



Newsletter

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The highlight of the past week has been the Senior School Graduation that was held at the Southern Golf Club on Tuesday, 5th December.

Our 42 Senior Graduates presented very moving speeches in which they described their time at Emerson.

Distinguished guests included Professor Nicole Rinehart, Director of The Monash Krongold Clinic, Caroline Cawthorn, Director of Schools Finance and Resources and Andrew Cook, Executive Director of The Victorian School Building Authority (VSBA).

The Rosemary Doward Award was won by Victoria 'Tori' McDonald, SSM, for her outstanding contribution to our school values and culture. This award was presented by John Doward, Rosemary's brother. Rosemary was our much loved Coordinator of our Senior School who died in 2011.

It was a night to remember with so many amazing moments that will live with our Graduates forever.

*John Mooney
Principal*

MOBILE PHONE POLICY

A reminder that the Department of Education has in place a mobile phone ban that requires students who bring mobile phones to school to have them switched off and securely put away during school hours.

The department is requiring all schools to ensure this ban is in place and enforced from the start of the 2024 school year.

The ban applies equally to all government schools right across the state.

This helps ensure that school is a learning environment free from unnecessary distractions and disruptions.

By ensuring mobile phones are kept away at recess and lunch times, students can interact with each other face-to-face, without the distractions and social pressures that mobile phones can cause.

I ask for the support of all our families, staff and students in continuing to support the implementation of this policy in our school.

Further information

Exceptions: For a small number of students with particular health needs, an exception to the policy may be granted. Please contact the school if you would like to discuss this.

Emergencies: In the event of an emergency or if you need to immediately contact your child, I ask that families contact the school office who will pass on a message as required.

School mobile phone policy: A copy of our school's local mobile phone policy, which implements the government's mobile policy in line with our local context, is available here: www.emersonsc.vic.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/mobile-phone-2023.pdf

Parent support: The [Mobile phones in schools webpage](#) provides links to resources for families to help them balance their children's time using mobile phones.

If you have further questions, please contact the school.

VALUE OF THE FORTNIGHT

We will continue our study of the value, Moderation, over the next few weeks.

Moderation requires self control. It keeps us from being controlled by our desires. Sometimes we can 'overdo' things and we can begin to get addicted to certain things. We want more of something even though it can hurt us, like eating too much chocolate or drinking too much alcohol. Moderation allows us to be the person we really want to be.

*Dianne Wright
Campus Principal, Middle School*

JUNIOR SCHOOL STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

BEST DANCER

Yahya JSA

GOOD LISTENER

Lachie JSB

OUTSTANDING EFFORT

**Kaiser JSC
Roshne JSH**

POLITENESS

Erin JSD

COURAGE

**Alex JSE
Zain JSJ**

SUNSHINE

Isabella JSF

MATHEMATICS

Isaac JSG



BEST BEHAVIOUR

Yunus JSI

DIARY DATES 2023/2024

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—SENSORY WALK

Our Junior School nature walk area was completed earlier this year. My vision was to incorporate a sensory walk along the path leading to this area. I took my idea to Jacqui Malanga and the SSV (Senior School Visual Arts) students. As a group they discussed, planned and mapped out the most wonderful sensory walk.

SSV worked tirelessly on the project and, as you can see from the photos, the final result is a colourful, fun and interactive sensory walk. After the official opening this week, the Junior School students are now hopping, spinning, jumping, balancing and touching their way along the sensory walk.

Thank you to Jacqui, the SSV students, Danushka and Sandamini. We appreciated all the hard work you have put into this project.

*Leanne Russell
Head of Junior School*



MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT OF THE WEEK

MSA JAKE W

For being happy and always working well in class.

MSB ERIK A

For improving his interpersonal skills.

MSD EMMA B

For always having a positive attitude towards her learning and being a kind and caring class member.

MSF ZIJA J

For his beautiful singing voice when singing the Australian National Anthem at Friday Assembly.

MSG CESARAE A

For it being his birthday! Happy Birthday, Cesarae.

MSI IQRA W

For a big welcome back to MSI!

MSJ WILLIAM C & ADAM N

For both having a great week.

MSL ROOZBEH A

For his fantastic effort across school throughout the year.

ESO ANTHONY T

For his good spirit and positivity.

ARTIST TAMSYN M

For her beautiful illustrative drawings with fine liner.

MR MAC SHAUN R

For building his technology vocabulary.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MILKSHAKE AWARDS



ATHLETICS UPDATE

Athletics Victorian Shield League

On Friday 1st December, Omal T (MSI) made his Glenhuntly debut in Round 6 of the Athletics Victorian Shield League at Duncan Mackinnon Reserve. Omal competed in the 60m, long jump and high jump. Omal scored over 1,200 points for Glenhuntly, helping them secure 3rd place on the night.

Australian All Schools Championships

This weekend Nicholas D (Nicko) (SSR) will represent Emerson and Victoria at the Australian All Schools Athletics Championships in Perth. Nicko will be competing in the 100m on Friday (3:42pm AEDST) and the 200m on Saturday (6:42pm AEDST).

I encourage everyone to tune in to the livestream (<https://www.youtube.com/@AthsAust>) and cheer on Nicko!



*Chris Winter
Athletics Coach*

SSF CHRISTMAS CAKES



SUBWAY ORDERS

SUBWAY ORDERS ARE FINISHED FOR 2023.

Thank you to all the families that supported our Wednesday Subway lunch program. Orders for 2023 are now finished. Our first Subway lunch orders for 2024 will be Wednesday 21st February 2024.



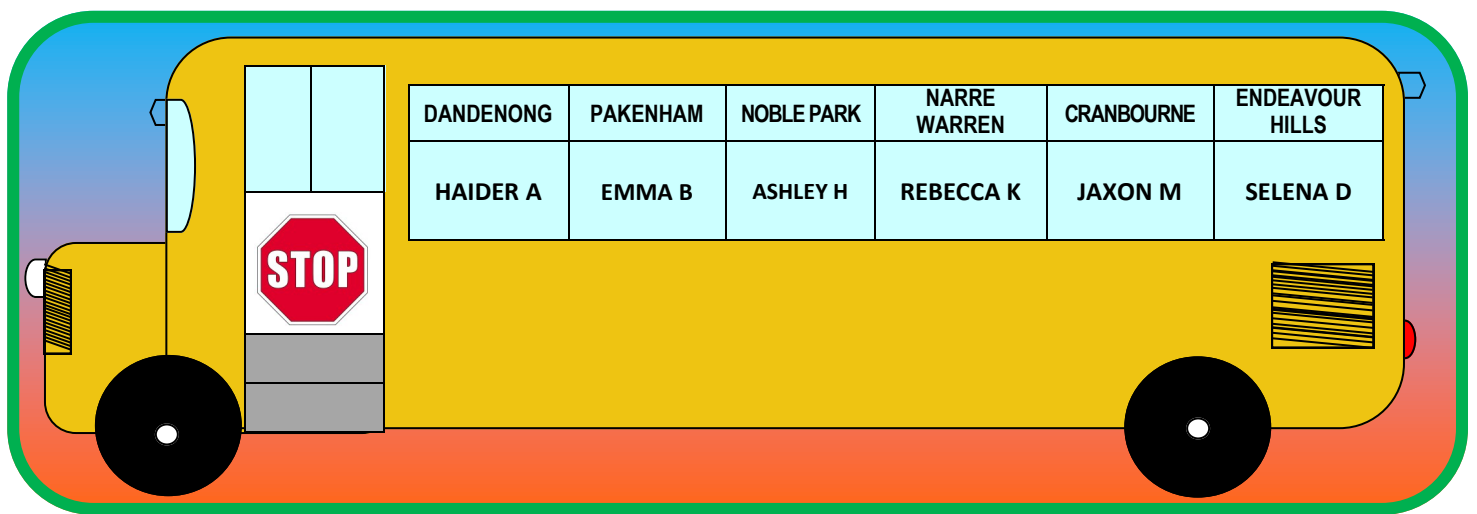


Once again, Emerson School will be collecting non perishable food donations for The Andrews Centre.

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
SCHOOL**

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