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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Over the last two years, Amel Tresnjic, Owner and Filmmaker, has been creating a documentary about our school titled *“Unlocking The Potential: The Vital Role of Specialist Education”*. The documentary has now been completed and will be officially launched before the end of Term 2.

In order to introduce the documentary, Amel has already entered the documentary in a number of film festivals. We have been amazed that the film has already been received with acclaim at several film festivals throughout the world.

The latest addition to these awards has been at the Cannes Film Festival in France earlier this week.

- 🏆 **Winner** - Best Feature Film, Salt House International Film Festival
- 🏆 **Winner** - Award of Merit: Best Documentary Feature, IndieFest Film Awards
- 🏆 **Winner** - Award of Merit: Best Director, IndieFest Film Awards
- 🏆 **Winner** - Award of Merit: Best Editing, IndieFest Film Awards
- 🏆 **Winner** - Silver Award for Social Impact, 46th Annual The Telly Awards
- 🏆 **Winner** - Bronze Award for Documentary, 46th Annual The Telly Awards
- 🏆 **Winner** - Best Educational Film, Cannes World Film Festival
- 🏆 **Winner** - Best Film on Disability, Cannes World Film Festival

I would like to congratulate Amel for his amazing creative abilities in capturing the very spirit and essence of our school.

The link to the movie can be found here— <https://youtu.be/eNi9Gvc5PsM?feature=shared>



JOHN MOONEY Principal

DIARY DATES 2025

MONDAY 9TH JUNE - King's Birthday (NO SCHOOL)

FRIDAY 4TH JULY - Last day of Term 2 (EARLY FINISH)

MONDAY 21ST JULY - First day of Term 3

VALUE OF THE FORTNIGHT

Determination

We will be studying the value Determination for the next fortnight.

Determination is using your willpower and focusing your energy on a task until it is done.

They never let anything distract them. Not even if it becomes difficult.

Determined people see difficult tasks as challenges they are willing to accept.

Dianne Wright

Campus Principal - Middle School

Junior School News: JSG Community Heroes

At Junior Assembly this week JSG presented a game.

We played "Who Am I?" with the Junior School. It was super fun!



Arvey: I was a race car driver. I wear a safety suit and a helmet. I drive a sports car.

Jason: I was a construction worker. I use tools and a hammer and a saw.

Salahuddin: I deliver the mail and give everybody deliveries. I was a Postie!

Justin: I was a palaeontologist because I want to find some dinosaur bones.

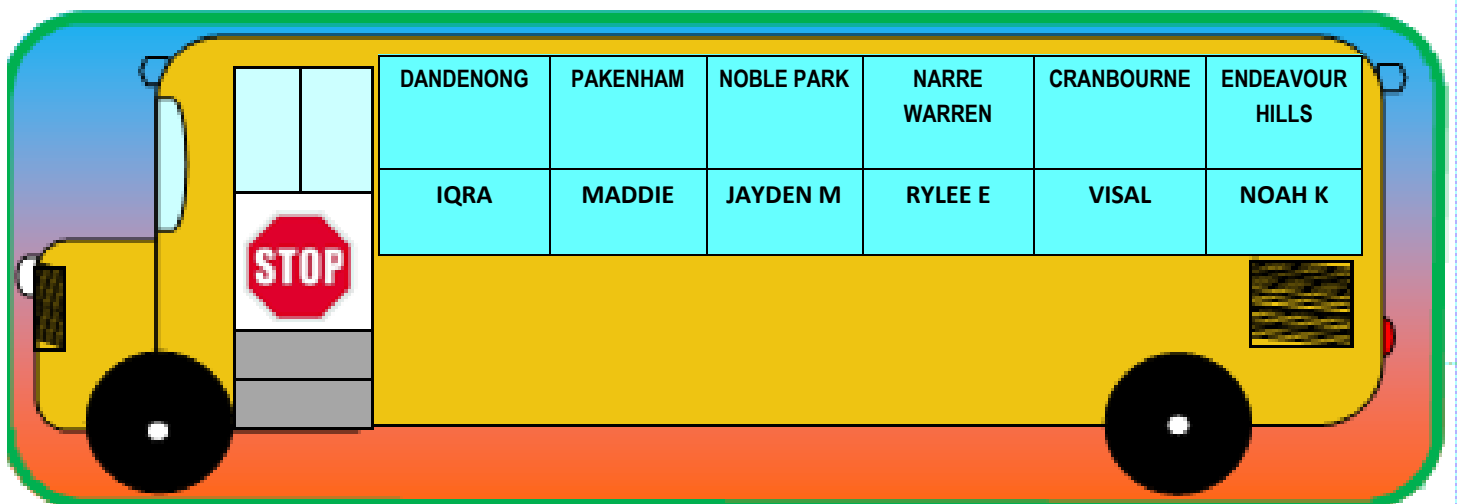
Tane: I was a police officer. I like going on the stage, it is fun.

Imran: I was a train conductor. I blow a whistle, and I say, "All aboard!".

John: I was a security guard. I went on the stage.

Kaiser: It was a little scary because we hadn't done that before.

William: I was a referee. I was not scared at all.



Middle School Blackwood Camp Monday 19th May - Wednesday 21st May

A group of 13 enthusiastic students recently embarked on an adventure to Blackwood Camp.

Over the course of the trip, they took part in a range of exciting activities including rock climbing, archery, and the challenging ropes course. It was fantastic to see each student pushing themselves and supporting one another through every challenge—they truly worked as a team.

A highlight of the trip was a day excursion to Kryal Castle, where students stepped back in time to explore the world of Medieval knights. They even had the chance to try on real knight's armour, bringing history to life in a memorable and fun way.

