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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The Launch of Emerson School's Documentary - "Unlocking the Potential: The Vital Role of Specialist Education"

At last Friday's Whole School Assembly, our new documentary film was launched onto YouTube so that everyone will be able to watch this 75 minute glimpse into our wonderful school. The film has been created by Amel Tresnjic of Brave Archer Films.

The film has now won 19 awards in International Film Festivals including Cannes and New York.

I encourage you to have a look at the film. Please share the links with your family, friends and colleagues. The full 110 minute version of the film was recently shown at a private screening at HOYTS Cinema, Chadstone. A number of beautiful newspaper articles have been written about this full length feature.

TRAILER LINK



FILM LINK



WATCH NOW ON



www.YouTube.com/BraveArcherFilms

TO HELP SPREAD THE MESSAGE OF THE FILM
PLEASE, LIKE, COMMENT AND SHARE THE LINKS

**Unlocking The Potential:
The Vital Role of Specialist Education**

*The inspiring story of Emerson School,
a shining example of specialist education
and the transformative impact it has on the lives
of students with additional learning needs.*

*This compelling feature documentary,
made by multi-award-winning filmmaker Amel Tresnjic,
reveals how unlocking human potential can transform
not only individual lives, but the very fabric of our society.*

WINNER OF 19 FILM FESTIVAL AWARDS

www.emersonschoolsc.vic.edu.au

 UnlockingThePotentialDocumentary

 Rate and Review on IMDb



The Australian Association of Special Education (AASE)

On last Wednesday, a group from the Australian Association of Specialist Education (AASE) visited Emerson School. These colleagues from various states of Australia were attending the AASE Conference that was held this week in Melbourne. Our visitors were amazed at the range of programs that Emerson provides for our students. Schools like Emerson do not exist in other states and territories of Australia.

JOHN MOONEY Principal

DIARY DATES 2025

Friday September 19 - Last Day of Term 3.

Monday October 6 - First day of Term 4.

School finishes 1 hour early

VALUE OF THE FORTNIGHT

“Happiness doesn’t result from what we get, but from what we give.”

Ben Carson

We have spent the month of August studying and concentrating on being kind to one another and our environment.

We have also been bringing in items of food to help feed the homeless.

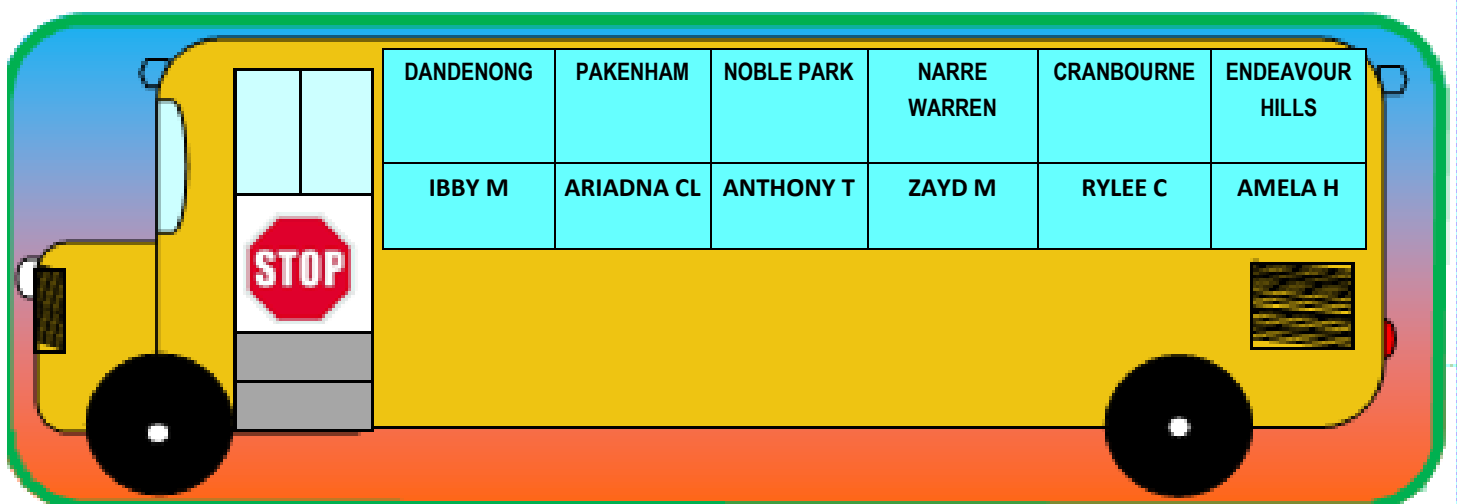
There can never be enough kindness in our world so we will continue doing our kind deeds every day.

