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**FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK**

Dear Parents,

This is our final newsletter for the year. On Monday of week 10 a brief information sheet will be going home with final information for the year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our amazing P & C. The Craft Fair on the week-end was a week-end of hard work that was also the culminating event of months of hard work. Thank you from the students of Emerald State School as I know they are the ones that benefit from your hard work.

As the year ends I also would like to thank everyone who works or helps in our school. Without everyone working on their area to the highest level it makes my job all that much harder, so I thank you for this.

As we start planning for 2015, we have decided that in Semester 1 next year we are going to trial parade on a Wednesday afternoon at 2:20pm. The reason behind the change is that I am trying to free up that crucial morning learning time for teachers and students. Also, Wednesday will be our Instrumental Music lesson day and we would like to be able to have the band and our ensembles play on parade. This will also mean that band practice will no longer be held after school it will be before parade.

**Commemorating the move of Year 7 to high school**

To mark the historic move of Year 7 to high school, students who are currently in Year 7 and those who will join Year 7 in high school in 2015 will receive a letter and certificate of commemoration signed by the Premier of Queensland and the Minister for Education, Training and Employment. Our current Year 7 class will be presented with a certificate and letter at the final parade (Tuesday) The letter and certificate congratulate students, as the final cohort to complete Year 7 in a primary school setting. Our current Year 6 classes will be presented with a letter and certificate congratulating them on being part of the historic move of Year 7 to high school in 2015.

**Office Hours (Week before school returns)**
The office will be closed until Wednesday 21 January 2015. The office will be open on Wednesday and Friday between 9-12 and Thursday 12-3.
Commissioning of Chaplain
Our parades for the last couple of weeks have been very busy. Congratulations were made last week to all our Premier Readers Challenge participants. It was really great to have Mr Vaughan Johnson present these awards on behalf of the Premier. This week we had the commissioning of Miss Michelle Neville as our school chaplain. Congratulations to Miss Neville.

Student Advantage
All Queensland State School students from Prep–Year 12 can now get multiple free copies of the Microsoft Office 2013 Suite. The Microsoft Office 2013 Suite can now be downloaded by all students on to their personal devices. The suite of products is only available for download on to personal devices, not devices connected to a school network. Personal devices include those devices in the student’s home environment as well as mobile devices. In order for students to take advantage of this offer they will require an active MIS login and school email account. A student who does not currently have an active school email account and password should contact their school MIS Administrator or class teacher. MIS Administrators in schools will be able to help students activate their MIS login.

Download process
Sign in to Office 365 to download your free copy of the Microsoft Office 2013 Suite (https://portal.office.com/OLS/MySoftware.aspx). The initial login page requires a MIS email address and password with the following authentication page only requiring MIS ID and password.

The last 2 weeks of school are very busy. Here are all the events and what are scheduled.

- It starts next Tuesday and Wednesday with the Year 6/7 students at the transition days at Emerald State High School and our 2015 PREPs visiting us from 9-11.
- The final P & C meeting/break up will be held on Thursday 4 December in the conference room in Administration.
- Tuesday 9 December is our final school parade for the year and this is where we will acknowledge all our helpers in our classrooms and around the school for the year. We will also present our Year 7 students with their certificates from the Premier on being the last year 7s in Primary school.
- Wednesday 10 December is our concert in the Town Hall starting at 9am. This event will be hosted by our school leaders and all year levels will present an item. The School Concert Band will perform also.
- Also on Wednesday starting at 6:30pm at the Town Hall is our Year 6/7 Graduation. This evening will end with the Year 6/7 cutting their cake and we will then have tea and coffee with the cake.
- The year will be completed with our Awards Presentation and announcing of our 2015 leaders on the Friday with a parade at school starting at 8:45am. The awards at this parade will be Dux for Year 6 and a Dux for Year 7 which is the highest achieving student across all areas for that year level. We will also have the sportsperson award which is the highest achieving sportsperson in our school in Representative School Sports. Our Instrumental Music Player of the Year will also be presented at this parade.
- Year level awards are then given form PREP to Year 7 with the highest achieving student in that curriculum area. The curriculum areas are Mathematics, English, Science, The Arts and HPE. Then in PREP to Year 3 we have class awards for our You Can Do It attributes in persistence, getting along, organisation, resilience and confidence. These same areas will be presented in Year level awards in 4 to 7. The highest achieving student in each subject will be given the certificate so students may be presented awards for more than one curriculum area.
- At the end of the awards, the School leadership positions for 2015 will be announced and certificates given. Badges will be presented at a ceremony early in 2015.

