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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Term 2 will finish at 2.00 pm at the Junior/Senior Campus and 1.45 pm at the Middle Campus on Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> July. Please expect our Ventura buses one hour earlier in the afternoon.

One of the highlights of our last week of Term 2 will be a musical performance entitled *The Road to Abbey Road*.

The first performance will be held on **Tuesday July 1<sup>st</sup> at 9.30am for all Senior students and staff to attend.**

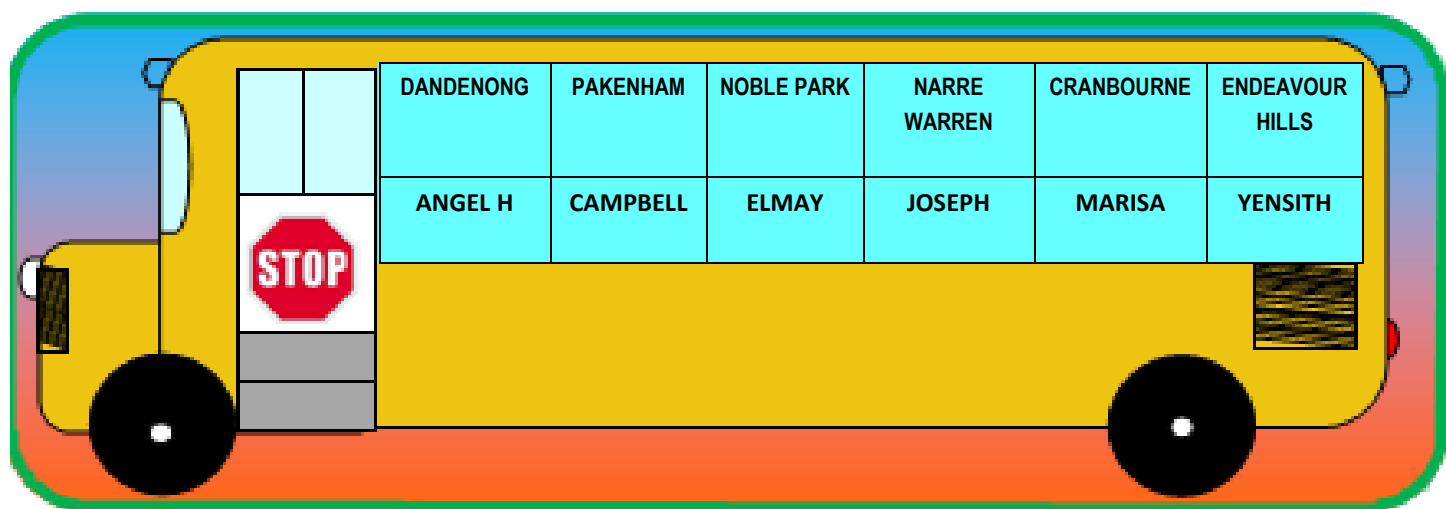
The second performance will be held on **Tuesday July 1<sup>st</sup> at 11:30am for all Middle students and staff.**

The third performance will be held on **Wednesday July 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11.30am for all Junior students and staff.**

The final show will run at 6pm Wednesday night, open to the public free of charge.

This performance will a tribute to the wonderful music of the Beatles. I would encourage family members to come to the Wednesday evening performance. This will be a fine example of how our instrumental music program provides students with an opportunity to perform and to shine.

**JOHN MOONEY** Principal



## DIARY DATES 2025

**FRIDAY 4TH JULY** - Last day of Term 2 - Jnr/Snr

**MONDAY 21ST JULY** - First day of Term 3

School finish at 2pm. Middle School finish at 1.45pm.

## VALUE OF THE FORTNIGHT

### Value Courtesy

We will study the value Courtesy next week.

Courtesy is having manners and acting in a way with others that makes them feel valued and respected. Words like 'thank you', 'excuse me' and 'please' let others know that you care about their feelings and appreciate what they do.

People enjoy being with courteous people.

