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Emerson Newsletter

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Dates to Remember

August

- 17th - Curriculum Day - No school for Students

September

- 18th - Last Day of Term 3
 - Middle School Campus finishes at 1:45pm - Buses have been notified
 - Jnr/Snr School Campus finishes at 2:00pm - Buses have been notified

October

- 5th - First Day of Term 4

2026 Victorian school term dates

2026	Start date	Finish date
Term 3	13 July	18 September
Term 4	5 October	18 December

2026 Curriculum Days

Term	Date
Three	Monday August 17th

Four	To Be Advised
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Principal's Report

AEU Stop Work

The Australian Education Union (AEU) will be conducting a statewide full day stop work on next Thursday, 23rd July. This stop work will be subject to continuing negotiations with the Department of Education. By the close of business on Tuesday, 21st July, I will know how the stop work will impact Emerson School classes. I will keep all parents/guardians informed by SMS text messages when the dimensions of the stop work action at Emerson have been determined.

John Mooney

Principal

Science Excursion to Monash University

On last Tuesday, 14th July, a group of Middle and Senior School students attended a Science Seminar at Monash University as guests of Professor Jamie Rossjohn, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology. Congratulations to our Science Teacher, Shannon Burnett, and to Janet Syer for arranging this amazing opportunity.



Further success for our Film Unlocking the Potential: The Vital Role of Specialist Education

We were informed yesterday that our film had been awarded an Honourable Mention in the

Humanitarian Award section at the Accolade Global Film Festival in Los Angeles. In this section, 25 films were picked by the judges from the awards of 2025. To receive an Honourable Mention in this international field, is an extraordinary honour for our school. Congratulations to Amel Tresnjic of Brave Archer Films on his outstanding creation.

John Mooney
Principal



Value of the Fortnight

By Dianne Wright - Middle School Principal

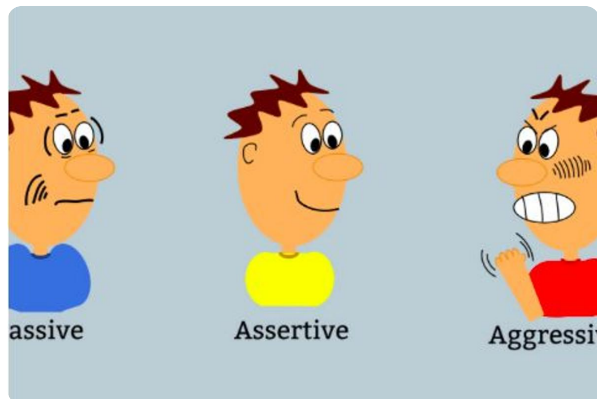
Value: Assertiveness

We will continue our study of the value Assertiveness next week.

Assertive people do not allow others to treat them badly. They stand up for themselves in a polite and confident way.

Likewise, if someone else is being bullied, they will quietly but confidently ask the bully to stop or seek help from an adult.

They do not get aggressive or angry but remain calm.





SSV Bench

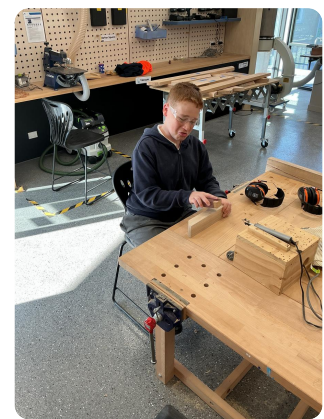
SSV students have completed a fantastic picnic bench project using timber from a Spotted Gum tree that was cut down on the front oval in 2021.

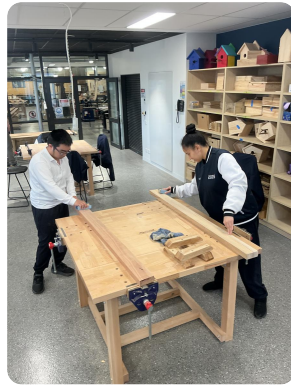
The timber was milled on-site with the help of a qualified arborist and portable timber mill, giving the wood a second life in a sustainable, low-waste project. Students selected, prepared, designed and assembled the bench as part of their woodwork program.

A big thank you to SSA students for helping move the finished bench down to Middle School, where it is now ready to be used by students for years to come.

Special mention to Ross and Mr V for their help and support. Great teamwork by everyone involved helped bring this project together.

Mr Hanrahan SSA







SSE Cupcakes & Cookies

Essential Food Studies (SSE) will be holding a Cupcake & Cookie Day for Middle School Staff and Students on 5th August, Junior and Senior School Staff and Students on 6th August 2026.

A box will cost \$15, each box will contain a Chocolate cupcake, a Vanilla cupcake, a New York style Chocolate Chip cookie and a New York style M&M cookie.

Forms have been sent home and should be returned with correct money by July 23rd.

Ingredients: Butter, Eggs, Flour, Sugar, Cocoa, M&M

Danushka Fernando

SSE Pastoral Teacher



Bus Awards

Term 3, Week 1 Awards

Endeavour Hills	Mitchell R
Narre Warren	William B
Cranbourne	Layla M
Pakenham	Max L-W
Noble Park	Victor S
Dandenong	Marwa S

Congratulations!



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.



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

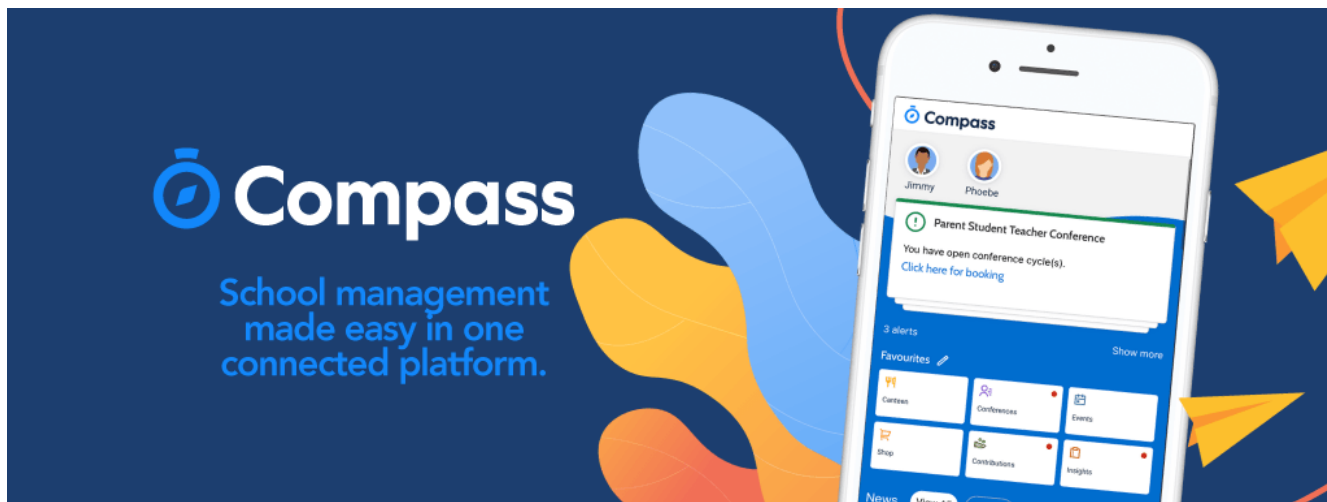
Middle School	
Monday - Friday	Recess 10:30am-11:00am Lunch Eating Time 12:30pm - 12:45pm Outside Play 12:45pm-1:15pm

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.



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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