



Read online: <https://newsletters.naavi.com/i/NAzpzG5>

# Emerson Newsletter

Issue 19 · 26 Jun 2026

Junior & Senior Campus

1430 Heatherton Road, Dandenong 3175 Phone: 9791 8900

Middle Campus

19-21 Gloria Avenue, Dandenong North 3175 Phone: 8762 6466

Email: [emerson.sch@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:emerson.sch@education.vic.gov.au)

Website: [www.emersonsc.vic.edu.au](http://www.emersonsc.vic.edu.au)

## In this issue



Welcome to Emerson School's iNewsletter



SSSSA Soccer & Hockey Carnival Day



Principal's Report



Making a Splash in Term 2!



Value of the Fortnight



A Day full of Happiness



2026 Emerson School Production



School News



Blackwood Camp Adventure



Junior School Student of the Term



Students Help Establish New Yarning Circle Gar



Bus Awards



SSSSA Cross Country



Sports Stars



Community Activities, Events and Tickets



Important Reminders



Announcements



Compass



# Welcome to Emerson School's iNewsletter

## Dates to Remember

### June

- 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 Thursday August 27th
Four	To Be Advised



# Principal's Report



## Happy Retirement to Josephine Cheong

As we reach the end of another busy and rewarding term, I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge a very special member of the Emerson School community. Today we farewell **Josephine Cheong**, who has been a valued member of our staff for the past 22 years. Josephine began her journey at Emerson as an Education Support Officer before moving into our front office Administration team, where she has been one of the welcoming faces of our school for many years.

Throughout her time at Emerson, Josephine has demonstrated exceptional dedication and care. Her commitment to supporting our students, staff and families has made a lasting impact on our school community. On behalf of everyone at Emerson, I sincerely thank Josephine for her outstanding service and wish her every happiness as she begins this exciting new chapter of retirement. We hope the years ahead are filled with good health, happiness and many wonderful adventures.

## World Cup

Today also brings some excitement on the sporting front, with Australia taking on Paraguay in the Soccer World Cup at 12.00 pm. I'm sure many of us will be cheering on the Socceroos and hoping for a fantastic result. Best of luck to the team!

## Happy Holidays

Finally, I would like to wish all our students, staff and families a safe, restful and enjoyable holiday break. Thank you for your support throughout the term. We look forward to

welcoming everyone back on **Monday, 13 July**, for the commencement of Term 3. Have a wonderful holiday, and I look forward to seeing you all next term.

***John Mooney***

***Principal Campus***



# Value of the Fortnight

By Dianne Wright - Middle School Principal

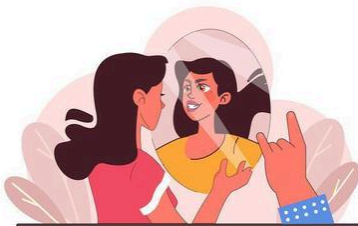
## Assertiveness

We will study the value Assertiveness when we return to school on Monday 13 July.

Assertive people act in a positive and confident way. They think for themselves and do not follow others, particularly if they think that the other people are doing something wrong.

Assertiveness is about standing up for what you believe is right and not being afraid to express your own ideas.

Self-Respect



Saying "No"



Assertive Communication





## 2026 Emerson School Production

This week saw the culmination of months of preparation as Students and Staff proudly presented our annual school production to enthusiastic audiences.

Our Production Scooby Doo and the Mystery Treats was a tremendous success, showcasing the incredible talent, dedication, and teamwork of our Students and Staff. From the performers on stage to the Students and Staff working behind the scenes, everyone played an important role in bringing the production to life.

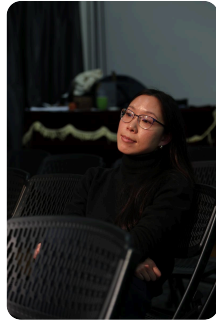
Audiences were entertained by the outstanding performances, impressive costumes, creative sets, and the enthusiasm displayed throughout each show.

We congratulate all Students and Staff involved and thank our families and community members for their support. The production was a wonderful celebration of creativity, collaboration, and school spirit.











# Blackwood Camp Adventure

This week, a group of our Middle School students headed off on an unforgettable adventure to Blackwood Camp!

