
Issue 2 — Friday 7th February 2025

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Curriculum Day – Monday, 17th February

Over the last two years our school has been making a transition from the Program for Student with Disabilities (PSD) funding model across to the Disability Inclusion Profile (DIP) funding model. This is a very complex procedure which will require all staff to participate directly in the transition process at several levels. To this end, a Curriculum Day has been set for Monday, 17th February. This is very early in the year to hold a Curriculum Day, however, it is essential to be training staff to participate and engage in this new DIP process.

I would like to thank all parents/carers for their understanding in this important matter. ***There will be no classes or buses on Monday, 17th February.***

JOHN MOONEY

Principal

SUBWAY ORDERS

Our first Subway lunch orders for 2025 will be Wednesday 12th February 2025.

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.



ABSENCES

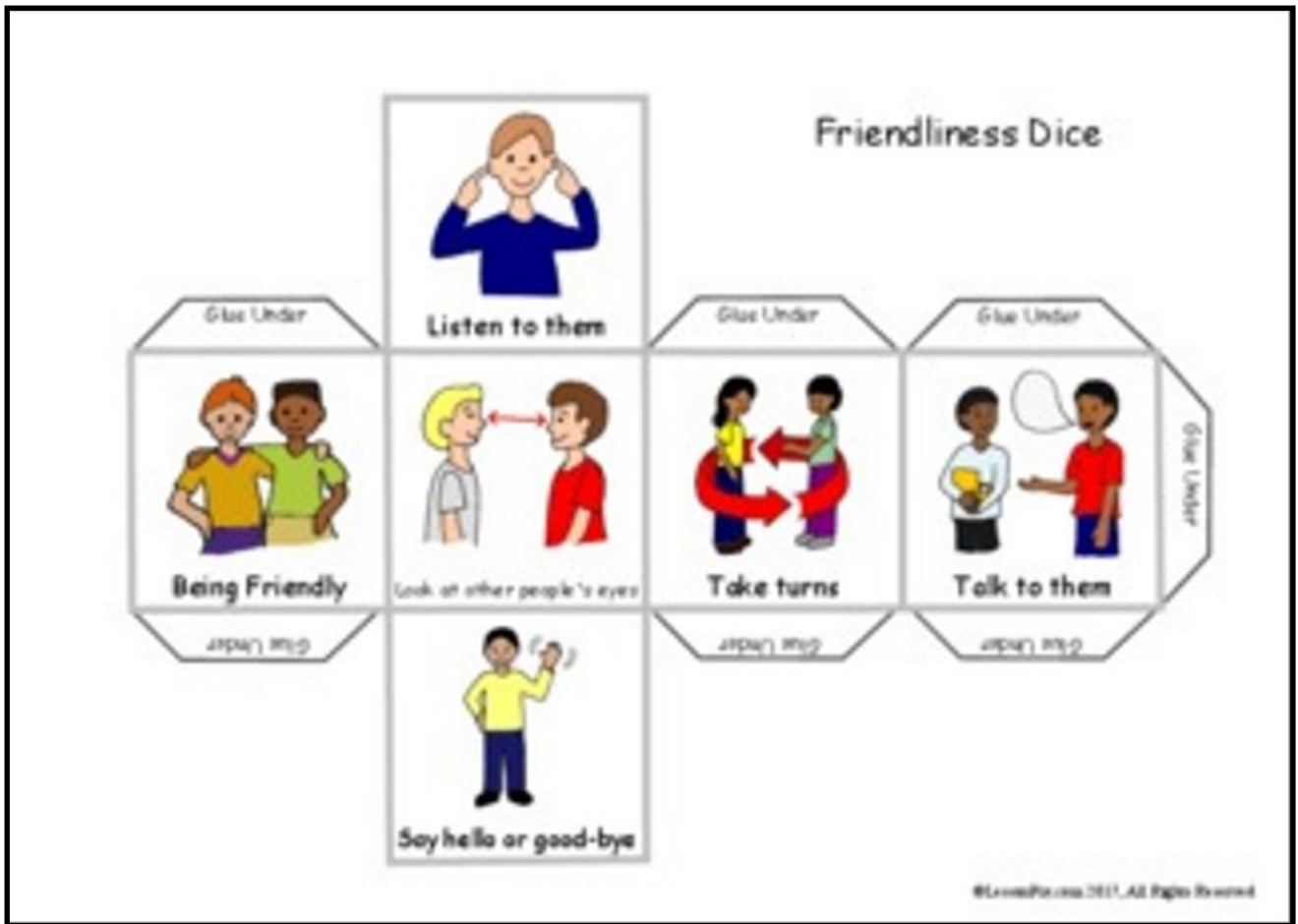
A reminder to parents / carers to please notify the school when your student will be absent.

DIARY DATES 2025

MONDAY 17TH FEBRUARY - Curriculum Day (NO SCHOOL)	FRIDAY 4TH APRIL - Last Day of Term 1 (EARLY FINISH)
THURSDAY 27TH FEBRUARY - Parent Information Night	TUESDAY 22ND APRIL - First Day of Term 2
MONDAY 10TH MARCH - Labour Day (NO SCHOOL)	FRIDAY 25TH APRIL - Anzac Day (NO SCHOOL)
THURSDAY 27ST MARCH - PSR Night (EARLY FINISH)	

VALUE OF THE FORTNIGHT

We will be continuing our studies on the Friendliness next week. The staff have been very pleased with the way everyone has settled back into school so smoothly. Many new friendships are forming between students, staff and families. Emerson is a place of welcome. The forming of long and strong friendships begins with how we greet one another every day. I have included a chart that highlights some important ideas for demonstrating Friendliness. There is also a Friendliness Dice that you might like to have fun with.



THE FRIENDLINESS SPICE

Smile & say "Hello."

Hey – did you know that smiling helps you to be happy – and other people to be happy too!

Praise

Great job	You're super kind!
Top effort	Way to go on that test!
Nice work!	Wow, that was great!
	Excellent!

Noticing what other people can do and are good at is a GREAT friendliness tool!

Invite

I've read that tool! What's that about?
 Would you like to go? Should we sit together?
 That looks fun. Can I play? Can you teach me to play?

Joining in with games and conversations – now there's a good way to make friends. Get good at invite and you'll have friends galore!

Chat

I went horse riding once. What's your favorite sport?
 That looks interesting!
 That's cool. What happened next?

I mouth and 2 ears—that makes listening very important. Talk about what you're interested in and listen to what your friends are interested in too!

Enjoy

BODY LANGUAGE COUNTS!
 Use eye contact.
 Red your head and smile.
 Chin up, shoulder back.
 Listen. Try not to interrupt.

Your body can look happy, sad, bored, worried—it has a language all of its own. Warm body language is part of friendliness!

Dianne Wright
 Campus Principal, Middle School

JUNIOR SCHOOL STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

FANTASTIC
FRIEND

Julie JSA

EXCEPTIONAL
EFFORT

Shahira JSB

SPECTACULAR
CITIZEN

Dustin JSC

HELPING
HANDS

Chayce JSD

FANTASTIC
FRIEND

Henry JSE

AMAZING
ATTENDANCE

Charity JSF

HELPING
HANDS

Justin JSG

HELPING
HANDS

TylerJSH

KING OF
KINDNESS

Henry JSI

AWESOME
AUTHOR

Jordan JSJ

HARDWORKING
HERO

Anthony JSK

FANSTASTIC
FRIEND

Aeden JSL



MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT OF THE WEEK

MSA ZAIN M

For good behaviour in the classroom and completing daily work.

MSB COOPER B

For staying focused on his work tasks.

MSC ELLA S

For having a great start to Term 1.

MSD COOPER C

For being a helpful student and having a great start to the 2025 school year.

MSE KADE G

For always putting his best effort into his work and persevering through challenges.

MSF LAYLA M

For having a fantastic start to Term 1 at her new school

MSG NOAH H

For an excellent start to 2025.

MSI AREEB R

For a great start to the year.

MSJ VICTOR S

For being very helpful.

MSK MU A

For being a great friend and helping Emma.

MSL REEF, SHAE, GEMMA & ELI

For nominating for school captain.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MILKSHAKE AWARDS



SPORTS STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS





Save \$400
**on school uniforms,
textbooks and
activities**

Parents and carers
of Victorian school-aged children
will receive the one-off
School Saving Bonus

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SCHOOL HAT REMINDER

Reminder to wear hats for Term 1.

It is compulsory for students to wear hats in Terms 1 & 4. We also strongly suggest sunscreen is applied and a water bottle is brought to school to keep hydrated.



A FRIENDLY REMINDER TO FAMILIES TO LABEL ALL SCHOOL BELONGINGS, ESPECIALLY SCHOOL JUMPERS, JACKETS AND HATS.



HOUSE POLO SHIRT ORDER FORM

Students at Emerson School participate in a House Program (or 'Houses') every Thursday morning. The House program provides an opportunity for cross age tutoring of students, development of leadership skills and an emergence of a 'big sister/big brother' mindset. Students look towards nurturing and encouraging the younger members of their House like a family. Students are given a House group when they enrol. Each House group is designated by a colour and House polo shirts are worn by each student. House polo shirts can be ordered through school office using this order form. Only house polo shirts, in the appropriate house colour, will be allowed to be worn on Thursdays. No other clothes, regardless of colour, will be accepted. If students do not wish to buy a house polo shirt they will need to wear their correct school uniform to Emerson on Thursdays.

The cost of the polo shirts have been heavily subsidised by the school and will cost **\$10 each**.

Please fill in the form below and return it to the office with the money by Friday 21/2/25 if you wish to purchase a house polo shirt for your child.



HOUSE POLO SHIRT ORDER FORM

NAME: _____

CLASS: _____

HOUSE: _____

SIZE: _____

QUANTITY: _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments;** your child has started or changed schools this year.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.

