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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Term 3 at Emerson School has certainly been a milestone-filled chapter. We proudly marked the Official Opening of our brand new Emerson Technology Centre, a dynamic space designed to empower students with hands-on, future focused learning opportunities.

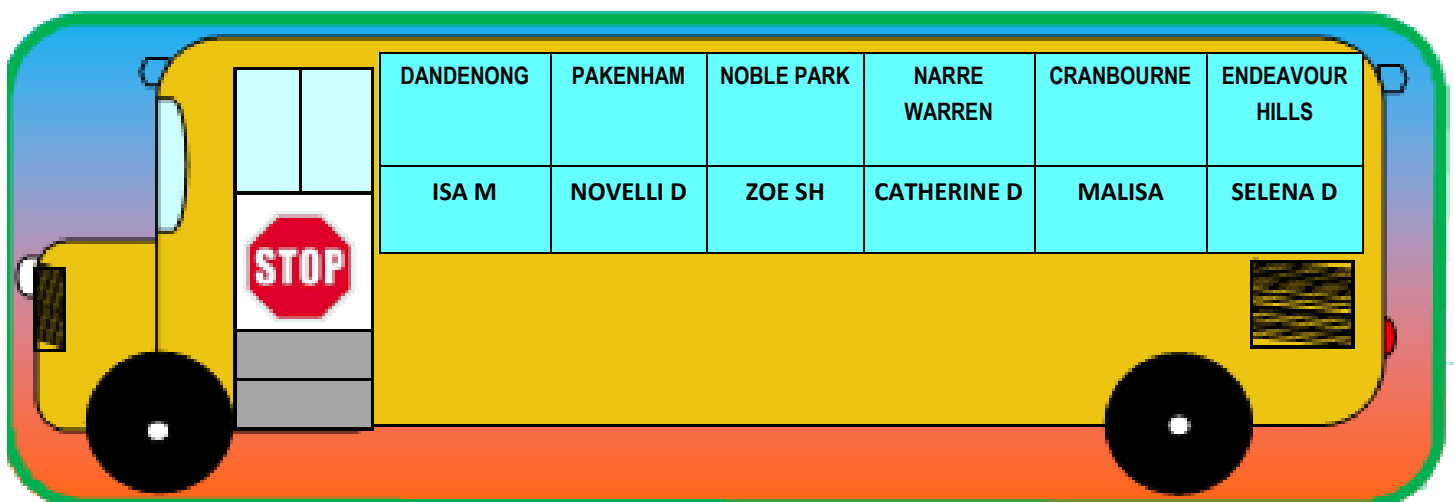
Additionally, we celebrated the launch of our documentary, *Unlocking the Potential: The Vital Role of Specialist Education* – a powerful exploration of the transformative impact that specialist schools like Emerson have on the lives of young people and their families.

This week has seen new seating being installed on the stepped area of the Atrium at our Junior/Senior Campus. Works are also underway in our historic Emerson Room with painting and recarpeting happening over the school holiday period.

I wish all families a happy school holiday and I look forward to seeing everyone on Monday, 6th October, for the commencement of Term 4.

