

Newsletter

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Stage 2 – Building Works Update

One of the highlights of the week has been the work of a large excavator at our Junior/Senior Campus. Large pieces of concrete have been extracted. Two large bins of rubble have already been removed off site. Students and staff have been amazed at the power of this machine in moving heavy weights. Many teaching opportunities have already been experienced through video recordings and class lessons. Over the next month, foundation work will take place and the building will start to rise out of the ground by late June. This new building will be a Wood Technology and Automotive Studies facility providing for Primary and Secondary students. It will be ready for occupation by late March 2025.

John Mooney Principal



VALUE OF THE FORTNIGHT

We will be studying the value, Cleanliness, for the next fortnight. There are many things to consider when we study Cleanliness. It involves being aware of how important it is to regularly take showers or baths. It is about keeping our belongings neat and clean. All our students can help at home by keeping their bedrooms clean and tidy too!

Dianne Wright Campus Principal, Middle School

DIARY DATES 2024

FRIDAY 28TH JUNE - Last day of Term 2 (EARLY FINISH)

MONDAY 15TH JULY - First day of Term 3

JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS—TERM 2 SWIMMING PROGRAM—JSE, JSF, JSG AND JSH

The students in JSE, JSF, JSG and JSH are now into their second week of the Term 2 swimming program. Each student will complete 8 lessons over a 4 week period. The lessons aim to develop independence and confidence in and around the water.

Classes at Splash's Swimming School, Dandenong are structured to meet the individual needs and capabilities of each student, and integrate water safety and survival skills into each lesson.

As you can see from the photos, the students have embraced the swimming program with much enthusiasm, dedication and fun.

Leanne Russell Head of Junior School

























JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS—TERM 2 SWIMMING PROGRAM—JSE, JSF, JSG AND JSH



























DANDENONG	PAKENHAM	NOBLE PARK	NARRE WARREN	CRANBOURNE	ENDEAVOUR HILLS
T LT	KAI F	ANTON S	MASUMA R	ADRIAN U	SELENA D

JUNIOR SCHOOL STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

POSITIVE ATTITUDE

Rahal JSB

MATHEMATICAL

MASTERMIND

Dylan JSD

Karly JSI

MUSICAL

MAESTRO

Eric JSA

Yunus JSK

SUPER SPELLER

Arvey JSC

EXCEPTIONAL

KINDNESS

Nua JSE

<u>HAPPY</u>

HELPER

Imran JSF

LOVELY

LISTENER

Ashhal JSG

SUPREME

DETERMINATION

Minhaj JSH

CARING

FRIEND

Zain JSI



SENSATIONAL
SPORTS STAR

Mohamed JSL





MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT OF THE WEEK

MSA REILLY D

For displaying initiative.

MSB KEENAN W

For always completing his work with high standards.

MSD YASSER T

For excellent participation in class.

MSE ANGELIA T

For showing excellent cooperation in MSE and helping her classmates.

MSF NED W

For his good work in Humanities.

MSG URIM M

For always being a great classroom helper.

MSI SHAE M

For always working hard and always being kind.

MSJ MARTIN M

For showing compassion to his classmates.

MSK JULIAN V

For staying focussed and showing good work ethic.

MSL RYLEE E

For focussing well and working well all week.

ESO JULIAN V

For doing good working during class time.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MILKSHAKE AWARDS



SPORTS STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS



SSSSA BASKETBALL AND BEACH VOLLEYBALL CARNIVAL DAY

On Friday the 22nd of March Emerson School participated in our annual SSSSA Basketball and Beach Volleyball Carnival Day that was held at the recently expanded State Basketball Centre in Wantirna South and the Dandenong Basketball and Beach Volleyball Stadium.

We had four basketball teams participating on this day and each team showed great sportsmanship and character throughout the tournament, it was great to see the excellent support each Emerson team gave to one another.

The day was very successful and Emerson achieved a very rare feat of having all teams reaching the Grand Final. Congratulations to both the 'A Team' and 'C Team' who finished as premiers on the day. It was another very successful basketball season and was noticed by several opposing school staff members. Well done everyone and we can't wait to now compete in the State Tournament in term 4.

Beach Volleyball also had great success with all students having heaps of fun being involved in a competitive game, learning new skills and eventually winning the Championship. This was made extra special as some students explained that they'd never won a sports competition before. Well done to all staff and students involved!

Mr Peduto













ALPINE BIKE CAMP

Congratulations to the eight Senior students who completed a 100km section of the Alpine Ride Rail Trail, riding over two days.