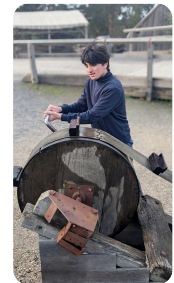
The camp was packed with exciting activities, including archery, high ropes, bouldering, a night walk, and a relaxing campfire, giving students plenty of opportunities to challenge themselves, have fun, and try something new.

Students also stepped back in time during a visit to Sovereign Hill, where they explored the Quartz Mine, tried their luck panning for gold, and watched the spectacular gold pour demonstration.

To top it all off, everyone enjoyed Pizza Hut for dinner before heading to the movies to watch Toy Story 5! Along with the delicious camp meals, it was the perfect way to finish an action-packed few days.

It was wonderful to see our students embrace new experiences, build confidence, support one another, and create memories that will last a lifetime. A fantastic camp all round!







# Students Help Establish New Yarning Circle Garden

On Tuesday June 23rd, Emerson Koorie students worked together to plant a range of native Australian trees as part of the development of the new Yarning Circle Garden at the Middle School Campus.

Despite the challenging conditions and extremely hard ground, students showed great determination and teamwork to ensure the plants were in the ground before the end of term. Their enthusiasm and commitment were evident throughout the day as they worked hard to create a space that will continue to grow and benefit the school community for years to come.

The Yarning Circle Garden will provide an important outdoor learning and gathering space for all students, while also promoting the use of native Australian plants and supporting local biodiversity.

A special thank you to Dandenong Council and Bunnings Dandenong for their generous donation of the plants. We would also like to thank Mr Taylor and SSH for the loan of tools, which helped make the project possible.

Well done to all students involved for their hard work and dedication in bringing this exciting project to life.





## SSSSA Cross Country

A few weeks ago, 33 Emerson students proudly represented our school at the SSSSA Cross Country Championships at Ruffey Lake Park, Doncaster. It was fantastic to see students challenge themselves, encourage one another and proudly represent Emerson throughout the day.

Congratulations to all of our runners, with special recognition to our podium finishers:

1st: Maggie K., Mohamed L., Beau S. & Ashton S.

2nd: Indie A., Benyamin T., Cooper C. & Kai F.

3rd: Miley C. & Dakota B.

Congratulations also to all of our students who have qualified for the SSV State Cross Country Championships in July. We wish you all the very best as you compete against the state's best runners!

A big thank you to our dedicated staff who supported, encouraged and cheered on our students throughout the day.

Well done, Team Emerson!





## SSSSA Soccer & Hockey Carnival Day

After several weeks of round robin competition, our students wrapped up the season at the SSSSA Soccer & Hockey Carnival Day!

A huge congratulations to all students who represented Emerson across 4 soccer teams and 2 hockey teams.

Special mention to our A Soccer Team and Girls Soccer Team, who both finished 1st in their groups and went on to win their grand finals!

A big thank you to all the staff who coached, managed and refereed our teams throughout the competition. Your time, encouragement and commitment made these opportunities possible for our students.

Well done to everyone involved!







## Making a Splash in Term 2!

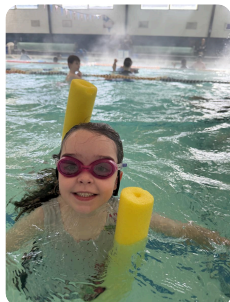
Students in JSE, JSF, JSG and JSH have had an amazing time participating in the Term 2 Swimming Program at Splash's Swimming School in Dandenong!

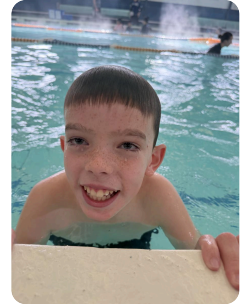
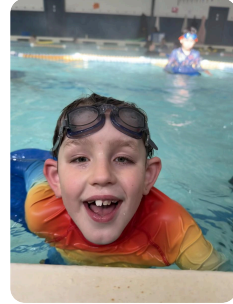
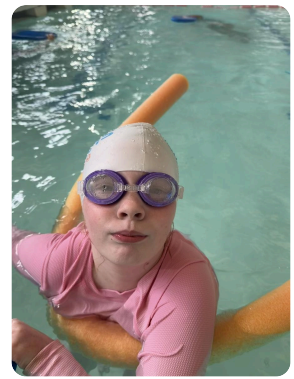
Each week, students travelled to Splash's where they worked on developing their swimming skills, water confidence and water safety knowledge. Splash's school swimming program is designed to help students build confidence in the water while learning important swimming and safety skills in a fun and supportive environment.

