
Issue 9 — Friday 28th March 2025

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

I would like to thank all parents and staff who participated in yesterday's meetings. These meetings have always been called our Programs and Student Review meetings (PSR). PSR meetings have always enabled us to review student progress and the effectiveness of our learning menus at the same time. The Department of Education now wants these meetings to be called Student Support Groups (SSG). These meetings still have the same purpose regardless of what they are called. They provide a wonderful opportunity to discuss your child's progress. I thoroughly enjoyed meeting with parents to share so many stories of success.



Gabrielle Williams' Visit to Emerson

Gabrielle Williams attended our assembly today to present the Roz Blades Community Award to a student who displays kindness and helpfulness throughout our school. Gabrielle is our State Parliamentary Member for Dandenong. She holds several portfolios including Minister for Public Transport. Gabrielle is one of the main reasons we have been able to achieve our Building Program over the last seven years. Roz Blades was a former Councillor and Mayor of the City of Greater Dandenong who devoted many years of service to our community. Roz continues to provide this service in so many ways. The recipient of the Roz Blades Award was Kayelia Harkness. I would like to congratulate Kayelia for her wonderful work here at Emerson. She truly deserves this recognition.

Arnold Dix Visits Emerson

Mrs Dianne Wright has always wanted to have Arnold Dix visit Emerson School. Her dream came true this morning! Arnold is a Geological Engineer and Legal Barrister who is always trying to do kind things for other people. In November 2023, he was asked to help free 41 miners who were trapped deep in a mine at Silkyara in Uttarakhand's Uttarkashi district in India. Arnold made a promise that he and his team would save all 41 miners.

Despite the odds, Arnold succeeded in freeing all 41 miners. After the miners were freed, the rescue team and miners danced for joy. At today's assembly he asked all students and staff to stand up and dance with him while he showed a film recording of the actual dancing at the time the trapped miners were released. Arnold told a story of hope and kindness. He said that we should never give up on achieving our dreams.

JOHN MOONEY Principal

DIARY DATES 2025

FRIDAY 4TH APRIL - Last Day of Term 1 (**EARLY FINISH**)

TUESDAY 22ND APRIL - First Day of Term 2

FRIDAY 25TH APRIL - Anzac Day (**NO SCHOOL**)

VALUE OF THE FORTNIGHT

We will continue our study of the value, Harmony, next week

At assembly today we had a very special guest, Arnold Dix. Arnold is a husband, a father, a hobby farmer, a barrister, a truck driver, an engineer, a professor and an expert on rocks. But most importantly, he is just a nice guy, who along with a group of other nice people, rescued 41 miners trapped in a collapsed tunnel in the India's Himalayan Uttarakhand State. Together they achieved the impossible. Everyone was saved.

Arnold travels the world helping his fellow man. Advocating for those who can't, making sure that big companies do the right thing by their workers, and fighting for the preservation of the environment around the world.

We are often confronted with the news of countries that are in a constant state of conflict because their people find it difficult to live in peace and harmony with one another. Arnold is a ray of light, hope and proof that good people not only live amongst us, but they have the power to perform miracles.

Arnold Dix is a wonderful example of someone who lives in harmony with all types of people regardless of their race, colour, religion, age and gender. He is the epitome of a 'hero without a cape.'



MSI Excursion - Moonlit Sanctuary

As part of their studies on Australian Native Animals this term, students in MSI had an excursion to *Moonlit Sanctuary* on Tuesday. Students had the opportunity to see Australian animals such as the dingo, koala and wombat up close in real life. They got to learn all about these animals including their habitats and what they like to eat. The highlight of the day was getting to feed the wallabies and getting to pat a lizard! All students are to be credited on their attentiveness and enthusiasm. Well done guys!

Kevin Van Twest

MSI Classroom Teacher



MSK Excursion—Sailing

Yesterday we had a once-in-a-lifetime experience. MSK drove into Docklands to sail on a yacht.

The yacht was called Number Ninety-Seven, and it won the Sydney to Hobart Race in 1994. It is 49 feet long. When you looked at it from a distance, it looked small but when we were on it, it felt quite big.

Five crew members were on board- Judy, Christine, Doug, Denis, and Rowan. We had to wear lifejackets to keep us safe.

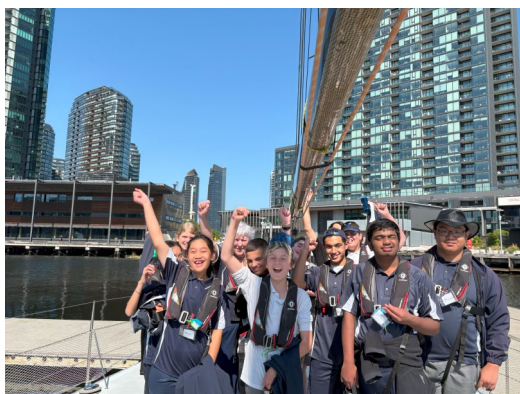
We boarded the yacht near the Docklands Library and motored down the Yarra. As we passed the pirate ship, we all yelled “wake up”. Emma was steering the yacht when we did donuts in the Yarra and Shawn also steered us in donuts.

We motored under the West Gate and Bolte Bridges. Just before we reached the bay, we raised a sail and tacked – the wind just took us. Tacking means zigzagging and Mu steered us through the tacking. We sailed out into the bay where we saw six wild swans relaxing on a buoy.

The water was so pretty and looked like it had diamonds on it. A ferry that looked like a tram passed us. It had the name London written on the stern and a Union Jack flag.

As we returned to the dock, we saw giant cranes that looked like giraffes. The cranes are used to load containers on to cargo ships. Everybody had a chance to steer the yacht.

IT WAS A GREAT DAY!!!



Football Excursion

On Monday 24th March, students from Emerson School took part in the Football Victoria Special Schools Gala Day at Boroondara Sports Complex.

Emerson entered two teams in the competitive division, with all students showing fantastic effort, teamwork and sportsmanship. We're proud to share that **Emerson 1 went undefeated and won the day!**

The event followed a Football Skills Clinic held the previous Monday, giving students a great opportunity to build confidence and prepare for the games.

A big thank you to Football Victoria for organising such a fun day. Well done to all our students – you represented Emerson with pride!



JUNIOR SCHOOL STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

SUNSHINE

Zara JSA

OPTIMISM

Rocky JSB

MATHEMATICS

Skyler JSC

EMPATHY

Minh JSD

PATIENCE

Azizah JSE

GOOD THINKING

Alex JSF

STAR HELPER

Tane JSG

OUTSTANDING
EFFORT

Omri JSH

PARTICIPATION

Eliza JSI

FRIENDSHIP

Jack JSJ

LEADERSHIP

Rashidul JSK

PERSEVERANCE

Qaireena JSL



MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT OF THE WEEK

MSA YUNUS

For consistently putting in his best effort and showing a positive attitude towards learning. For his hard work and great effort in class.

MSB ALTAIR

For participating well in Cross Country.

MSC ETHAN

For always making meaningful contributions in Classroom directions.

MSD TYLER

For excellent participation in all classroom activities.

MSE CAMPBELL

For showing initiative and being committed in classroom duties.

MSF PAUL

For showing perseverance to finish his "Friendliness" typing.

MSG KOBI

For consistently and confidently volunteering during literacy.

MSJ VENISE

For always remaining positive, making a strong effort to follow instructions and helping her peers.

MSK JOEL

For settling so well into MSK.

MSL DEACON

For his fantastic attitude towards his schoolwork.

WOODWORK DANIEL TURNER MSI

For very good construction of a dowel joint.

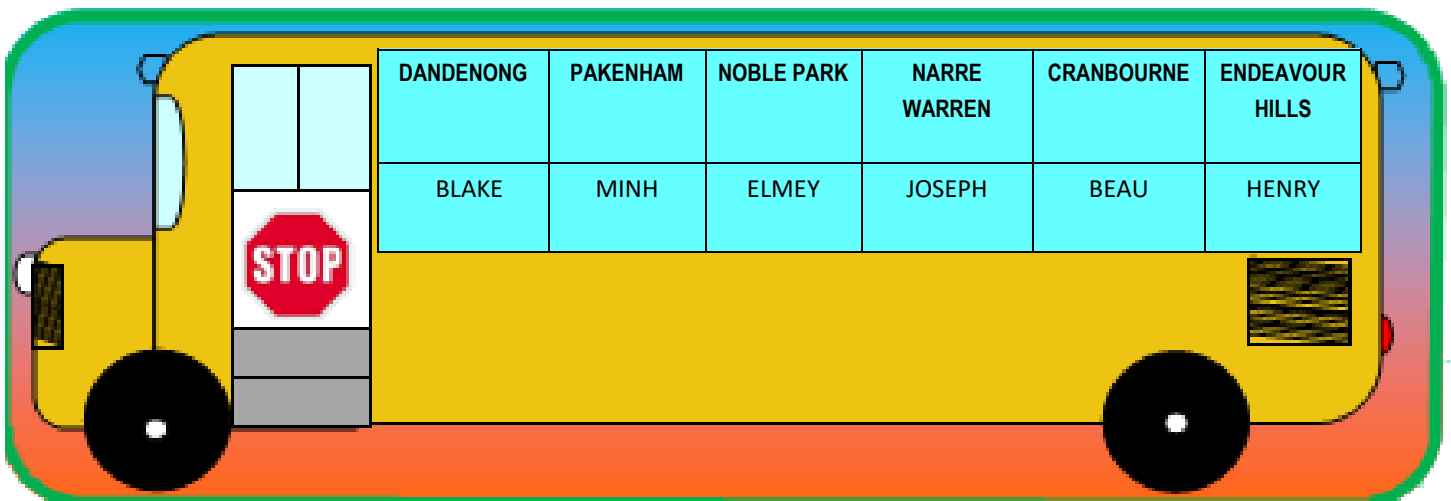
ARTIST OF THE WEEK

MICAH—MSK, THOMAS—MSB, XAVIER—MSE, DYLAN—MSF

ESO NIKKISHA—MSD

For showing great improvement in literacy.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MILKSHAKE AWARDS



REMINDERS

Term 1 finishes Friday April 4th.

Junior/Senior school finishes at 2pm and Middle school finishes at 1.45pm.

The buses will pick students up at the above earlier finish times so please remember students on the buses will disembark 1 hour earlier as well.



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.

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.

START & FINISH TIMES

Jnr/Snr Campus		Middle Campus	
Monday:	9.00am-3.00pm	Monday:	9.00am-2.45pm
Tuesday:	9.00am-3.00pm	Tuesday:	9.00am-2.45pm
Wednesday:	9.00am-3.00pm	Wednesday:	9.00am-2.45pm
Thursday:	8.50am-3.00pm	Thursday:	8.50am-2.45pm
Friday:	8.50am-3.00pm	Friday:	8.50am-2.45pm

**PLEASE NOTE—THURSDAY MORNING IS HOUSES AND FRIDAY MORNING IS ASSEMBLY
BOTH ARE HELD AT THE MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMPUS**