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## Emerson Newsletter

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# Welcome to Emerson School's first iNewsletter

## Dates to Remember

### February

- 26th - SSG Meetings
  - Middle School Campus finishes at 1:45pm - Buses have been notified
  - Jnr/Snr School Campus finishes at 2:00pm - Buses have been notified

### March

- 9th - Labour Day Public holiday
- 17th - School Photo Day
- 26th - SSG Meetings
- 26th - Investiture of School and House Captains

### April

- 2nd - Last Day of Term 1
  - Middle School Campus finishes at 1:45pm
  - Jnr/Snr School Campus finishes at 2:00pm

### 2026 Victorian school term dates

2026	Start date	Finish date
Term 1	28 January	2 April
Term 2	20 April	26 June
Term 3	13 July	18 September
Term 4	5 October	18 December

## **2026 Curriculum Days**

Term	Date
One	Tuesday 27th January
Two	To Be Advised
Three	To Be Advised
Four	To Be Advised



# Principal's Report

By John Mooney

During the first week of Term One, our total student enrolment since opening on 6th February, 1973 has now reached 3000!

This is remarkable milestone!

We reached the 1000 enrolment mark on 30th January, 1996 and the 2000 student mark on 1st February, 2011.

We now can set our sights on making it easier for current prospective students to enrol at Emerson in the months and years ahead. It should always be remembered that the sooner a student enrolls at Emerson the better the learning outcome will be.

**John Mooney**

*Principal*



## Value of the Fortnight

By Dianne Wright - Middle School Principal

### Friendliness

We will continue our studies on Friendliness next week. Making friends can be very tricky sometimes and the staff at Emerson school provide many lessons on this topic.

Many people have written wise words about how to make friends and keep friends.

I thought I'd share some wise words from Winnie The Pooh and his Friends.

*Winnie says that good friends are like stars. You don't always see them. But you know they are always there. He also says that a friend is the nicest thing you can have and one of the nicest things you can be.*

*Once Winnie told his friend Piglet that anyone can show up when you're happy. But the ones who stay by your side when your heart falls apart, they are your true friends.*

*Winne says friends are the most important ingredient in this recipe of Life. A day without a friend is like a pot without a single drop of honey inside.*

*And his final words of wisdom for this week's newsletter 'a friend is someone who helps you up when you're down, and if they can't they lay down beside you.*



"Today was a Difficult Day," said Pooh.

There was a pause.

"Do you want to talk about it?" asked Piglet.

"No," said Pooh after a bit. "No, I don't think I do."

"That's okay," said Piglet, and he came and sat beside his friend.

"What are you doing?" asked Pooh.

"Nothing, really," said Piglet. "Only, I know what Difficult Days are like. I quite often don't feel like talking about it on my Difficult Days either."

"But goodness," continued Piglet, "Difficult Days are so much easier when you know you've got someone there for you. And I'll always be here for you, Pooh."

And as Pooh sat there, working through in his head his Difficult Day, while the solid, reliable Piglet sat next to him quietly, swinging his little legs...he thought that his best friend had never been more right."

- A.A. Milne

Sending thoughts to those having a Difficult Day today and hope you have your own Piglet to sit beside you 

