



Newsletter

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome back to all members of our school community for what will be a most exciting year. We have welcomed 29 new students to Emerson School. Students have made a smooth transition to the new school year.

Congratulations to John Mooney

John was proud to receive an Australia Day, City of Greater Dandenong Living Treasure Award on 26th January, 2024. This is a wonderful recognition of his outstanding contribution, hard work and dedication to families in the City of Greater Dandenong and surrounds. Our Emerson School community congratulates John on this tremendous award.

Welcome to our New Staff

Two new staff members have joined our team: Liam Mahoney, Education Support (ES) Officer in our Junior School and Chris Thompson, Education Support Officer, Senior School. Both ES staff bring a range of skills and talents to support the teaching and learning in our school.

Curriculum Day

Parents/Guardians are reminded that next Wednesday, 14th February is a Curriculum Day. There will be no school for students on this day. Staff will be engaged in professional learning practice focusing on cyber safety and eLearning modules.

I wish everyone a happy weekend.

Jenny La'Brooy
Acting Principal

SUBWAY ORDERS

Our first Subway lunch orders for 2024 will be Wednesday 21st February 2024.

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.



DIARY DATES 2024

WEDNESDAY 14TH FEBRUARY - Curriculum Day (**NO SCHOOL**) **THURSDAY 21ST MARCH** - PSR Night (**EARLY FINISH**)

THURSDAY 15TH FEBRUARY - Houses Commences

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

THURSDAY 29TH FEBRUARY - Parent Information Night

MONDAY 15TH APRIL - First Day of Term 2

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

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

VALUE OF THE FORTNIGHT

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

Friendliness is making others feel welcome and at ease. At the beginning of every school year we welcome many new students and staff to Emerson. Every student has to get used to new classrooms, staff and mix of students. It can be a bit scary sometimes, especially if you do not know the other students or staff.

A smile is a very powerful way of being friendly.

Here is a little story about the Power of a Smile for you to enjoy:

A SMILE FOR YOU

Smiling is infectious: you catch it like the flu,

When someone smiled at me today, I started smiling too.

I passed around the corner and someone saw my grin

When he smiled I realised I'd passed it on to him.

I thought about that smile then I realised its worth,

A single smile, just like mine could travel around the earth.

So, if you feel a smile begin, don't leave it undetected

Let's start an epidemic quick, and get the world infected

*Dianne Wright
Campus Principal, Middle School*



SCHOOL HAT REMINDER

Reminder to wear hats for Term 1.

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

PARTICIPATION

Skyler JSA

RESPONSIBILITY

Henry JSD

OPTIMISM

**Roman JSG
Ephrain JSH**

POLITENESS

Nua JSE

FUNTASTIC

Rahul JSB

ORGANISATION

Miley JSL

OUTSTANDING EFFORT

Arvey JSC

LOL

Imran JSF

ATTENDANCE

Daniel JSI

GOOD LISTENER

Thomas JSJ

ACHIEVEMENT

TJ JSK



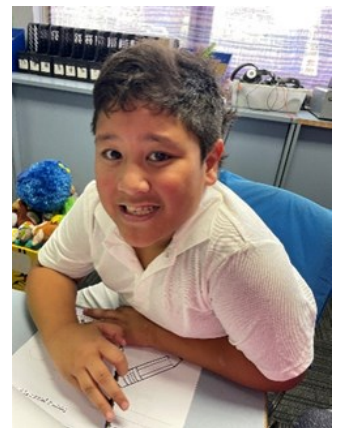
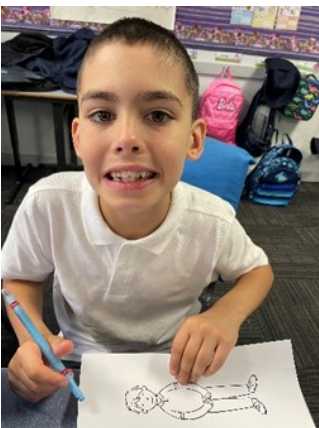
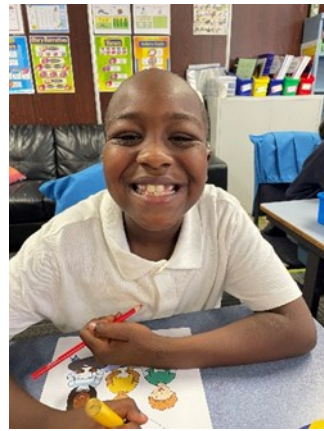
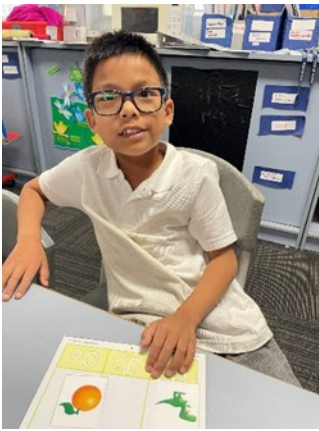
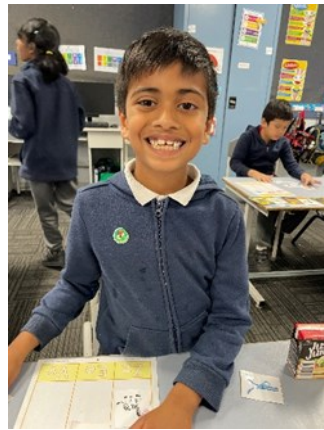
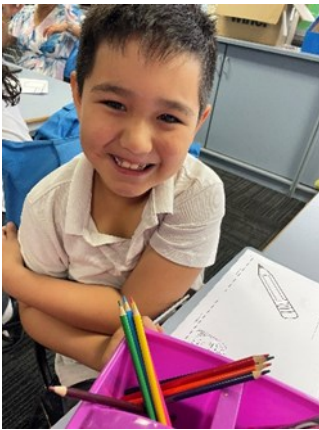
JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS—WELCOME BACK

Our Junior School students arrived back at school last week and were excited to see their friends and settle back into their school routine. All students are enjoying their new classrooms.

