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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

During the first three weeks of Term One, my wife, Anne, and I have been visiting our son, Luke, and his wife, Hayley, in Portland, Oregon, USA to welcome the arrival of their first child, Oscar who was born on 2nd January.



We had a wonderful time. I would like to thank Jenny La'Brooy who was Acting Principal in my absence.

A Notice of School Council Election 2024 is included in this newsletter. I encourage all community members to participate in this important process.

John Mooney
Principal

PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT 2024

This year's Parent Information Night will not be face-to-face instead a video presentation will be uploaded to our website (www.emersonsc.vic.edu.au) on Thursday 29th February for families to view in their own time.

DIARY DATES 2024

MONDAY 11TH MARCH - Labour Day (**NO SCHOOL**)

THURSDAY 21ST MARCH - Investiture Ceremony

THURSDAY 21ST MARCH - PSR Night (**EARLY FINISH**)

THURSDAY 28TH MARCH - Last Day of Term 1 (**EARLY FINISH**)

MONDAY 15TH APRIL - First Day of Term 2

THURSDAY 25TH APRIL - Anzac Day (**NO SCHOOL**)

VALUE OF THE FORTNIGHT

We will continue our study of the value, Reliability, for next week.

When you practice reliability, people can trust you to complete a task to the very best of your ability. If a friend is not reliable then we never know if they are going to do what they promised they would do or not.

Trains and buses need to be reliable so that people know what time to wait for them and when they will reach their destination. The parents, carers, students and staff are very grateful for the reliability of our Ventura buses on their daily bus runs to and from school.

**A very BIG Thank You to –
Fathma, Doaa, Jacques, Zulejha , Sarika, Melissa, Luc,
Shehnaz, James, Zubi, Moe and Kubra.
For keeping our students safe on their journey and arriving
on time each day.**

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

JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS— INTRODUCING JSC!

The boys of JSC have settled in seamlessly this year. They love a dynamic classroom and are forming wonderful friendships with their new (and old) classmates. The students have worked hard in all curriculum areas over the first 4 weeks and have enjoyed Houses starting up again.

There is never a dull moment in JSC, we like to have fun with our learning and the boys don't fail to bring lots of energy and a welcoming smile each day!

We are really excited for plenty of fun activities this year and the students have already started enquiring about an excursion to My Puzzle House and asking me often about when we get to go swimming. Bring on 2024 in JSC!

***Caley McLean
JSC Classroom Teacher***



JUNIOR SCHOOL STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

**OUTSTANDING
LEADERSHIP**

Tyler Z JSK

**POSITIVE
ATTITUDE**

Victoria JSF

**READING
SUPERSTAR**

Aden JSH

**BRIGHT
BOOKWORK**

Sofia JSI

**WONDERFUL
WORKER**

**Eliza JSJ
Yahya D JSB**

HAPPY HELPER

**Yahya S JSA
Aiden JSD
Mustafa JSG**

**CARING
FRIEND**

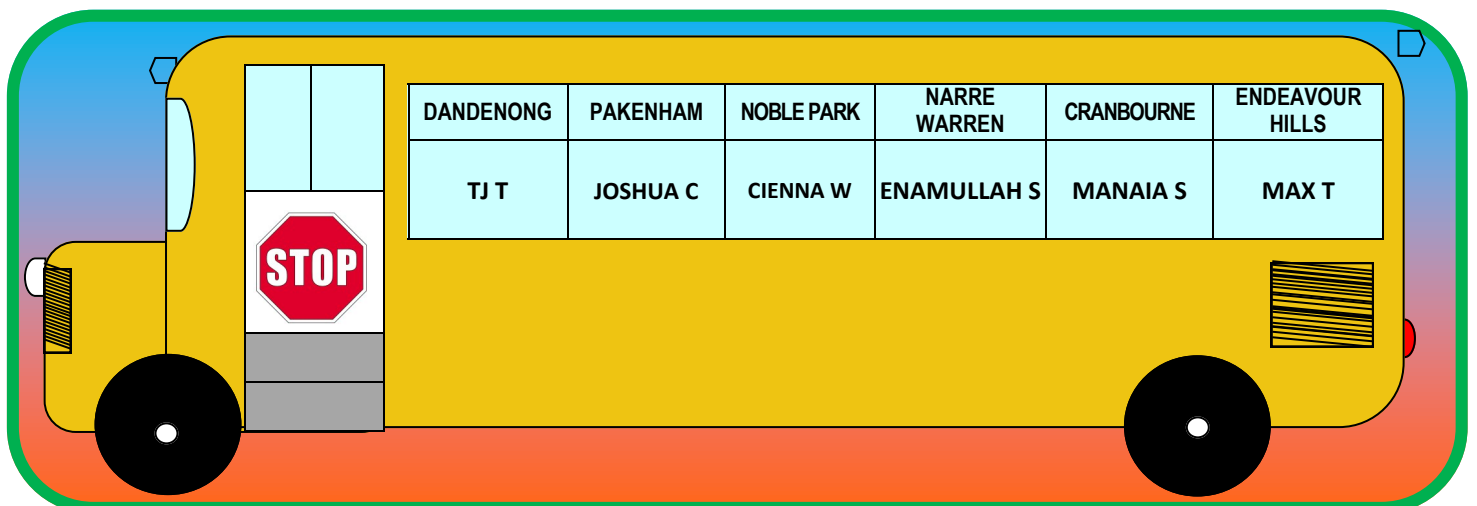
Tyler T JSE

**MATHEMATICAL
MASTERMIND**

Adil JSL

**OUTSTANDING
ATTENDANCE**

Kingsley JSC



MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT OF THE WEEK

MSA FRED G

For displaying responsibility.

