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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



Principal's Report

Over the last week, our local Parliamentarian, The Hon Gabrielle Williams, was appointed to the position of Deputy Premier and Minister of Education. Gabrielle will also hold the portfolios of Skills and Training, First Peoples, and Women and Gender Equality.

Gabrielle has always been very encouraging to our school. We are proud that she has been asked to take on these very important roles.

John Mooney

Principal



Value of the Fortnight

By Dianne Wright - Middle School Principal

Value: Kindness.

We will continue our study of the value Kindness throughout August. Here is a chart listing various opportunities for us to show kindness to others.

Can you think of more ideas? Please write them down and send them to me so that I can add them to this chart!

KINDNESS *Pass it on!*

Give a flower Eat lunch with someone new
 Listen with your heart Visit a sick friend
 Clean a neighbor's walk Offer a hug
 Give an unexpected gift Make a new friend
 Pick up litter Say "hello" Call a lonely student
 Open a Door Help carry a load Plant a tree
 Pass a kindness on Share a snack
 Cheer up a friend Thank a Teacher Lend a hand
 Read to a young child Do a kind act daily
 Leave a thank you note Offer your seat
 Cycle courteously BE TOLERANT Let another go first
 Bake cookies for firefighters Give a compliment
 Help a student make friends Assist an adult
 Give a balloon away Lend a classmate a pencil
 Celebrate something every day Encourage a friend
 Respect others Walk a dog Do a favor
 Forgive mistakes Smile at someone new

