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# Emerson Newsletter

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# Welcome to Emerson School's iNewsletter

## Dates to Remember

### June

- 24th - School Production Evening Public Performance at 6:00pm
- 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
Three	Monday August 3rd and Friday August 28th
Four	To Be Advised



# Principal's Report

Emerson School welcomes representatives from Bank First today as part of the organisation's ongoing partnership and support of our school community. For many years, Bank First has been a valued partner of Emerson, supporting our students and staff through community funding, curriculum support, and a range of educational initiatives that have enriched learning opportunities across the school.

During their visit, Michelle Bagnell, Chief Executive Officer and Denise Williams, Community Engagement Partner of Bank First, spent time with our Principal, John Mooney, to discuss his remarkable 60 years of service to education in Victoria. The interview explored John's extensive contribution to the field of education, his reflections on the changes he has witnessed over six decades, and his enduring commitment to supporting young people and their families.

Accompanied by a film crew, the Bank First team toured the school, capturing the vibrant learning environment that makes Emerson such a special place. The visit showcased our facilities, programs, and the outstanding work being undertaken by staff to support students with diverse learning needs.

Throughout the filming, conversations highlighted the vital role that special education plays within Victoria's education system and the importance of ensuring that every student has access to learning environments where they can thrive, achieve success and reach their full potential.

We are grateful to Denise, Michelle and the Bank First team for taking the time to visit Emerson and for their continued commitment to supporting education and local

communities.

***David Walsh***

***Campus Principal, Junior/Senior Campus***



# Value of the Fortnight

By Dianne Wright - Middle School Principal

## Self-Discipline

We will continue studying the value Self-Discipline next week.

Self-disciplined people control their behaviour. They do not need other people to watch over them or control them.

They plan ahead, set goals and take responsibility for their progress and achievements in life.

We must remember that everyone has a choice as to how they behave.





## Healesville Sanctuary Excursion

On Monday 16 June, students from MSA, MSB, MSC and MSD enjoyed a rich and engaging learning experience during their excursion to Healesville Sanctuary. This memorable day brought classroom learning to life through a strong focus on Australian wildlife, ecosystems and environmental sustainability.

Students participated in the Adaptations and Features education program, carefully aligned with Literacy, Science and Geography learning. Through hands-on, expert-led experiences, students explored how animals survive in different environments by examining physical and behavioural adaptations, habitats, biodiversity and the interconnected relationships within ecosystems.

Highlights of the day included observing native Australian animals in authentic habitats, engaging in keeper talks and workshops, learning about endangered species and human impact, and enjoying the spectacular Spirits of the Sky presentation. Students were also encouraged to consider positive actions they can take to care for wildlife and the natural environment.

Beyond curriculum learning, the excursion supported students to build independence, confidence and social skills in a community setting, while fostering curiosity, respect for nature and meaningful peer connections.

We extend our sincere thanks to all Emerson staff who supported the excursion. Their care, professionalism and commitment ensured the day was safe, inclusive and highly successful. We also thank the education team at Healesville Sanctuary for providing such high-quality, engaging learning experiences for our students.

This excursion was a wonderful example of learning in action and a truly enriching experience for all involved.

Mrs Formoso MSA

Miss Hasegawa MSB

Mr Machar MSC

Mrs Searle MSD





## MSE Excursion

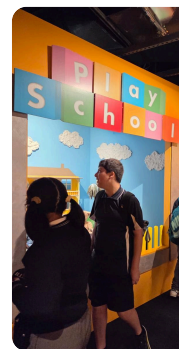
On Tuesday June 17th, MSE students enjoyed an exciting excursion into Melbourne City, where they used their Youth Myki cards to travel on public transport.

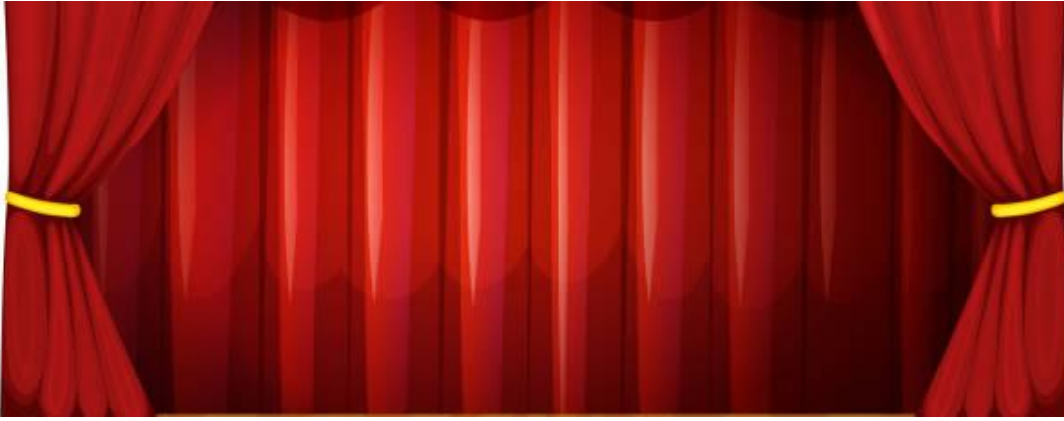
Students visited the Play School exhibition at ACMI, explored the museum's interactive displays, and enjoyed lunch at Melbourne Central before visiting the LEGO Store.

Throughout the day, students developed valuable life skills by reading train timetables, identifying stations, estimating arrival times, and confidently navigating public transport.

It was a fun and successful day of learning beyond the classroom.

Mrs Pretty George MSE





## 2026 Emerson School Production

Next week we will hold our production of '*Scooby Doo and the Mystery Treats*' in the Merna Slattery Hall at Middle School.

Please come along to watch our very talented students perform the show they have been working hard on all year!

Tuesday June 23rd at 11:00am - Matinee performance for Junior School Students

Tuesday June 23rd at 1:15pm - Matinee performance for Middle School Students

Wednesday June 24th at 11:00am - Matinee performance for Senior School Students

Wednesday June 24th at 6:00pm - Evening performance open to general public

We look forward to seeing you all.



**SCOOPY-DOO!**

# Student of the Week



## Junior School Awards

JSA	Eli A	Best Buddy
JSB	Eli T	Caring Heart
JSC	Adam L	Energy to Learn
JSD	Julie C	Social Butterfly
JSE	Mannat O	Friendly Neighbour
JSF	Arvey H	Growth Mindset
JSG	Azizah M	Energy to Learn
JSH	Henry N	Quality Worker
JSI	Ishani N	Colourful & Creative
JSJ	Saleh M	Excellent Effort
JSK	Ephrain K	Helping Hero
JSL	Roman R	Best Buddy



# Student of the Week



## Middle School Awards

MSA	Riley T-L	For great effort
MSB	Jaxon S	For using his manners
MSC	Qaireena M	For asking great questions at our Zoo excursion
MSD	Ahmed M	For excellent improvement in telling the time
MSF	Zain M	For improving his confidence when working out money amounts
MSH	Campbell D	For being so co-operative, reliable and making good choices
MSI	Nicholas Z	For a great start to life at Emerson
MSJ	Ruby H	For having a positive attitude in class
MSK	Fred G, Cameron S, Indujaa M	For perfect attendance in term 2
MSL	Yousif M	For being kind, helpful and doing good work

Artist of the Week	Qaireena MSC, Cooper MSF, Ben MSL
Woodworker of the Week	Ngatupuna MSI - For doing a thorough job when packing up
ESO Student of the Week ESO Lanka	Angelia MSI - For doing great work in literacy lessons



## Milkshake Awards

Riley T-L  
Jaxon S  
Qaireena M  
Ahmed M  
Indego T  
Campbell D  
Nicholas Z  
Ruby H  
Yousif M  
Ben P  
Ngatupuna T  
Angelia T





## Bus Awards

### Term 2, Week 9 Awards

Endeavour Hills	Julian V
Narre Warren	Codi A
Cranbourne	Samira A
Pakenham	Kade G
Noble Park	William E
Dandenong	Marwa S

**Congratulations!**

# THINGS TO DO

## Community Activities, Events and Tickets

**DANDY'S GOT TALENT**  
PERFORMER APPLICATIONS

Open to performers aged 12-25

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

Apply to perform here

**ELVIS**  
CHARITY FUNDRAISER

LIVE MUSIC BY ANDREW PORTELLI

SILENT AUCTIONS, DOOR PRIZES, RAFFLES AND MORE!