MSB AREEB R

For following school rules and classroom rules.

MSC EMIL B

For always trying his best.

MSD INDUJAA M

For being a reliable class member.

MSE FALMATA T

For following instructions and completing his Literacy work.

MSF IMRAN B

For showing wonderful support to one of his classmates who was nominated to be a House Captain.

MSG URIM M

For always being polite and using his manners.

MSI WILLOWMAE R

For always being kind, being a great helper and for working hard.

MSJ ARIADNA C

For her assistance in the classroom.

MSK NOAH H

For being prepared to have fun learning.

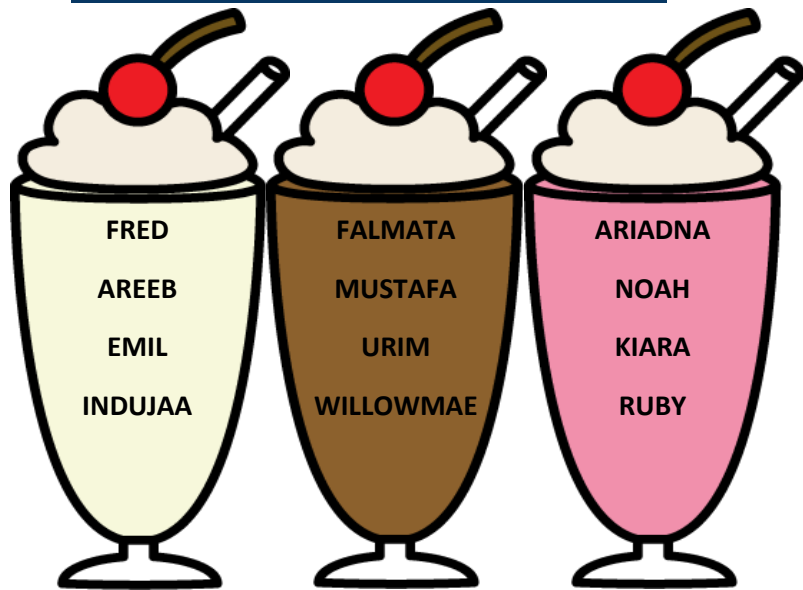
MSL KIARA S

For being kind and helpful to others.

ESO RUBY H

For improving her reading and listening skills.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MILKSHAKE AWARDS



SPORTS STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS





TheirCare
where Kids love to be!

Dear Emerson School families,

We are excited to inform you that commencing on Monday the 26th of February (Week 5 of Term), After School Care will be available at your school, with School Holiday Programs commencing in the upcoming Term 1 school holiday period. After School Care will run from 3:00pm to 6:00pm each school day (not including pupil-free days), while School Holiday Programs will operate from 9:00am to 5:00pm daily.

Due to funding from the Victorian Government, this program is entirely free of charge for families. There are limited places available.

Whilst attending the service, your child will be supported by trained educators at a high staff to student ratio, which we will determine in collaboration with yourself and the school, based on the needs of your child.

During After School Care, children attending will enjoy afternoon tea and take part in a range of planned activities, including art and craft, sport, creative play, cooking, construction and more, as well as free play, rest, and relaxation. School Holiday Programs feature a range of exciting excursions and incursions, as well as a variety of in-house activities.

If you are interested and would like to register, please visit www.theircare.com.au and hit the Book Now icon. There will be an option for you to create a new account and select your school from the dropdown menu.

If you have any questions about how to register, please reach out to our Customer Service Team at info@theircare.com.au or call us 1300 072 410 on weekdays between 6:30am and 8:00pm.

At TheirCare, we have been proudly delivering high-quality care in specialist schools across Victoria since 2019. We are glad to commence our partnership with Emerson School in 2024.

We look forward to welcoming you into the service soon!

TheirCare Team

visit us at theircare.com.au

How to Enrol

GUIDE



Enrolment is completed online at www.theircare.com.au and takes around 15 to 20 minutes.



When doing your child's enrolment there will be some information and documents that you will need on hand to complete the process.

These include

- 1** Emergency contact details in case you are not contactable in an emergency
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- 2** Authorised nominees for drop off and collection
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- 3** Doctor, Medicare, immunisations details for your child
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- 4** Any medical or health details for your child
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See FAQs on our website
theircare.com.au/families

**EMERSON SCHOOL
SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTION 2024**

At Emerson School we have a School Council of 15 members.

- 8 Parents who are not employed by the Department of Education (Two year terms)
- 4 Department of Education employees (Two year terms)
- 1 School Principal
- 2 Co-opted Community Members (Two year terms)

TOTAL: 15 MEMBERS

Every year the terms of office of half of the parent members and half of the Department of Education employees expire. Retiring councillors are eligible for re-election if they still qualify as a parent of the school or are a Department of Education employee according to the conditions of category membership.

PARENT MEMBERS

In March 2024, the terms of office of four parent members will expire: Dilum Akira Buddhipala, Emma Hill, Dzenana Maliki and Roy Tran.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

The terms of office of two councillors in this category will expire in March 2024. Jenny La'Brooy and Pam Mohan have declared themselves available for re-election.

KEY DATES

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| 1. Friday, 23rd February, 2024 | Call for nominations |
| 2. Friday, 1st March, 2024 | Close of nominations |
| 3. Friday, 8th March, 2024 | Distribution of ballot papers if required |
| 4. Friday, 15th March, 2024 | Close of ballot |
| 5. Tuesday, 19th March, 2024 | Declaration of Poll |

Nomination forms for the above positions are available from our Business Manager, Lynn Carland.



**JOHN MOONEY, PRINCIPAL
AND COUNCIL ELECTION RETURNING OFFICER**

23rd February, 2024