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Emerson Newsletter

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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 - Investiture of School and House Captains

April

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

2026 Victorian school term dates

2026	Start date	Finish date
Term 1	28 January	2 April

2026	Start date	Finish date
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

We have been working very hard on ensuring the visual appearance of our school is always looking inviting and attractive. Our gardening team has achieved an outstanding result on the nature strip of our Heatherton Road Campus. The trees and edges have been trimmed, and the gutters have been cleaned.

We are about to commence an initiative to achieve the completion of our modernization program at Heatherton Road. This will involve a new building for our Junior School and Specialist staff, along with the construction of a performing arts complex.

To start this process, we will be demolishing four of our old portable classrooms at the rear of our school that are no longer being occupied. In fact, these are the oldest portables still in existence in Victoria. This demolition will enable building access to our new stages and

provide for artistic impressions for promoting these developments to pursue fundraising support.

An announcement of our School Council Election processes for 2026 is attached to this newsletter. I encourage all members of our community to participate in this important process.

John Mooney

Principal



Value of the Fortnight

By Dianne Wright - Middle School Principal

Value - Caring

We will be continue studying the value Caring next week.

Caring people help the world to be a better place. When a person knows that someone else cares for them, they feel less alone.

When you care about someone, look for ways to show your interest in them. Engage in conversation with them, demonstrate you care by doing something helpful.

We need to practise caring for ourselves as well.

It is important to keep our bodies clean, eat wholesome foods and get enough sleep, if we want to present ourselves as the best we can be.

When you don't care about yourself, others think that you don't matter much.



Student of the Week



Junior School Awards

JSA	Cameron K	Friendly Neighbour
JSB	Jessie V	Budding Artist
JSC	Adam L	Attentive Listener
JSD	Noah B	Classroom Leader
JSE	Anushka D	Math Wizard
JSF	Shafah A-Q	Happy Helper
JSG	Azizah M	Caring Heart
JSH	William B	Compassionate & Kind
JSI	Ishani N	Amazing Handwriting
JSJ	Alex C	Terrific Tutor
JSK	Janidu N	Energy to Learn
JSL	Malkit S	Mr Manners



Student of the Week



Middle School Awards

MSA	Ava L	For being happy in class every day & following all instructions
MSB	Isabelle E	For being focused for the whole day & helping 2 class mates complete their work
MSC	Qaireena M	For always showing kindness to others
MSD	Teven T	For always being positive & trying his best with all of his work tasks
MSE	Tyler Z	For always being respectful & keeping his space clean
MSF	Amaan H	For making a big effort to learn his classmates names
MSH	Maison G	For always showing maturity & helping the teacher

MSI	Sujin T	For being a supportive friend
MSJ	Joshua N	For great work throughout the week
MSK	Cameron S	For keeping the classroom tidy & helping with the bus
MSL	Tyson G	For his fantastic effort completing all of his work this week

Artists of the Week	Isabella MSB, Mackenzie MSD, Imran MSK & Ned MSJ
Woodworker of the Week	Roshne MSD - For following every safety rule whilst using the Pedestal drill to drill her dowel hole
ESO Student of the Week	Altair MSI - For great work on his time activities - By ESO Smitha



Milkshake Awards

RILEY TAYLOR-LAY

SYLVIA DIEP

ZAYD MUNIR

MACKENZIE SPICER

ZAIN MALIKI

ALISA TOTTORI

KADE GIBSON

BEN KITTSON

JASMINE TRAN

DOMENIC PEQUENO

QAIRENNA MALEK



Sports Stars

JSF	Arvey H
JSI	Ishani N
JSJ	Storm E
MSA	Thomas T
MSA	Wally W
MSF	Paul T
SSC	Joel H
SSE	Rebecca K
SSI	Giselle S-A



Bus Awards

Term 1, Week 3 Awards

Endeavour Hills	Angel M
Narre Warren	Michael C
Cranbourne	Noah H
Pakenham	Abulfazal A
Noble Park	Jemma L
Dandenong	Miley C

Congratulations!



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 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

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SWIM SCHOOLS

EMERSON SCHOOLSCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTION 2026

At Emerson School we have a School Council of 15 members.

- 8 Parents who are not employed by the Department of Education (Two year terms)
- 4 Department of Education employees (Two year terms)
- 1 School Principal
- 2 Co-opted Community Members (Two year terms)

TOTAL: 15 MEMBERS

Every year the terms of office of half of the parent members and half of the Department of Education employees expire. Retiring councillors are eligible for re-election if they still qualify as a parent of the school or are a Department of Education employee according to the conditions of category membership.

