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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The construction of a new playground for our Junior students commenced on last Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> November. The installation team has been making amazing progress and expects to complete the construction ahead of the scheduled completion date of Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> November.

Students have been asking many questions about the playground and we are excited about the opening ceremony which will be scheduled as soon as the construction is ready for use.

*John Mooney  
Principal*



## VALUE OF THE FORTNIGHT

We will study the value, Respect, for the next fortnight.

At Monday's Middle School Assembly, students and staff gathered to watch a video explaining the importance of Remembrance Day, listened to a Vietnam Veteran (Mr H) and held one minute's silence to commemorate and show our gratitude and respect for all our brave men and women who have courageously fought for the freedoms and rights that we have in Australia.

The 11<sup>th</sup> hour of the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month marks the special time that we commemorate the end of the First World War. It was on the 11<sup>th</sup> of November 1918 that the Germans called for an armistice (suspension of fighting) in order to have a peaceful settlement.

Many people wear red poppies because they were among the first to flower in the devastated battlefields of northern France and Belgium in the First World War. They have become a symbol of Remembrance.



*Dianne Wright*  
*Campus Principal, Middle School*

## SUBWAY ORDERS

**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 10.00am each week.



## MIDDLE SCHOOL BREAKFAST CLUB

Middle School Breakfast Club runs on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings.

Toast and cereal is offered on Tuesday and cereal offered on Wednesday.

Thank you, Middle School Breakfast Club Staff



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## DIARY DATES 2024/2025

**THURSDAY 19TH DECEMBER** - Last day of Term 4 for students

**FRIDAY 20TH DECEMBER** - Last day of Term 4 for staff

**WEDNESDAY 29TH JANUARY** - First day of Term 1 for students

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## MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT OF THE WEEK

**MSA BEN P**

For trying his best in Mindfulness.

**MSB AREEB R**

For always smiling and using manners.

**MSC BLAYDEN C**

For outstanding work on clock reading and telling time.

**MSD ZOE S & INDUJAA M**

For being very helpful.

**MSE KAYLA T**

For completing all her activities in Literacy.

**MSF MU A**

For always being a great role model to her peers.

**MSI ERIC S**

For his amazing help making our Halloween treats in the cooking room.

**MSJ ALEX H**

For a sensational attitude and great classroom discussion contributions.

**MSK ZIJA J**

For being brave enough to sing on his own and do a wonderful job.

**MSL KANE B**

For always giving his best in everything he does in class.

**ESO INDEGO T**

For being helpful during girls club and doing all the girls makeup.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL MILKSHAKE AWARDS



## PARENT AND CARER SCHOOL SAVING BONUS CODE DISTRIBUTION

The Victorian Government is delivering the School Saving Bonus – a one-off \$400 support for government school students from Prep to Year 12 in 2025.

From Tuesday 26 November 2024, you will receive an email from the Department of Education with your unique \$400 School Saving Bonus code.

The School Saving Bonus will help families cover the cost of uniforms, textbooks, excursions, activities and more.

If you have multiple children enrolled in Victorian government schools for 2025, you will receive one School Saving Bonus code email per child. These emails might arrive on different days. Please make sure to check your spam/junk email folder.

Parents and carers can use the School Saving Bonus code in store at school-nominated suppliers. Parents and carers can also choose to access the School Saving Bonus online system, where they can allocate part or all the \$400 bonus to use at school nominated-online suppliers or for school activities. To learn more about the School Saving Bonus, visit [www.vic.gov.au/school-saving-bonus](http://www.vic.gov.au/school-saving-bonus)

**A step-by-step user guide will be available on the webpage on 26 November.**

If you have not received your School Saving Bonus code via email by Friday 29 November, please contact the Department of Education by emailing [school.saving.bonus@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:school.saving.bonus@education.vic.gov.au)

## ATHLETICS UPDATE

### State Finals (Primary)

On Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November, six Middle and Junior students represented the school at the State Finals at Lakeside Stadium.

Students fought gallantly in the hot and windy conditions, especially the grueling 800m. We achieved the following results:

#### 1<sup>st</sup>

Fred G – 200m

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Miley C – 200m

Mohamed L – 200m

#### 2<sup>nd</sup>

Mohamed L – 800m

Angelia T – 200m

#### 5<sup>th</sup>

Miley C – Long Jump

#### 6<sup>th</sup>

Elijah R – Shot Put

Ben P – Shot Put



Students who won their event received a Rebel gift voucher. Miley kindly used her voucher to buy a gift for her teammate and friend Elijah.

