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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The Official opening of Stage 2 of our Building Modernization Program – the Emerson Technology Centre was held today at our Junior/Senior Campus. The Hon Gabrielle Williams, State Member for Dandenong, officially opened the facility and unveiled the commemorative plaque.

The Opposition Leader, Mr Brad Battin MP, was also in attendance along with Ms Ann-Marie Hermans, Shadow Assistant Education Minister, Mrs Heather Norman, our School Council President, as well as many other members of our Emerson School community.

Special thanks to our students and staff of SSA, SSB, SSE and SSF, for all their hard work and efforts in preparing the Technology Centre for the opening today and the amazing preparation and serving of food for the function.

The Technology Centre is a wonderful achievement in our school's history. It will provide educational opportunities to upskill our students in wood technology and automotive studies areas.

I would like to thank everyone who has made this dream a reality.

JOHN MOONEY Principal



DIARY DATES 2025

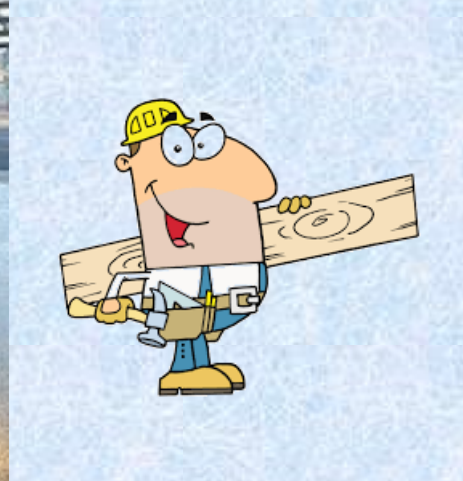
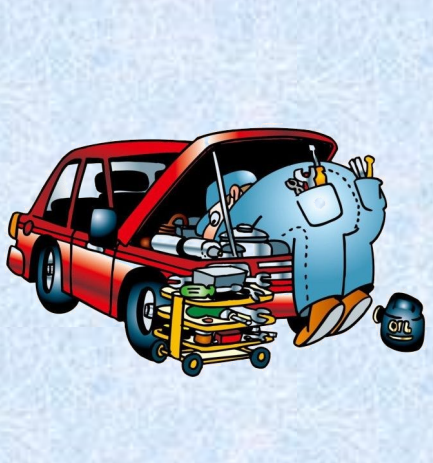
Thursday August 21 - Student Support Group Meetings - School finishes 1 hour early for students.

Monday August 25 - Curriculum Day—No school for students.

Friday September 19 - Last Day of Term 3. School finishes 1 hour early

Monday October 6 - First day of Term 4.

Emerson Technology Centre



VALUE OF THE FORTNIGHT

Kindness

We will be studying the value Kindness for the entire month of August as you can never have enough kindness in the world!

Kindness is showing care and concern for others. It need not be on a grand scale, it can be small in gesture. It has enormous power in making the world a better place and in some cases has saved lives.

This month we all will have an opportunity to show kindness to others, so they know that we care about them and that they matter. The charity '*Reaching Out Because We Can*' provides 100 'YOU ARE SPECIAL' bags a week for the homeless who live on the streets. These bags are filled with the favourite foods for people who are doing it tough, the foods and drinks they miss the most.

I have put below the list of contents of the bags in the hope that we can all get a few items to fill these bags.

The more bags we can make, the more people we will be able to help, and make them feel that we care about them.

If you would like to make a donation, please leave them with the staff at the front office of both campuses.

Dianne Wright Campus Principal Middle School

KINDNESS

GROCERY LIST FOR DONATIONS

'YOU ARE SPECIAL BAGS'

