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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

On next Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> June and Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> June, it is hoped (weather permitting) that the concrete foundation of our Stage Two building will be poured.

***On these two days, no traffic will be permitted in our drive through at the front of the Stage One building at our Heatherton Road Campus. This road will only be used by concrete trucks.***

All Ventura buses will drive through the main gate and drive around our old roundabout both in the morning and in the afternoon.

Many thanks to everyone for your cooperation on this matter.

***John Mooney  
Principal***

## VALUE OF THE FORTNIGHT

We will continue studying the value, Generosity, next week.

Generosity starts by being aware that someone needs help. Generous people then start to think of some ways that they can help that person. It may involve in giving them some of your time, or knowledge, or sharing some things with them. It is important that they understand that you do not expect anything back in return for your generosity.

Today we had a casual dress day to support FightMND. Thank you to everyone who generously donated towards this cause.

***Dianne Wright  
Campus Principal, Middle School***



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## DIARY DATES 2024

**FRIDAY 28TH JUNE** - Last day of Term 2 (EARLY FINISH)

**MONDAY 15TH JULY** - First day of Term 3

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## JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS—JUNIOR SCHOOL COURTYARD PLAYGROUND

With stage 2 of Emerson School’s building program well underway, we have had to adapt to losing part of our Junior School courtyard playground.

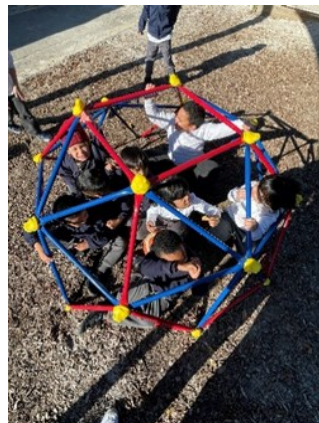
A tall white fence has been built to safely separate the courtyard playground from the building site. Mr Mooney asked the fence builders to include Perspex covered observation holes in the fence so that both students and staff can watch the exciting developments of the adjacent building works.

We were sad to lose our adventure playground but have introduced a free standing slide, 2 new dome climbing structures, and various new toys to use in the sandpit. We also have our wonderful cubby house, a small mud kitchen, basketball ring and a large open area to run, jump, skip and ride trikes.

Next on our wish list is a new larger mud kitchen to place next to our sandpit.

Our courtyard playground is a safe and fun place to play with friends. A place to learn invaluable social skills such as making friends, sharing, teamwork and getting along.

**Leanne Russell**  
*Head of Junior School*



JUNIOR SCHOOL STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

**BEST**  
**IMPROVEMENT**

**Derren JSA**  
**Sofia JSI**

**COLOURING IN**  
**GENIUS**

**Alaya JSB**

**LOVELY**  
**LISTENER**

**Peyton JSD**  
**Adella JSE**

**CREATIVE**  
**GENIUS**

**Justin JSC**

**BRIGHT**  
**BOOKWORM**

**Victoria JSF**

**SUPER**  
**SPELLER**

**Janidu JSG**

**SUPERB**  
**STORY TELLER**

**Casey JSH**

**TERRIFIC**  
**TEAM PLAYER**

**Gerrard JSJ**

**JOLLY**  
**JOKER**

**Oscar JSK**



**READY**  
**RISK TAKER**

**Anthony JSL**



## 2024 INTER HOUSE MUSIC FESTIVAL

There is something very unique about the staff and students at Emerson School. Our culture of 'unlocking the potential' that lies within every student and staff member, was very evident at last Thursday's Inter House Music Festival. We had to wait five years, but it was worth every minute. The high standard of each performance, combined with the overwhelming joy of both watching and participating, created a very special gift for everyone involved. We were all in the 'present'. No one wanted the festival to end! To see staff and students performing together on stage and having such so fun together was extraordinary.



We had the Cowan pirates, led by Mr 'Jack Sparrow' Marczenko and PJ, throwing gold coins into the crowd.

Dunlop House staff member, Ms Orr, wrote an amazing song about Dunlop House. Mr Kotzamanis was dressed up as a horse with Sir Weary Dunlop (Mahdi) on his back.



Another highlight was the Flynn House 'Kens' led by Noah in their production of 'Barbie Party'.

Drysdale's dancers were excellently choreographed by Ms Hasegawa. Congratulations to the very talented Brock, Bethany, Rebecca and Keenan!

Bradman's Sebastian entertained us all on his voice-box synthesizer. Seb sang and played for his fellow House students and staff as they danced to the song 'Around The World.'

Melba's production of 'We Will Rock You' nearly brought the house down when everyone including the audience, were beating the rhythm on the wooden floor!

Ms Cheong and Martin led Paterson House through their own rendition of 'We Are Paterson'. The dancing and singing was very uplifting!

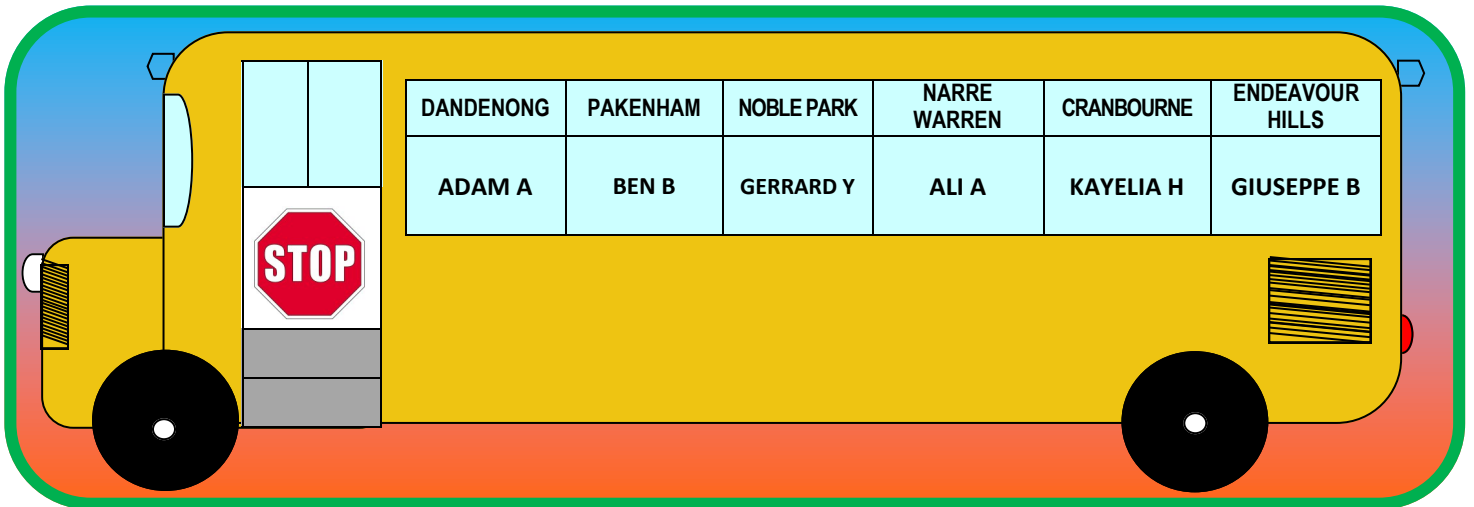
Sebastien K sang the song 'Teddy Bear', amongst a sea of Rafferty teddy bears, students and staff. Seb, who is no stranger to Elvis Presley songs, got the audience to join in.

Below are a few photographs for you to enjoy as I know some parents were disappointed that we did not have enough room for them to see their children perform.



## SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Last week, SSV and SSH worked together to clean up the front garden. The students cleared plant debris, rearranged the rocks, and put down new sand. All of this was in support of creating a display area for the rock art created by SSV as part of their unit on Aboriginal art and culture. Students learned all about the symbolic language of Aboriginal art used to tell stories and used rock art to tell some of their own. It was a great day and the students worked hard and were very proud of their results.



## SPORTS STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS

