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Dates to Remember

May

- 28th - Inter House Music Festival

June

- 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

Yesterday, Emerson School had the privilege of celebrating an extraordinary milestone, 60 years in education for our Principal, John Mooney.

Staff gathered alongside John's immediate family, including his wife Anne, children, and grandchildren, to honour his remarkable contribution to education in the state of Victoria. It was a warm and memorable occasion filled with appreciation, reflection and celebration of a career dedicated to making a difference in the lives of students and families.

We were delighted to share this special moment with many members of the Emerson School community. A heartfelt thank you must go to classes SSF and SSE, whose students and staff worked tirelessly to prepare an incredible selection of delicious sweet and savoury culinary delights for the event. Their efforts, enthusiasm and teamwork helped make the celebration truly special. We would like to acknowledge each student and staff member involved for their wonderful contribution and the pride they brought to the occasion.

John's 60 years in Victorian education is a truly remarkable achievement. Throughout his career, he has shown unwavering dedication, compassion, leadership and commitment to supporting students past, present and future. His impact on the Emerson School community and the broader Victorian education community is immeasurable.

On behalf of the entire Emerson School community, we congratulate John on this outstanding milestone and thank him for the lasting difference he continues to make in the lives of so many.

Heather Norman - School Council President

Value of the Fortnight

By Dianne Wright - Middle School Principal

Next week, we will continue our focus on the value of **Compassion**.

Compassion involves showing empathy towards others, listening without judgement or interruption, and treating everyone with patience and kindness.

Compassionate people care for others regardless of race, colour, or religion.

It is one of the qualities that makes us truly human and helps build a caring and respectful community.

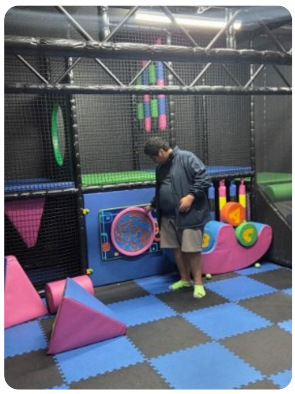
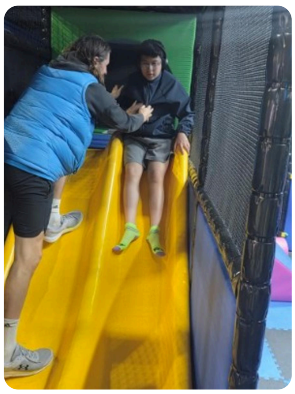
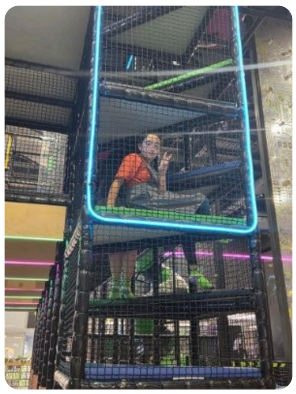
MSE & MSI Excursion to Flip Out Knox

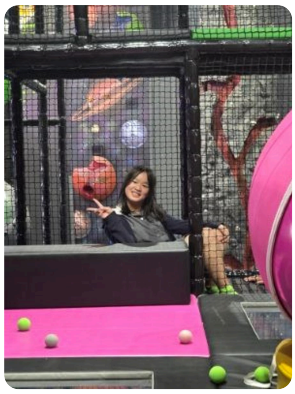
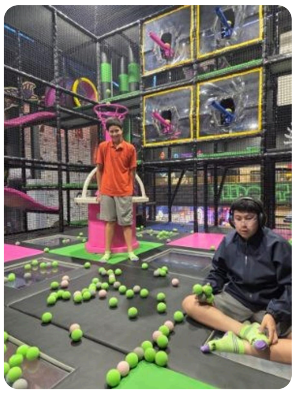
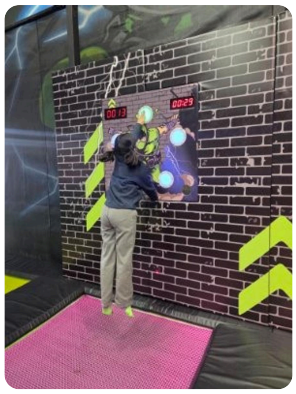
Students from MSE and MSI recently enjoyed an exciting excursion to Flip Out Knox. The day was filled with fun, movement, and laughter as students explored the trampoline areas, challenged themselves on the climbing activities, and had a great time diving into the ball pit.