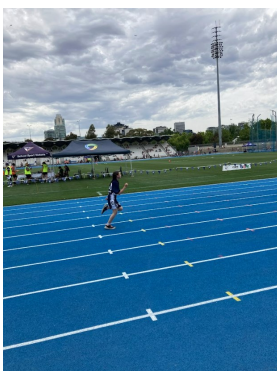
A 30 minute thunder and lightning delay prevented the team from contesting the 100m.

This was the third and final competition for the team in the SSV series which began back in September. It was wonderful to see the progression in the performances across the series as students gained in confidence.

The students got to meet Olympians Georgia Griffith and Rhydian Cowley. Mohamed was amazed at how heavy Rhydian's Olympic bronze medal was!

A big thank you to Emma Barrett for supporting the team on the day.

*Chris Winter  
Athletics & Cross Country Coach*



## DANDENONG SHOW

Congratulations to all students who had entries in the Dandenong Show last weekend. Lots of certificates were awarded for your hard work!.



## DANDENONG SHOW



## SPORTS STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS



# Holiday Program Important Information!

## What to bring

- On excursion days only please bring a packed lunch
- Labelled water bottle
- Suitable clothing for an active day – closed toe shoes and a jacket. If it is predicted to be wet and cold
- SunSmart hat for Spring and Summer holidays
- Medical Management Plan & Medication if applicable – see below for details

## Don't forget!

- Keep your lunchbox nut-free to keep everyone safe
- Do not include food items that need to be reheated
- Label all items with child's name!
- Bus departure and arrival times are indicative only. For an accurate estimated time of arrival and departure please contact your service directly.

## Personal belongings

Money and other valuables should be left at home. If brought to the service, these items remain the responsibility of the family. TheirCare does not accept responsibility for loss or damage.

## TheirCare provides

- Breakfast, morning tea, lunch, and afternoon tea
- Sunscreen

## Unexpected changes to activities

In the unlikely event that an activity is unable to run, an alternative activity will be provided. Activities and times are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances such as severe weather or provider availability.

## Changes to your booking

Please contact your Service Coordinator to make changes to your booking.

## Serious stuff! Medical Management Plan & Medication

All children who have been diagnosed with a medical condition including allergies, food/chemical intolerances, anaphylaxis, asthma, epilepsy will need to provide:

- a completed Medical Management Plan with a colour photo
- necessary medication

Please note it is a legal requirement under the Education & Care National Regulations and the Terms and Conditions for booking that these are provided.

In the interests of child safety, care may be refused on the day should the appropriate documentation or medication not be supplied.



The place to be these holidays!

# LEVEL UP!

Summer Holiday Program

Book Now!



pass the Popcorn



Octopus art attack!



Engage your senses



Inhouse fun

**Bookings close November 29**

Please return booking form to service

If you have any questions, please feel free to speak with one of our friendly Educators at the service or call Customer Support 1300 072 410.



Excursion & Super Excursions days: arrive at the service by 9:00 am. Pick-up after 2:30 pm. Wear runners & socks.

THURSDAY

2 JAN



Game On

Its Game On with fun activities designed for all abilities! Children will improve hand-eye coordination in Bulseye Bean Bag Toss, practice fine motor skills and following instructions with our Paper Robots, explore creativity with Musical Masterpiece, and build problem-solving skills while making a Pokemon Kaleidoscope.

FRIDAY

3 JAN



Sensory Pool

Join us for a sensory-filled day at with Sensory Pool! We will explore the textures and shapes of multi-use kinetic sand while promoting sensory development and creativity. Afterwards, we'll be taking part in more sensory delights as we dive into the Ocean Sensory Bin, create yummy Ice Cream in a Bag, and make Jelly Fish Hands.

MONDAY

6 JAN



Minute To Win It

Join the excitement of Minute to Win It, where every child can participate at their own pace in fun, inclusive challenges that build coordination and problem-solving skills. After the fun, lets enjoy creating Reusable Water Balloons, explore textures with Water Colour Sat Paintings, and make delicious Fruit Salad and Jelly Cups!

