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Emerson Newsletter

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May

- 14th - NDIS Information & Expo
- 28th - Inter House Music Festival

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- 8th - King's Birthday Public Holiday
- 18th - SSG Meetings
- 26th - End of Term 2
 - Middle School Campus finishes at 1:45pm - Buses have been notified
 - Jnr/Snr School Campus finishes at 2:00pm - Buses have been notified

July

- 13th - First Day of Term 3

2026 Victorian school term dates

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
Two	To Be Advised
Three	To Be Advised
Four	To Be Advised



Principal's Report

By John Mooney

At this week's School Council, the need to continue our Building Modernization Program was discussed. The architects of our building plans have produced artist impression drawings of what our new Junior School Wing and Performing Arts/Gymnasium Centre would look like. These very impressive drawings will be circulated in the coming weeks.

The Victorian State Budget for 2026/27 was released this week. Our Victorian Government is to be congratulated for the enormous investment being made in the area of Education.

Emerson School benefits in many ways in the 26/27 Budget.

1. Continued participation in the existing intensive Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) program.
2. Continued participation in the Transport Assistance Program that greatly benefits our students in travelling to and from school.
3. Continued participation in our high quality Victorian Pathways Certificate program for our Senior School students.
4. Continued participation in The Glasses for Kids program to ensure optical acuity for students.
5. Continued expansion of our School Breakfast Club program.

Our School Council also discussed the difficulties parents are experiencing in enrolment procedures and funding approval. In some cases, it is taking between 6 to 12 months to receive enrolment approval and funding allocation.

Our School Council wishes to achieve a Funding and Services Agreement that will achieve:

1. Automatic enrolment.
2. An annual audit of enrolment accuracy.
3. A guaranteed budget with inbuilt saving efficiency. In other words, the funding of every student could save up to \$9,000 per child in per capita funding.
4. The continuation of making outstanding adjustments to our curricular programs to ensure that every student blossoms and unlocks their potential.

The Council is hoping to achieve a Funding and Service Agreement as soon as possible. There are already several Specialist Schools who have Funding and Service Agreements. Our School Council wants the same approval at Emerson School.

John Mooney

Principal



Value of the Fortnight

By Dianne Wright - Middle School Principal

We will continue studying the value Determination next week.

Last week I asked the question, "Who is the most determined person you know?"

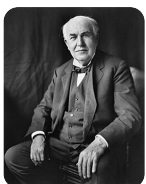
Determined people throughout history have reshaped the world by refusing to accept defeat, overcoming adversity, and pursuing their goals despite overwhelming odds. Here are some of the most prominent examples of determination:

- Nelson Mandela - Imprisoned for 27 years for standing against apartheid. He emerged without bitterness to lead South Africa into a new era of unity.
- Malala Youafzai - Survived a Taliban assassination attempt at age 15 and continued her fight for girls' education, becoming the youngest Noble Peace Prize recipient.
- Thomas Edison - Failed over 100 times before he successfully invented the electric light bulb.

And finally...

- Helen Keller - Overcame being both blind and deaf to become a renowned author, activist, and lecturer.

Who is the most determined person you know?





Free Dental

The Australian Smile Group will be offering dental services to Emerson students from Week 4 in Term 2.

Australian Smile Group Dental Service provide comprehensive dental care programs designed specifically for educational institutions. They provide on-site dental examinations, preventive treatments, and oral health education for students of all ages and they will be bringing their mobile van to Emerson School.

Routine dental services such as cleaning, x-rays, fillings and extractions will be covered under Medicare Bulk Billing.

Consent forms have been sent home and should be returned to Emerson School as soon as possible.

Jenny La'Brooy.

Student Services / Disability Inclusion



NDIS Information Expo



What will your child do after year 12? Post School Pathways

NDIS Information Session:

An information session will be held from **2:00 pm to 3:00 pm**.

Parent Expo:

The Expo will run from **3:00 pm to 5:00 pm**, providing an opportunity for families to connect with service providers and access valuable resources to support post-school planning and transition.

Provider talk

VALID and Endeavour foundation also presenting from **4:00 pm to 5:00 pm**.

Some services that you will be able to explore are.

TAFEs and RTOs

Disability Employment Services

Day services

SLES providers and much more...



