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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Our new Stage Two Technology Centre is now in a period of adding furniture and equipment. A new basketball tower was installed this week in the asphalt area outside the Automotive Studies entrance.

An official opening by our local parliamentarian, The Hon Gabrielle Williams, will take place on Friday, 1st August. An Open Day for parents and school community members will be held on a day in August to be announced.

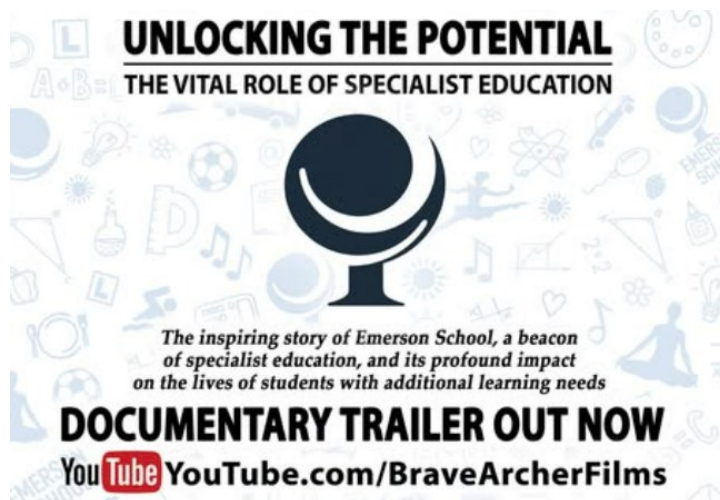
We are now planning the official launch of our new documentary entitled *'Unlocking the Potential: The Vital Role of Specialist Education'*. This will take place in the latter part of Term 3. The documentary has already been awarded in several International Film Festivals in France and the United States.

It was announced this week that our documentary is a finalist in The Melbourne Documentary Film Festival. This is a wonderful recognition of our great school.

Reminder to Parents and Students - Monday is a Public Holiday, there will be no classes or buses.

JOHN MOONEY Principal

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



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 continue studying the value Determination next week.

Determination is important to get things done. Often people who are not determined just give up when things get tough. Then they must rely on others to push them into getting things completed. Determined people achieve amazing results.

In my office I have a photo of the Emerson Eagles basketball team who came from fourth position at the end of the season to win the premiership. They played Heaney Park who until then had not lost a game. The boys were determined to win and were not put off by the fact that Heaney Park had been unbeatable until that match. Their determination won them the game.



Dianne Wright
Campus Principal
Middle School



MSI Excursion to LEGOLAND® Discovery Centre

On Monday 2nd June, MSI students visited LEGOLAND Discovery Centre at Chadstone for an engaging and educational excursion.

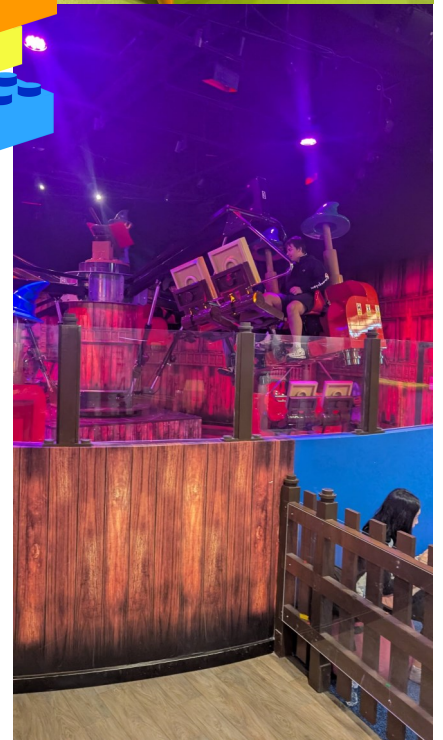
Students participated in the Tightrope Walker challenge, working together to design and test LEGO structures — a valuable exercise in teamwork and problem-solving.

They also enjoyed exploring the centre's attractions, including the LEGO-themed rides and 4D cinema.

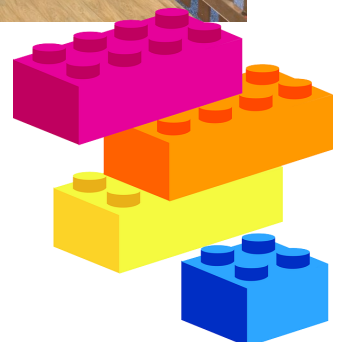
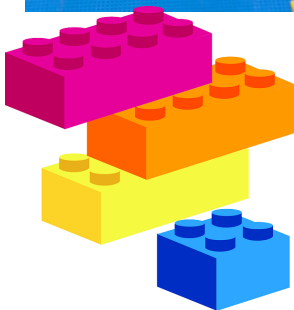
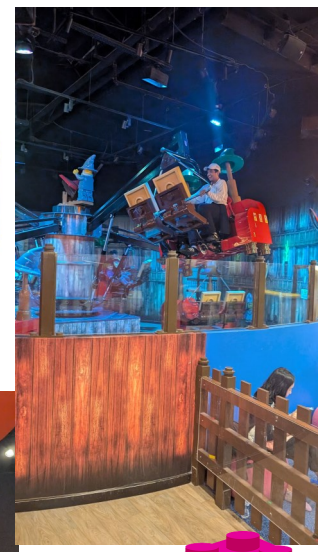
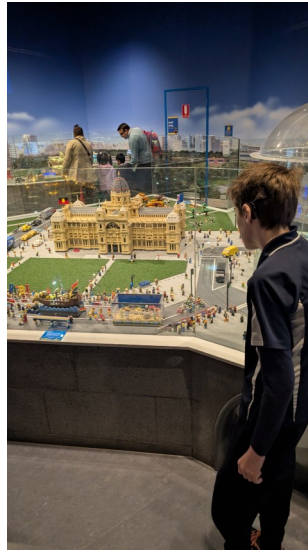
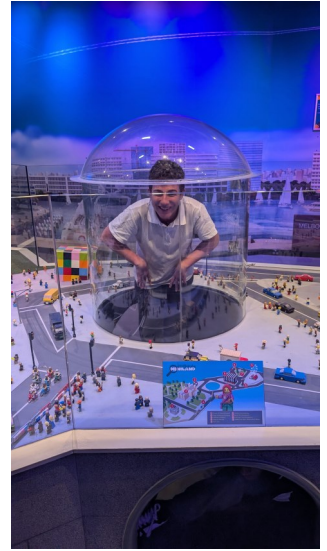
The students' behaviour was exemplary throughout the day. They represented Emerson School with maturity and respect, and all took the time to thank the LEGOLAND staff, which displayed gratitude.