TUESDAY

7 JAN



Farmyard Buddies

We're on a journey to the Farm! Get up close with friendly animals and learn all about these fascinating creatures. Then back at Emerson, continue the fun with Emotion Connection, promoting emotional awareness and social skills in a playful way! Then lets make a healthy Banana Split as a treat!

WEDNESDAY

8 JAN



5 Senses Museum

Step into the 5 Senses Museum! Engage your senses at a variety of exciting sensory stations! Each exhibit invites exploration through touch, sound, sight, and more! Afterward, children can test their coordination with Coconut Bowling, craft a Popcake Stick Bird Feeder, and create a delicious Chocolate Raspberry Chia Pudding.

THURSDAY

9 JAN



Ice Ice Baby

Get ready to chill with Ice Ice Baby! Join in a group game of Cross the River, get our creativity flowing with Ice Painting, craft and taste the sweet treat Coconut Ice, and have fun outdoors with Frozen Pom Pom Balls. It's a cool adventure full of self-expression, sensory play, and teamwork!

FRIDAY

10 JAN



Playground Playtime

Get ready for the best indoor Playcentre Adventure ever! Refine your balance, strength and gross motor skills with the multi-level playground, slides and multi-level ball pit. Afterwards, lets make sensory Fine Safety Table Cards, promoting fine motor skills and learning about fire safety, then making yummy Frozen Yogurt Bark!

MONDAY

13 JAN



Pass the Popcorn

Join us at the movies today to watch Paddington in Peru. Follow Paddington and the Brown Family as they visit Aunt Lucy in Peru. A thrilling adventure ensues when a mystery plunges them into an unexpected journey through the Amazon rainforest and to the mountain peaks of Peru.

TUESDAY

14 JAN

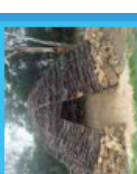


Sandy Adventures

Experience the excitement of a Summer beach inspired day in service with inclusive, sensory-rich activities! Build coordination and balance through Stage Hopping, enjoy tactile exploration with Sand Foam Sensory, practice teamwork in the Beach Ball Towel Game, and develop listening skills while playing Under the Sea Musical Statues.

WEDNESDAY

15 JAN



Cultural Immersion

Join us on a bush Tucker trail then enjoy story telling and dance. Hang out in the traditional huts and take home your very own native seedling. Then back at service express yourself at a collaborative art piece and join in the fun of pin the cherry on the ice cream.

THURSDAY

16 JAN



Snap, Bubble & Pop!

Join us for a day of fun-filled sensory activities! Bounce into action with Balloon Games, catch some magical floating Bubbles, and explore the sea in our Ocean Sensory Bin. Kids will also enjoy making tasty Earth Free Snacks and put their reflexes to the test with the classic game of Snag!

FRIDAY

17 JAN



Inside Out Octopus

Join us for a fun and creative day at our Reversible Push Octopus! We will explore emotions by flipping it from happy to sad and express ourselves as we DYE spray colour! Afterwards, we can make our own Lava Lamp, enjoy Musical Drawing, and splash around with exciting Backyard Water Games!

MONDAY

20 JAN



Inflatable Fun Zone

Dive into a world of bouncy fun at the Inflatable Obstacle Course! Boost your gross motor skills and keep your way through a variety of amazing obstacle courses! Then, make and decorate your own kites to fly high with Paper Bag Kite craft and express yourself through dance and play with the Emoji Dance Game!

TUESDAY

21 JAN



Fire Fighter for a Day

Become a Fireman for a Day! With a real firefighter leading the way, children will learn about essential fire safety skills in a hands-on, exciting experience. Then, dive into creative activities like Fire Fire Painting, explore textures with Fire Sensory Cards, and enjoy making Baked Potatoes in a fun campout-style activity!

WEDNESDAY

22 JAN

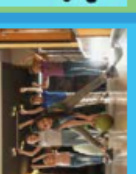


Bear-y Cool

Today, were diving into creativity with Bear-y Cool! Enjoy watching the paint drip down in layers as we design our very own bear-shaped sensory trays, promoting fine motor skills and self-expression. Afterwards, lets make Tun-Balls, play Animal Farm Group Games for teamwork, and create colourful Putty Paint Fairy Flasks!

