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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
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

Student Support Group (SSG) Meetings – Thank You for Your Strong Support

I would like to thank all parents/guardians, students and staff for the excellent turnout at yesterday's Student Support Group (SSG) meetings. It was truly wonderful to see so many families in attendance and actively engaged in supporting their child's learning journey.

These meetings are an important part of our commitment to ensuring that parents and staff work in partnership to maximise student learning outcomes. By coming together to discuss progress, set goals and plan next steps, we strengthen the support structures that help each student thrive.

The collaboration and shared commitment demonstrated yesterday reflect the strong sense of community within our school. When families and educators work together, we create the best possible environment for student growth and success.

For families who have not yet scheduled an appointment, I kindly ask that you please do so as soon as possible. These meetings are essential in enabling us to forward plan student programs and ensure that learning supports are tailored to individual needs.

Thank you once again for your ongoing partnership and dedication to your child's education.

John Mooney

Principal



Value of the Fortnight

By Dianne Wright - Middle School Principal

One Mans Vision

It's hard to believe that this initiative was the inspiration of one man, Ian Kiernan, AO. An avid sailor, Ian was shocked and disgusted by the pollution and rubbish that he continually encountered in the oceans of the world. Taking matters into his own hands in 1989, Ian organised a community event called 'Clean Up Sydney Harbour' with the support of a committee of friends. He expected just a few hundred volunteers. Instead, 40,000 people showed up, sparking a national movement.

This Sunday is Clean Up Australia Day. There are many ways we can be involved in this movement. We can begin by putting our rubbish in the bins. Other areas that we can clean include our bedrooms, our classrooms and playgrounds.

Where is your special area that you can clean up? Please let me know.

We live in the best and most beautiful country on earth and we need to look after it.





House Athletics 2026

Emerson's annual House Athletics was a fantastic celebration of energy, teamwork, and school spirit. Students from all houses took to the day with enthusiasm, competing in a range of events that showcased not only speed and strength, but also determination and resilience.

From thrilling sprint finishes to impressive field event performances, the day was filled with memorable moments and loud cheers of encouragement from the sidelines.

It was wonderful to see so many students stepping outside their comfort zones, supporting one another, and proudly representing their houses.

A big thank you to Mr Hutching, Emerson staff and students who helped make the event such a success — we are already looking forward to next year's House Athletics!





Student of the Week



Middle School Awards

MSA	Thomas T	For being excellent with his work ethic
MSB	Rayyaan M	For settling in well in his new environment
MSC	Benjamin T	For always taking part in classroom discussions
MSD	Jesse M-E	For excellent work & participation in both Literacy & Numeracy sessions
MSE	Oscar M	For communicating his needs using his words
MSF	Paul T	For always working well in completing all classroom work
MSH	Ella S	For her excellent work ethic & manners
MSI	Noah A	For being a quiet achiever
MSJ	Urim M	For working hard at overcoming challenges
MSK	Zar J	For her positive attitude towards learning & always smiling in the classroom
MSL	Daniel T	For having a positive attitude

Artists of the Week	Sylvia MSB, Miley MSE, Kevin MSH & Daniel MSL
Woodworker of the Week	Isaac MSI - For showing the courage to cut his shield with the jigsaw
ESO Student of the Week - ESO Diane	Rayyaan MSB - For working well on the Maths activity
Principals Award	Imran MSK, for helping 2 students work through their conflict



Milkshake Awards

Thomas T

Rayyaan M

Benjamin T

Jesse M-E

Oscar M

Cooper C

Ella S

Noah A

Zar J

Daniel T

Isaac E

Imran B-A





Sports Stars

JSH	Henry N
JSJ	Tahlia D
JSK	Eliza E-W
MSA	Ethan C
MSB	Jack S
MSE	Olivia K
SSD	Sadra D
SSE	Nisini Y
SSE	Yahya M





Bus Awards

Term 1, Week 5 Awards

Endeavour Hills	Julian V
Narre Warren	Ali D
Cranbourne	Joshua N
Pakenham	Max L
Noble Park	Cienna W
Dandenong	Jackson D





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



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.



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.

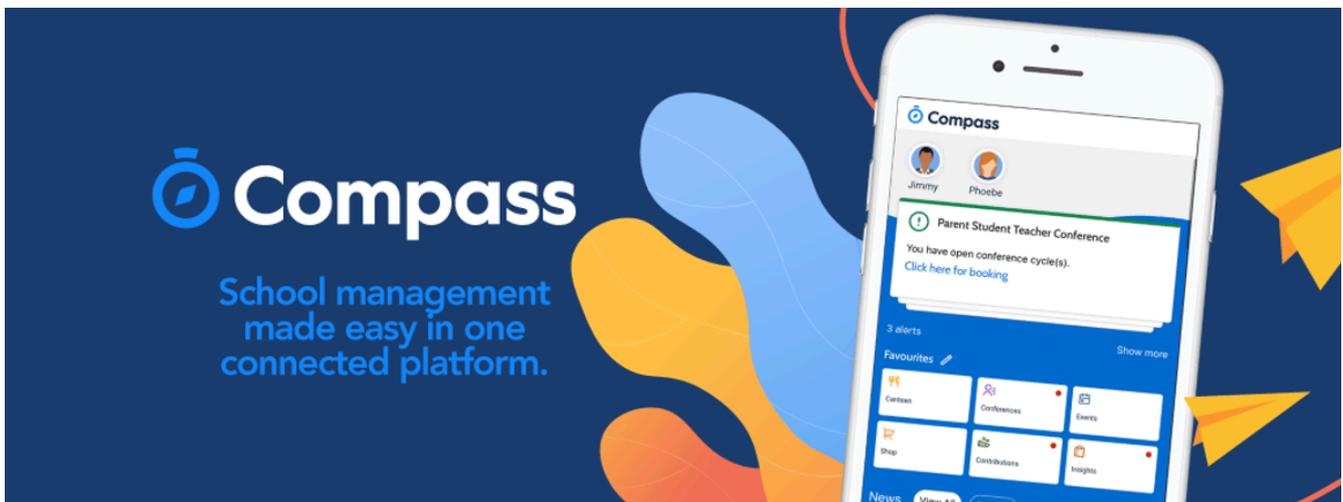
We also strongly suggest that sunscreen is applied and a water bottle is brought to school to keep hydrated.

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.**



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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