Next week we will begin our studies on the value, Happiness.

September is always a happy month so it is a wonderful time to concentrate on being happy and having positive thoughts.

Dianne Wright Campus Principal Middle School

BE
KIND



On Friday August 22nd, Emerson school came alive with colour as students dressed as beloved storybook characters for Book Week.





BOOK WEEK





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Excursion to Punt Road Oval – Richmond's Last Open Training for 2025

Our students were full of excitement as they headed to Punt Road Oval for Richmond's last open training session of 2025. They were thrilled to watch AFL players training up close and see how they prepared for the weekend's game

They enjoyed watching the warm-ups, drills, and ball work, gaining a real sense of the speed, strength, and skill involved at the elite level

The highlight came after training, when Richmond players generously stayed back to meet the students.

Hats, jumpers and footballs were signed, and plenty of photos were taken.

Students were left buzzing with excitement.

A massive thank you to the Richmond FC players for taking the time to meet our students — it's an experience they will always remember.



Junior School News - Our Zoo Trip by JSH

On Tuesday, August 20th, JSH went on an amazing zoo excursion with JSE, JSF, and JSG.

We started our adventure in the Rainforest, where we saw playful primates swinging around and colourful butterflies fluttering past. Next, we visited the African Plains and were lucky enough to see the zoo's brand-new baby giraffe.

From there, we explored the Sea Habitat and were fascinated by the penguins, jellyfish, sharks, and seals. Afterwards, we made our way to the Lion Gorge, where we spotted lions, dingoes, and even a tiger.

Later, we entered the Reptile House and discovered turtles, snakes, and frogs. Finally, we finished our day in the Australian Bush, where we saw a koala, emu, and wombat.

It was a fun-filled day of learning, exploring, and seeing incredible animals. We had a fantastic time at the zoo!



