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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The Paralympics have now commenced in Paris with a spectacular Opening Ceremony yesterday. We are particularly excited to have one of our past Emerson students competing, Nicholas (Nick) Hum. Nick is an Australian Paralympic athlete and will be competing in the T20 Long Jump. He has previously competed at both the Rio Paralympics in 2016 and Tokyo Paralympics in 2020.

I highly recommend that our Emerson community follow the athletics program and, in particular, tune into Nick's T20 event.

We wish Nicholas all the very best!

The photos below show Nick at the Opening Ceremony of the Paralympics and with Madison de Rozario, our Australian flag bearer. Good luck to our Australian Paralympic team!

John Mooney
Principal



DIARY DATES 2024

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

MONDAY 7TH OCTOBER - First day of Term 4

SCHOOL SAVING BONUS INFORMATION

Dear parents and carers,

In Term 4, 2024, families with a child enrolled in a government school from Prep to Year 12 in 2025 will receive the one-off \$400 School Saving Bonus.

The \$400 School Saving Bonus provides families with support for education-related costs, such as school activities and/or school uniforms and textbooks.

The School Saving Bonus is not available for full-fee international students, home schooled students, TAFE students and students attending kindergarten in 2025.

Actions for parents and carers

Before 18 October 2024, the Department of Education is asking parents and carers to:

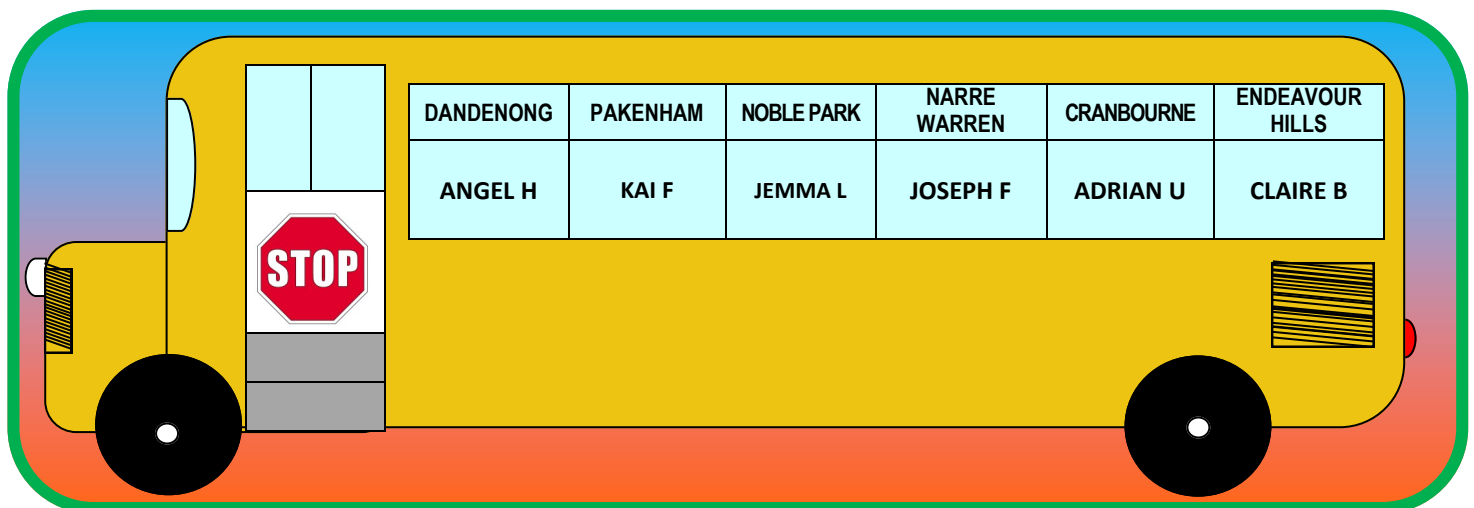
- **Complete enrolment:** If your child, or children are changing government school for Term 1 2025, or starting Prep or Year 7 in 2025. For more information, read about Enrolling in School visit www.vic.gov.au/how-choose-school-and-enrol
- **Check your contact information:** Ensure your email address and phone number is up to date with us. You can check this information by contacting us directly.

We need to ensure your contact information is up to date as the Department of Education will email you twice:

- in October, to verify your email address
- in November, with your \$400 School Saving Bonus.

Please check your junk mail regularly to make sure you do not miss an important email.

To learn more about the School Saving Bonus visit www.vic.gov.au/school-saving-bonus



SUBWAY ORDERS

SUBWAY ORDERS ARE AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS EACH WEEK ON A WEDNESDAY.

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.



VALUE OF THE FORTNIGHT

We will be studying the value, Fairness for the next fortnight. Fairness is about treating people justly. It is about not letting your personal feelings bias your decision about others. You practice fairness by acting without prejudice and by seeing each person as a unique individual. You do not decide things about a person because of their sex, nationality, race, religion or physical appearance.

Dianne Wright
Campus Principal, Middle School

SPEECH PATHOLOGY WEEK—25TH TO 31ST AUGUST 2024

We are very fortunate to have two wonderful Speech Pathologists on our Student Services team at Emerson school, Daisy and Ana.

Our school community is enriched by their knowledge and expertise in the fields of language and literacy, as well as their enthusiasm and very caring personalities!

