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Dates to Remember

November

- 3rd - Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
- 17th - Emerson Market Day

December

- 3rd - Big Day Out House Day
- 7th - Seniors Graduation Dinner
- 17th - Last Day of Term 4 for Students
- 18th - Last Day of Term 4 for Staff

2026 Victorian school term dates

2026	Start date	Finish date
Term 4	5 October	18 December

2026 Curriculum Days



Term	Date
Four	To Be Advised





Principal's Report

Welcome Back to Term 4

A very warm welcome back to all our students, staff and families. I hope everyone enjoyed a well-deserved break and have returned feeling refreshed, re-energised and ready for the busy term ahead.

Term 4 promises to be an exciting 11 week term, filled with many wonderful educational opportunities, experiences and celebrations.

Alongside the learning experiences taking place across the school, we are looking forward to some very special events: the much-anticipated Market Day on Tuesday 17 November and the return of the House Big Day Out on Thursday 3 December. The “Glasses for Kids” program will also visit Junior School in Week 4.

As we move towards the end of the year, we will also celebrate important milestones for many students with our Junior, Middle and Senior Graduation ceremonies. These occasions provide a special opportunity for our school community to acknowledge and celebrate the achievements, growth and journey of our students.

There is much to look forward to in Term 4!



Jenny La'Brooy,

Assistant Principal – Student Services / Disability Inclusion





Value of the Fortnight

By Dianne Wright - Middle School Principal

We will be studying the value Generosity for the next fortnight.

Generosity is about sharing what we have with others. It can be tangible like money or goods, or it can be giving our time by providing advice or help.

The Andrews Centre is full of generous people volunteering their time and goods for all kinds of activities for the many needy families in the district. Currently there are a lot of people doing it tough in our community and they are finding it hard to afford groceries, money to pay their bills.

The Andrews Centre provides Free Meals, Groceries, Non-Interest loans, Counselling, Financial Aid, Crisis Assistance, Education Courses and other educational programs etc. Emerson has a proud tradition of helping others. Our generosity, compassion and caring for each other, as well as people in the wider community, is appreciated by many.

On Friday October 30 we will have a free dress day to raise some money to help finance some of the different activities that the Andrews Centre provides.





Social Media Laws

The Australian Government is protecting young Australians at a critical stage of their development, through world-first social media age restrictions. These restrictions are now in effect.

As of 10 December 2025, age-restricted social media platforms need to take reasonable steps to prevent Australians under the age of 16 from creating or keeping an account.

It is eSafety's view that Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, Threads, TikTok, Twitch, X, YouTube, Kick and Reddit are age-restricted platforms, among others. This list may change in the future.

The social media age restrictions aim to protect young Australians from pressures and risks that users can be exposed to while logged in to social media accounts. These come from design features that encourage them to spend more time on screens, while also serving up content that can harm their health and wellbeing.

PLEASE NOTE: Parents cannot override the law or give formal permission for their under-16 child to hold an account on banned platforms.

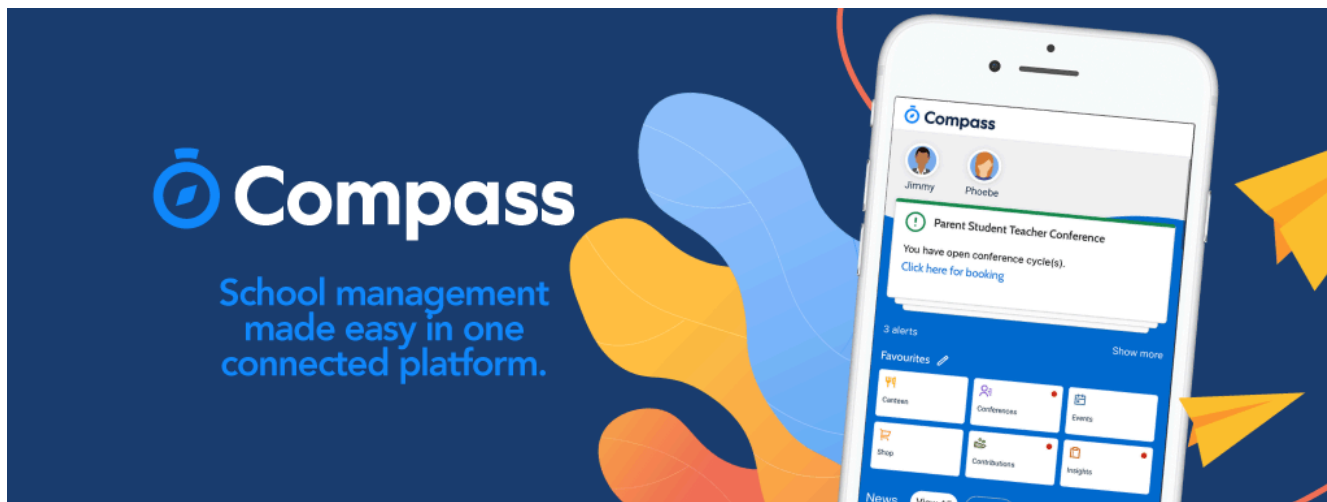
The law was introduced to help protect children from potential online harms, including cyberbullying, inappropriate content, and negative impacts on mental health.



health.

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.