**Dianne Wright**  
Campus Principal  
Middle School

## SPORTS STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS



A message for Team Emerson from your Sports Captain,  
 Andrew Jeffrey from SSS.

Keep following your dreams  
 Believe in yourself and don't give up  
 Stay focused

If you believe in these three rules, we will ALL achieve  
 and succeed both in sport and in life.





### Emerson School at Reconciliation Week 2025

Emerson School was honoured to be invited to participate in the City of Greater Dandenong's Reconciliation Week event, held at the Springvale Community Centre on June 3rd.

Many of our Koori students had the opportunity to attend this meaningful event.

Following registration, the day began with a Welcome to Country, a traditional Smoking Ceremony, and a series of speeches. Fortunately, the rain held off, allowing a large crowd to gather and take part. During the Smoking Ceremony, an Elder shared insights about the various materials used and the cultural significance of the ritual, explaining how to gain the most from the experience—an incredibly valuable learning moment for our students.

At 10:30 AM, we moved to Springvale City Hall to watch a performance by Ganga Giri. He demonstrated the use of different types of boomerangs and spoke about *Marngrook*, an early form of Australian rules football played by local Indigenous communities, using balls made from possum or kangaroo skins tied with sinews. Ganga also performed on the Yidaki (didgeridoo), a traditional instrument of the Yolngu people from eastern Arnhem Land.

A highlight of the performance was when Ganga invited our student Victor to join him on stage, his performance on the clapsticks was met with enthusiastic applause from the audience.

After the concert, students enjoyed morning tea near the library, followed by a collaborative art session led by artist N'Dene Riley. Students had the opportunity to contribute to a mural through drawing and painting. This artwork will be proudly displayed at the Dandenong Council offices.

It was a wonderful and enriching morning for everyone involved, full of learning, connection, and celebration of culture.





## JSG Valley Village Mews Buddies Program



On Monday we went to a retirement village to meet our buddies. We picked up a name tag, it said who our buddy was, and we were then introduced to them.

We sat at a table, and we talked about our lives. Some of us played board games and we also met Greg's dog called, Mia.

We shared some afternoon tea. There were cookies, lamingtons, pikelets, and lemonade. Then we said "Goodbye" to our buddies and went back to school in the bus.

*Kaiser, William, Arvey, Salahuddin, Justin and Jason - JSG*





## Garfield Music Camp

A selection of students from Middle School Choir and Band programs attended Music Camp last week at Garfield North.

They held epic jam sessions and rehearsed their singing with Miss Orr in the great big barn. Merella cooked up a storm for everyone, and we cooked our own 'smores' in the scrumptiously warm campfire.

The 'bush TV' was also perfect for singalongs accompanied by acoustic guitars and tambourines. It was wonderful to have a few days to relax and hone music skills with our massively talented Music students.

Lincoln Bowen - Music Teacher





### **Damper and Aboriginal Food Morning**

Mrs. Williams sourced some authentic Aboriginal spices for a special culinary experience.

The students made traditional damper, enhanced with ground wattle seed and saltbush herbs to give it a unique native flavour. While the damper was baking, we prepared kangaroo steaks seasoned with an Australian native BBQ rub featuring pepper berry and zesty native herbs.

To complement the kangaroo, we served fresh cherry tomatoes and leafy greens, accompanied by a refreshing cup of Australian native tea.

Once everything was ready, we invited the JSL class to join us and enjoy the delicious dishes we prepared together.

To round off the day, we embraced the British influence by sharing cake and biscuits.

Big thankyou to Mrs Williams for her assistance. The food was a big hit, especially the Kangaroo meat.







## **Emerson School Production 2025**

Emerson School is proud to present our own production of 'The Road To Abbey Road' which will run in the Middle School Slattery Hall on Tuesday and Wednesday July 1-2 (the last week of term 2).

This show traces snapshots of the Beatles' history and features singing, dancing and acting from our Senior and Middle School students, with in-house music provided by the SSP band.