I would like to welcome new families to our Emerson community. We look forward to working with you. As is the case with all our families, please don't hesitate to reach out to us if you have any questions or concerns.

Junior School is looking forward to a great 2024 with many wonderful programs, events and special activities. We are all very happy to be back!

Leanne Russell
Head of Junior School



JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS—WELCOME BACK



MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT OF THE WEEK

MSA PAUL T

For a great start to life at Middle School.

MSB RUBY H

For great listening skills and helping her peers.

MSC INDEGO T

For having a great start to the term.

MSD ZOE S

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

MSE JASMINE T

For an awesome recount of her trip to Japan.

MSF MU A

For being helpful and kind to everyone in class.

MSG EMMA B

For having an excellent start to 2024.

MSI VICTOR S

For an AMAZING start to 2024.

MSJ AMELA H

For a fantastic start to the year.

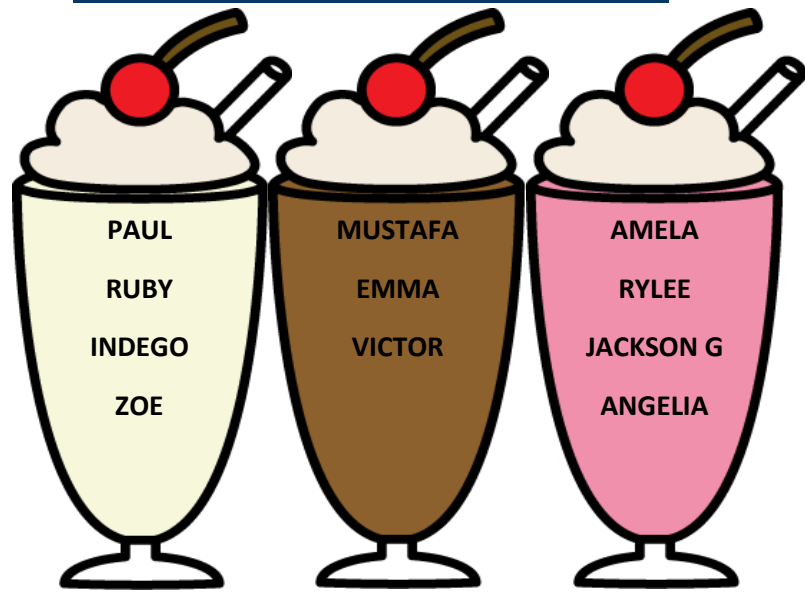
MSK RYLEE C

For identifying the strengths of other students.

MSL JACKSON G

For listening and working hard on his work all week.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MILKSHAKE AWARDS



SPORTS STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS



SMOKING CEREMONY AND CAMPFIRE CONVERSATION

On Friday 2nd February the whole school gathered at Middle School to welcome the new year. The day began with a delicious breakfast prepared by our generous staff using native ingredients. Staff and students then moved to the oval to watch a Smoking Ceremony and Welcome to Country conducted by proud Bunurong man Mark Brown. Everyone opened their hearts to Mark as he told his story and explained the significance of the native plants he was burning. Everyone had the opportunity to walk through the smoke as they made their way into the Gymnasium for the first Whole School Assembly of 2024.



Following the assembly, our Koorie students and their families took part in a Campfire Conversation. The Conversation was held under our beautiful strawberry gum tree and it was quite fitting that we were drinking native strawberry tea. The purpose of the Conversation was to discuss self-determination in Koorie education. The voices and ideas of those in attendance will be collected and shared with the Department of Education to inform future reforms. We were grateful for the support of Drucilla Morgan, our Koorie Engagement Support Officer.

Chris Winter
Koorie Liaison Officer



EMERSON SCHOOL—ANNUAL PRIVACY REMINDER FOR OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Emerson School collects and uses student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the [Schools' Privacy Policy](#) and the [Schools' Privacy Collection Notice](#). These policies can be found on our website.

Our [Photographing, Filming and Recording Students Policy \(Privacy Policy\)](#) describes how we collect and use photographs, video and recordings of students. The policy also explains when parent consent is required and how it can be provided and withdrawn.

We ask parents to also review the guidance we provide on how we use Google Workspace for Education safely at the school and what parents can do to further protect their child's information. If after reviewing the guidance, you have any questions or concerns regarding your child using Google Workspace for Education, please contact the school.

For more information about privacy, refer to: [Schools' Privacy Policy — information for parents](#). This information is also available in ten community languages:

- Amharic
 - Arabic
 - Dari
 - Gujarati
 - Mandarin
 - Somali
 - Sudanese
 - Turkish
 - Urdu
 - Vietnamese
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