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Welcome to Emerson School's iNewsletter

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



Principal's Report

The 2026 Commonwealth Games are being held in Glasgow, Scotland, from 23rd July to 2nd August 2026. Athletes from 74 Commonwealth nations and territories have come together to compete in 10 exciting sports, showcasing determination, teamwork and outstanding sportsmanship.

Australia has once again made an impressive start to the Games. At the latest update, our team is leading the medal tally with 26 gold medals, 13 silver medals and 20 bronze medals, giving Australia a total of 59 medals. Australian athletes have delivered outstanding performances across swimming, athletics, gymnastics, cycling and many other sports, making the nation proud.

The Commonwealth Games are about much more than winning medals. They are a wonderful opportunity for people from countries across the Commonwealth to come together in friendship, celebrate different cultures and enjoy the spirit of sport. Athletes compete with determination and respect, inspiring millions of people around the world.

As we cheer on the Australian team, we also celebrate the achievements of every athlete who has worked hard to represent their country. The Games remind us that sport has the power to bring people together, create lifelong friendships and encourage us all to strive to be our very best.

We wish Team Australia continued success throughout the remainder of the Commonwealth Games and look forward to celebrating many more exciting moments from Glasgow.

John Mooney

Principal



Value of the Fortnight

By Dianne Wright - Middle School Principal

We will continue our study of the value Kindness, throughout August.



Kindness helps our minds and bodies in so many ways...here are just a few of the amazing effects it has on our health.

KINDNESS CAN HELP US FEEL HAPPIER

When we experience kindness, a hormone called dopamine is released in our brain which gives us a feeling of elevation and lifts our mood – it's often referred to as 'Helper's High'.

KINDNESS IS GOOD FOR THE HEART

Have you noticed that when you are kind to someone you feel good inside? Acts of kindness are often accompanied by a feeling of emotional warmth, which in turn produces the hormone oxytocin in your body. Oxytocin causes the release of a chemical called nitric oxide, which expands your blood vessels, reduces blood pressure and protects your heart.

KINDNESS SLOWS AGEING

Kindness has been shown to slow the ageing process. Remarkable research found that oxytocin can reduce levels of free radicals and inflammation (two main culprits of ageing) in our cardiovascular system, which slows ageing at the source.

KINDNESS IMPROVES RELATIONSHIPS

We tend to like people who show us kindness. This is because kindness reduces the emotional distance between two people and helps us feel more 'bonded'. Our evolutionary ancestors had to learn to cooperate with one another. The stronger the emotional bonds within groups, the greater were the chances of survival and so 'kindness genes' were etched into the human genome. So today, when we are kind to each other, we feel a connection that strengthens our existing relationships and helps us to create new ones.

KINDNESS IS CONTAGIOUS

Just as a pebble creates waves when it is dropped in a pond, so acts of kindness ripple outwards. When we are kind, we inspire others to be kind and studies show that it actually creates a ripple effect that spreads outwards to our friends' friends' friends – that's an amazing three degrees of separation! This means that when you are kind to one person, that one act of kindness will positively affect up to 125 people!

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Thank you to our Scientific Advisor, Dr David Hamilton, for his expertise.

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Senior School Salon Update



SENIOR SCHOOL SALON UPDATE

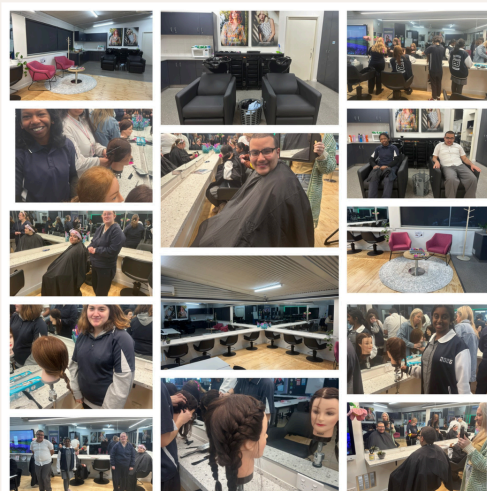
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Certificate II VET Salon Assistant

The Senior School students have had a fantastic start to their VET course! Every Wednesday and Thursday, students work alongside our wonderful hairdressing trainer, Lauren, as they begin exploring the exciting world of the hair industry.

Throughout the course, students are completing a combination of theory and practical learning, developing important skills such as salon safety, customer service, workplace expectations, and the day-to-day responsibilities of a salon assistant. They have loved getting hands-on, trying new tasks, and building their confidence in a supportive and engaging environment.

This is an incredible opportunity for our students to learn new skills, explore future career pathways, and gain valuable workplace experience. We are so proud of the enthusiasm, positivity, and determination they have shown already. We can't wait to see all they achieve as the year goes on.





Emerson School Transport Code of Conduct for Students

Emerson School Bus Rules

Emerson students have the privilege of travelling to and from school on Government contracted buses that are provided free of charge to students. It is important that students appreciate this wonderful service by displaying politeness and good manners at all times while travelling on the bus. It is expected that all students will abide by the following rules to ensure a safe and happy journey is experienced by all.

BUS RULES

1. Students will stay seated in the seat allocated to them by the Supervisor.
2. Students will wear their seatbelt correctly.
3. Students will keep their hands and feet to themselves.
4. Students may talk quietly to the person next to them.

PARENTS' RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Parents will arrange to pick up their child from the bus stop or ensure that it is safe to allow their child to walk home independently.
2. If for some unforeseen reason, parents are unable to be at the bus stop to pick up their child, they will ring both Emerson School and Ventura Bus Company to let them know.
3. If there is no one at the bus stop, the driver will bring the child back to the school.
4. Parents will be responsible for collecting their child from the school.

MANAGEMENT OF ACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOUR

Staff will elect 6 responsible students to be the Bus Captains. These people will write the names of well-behaved students in a raffle ticket book. All tickets will go into 6 clearly marked containers. One ticket from each bus will be drawn from the containers at assembly every Friday and the student named will be given a small prize. Records will be kept of every ticket issued and the person with the most tickets, on each bus, will receive a prize at the last

assembly of the year. The Ventura Bus Company management have very kindly offered to provide these awards and will be involved with the presentation of them at our final assembly for the year.

MANAGEMENT OF UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOUR

The management of Ventura Bus Company and Emerson School will keep in regular contact to ensure that communication on bus issues is of the highest level. Unacceptable behaviour will be managed in the following way:

1. Unacceptable behaviour will be reported by bus staff to the school.
2. The named students will be spoken to and consequences will be applied.
3. Parents will be asked to collaborate with school and bus staff to ensure that inappropriate bus behaviour is eradicated.
4. If poor behaviour on the bus continues, an official warning will be given to the student's family indicating that the student is at risk of being suspended from the bus.
5. If poor behaviour continues, the student may be suspended from bus travel for **THREE DAYS**. This suspension will be invoked by the Bus Company and the school acting together.
6. **The Bus Company has an obligation to ensure the safety of all passengers and the vehicle. Consequently, the Bus Company has the right to exclude any passenger at any time, if that passenger is deemed to pose a threat to the safety of bus travel.**
7. If a student is suspended for three lots of 3 days in a calendar year, the school and Bus Company may suspend the student off the bus on a permanent basis. It is hoped that ongoing conferencing between the Bus Company, parents and the school would avoid this permanent expulsion.



Social Media Laws

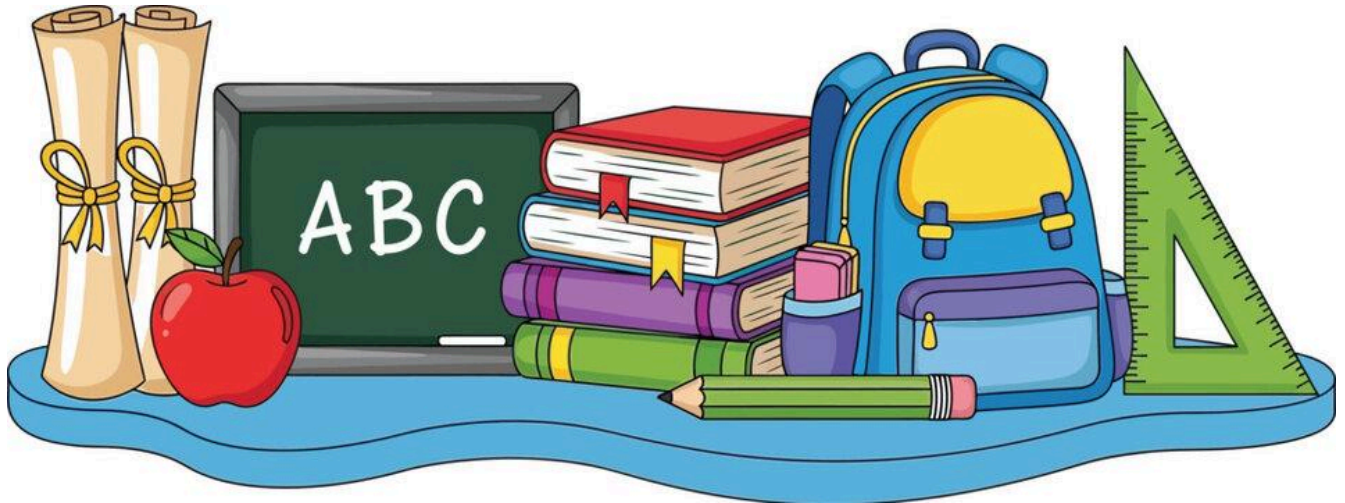
As of December 10, 2025, Australia introduced a law that prevents children under the age of 16 from creating or maintaining Social Media accounts.

Users under 16 can have their accounts locked, and then unlocked when they turn 16.

The law was introduced to help protect children from potential online harms, including cyberbullying, inappropriate content, and negative impacts on mental health.

There are no exceptions in the law and Parent consent does not allow children under 16 to have a social media account.

Emerson School is committed to fostering a safe, respectful, and inclusive learning environment where staff, students, and parents work together to prevent all forms of disrespectful and unkind conduct. By following the Social Media laws, the school community sets a strong example for all current and future Emerson School students.



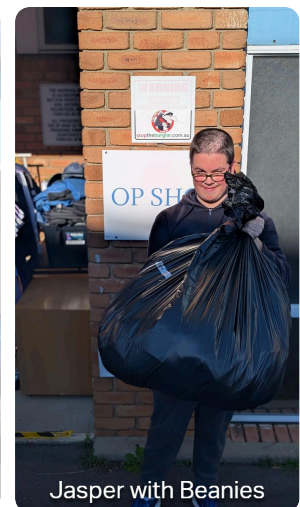
School News

SSV and select middle school graduates collected beanies, blankets and scarves for the Future Ready Program. Over the last three months, SSV students made posters and advertised around the senior school and collected these items to support families in need.

On Tuesday 28 July, students brought 129 beanies, 15 blankets, and 12 scarves to the Andrew's Centre for the community involvement aspect of the Future Ready Program.

We would like to thank everyone that donated but especially want to send a very big thank you to Jasper Medley's nan for making and donating over sixty beanies and to Mr. Chris Thompson for donating so many blankets.

Thank you to Mrs. Jacobs and Mr. Hutching for organising and driving the bus each week.



Jasper with Beanies





Staff News

A Wonderful Evening Supporting a Great Cause

Recently, a number of Emerson staff had the pleasure of attending a fundraising evening hosted by ROBWC and Servants of the Two Hearts. It was a fantastic event that brought the community together to support a wonderful cause in a fun, vibrant and entertaining atmosphere.

The evening was filled with exciting activities, including door prizes, silent auctions and bags of goodies available for purchase, all helping to raise valuable funds. The energy in the room was infectious, with smiles, laughter and a genuine sense of generosity throughout the night.

The entertainment was a real highlight, featuring an outstanding Elvis impersonator accompanied by two talented backup dancers. The performance had everyone captivated. Guests were glued to the stage, with many taking out their phones to record the memorable performance as a keepsake of such a special evening.

Throughout the night, ROBWC and Servants of the Two Hearts also shared the incredible work they do through inspiring speeches and heartfelt videos, highlighting the positive impact they have on the community.

One of the most touching moments of the evening was when one of our Emerson students was invited to the stage to speak about his work experience at the Noble Park Community Centre. He proudly shared how serving lunch to community members had helped him develop valuable workplace and life skills, while building his confidence and independence. It was a truly proud moment for his parents and for all of the Emerson staff who have supported him on his journey.

Thank you to ROBWC and Servants of the Two Hearts for hosting such a meaningful and enjoyable evening. It was wonderful to see a community come together in support of a cause that is making a real difference in the lives of others.



Student of the Week



Junior School Awards

JSA	Benny N	Creative Kid
JSB	Zayd B-I-H	Attentive Listener
JSC	Bilal A	Lunchroom Leader
JSD	Zara K-K	Handy Helper
JSE	Navee S	Never gives up
JSF	Shafah A	Handy Helper
JSG	R.J F	Math Wizard
JSH	Sarah T	Excellent Effort
JSI	Ishani N	Excellent Effort
JSJ	Omri L	Excellent Effort
JSK	Phoebe B	Mrs Manners
JSL	Josh A	Impeccable Improvement



Student of the Week



Middle School Awards

MSA	Ali G	For showing better focus in class
MSB	Philo G	For being a role model by making good choices
MSC	Casper P	For maintaining good focus during lessons and staying engaged in learning tasks
MSD	Kenzie S	For always helping her peers without being asked
MSE	Giuseppe B	For showing steady improvement in literacy
MSF	Baneen S	For slowly coming out of her shell and settling into MSF
MSH	Tyson B-P	For working maturely during independant work time
MSI	Sujin T	For working hard in literacy
MSK	Dylan K	For working really hard for the CRT
MSL	Ben P	For his outstanding effort to all his work and roles around the School

Woodworker of the Week	Nick Z - For his accurate drilling of his Dowell joints by using both the horiszontal border and the pedestall drill
ESO Student of the Week ESO Lukas	Issac Sua - For his improvement in Maths
Golden Ticket of Kindness	Campbell D



Milkshake Awards





Bus Awards

Term 3, Week 3 Awards

Endeavour Hills	Mitchell R
Narre Warren	Enamullah S
Cranbourne	Shaun S
Pakenham	Grace T
Noble Park	Ali G
Dandenong	Sarah T-F

Congratulations!



Sports Stars

JSA	Asma G
JSB	Timur B
JSK	Phoebe B
MSA	Mohamed L
MSF	Baneen S
MSL	Tyson G
SSC	Alex D
SSC	Ashley H
SSI	Amela H



THINGS TO DO

Community Activities, Events and Tickets





INTRODUCTORY PRICING: \$10 PER SESSION OR \$50 PER BLOCK

**Melbourne Victory
All Abilities Football Centers**

In partnership with Special Olympics Australia, the All Abilities football centres provide a safe and fun place for young people with disabilities to enjoy football. The program focuses on building skills, making friends, and encouraging inclusivity in the sport.

WHO	WHEN	WHERE
2 GROUPS: Grade 1 - 6 Grade 7 - 12	Monday: 5pm - 5:50pm Aug 3 - Sept 14 (7 weeks)	CB Smith Reserve 79 Jukes Road, Fawkner 3060

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 **MAKE FRIENDS!**
 **HAVE FUN!**



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All Abilities Football Centers**

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WHO	WHEN	WHERE
2 GROUPS: Grade 1 - 6 Grade 7 - 12	Bi-weekly Saturdays: 10:30am - 11:20am Aug 8, Aug 22, Sept 5, Sept 19	Taylor's Lake Overseas CC Robertson Road, 3038

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**Inclusive Sport
in Schools Program**

Special Olympics Australia is part of a global movement changing the lives of people with intellectual disability and/or autism through the power of sport.

Throughout the term, your school has participated in our Inclusive Sport in Schools program, making PE and Sport more fun and accessible for every student.

And beyond school, our Clubs and Affiliates open the door to ongoing opportunities for people with intellectual disability and autism to get active, make friends and shine.

Keen to stay involved?

Find a [Club](#) near you
Find an [Affiliate Program](#) near you

For more information about Special Olympics Australia in your area, contact:
Serene Tan, State Manager (VIC/TAS), Serene.T@specialolympics.com.au

This program is proudly supported by





Announcements

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.

Is your child/children being picked up and not needing to get on the School Bus? Please remember to inform reception as early as possible.

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

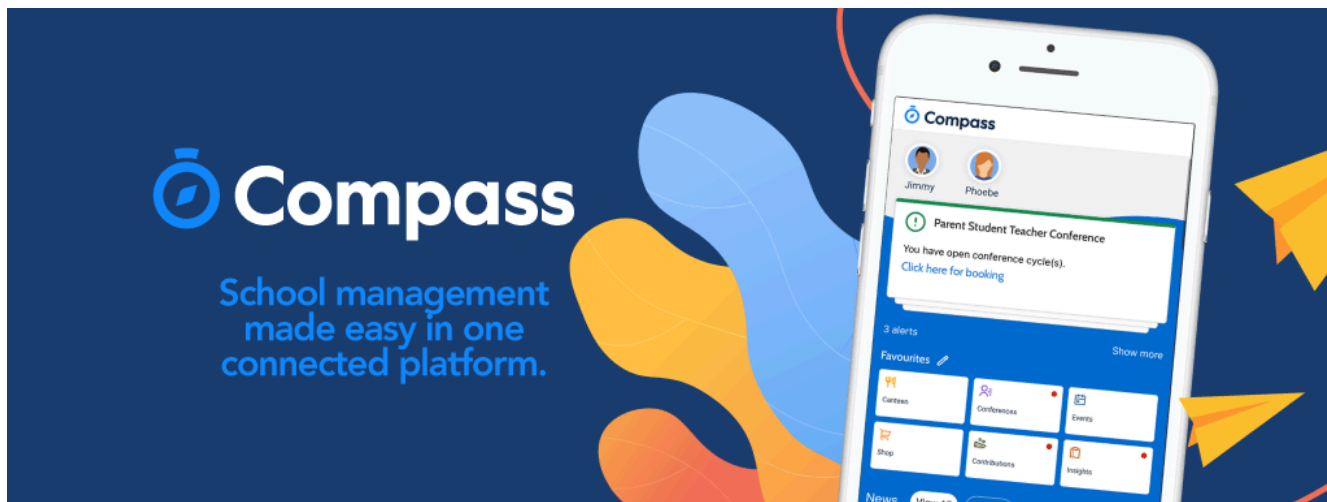
Middle School	
Monday - Friday	Recess 10:30am-11:00am Lunch Eating Time 12:30pm - 12:45pm Outside Play 12:45pm-1:15pm

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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Middle School - 8762 6466