There will be daytime performances for all Emerson students to attend, and one show open to the public, free of charge, on the evening of Wednesday July 2, running 6-7pm. Please come along!

**Emerson School Presents**

# **The Road To Abbey Road**

**When: Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Of July**

**Where: Middle School Slattery Hall**

**Time: 6pm till 7pm**

**FREE ENTRY**

**Family and Friends Welcome**



## JUNIOR SCHOOL STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

### SUPER STYLE

Zara JSA

### TEAMWORK

Yahya JSB

### LOL

Dustin JSC

### SHARING WITH CLASSMATES

Chayce JSD

### EMPATHY

Peyton JSE

### OUTSTANDING EFFORT

Adam JSF

### STAR HELPER

Arvey JSG

### SUNSHINE

Omri JSH

### COMPASSION

Ali JSI

### CREATIVITY

Casey JSJ

### FRIENDSHIP

Ava JSK

### MATHEMATICS

Mohamed JSL





## MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT OF THE WEEK

### **MSA                      NAKSH**

For using the zones of regulation to express his emotions and feelings.

### **MSB                      THOMAS**

For improving his literacy and maths skills.

### **MSC                      ETHAN**

For trying his best at Music Camp.

### **MSD                      SYLVIA**

For excellent work in our literacy sessions.

### **MSE                      JOSH**

For being neat and tidy in all areas.

### **MSF                      JACKSON**

For being on time at school everyday last week.

### **MSF                      ISAAC**

For getting out of his comfort zone and trying something new.

### **MSG                      KEENAN**

For always working to his fullest potential.

### **MSI                      RUBY**

For being cooperative and very helpful to the CRT.

### **MSK                      ERIC**

For helping his fellow students in MSJ.

### **ARTISTS OF THE WEEK —**

**NED MSI, RILEY MSC, ANGELIA MSF & BRENDAN MSB.**

### **WOODWORKER OF THE WEEK —**

**WILLIAM MSC**

For smooth sanding of his chair components.

**ESO Srimi — JOEL MSK -**

For his great efforts on his mental maths activities especially in long multiplication.



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27<sup>th</sup> June 2025



Dear Parents, Guardians, and Members of the School Community,

In line with our dedication to excellence and ongoing enhancement, we are pleased to inform you about our upcoming school review. This review presents a significant opportunity for us to assess our accomplishments and identify areas for growth over the last four years.

To facilitate a comprehensive and meaningful review, we are reaching out to you, our esteemed school community, to share your positive experiences and cherished memories at Emerson School. Your insights and stories are essential in highlighting the strengths and achievements of our school, and we would be immensely grateful for your input.

We kindly invite you to contemplate the experiences of the past four years and encourage you to share any positive experiences you or your children have had at Emerson School. This may include an inspiring teacher or any other staff member, a successful school event, notable academic accomplishments, or personal story of growth and development. Your insights are valuable to us.

You can submit your contributions in the following way:

**Email:** Send your stories and experiences to [jerome.jacobs@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:jerome.jacobs@education.vic.gov.au)

We are confident that your input will provide significant insights and assist us in our ongoing efforts to foster a supportive and enriching environment for all students. We appreciate your continued support and engagement within our school community.

Warm regards,

Mr. John Mooney  
School Principal

Mr. Jerome Jacobs  
Accountability/Review Coordinator





26/06/2025

Dear School Community,

### **Information Regarding Fire at Hallam Retail and Warehouse Location**

Last night, there was unfortunately a significant fire at our retail and warehouse location at 151-159 Princes Hwy, Hallam. As a result, we have lost a substantial amount of stock that was kept on-site and will not be able to operate out of our retail space. As this is very recent, we are still responding to the situation and working out the best approaches to ensure we can replenish the lost stock as quickly as we can. We will of course be endeavouring to resume retail operations as soon as possible, however at this stage we do not know what that will look like. We will provide updates on the situation as soon as we know more.