Small tins of tuna and corn

Up and go breakfast drink

Cans of soft drink, i.e. coke, sprite, fanta, etc

Small bag of chips or popcorn

Small packs of crackers

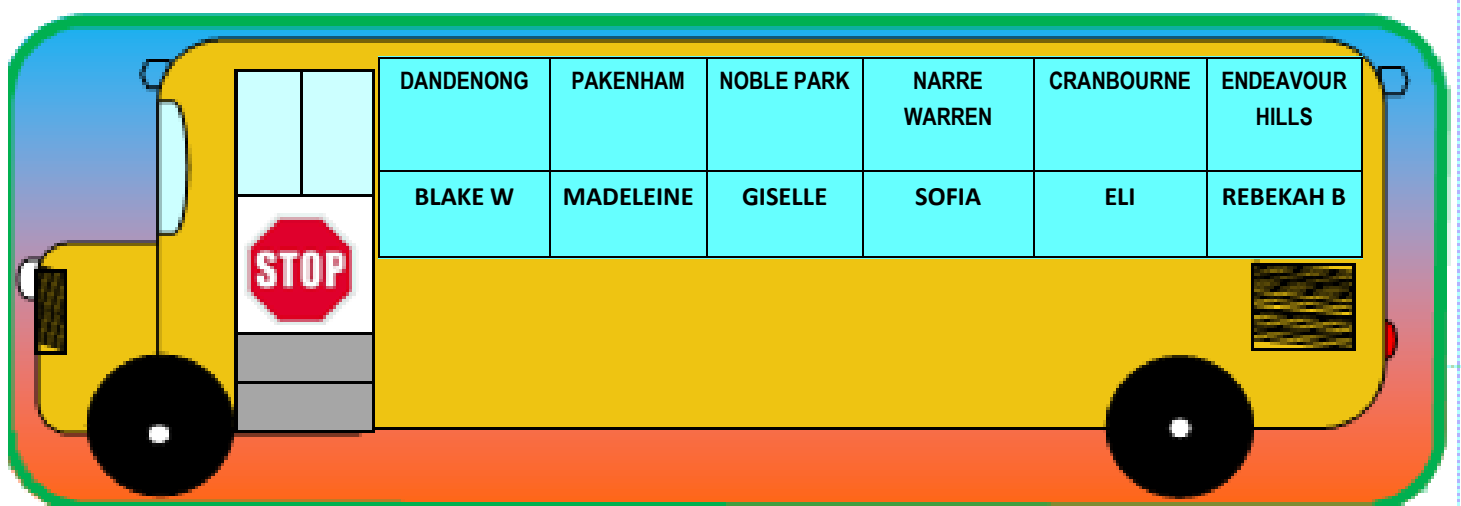
Baked beans and spaghetti

Noodle cups

Fruit cups

Chocolate bars

Small packs of biscuits





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Friday August 1st is known nationally as Principals' day.

Principals' Day is an opportunity to publicly recognise their hard work and dedication to ensuring all students receive the best possible education and experience from the school they are in charge of and to say thank you for all they do.

We at Emerson are lucky to have the most inspiring and dedicated leaders we could ever ask for! Your unwavering commitment, kindness, and passion for creating a nurturing and empowering school environment make a difference in the lives of students, staff, and families every single day. We are so lucky to have a principal class team who lead with heart, vision, and integrity—thank you for everything you do!



Jnr School

Student of the Week



COMPASSION

JULIE C

JSA

OUTSTANDING EFFORT

ROCKY E

JSB

GOOD LISTENER

SIA I

JSC

PARTICIPATION

NYLE K

JSD

PARTICIPATION

ISHANI N

JSE

OUTSTANDING EFFORT

CHARITY B

JSF

RESPECT

JOHN S

JSG

VOLUNTEER

AIDEN H

JSH

INQUISITIVE

ADEN P

JSI

OUTSTANDING EFFORT

JACK S

JSJ

OPTIMISM

PHOEBE B

JSK

CREATIVITY

KARLY N

JSL



Emerson School Cross Country

We are so proud of our students who represented Emerson School at the 2025 SSV State Cross Country Championships, held at the Yarra Valley Racing Club in Yarra Glen.

After qualifying through the SSSSA Interschool Cross Country last term, students took on the 2 km course (9–12 years) and 3 km course (13–18 years) with incredible determination and commitment.

Despite the challenging conditions, each runner gave their absolute best. Their perseverance, encouragement of others, and positive attitude stood out on the day. They represented Emerson with pride and great spirit.

Congratulations to all students involved on a fantastic achievement at the state level!



Emerson School Cross Country Cont



Emerson's new Automotive Shop

Students in SSA have been working hard in the new Automotive Shop.



Nicholas Hum Scholarship

On Friday 25th July the Nicholas Hum Scholarship was presented to 2024 Emerson graduate, Cain Christie. This award is a joint initiative between Emerson School and the Glenhuntly Athletic Club.