www.actsofkindness.org

the random acts
of kindness foundation

HAPPY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S DAY

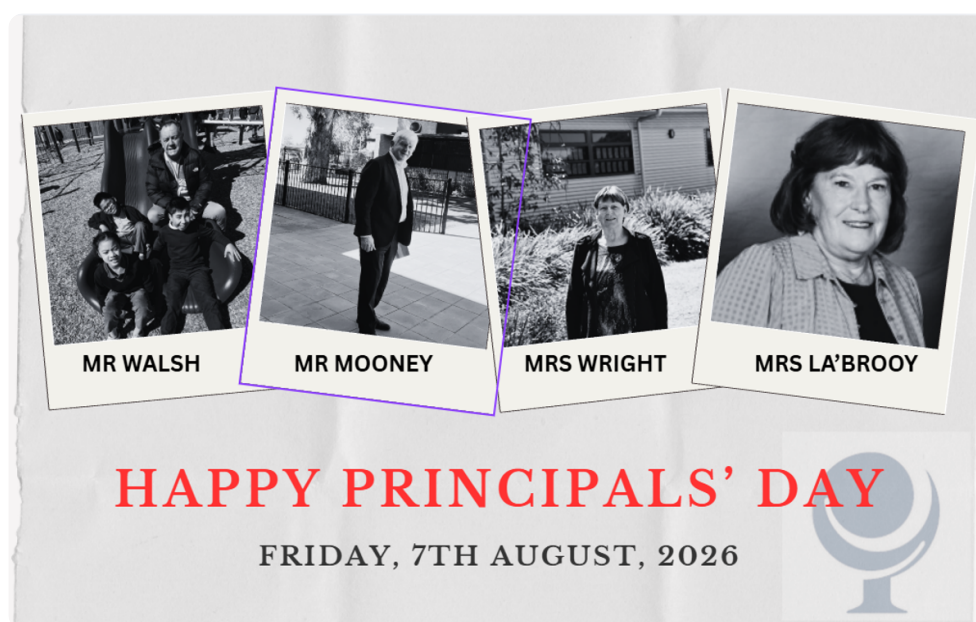
Principal's Day 2026

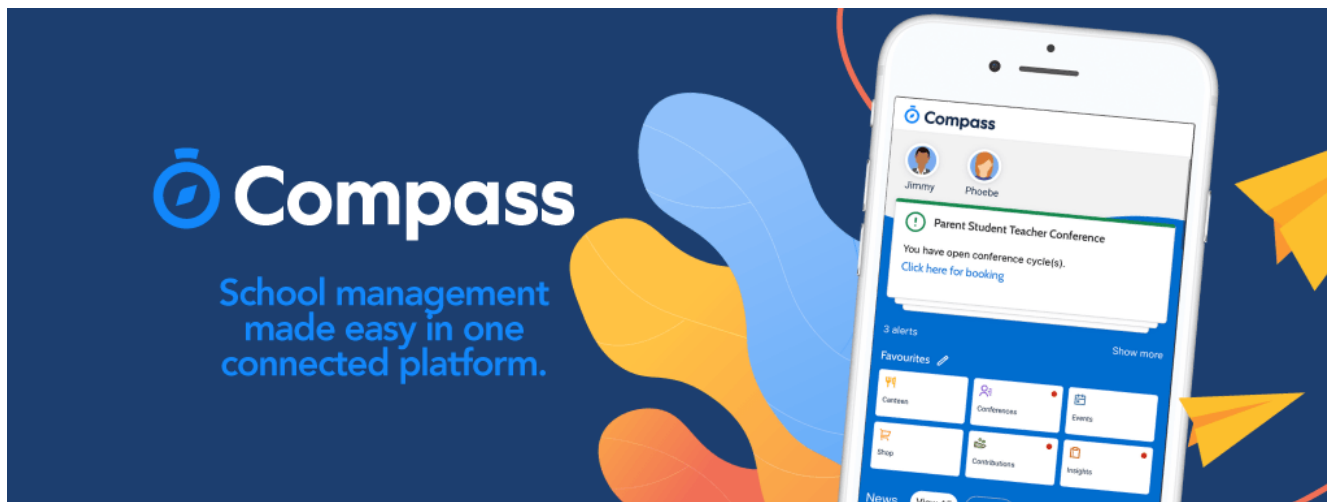
Friday August 1st is known nationally as Principals' day.

Principals' Day is an opportunity to publicly recognise their hard work and dedication to ensuring all students receive the best possible education and experience from the school they are in charge of and to say thank you for all they do.

We at Emerson are lucky to have the most inspiring and dedicated leaders we could ever ask for! Your unwavering commitment, kindness, and passion for creating a nurturing and empowering school environment make a difference in the lives of students, staff, and families every single day.

We are so lucky to have a principal class team who lead with heart, vision, and integrity—thank you for everything you do!





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](https://schools.compass.education/) 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



Dandenong Foodbank Bus

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.

The Mobile Supermarket will be held at the Dandenong North Neighbourhood Centre, 41 Menzies Ave, Dandenong North.

Dates:

- *Thursday 20th August 11:30am-12:30pm*





100 Days of School

Emerson School proudly celebrated its 100 Days of School on Friday, 31st July, for the third consecutive year. It was a day filled with fun, laughter, and unforgettable memories.

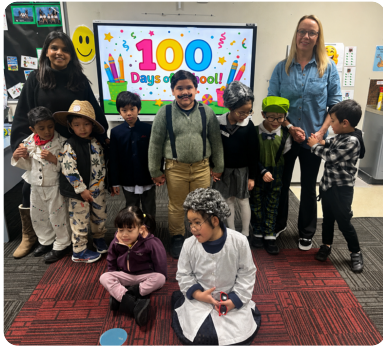
Adding to the festive atmosphere, students came dressed as 100-year-olds, while several teachers joined in wearing creative grandma and grandpa costumes. Fourteen children—eight from JSA and six from JSB—proudly showcased their imaginative costumes in a parade during the whole-school assembly to the Aboriginal song *Naya Naba*, using rhythm sticks to add energy and excitement.

JSA and JSB also presented wonderful performances with the participation of the second-year students. JSA performed the Acknowledgement to Country and *Taba Naba*, honouring Aboriginal culture and the Traditional Custodians of the land. JSB delighted the audience with an energetic dance to the *100 Days of School* song. The celebrations concluded with a delicious shared treat of hot chips.

We sincerely thank our parents, staff, and everyone who contributed to the success of this celebration. Your continued support and dedication helped make our 100 Days of School a memorable occasion that our students will cherish for years to come.

Janet D'Souza and Sandeep Sidhu

Class teachers of JSA and JSB





SSE Cupcake & Cookie Day

SSE students proudly hosted their annual **Cupcake & Cookie Day** for Junior, Middle, and Senior School students and staff on 5 and 6 August 2026.

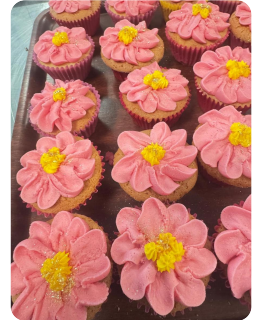
The event was a fantastic opportunity for students to showcase the knowledge and practical skills they have developed. In the weeks leading up to the event, students worked together to research recipes, test different ideas, plan production, and organise every aspect of the bake sale. Their commitment, teamwork, and attention to detail were evident in the success of the event.

Students prepared a delicious selection of treats, including **Chocolate and Vanilla cupcakes**, as well as **Chocolate Chip and M&M cookies**. Every item was baked with care, creativity, and pride.

Cupcake & Cookie Day provided students with a valuable hands on learning experience, allowing them to apply their hospitality and food preparation skills in a real world setting. It also supported the development of their **Personal Development Skills, Work-Related Skills**, and customer service skills as part of their learning program.

A special thank you to all the staff and students who supported the event and helped make it such a wonderful success. Your encouragement and support are greatly appreciated.

Ms Danushka Fernando
Essential Food Studies (SSE)





Faces of Emerson Blog

We're delighted to introduce the *Faces of Emerson* blog, a new feature on the school website that will celebrate our staff, students, past students, families, and friends.

More stories will be added to the blog each week, offering a glimpse into the lives of the people who make our school such a special place, and eventually, these stories will be collated into a *Faces of Emerson* book.

While everyone's journey to Emerson is unique, our stories converge with similar messages:

- *"Emerson feels like family."*
- *"Everyone is so kind, supportive and genuinely cares for each other."*
- *"It is comforting to know that the team at Emerson always have our children's best interests front and centre."*
- *"The culture is one of inclusion, acceptance and celebration."*

It has been a privilege to hear so many interesting stories from staff, parents and carers, former students, current students, and community partners involved with Emerson, and to reflect on how the school continues to be a place that allows everyone's potential to shine.

Please grab a cuppa and have a read of the wonderful stories that make up the *Faces of Emerson* blog (and come back each week for more):

<https://www.emersonsc.vic.edu.au/faces-of-emerson/>

The blog can also be accessed from the website Home page under the "Meet our teachers" section, or via the "All About Us" top menu tab, under "Our School".





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.



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.

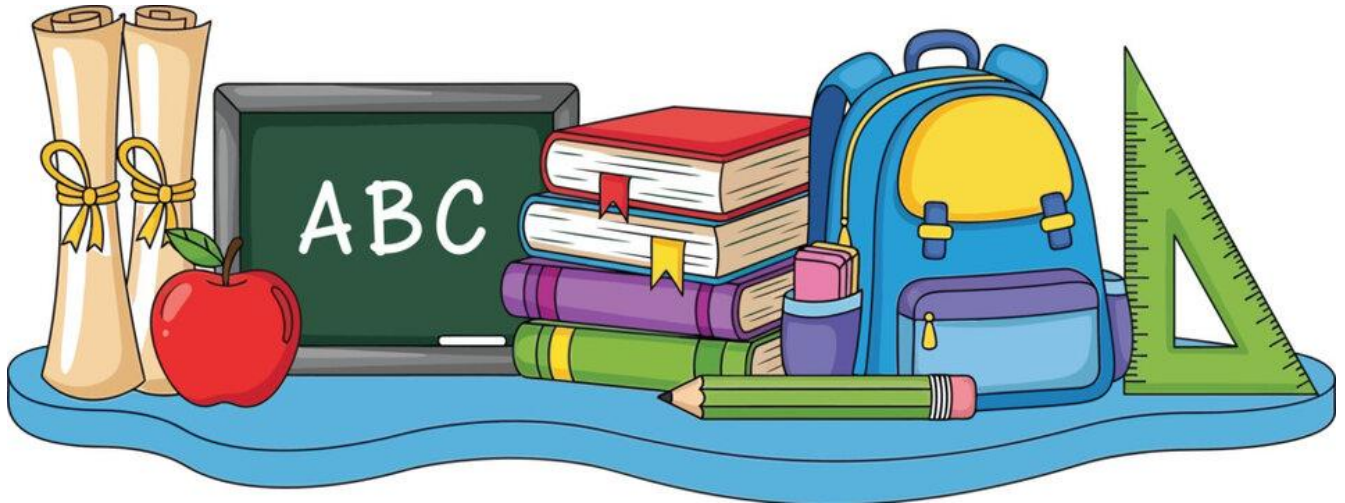
Compass keeps all information current which is best for your child for medical information, emergency contacts, etc. Compass makes it quick and easy for parents and staff. Please ask the office if you need help using Compass.

Kind regards,

Christine Marlow

Travel and Road Safety Education

Emerson School



School News

Once an Emersonian, always an Emersonian.

Former Student Gerrard, moved to Western Australia after the end of the 2024 School year.

Gerrard is currently in Melbourne visiting family and came to Emerson to visit his friends at Emerson. They had a wonderful catch up and Gerrard shared what living in Perth was like.

Thank you for visiting Emerson, Gerrard.



Student of the Week



Junior School Awards

JSA	Everyone in JSA	Class Actor
JSB	Ha My T	Super Reader
JSC	Massi K	Energy to Learn
JSD	Julie C	Wonderful Writer
JSE	Nedrine N	Most Improved
JSF	Scarlett J	Best Buddy
JSG	Alice S	Fabulous Friend
JSH	Salahuddin U	Attentive Listener
JSI	John S	Happy Helper
JSJ	Tahlia D	Most Improved
JSK	Eliza E	Most Improved
JSL	Jason M	Wonderful Writer



Student of the Week



Middle School Awards

MSA	Chelsea L	For focusing and being in her Green zone
MSB	Casper P	For being a good friend
MSC	Zayd M	For always presenting his work neatly and taking pride in his learning
MSD	Sofia F	for demonstrating improved organisational skills
MSE	Nikkisha W	For using kind words and good manners in MSE
MSF	Paul T	For his improvement in sentence writing and because he is an all-round great student
MSH	Braxton A	For sitting quietly and working well during literacy
MSI	Noah A	For displaying maturity and kindness
MSJ	Angelia T	Showing confidence on stage
MSK	Indujaa M	For working really hard with Srini on her maths
MSL	Ruby H	For outstanding effort in math

Artist of the Week	Ben P, Isa M, Zar J, Zoe S-H, Fred G and Dylan K
Woodworker of the Week	Aeden F - For using the Pedestal drill safely and cautiously whilst drilling his dowel holes
ESO Student of the Week ESO Srini	Indujaa M - For her excellent maths skills and always showing a positive attitude towards learning
Golden Ticket of Kindness	Dallas S - MSA



Milkshake Awards

Ava L

Casper P

Zayd M

Sofia F

Nikkisha W

Paul T

Braxton A

Noah A

Angelia T

Indujaa M

Ruby H

Zoe S-H

Aeden F

Indujaa M





Bus Awards

Term 3, Week 4 Awards

Endeavour Hills	Micah W
Narre Warren	Israa S
Cranbourne	Manaia S
Pakenham	Areeb R
Noble Park	Chelsea L
Dandenong	Mustafa R

Congratulations!



Sports Stars

JSI	Staysh R
JSI	Victoria H
JSJ	Alex C
JSI	John L
MSD	Tevin T
MSK	Kenny M
SSI	Noor K
SSP	Kevin G
SSP	Madeleine L-W





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.**