John Mooney

Principal



DIARY DATES 2025

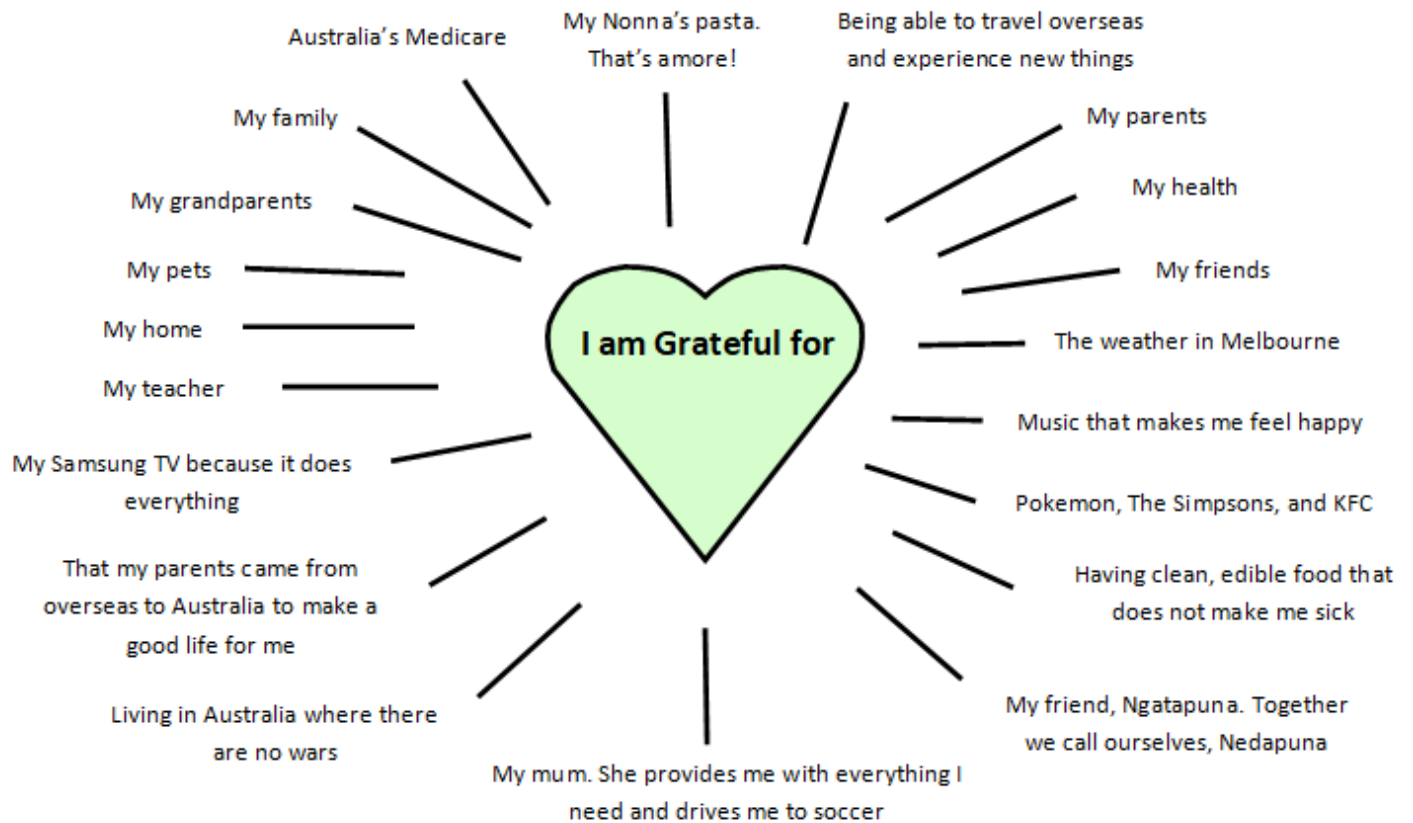
Friday September 19 - Last Day of Term 3.
School finishes 1 hour early

Monday October 6 - First day of Term 4.

VALUE OF THE FORTNIGHT

We have been studying the value Happiness during September. Last week I asked students to send me a list of things they were grateful for.

Here are a few of my favourites from the lists:



When we return in Term 4, we will be studying the value of Tact.

Dianne Wright Campus Principal Middle School

REMINDER TO WEAR HATS FOR TERM 4

IT IS COMPULSORY FOR STUDENTS TO WEAR HATS FOR TERMS 1 & 4.
WE ALSO STRONGLY SUGGEST THAT SUNSCREEN IS APPLIED AND A
WATER BOTTLE IS BROUGHT TO SCHOOL TO KEEP HYDRATED.

STUDENTS ARE **NOT** PERMITTED TO WEAR HATS DEPICTING OFFENSIVE
OR
ILLEGAL LOGOS.

MSI Rush HQ Excursion

The students had an incredible time on their excursion to Rush HQ in Melbourne, where energy and excitement filled the day. From tackling the rock climbing walls to bouncing across trampolines and testing their skills on the ninja course, everyone was challenged to try something new and push themselves in a fun, supportive environment.

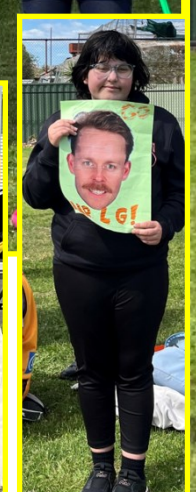
The day was filled with laughter, teamwork, and plenty of smiles, making it a memorable experience that the students will be talking about for weeks to come.





Emerson staff and students proudly joined in Footy Colours Day, coming together in team spirit, vibrant colours and a friendly staff & students footy game to help support kids and families impacted by cancer.

The money raised will be donated to the Fight Cancer Foundation.



Emerson Honour Cup

Congratulations to Melba House!

They have won this term's Honour Cup.



Girls Club

In terms 3 and 4, a small group of Junior and Middle School girls attend Girls Club. Girls Club is a health, hygiene and safety group run by the occupational therapy and speech pathology team.

The group focuses on the development of social skills and friendships, personal and female hygiene, social emotional wellbeing and safety. The girls have enjoyed getting to know each other through conversation and play, as well as special activities like nail painting!

Girls Club is a safe and supportive environment where students can ask questions, share stories and make new friends during what can sometimes be a tricky or confusing phase of life. The girls have shown enthusiasm, curiosity and friendliness toward one another, and we are so proud of their hard work and willingness to learn. Well done girls!