Based out of Myrtleford - Ardern's Campground, students rode Beechworth - Myrtleford and Harrietville—Myrtleford. It was a great challenge and fantastic to see them push themselves and encourage each other along the way. Well done to all students and staff that attended the camp.



















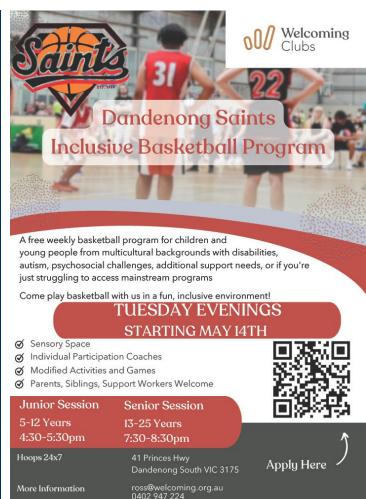














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School to Work – Make an Informed Choice

Jobsupport invites parents and teachers of school leavers with intellectual disability to hear about School Leaver Employment Supports funded by the National Disability Insurance Scheme.

Jobsupport is committed to disseminating information about what works according to evidence. Peter De Natris will present the information sessions. (Information about Jobsupport and Peter are provided on the back of this sheet.)

Why should you attend?

School leavers with intellectual disability <u>can</u> work in the open workforce when they get the <u>right</u> <u>support</u>. The forum will provide information about:

- Best support practices linked to employment outcomes.
- How to choose a SLES provider
- What you can do to get ready for SLES funding.
- Feedback from previous years
 - "Most useful information yet"
 - "Thank you, Peter, a most informative presentation."
 - "Excellent"
 - "Great information"
 - "Information that made sense at last."

The information sessions aim to support all school levers with intellectual disability, not just those eligible for Jobsupport services.

When and where?

These free information sessions will be held in Melbourne on Tuesday, May 14th and Wednesday, May 15th, 2024, including two Zoom sessions for those who prefer to be online. The table below has the day, time, and location of each session.

Please RSVP before Friday, May 10th to Belinda or Mikaela on 0488 550 612 (Monday to Friday 9.30am - 3.30pm) to register your attendance or receive the zoom link which will be provided on registration.

Date	Time	Where	
Tuesday, May 14 th	6:30pm - 8.00pm	Zoom (Online only)	
	10.00am - 11.30am Jackson School - 40 Mulhall Drive, St Auburns VIC 3021		
Wednesday, May 15 th	1.30pm - 3.00pm	Croxton School - 159 Beaconsfield Parade, Northcote VIC 3070	
	6.30pm - 8.00pm	Zoom (Online only)	



SESSION HOST: Jobsupport Jobsupport is a non-profit organisation committed to improving employment outcomes for people with intellectual disability.

Jobsupport works to achieve this in two ways:

1.

Providing employment services for people with moderate intellectual disability.

2.

Sharing information about 'what works' in achieving employment for the broader population of people with intellectual disability

Jobsupport's current 'What Works' initiatives include:

- Organising information sessions that share the available Government information on the employment outcomes achieved by each Disability Employment Service for people with intellectual disability. The information sessions are intended to assist people with intellectual disability in making an informed choice between services.
- In 2020 Virginia Commonwealth University (U.S.A.) and the University of Sydney finalised a
 world-wide review of the evidence-based practice literature on achieving employment for
 people with an intellectual disability. The review was commissioned by Jobsupport and the
 report is available on the Jobsupport what works website.
 https://jobsupport.org.au/what-works/
- Jobsupport is now working with Virginia Commonwealth University and the University of Sydney to produce a series of videos about what works. The first video is on job customisation and will be available shortly on the Jobsupport What Works website.

PRESENTER: Peter De Natris Peter De Natris has had a lifelong career focused on employment of people with disability.

From 2002 to 2014 Peter's work with Ageing, Disability and Home Care, in NSW focused on early intervention programs. He was a key driver and architect of the very successful Transition to Work program administered by the NSW Government from 2004 until the implementation of the NDIS. This program supported over 500 people with disability a year, who were leaving school to explore their own journey to employment.

In 2014, Peter joined the National Disability Insurance Agency as a strategic adviser to continue his work in employment and was a key figure in continuing the focus of employment for school leavers as a major part of the National Disability Insurance Scheme early intervention approach. Peter has worked in, around and with all levels of Government on policy, strategy and programs, to improve life outcomes for people with disability, with a focus on early intervention that builds the capacity and capabilities of younger people to try work.

Driven by a passion to see the Australian commitment to rights of people with a disability realised, he recognises the possibilities of employment for school leavers as a key enabler to a more independent and happy adult life.