This will have the most noticeable impact on the schools that we sell to in our Hallam store, however as it is one of our primary warehousing locations as well, the loss of stock will impact all schools to a degree. We know that this is not an ideal situation, however we ask for your patience and understanding of any delays or stock shortages that result from this unprecedented situation. It is not a situation that can be prepared for in advance, but we will respond as thoroughly and as quickly as we can to each stock shortage.

For any families who need to purchase for an impacted school, our online store is still available at [www.beleza.com.au/online-store/](http://www.beleza.com.au/online-store/). We will be fulfilling orders as quickly as possible, however with the combination of pre-existing School Saving Bonus orders and the stock shortages resulting from this fire, please be advised that there may be significant wait times due to processing and production requirements.

We don't have any additional information at this stage but will provide further updates as soon as we know more. We'd like to thank you for your patience at this time.

If you have any urgent enquiries, please call us at (03) 9702 3218 or email us at [beleza@beleza.com.au](mailto:beleza@beleza.com.au) and we will assist as best we can.

Kind regards,

Beleza School Uniforms



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Dear Parents & Carers

It has been a privilege to supply school lunches [to](#) your children.

Due to the increase in ingredients costs, with effect from **14th July 2025** we'll have to increase the price of [six inch](#) lunch orders to \$6.50 and the footlong lunch orders to \$9.00.

We wish to thank you for understanding and continued support.

Team of Subway Dandenong



## **PLANTS FOR SALE**

### **Middle School**

There are a variety of pot plants for sale in the Middle School Office Foyer.

All proceeds go to the Charities ***Reaching Out Because We Can*** and ***Servants of the Two Hearts***.

These Charities serve the homeless, domestic violence survivors, people with disabilities, victims of crime and disasters, financially disadvantaged, asylum seekers, refugees and those that are at risk or less fortunate.

The variety of plants for sale include:



Sweet Peas



Snap Dragons



Dusky Bells



Primula Lavender



Ivy



Pacific Beauty



Nemesia Cabaret



Pansy



Blue Finger

### **PRICES**

Plants	\$3.00 each or 2 for \$5.00
Small Pot with Plant	\$6.00
Large Pot with Plant	\$12.00
Small Pot only	\$5.00
Large Pot only	\$10.00



# Charity Fundraiser



**Join us to make a difference**

**Saturday 26 July 2025**

**6.30pm to 12am**

**Sandown Greyhounds Racing Club**

**View Road, Springvale 3171**

**Through the Archway in the Car Park**

**Up the Escalators**



**Live Music by**

**Dynamic Duo and Lonestar**



**Silent Auctions, Door Prizes, Raffles and more!**

**\$70 per head ... Includes Buffet dinner**

**Drinks at reduced bar prices**

**To book tickets please text full names of those attending**

**Elisa (ROBWC) or Sr Margaret Mary (SOTH) on 0478184374**

**Tables of 10 - 12**





## ***Together We Can Do More***

**Reaching Out Because We Can  
&  
Servants of the Two Hearts**



### **What we do**

Serve homeless people, domestic violence survivors, people with disabilities, victims of crime, financially disadvantaged people, victims of disasters, asylum seekers, refugees, ex-prisoners, people at risk of homelessness and less fortunate families.

Cover 42 suburbs in the areas of South, East and South East Melbourne, supporting over 2000 people per fortnight in need of food and material aid.

This work is achieved by sourcing donations to:

Provide fresh produce, dairy and bakery items, groceries, freshly cooked meals, unique '***You Are Special***' non-perishable food bags, essential toiletries packs, blankets and clothing.

Run weekly community ***lunches & dinners*** in partnership with local neighbourhood houses and community organisations.

Fill houses with furniture, white goods, linen & household items ... everything required to make a ***house a home*** for all our communities in need.

### **Their point of pride:**

They take the time to just ***Listen, Hug, Pray & talk*** with the people we are helping, while offering human contact without judgment.

We take time to chat, understand their needs and refer them to other agencies & individuals who can further assist them.



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