Our students showed great enthusiasm, determination and courage as they practised floating, kicking, paddling and swimming. Many students challenged themselves to try new skills and were proud of the progress they made throughout the program.

A huge thank you to the staff, families and the team at Splash's Dandenong for helping to make the program such a success.

Leanne Russell – Head of Junior School





# Happiness

## A Day full of Happiness

Junior School students recently celebrated our Term 2 value of Happiness with a special dress-up day and a range of exciting activities.

The challenge was simple: wear something that makes you feel happy! Students arrived at school dressed in all sorts of colourful, creative and meaningful outfits. From favourite sports teams and superheroes to bright colours, animals and special accessories, every outfit reflected something that brings joy to each student.

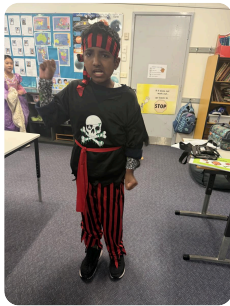
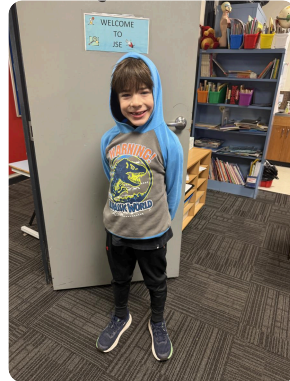
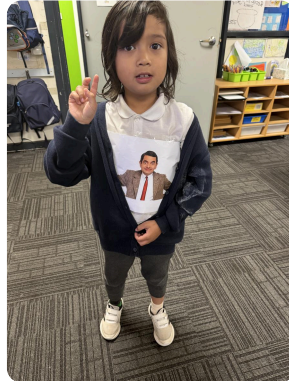
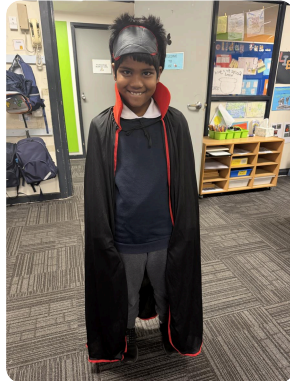
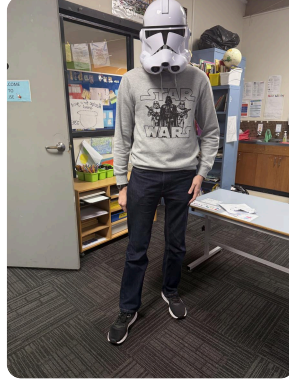
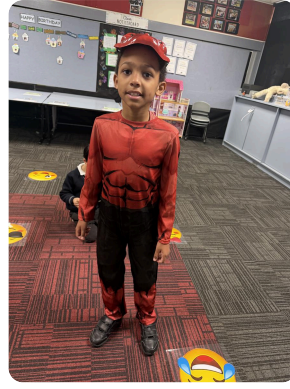
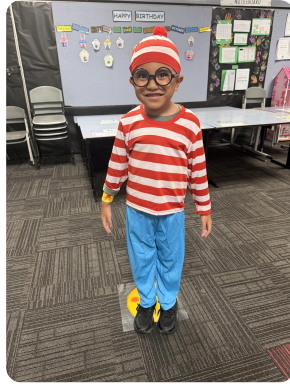
The day began with a fantastic Happiness Parade, where students proudly showed off their outfits and shared smiles with friends and staff. It was wonderful to see so many unique ways that happiness can be expressed.