Students showed enthusiasm, teamwork, and confidence while trying different activities and encouraging one another throughout the day. The excursion provided a wonderful opportunity for students to build social connections, stay active, and most importantly, have fun together.

A fantastic day was had by all!

Pretty George
MSE Teacher

Junior School Awards

JSA	Kennedy C	Math Wizard
JSB	Jasper C	Most Curious
JSC	Yeshua F-B	Math Maniac
JSD	Julie C	Energy to Learn
JSE	Anushka D	Mr Manners
JSF	Leteisha B	Most Curious
JSG	Minh N	Wonderful Writers
JSH	Lily P	Never Gives Up
JSI	John S	Energy to Learn
JSJ	Tyler T	Excellent Effort
JSK	Charity B	Amazing Attitude
JSL	Jason M	Caring Heart

Middle School Awards

MSA	Wally W	For being amazing in class
MSB	Beau S	For helping Miss H walk with her vision impaired student
MSC	Casper P	For having a good start at Emerson with positivity and strong effort
MSD	Mackenzie S	For being supportive to her peers
MSE	Elijah R	For supporting his peers and completing his work on time
MSF	Ben D	For a huge improvement in his behaviour, attitude and work rate since last year
MSH	Kade G	For improving his typing skills on the computer
MSJ	Eleanor E	For a great start to Emerson
MSK	Fred G	For being focused on finishing all of his work
MSL	Yousif M	For his tremendous work ethic and always doing the right thing

Artist of the Week	Kevin U - MSH
Woodworker of the Week	Paul T - MSF - For volunteering to help sand a vision impaired students chair during lunchtime
ESO Student of the Week ESO Lukas	Cooper B - MSD - For improvement in Literacy

Milkshake Awards

Ethan C

Sylvia D

Selena D

Israa S

Olivia K

Alisa T

Tina T

Altair T

Angelia T

Max L

Kenny M

Isa M

Yousif M

Philo G

Amaan H

Sports Stars

JSF	Justin C
JSI	Karly N-P
JSJ	Omri L
MSA	Anthony K
MSB	Adella B
MSF	Ben D
SSB	Micah W
SSI	Brandon N
SSV	Marwa S

Bus Awards

Term 2, Week 5 Awards

Endeavour Hills	Ella S
Narre Warren	William B
Cranbourne	Shawn S
Pakenham	Abulfazal A
Noble Park	Mu A
Dandenong	Ben K

