing Emerson School. The PE department was particularly impressed with the teamwork and sportsmanship shown on the day. Special mention to the Softball A and Cricket A for their well-deserved championship wins. Well done everyone!



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.



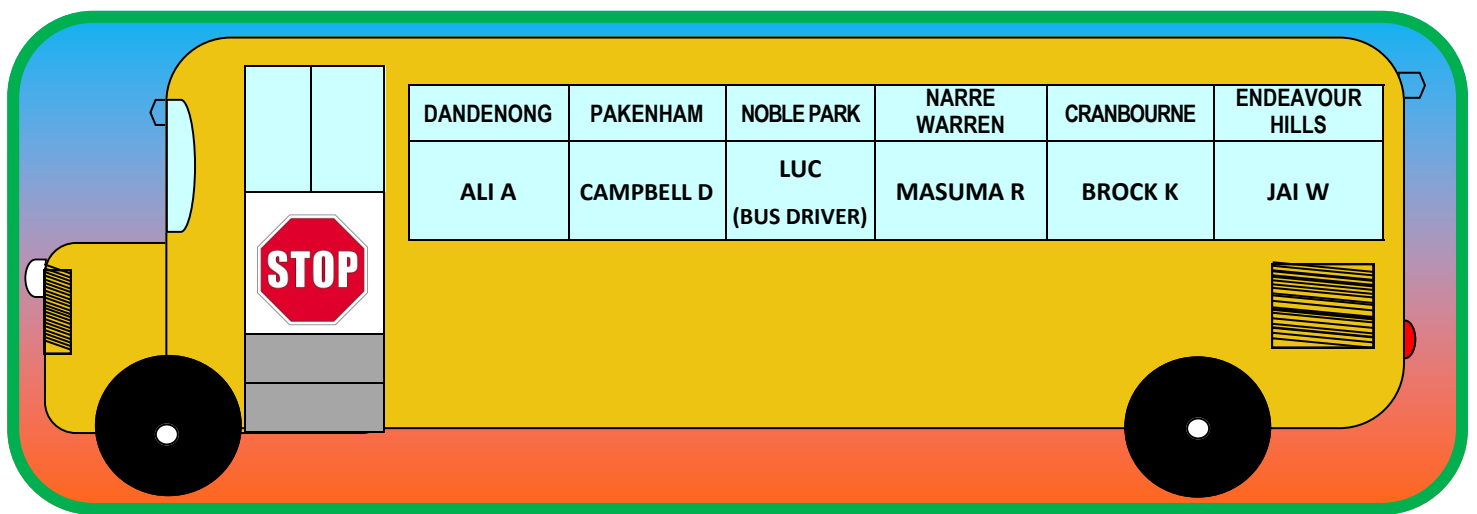


Once again, Emerson School will be collecting non perishable food donations for The Andrews Centre.

This year our Advance Program will be delivering the collected items to help the Emergency Relief fund.

Donations will be collected in both school offices until Wednesday 13th December.

Thank you for your generosity.



MARKET DAY 2023



**EMERSON
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EMERSON SCHOOL MARKET DAY STALLS

Wednesday, 13th December

Located: Junior/Senior Campus
1430 Heatherton Rd, Dandenong VIC 3175

Time: 11:30am-1:00pm

Family & Friend Welcome

Free Dress Day for Gold Coin Donation

Food & Drink Stalls

Bric a Brac and Loads more

Please bring some spending cash only