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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Victorian Response to the Disability Royal Commission

Our Victorian Government has responded to the recommendations of the Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with Disabilities.

Recommendation 7.14 – Phasing out and ending Special/Segregated Education

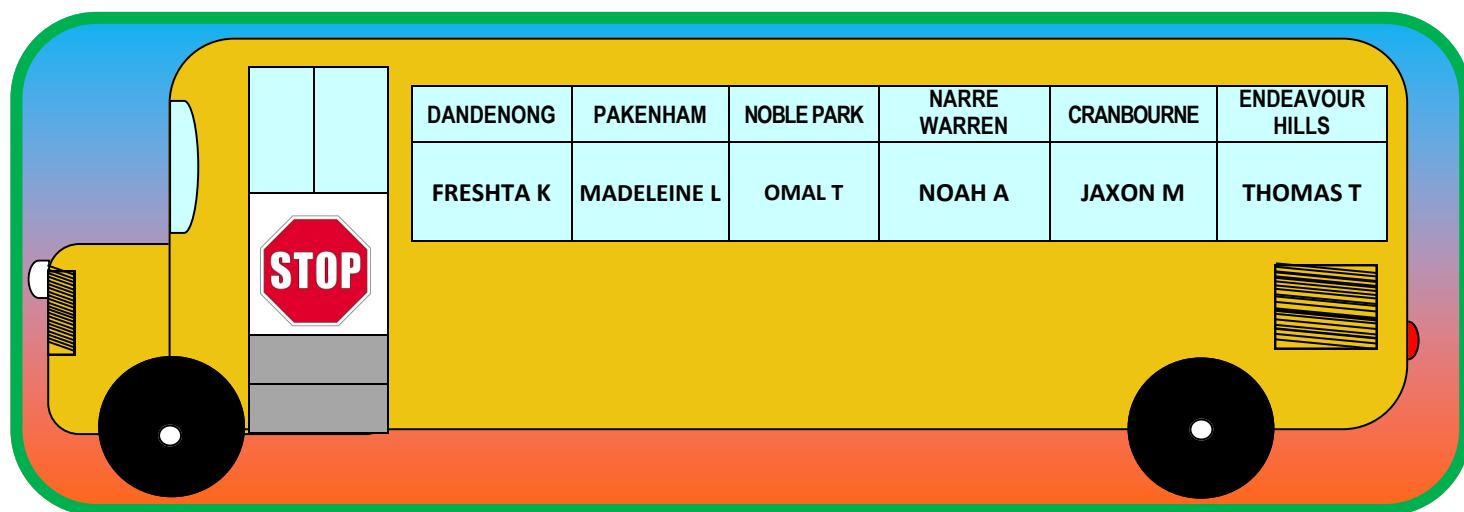
I am pleased to announce that our Victorian Government has rejected Recommendation 7.14.

The Victorian Government values the role Specialist Schools play in the education system. It will continue to provide parents and carers with the choice of enrolling their child in a school that is right for them – whether that is in an inclusive local school or a specialist school.

The Victorian Government recognises that inclusion does not mean ‘a one size fits all’ approach to education.

I would like to congratulate our Government for this visionary statement. Emerson School makes a massive difference in the lives of our students. It is important that parents and students have this option in the years ahead.

John Mooney
Principal



DIARY DATES 2024

FRIDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER - Last day of Term 3 (**EARLY FINISH**)

MONDAY 7TH OCTOBER - First day of Term 4

VALUE OF THE FORTNIGHT

We are studying the value of Happiness for the month of August. Happiness comes from within. We can rewire our brains to be happy by asking ourselves the following three questions every day.

- What is the best thing that happened to me today?
- Who am I most grateful for today and why?
- What am I looking forward to most about tomorrow?

Last week I asked staff and students to send me some ideas to add to my list of things to be grateful for. I am very grateful for the ideas I have received so far.

We are grateful for:

- Our families
- Friends
- All our teachers
- Food
- Plenty of clean water
- The multitude of opportunities that Emerson School gives us every day
- Our pets
- A roof over our heads
- Our Ventura coaches
- Mobile phones
- Free speech
- Holidays and weekends
- Photographs to reflect upon
- Grandparents
- Deodorant
- Chapstick
- Spellcheck
- The internet
- The Emerson 5 Point Plan
- Books
- Wi-Fi
- Sunny days
- Interschool Sport



What can you add to this list?

Dianne Wright
Campus Principal, Middle School

JUNIOR SCHOOL STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

MOST
IMPROVED

Derren JSA

ROCKING
READER

Yahya JSB

AMAZING
ATTENDANCE

Philip JSD

SUPERB
SPELLER

Sia JSC
Roman JSJ

HARDWORKING
HERO

Annabella JSK
Minhaj JSH
Josh JSG

HELPING
HANDS

Alex JSE
Dallas JSF

MATH
MAGICIAN

Karly JSI

ASPIRING
ARTIST

Adil JSL

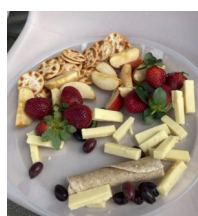


JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS— JSL AT THE AUSTRALIAN CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

On Wednesday, JSL travelled to Yarra Valley Racecourse to watch the Australian Cross Country Championships for Primary aged students.