# First Day of School



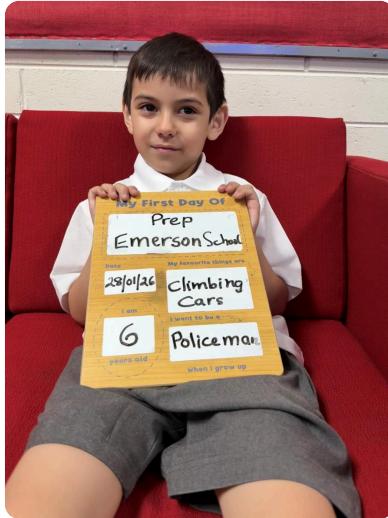
## Preps 2026

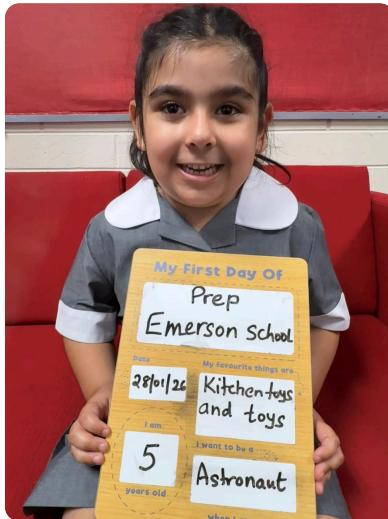
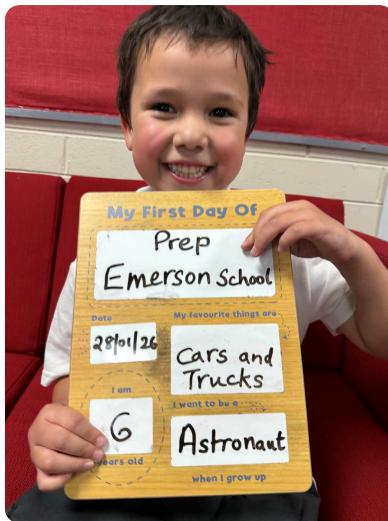
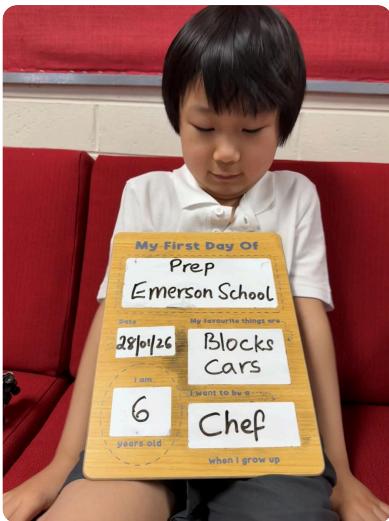
This year, JSA welcomed nine Prep students, comprising three girls and six boys, who commenced their academic journey with great enthusiasm.

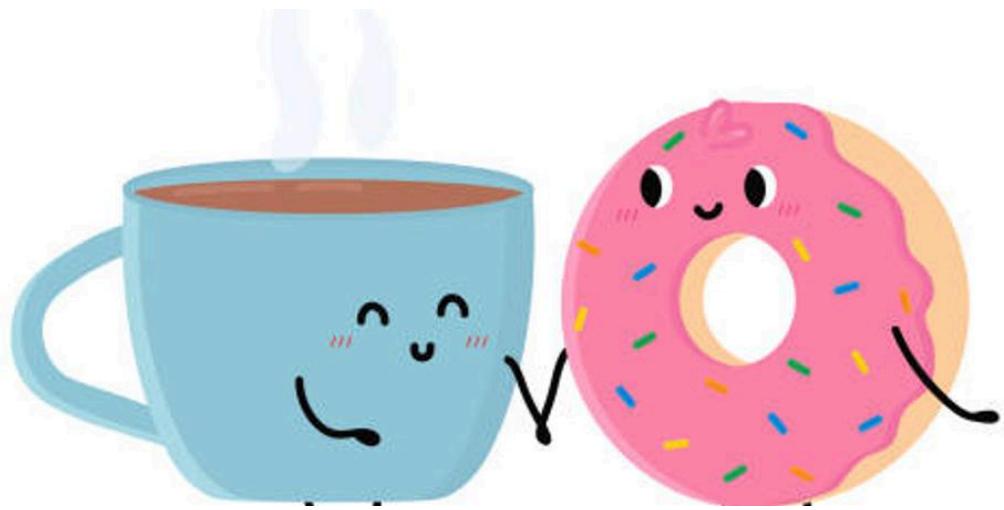
They settled into their new environment with ease, enjoying their daily experiences while actively engaging in imaginative play, structured activities, and enriching hands-on learning.

