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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The Official Opening of our Stage Two Technology Centre was held on last Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> August. The scale and complexity of the new building has been described as an educational masterpiece by everyone who has had a tour of the building.

There are several aspects of the building that are not yet complete. When these details are finished, the building will be fully available for educational classes.

We will be running tours of the building before the end of Term 3 to enable parents to see this beautiful facility.

On last Wednesday, we conducted the Official Launch of our new documentary film entitled *"Unlocking the Potential – The Vital Role of Specialist Education"*. The launch was held at the HOYTS Cinema Complex in Chadstone.

The film was created, produced and directed by Amel Tresnjic of Brave Archer Films. The film has already won 14 international awards. It is a remarkable record of the essence of our wonderful school.

It will soon be available for all members of our community to watch online. Additional viewings will also be held in our Senior School Atrium in the months ahead.

**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

Kindness involves looking after others without expecting anything in return.

It came to my attention earlier this week that we have a team of volunteers on staff who wash and dry our House Tops after the students have participated in the Inter House Sports competition on Thursdays.

A very big thankyou to all those staff who make sure our students look their best on and off the court/oval/field.



And a reminder that our Kindness Project is happening throughout the month of August.

So please send along any items that we have listed on our poster so that we can bring some kindness and comfort to the homeless.

A very big thankyou to those who have already donated. You have made the world a better place by showing your generosity and kindness.

**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

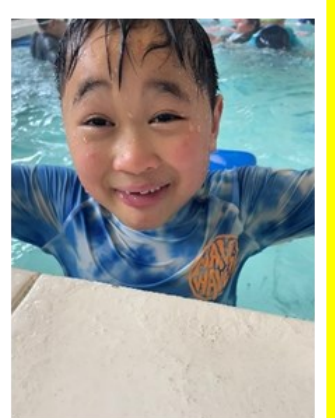
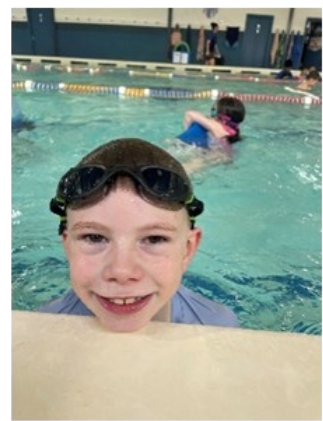




## **Junior School News: Term 3 Swimming Program**

The students in JSA, JSB, JSC and JSD are halfway through their 8-lesson swimming program at Splash's Swimming School in Dandenong.

As you can see in the photos, the students are loving the swimming experience and are learning important water safety and swimming skills.





## Excursion to Cranbourne Botanic Gardens – Connection to Country

On Wednesday, 30th July, a group of Koori and Horticulture students enjoyed a memorable excursion to the Cranbourne Botanic Gardens. We were fortunate to be sponsored to attend the "**Connection to Country Tour**", where students learned about Aboriginal culture, traditional tools, bush foods, and the deep connection to Country.

Students were especially fascinated by the range of traditional tools used by Aboriginal people—many of which closely resemble tools still used today. They saw how a simple axe could be crafted from a rock, branch, sap, and sinew, and learned about everyday items like nappies made from the bark of the paperbark tree. One highlight was learning how fire was made using sticks and transported using a special tree fungus—a method passed down for generations.

Students also had the opportunity to taste various teas made from Indigenous plants and participated in hand-painting activities using natural materials. The day concluded with some active fun—kicking the footy and playing on the playground.

It was a rich, educational, and enjoyable experience for all involved, and we are incredibly thankful for the opportunity.





## SSE and SSF Cooking Up a Warm Welcome

Students from the Essential Food Studies (SSE) and Food and Hospitality (SSF) classes, worked hard to support the opening of the new Emerson Technology Centre last Friday. Preparations began last term, with students planning menus, practising recipes, and organising service details.

Their dedication paid off, as they served guests a delicious selection of savoury and sweet food on the day.

The quality of the food and the professionalism of the students were praised by staff and visitors alike.

It was a fantastic opportunity for students to showcase their skills and contribute to an important school event.





Thank you to all the students who participated in raising \$468 through the sale of pot plants, rocks, painted tyres and butterfly houses at the recent fundraiser held by Reaching Out Because We Can (ROBWC) and Servants of the Two Hearts (SOTH)

SSH – Planting and cultivation

SSB – Assembly of merchandising stands

SSV – Pot plant rejuvenation and design

Work experience students – rock painting and painted tyre creations

*It was nice to see Mr Junkeer's parents at the fundraiser!*





# 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**

# Jnr School

# Student of the Week



BEST BEHAVIOUR

SUBHAN N  
JSA

TOP SPELLER

DERREN S  
JSB

BEST BEHAVIOUR

NEDRINE N  
JSC

BEST BEHAVIOUR

KINGSLEY D  
JSD

COMPASSION

AZIZAH M  
JSE

GREAT LISTENING

ALBERT W  
JSF

PATIENCE

ARVEY H  
JSG

MATHS

JOHN L  
JSH

BEST BEHAVIOUR

EPHRAIN K  
JSI

OPTIMISM

TARIK T  
JSJ

OUTSTANDING EFFORT

RASHIDUL  
JSK

BEST DANCER

MOHAMED L  
JSL





# Middle School Student of the Week

## MSA YUNUS

For showing kindness, warmth & empathy towards his new classmate.

## MSB COOPER

For always working hard & completing his work with a high standard.

## MSC AHMED

For showing confidence in 2 digit adding with regrouping.

## MSD VENISE

For excellent participation when visiting MSD

## MSE MAX

For showing great attitude and skills in literacy.

## MSF ERIK

For showing kindness, friendliness & care to his peers.

## MSJ MADDIE

For considering her classmates & making great choices.

## MSK MICAH & BROCK

For completing the Mental Maths Challenge.

## MSL ELI

For his kind & positive attitude towards all tasks.

## ARTISTS OF THE WEEK —

**NED MSI, NOAH MSG, HAIDER MSG & GISELLE MSJ.**

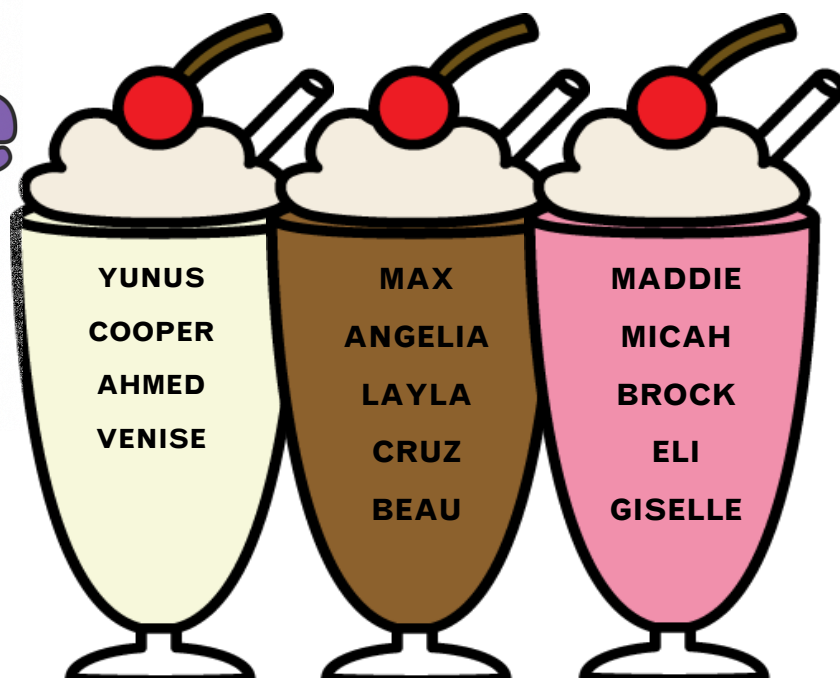
## WOODWORKER OF THE WEEK - BEAU

For upholding the values of safety in the workshop.

## ESO GEORGE — URIM

For completing the 200 steps challenge.

# Milkshake Awards





# Sports Stars of the Week

**NASIM**  
**JSA**

**ANUSKA**  
**JSD**

**SHAFAH**  
**JSG**

**BRAXTON**  
**MSA**

**ZAR**  
**MSF**

**SHAHID**  
**MSL**

**OMAL**  
**SSH**

**ASHTON**  
**SSH**

**DAKOTA**  
**SSS**





## **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.

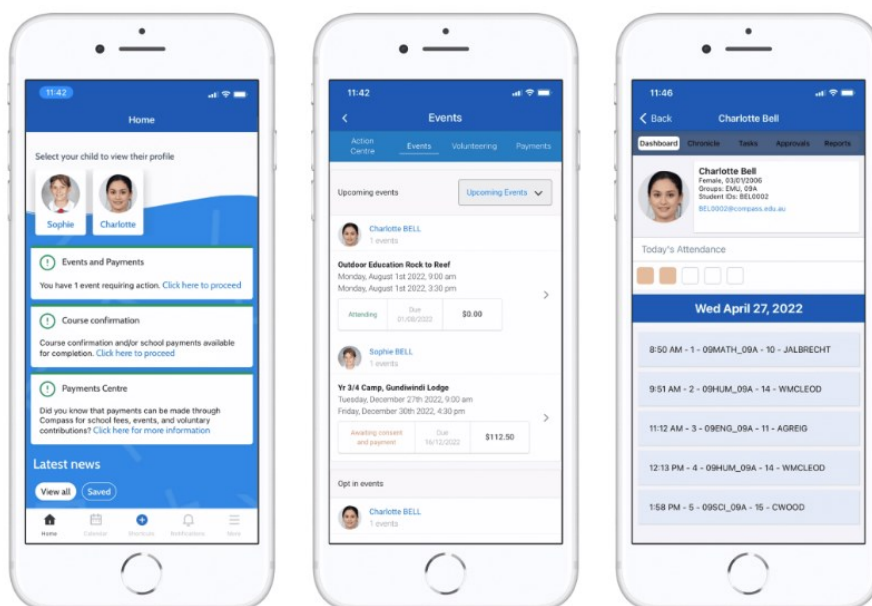
Please contact the school if you have not received either email or need assistance with logging in .

### **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/>

