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## **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

It has been a wonderful week of celebrations at Emerson. Our Junior School Graduation was held on Tuesday morning. Congratulations to our 22 Junior School students graduating to Middle School next year. All the Junior graduates gave inspiring speeches. A large group of family members and staff thoroughly enjoyed this memorable event.

Immediately after the Junior Graduation, our Junior Playground was officially opened. Many thanks to David Walsh and Leanne Russell who created the playground concepts and brought them to reality.

Thank you to Imagination Play of Yarra Glen who carried out the construction of the playground. I am sure that our students will benefit greatly from its use.

***John Mooney  
Principal***



## **DIARY DATES 2024/2025**

**THURSDAY 5TH DECEMBER** - Big Day In at Middle School

**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

## **VALUE OF THE FORTNIGHT**

We will be studying the value, Purposefulness, for the next fortnight. Purposeful people clearly focus their efforts on something they want to achieve. Being purposeful can help us achieve great results. Motivation comes easily because we know why we are doing something. Without purposefulness it is easy to become distracted and accomplish nothing.

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

## **JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS—JUNIOR SCHOOL GRADUATION**

We celebrated our wonderful Junior School graduates on Tuesday morning. We were thrilled to welcome family and friends to the Emerson Room to hear our 22 graduates talk so beautifully about their time in Junior School. We also enjoyed the graduates perform a lovely rendition of our very own Emerson graduation song and an amazing performance by Yunus Shabnam, Margaret Orr, Lincoln Bowen and Ash Davies of the Coldplay song 'Yellow'.

We are very proud of our graduate students and wish them well for their transition to Middle School in 2025. We know that they will continue to shine just as bright as they have in Junior School.

Thank you to everyone involved in the graduation ceremony. It was a very special celebration of these amazing young people.

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



## VALLEY VILLAGE MEWS

Yesterday marked a very special milestone for the Valley Village Mews residents and Emerson School staff and students. Our annual Village Mews concert is in its thirtieth year. Even Covid was not successful in stopping the program. During this period the residents participated in their line dancing lessons via Webex. For many months it was the only time they could see one another.

The highlight of the afternoon was the presence of one of the original line dancers, Mrs Gwynn Kett, who turns 100 on February 1st, 2025. Another ex-line dancer, Mrs Renice Thomson travelled from Strathmerton to enjoy the concert and renew old friendships.

Our talented students performed brilliantly. Everyone was treated to a delicious lunch. The manager of the Valley Village Mews, Mr Joseph, on behalf of everyone at the Village, presented Mrs Diane Wright with a generous donation of \$970 for the school. Emerson School is very grateful of the generosity and kindness shown by the residents over the past 30 years.

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



**MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

**MSA RIELLY D**

For having a positive attitude.

**MSB KEENAN W**

For running errands and helping the class.

**MSD NAKSH S**

For giving everything his best effort, even when something is tricky.

**MSE HAIDER A**

For making sure his belongings are cared for at school.

**MSF KOBI U**

For displaying a growing maturity as the year progressed. Well done.

**MSF MADELEINE L**

For doing well in Literacy last week.

**MSI BROCK K**

For his awesome drumming at Assembly on Friday.

**MSJ TAMMIE C**

For showing resilience all week.

**MSK HANNAH M**

For entertaining the volunteers at Making Waves.

**BEN B**

For doing a great performance at Assembly.

**MSL MANUEL T**

For an outstanding performance in Maths last week.

**ESO ANGELIA T**

For great singing.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL MILKSHAKE AWARDS**