With the dedicated support of our ES staff Masha Balasooriyage, the students have embraced school life confidently.

We extend our best wishes to our prep students for a joyful, successful, and fulfilling year ahead.







## SSF Afternoon Tea

This week, SSF prepared a 'Welcome Back' afternoon tea for the all the Junior, Senior and Office Staff. All items were made by the class.

They consisted of sausage rolls, Devonshire scones, smoked salmon mini quiche, vegetarian quiche, raspberry one bite meringues, decorated small carrot cakes and salted caramel biscuits. Gluten free staff were also catered for.

The class received some wonderful positive comments as it was the students first practical cooking day in the Food & Hospitality Class.





# Student of the Week



## Junior School Awards

JSA	Asma Ghaljai	Friendliest Friend
JSB	Zayd Bin Ikmal Hakim	Excellent Effort
JSC	Rocky Ene	Excellent Effort
JSD	Winston Hoth	Mr. Manners
JSE	Rahul Sharma	Positive Pal
JSF	Sia Iupeli	Smile Maker
JSG	Ruvee Kumarapperuma	Fabulous Friend
JSH	Ali Erfan Azizi	Fabulous Friend
JSI	John Lobo	Positive Pal
JSJ	Saleh Mohammed	Excellent Work
JSK	Charity Bignell	Creative & Colourful
JSL	Aden Phung	Colourful & Creative



# Student of the Week



## Middle School Awards

MSA	Dallas Sope	For his effort, enthusiasm & leadership while Miss Formosa was away
MSB	Isabella Espino	For making good choices
MSC	Aeden Fry	For having a great start to Term 1
MSD	Roshne Subhana	For a great start in MSD
MSE	Miley Cromwell	For settling in MSE with a great smile and enthusiasm for 2026
MSF	Faith Govan	For her positive start at Emerson and her lovely manners

MSH	Kevin Uili	For working well and showing patience
MSI	Jayden Benoj	For a great start to life at Emerson School
MSJ	Ned White	For speaking up for himself
MSK	Fred Gono	For being a leader and organising a game
MSL	Kenny May	For a fantastic effort in week 1



## Milkshake Awards

DALLAS SOPE

ISABELLA ESPINO

ROSHNE SUBHANA

MILEY CROMWELL

JAYDEN BENOJ

NED WHITE

FRED GONO

YOUSEF MUTTER





## Sports Stars

JSI	VICTORIA HONG
JSJ	CHASE SHORTIS
JSL	JOSHUA ANDERSON
MSA	INDIE ADAMS
MSB	ASHTON SMITH
MSC	BENYAMIN TAHERIMAJD
SSF	WILLOWMAE RUFFLES
SSH	SHAHID FARHAT
SSS	SHAE MCGUIRE





## Bus Awards

There are no bus awards this week, however, Emerson is proud to announce our 2026 School Bus Captains.

Endeavour Hills	Sujin Tang
Narre Warren	Jack Sheppard
Cranbourne	Yousif Mutter
Pakenham	Kobi Urquhart
Noble Park	Mu Aye
Dandenong	Miley Cromwell





# Announcements

## Foodbank Mobile Supermarket

Foodbank will operate a "Mini Supermarket" from North Dandenong Neighbourhood Centre, providing much-needed food relief to Emerson School Families. Families can choose from a selection of dairy, bread, fruit, vegetables and other healthy food staples.

Emerson Families can pick up a voucher from the office of either Campus, the voucher will need to be presented at the Foodbank Mobile Supermarket.

The Mobile Supermarket will be held at the Dandenong North Neighbourhood Centre, 41 Menzies Ave, Dandenong North.

### Dates:

- *Wednesday 4 March*
- *Tuesday 19 May*





## CSEF Applications are now open for 2026.

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) provide payments for eligible students to attend activities like school camp or trips, swimming and school organised sport programs, outdoor education programs and/or excursions and incursions.

Parents with an eligible government Pension, Veteran Affairs or Health Care Card can apply. If you have already claimed CSEF at Emerson, you will not need to re-apply in 2026.