After School Care Winter Holiday Program

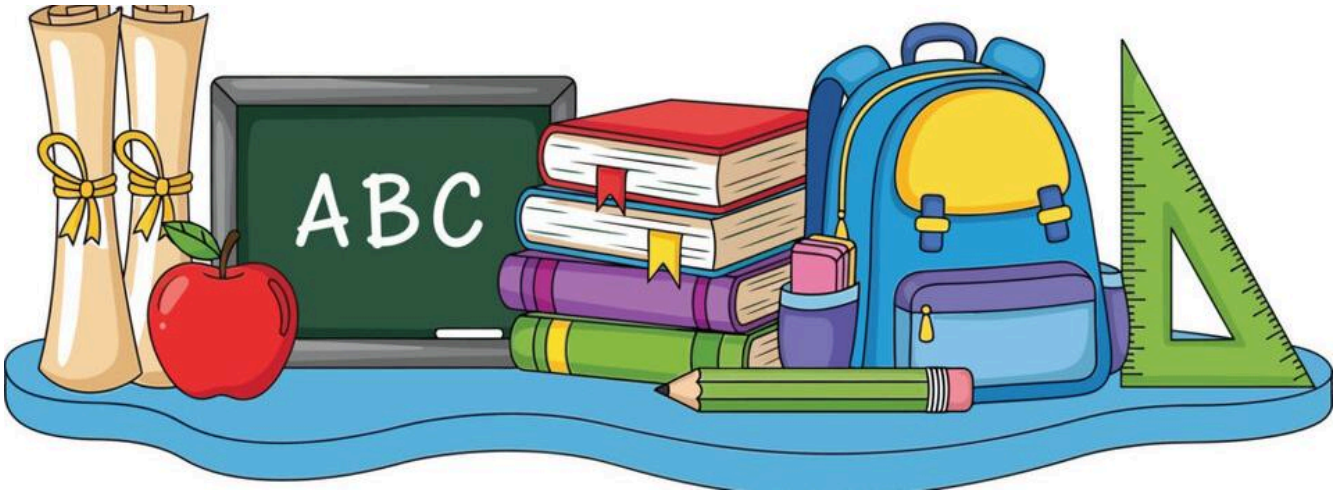
Dear Parents/Carers,

TheirCare forms are now available for the Winter School Holiday Program.

Copies are available at both campus's as well as on Compass.

Please complete all forms and return to TheirCare or your child's campus.

PLEASE NOTE THAT NO CHILD WILL BE ALLOCATED THE FULL TWO WEEKS ATTENDANCE DUE TO LIMITED SPACES.



Staff Announcements

Congratulations to Emmerson's very own ESO Staff Member Jordan Gwynne.

Community Activities, Events and Tickets

Announcements

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

Please remember to label your child's school jumpers and jackets this winter season. It makes returning lost property easier.

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.

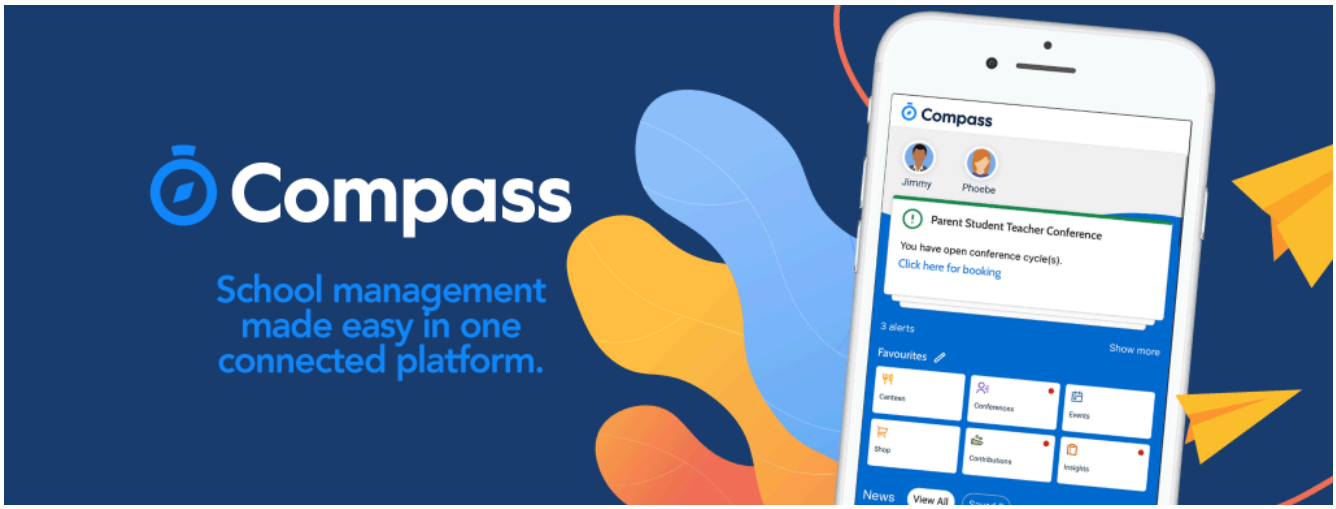
Junior School	**Junior School**
Monday - Friday	Recess 10:30am-11:00am Lunch Eating Time 12:30pm - 12:45pm Outside Play 12:45pm-1:30pm

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.

GET IT ON Google Play Download on the App 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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