The following selection criteria were used to select the recipients:

- Participation in a range of events,
- Enthusiasm towards training and competition, and
- Willingness to help others.

Nicholas (Nick) Hum graduated from Emerson School in 2011. He competed for Glenhuntly and represented Australia in the long jump at three Paralympics, most recently winning Bronze in Tokyo 2021.

Cain receives a 2025/2026 Glenhuntly membership and a Glenhuntly singlet. Nick Hum's mother, Caroline presented the award, which also included an Australian top that Nick wore at his first Paralympics in Rio in 2016.

Like Nick, Cain has shown terrific potential in the long jump, most recently taking Silver at the National All Schools Championships in December. We look forward to seeing Cain's progression over the coming year.

Chris Winter
Athletics Coach



After School Care for Middle School Students

If your middle school child attends Their Care After School Care, please make sure all Parents, Grandparents, Carers, Support Workers or anyone else who may collect your child, are aware that After School Care is held at Emerson's Heatherton Road campus and not at the Middle School Campus in Gloria Ave.

If you are unsure, please call the Their Care Co-ordinator, Vildan, on 0487 480 732.



Middle School Subway prices increased at the start of Term 3.

Six inch subs increased from \$6.00 to \$6.50.

Foot long subs increased from \$8.00 to \$9.00.

Updated envelopes with more flavour options are available at the Middle School front office.



The MS Read-a-thon is back for 2025.

If your child is interested in raising money for MS while enjoying reading their favourite books, you can register them via the website [MS Readathon 2025](#)

Compass for Parents is launching in Term 3

Parent access to Compass will be made available for all parents, the official date will be advised during Term 3.

What is Compass?

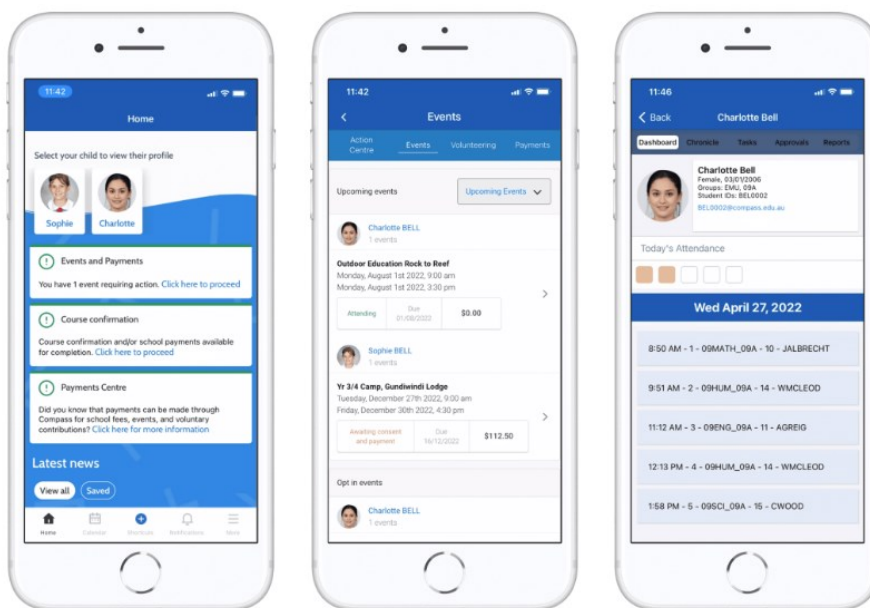
Compass is a school management solution that allows parents and carers to access up-to-date and meaningful information about your school and your child's progress.



Compass includes many different features, including the ability to:

- Monitor your child's attendance, and enter an explanation for absence or lateness
- Communicate with your child's teachers, and update your family contact details
- View your child's timetable and the school calendar
- Monitor your child's homework and assessment tasks
- Download and view your child's academic reports
- Book parent-teacher conferences
- Pay and provide consent for events and school fees

Emerson will advise parents if and when each of these features become available for parent use.



How do I access Compass?

Compass Apps

You can download the Compass App on iOS and Android devices, simply search for Compass School Manager in the store.

To log in you will require your unique family username and password. These details will be provided to you by our school on a date to be confirmed in Term 3.