Emma Kuhnell
Daisy Bendle
Ana Roknic



Running for Hope: Join Me in the Fight Against Childhood Cancer **By Lana Formoso - Automotive Studies Teacher**

When my son Luka was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia on Good Friday 2022, our world turned upside down. What followed was the most harrowing journey imaginable—a relentless battle against a disease that no child or family should ever face.

Luka endured daily chemotherapy for two and a half years. Today, I am grateful to say he is in remission. But the reality is stark: 1 in 4 children diagnosed with cancer will not survive.

That heartbreaking reality has inspired me to take on a deeply personal challenge—running my very first marathon at the Melbourne Marathon on Sunday, October 12th. I'm doing this to raise crucial funds for My Room Children's Cancer Charity and help bring hope to children and families facing cancer.

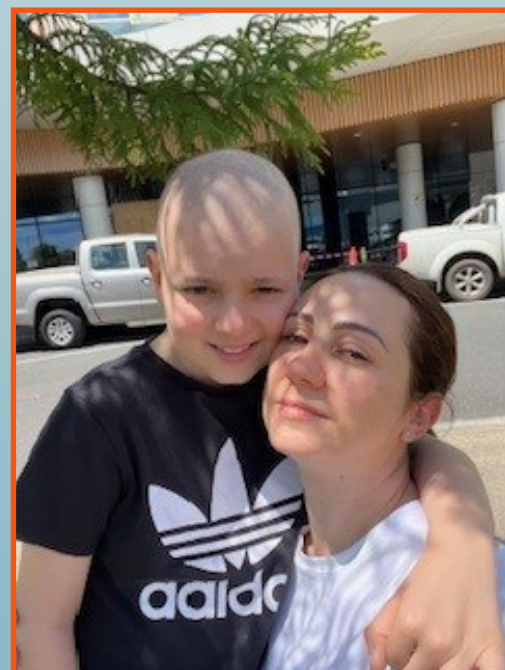
My Room is not just any charity. It is a volunteer-led organisation dedicated to supporting patients and families affected by childhood cancer—without the red tape and bureaucracy. Their work extends far beyond financial support. They provide medical equipment, clinical care, fund crucial research and trials, and stand alongside families every step of the way.

Now that Luka is in remission, it's time for me to reclaim my health, push my limits, and run this marathon—not just for myself but for every child and family still fighting. Every step I take will be in memory of those we've lost, and in hope for a future where childhood cancer is no longer a death sentence.

I'm asking for your support. Whether it's a small donation or simply sharing my story, every bit helps. Your generosity will fund research, support services, and care that change lives. Together, we can bring My Room closer to their goal—a 100% cure rate for childhood cancers.

Please follow my journey, cheer me on, and donate what you can. Let's run this race together—because no child should face cancer alone.

Donate today and be part of this lifesaving mission.

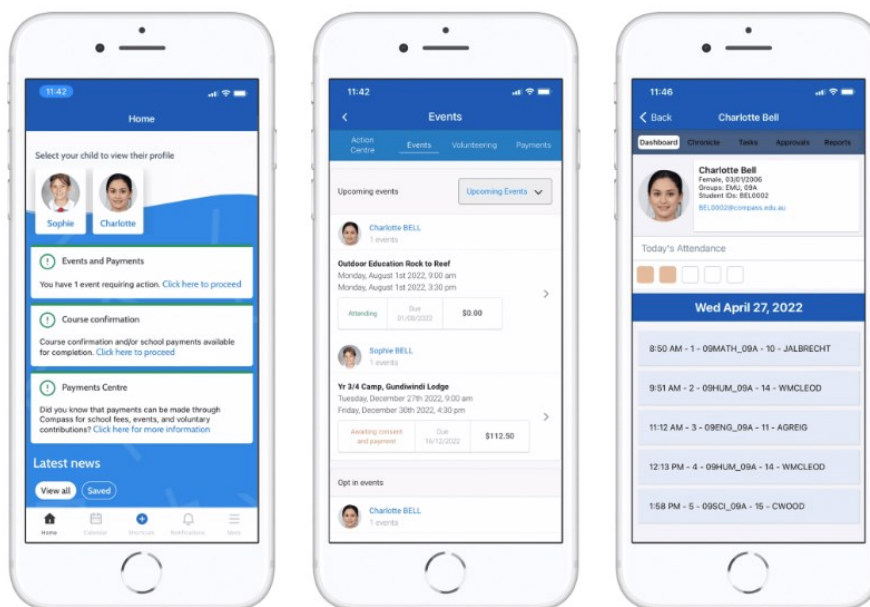




Compass for Parents has launched.

Parents and carers of Emerson School now have access to the Compass School Management app and can now access the following features.

