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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The Opening of our Technology Centre and the launch of our documentary entitled “Unlocking the Potential – The Vital Role of Specialist Education” has been the centre of many discussions over the last week. It is important that all parents have the chance of looking at the new building and seeing the documentary as soon as possible. I will advise in the coming weeks as to how this will occur.

Our School Council is very keen to continue the modernization of our school and to achieve a Funding and Service Agreement for our school that will make it easier for students to enrol.

In the meantime, we are trying to improve facilities at Emerson School. During the first stages of our building modernization program, most of our playground equipment was demolished. We have already constructed an outstanding playground complex at the rear of our school. We are now aiming to improve the playground in our central Junior courtyard. I have included an artist's impression of this courtyard proposal.



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.

VALUE OF THE FORTNIGHT

Kindness

We are studying the value, Kindness for the month of August.

Kindness allows us to feel connected to other people, animals and the earth. When we are kind we help others instead of being selfish.

A lack of kindness to the earth has already caused damage to the air we breathe, the water we drink and the soil we use to cultivate our crops.

We all need to develop an awareness of the world us and find kind ways to look after it.

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

CHOOSE
Kindness



Road to Zero excursion

On Wednesday, 6th August, students from SSA and SSS were fortunate to participate in an educational excursion to the Melbourne Museum, where they took part in the innovative *Road to Zero* program.

Thanks to all the teachers for organising and attending on the day; Mr David Kemp, Mr Chris Thompson, Mr Kelsea McLean and Mrs Lana Formoso.

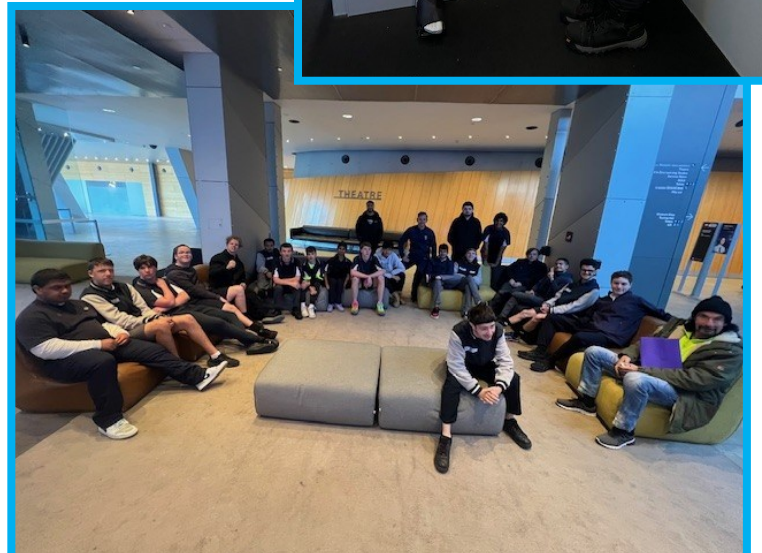
Developed by the Transport Accident Commission (TAC) in partnership with Melbourne Museum, *Road to Zero* is the world's first road safety education complex. Drawing on decades of TAC research and best-practice teaching methods, the program has been co-designed with educators to ensure it is both engaging and impactful for students.

As part of the Victorian Government's broader road safety strategy, *Road to Zero* aims to reduce road trauma among pre-learner drivers. The program focuses on building students' knowledge, awareness, and decision-making skills to help them become safer road users in the future.

It was a valuable and insightful experience for all involved, with both classes thoroughly enjoying the day.

A special commendation goes to Mr David Kemp, who demonstrated exceptional care and composure when he witnessed an elderly member of the public trip and fall, sustaining a head injury. Mr Kemp immediately stepped in to provide assistance and remained with her until paramedics arrived.

SSS students were deeply impressed by Mr Kemp's quick and calm response, and proudly nominated him as "Teacher of the Week"—a title he certainly earned.



Junior School News - 100 Days of School

On Friday, 8th August, the Prep Class of 2025 at Emerson School celebrated their 100th day of school in a fun and memorable way. The excitement was high as the Prep students, their teacher, along with two ES staff came together to mark this special milestone. Everyone dressed up as 100 year-olds, with some truly creative costumes.

