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# Emerson Newsletter

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# Welcome to Emerson School's iNewsletter

## Dates to Remember

### March

- 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

When you turn on the news programs on television these days, there is a good chance that almost all of the news will be about conflict, tragedy and severe weather. Many families have told me that they do not allow their children to watch television for this reason. Some parents turn off the television when advertisements are on. One parent said to me last week "... why do they allow gambling ads during the football and immediately tell our children that it is bad for them ..." Things can certainly get out of balance these days.

In 1983, the Canadian singer, Anne Murray, had a hit song called '*A Little Good News*'. She recognised the problem of sensationalising negative news and advertisements 43 years ago. It is sad that we still have the same problem today.

It is important that every school in Australia provide students with an exciting and stimulating program that children look forward to every day. When you are in a learning program that caters for your individual needs and interests, your chances of success are optimised.

***John Mooney***

*Principal*



# Value of the Fortnight

By Dianne Wright - Middle School Principal

Value: Responsibility

We will be studying the value Responsibility for the next fortnight.

Being responsible is a sign of maturity. It means that you are willing to be accountable for your behaviour. Responsible people do all tasks to the best of their ability.

They keep their agreements. Other people can count on you as they trust that you will always do your best.



# 2026 School Photos

**MSP Photography will be onsite on Tuesday, 17 March** for Emerson School Photo Day.

## **What's being photographed**

- Class photos
- Individual portrait photos
- Sibling photos (for families who request them)

Please ensure students arrive in full school uniform. Late arrivals or early pickups may prevent your child from having their photo taken, as students are expected to be present all day.

Sibling photos will also be available for families who have requested them.

A **Backup Photo Day** is scheduled for **Wednesday, 25 March**.

If you would like to order School Photos, an ordering envelope was sent home with Students on Wednesday March 4th, you can follow the instructions on the envelope to order online or return payment and order in the envelope to Emerson.

# Student of the Week



## Middle School Awards

MSA	Mohamed L	For taking his time to complete his work accurately and without rushing
MSB	Jay D	For always completing his work quietly
MSC	Vinny D	For listening and completing his work on time
MSD	Cooper B	For helping his peers learn the rules of Uno during our Maths rotation
MSE	Nikkisha W	For working really hard in Maths
MSF	Jackson D	For helping a fellow student with his typing work - Miss Ryan is very proud of you
MSH	Brendan F	For always working hard and remaining seated
MSI	Sujin T	For working hard in Maths
MSJ	Braxton B	For always working hard during class time
MSK	Abyaan H	For demonstrating fantastic typing skills
MSL	Beau S	For always making smart choices and helping others

Artists of the Week	Jesse MSD, Mackenzie MSD, Joshua MSJ
ESO Student of the Week - ESO George	Roshne MSD, for good drawing of cartoon characters



## Milkshake Awards

Mohamed L

Jay D

Vinny D

Cooper B

Nikkisha W

Paul T

Malisa A

Sujin T

Abyaan H

Beau S

Jesse M-E





# Bus Awards

## Term 1, Week 6 Awards

Endeavour Hills	Claire B
Narre Warren	Aaren W
Cranbourne	Beau S
Pakenham	Kobi U
Noble Park	Omal T
Dandenong	Rahul S

**Congratulations!**



# Their Care Autumn School Holiday Program

Their Care's upcoming holiday program will run from 7 April to 17 April,

Please find below links to the flyer, a priority form, and booking form.

The priority and booking form must both be completed and returned to Their Care.

Hard copies are also available in the reception of both Campuses.

The closing date for submissions is Friday, 20 March 2026.

**Program**

**Manager**

**Vildan Dede Agca**



# 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:**

- *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



Ready to try something new?  
**Join Scouts**  
Narre Warren South Scout Group  
is welcoming new members to  
unlock adventure and start  
their Scouting journey!

  
Narre Warren  
South  
Scout Group

Our Section meeting nights are  
Joey's | ages 5-8 | Monday 5:30pm - 6:30pm  
Cubs | ages 8-11 | Monday 7:15pm - 8:45pm  
Cubs | ages 8-11 | Friday 7pm - 8:30pm  
Scouts | ages 11-14 | Wednesday 7pm - 9pm  
Venturers | ages 14-18 | Thursday 7pm - 9pm

We meet at 101 Oakgrove Dr, Narre Warren South

For more information or to join, scan the QR code  
[gl.narrewarrensouth@scoutsvictoria.com.au](mailto:gl.narrewarrensouth@scoutsvictoria.com.au)

  
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## 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**

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

<b>JNR/SNR Campus</b>		<b>Middle Campus</b>	
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.

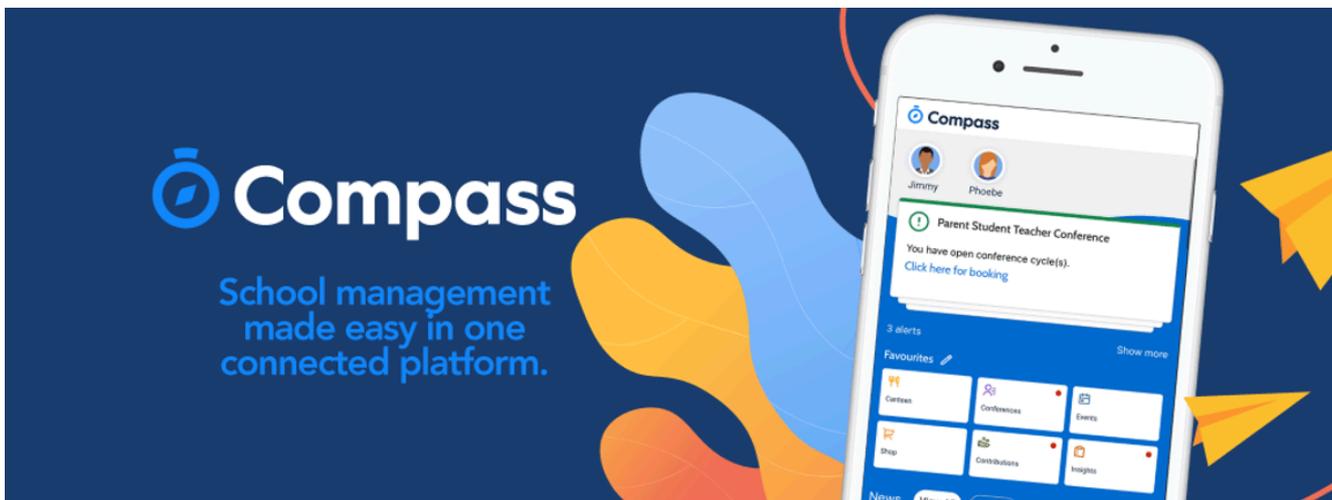
We also strongly suggest that sunscreen is applied and a water bottle is brought to school to keep hydrated.

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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