One of our class, Mohamed L was representing Victoria in the 10 Years Multiclass 2km race. We marveled at the shiny gold, silver and bronze medals that were being presented to athletes, just like we saw at the Paris Olympics! We were so excited to watch and cheer Mohamed. We raised the Emerson posters that Fiona kindly made to spur Mohamed and the other competitors on. Mohamed placed 4th and his Victorian team 2nd. To celebrate, we shared a delicious platter of food that Mohamed's family generously prepared. Mohamed will compete again on Friday in the relay event.

Thank you to Carrie for supporting the group on the day. We all felt extremely proud of our classmate!



Chris Winter
JSL Teacher

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT OF THE WEEK

MSA BEN P

For displaying maturity.

MSB NOAH A

For improving his reading and writing.

MSC SHAWN S

For improving his listening skills and staying on task for longer.

MSD ERIK A

For excellent participation in classroom discussions.

MSE BEAU S

For coming to school with a ready to learn attitude.

MSF DAKOTA A

For showing enthusiasm and a good work ethic in her research of 'The Earth' revision questions.

MSG EMMA B

For showing great dedication and work ethic in class.

MSI SHAE M

For doing amazing independent work in Numeracy.

MSJ YENSITH A

For always trying his best in a quiet, unobstructive manner.

MSK NISINI Y

For completing the Mental Maths Challenge.

MSL KEVIN G

For being kind to others.

OMAL T

For his improved attitude at basketball.

ESO GISELLE S

For working well during Olympic week.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MILKSHAKE AWARDS



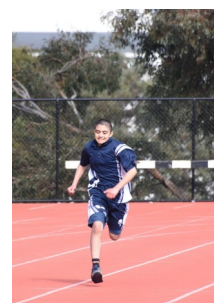
MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS— CPR PROGRAM

Middle School students have been fortunate enough to be visited by Life Saving Victoria over the last couple of weeks. Students have learnt important emergency response strategies. They've learnt how to identify when someone isn't breathing, who to contact for help, and how to perform CPR whilst waiting for an ambulance to arrive. These are vital skills which can save someone's life.



SSSSA INTERSCHOOL ATHLETICS

Congratulations to our SSSSA Interschool Athletics competitors! It was fantastic to see so many students giving their all and celebrating each other's successes. You truly embodied the spirit and values of Emerson, demonstrating outstanding sportsmanship, teamwork, and resilience. There were many highlights, but one of the biggest was finishing 1st in four of the 4x100m team relays and 2nd in the other two.

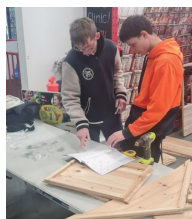


SPORTS STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS



ADVANCE

A big shout out to SSB and our Middle School Graduates for their impressive work this week in the Advance program! They put their building skills to work by assembling a cubby house and storage units for Dandenong Day Nursery. A big thank you to Bunnings, Dandenong South, for generously providing the materials, space, and tools needed for the project.



FOOTBALL FOR ALL GALA DAY

Emerson students are invited to join the All Abilities Football (soccer) clinic for children and youth with a disability or impairment run by coaches from A-League club Melbourne Victory Football Club, at Football Victoria's Football for All Gala Day.

Date: Saturday 31st August

Times: 10.00am-11.00am (Ages 5 to 12)

12.30pm-1.30pm (Ages 13 to 18)

Location: Home of the Matilda's, Bundoora, 3083

Who: Participants with a disability or impairment

Cost: FREE

Registration: <https://form.jotform.com/242238503114850>

Flyer: Attached below

Clinic description: The football (soccer) session is a great opportunity to try football, learn new skills and make new friends in a supportive and welcoming environment! The Clinics are beginner friendly, ran by experienced coaches. Participants receive a certificate of participation at the end of the session.

The clinic is a part of Football Victoria's Football for All Gala Day. Other FUN activities of the gala day include Inflatables, face painting, activities, raffles, giveaways quiet room and art sensory play space.

Check out the flyer and event outline document above, for more details. Register now by clicking on the registration link above.

*Football For All
— Gala Day —*

**MELBOURNE
VICTORY FC CLINIC**

SESSION 1: AGES 5 TO 12
10.00AM - 11.00AM

SESSION 2: AGES 13 TO 18
12.30PM - 1.30PM

SATURDAY 31ST AUGUST 2024

THE HOME OF THE MATILDAS
SPORTS DRIVE, BUNDOORA 3083

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VISIT THE LINK TO REGISTER!
HTTPS://FTBL.VC/MVCLINIC

For more information, Selin Arpaci - Diversity & Inclusion Coordinator, allabilities@footballvictoria.com.au or 03 9474 1824

**FOOTBALL FOR
ALL ABILITIES**

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SPRING HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Pass the Popcorn

Green Thumbs

Greatest Showman

Footy Party

Bookings close by 6 September
Please return booking form to service

Holiday Program Important Information!

