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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

This is the final newsletter for 2023. It is amazing how time flies when students, staff and families are participating in a busy, exciting and productive school year.

Over the last two weeks we have conducted our Senior, Middle and Junior Graduation Ceremonies. They were wonderful events that touched the very spirit of what our school is all about.

One of the highlights of this week has been our Market Day that was last held in September 2019. It was significant that the market stalls were out the front of our new building. Congratulations to all students, staff and families for raising \$5,097 that will support student welfare and the purchase of resources for our teaching programs.

I would like to wish everyone a relaxing and revitalising holiday. I look forward to students commencing the 2024 school year on Tuesday, 30th January, 2024.

*John Mooney
Principal*

VALUE OF THE FORTNIGHT

As we enter the festive season we are all reminded of the importance of the value, Moderation.

Our lives will be a frenzy of celebration, parties, and special occasions, involving a lot of rich food and drink. To make sure we enjoy this time we will need to set ourselves limits to ensure we have a balance between enjoying ourselves, but not over-indulging.

I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

*Dianne Wright
Campus Principal, Middle School*

DIARY DATES 2023/2024

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



2023 EMERSON SCHOOL AWARD WINNERS

2023 Ventura Bus Awards:

Cranbourne Bus:	Hannah M
Noble Park Bus:	Anthony T
Narre Warren Bus:	Elina G
Endeavour Hills:	Amela H
Pakenham Bus:	Kai F
Dandenong Bus:	Iqra W

2023 House Cup of Honour Awards:

Bradman:	Kai F
Cowan:	Nawbahar Z
Drysdale:	Brock K
Dunlop:	Angelia T
Flynn:	Mu A
Paterson:	Riley T
Rafferty:	Ra Dwe Ya S
Melba:	Saigal D

Spirit of Emerson Award:

Alisha P

SPIRIT OF EMERSON AWARD

The Spirit of Emerson Award this year has been present to Alisha P from SSP.

Alisha is the epitome of the 'Quiet Achiever'. She goes about making people's lives better, effortlessly and without any fuss. Her kindness, compassion and empathy for those around her, regardless of age or position, come naturally. Her innate wisdom has supported her fellow students throughout their difficult times. In many instances Alisha has made their journey so much easier by just being there to support them. Her kind words and gestures have empowered them to move forward in their lives, and with confidence.

Recently we were reminded of how Alisha instinctly knows when another person needs support. A fellow student was reluctant to run her race at athletics meet. Alisha told her not to worry because she would run with her. This was despite Alisha having already competed in several events.

Alisha is an accomplished sportswoman and has represented Emerson in many different sports. She is also a skilled musician, playing both acoustic and electric guitar. Alisha has entertained crowds both on and off campus with her musical talent. Her last concert was at our Market Day last Wednesday.

Alisha has excelled in fine arts as well. She has participated in several art competitions and always produces unique and thought-provoking work.

Alisha is a confident and gracious student who has made a significant impact on both staff and students in her role as School Captain. She appreciates the value of cooperation and hard work. She inspires her fellow students to always strive for excellence.

Alisha is a very deserving winner of the 2023 Spirit of Emerson Award.



ROSEMARY DOWARD AWARD

The Rosemary Doward Award this year has been present to Victoria (Tori) from SSM.

On Tuesday 5th December, we presented the Rosemary Doward Award during our Senior School Graduation Ceremony. Named after Miss Rosemary Doward who sadly passed away in November 2011, this award recognises a student who has demonstrated the qualities and values that Rosemary Doward instilled in all her students. Integrity, compassion, kindness, and hard work to name a few. These qualities were synonymous with, and abundant in, Rosemary. She would be so happy to know that this year's very deserving recipient is Tori Mc Donald.



Tori sets an example for her peers, motivating them with her unwavering devotion and commitment. Her capacity to mentor, inspire, and bring out the best in people is genuinely admirable. Tori is a natural leader. She was chosen to lead Drysdale House in 2020 and 2023.

Her generosity is a lighthouse that brightens our school community. She creates a space where everyone feels respected and valued by treating them all with kindness and respect.

She is always willing to lend a helping hand out, support a fellow student in need, or participate in a group effort. Her eagerness to offer help to others speaks volumes of her kindness.