Thank you to everyone and, if I do not get another opportunity, I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas break.

Rhonda Jones

FROM THE OFFICE

Prep Transition days
On Tuesday 2 and Wednesday 3 December we will be holding our PREP transition mornings from 9-11. On these same days, our Year 6/7 students will be at Emerald State High School for the Year 7/8 transition days. To attend these days, students need to be enrolled for 2015 so please ensure you have the prep paperwork to Emerald State School and your Year 7 or 8 enrolment forms to Emerald State High School. Transition days are very important to help with anxiety, especially the fear of the unknown.

ESS ARTS SHOWCASE
- Wednesday 10th December at the Town Hall.
- Commencing at 9am til 11am (approx.)
- Performance from each Year level & Concert Band.
- A program for the day is detailed in the Arts section of this newsletter.

YEAR 6 & 7 FAREWELL EVENING
- Wednesday 10th December at the Town Hall.
- Commencing 6.30pm followed by cake & tea/coffee.
- Students are to wear full school uniform.
- Invitations to families of Yr 6/7 students were sent home last Friday with a letter outlining the program.
SEMsTEM 2 REPORT CARDS - POSTAGE
Please be reminded that if your child will not be at school on 11th December and you are not able to pick up their report card on that day, would you please send in an A4, self-addressed, stamped ($1.40) envelope and we will post it out to you.

ARE YOU LEAVING EMERALD SS IN 2015?
We’d hate to see you go, but if you know your child will not be returning to Emerald SS in 2015, would you please advise the office at your earliest convenience. This information is required for our Enrolment Management Plan.

‘FAREWELL’ FROM MISS JENSEN
After twelve years at Emerald State School, it is time to say thank you and farewell.
Thank you to the many children I have taught. It has been a pleasure to see your successes and growth in your education. To the parents and carers, thank you for the opportunity to be part of your children’s lives. For many families, I have had the good fortune of teaching more than one or in some cases, all of your children.
Also a big thank you to the many friendly, supportive parents, carers and school staff I have met and worked with along the way. Your ongoing support and commitment has made the experience very rewarding. Whilst being part of Emerald State and the wider community I have been fortunate to accumulate many wonderful memories and friends. However, my transfer will now allow me to be closer to my family. To quote Theodor Seuss Geisel, “Don’t cry because it’s over. Smile because it happened.”
I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe and relaxing Christmas break.
Miss Michelle Jensen

TUCKSHOP NEWS

PARENTS PLEASE NOTE
There will be NO Tuckshop in the last week of school (8 to 12 Dec)

ROSTER
Monday 5 December – NO Tuckshop
Tuesday 2 December – G Jacques
Wednesday 3 December – J Barnes
Thursday 4 December – G Halverson
Friday 5 December – J Lee, W Nicol

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CLASSROOM NEWS

PREP NEWS
Wow! Can you believe we have reached the last two weeks of the school year? We have been very busy over the past fortnight showing our teachers all of the wonderful things we have learnt. They are so impressed with how much we have improved over the year and think we are definitely ready for Year One.
We have written lots and lots of letters this term and have now completed our writing unit. We chose a character from Goldilocks, Jack and the Beanstalk or Cinderella that we wanted to write a letter to. We had to recall events from the story, make a personal connection and tell them our opinion. We all did a fantastic job! Keep an eye out for our letters to Santa that will be displayed in the windows next week.

PREP 2016
Children born between 1 July 2010 and 30 June 2011 are eligible to commence Prep in 2016. If you have a child this age and believe that you have guaranteed enrolment to Emerald State School, we ask that you complete an enrolment form and submit it to the office as soon as possible. If you know of any families who live outside of our guaranteed enrolment boundary and they would like to put their child’s name on our waiting list, we will be opening enrolments for 2016 on WEDNESDAY 25 FEBRUARY, 2015 at 8.00am. Please share this information as much as possible and, if your child has guaranteed enrolment, please have enrolment forms to our office as soon as possible.
We have been learning about sharing objects into equal groups. We have also been listening to addition stories and representing these on our ‘show me boards’. We have even learnt how to write a number sentence to represent the addition story. We have been revising our numbers from 1 to 20 by matching quantities, numerals and words.