What to bring

- ☐ On excursion days only please bring a packed lunch
- ☐ Labelled water bottle
- ☐ Suitable clothing for an active day – closed toe shoes and a jacket if it is predicted to be wet and cold
- ☐ SunSmart hat for Spring and Summer holidays
- ☐ Medical Management Plan & Medication if applicable – see below for details

Don't forget!

- ☐ Keep your lunchbox nut-free to keep everyone safe
- ☐ Do not include food items that need to be reheated
- ☐ Label all items with child's name!
- ☐ Bus departure and arrival times are indicative only. For an accurate estimated time of arrival and departure please contact your service directly.

Personal belongings

Money and other valuables should be left at home. If brought to the service, these items remain the responsibility of the family. TheirCare does not accept responsibility for loss or damage.

TheirCare provides

- ☒ Breakfast, morning tea, lunch, and afternoon tea
- ☒ Sunscreen

Unexpected changes to activities

In the unlikely event that an activity is unable to run, an alternative activity will be provided.

Activities and times are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances such as severe weather or provider availability.

Changes to your booking

Please contact your Service Coordinator to make changes to your booking.

Serious stuff!

Medical Management Plan & Medication

All children who have been diagnosed with a medical condition including allergies, food/chemical intolerances, anaphylaxis, asthma, epilepsy will need to provide:

- ☐ a completed Medical Management Plan with a colour photo
- ☐ necessary medication

Please note it is a legal requirement under the Education & Care National Regulations and the Terms and Conditions for booking that these are provided.

In the interests of child safety, care may be refused on the day should the appropriate documentation or medication not be supplied.

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If you have any questions, please feel free to speak with one of our friendly Educators at the service or call Customer Support 1300 072 410.

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Emerson School TheirCare

Times 9:00am - 5:00pm
Location 1430 Heatherton Rd, Dandenong VIC 3175
Call 0487 480 732



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SPRING HOLIDAY PROGRAM

For more information, call TheirCare on 1300 072 410

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
23 SEP Bees-Knees Explore the wonders of nature with Florida Fairy Garden sensory play, encouraging creativity and focus! Create delicious Honey Joys to practice following directions and measuring ingredients and make Recycled Bird Nests to enhance fine motor skills.	24 SEP Clown Academy If you have ever dreamed of joining the circus, this excursion is for you! Join us at Ruccis Circus for a flipping fun class where you will learn and develop circus skills as well as boosting self-confidence! Back at service the fun keeps going with Bubble Hydrangeas, promoting fine motor skills, and a game of Hoop Simon Says!	25 SEP Neon Canvas Step into a luminescent world at Mixed Makers where your creativity shines bright and your self-confidence boosts in glow-in-the-dark slime art! Back at service, the excitement continues with fun activities like DIY Mini Basketball and Spring Scene Sand Art!	26 SEP Magical Marvels Experience the wonder of magic with our enchanting Magic Show! Enjoy spellbinding tricks and illusions, then keep the magic alive with Carnival Yoga, a fun Parachute Game, and making your own yummy Pretzel Wands. It's a day of creativity, movement, and teamwork in a whimsical and engaging way!	27 SEP Service closed!
30 SEP Pass the Popcorn! From DreamWorks Animation comes an adaptation of Peter Brown's beloved The Wild Robot. The adventure follows robot Roz, shipwrecked on an uninhabited island and must learn to adapt to the harsh surroundings, gradually building relationships with the animals on the island and becoming an adoptive parent of an orphaned gosling.	1 OCT Footy Party Gear up for an AFL-themed day that's packed with fun and creativity! Get into the team spirit by decorating AFL-themed biscuits and painting their faces in their favourite team colours. Then, create your own sport cheer flags and engage in Numbers Footy, all while strengthening fine motor skills and encouraging creativity!	2 OCT Farmyard Buddies We're on a journey to The Funky Farm! Get up close with friendly animals and learn all about these fascinating creatures. Then back at service, continue the fun with Ultimate Frisbee, a perfect way to work on teamwork and coordination, followed by crafting Newspaper Koala Bears to foster creativity and fine motor skills!	3 OCT Green Thumbs Embark on an adventure to the Outdoor Playground! Get ready to grow your own fuzzy friend with our Grass Head Planting Kit! This fun DIY project is perfect for developing fine motor skills and decorate Grass Heads with colourful accessories. Afterwards, explore nature with Caterpillar Buns, Colour Scavenger Hunt and Banana Caterpillar!	4 OCT Bugs Galore Get ready to meet and interact with an amazing array of bugs! Explore, touch, and learn about these incredible creatures. Afterwards, encourage your self-expression with activities like creating colourful and vibrant Ice Cube Art, exploring Symmetry Paintings, and playing Animal Charades.

PLEASE SEE THE OFFICE FOR BOOKING FORMS