Tori's discernment and maturity are evident in her capacity to make wise decisions. She always tries to do what is right, ponders her options before acting, and thinks things through before acting.

Finally, her kindness towards younger pupils is quite endearing. She gives them kind, sympathetic attention that makes them feel relaxed and supported.

In conclusion, Tori is more than just a student—she is a compassionate friend, a leader, a helpful, and a committed learner. She is a living example of the principles that our school upholds. Her presence in our community fills us with pride, and we eagerly anticipate all the wonderful things she will surely accomplish in the future.

SPORTS STAR OF THE YEAR AWARDS



MARKET DAY GUESS HOW MANY LOLLIES IN THE JAR WINNER

The winner of the 'guess how many lollies jar' at Market Day was Marijana, mother of Vasilije in MSC. Congratulations!



JUNIOR SCHOOL STUDENT OF THE TERM AWARDS

RAHUL S - JSA

For a happy and enthusiastic attitude towards all aspects of his work.

ARVEY H - JSB

For making great improvement in his behaviour and classroom participation.

EPHRAIN K - JSC

For a massive improvement in his classroom and playground behaviour.

ADELLA B - JSD

For a super effort in all class activities and always making us laugh.

MINHAJ A - JSE

For bringing happiness and smiles into our class every day.

AYAAN R - JSF

For working hard on his communication skills.

RASHIDUL R - JSG

For making great improvement in his learning.

ANTHONY K - JSH

For his outstanding participation and achieving goals.

DANIEL F - JSI

For always being a kind and thoughtful student and friend.



JESSIE H - JSJ

For being a responsible student who achieves to a high standard.



THANK YOU

A big thank you to all those who have generously donated food items that will be delivered to The Andrews Centre. This generosity is greatly appreciated.



**Andrews
Centre**

JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS—JUNIOR SCHOOL GRADUATION

We celebrated our wonderful Junior School graduates on Tuesday morning. We were thrilled to welcome family and friends to the Emerson Room to hear our 11 graduates talk so beautifully about their time in Junior School. We also enjoyed the graduates perform a lovely rendition of our very own Emerson graduation song and a high energy graduation dance to the American Authors' song 'Best Day of my Life'.

We are very proud of our graduate students and wish them well for their transition to Middle School in 2024. We know that you will continue to shine just as bright as you have in Junior School.

Thank you to everyone involved in the graduation ceremony. It was a very special celebration of these amazing young people.



Leanne Russell
Head of Junior School



JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS—JUNIOR SCHOOL GRADUATION

CONGRATULATIONS



JUNIOR GRADUATES

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS—MIDDLE SCHOOL GRADUATION

CONGRATULATIONS



MIDDLE GRADUATES

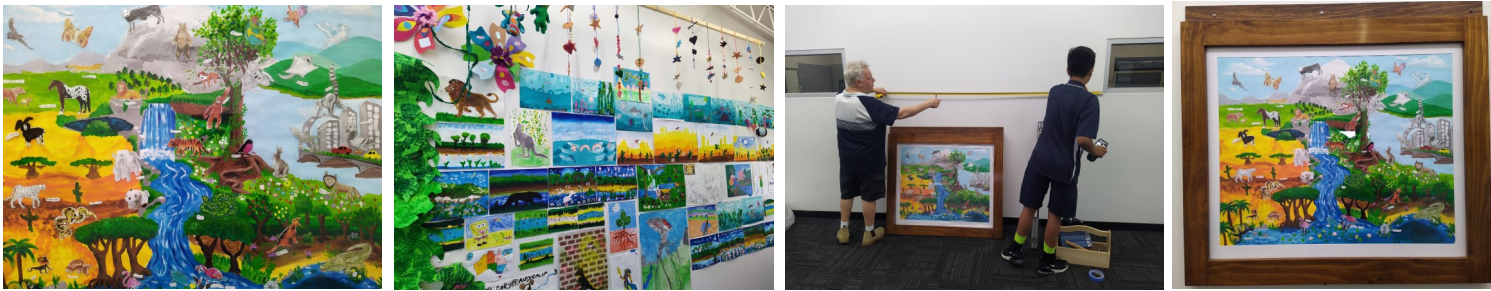
MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS—GRADUATE ART PROJECT