When: Thursday 14th May

Time: 2:00 - 5:00 pm

Where: Emerson School

1430 Heatherton rd. Dandenong North

Please register through trybooking - if you have any questions, please contact Mrs Ishak



Blackwood Bike Camp

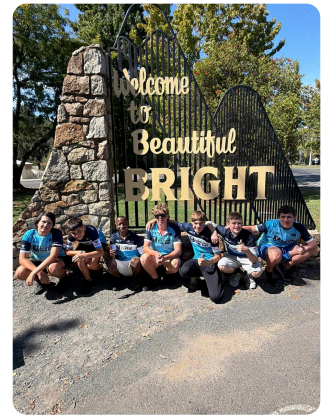
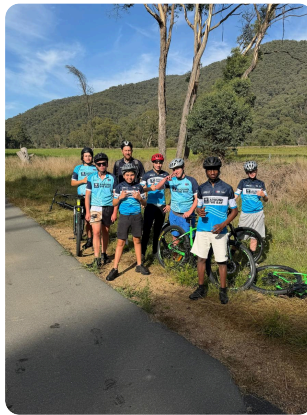
What an incredible experience for our students on this year's Alpine Bike Camp!

Over two riding days, 7 students completed an amazing 100km along sections of the Murray to Mountains Rail Trail through Victoria's beautiful alpine region. Throughout the camp students built resilience, independence, teamwork and confidence while taking on a huge personal challenge.

The experience went far beyond just riding bikes, with students helping load and unload bikes, set up tents or keep cabins clean and support one another throughout the trip. Along the trail students developed fantastic communication skills, calling out hazards, signalling when slowing down and encouraging each other along the way.

It was also fantastic to see students build friendships with students from other schools and create some amazing memories together. A huge congratulations to all students involved on such a fantastic achievement!







Interschool Basketball and Volleyball Competition

At the end of last term, our students participated in the SSSSA Interschool Basketball and Volleyball Competition!

All teams showed fantastic improvement in their skills during the weeks leading into Carnival Day and represented the school with great sportsmanship, teamwork and effort throughout the competition.

It was a fantastic day of competition played in great spirit, and we are incredibly proud of all students involved.

Special congratulations to our winning teams:

Basketball B Grade

Basketball C Grade Girls

Volleyball Champions

Amazing effort by all students and staff involved!





Student of the Week



Junior School Awards

JSA	Ashleen K	Excellent Effort
JSB	Eli T	Handy Helper
JSC	Eric T	Smile Maker
JSD	Jackson Q-T	Helping Hero
JSE	Nedrine N	Creative Kid
JSF	Amelia E	Really Reliable
JSG	Lachie R	Helping Hero
JSH	Lily P	Never Gives Up
JSI	John L	Amazing Hand Writing
JSJ	Alex C	Terrific Team Mate
JSK	Janidu N	Math Fact Master
JSL	Albert W	Caring Heart



Student of the Week



Middle School Awards

MSA	Anthony K	For being a great student all the time
MSB	Isabella E	For always completing her work tasks
MSC	Zayd Munir	For always working exceptionally well in all of his subjects
MSD	Sofia F	For excellent participation in literacy and numeracy
MSE	Issac S	For being independent and completing all of his tasks
MSF	Alisa T	For working well across all subjects and always trying her best
MSH	Nathaniel K	For showing increasing politeness and patience in class
MSI	Noah A	For displaying maturity
MSJ	Keenan W	For doing great work in class
MSK	Cameron S & Zoe S-H	For paying attention and trying hard in class
MSL	Vasilije B	For his excellent work and attitude in literacy

Woodworker of the Week	Ruby H - For giving sustained effort whilst using the horizontal borer to drill her dowel holes
ESO Student of the Week ESO Srimi	Ashhal A (MSC) - For working really hard on his classwork



Milkshake Awards

Anthony K

Isabella E

Zayd Munir

Sofia F

Issac S

Amaan H

Nathaniel K

Noah A

Keenan W

Cameron S

Zoe S-H

Vasilije B

Ruby H

Ashhal





Sports Stars

JSA	Lucas G
JSF	Scarlett J
JSL	Aden P
MSF	Indego T
MSL	Isa M
MSL	Beau S
SSC	Molly M
SSD	Alex H
SSP	Michael C





Bus Awards

Term 2, Week 3 Awards

Endeavour Hills	Deacon N
Narre Warren	Indego T
Cranbourne	Manaia S
Pakenham	Campbell D
Noble Park	Dallas S
Dandenong	Ben K

Congratulations!