Parents played a key role in making the day a success, helping with costumes and ensuring their children were ready, arriving as early as 8 o'clock. A heartfelt thank you goes out to all the parents for their support. A special thanks to our ES staff member Masha Balasooriyage, who worked tirelessly to ensure every detail was taken care of, helping the students look their best.

The day began with the students being bused to the Middle School campus to join our Whole School Assembly. They sang the national anthem on stage with pride and performed fun action songs that had everyone smiling. The day was filled with joy, creativity, and school spirit, leaving everyone with wonderful memories.

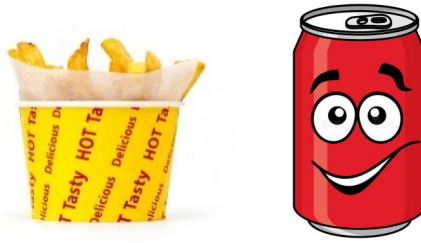
Janet D'Souza – JSA Classroom Teacher



BEAUTY THERAPY & HOT CHIPS & DRINKS

Monday August 18th at lunch Time 12:30 pm.

For Juniors, Seniors and Staff



Who? Beauty Therapy, hot chips & drinks provided by the students of SSC

Prices? Hot Chips \$4, Soft Drinks \$2, Hot Chips and Drink Combo \$5

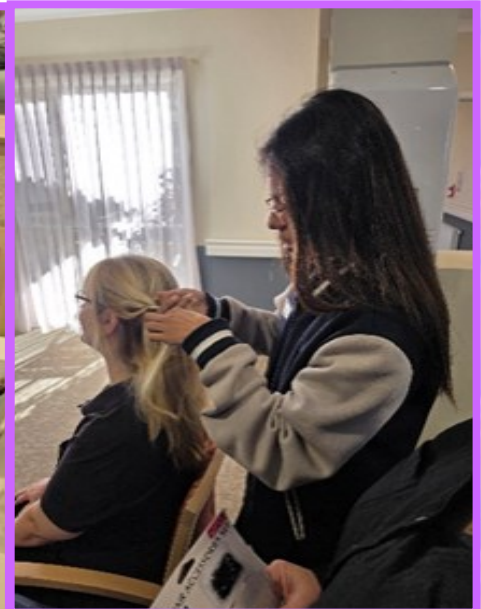
Nail polish \$5, Hair Braiding \$5

When? Monday August 18th at Lunch 12:30pm-1:30pm

Where? SSC Classroom, Senior Building Level 2

Why? SSC are planning to provide a service to polish nails/hair braiding and SSC are also selling hot chips and drinks.

SSC aims to create a business to help students of SSC learn about financial numeracy. There is no profit goal, however profits will go to the Emerson senior school fund.



BOOK WEEK

DRESS-UP DAY

FRIDAY 22ND AUGUST 2025



Dress up as your favourite book character and book an adventure!

**Join us for a day full of stories, fun,
and imagination!**

EMERSON SCHOOL

BREAKFAST CLUB



Emerson school's Breakfast Club runs at both campuses, to give students a great start to the day.

Having a healthy breakfast is essential for boosting energy, improving concentration, and setting students up for successful learning.

By starting the day with a nutritious breakfast together, we help ensure everyone is ready to focus, participate, and make the most of their school day.

Jnr/Snr campus breakfast club is open on Mondays & Wednesdays from 8.30 - 9am in the Emerson Room.

Middle campus breakfast club is open on Tuesdays & Wednesdays from 8.45am - 9am in the Home Eco Room.

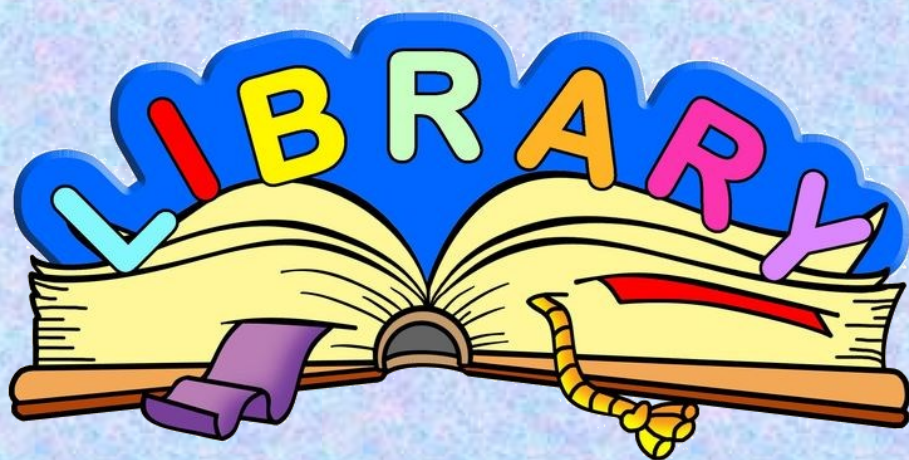
Emerson's school library is open for students to explore, discover, and enjoy.