**SATURDAY 25 JULY 2026**  
6.30PM TO 12AM

TICKETS: \$75 PER HEAD  
INCLUDES BUFFET DINNER

Includes: \$1000 raffle, \$1000 silent auction, \$1000 door prizes, \$1000 raffle, \$1000 door prizes, \$1000 raffle, \$1000 door prizes

TO BOOK TICKETS PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT [WWW.GREATERDANDENONG.VIC.GOV.AU](http://WWW.GREATERDANDENONG.VIC.GOV.AU)

**SPRINGVALE WINTER FEST**

Sunday 21 June  
11am - 6pm

Buckingham Avenue, Springvale

Winter themed activities:  
Face paint  
Live performances  
Amely's Youth Zone and Stage  
Amusement rides  
Live music

greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/winterfest

**PRE-LOVED TOY DONATION**

If you have any unwanted, preloved toys at home, we would love to give them a second life! We are specifically looking for toys that could be used in the junior school for outdoor play in the sandpit, mud kitchen (plastic only please), dinosaurs, cars, animals etc.

Please drop them off at the front office at Junior/Senior Campus.

thank you

**CITY OF GREATER DANDENONG**  
**AMPLIFY COMMITTEE**

For ages 12-25

Passionate about music, events, or performing arts?

Get hands-on experience in:  
- Stage and performance management  
- Sound and technical production  
- Planning and delivering community events

Thursday during school term  
4.30pm - 8.30pm  
39 Clow Street, Dandenong

**DIVERGENT DRAMA**

For Ages 12-18

Are you a neurodivergent young person who is passionate about sharing your story and developing drama skills?

Program running 4.30pm-8.30pm on Wednesdays during Term 3 in Dandenong  
Applications close July 9 2026

Develop drama skills, share your stories, make new friends.

**Holiday Activities Committee**

For Young People Aged 12-18

Tuesdays starting 25 August 2026  
4.30pm-8.30pm

Youth Services Office, 39 Clow Street, Dandenong  
Online registration essential

Create your own holiday club, become a peer leader, make new friends.

**DANDY'S GOT TALENT**

For 12-25 year olds and their friends and families. Watch live performances by singers, dancers, and bands. Free entry and snacks.

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

Enrolled entry: \$5  
On the door entry: \$10

**BOOKING INFORMATION**

- Bookings can be made via the Youth Services website: [youth.greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/programs/holiday-activities](http://youth.greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/programs/holiday-activities) or at 39 Clow Street Dandenong (by appointment only), call Monday to Friday 9.30am - 4pm to make an appointment. To attend these activities you must first provide proof of a significant connection to the City of Greater Dandenong and be aged between 12 to 25 years.
- Book in early as some activities will fill fast. An online registration form must be completed with the young person's details and payment made to secure booking spots cannot be kept on hold.
- For activities that include a waiver, Youth and Family Services staff will follow up your registration. The waiver must be completed and returned to Youth and Family Services and/or the activity provider prior to the activity day.
- All booking cancellations must be made at least 48 hours prior to be eligible for a refund (unless due to medical reasons, then please advise Youth and Family Services).
- Bookings are non-transferable under any circumstances.
- Activities are subject to weather conditions and may be cancelled if necessary, or alternative activities arranged.
- Activities may be cancelled where booking numbers are low.
- Please arrive at least 15 minutes prior to bus departure for activities. If you are late, the bus may leave without you.
- Young people must follow staff instructions at all times. Offences or abusive behaviour will not be tolerated and may result in young people being refused to attend the activity and possibly not attend the rest of the holiday activities.
- Please bring your lunch and water bottle. There will be no time to buy lunch during activities.
- All activities and events are strictly no smoking, no vaping, no drugs, and no alcohol.
- Careers are welcome to assist young people with additional needs. Covers need to arrange their own transport. Please contact Youth and Family Services for further details.