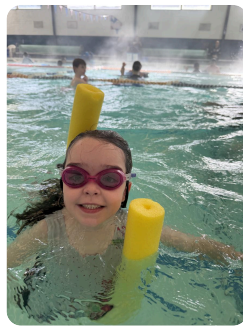
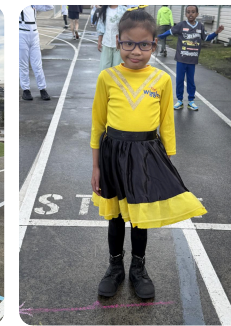
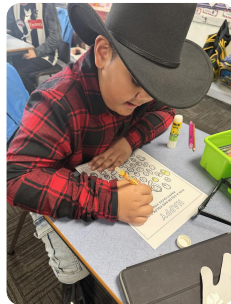
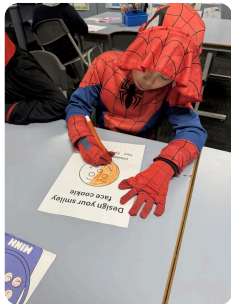
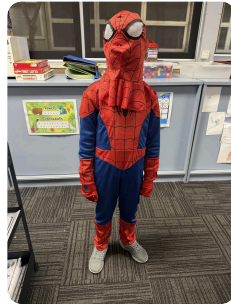
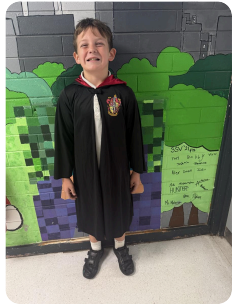
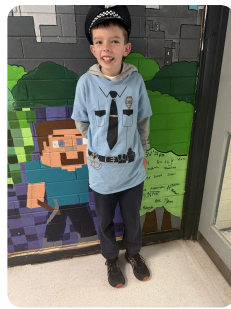
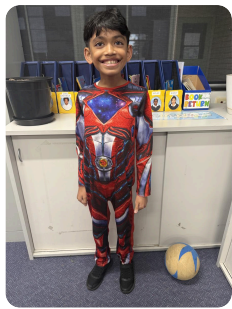
Students then worked in multi-age groups, giving them the opportunity to connect with students from different classes while participating in a variety of happiness-themed activities. Together they created, played, laughed and explored what happiness means to them. The activities encouraged teamwork, friendship, kindness and lots of fun!

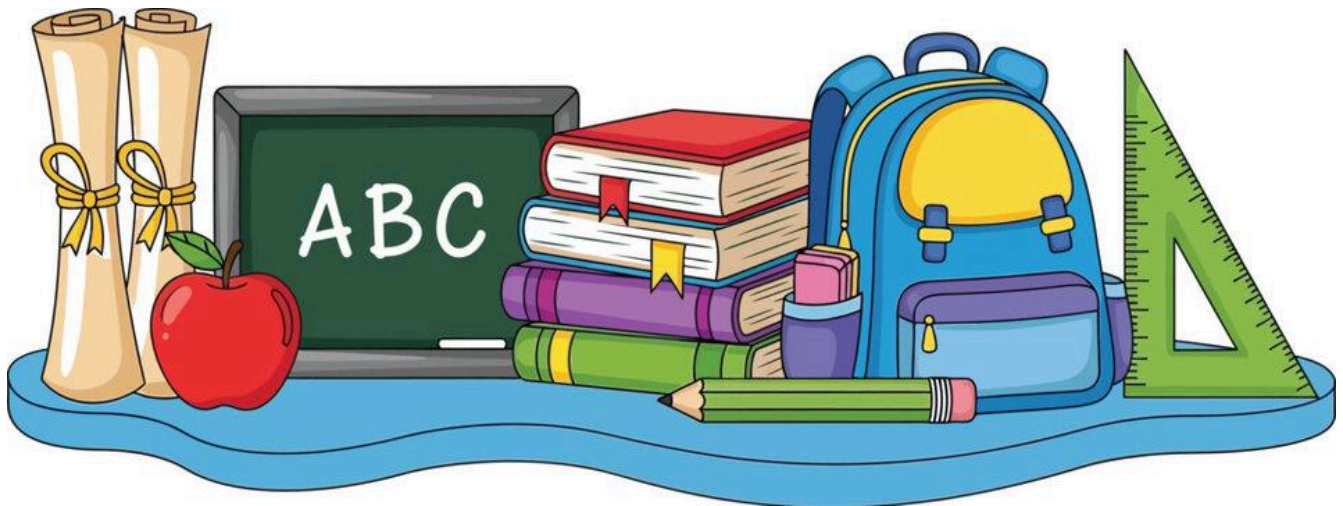
Junior School was buzzing with excitement, laughter and positive energy throughout the day. It was a wonderful way to celebrate everything we have learned about Happiness this term and to recognise the many things that bring joy to our lives.