This week was the last week for library borrowing and homework. Please return all library books and home readers by next week. Thank you to all those who have returned overdue books!

Just a reminder that the End of Year Concert is on Wednesday 10th December at 9am at the Town Hall. If you haven’t received the note about your child’s costume, please speak to your classroom teacher.

Literacy and math groups will be finishing this week (Week 8) for the year. Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers for giving up your time to help us in the classroom. The students have loved having you help out and so have the teachers! We will be having Christmas Craft on in the afternoons if you wish to pop in and help out.

Enjoy the last two weeks of the school year ☺

Louise and Krystal

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**YEAR ONE NEWS**

1A and 1B have been busy working on our final units of work.

In English, students have been examining persuasive elements in both writing and pictures. They have been writing short persuasive responses to given topics to utilise their persuasive skills. So, beware if your child tries to use these skills to persuade you about their need for a treat!

In Maths, students have been learning about identifying and showing a half. They have also been representing and describing growing patterns.

In Geography, students have been learning about different places and their natural, managed and constructed features. They have also been describing how and why places must be cared for.

In other news, the Year 1 students started swimming and are thoroughly enjoying this experience, especially with the warm weather that we have been experiencing lately. Thank you to our P&C for financially supporting this program by funding our bus transfers.

What a great year we have had this year! We would like to say thank you to all the parent helpers we have had throughout the year; your support is greatly appreciated.

As this is the final newsletter article, we would like to wish you and your family a happy and safe holiday.

Regards

Jillian Maddox and Tiffany Sparke

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**YEAR TWO NEWS**

Year Two have worked very hard on completing all assessment tasks. In English, we have added our own exciting event to a narrative. For the rest of the term, 2A are reviewing skills such as sentence structure and punctuation and 2B are learning how to write different sorts of letters for different purposes.

In Mathematics, both classes are reviewing concepts taught over the year and re-visiting more difficult concepts such as telling time on analogue and digital clocks and multiplication.

Our Science unit on Earth’s resources has been completed. Students chose a resource and wrote about how it is used and why it is important. Many children have brought in interesting rocks and pieces of coal to share relating to underground resources.

The Geography assessment task challenged students to think about other people outside of their own culture and country and think and write about ways they could connect with a friend from another country. 2B are still working on presenting a speech to the class about their Chinese friends, Chen or Li.

Thank you to all the wonderful parents and carers who have given up their valuable time to help in the classroom and contribute in any way to Year Two. It was very much appreciated throughout the year.

Mrs Marsh has had a wonderful time working with the students of 2A this year. It has been wonderful to see the children grow and achieve so highly. It has also been a pleasure to work with a group of parents who are so committed to their children’s education. Thank you.

Miss Harcourt will be leaving at the end of this year to be closer to her family. She would like to say thank you and a fond farewell to the many hard-working, wonderful children she has had the pleasure of teaching whilst at Emerald State School. Thank you also to the many friendly, supportive parents, carers, teachers and school staff along the way. You have a school and community to be very proud of!

We wish everyone a safe, happy and relaxing Christmas break.

Mrs Marsh and Miss Harcourt. ☺
**YEAR THREE NEWS**

After a very busy term we are gradually winding up our assessments.

Our attempts at poetry have been outstanding. Children became very competent at using vocabulary such as rhythm, expression, volume, tone and eye contact in feedback to peers about their poetry presentations. It was interesting to reflect on how our poems changed and improved over the course of five weeks. We noticed that, as writers, we were making more careful choices with our vocabulary. We also realised that good writers reread their text many times, often making small changes such as adding or removing a syllable to make the rhythm better.

These are some final examples, on various subjects, of student work:

**I can see...**

Rusty old tractors, sitting still not used for years,
Ultramarine sky, stretching forever like the sea,
Never ending rows of fluffy cotton balls swaying in the breeze,
Two small cottages providing shelter for you and me.
By the water’s edge, collapsing sandcastles washing out to sea,
A luscious green island suspended at sea like an unexplored land,
Strong coconut trees, standing proudly in sand,
Children exploring the mysterious marshy mangroves.
Dogs playing fetch with their owners,
Seashells hugging the sand poking people’s feet,
A kaleidoscope of umbrellas pretty like a rainbow,
Seagulls eyeballing hot chips.