Jnr School

Student of the Week



PATIENCE

NASIM R

JSA

MUSICIAN

ERIC T

JSB

PERSERVERANCE

DUSTIN K

JSC

PATIENCE

ALICE S

JSD

OUTSTANDING EFFORT

SARAH T

JSE

GOOD THINKING

ALEX C

JSF

POLITENESS

SALAHUDDIN U

JSG

ATTENDANCE

OMRI L

JSH

ACHIEVEMENT

HENRY L

JSI

PERSERVERANCE

ROMAN R

JSJ

OPTIMISIM

ISABELLA E

JSK

BEST BEHAVIOUR

QUAIREENA M

JSL



Sports Stars of the Week

SUBHAN
JSA

IMRAN
JSG

QAIREENA
JSL



TYSON
MSE

TARINA
MSF

WILLOWMAE
MSK



JAI
SSA

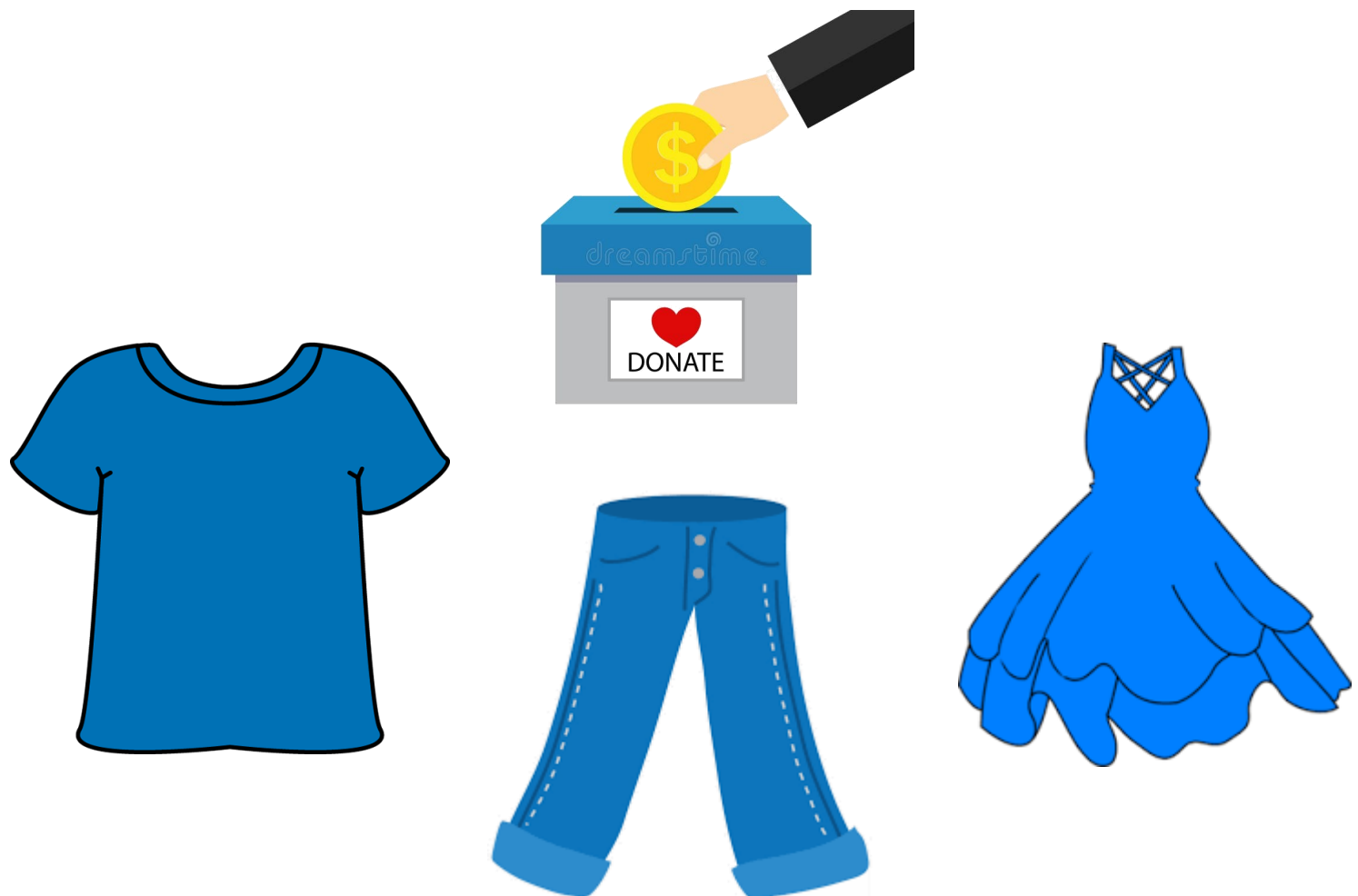
ANTHONY
SSD

DANIEL
SSI



Wear blue for Police Legacy

On Friday September 5th, Students and staff are invited to wear blue support Police Legacy. Victoria Police Legacy is a charitable not-for-profit organisation that provides a range of services to police families throughout Victoria who have suffered the loss of a loved one. Please bring a gold coin donation.



Auskick is back at Emerson!