A big thank you to all students, families and staff who helped make the day such a happy and memorable celebration!

Leanne Russell – Head of Junior School







## School News

- Student Services news

Our transition from PSD to the Disability Inclusion funding system has progressed markedly in this first Semester of 2026. 6 new students started at Emerson, who already had DIP funding, and our team has supported 30 new Student profiles in the first half of the year ! In time, each student will go through the process of a 2- 3 hour facilitated meeting run by the Education Department representative. Many thanks to the parents who have been involved this year. There are already 8 scheduled meetings to start the first 2 weeks of Term 3.

The Student Services Allied Health Therapist team - Ana, Daisy, Anj and Emma - and our new Leading Teacher, Michelle, have all worked above and beyond expectations to create written evidence of personalised learning adjustments and support teachers before and during the scheduled meetings. This has put a huge additional load on their usual programs. Thank you to our very dedicated Student Services team. Your efforts are ensuring very positive outcomes for the students in our school community.

- Australian Smile Group

A dental van from Australian Smile group visited Emerson school during Term 2.

143 students returned Consent forms to see the dentist.

The students received an oral examination and follow up for any necessary fillings, fissure sealants and cleans.

Well done to all the students who were involved in this program and thank you to the dental staff who cared for our students with a professional and caring manner.

A dental van will return for a day early Term 3 to see students who were absent or out of the school on excursions or sports activities.

Jenny La'Brooy

# Student of the Week



## Junior School Student of the Term

JSA	Cameron K	For his great improvement, positive attitude and cheerfulness
JSB	Eli T	For making the most improvement
JSC	Massi K	For making such a good start in his journey at Emerson School
JSD	Winston H	For working hard in every lesson and being kind to everyone
JSE	Anuskha D	For being an outstanding classmate
JSF	Arvey H	For being confident in expressing himself
JSG	Azizah M	For her beautiful sunshine personality
JSH	Sarah T	For trying hard and not giving up
JSI	Kaiser E	For working hard, making good choices and being a positive role model
JSJ	Alex C	For working hard, helping others and making progress
JSK	Casey W	For always trying his best and being kind
JSL	Malkit S	For trying new things





# Bus Awards

## Term 2, Week 10 Awards

Endeavour Hills	Noah A
Narre Warren	Rebecca B
Cranbourne	Jason D
Pakenham	Grace T
Noble Park	Victor S
Dandenong	Mustafa R

**Congratulations!**



## Sports Stars

JSF	Amelia E
JSG	Dustin K
MSB	Maggie K
MSL	Ben P
SSH	Shahid F
SSS	Shae M



# THINGS TO DO

## Community Activities, Events and Tickets

**For ages 12-25**

**CITY OF GREATER DANDENONG**

### AMPLIFY COMMITTEE

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 - 6.30pm  
39 Clow Street, Dandenong

Formerly FINECA

**For Ages 12-18**

### DIVERGENT DRAMA

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

Program running 4.30pm-6.30pm on Wednesdays during Term 3 in Dandenong  
Application close July 8 2026

Develop drama with... Share your stories... Make new friends...

**For Young People aged 12-18 in Metropolitan Victoria**

### Holiday Activities Committee

Tuesdays starting 25 August 2026  
4.30pm-6.30pm

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

Grow your leadership skills... Develop 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 BBQ and snacks

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

#### 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 live, study, work or have 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 out. 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. Offensive or abusive behavior will not be tolerated and may result in young people being asked to leave the activity and possibly not attend the rest of the holiday activities.
- Please bring your own lunch and water bottles. There will be time to buy lunch during activities.
- All activities and events are strictly no smoking, no vaping, no drugs, and no alcohol.
- Careers welcome to assist young people with additional needs, careers 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

Illustration Competition

Enter the upcoming Illustration Competition

**REGISTRATION:** FREE  
Friday 17 July

**AGE RANGES:** 12 - 18 years  
19 - 25 years  
26+ years

**PRIZES TO BE WON:** Kindle e-reader  
Prizes to be shared at "Winter's Festival" book launch from Thursday

**FEEL:** Enter the upcoming Illustration Competition

Scan here for more information

Greater Dandenong Youth and Family Services

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

Like us on Facebook: [facebook.com/greaterdandenongyouthservices](https://www.facebook.com/greaterdandenongyouthservices)