Humans share earth with millions of other living species. We are all social animals that need food shelter and love. Animal companions like cats, dogs and guinea pigs give us comfort. Wild animals have shown us there is an immense world that lies beyond our human senses. Bees can see patterns on flowers that are invisible to humans. Damselfish can see ultraviolet facial markings. Lobsters eyes have inspired scientists to build telescopes for peering into space. Dragonfly and cicada wings are naturally antibacterial, inspiring medical grade steel for doctors. During the First and Second World Wars, carrier pigeons transported messages. These pigeons carried messages that saved lives and won battles. The Australian Defence Force has an entire host of working animals such as horses, camels, mules, and donkeys used to transport soldiers and equipment, as well as carrier pigeons and tracker dogs with their special talents. Animals are used as mascots and pets, or as symbols on badges and flags.

Sadly, humans are allowing deforestation, such threatens gliders and koalas in NSW, and over farming, such threatens Tasmanian stingrays today. Earths complex and fragile ecosystems and cycles are sustained by animals. We've seen this in the flourishing of rivers with the return of wolves in Yellowstone, and growth of forests with the return of animals in Africa. In the same way each species has its uniquely special talents that helps make everything better, so too does every human. Society is a special ecosystem in itself – relying on every individuals uniqueness to work.

Dear Graduates, remember the creatures around you and notice how weird and wonderful they are. Fast, strong, quick, clever, agile, playful, loving. Like them, wherever you go, whatever you do, please be weird, be wonderful, be you.

Miss Innes



MIDDLE SCHOOL GRADUATES AND DANDENONG DAYCARE

Congratulations to the Middle School Graduates for their exceptional work in planning, setting up, and delivering engaging and fun activities to the Dandenong Daycare as part of their PE classes.

The children learned lots of new games and skills and loved visiting Emerson School. Well done everyone!



SENIOR SCHOOL GRADUATES

If any family who attended our Senior School Graduation would like to purchase the professional photos taken on the evening, please follow the below instructions:

To access the images please visit:

www.hmphotos.com.au

Password: ESG051223

CONGRATULATIONS DARREN

Congratulations to Darren in SSH. Darren has received two outstanding awards this year for his achievements and application to work studies.

Darren received a Mulgrave Country Club award for a year 11 student who shows very positive efforts at school and in work opportunities.

Darren also received an SBAT Award (School Based Apprenticeship) as an outstanding Trainee in Parks and Gardens.

Well done Darren! Your school community is proud of you!



Mrs La'Brooy
Student Services

ATHLETICS UPDATE

Australian All Schools Championships

Last weekend Nicholas D (Nicko) (SSR) represented Emerson and Victoria at the Australian All Schools Athletics Championships in Perth. Nicko competed in the 100m and 200m. He qualified for these events by winning the respective title at the Victorian All Schools Championships last month. Nicko had a terrific start in the 100m, leading the field until the final metres. He ran 12.41 to win the Bronze medal. In the 200m, Nicko fought incredibly hard to push through fatigue and clock a personal best of 25.84 to once again collect the Bronze medal. The Emerson School community is incredibly proud of Nicko's efforts.

Nicko's races can be viewed on our Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/emersonschool3175/>

Nicholas Hum Scholarship

On Friday 15th December the Nicholas Hum Scholarship was presented to three Emerson students: Omal T (MSI), Nicholas D (SSR) and Habiba M (SSE). This award is a joint initiative between Emerson School and the Glenhuntly Athletic Club. The following selection criteria were used to select the recipients:

- ◆ participation in a range of events,
- ◆ enthusiasm towards training and competition, and
- ◆ willingness to help others.

Nicholas (Nick) Hum graduated from Emerson School in 2011. He competed for Glenhuntly and has represented Australia in the long jump at two Paralympics, most recently winning Bronze in Tokyo 2021. Each student receives a 2024/2025 Glenhuntly membership and a Glenhuntly singlet. Nick Hum's mother, Caroline presented the awards to the three students.

Chris Winter
Athletics Coach





MARKET DAY 2023



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