Daisy and Ana provide enormous amounts of resources, advice and additional personal time to give our students the best learning opportunities – whether it's specialist class sessions, play therapy, consultation with teachers and other therapists or a range of lunch time creative and fun programs.

Thank you Daisy and Ana. In this Speech Pathology week, and always, we appreciate your amazing contributions to our school community.



Jenny La'Brooy
Assistant Principal, Student Services

JUNIOR SCHOOL STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

HELPING HANDS

Noah JSA

ASPIRING ARTIST

Sylvia JSE

SPECTACULAR CITIZEN

Aden JSH

EXCEPTIONAL EFFORT

Adam JSC
Sofia JSI

HARDWORKING HERO

Russell JSB
Kaiser JSF
Elsie JSD

HARDWORKING HERO

Elias JSG
Ethan JSK

MATH MAGICIAN

Elijah JSL

KING OF KINDNESS

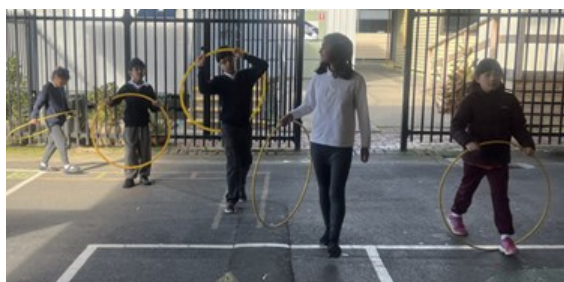
Gerrard JSJ



JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS—JSE, JSF, JSG AND JSH MINI OLYMPICS

The students in JSE, JSF, JSG and JSH participated in a Mini Olympics at Emerson School over the last two weeks, participating in a range of fun sporting activities that involved jumping, running, throwing, hitting and keeping in control for an egg and spoon race. All of the staff involved were extremely pleased with the display of sportsmanship behaviour of turn taking, waiting, listening to instructions and accepting the outcomes of the activities by all of our students. We had students receiving gold, silver and bronze medals for the activities while some others received medals for great participation.

Marina Visal, Jack Zhang, Pam Mohan and Jaynee Carrigg



JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS—BOOK WEEK FOR JSE AND JSH

Well done to all the students getting involved with the book week activities. We incorporated our learning about colourful semantics into our discussions about characters and settings of favourite books. It was a lovely opportunity for students to interact with each other using communication grids for quick conversation activities discussing their book or costume. The students practiced appropriate social skills whilst having fun. Keep reading everyone!

Marina Visal and Jaynee Carrigg



MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT OF THE WEEK

MSA DOMENIC P

For displaying maturity.

MSB AREEB R

For his beautiful handwriting.

MSD XAVIER L

For a great start to Middle School.

MSE TYSON B

For looking after his belongings with care and respect.

MSF LINCOLN H

For dealing with a difficult situation with maturity.

MSG MADELEINE L

For showing kindness and empathy in class.

MSI JEMMA L

For a great week of work after returning from holiday.

MSJ ALEX H & JACKSON N

For their vastly improved work.

MSK HANNAH M & BEN B

For completing the Mental Maths Challenge.

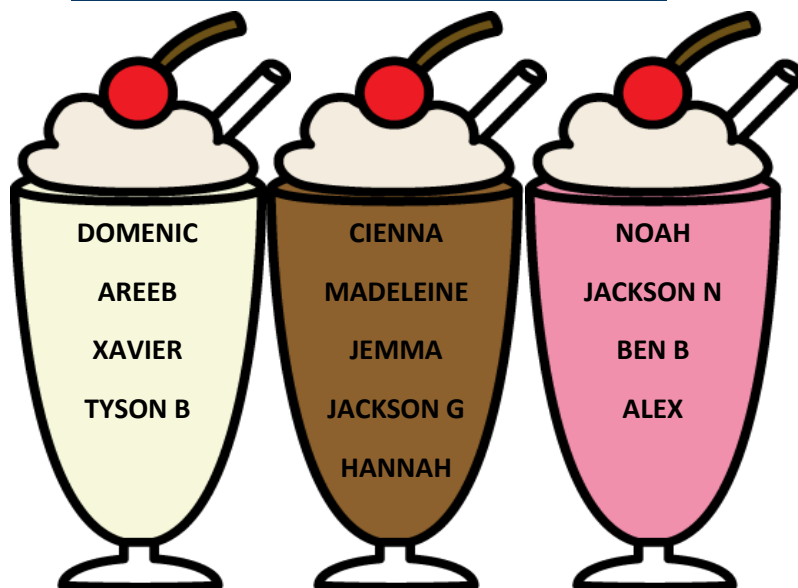
MSL JACKSON G

For his fantastic effort during Literacy last week.

ESO NOAH H

For working good around the school.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MILKSHAKE AWARDS



SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS—SSF MORNING TEA

Thank you to Mrs Gleeson and the SSF students for preparing a delicious morning tea for the staff at the Junior/Senior Campus on Tuesday morning.



SPORTS STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS



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**

Come and join the All Abilities football clinic for children and youth with a disability or impairment, run by coaches from Melbourne Victory Football Club. The clinic is a great opportunity to try football, learn new skills and make new friends! The clinic is a part of Football Victoria's Football for All Gala Day. Other activities of the gala day include: Inflatables, face painting, activities, raffles, giveaways quiet room and art sensory play space.

**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 CARNIVAL!

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 Mendota 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 the 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