THINGS TO DO

Community Activities, Events and Tickets

Open to performers aged 12-25

DANDY'S GOT TALENT

PERFORMER APPLICATIONS



Keen to perform live?
 We are currently accepting performer applications from singers, rappers, dancers and bands.
 Applications close 31 May.

Final showcase:
 Thursday 9 July
 2.30pm - 7pm
 The Castle
 61 Princes Hwy
 Dandenong

Prizes to be won

AMPLIFY **VICTORIA** **DJ CITY** **Sky Music** **the band booth** **RIDDIM STUDIOS**

Greater Dandenong

Apply to perform here

Greater Dandenong Youth and Family Services
 39 Clow Street, Dandenong
 (03) 8571 1620 [cgdyouthservices](https://www.facebook.com/cgdyouthservices)
youthservices@cgd.vic.gov.au
youth.greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au

TTY: 133 677
 Speak and listen: 1300 555 727
 TIS: 13 14 50

We are proudly drug, alcohol, smoke and vape free **Bunurong Country**

Amplify is a Victorian Government initiative that supports young Victorians to plan and run drug, alcohol, vape and smoking-free events for other young people.
 Image supplied by Star News Group



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 11am-12:30pm*



CSEF Applications are closing 26th June, 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



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

Collecting Students during the day

We kindly remind all parents and guardians to please ensure that you avoid collecting your child/children during the below recess and lunch times.

Junior School	Junior School
Monday - Friday	Recess 10:30am-11:00am Lunch Eating Time 12:30pm - 12:45pm Outside Play 12:45pm-1:30pm

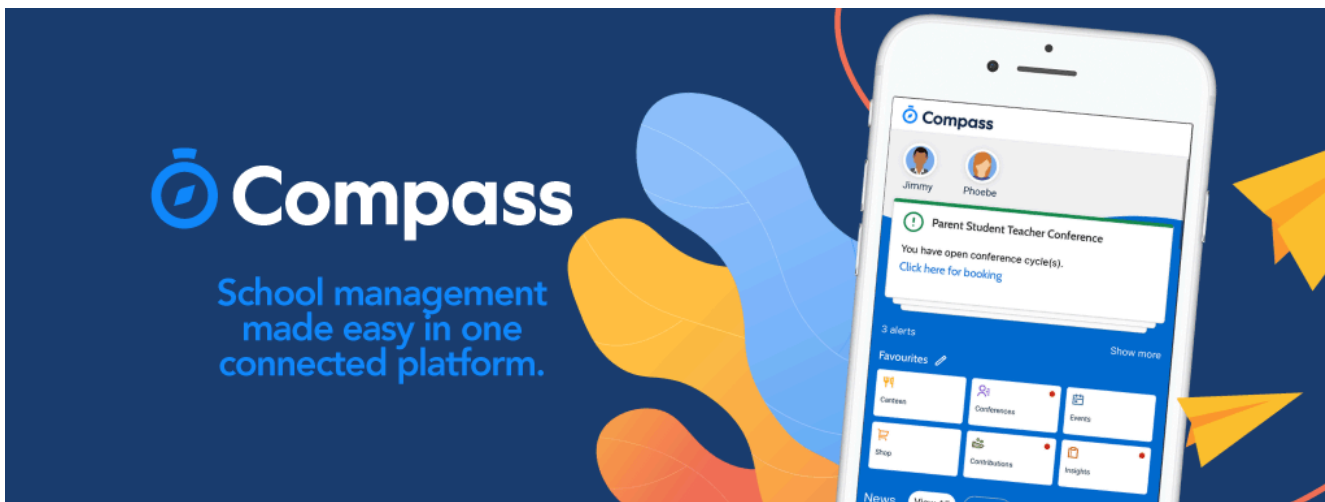
Middle School	
Monday - Friday	Recess 10:30am-11:00am Lunch Eating Time 12:30pm - 12:45pm Outside Play 12:45pm-1:15pm

Senior School	
Monday	Recess 10:30am - 11:00am Lunch Eating Time 12:30pm - 12:45pm Outside Play 12:45pm - 1:30pm
Tuesday - Friday	Recess 11:15am - 11:45am Lunch Eating Time 1:15pm - 1:30pm Outside Play 1:30pm - 2:15pm



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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