We are excited to be hosting Auskick sessions on Tuesday afternoons from 3:15 – 4:15pm.

Dates:

September: 2nd, 9th, 16th

October: 7th, 14th (after the school holidays)

The program is aimed at our Junior School and Lower A–D Middle School students.

The first 20 students can register at no cost using the provided code.

After that, the cost is \$55.

Junior School students will be transported to the Middle School Campus at 3:00pm.

All students are to be picked up from the Middle School (Gloria Ave) at 4:15pm.

It's a great chance for our students to develop their footy skills, stay active, and have fun with friends after school. ⚡

Places are limited, so get in quick!




nab AFL Auskick

GOOD CLEAN FUN

PLAY.AFL/AUSKICK

EMERSON SCHOOL TERM 3 AUSKICK CENTRE

Tuesday: 2nd September - 14th October
3:15pm - 4:15pm TUESDAY AFTERNOONS
Emerson School Middle Campus, Gloria Avenue

Use discount code 917C7638 to reduce to \$0 (first 20 students)
 Junior School students will be dropped at the Middle School Campus at 3:00

AFL PLAY

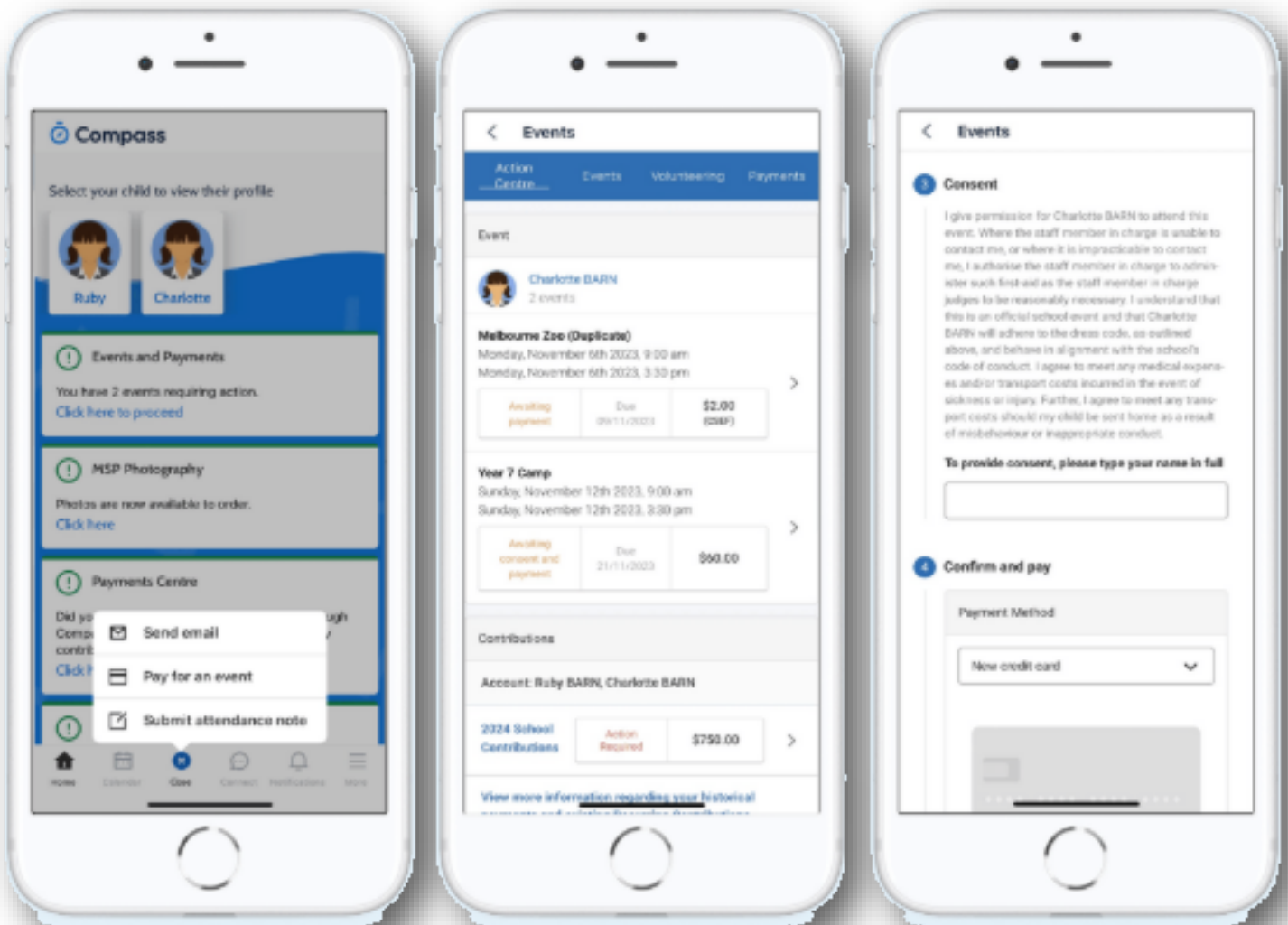


Compass Events is launching.

School events like camps and excursions, needing Parent/Carer consent for Middle and Senior school students, will be made available in the events section of the Compass app, from Thursday August 28th. Junior school events will be available on the Compass app before the end of Term 3.

Instructions on how to give consent and make a payment for an event were included in the Compass Parents Guide sent to all parents/carers via email on August 7th. Please contact Mel Dawborn at Middle School or Mary Khawli at Senior School, if you are having any issues logging into Compass or are unsure how use the Compass app.