It's a place where stories come to life, where curiosity leads to new adventures, and where learning feels like magic.

Whether you're diving into a novel, researching for a project, or simply enjoying a quiet corner with a good book, the library is here for you.

Jnr/Snr Campus library is open for students during their regular library classes.

Middle school library is open every Thursday at recess.



Exciting News: Emerson School Joins Return-It as a Donation Partner!

We are proud to announce that Emerson School is now an official donation partner with **Return-It**, part of the **Victorian Container Deposit Scheme (CDS Vic)**. This fantastic initiative provides a 10-cent refund for every eligible drink container returned, helping us raise funds and protect the environment.

This week, our SSA students took action by walking to our local CDS depot to deposit our first collection of bottles, cans, and cartons. The funds raised were directly deposited into the school account and will contribute to upcoming school upgrades.

As part of our ongoing journey toward becoming a **5-star sustainable school**, Emerson is working closely with **ResourceSmart Schools**, an award-winning Victorian Government program that helps schools reduce resource use, integrate sustainability into learning, and share knowledge with the wider community.

We invite all families to get involved by collecting eligible drink containers and returning them on behalf of Emerson School. Please share this initiative with friends and family, every container counts!

Use the donation partner code below to support us.

Together, let's make a difference environmentally and for our school community!

ZoneID for donation: C2000062106



A MARKET STALL

WILL BE HELD AT EACH CAMPUS DURING
STUDENT SUPPORT MEETINGS (SSG)
THURSDAY 21ST AUGUST FROM 2PM – 5PM.

ITEMS FOR SALE WILL INCLUDE CLOTHING, TOYS, GIFTS FOR ALL OCCASIONS INCLUDING FATHERS DAY.



POP BY TO SAY HELLO TO OUR CHARITY PARTNERS REACHING OUT BECAUSE WE CAN (ROBWC) AND SERVANTS OF THE TWO HEARTS (SOTH) AND PICK UP A BARGAIN....



PLEASE NOTE CASH IS PREFERRED

Jnr School

Student of the Week



FRIENDSHIP

IVY C
JSA

RESPECT

YAHYA S
JSB

OUTSTANDING EFFORT

NOAH K
JSC

OUTSTANDING EFFORT

AMELIA E
JSD

PARTICIPATION

LACHIE R
JSE

INQUISITIVE

VICTORIA H
JSF

COMPASSION

KAISER E
JSG

MATHS

ERIN U
JSH

GOOD LISTENER

MINHAJ A
JSI

PERSEVERANCE

CASEY W
JSJ

OUTSTANDING EFFORT

MACKENZIE S
JSK

EMPATHY

BENYAMIN T
JSL



Middle School Student of the Week

MSA KINGSLEY

For being friendly & inclusive in class.

MSB THOMAS

For improving his comprehension skills .

MSC RILEY

For always being considerate, polite and sensible.

MSD TYLER

For great participation in classroom discussions.

MSE XAVIER

For demonstrating exceptional penmanship and great attention to detail..

MSF ZAR

For demonstrating determination & perseverance when solving brain teasers.

MSG INDUJAA

For contributing to classroom discussions.

MSI DYLAN

For getting 100% on a class quiz

MSJ VICTOR

For making much better choices towards his classmates & demonstrating respect to all.

MSK MU

For stepping up every time she is needed.

MSL LINCOLN

For outstanding effort & enthusiasm in health class.

ARTISTS OF THE WEEK —

NED MSI, BRENDAN MSB & CAMERON MSI.