## 2026 Youth MYKI Card

During 2026, select students will participate in the Travel Education Program. Students will travel on PTV and require a MYKI card.

**\$5.00 annual Youth MYKI cards are available to all students under 18 years old. Families will be required to purchase a MYKI card for each child.**

Click on the following [Youth Myki link](#) to purchase the MYKI online, OR, go to a manned Train Station to purchase the card. Once purchased, all travel is FREE. If you order the MYKI online the Myki card will be posted to your home with your child's name printed on the card. This saves confusion of who the card belongs to.

If you are having any challenges with buying a MYKI card or registering the MYKI please email [Christine.marlow@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Christine.marlow@education.vic.gov.au) and I would be happy to make a time to assist you.

Remember to check the Compass portal for permissions for your child to attend excursions.

Compass keeps all information current which is best for your child for medical information, emergency contacts, etc. Compass makes it quick and easy for parents and staff. Please ask the office if you need help using Compass.

Kind regards,

Christine Marlow

Travel and Road Safety Education

Emerson School



## Important Reminders

### **REMINDER TO WEAR HATS FOR TERM 1**

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.



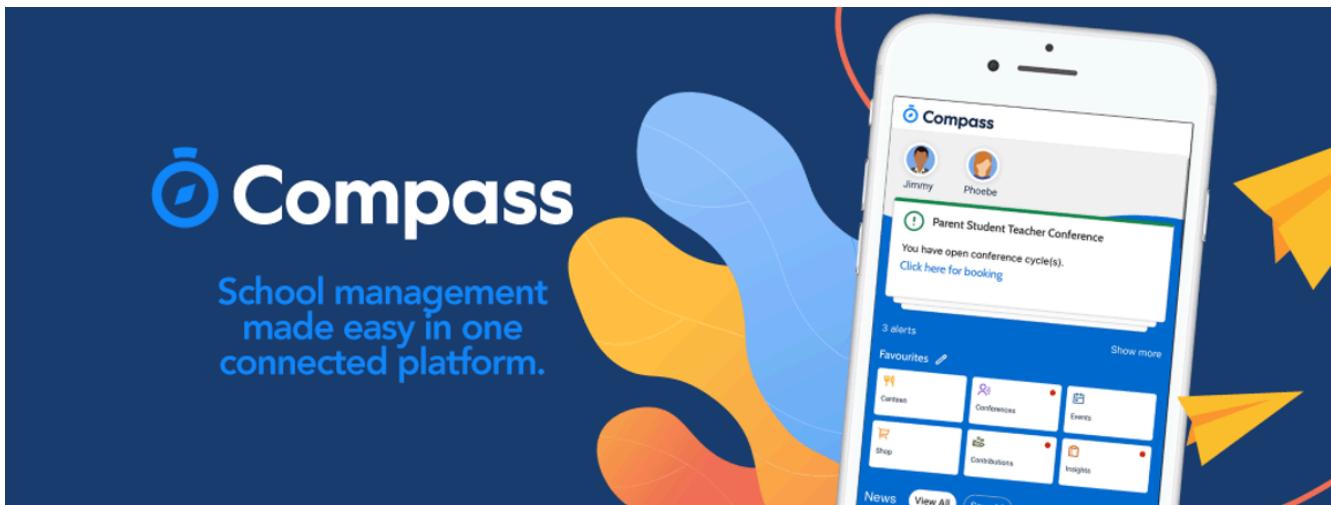
**Subway orders are available to students each week on a Wednesday.**

There are special Subway envelopes available at the office of either campus. Please fill in details with the correct money included and hand these to the Office any time before **Tuesday 10:00 am each week.**

## House Shirts

If your child needs a new house shirt, please fill out this form and return it with payment to your child's campus.

The cost for house shirts are \$10 each.



# Compass

Emerson School will be no longer sending home paper consent forms and instead will be using the Compass Management System.

All 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

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/>

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

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