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, 5180 Forest Grove, Springvale

Wheelchair accessible activity and/or venue. Please call 8371 1620 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 8371 1620, 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  
VIC 3167  
Phone: 8371 1620  
Email: [greaterdandenongyouthservices@vic.gov.au](mailto:greaterdandenongyouthservices@vic.gov.au)  
Website: [youth.greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au](http://youth.greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au)

TTY: 144 677  
Deaf and hearing  
1800 866 529  
1800 866 529  
1800 866 529  
1800 866 529

Greater Dandenong Youth and Family Services presents

### Winter CHILLS

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES 2026

Scan here to register

Registration opens Monday 18 May

18 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.



## Breakfast Club

Breakfast club will not be running in week 1 & 2 of Term 3 at our Junior/Senior Campus in Heatherton Road.

Breakfast club will resume as normal in week 3 of Term 3.

## Foodbank Mobile Supermarket

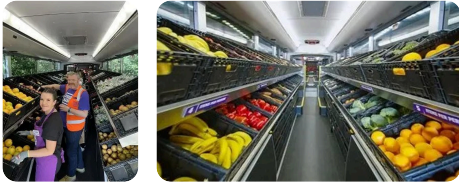
Foodbank will operate a "Mini Supermarket" from North Dandenong Neighbourhood Centre, providing much-needed food relief to Emerson School Families.

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.

**Dates:**

- *Wednesday 15 July 11:30am - 12:30pm - held at the Dandenong North Neighbourhood Centre, 41 Menzies Ave, Dandenong North.*



## 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

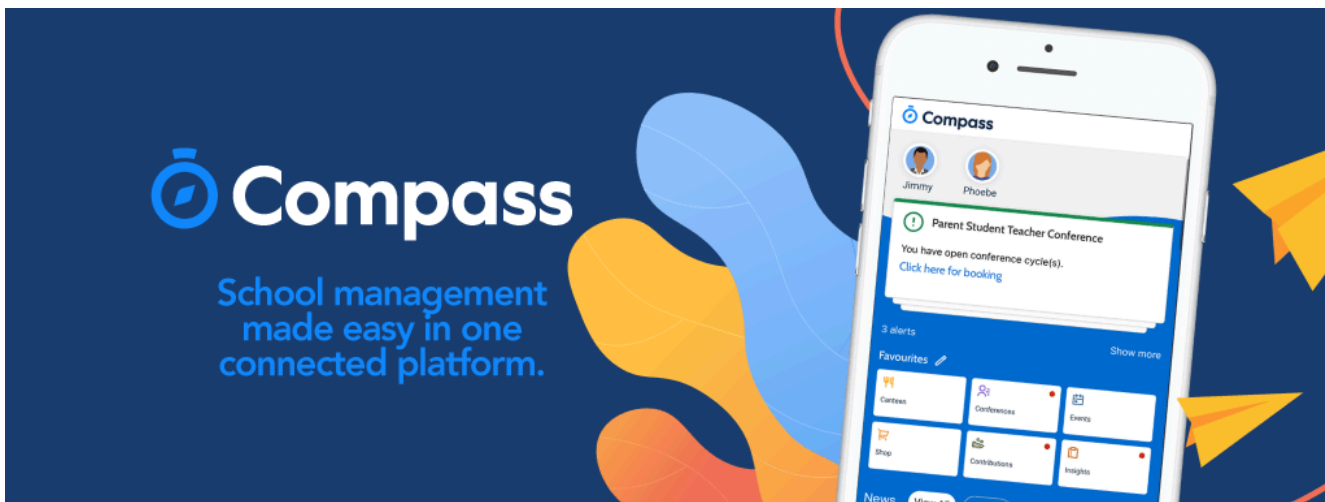
<b>Middle School</b>	
Monday - Friday	Recess 10:30am-11:00am Lunch Eating Time 12:30pm - 12:45pm Outside Play 12:45pm-1:15pm

<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.

Jnr / Snr School - 9791 8900

Middle School - 8762 6466