Click this [link](#) for a copy of the Compass Parents Guide or see below for a quick guide.



- 1 From the homepage, click on the blue shortcuts button from the bottom taskbar
- 2 Click on 'Pay for an event'
- 3 In your Action Centre, click on any events still requiring your payment or consent. This is the area where you can select to pay via card, CSEF or School Savings Bonus.

When you access the Action Centre you can view events requiring consent/ payment and any course confirmations which need to be completed displayed under the 'Action Centre' tab. You can view the details of upcoming events by clicking the 'Events' tab and selecting the event you wish to view.

Youth Road Safety

Fact Sheet



Whether you're biking or riding an e-scooter, follow these simple road safety tips to stay safe and have fun on the move!

MODIFIED OR PETROL POWERED BICYCLES

- Illegal.



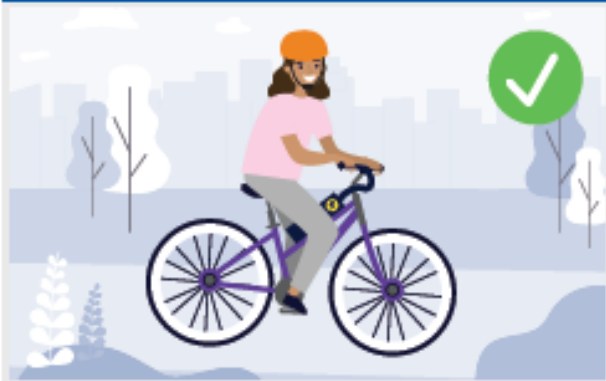
MOTORBIKES

- To ride on or off-road it must be registered with a full or recreation registration
- Helmet must be worn at all times.



E-BIKES

- 25 km/h MAX speed
- Motor cannot provide power at speeds higher than 25km/h
- Helmet must be worn at all times
- No passengers
- Cannot be ridden on footpaths.



E-SCOOTER

- Be aged 16 yrs or over
- Max speed 20 kmph
- Helmet must be worn at all times
- No passengers
- Cannot be ridden on footpaths.



For more information, visit police.vic.gov.au/road-safety

Emerson School
1430 Heatherton Road
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29th 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Mooney", with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

Mr. John Mooney
School Principal

Mr. Jerome Jacobs
Accountability/Review Coordinator