**I can hear....**

Squawks from hungry seagulls, scavenging for chips,
Squeals of excited children splashing with glee,
Crackling of the seashells below my hot, burning feet,
Barking of playful puppies wading in the sea.
The roaring sound of a jet ski,
The happy scream of kids playing,
A scavenging full squawking at the top of its lungs,
The woosh and the whish of the waves on sand.

In Maths, we have been reviewing concepts including money, measurement, shape and mental strategies for solving addition, subtraction and multiplication.

This week was our final week of homework with all home readers and library books needing to be returned to the library.

To all, a Merry Christmas.

Miss Jensen and Miss Lucas

**YEAR FOUR NEWS**

The end of the year is very near. We have now finished our main assessment items and reports are in progress.

In Maths we have started a project; collecting and analysing data to create a timeline that demonstrates how many movies it would be possible to watch in one day if we were to have a movie marathon.

In English we are continuing to learn about persuasive writing and how to write an effective argument. Our hamburgers are becoming works burgers! (Ask your child to explain.)

Science and Geography have come to an end, however, we are madly preparing for our end of year concert. So far we have learnt about half of our performance. Year 4 has many super stars of the future. Watch out Australia's Got Talent!

We wish you all the best for the future. We have had a fantastic year with this year's grade 4s. It has been a pleasure and a great joy to teach your wonderful children.

Have a happy festive season, a safe holiday and we look forward to seeing you all next year.

Michelle and Kim

**YEAR FIVE NEWS**

Hello and best wishes for a relaxing holiday and a wonderful Christmas from Mr Wieden, Mrs Cuskelley, Ms Grant and the Year Fives.

We’ve all been so very busy with our final assessments and waiting with great excitement for the announcement of who will be next year’s school leaders. Card projects have been handed in and marked, and students must be congratulated on some excellent results.

We have finally completed our major English task for the term – the character analysis of our favourite ‘Cats’ character. Students had to choose their favourite character and make extensive notes before writing their rough draft and final copy. Mrs Cuskelley and Ms Grant have been so impressed with the results that we thought we’d share parts of some of them with you this week:

**On Rum Tum Tugger:**

Annabelle (5B) - *Rum Tum Tugger, the attractive tabby cat, is my favourite character and appears in the musical ‘CATS’. Rum Tum Tugger is a tabby with a spiky collar, leopard-print chest and a fluffy coat. He is very attractive to girl cats.*

Declan (5B) - *Rum Tum Tugger is extremely good looking to the female felines in appearance. He is very hairy, he has a flash belt and collar and he has a tiger-
print chest. Known as a playful prankster, Rum Tum Tugger is a very big attention seeker. He dances like Michael Jackson and always holds his shiny belt.

Tahnee (5A) - In the play CATS, the other cats say that he is a ‘terrible bore’, artful and knowing and also a curious beast/cat. His words and other cats’ words tell us that he is contrary and difficult.

Rohan (5A) - Known as a ‘terrible bore’, Rum Tum Tugger is definitely the cheekiest cat. The poem tells us that he is cheeky, smooth, playful, greedy and rough. Despite Rum Tum Tugger’s being a show-off, he is my favourite cat because he has a cool personality – kind of like me!

On Skimbleshanks the Railway Cat:

Kynan (5A) - Skimble, in appearance, has glass-green eye, a purple vest, a gold watch and he is always fresh and bright. He is a very confident cat and likes things in perfect order. Really, he is a bit like me!

Marissa (5A) - Skimble refers to himself in the third person and cannot be ignored. The Jellicles love him for his cheerfulness and humour. He likes to be neat and tidy and makes sure every detail is perfect, and is in charge of the Sleeping Car Express.

On Mr Mistoffelees:

Ole (5B) - Mr Mistoffelees is the one and only conjuring cat. He is magical and when Old Deuteronomy gets stolen, Mr Mistoffelees uses magic and brings him back! He is very black and tiny. He wears a bow tie and a glow suit which glows in the light, and he has short fur.

Arnika (5A) - Mr Mistoffelees is black all over with a white, fluffy chest and a black bow tie. He looks very shy but he is not. He is known as the ‘original conjuring cat’. Mr Mistoffelees is clever and magical because he performs magic and makes inventions. Mr Mistoffelees is also a trickster because he pretends that he is only looking for mice.

On Grizabella, the Glamour Cat:

Harper (5B) - Grizabella is extremely scruffy in her appearance. Her coat is torn along with her dress, and it is stained with sand. On her feet, Grizabella is very shaky and slow. She also wants to be young again so she is friendly to the other cats. In her poem, Grizabella feels sad and she thinks she can still fit in with the young female cats but really she cannot. Her thoughts tell me that all she wants is to be beautiful again. Other characters often shut her out or reject her from rejoining the Jellicle tribe.

Darci (5B) - Since Grizabella is so old, she walks and moves very slowly; she is shaky and can’t dance anymore. Grizabella tries to be friendly to all cats but the cats just reject her. Grizabella feels very frustrated and sad because all the other cats are ignoring her to get back at her for leaving the Jellicle tribe.

YEAR SIX NEWS

Is it really the end of week 8 already? Wow, this term has just flown by! Year 6 students have now finished most of their assessment tasks after a busy few weeks.

In English, they have applied the elements of a persuasive discussion to argue whether the literary text or informative text was more effective at delivering a powerful message. It was great to see lots of students incorporating knowledge they have gained over the past term to provide a detailed and persuasive piece of writing. We are really impressed with how far their writing has come this year.

In Maths, we have started applying concepts we have learnt in an investigation. We are designing a safari park and need to incorporate elements of multiplication, division and measurement to decide on the placement and key features required for the park. Students are really enjoying applying the skills they have learnt to this problem solving task.

In Science, our investigation on finding a good storage place for bread where mould wouldn’t grow has now concluded. Our year 6 scientists have found that in our climate, the best place seems to be the fridge or at least in a cool place. We are continuing on with our investigations and are discovering what would be the best environment for seeds to germinate.

In History, we have finished our inquiry project about the reasons for migration, and the experiences and contributions of migrants to Australia. It was great to see the way students could take their research and construct detailed paragraphs showing their understanding.

In Arts, the creative abilities of the year 6 students have come to the fore in the past couple of weeks. In groups, the students have created a very short dance piece. Sections of some of these dances will be on display at the end of year concert.

We hope that you have an enjoyable end of term 4 and wish you happy and healthy holidays.

Rebecca Eaves, Renee Christie and Jill Ryan

YEAR SEVEN NEWS

English

Students have been working on creating a class novel based on the movie, ‘Around the World in Eighty Days’. They have researched a country and established two main characters who travel through each county to win a competition. So far, we have written, edited and listened to 12 chapters and we are currently working on the last 14 chapters. The students have done a great job at maintaining consistency as they write separate chapters and then bring these together to create one book.
Maths
Students have been working on mathematics investigations using a variety of skills to complete different tasks. They have designed a safari park and identified the feeding requirements and schedules for each animal. They have also looked to see if a million dollars could fit into a suitcase and how they could spend a million dollars. The students had plenty of ideas where to start with this one.

Science
Students have finished looking at the seasons and how they are created by the tilt of the Earth and its orbit path around the sun. We have also looked at how the seasons influence human, animal and plant behaviours and how changes in seasons can impact on these groups.

Art
Students have finished their portraits and they have been placed on display in the library. It is fantastic to see the development in their drawing skills this term. We have moved onto Zentangles and we are currently learning a range of different tangles to use when we do our final art piece for the year - a Zentangle portrait.

Library News

Read With Me Club
Heartfelt congratulations to all our students who reached their Read With Me Club goals. Whatever level you reached this year, reflect on how far you got and what is realistic in achieving next year. Students will again set home reading goals in 2015 to help them organise and prioritise their homework. Year 4-7 students who participated in RWM this year will be receiving a gift for their efforts in Week 10 from the library. Prep – 3 have received certificates and small gifts on parade throughout the year.
All homework reading ceases on Friday 28th November. Mrs Jochim will tally all Read With Me club scores, the winner will be announced and the Gregory/Crinum Mine RWM trophy presented to the victorious house captains at the parade on 12th December.

Return of library books
Parents, carers and students, please work very hard to locate and return all library books in Weeks 9 & 10. Borrowing for students will cease after this week. You are encouraged to visit (and join) our fantastic town library and keep borrowing and reading in the final two weeks of school and over the holidays. The town library has been advertising a 10 book challenge that you could take part in.

Premier’s Reading Challenge
Congratulations to those readers who took up the Premier’s Reading Challenge this year and received a certificate from Vaughan Johnson MP on parade last week.

Chess Challenge
Our Chess Challenge continues on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Our chaplain, Michelle Neville, has been brilliant in organising the students and providing extra chess boards for us. The students are very motivated with playing and learning. We are aiming to join in the inter-school chess competition next year.

Thank you!
We always have such wonderful people to thank in the library each year and this year is no exception: our monitors who helped out at lunchtimes, our parent volunteers who shelved, mended and covered, Annie Self who managed the Book Club, our P & C who supported our Book Fair, our library teacher aides whose hard work is so very appreciated. Thank you all. We look forward to your support again in 2015.

Over the holidays, continue to read for your own entertainment and pleasure – magazines, newspapers, comics, books and more. Reading is an escape into fictional worlds or a tool to learn more about the world we live in.
Merry Christmas and happy reading,
Mrs Nolan

News from the Arts

Emerald State School will hold our Arts Showcase on Wednesday 10th December at the Emerald Town Hall. Our program will commence at 9am and conclude at approximately 11am.

Schedule of events:

Emerald State School Concert Band
Wyndham March and Cango Caves
Prep
Disney Mash up
Year 1
Boom Chicka Boom
Year 2
“I’m Getting Nuttin’ for Christmas”
Year 3
When I’m Gone
Year 4
Everything is Awesome/Warrior/Happy/Can’t Hold Us mash up
Year 5
‘Growltiger’s Last Stand’, from ‘Cats’.
Year 6
Flashmob – Various Songs
Year 7 are doing various jokes throughout the performances
PE NEWS

Representative Sport
Our School Representative Sport has finished for the year. I would like to say a huge thank you to all the students who put up their hands and had a go at being selected. I need to say a massive thank you to the teachers and parents for your support. Finally, I would like to say a gigantic thank you to Mrs Simons for all of her behind the scenes work so that our Emerald District sport could happen.

Term 1 is huge for representative sport. Sports that have been on offer in term one in the past are swimming, touch football, netball, rugby league, soccer, basketball, cross country and tennis. Please keep an ear out on parade or keep a date with the newsletter next year if you will be 10, 11 or 12 years of age and wish to try out for these sports. More sports become available throughout the year.

Year 1 Swimming
The students have been placed into one of four swimming groups. Ones are the Sea Monkeys, twos are the Starfish, threes are the Lionfish, and the fours are the Sea Horses. Please ask your child in which group they have been placed. If you would like to know any information about the program, please contact me.

There are only 4 more sessions to go. Thank you to the adults who are helping out at the pool. You are doing an amazing job.

Date reminders are:
Week 9 - Mon 1st Dec and Thurs 4th Dec
Week 10 - Mon 8 Dec and Thurs 11 Dec
The students will be in the pool from 1.45pm to 2.30pm.

Rugby Union
The games have now come to an end. Great work everybody and a big thanks to Ms Richardson, Mrs Jochim and Mr Gehrke for all of their great coaching.

Have an awesome holiday and please stay safe
Jill Ryan
HPE Teacher

What’s On

Christmas Quiz Night
★ Family Friendly Fun at Emerald Little Theatre
★ Friday 5th Dec 2014 - starting at 6.30pm
★ Book a table for $60 (max 6 people per table)
★ Tickets on sale from Debbie at the Town Library (4982 3311)
★ Light meals for sale on the night and licenced bar operating
★ For more information email emeraldlittletheatre@gmail.com

EMERALD ROTARY CAROLS
will be held at St Patrick's School from 6.00pm on Sunday 7th December.

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DanceEdge
Invites you to attend our Come N Try day to be held at the Emerald Town Hall on Saturday 24th January, 2015.

We have dance classes in a range of genres available for ages 4yrs to adult. More details will be available from mid-January on our website:
www.emeralddancecentre.com.au

All are welcome to Come N Try our different dance styles.