Thank you to Mr Thomas Hutching for driving the bus and supporting the excursion.

— *Mr Kevin Van Twest*



MSI Excursion to LEGOLAND® Discovery Centre Photos Cont



SPORTS INCURSION

A big thank you to SEDA Basketball for running two engaging and energetic incursions with our students!

Everyone had a great time building their basketball skills, learning new drills, and having fun on the court.

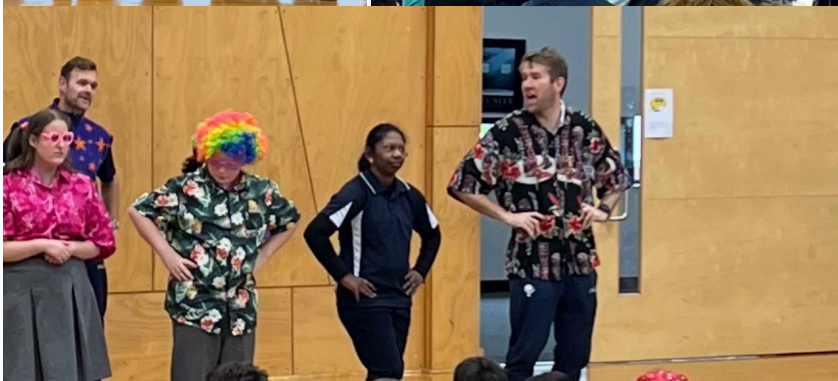
We really appreciate your support and expertise!



INTER HOUSE MUSIC FESTIVAL

Some highlights from this week's Inter-House Music Festival.

We hope you enjoy looking at them as much as Emerson staff and students did performing.



Pathways Expo: A Day of Exploration and Opportunity

The recent Pathways Expo proved to be a fantastic success, bringing together students, parents, teachers, and service providers for a day filled with learning, engagement, and inspiration.

Throughout the event, students eagerly visited the various stalls, asking insightful questions about how each service could support them in achieving their goals after school. Guided by supportive teachers, students were encouraged to explore their interests and take full advantage of the information available.

Parents were equally enthusiastic, taking the opportunity to explore the wide range of career, training, and further education options on display. Many were seen collecting brochures and engaging in meaningful conversations with representatives to better understand the possibilities available to their children.

The event wasn't just educational—it was also fun! Students particularly enjoyed the lollies and small giveaways offered at many of the stalls, adding a light-hearted touch to the informative day.

The Expo successfully met its aim of being both educational and enjoyable. It was wonderful to see the school community come together in such a positive and proactive way.

A huge thank you to all staff, students, parents, and exhibitors who contributed to making the day such a resounding success.



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

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| 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 |



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

BEST DANCER

Ivy JSA

PARTICIPATION

Noah JSB

OUTSTANDING EFFORT

Rahul JSC

PARTICIPATION

Amelia JSD

OUTSTANDING EFFORT

Sarah JSE

OPTIMISIM

Michael JSF

BEST BEHAVIOUR

Justin JSG

MATHEMATICS

Erin JSH

OUTSTANDING EFFORT

Ali G JSI

OUTSTANDING EFFORT

Adil JSJ

POLITENESS

Mackenzie JSK

ACHIEVEMENT

Selena JSL



MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT OF THE WEEK

MSA ELIJAH

For being engaged and participating well in your reading group.

MSC ISMA

For always trying in classroom discussions despite being shy.

MSD SYLVIA

For improved behaviour in the classroom.

MSE CAMPBELL

For working very hard on your handwriting and literacy work.

MSF INDEGO

For working well in humanities & showing patience when waiting for help and persisting in trying to get the work finished.

MSG INDUJAA

For always extending herself and completing homework on time.

MSJ VENISE

For demonstrating excellent leadership skills.

MSK DAKOTA

For competing well in the Cross Country.

MSL CANDIZ

For making smart choices and doing the right thing.

WOODWORKERS OF THE WEEK —

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| PAUL T | CRUZ O | ZOE S |
| VASILJE B | BEN P | DYLAN K |
| COOPER C | URIM M | SIENNA S |
| TYLER Z | RUBY H | DANIEL F |
| BRAXTON A | MAX L | |

Thank you to the above students for helping Mr MacKinnon stack the timber delivery into racks and out of the weather. He was very appreciative and could not have done it on his own.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MILKSHAKE AWARDS



SPORTS STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS