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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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





A Day at Healesville Sanctuary

The Koori and fellow students from the SSI class recently had the pleasure of visiting Healesville Sanctuary for a day of learning, discovery and fun.

When we arrived, we took part in the Aboriginal Cultures and Country Tour, hosted by Indigenous leader Lisa. Lisa shared her knowledge of the local area, explaining the significance of Country, animals and cultural practices. She showed us things that were important to the Indigenous people of the area and shared fascinating information about the animals and their backgrounds.

The students particularly enjoyed seeing the dingoes. We learned that dingoes are highly intelligent and can even work out how to open enclosure doors! We also discovered that dingoes come in a variety of colours, not just the traditional orange-red colour we often picture.

Lisa was very impressed by the amount of knowledge our students already had, although there were certainly a few questions that left us all thinking!

After the tour, we enjoyed the Spirits of the Sky bird show. A variety of birds flew overhead and around the audience, almost as though they were following a carefully rehearsed script. The birds flew quite low overhead, making this an exciting experience—although perhaps not one for those who are nervous around birds!

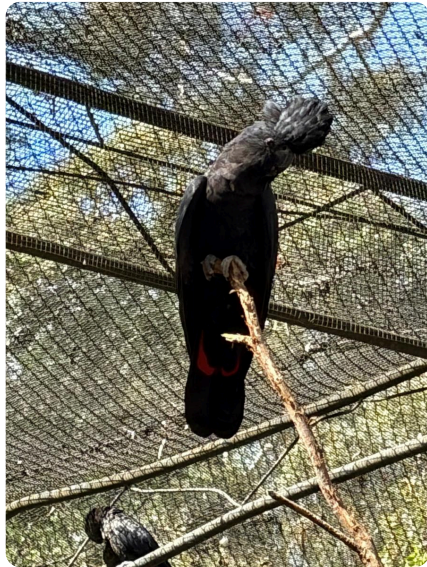
The students also had great fun exploring the reptile enclosures and trying to spot the reptiles hiding in their environments. Their camouflage was so effective.



that some were very tricky to find!

Overall, it was a fantastic day filled with culture, wildlife, learning and plenty of excitement. The students thoroughly enjoyed the experience and came away with lots of new knowledge and memories.

Thank you to the staff and students for such a great day.





SSV Regional Athletics Championships 2026

A fantastic day at Casey Fields, with Emerson students competing against athletes from across the Southern Metropolitan Region! Despite the wet conditions, our students showed great determination, sportsmanship and effort.

Emerson Results

1st Place

Omal – High Jump | Cooper – 100m, 800m | Jemma – 100m, 200m | Nick – 100m, Long Jump | Habiba – 100m | Miley – 800m | Ashton – 800m | Ethan – 200m | Brodie – 200m | Paul – Shot Put | Fosi – Shot Put | Maison – Long Jump | Angelia – Long Jump

2nd Place

Omal – Long Jump | Mustafa – 800m | Hannah – 800m, Shot Put | Brodie – 800m | Miley – 200m | Habiba – 200m | Zar – Shot Put

3rd Place

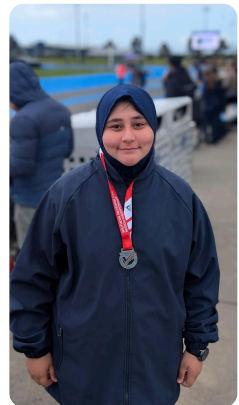
Omal – 200m | Fredrick – 100m, 200m | Shahid – 800m | Miley – Long Jump | Kian – Long Jump | Tegan – Long Jump

4th Place



Alisa – 100m, Shot Put

A huge congratulations to all our athletes for representing Emerson with pride!
Best of luck to those who have qualified for the State Championships!





Faces of Emerson Blog

Just a reminder to please check in each week for the latest stories featuring the staff, students, and families of Emerson. There are now dozens of stories at the *Faces of Emerson* blog, with more being added every Wednesday.

This week features:

- Luke Bowen (staff)
- Munir S (parent)
- Leanne Russell (staff)

Grab a cuppa and read the most recent stories here:

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

Or just go to the school website's Home page, scroll down until you see the *Faces of Emerson* section and press the "View all stories" button.

Happy reading!

If you'd like your story to be included, please contact Research Officer, Jenni Campbell, at jenni.campbell@education.vic.gov.au or ask at the Junior/Senior campus front desk.



Student of the Week



Middle School Awards

MSA	Riley T-L	For showing excellent listening skills and setting a wonderful example for his Classmates
MSF	Layla M	For being so helpful and reliable when Ms Ryan was away I'm very proud of you!
MSH	Campbell D	For great numeracy and literacy work and being helpful

Golden Ticket of Kindness

Vasilije B



Milkshake Awards

Riley T-L

Alisa T







Bus Awards

Term 3, Week 10 Awards

Endeavour Hills	Julian V
Narre Warren	William B
Cranbourne	Dylan K
Pakenham	Campbell D
Noble Park	Venise F
Dandenong	Indujaa M

Congratulations!





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.





Reminders



Reminder Emerson is a Sun Smart School

It is compulsory for students to wear hats in Term 4.

We strongly suggest that Sunscreen is applied and a Water Bottle is brought to School to keep hydrated.

Students are NOT permitted to wear hats depicting offensive or illegal logos.

Please label ALL hats with Students name.

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



Senior School	
	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.**