PARENT MEMBERS

In March 2026, the terms of office of four parent members will expire. Akila Buddhipala, Emma Hill, Carmel Webster and Adeel Ahmed have declared themselves available for re-election.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

The terms of office of two councillors in this category will expire in March 2026. Jenny La'Brooy and Pam Mohan have declared themselves available for re-election.

KEY DATES

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| 1. Friday, 20th February, 2026 | Call for nominations |
| 2. Friday, 27th February, 2026 | Close of nominations |
| 3. Friday, 6th March, 2026 | Distribution of ballot papers if required |
| 4. Friday, 13th March, 2026 | Close of ballot |
| 5. Tuesday, 17th March, 2026 | Declaration of Poll |
| 6. | |

Nomination forms for the above positions are available from our Business Manager, Mel Nicholson.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Mooney', is written over a faint, light blue grid background.

JOHN MOONEY, PRINCIPAL AND COUNCIL ELECTION RETURNING OFFICER

20th February, 2026



Important Reminders

School Start and Finish times

We kindly remind all parents and guardians to please ensure that children are dropped off and picked up within our school's operating hours. Arriving on time helps children settle into their day, attend all of their classes, and maintain continuity in their learning.

Timely pick-up at the end of the day is equally important, as it allows us to operate safely and responsibly within our scheduled hours. Your cooperation plays a vital role in supporting your child's education and ensuring a smooth day for everyone.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership.

JNR/SNR Campus		Middle Campus	
Monday	9:00am - 3:00pm	Monday	9:00am - 2:45pm
Tuesday	9:00am - 3:00pm	Tuesday	9:00am - 2:45pm
Wednesday	9:00am - 3:00pm	Wednesday	9:00am - 2:45pm
Thursday	8:50am - 3:00pm	Thursday	8:50am - 2:45pm
Friday	8:50am - 3:00pm	Friday	8:50am - 2:45pm

**Please note—THURSDAY morning is Houses and FRIDAY morning is Assembly
Both ARE held at the MIDDLE SCHOOL Campus**

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.



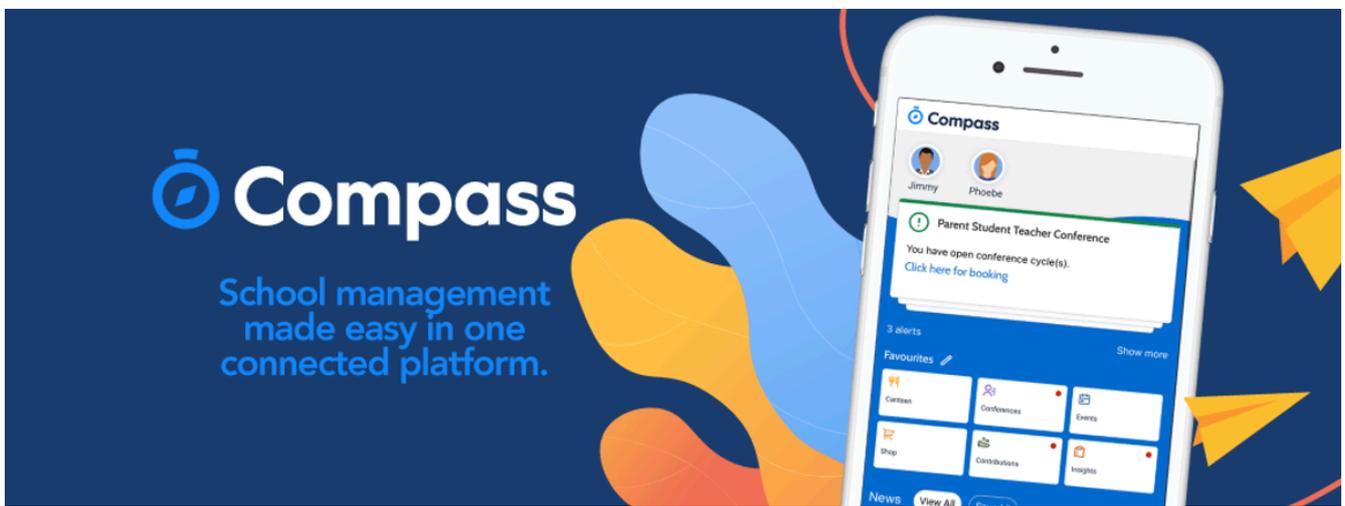
Subway orders are available to students each week on a Wednesday.

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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