THURSDAY

23 JAN



Pins & Wins

Step into the world of Ten Pin Bowling! Put on your bowling shoes and put your skills to the test! Develop confident and fundamental movement! Then back at service, promote your gross motor skills and have fun with Musical Hot Potato and then promote fine motor skills and creativity with Fuzzy Sidewalk Chalk Art!

FRIDAY

24 JAN



Tropicana

Join in the tropical fun today as children will get hands-on with creating Turkish Pizza, practicing fine motor skills and teamwork. They'll unleash creativity with Animal Print Tracks and Toucan Handprint Art, while building strength and coordination in the exciting Jungle Crawl Challenge.

MONDAY

27 JAN



Service closed!

TUESDAY

28 JAN



Service closed!





## SUMMER 2025 Holiday Program Booking Request Form EMERSON SCHOOL THEIRCARE

### Child Details

Name:

First

Last

Date of birth:

Year level:

Has this child attended the Holiday Program or After School Care program at the service in the last twelve months?

YES  NO → Please complete an enrolment form

### Parent/Guardian Details

Name:

First

Last

Address:

Street

Suburb

State








Postcode

Phone:

Email:

### Dates Requested (please tick):

	DATE	ACTIVITY	TYPE	MY CHILD WILL BE ATTENDING THE EXCURSION	MY CHILD WILL BE STAYING AT THE SERVICE
<input type="radio"/>	2 JAN	Game On		<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<input type="radio"/>	3 JAN	Sensory Pool		<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<input type="radio"/>	6 JAN	Minute To Win It		<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<input type="radio"/>	7 JAN	Farmyard Buddies		<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<input type="radio"/>	8 JAN	5 Senses Museum		<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<input type="radio"/>	9 JAN	Ice Ice Baby		<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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<input type="radio"/>	27 JAN	<b>Service Closed</b>		<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<input type="radio"/>	28 JAN	<b>Service Closed</b>		<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date:



## BOOKINGS CLOSE Friday 29th November 2024



**Excursion:** Head out on a bus ride to a fun venue



**Super Excursion:** A larger scale, multiple service, extra special excursion to a venue



**Special Activities:** A skilled facilitator will attend your service and run a fun and engaging activity



**In-house Fun:** A range of at service activities your educators will facilitate

\* The excursion attendance question is to assist with venue and transportation planning and can be changed by the parent/guardian right up to the day of the excursion. A permission form will need to be signed at the service prior to the excursion day and contains a risk assessment. Please discuss any mobility or special requirements with the service Coordinator.



## OSHC Priority of Access 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

It is wonderful that the Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) program is continually growing. It is exciting to have such a huge interest in the program. Unfortunately, the funding for the OSHC program only permits a certain number of students to attend each day. At Emerson School we are anticipating reaching capacity, therefore, we ask parents/carers to complete the attached priority of access form to enable a system to ensure bookings are allocated fairly.

To ensure the system we introduce is fair we have considered the 'priority of access guidelines' developed by the Australian Government. Priority of access guidelines can be accessed here: <https://www.dese.gov.au/uncategorised/resources/priority-access-guidelines-child-care-services>

**Priority 1** – a child at risk of serious abuse or neglect

**Priority 2** – a child of a single parent who satisfies, or of parents who both satisfy, the work, training, study test

**Priority 3** – any other child.

These forms will only be viewed by our management team.

## Contact Numbers for OSHC

**Vildan Dede** (Program Manager)

**0487 480 732**

Work hours: 10:00am – 6:00pm

**Breeanna Fogarty** (Area Manager)

0466 784 074

Forms can be photo texted to

0487 480 732

or emailed to

[emerson@theircare.com.au](mailto:emerson@theircare.com.au)

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## OSHC Priority of Access – Parent Form

If you have any questions or need assistance to complete the form, please contact Vildan.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Room: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name/s: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please circle statement/s that apply to you and your family:**

Both parents/carers working/studying full time

Single parent/carer working/studying full time

One parent/carer working/studying full time & one parent/carer working/studying part time

Both parents/carers working/studying part time

Single parent working/studying part time

Carer respite – parent

Carer respite – out of home care

Carer respite – foster parent

Family with a parent/carer experiencing physical or mental health challenges

Other: (please list)

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**Details regarding parent/carer work/study schedule: (please circle)**

Parent/Carer One:

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday N/A

Parent/Carer Two:

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday N/A

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