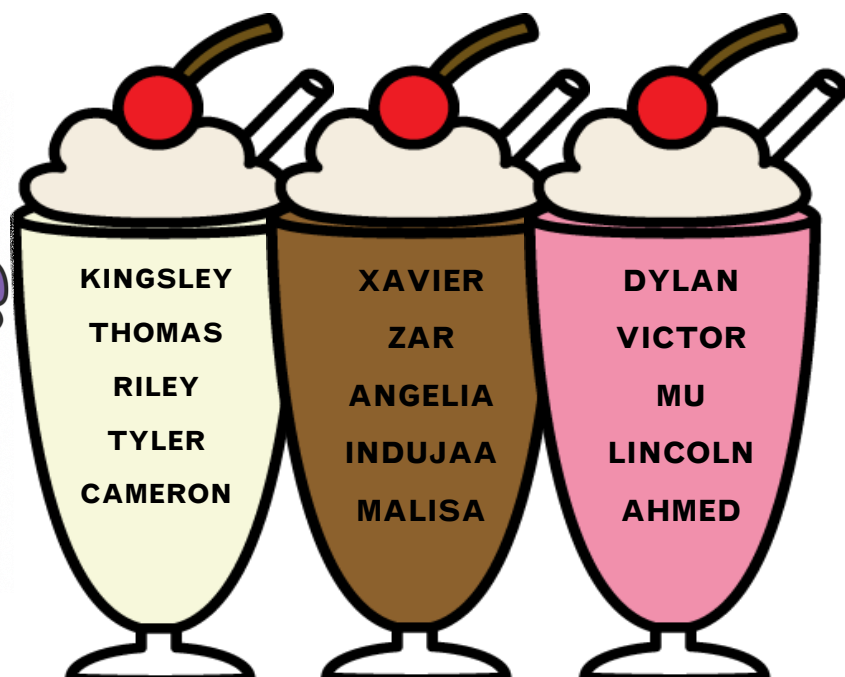
WOODWORKER OF THE WEEK - MALISA

For doing a neat & accurate job of a glued and nailed joint.

ESO GLEN — AHMED

For being a good & kind student.

Milkshake Awards



Compass for Parents has launched.

Parents and carers of Emerson school now have access to the Compass School Management app, two emails have been sent to all primary Parents and carers, one email contains your log in details and the second email contains a helpful Parent Guide on how to set up and use Compass.

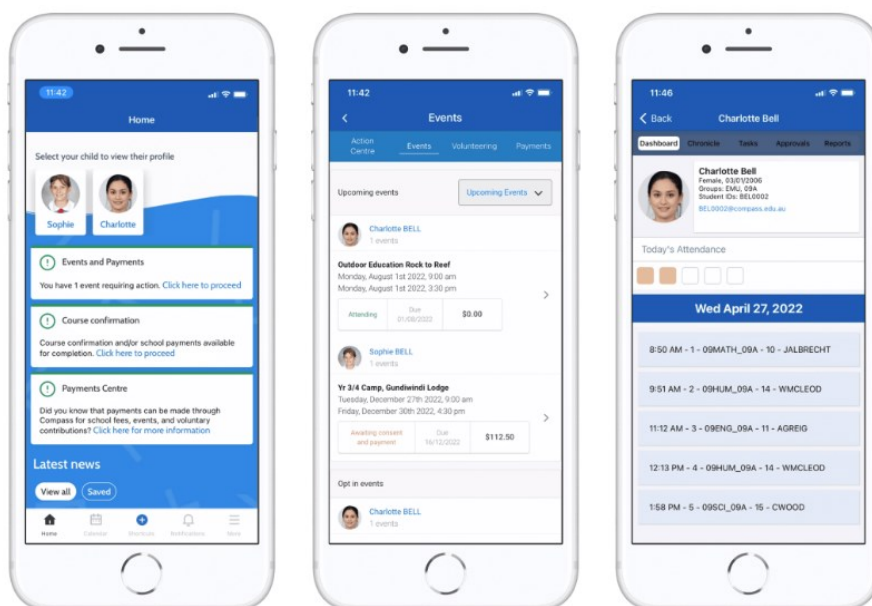
Please contact the school if you have not received either email or need assistance with logging in .

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.

Emerson parents can now access the following features, further features may be rolled out at a later date.

- Monitor your child's attendance, and enter an explanation for absence or lateness
- Download and view your child's academic reports
- Pay and provide consent for events such as excursions and camps, and pay school fees



How do I access Compass?

Compass Apps

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

Access the website via the Emerson School Website page.

Access the website by searching the following link in your browser,
<https://schools.compass.education/>



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15th August 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***

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