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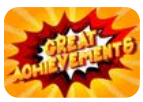

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Dates to Remember

November

- 3rd - Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
- 17th - Emerson Market Day
- 18th - Curriculum Day - No Students at School

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	Wednesday November 18th

Principal's Report

Melbourne Cup – Public Holiday – Tuesday, 3rd November

Parents and families are advised that **Monday, 2nd November is a school day with classes and buses running as usual.** This is followed by the Melbourne Cup public holiday on Tuesday, 3rd November.

Some parents have informed me that their children will not be attending on Monday. If other parents choose to make Monday a long weekend, could you please inform our school office of your child's absence.

Interfaith Concert

Emerson School hosted the annual Interfaith Network Schools Concert which was held on Tuesday, 27th October. Five schools participated with 300 plus people in attendance in the gymnasium at Middle Campus. Representatives from local community groups and faiths attended. Prizes were awarded to students who submitted artwork representing this year's theme of Kindness in Action. Dianne Wright, Campus Principal, and Dean Reynolds, Leading Senior Constable from the Australian Federal Police (AFP) presented prizes to the artwork winners. It was a wonderful day of celebration of our local community. Many thanks to all the staff and students who facilitated the event.

Jenny La'Brooy

Assistant Principal – Student Services

Value of the Fortnight

By Dianne Wright - Middle School Principal

We will continue our studies on the value of Courage next week.

Courage is important to practise because you will need it if you are facing a difficult situation or have feelings of being alone. Courage is practised by trying new things even when they seem impossible, as long as you believe that it is the right thing to do in your heart.

When you feel afraid, feel the fear, own what you are feeling, then let it go. Ask yourself, 'What is the wise thing to do in this situation?' Let courage fill your heart and act, even if you still feel afraid.

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.

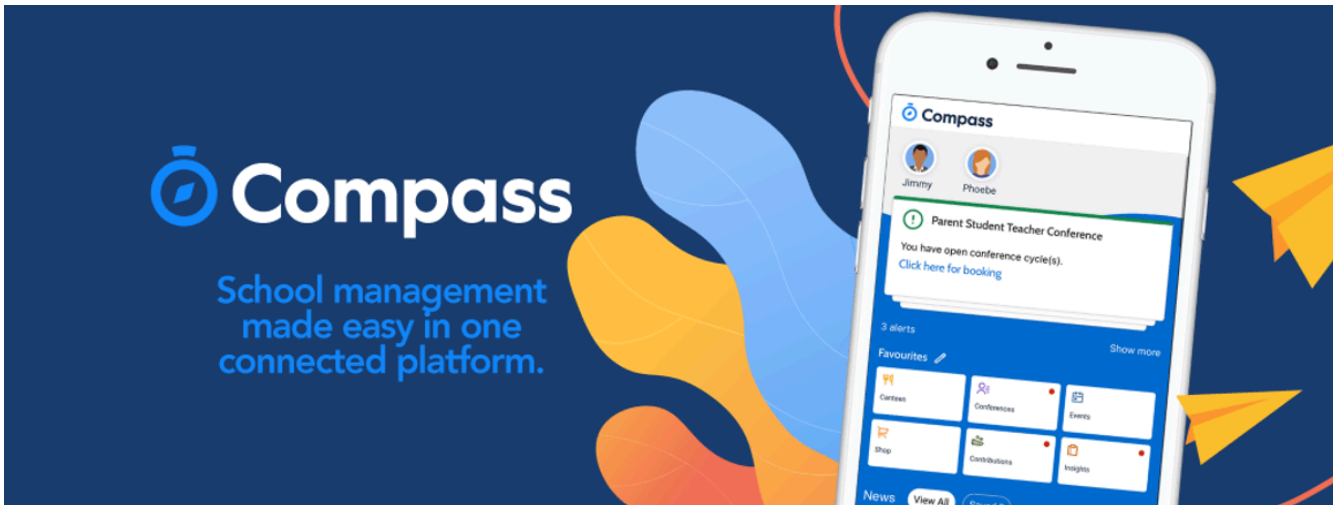
The social media age restrictions aim to protect young Australians from pressures and risks that users can be exposed to while logged in to social media accounts. These come from design features that encourage them to spend more time on screens, while also serving up content that can harm their health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

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.

GET IT ON Google Play Download on the App 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

Dandenong Community Food Bank

Foodbank will operate a "Mini Supermarket" from North Dandenong Neighbourhoood 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, 41Menzies Ave, Dandenong North.

Dates:

- Thursday, November 12th, 2026

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 usir Compass.

Kind regards,

Christine Marlow

Travel and Road Safety Education

Emerson School

MSL Sailing Excursion

On Monday 26th October MSL went sailing. We took the bus at 9am From Emerson to Docklands. When we got there, we met some people who gave us life jackets. We got on the boat and took turns sailing.

We saw seals and the city. It was very cold and a bit smelly. Afterwards we sailed back to the docks. They helped us take off our life jackets.

We took the bus back to Emerson and felt very tired. It was a great day!"

MSL Class Students

State Champion - Omal!

A massive congratulations to Omal on an outstanding performance at the School Sport Victoria State Secondary Track and Field Championships at Lakeside Stadium!
Competing in the 17-Year-Old Boys High Jump against some of the best athletes from mainstream schools across Victoria, Omal cleared an incredible 1.92m to claim the Victorian State Championship!

This is an extraordinary achievement and a fantastic reward for Omal's dedication, hard work and commitment to athletics. His continued improvement and success throughout the year have been wonderful to see, and the entire Emerson School community couldn't be prouder!
A special thank you to Glen Huntly Athletics and Mr Winter for their ongoing coaching, encouragement and support in helping Omal develop as an athlete.
What an incredible achievement, Omal! We can't wait to see what the future holds for you in athletics!

SPORT VICTORIA
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SSV State Secondary Athletics Championships 2026

A huge congratulations to our Emerson students who competed at the School Sport Victoria State Secondary Track and Field Championships at Lakeside Stadium, Albert Park!

Reaching the state championships is a fantastic achievement, with students competing against some of the best young athletes from across Victoria. There were some terrific performances across both track and field events, with several students recording personal bests and others bringing home state medals. It was a great day of athletics and another opportunity for our students to showcase their sporting abilities on the big stage!

Outstanding Results

Omal – 1st Place, 17-Year-Old Boys Mainstream High Jump (1.92m)

Fosi – 1st Place, Shot Put (9.50m)

Nicko – 1st Place, 100m (12.46s)

Nicko – 1st Place, Long Jump (5.50m)

Cooper – 2nd Place, 800m

Ashton – 2nd Place, 800m

Miley – 3rd Place, 800m

Congratulations to all our athletes on a fantastic achievement!

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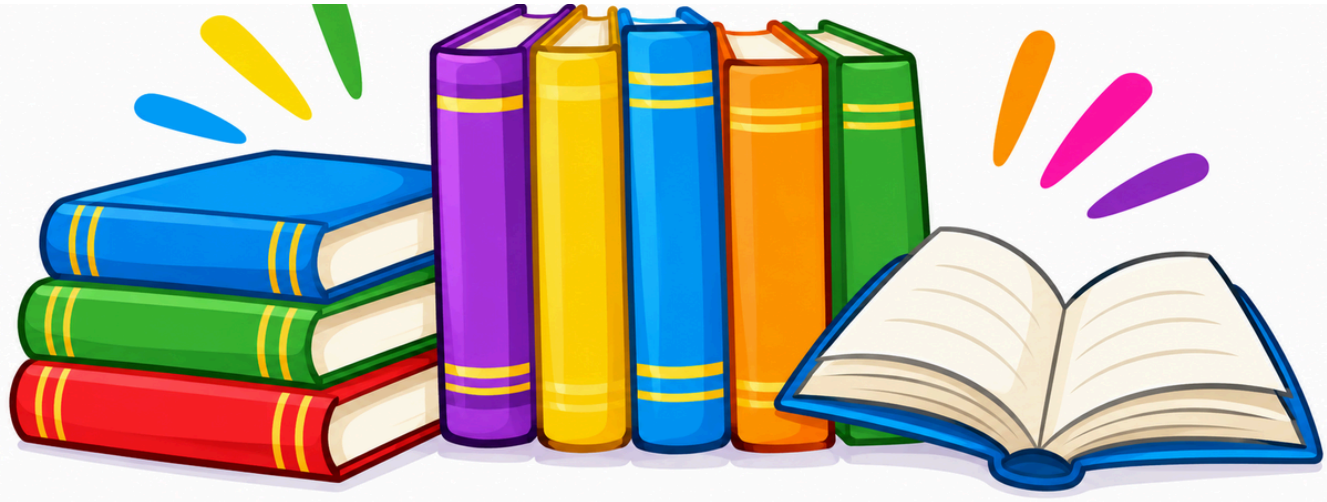


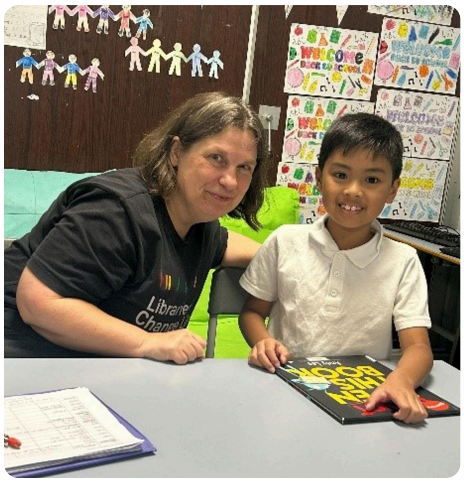
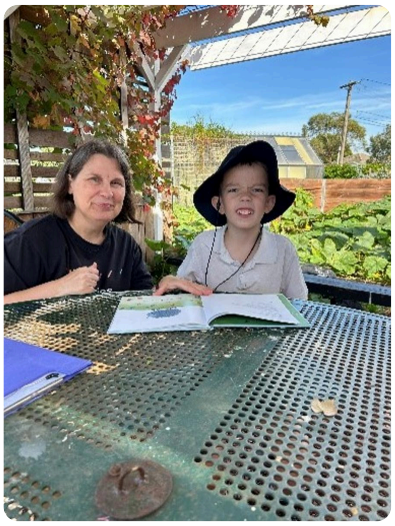
Reading Buddies – Building a Love of Reading!

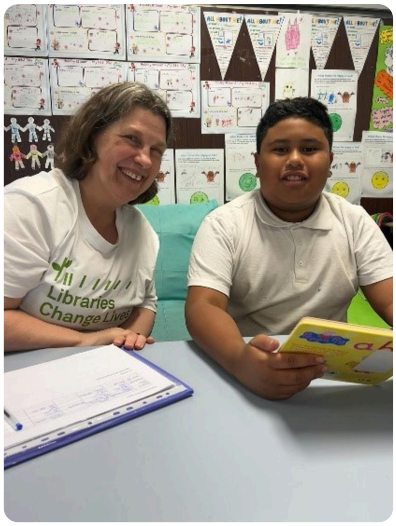
Some of our Junior School students have been enjoying a wonderful partnership with Dandenong Library through the Reading Buddies Program! Every Wednesday, we welcome the lovely Miss Janet from Dandenong Library, who spends special one-on-one time with some of our Junior School students, sharing books, stories and a love of reading.

These weekly sessions are about more than just books! They provide a wonderful opportunity for students to develop their listening and communication skills, build confidence and form positive relationships in a relaxed and supportive environment. It has been lovely to see the excitement on our students' faces when Miss Janet arrives each week. The positive connections she has developed with our students make these reading sessions something they genuinely look forward to.

A huge thank you to Miss Janet and Dandenong Library for their ongoing support and for helping us nurture a love of reading in our students. We are so fortunate to have this wonderful community partnership!

Lisa Mouncer
Literacy Learning Specialist

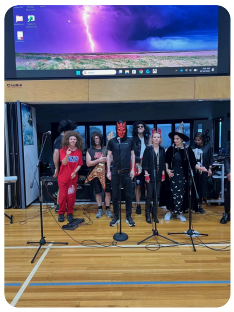





Emerson Market Day 2026

Casual Dress up Day

Emerson Staff and Students had a fantastic time getting involved in our special dress-up day! It was wonderful to see everyone getting into the spirit, dressing up and enjoying a fun day together while supporting a great cause.
Through the generosity of our school community, we raised money for The Andrews Centre, helping to support the valuable work they do. A big thank you to all our students and staff for getting involved and contributing to such a worthwhile cause!



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.

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.

Junior School Awards

JSA	Lucas G	Excellent Effort
JSA1	Hareer H	Fabulous Friend
JSB	Jasper C	Excellent Effort
JSC	Bilal A	Social Butterfly
JSD	Derren Seng	Math Maniac
JSE	Mannat Ottal	Caring Heart
JSF	Scarlett J	Handy Helper
JSG	Ruvee K	Budding Artist
JSH	Michael K	Maths counting wizard
JSI	Victoria H	Super Reader
JSJ	Tahlia D	Super Helper
JSK	Eliza E	Excellent Effort
JSL	Elias S	Courageous

WELL DONE!

Middle School Awards

MSA	Ali G	For making great progress in Maths and showing an improved attitude towards learning in the classroom
MSB	Rueben R	For improving his reading and spelling
MSC	Vinny D	For remaining seated while waiting for assembly to finish
MSD	Daniel F	For excellent work in numeracy
MSE	Elijah R	For his determination and enthusiasm to ensure he was the best behaved student in Mrs George's absence
MSF	Layla M	For being a mature, responsible, helpful and kind young lady, who sets an example for others
MSH	Maison G	For growing in maturity
MSI	Ngatupuna T	For being patient and kind with others
MSJ	Joshua N	For always having a positive attitude
MSK	Indujaa M	For working beautifully and showing her classmates how well she can write with her non dominant hand
MSL	Ruby H	For great independant work during literacy

Artist of the Week	Zayd MSC, Indego MSF, Domenic MSK
ESO Student of the Week	Ava L - For showing resiliance and standing up for

ESO Marita	herself
Woodworker of the Week	Mitchell MSF - For using his patience and taking the time to construct a very accurate dowel
Golden Ticket	Kevin U - MSH

Milkshake Awards

Indie A

Minhaj A

Sarah Z

Elijah R

William E

Mitchell R

Tyson B-P

Kingsley S

Fred G

Philo g

Jasmine T

Bus Awards

Term 3, Week 10 Awards

Endeavour Hills	Deacon N
Narre Warren	Tiarnee J
Cranbourne	Shaun S
Pakenham	Campbell D
Noble Park	Jemma L
Dandenong	Iqra W

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 th 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 da
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**.