



Newsletter

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

On last Monday evening, our Senior School Graduation celebration was held at The Pink Hotel, Beaconsfield. This was a truly memorable evening filled with some amazing graduation speeches from our 33 graduates in front of a large gathering of family members, relatives, staff and friends.

Cassandra Fernando MP, the Federal Parliamentary Member for Holt and Brad Battin MP, the State Parliamentary Member for Berwick were in attendance. It was wonderful to have Cassandra and Brad there as Cassandra grew up in McPhees Road, near Emerson School, and Brad worked at Emerson School as part of the Victorian Youth Development Program (VYDP) when Brad worked as a policeman in Dandenong. Cassandra and Brad both commented on the amazing culture of success at Emerson School and the pride that all graduates had in their achievements.

Our Junior School Graduation was held last week and our Middle School Graduation will be held next Monday. These Graduation events are always full of celebration and reflections on student growth and development. Emerson School is very much about **educating** and **educaring**. These graduation events really bring this home in technicolour.

*John Mooney
Principal*

VALUE OF THE FORTNIGHT

We will continue to study the value, Purposefulness, next week. You practise Purposefulness by deciding to do something that is important to you. Before you begin something, set a very clear goal.

Ask yourself, "What do I really want to achieve?" Then ask yourself, "Why is this so important to me?" The answer to this question will reveal your purpose.

*Dianne Wright
Campus Principal, Middle School*

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

JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS—OUR AMAZING NEW PLAYGROUND

The Junior School community are extremely grateful for our new playground. The students have enthusiastically embraced all areas of the playground and it is hard to decide on our favorite activity – the long tube slide, the double slide, the low and high hammocks, the treehouse, the rotating monkey bars, the climbing walls, the bridge, the tunnel, the single trampolines (coming soon) or the rope walk. We love everything!

*Leanne Russell
Head of Junior School*



JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS—OUR AMAZING NEW PLAYGROUND



JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS—FUSION THEATRE DANDENONG

JSH Rangers went on a BIG 'Outside Australian Adventure' with Fusion Theatre, Walker Street, Dandenong.

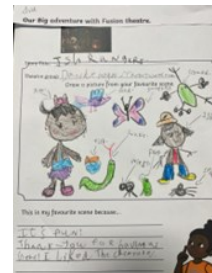
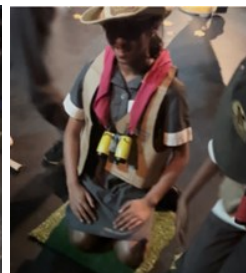
We began our adventure by crossing a bridge over running water, stepping into the heart of the Australian bush. Equipped with binoculars and our eager hands, we explored the fascinating creatures that call the wilderness home. Our day was filled with excitement as we went fishing, built a campfire, and roasted marshmallows while singing along to our favourite tunes.



As night fell, the sky transformed into a sparkling canvas of twinkling stars. Soon, a gentle rain began to sprinkle over us, growing into a thrilling display of thunder and lightning. Thankfully, our trusty tent kept us dry, and we passed the time making animal shadows as we waited for the storm to pass.

All of us JSH Rangers gave this interactive story a perfect 10 stars! We're already looking forward to continuing our journey as rangers in the classroom for the next chapter of *The Big Outside Australian Adventure*.

Thank you, Fusion Theatre, for this unforgettable experience!



JUNIOR SCHOOL STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

**FANTASTIC
FRIEND**

Noah JSA

**HARDWORKING
HERO**

**Chayce JSB
Rueben JSF
Ishani JSH
Sofia JSI**

**HAPPY
HELPER**

John JSE

**READING
ROCKSTAR**

Elsie JSD

**SPECTACULAR
CITIZEN**

**Lachie JSC
Qaireena JSJ
Tyler JSK**

**SUPER
FRIEND**

Ashhal JSG



A+ ATHLETE

Tevin JSH



SUBWAY ORDERS

FINAL SUBWAY ORDERS WEDNESDAY 11TH DECEMBER

Thank you to all the families that supported our Wednesday Subway lunch program.

The final orders for Subway this year need to be handed to the office by 10am on Tuesday 10th December.



SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS—GRADUATION PHOTOS

To all parents who attended the Year 12 Graduation Dinner, we are excited to announce that the official photos from the event are now live and available for viewing and purchase from HM Photos.

These cherished memories can be accessed through www.hmphotos.com.au (**Password: ESG021224**) where families can browse and select their favorite moments. Don't miss the opportunity to preserve these special occasions!

For more information or assistance, please contact Lynda Nguyen HM Photos 03 9421 5667/ 0416 332 123

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS—BLACKWOOD CAMP

On Wednesday the 27th November, ten students from MSC and MSD went to Blackwood Camp for three days.

On the first day we participated in walking through the bush to complete an obstacle course which involved lots of climbing, balancing and going through things like tyres and tunnels, gold panning in Blackwood Creek, where we all wore great big gumboots so we wouldn't get too wet and night-time archery where the target and arrows glowed which was really cool. Even with rain on and off, it didn't dampen anyone's spirits and everyone actively participated.

On Thursday, we participated in yabbying, where Dion and Dylan caught one yabby, bush hut making, our huts were big enough for a few students to climb into, rock climbing plus zip-lining, everyone had a go, even if they were scared of heights. Everyone showed resilience and encouraged one another. We then went bike riding, completing an obstacle course riding our bikes going over ramps and a see-saw then an a night walk where we saw some old mine opening and we told each other scary stories. For dinner we had a campfire with sausages and baked potatoes, damper and s'mores.

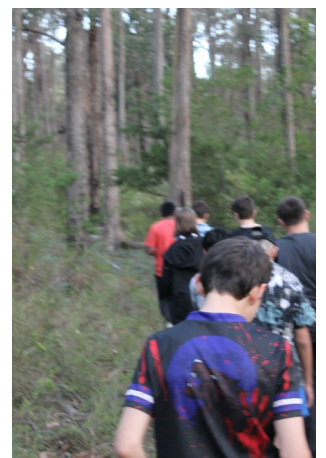
On our final day we went orienteering. We had to search for QR codes to find information about different countries.

Camp was really fun and everyone learnt, even when something is a little hard, if we try it we can do tricky things.

By the MSD Camp Students



MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS—BLACKWOOD CAMP



MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT OF THE WEEK

MSA NGATUPUNA T

For displaying resilience.

MSB LAYLA M

For doing her homework everyday.

MSC SHAWN S

For having a go at different activities at school camp.

MSD BEN D

For great participation in camp activities.

MSE VASILIJE B

For showing great manners in class.

MSF MAX L

For making progress in interactions with his peers in the classroom.

MSG CAMERON S

For working well.

MSI JOEL H

For showing resilience out in the yard and working hard on his friendships.

MSJ YENSITH A

For exemplary behaviour and attitude.

MSK ABULFAZAL A

For always seeing things that need to be done.

TEAGAN J

For completing her Mental Maths Challenge.

MSL YAHYA M

For a fantastic first week back at Middle School.

ESO TYSON G

For setting a good example when Miss H was absent.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MILKSHAKE AWARDS