- 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](https://schools.compass.education/) page.

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

Please contact the school if you need assistance with replacement log in details, logging in or resetting your password.

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Student of the Term!



JULIE C

JSA

For her great participation
& attitude in class

ROCKY E

JSB

For his polite behaviour,
cheerful attitude & active
participation.

NEDRINE N

JSC

For his efforts in
remembering to remove
his beanie & keeping
safe hands in the
classroom.

KINGSLEY D

JSD

For his dedication &
improvements in
handwriting.

ISHANI N

JSE

For her improved
confidence in speaking &
performing.

ALEX C

JSF

For being a great leader &
trying his best.

SALAHUDDIN

JSG

For always being a
happy, enthusiastic &
friendly member of
the class.

JOHN L

JSH

For always trying hard,
listening & being a
consistent worker.

MINHAJ A

JSI

For having a positive
attitude towards learning
at school.

JORDAN G

JSJ

For having an excellent
attitude toward his work
& school.

MACKENZIE S

JSK

For always having a
positive attitude, trying
her best & being kind to
everyone.

SELENA D

JSL

For showing leadership
in our creation of props
for our Where the Wild
Things performance.



Middle School Student of the Week

MSA MITCHELL

For always giving a helping hand.

MSB ALTAIR

For being a curious, happy & positive student, who enjoys reading about the solar system & playing Uno with the students in MSB.

MSC AHMED

For having a great Term 3.

MSD SUJIN

For fantastic work in Literacy.

MSE XAVIER

For amazing handwriting & providing great in depth writing.

MSF ISAAC

For becoming more responsible & showing a growing maturity.

MSG ISA

For improved behaviour in the classroom.

MSJ VENISE

For always being an enthusiastic & welcoming member of MSJ.

MSK JOEL

For stepping outside of his comfort zone.

MSL SHAHID

For always demonstrating a great example for all other students to follow.

ARTISTS OF THE WEEK —

DANIEL MSA, TINA MSC, ZOE MSE & KEENAN MSG.

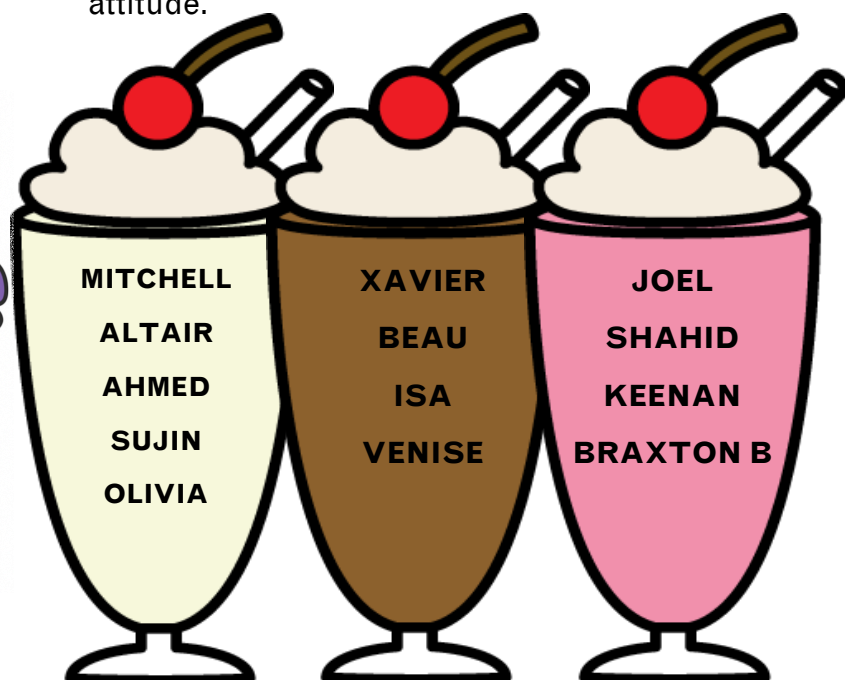
WOODWORKER OF THE WEEK - BRAXTON MSE

For overcoming some concerns in using the wood burner for the first time. He did a great job burning his capital B onto his coaster.

ESO MARITA — OLIVIA MSB

For always being kind & having a positive attitude.

Milkshake Awards



SPORTS STARS OF THE TERM



**WINSTON
JSA**

**ISABELLA
JSK**

**SHAHID
MSL**

**ZAR
MSF**

**NESALI
SSF**

**WILLIAM
SSH**

DONUT DAY

When: Junior and Senior Wednesday 15th October

Middle School Thursday 16th October

Orders collected: Junior and Senior Friday 10th October

Middle School Thursday 9th October

Cost: \$1 each

Order through your classroom teacher.

Thank you 😊





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AND

Tuesday 30/9

9am & 11am

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19th September 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