**GREATER DANDENONG YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES PRESENTS**  
**WRITE IT OUT**  
SHORT STORY COMPETITION

REGISTRATION: FREE  
Friday 17 July

AGE CATEGORIES:  
12 - 16 years  
17 - 19 years  
20 - 25 years

PRIZES TO BE WON:  
Kindle e-reader  
Passes to the Emerging Writers Festival  
Book tokens from Booktopia

PLUS:  
Enter the regional Illustration Competition

Scan here for more information

Follow us on Instagram: [@greaterdandenongyouthservices](https://www.instagram.com/greaterdandenongyouthservices)  
Like us on Facebook: [facebook.com/gdyouthservices](https://www.facebook.com/gdyouthservices)

Locations for bus pick up and drop off points:  
D = Youth and Family Services, 39 Clow Street, Dandenong  
N = Noble Park Aquatic Centre, Memorial Drive, Noble Park  
S = Springvale Library, 51 Wilkeson Grove, Springvale

Wheelchair accessible activity and/or venue.  
Please call 8071 9220 for further details.

For further information about holiday activities and events, or if you have any referral enquiries, please contact Youth and Family Services on 8071 9220, or visit us at [youth.greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au](http://youth.greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au)

Greater Dandenong Youth and Family Services  
39 Clow Street, Dandenong  
TTY: 180 872  
(03) 8071 9220  
Spoken and Deaf  
1800 868 727  
[youth@greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au](mailto:youth@greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au)  
180 14 140  
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Greater Dandenong Youth and Family Services presents  
**Winter CHILLS**  
HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES 2026

Scan here to register  
Bookings open Monday 19 May  
10 activities and events  
For young people aged 12-25 years



# Announcements

## Middle School Bus Lanes

Due to several recent safety concerns, cars will no longer be permitted to use the bus lanes at the front of The Middle School Campus.

This includes dropping off and picking up students.

Cars can use the 2 car parks that are located on either side of The Middle Campus.



## 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](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



## 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.

<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**

## 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.

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

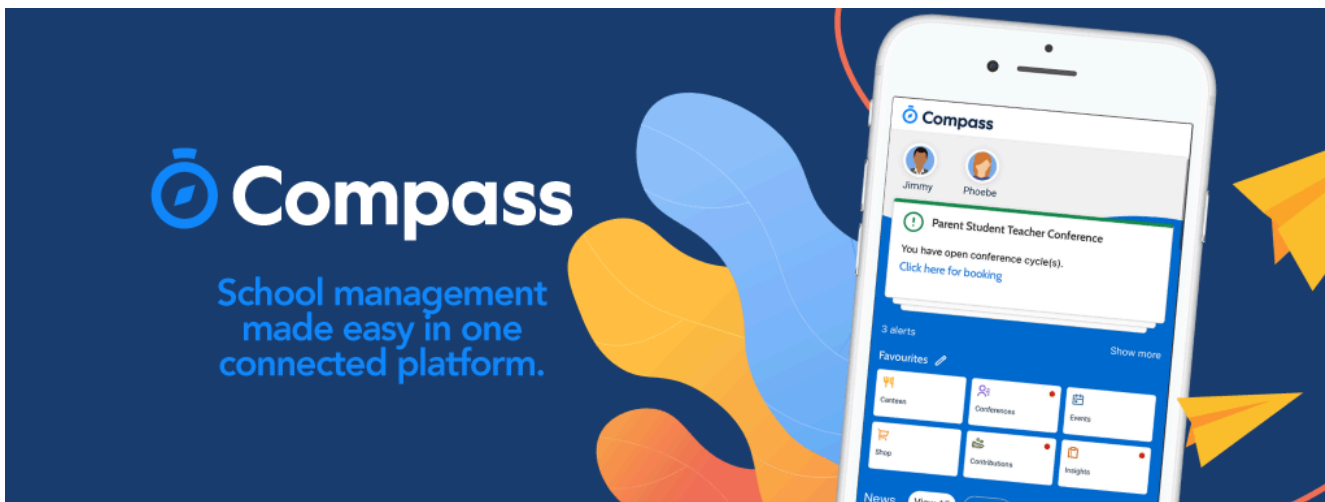
<b>Middle School</b>	
Monday - Friday	Recess 10:30am-11:00am Lunch Eating Time 12:30pm - 12:45pm Outside Play 12:45pm-1:15pm

<b>Senior School</b>	
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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Middle School - 8762 6466