The day ended with a well-earned dinner at Pizza Hut followed by a screening of *Minecraft* at the Ballarat Cinema.

Throughout the trip, our students demonstrated excellent behaviour, respect, and enthusiasm. They were a credit to themselves and a fantastic representation of Emerson School. Congratulations to all involved!

Mr Kevin Van Twest



Middle School Blackwood Camp Photos Continued



Middle School Blackwood Camp Wednesday 21st May - Friday 23rd May

On Wednesday the 21st of May, excited students from MSB and MSD travelled to Blackwood to participate in a two-night camp.

The focus of the camp was teamwork, which they all excelled at.

Some of the activities they participated in were bike riding, a night walk, team games, climbing tower and zipline, hiking to Shaw's Lake, night archery, toasting marshmallows and orienteering.



Middle School Blackwood Camp Photos Continued

My favourite activities were bike riding and helping to cook the BBQ's. Cooper C

My favourite activities were toasting the marshmallows and team games. Nathaniel

My favourite activities were the night archery and hanging out with my friends. Tyler

My favourite activities were playing with Nathaniel and going on the zipline. Blayden

My favourite activities were hanging out with Nikkisha climbing the tower . Sujin

My favourite activities were hanging out with Sujin and bike riding. Nikkisha

My favourite activities were seeing the kangaroos and climbing the tower. Jessica

My favourite activities were bike riding, cooking and the night walk. Cooper B

My favourite activities were bike riding and helping to cook. Jesse





WHAT WILL YOUR CHILD DO AFTER YEAR 12? POST SCHOOL PATHWAYS

Some services that you will be able to explore -

TAFE's and RTO's

Disability Employment Services

Day Services

Allied Health

SLES providers and much more....

Let's shape their future!



When: **Wednesday 4th June**

Time: **2:15pm – 5:00pm**

Where: **Emerson School**

1430 Heatherton Rd. Dandenong

Please register your spot by calling Mrs Nancy Ishak at Emerson School.



Camp, Sports & Excursions Fund

CSEF & SSB

CSEF Application

Parents who received CSEF in 2024, are not required to complete an application form for 2025, providing there has been no change to their family circumstances.

New Families to Emerson School

Any new families to Emerson School will be required to fill out the application form attached with a copy of your current Health Care Card, you will then need to hand it to the main office.

CSEF Information

Financial Assistance Information for Parents

Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF).

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund, will ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities.

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum. CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance will be paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions, or sporting activities for the benefit of your child. The annual CSEF amount per student will be:

- ✦ \$154 for primary school students
- \$256 for secondary school students.

How to Apply:

You will need to provide a copy of your current Health Care Card with the application.

[Financial Assistance for Families](#)

Parent application close 28 June 2025.

[csef-application-form-2025.pdf](#)

Claiming Your CSEF or SSB Benefit

You will be able to claim your CSEF or SSB on excursions when giving consent for events.



School Saving Bonus reminder and allocation to school activities

The Victorian Government is delivering the School Saving Bonus (SSB) – a one-off support of \$400 for eligible government school students from Prep to Year 12 in 2025.

The SSB can be used for uniforms and textbooks until Monday 30 June 2025.

Any funds remaining after 30 June 2025, including online voucher amounts that have not been redeemed, will become a credit to use on school activities. However, the credit will not be available on your family account at our school until late July.

To use any remaining SSB funds to cover the cost of school activities in July, please refer to the [SSB online system](#) and allocate the funds to school activities before 30 June 2025.

To learn more about the SSB online system, download the step-by-step [System guide for parents and carers \(DOCX, 945KB\)](#) or watch this [School Saving Bonus video](#). [System guide translations](#) are also available in 14 languages.

The Department of Education's SSB contact centre will remain available until 30 June 2025. The contact centre can be reached by:

- completing the [School Saving Bonus enquiry form](#)
- calling 1800 338 663, between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm on weekdays.

After this date, please contact our administration team for any SSB related questions.

Thank you,



John Mooney
Principal

JUNIOR SCHOOL STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

ACHIEVEMENT

Winston JSA

PARTICIPATION

Eric T JSB

PARTICIPATION

Jackson JSC

PARTICIPATION

Alice JSD

GOOD LISTENER

Yahya D JSE

HONESTY

Luke JSF

STAR HELPER

Salahuddin JSG

CREATIVITY

John JSH

OUTSTANDING

EFFORT

Saleh JSI

OUTSTANDING

EFFORT

Roman R JSJ

MATHEMATICS

Tevin JSK

ATTENDANCE

Karly JSL



MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT OF THE WEEK

MSA BRAXTON A

For excellent participation at Camp.

MSB THOMAS

For participating well in literacy sessions.

MSC HAMZAH

For showing improvement in reading and spelling.

MSD JESSICA

For showing courage and confidence on camp.

MSE BRAXTON B

For his great writing about the weekend.

MSF ANGELIA

For being so helpful when her teacher was absent last week.

MSG NGATUPUNA

For always working hard and completing his homework on time.

MSI BRAXTON A

For being brilliant on The Blackwood Camp.

MSJ MADDIE

For sensational contributions to class discussions.

MSK BROCK

For moving forward in his positive awareness.

MSL SHAHID

For always going above and beyond in everything that you do.

ARTISTS OF THE WEEK —

BEAU MSF, MICAH MSK AND WILLIAM MSC.

WOODWORKER OF THE WEEK —

WILLOW MAE MSK — For her accurate construction at all biscuit joints on her project.

ESO Smitha — GISELLE MSJ - for showing great improvement and confidence in Phonics.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MILKSHAKE AWARDS



SPORTS STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS

