

Emerald Secondary College



Fortnightly Newsletter

Emerald Secondary College is a Learning Community

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Term 1 - 2018:

16th March 2018 Issue 4

Important Dates:

Every Thursday: Homework Club
3.20pm - 4.30pm in A7

MARCH:

Mon 19th: Yr 8 Interschool Sports Day

Wed 21st: Yr 7 Interschool Sports Day

Fri 23rd: Whole School Athletics Day

Sun 25th - Tue 3rd April: Yr 11 Central
Australia Trip

Mon 26th-Wed 28th: Yr 9 Advance Camp

Wed 28th: Parent/Teacher Interviews -
4pm - 7pm

Thu 29th: Parent/Teacher Interviews -
9.30am-2pm

Thu 29th: Last day of Term 1

APRIL:

Mon 16th: Student Free Professional
Development Day

Tue 17th: First day of Term 2

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From the Principal:

Parent Teacher Student Conferences

This month on Wednesday 28th between 4pm until 7pm, and Thursday 29th between 9.30am until 2pm we have our first Parent, Teacher, Student Conferences. This is an excellent opportunity to discuss your child's progress, their learning goals, and how our staff, parents and students can work together to achieve the goals.

Students are expected to attend the meeting to join in their discussions about their learning and goals, and because this is a formal school event students are expected to be in full school uniform.

Please make sure you book your appointment through Compass. If you have any difficulty making a booking please contact the College main office.

2018 Debutante Ball

Our wonderful Emerald Rotary are still accepting applications to participate in the 2018 Emerald College Debutante Ball. This really is a wonderful evening for our students to shine, and a wonderful opportunity to create long lasting memories for families as well as our students.

Applications can be collected from the front office, but must be returned by **Thursday 29th March.**

Friday Dance Club

Next term we will be running a Friday lunchtime dance club, for all students interested in Years 7 - 9, in EPAC. This is being led by one of our local community parents who teaches dance in schools and privately. There is no cost involved to our students, and I would like to encourage all those interested to sign up on Friday 23rd in EPAC.

Japanese Sister School

This week we welcomed our visitors from our Sister School in Mimasaka. Students and staff from Mimasaka will be with us until the end of term and we look forward to sharing our different cultures and ways of life.

I would like to formally thank all the families and staff in supporting this program and hosting the students and staff from Mimasaka.

School Aerobics

On Saturday the 17th March Emerald Secondary College will again be hosting the annual State wide Autumn Challenge. There will be a number of visitors to the college who will be watching, supporting or competing at the event from Private and State Primary and Secondary schools. Our College Competitive Aerobics squad will be running the canteen with the support of Ms Cross-Gunn.

We will also have two students competing at the event and I would like to wish them both good luck at their first competition of the year.

Life Long Learning

As part of our whole school literacy program, it is important that all our students read on a regular basis. We would like to ask all our families to encourage their children to read.

Reading can be in the form of the newspaper, magazines or online articles as well as formal texts such as novels.

In today's society, many students discuss with us reading through text messaging or SMS messaging and whilst this is a form of reading, it displays informal conversational text types and spelling often breaking students understanding of conventional spelling and grammar.

Students are taught explicit reading comprehension skills at school and like all skills it is important to practice these skills beyond the classroom. Under the leadership of Ms Claire Hanley we also have peer reading groups as well as reading programs running from our recently opened literacy hub and resource centre (Library).

Staffing changes

At the start of term Ms Ryder Barnes, our Inclusion Leader, accepted a career offer at a different school. This did mean that, for a short period of time, we have been without a Leader in our Inclusion Centre and across the College. I would like to proudly announce to our school community that after a State wide advert, Michael Nelson is our new Inclusion Leader. Michael has been working behind the scenes for a few weeks in preparation for his important leadership role at our college, and has been developing strategies and plans to not only support all our students but see our inclusive school approach grow.

With Mr Nelson accepting this position we have advertised his Year 10 Coordinator position and I would like to announce and welcome Mr Stephen Barrett to the Year 10 Coordinator position and Senior School Team.

With staffing changes we are working to minimize the impact on our teaching and learning programs and timetable as much as possible and thank all those affected for their patience and support.

40K Speed Limit during school hours and 10K at all times in school grounds

Please help us to keep our students and community safe.

I would like to remind all our parents, families and student drivers that there is a maximum of 10K at all times within our school grounds, this includes the bus loop.

This week, I have been approached by a number of concerned staff and parents in regards to concerns raised about speeding drivers. It is extremely important that we keep all our students, staff and visitors safe and I ask you all follow the speed limit.

Please remember that during drop off and pick up times the main Belgrave-Gembrook Road is a maximum of 40K.

Jodie Doble - Principal

Assistant Principals' Report

Bullying is not OK

The topic of bullying is regularly in the media. It is a good time for our entire College community to come together and have conversations regarding the impact of bullying behaviours. All students in Years 7, 8 and 9 took part in a bystander workshop to encourage others to speak up. It has been identified that the main areas young people face bullying is at school and through social media. No school accepts bullying behaviour and at Emerald Secondary College we take this very seriously. Any reported incidents of bullying are followed up to ensure the safety of our students.

There was a segment on Channel Ten's 'The Project' on Thursday 15th March that looked closely at the idea of bullying. They showed a short clip that has recently been put together to encourage us to talk out against bullying behaviours. I encourage all parents and guardians to watch this video and potentially talk about this with all of our young people. The link below is to The Project's video page and the anti-bullying clip. <https://tenplay.com.au/channel-ten/the-project/extra/season-9/speak-even-if-your-voice-shakes>

Photos

Photos are in the process of being ordered. Thank you once again to all staff and students for their help in this area. I have had a number of parents contact me regarding sibling photos, I am waiting on a return call from Compass regarding this and other issues.

Buildings and Grounds update

McCormack has completed their work on the Science block. The roof was repaired but not replaced. Internal water damaged was removed and ceiling replaced where necessary. We are now working with Williams Ravi to refurbish the internal areas of these rooms. The garden between the Library and Science rooms has been identified as a contributing factor to the water issues including moulds that have caused problems in the Science rooms. This area will be tidied up, levelled and used to create a shaded area with seating for students to enjoy.

Asbestos update – I am very pleased to let the College community know that our remaining asbestos will be removed during the holidays. While the asbestos identified does not pose a threat at this stage, early intervention will allow us to continue with future works without having to worry about disturbing asbestos. Once it has been removed the Coffey group will be called back in to conduct what I believe to be their final inspection to give us a certificate of clearance.

Jonathon Rogers - Assistant Principal



Yr 12 VCE Geography Fieldtrip

Did you know that the site of Federation Square was formerly a morgue, holding the dead bodies of prospectors who had met a grisly end during the Gold Rush era? And that where the Melbourne Visitor Centre now is, a thriving fish market was held to sell seafood and other delicacies to the hardworking people of Melbourne?

These fun facts and many more were learned by our intrepid Year 12 VCE Geography class during their fieldtrip investigation to the site of Federation Square. The students had an opportunity to explore the hidden corners of this fascinating site and learn from expert guides about the history, design, construction and management of what is now considered one of the best public squares in the world. During the day, students collected a range of data and many students enjoyed interacting with members of the public. They are now working on completing their fieldwork report as part of the assessment for Area of Study 1 and we wish them well in their endeavours.

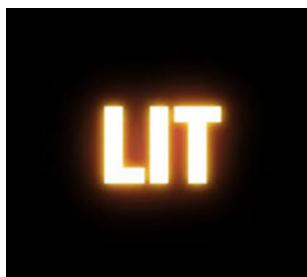
Some more fun facts about Fed Square:

- The Atrium (the big glass structure with no front door) is cooled and heated by a series of funky concrete tunnels underneath the square, which pump air from the Yarra and heat/cool it passively, saving 70% on energy costs.
- The entire Federation Square sits atop 5000 rubber springs, which dampen vibrations from the trains passing underneath. This is important for SBS and ACMI, which have sensitive broadcasting equipment that would otherwise suffer from interference.
- The 'shards' near St Paul's Cathedral (including the Melbourne Visitor Centre) are designed to look like the 12 Apostles on Victoria's surf coast.
- State Parliament has signed off on a deal to demolish the existing Yarra Building to make way for a flagship Apple store, which will hopefully bring much needed revenue to Fed Square.
- There are bee hives atop the Square, which produce hundreds of kilograms of honey every year, which is used in the restaurants and cafes in the Square.

Stephen Barrett - Yr 12 Geography Teacher



Don't get triggered, life's LIT!



What's in a Meme?

Meme (mi:m) *noun*

1. an element of a culture or system of behaviour passed from one individual to another by imitation or other non-genetic means.
2. an image, video, piece of text, etc., typically humorous in nature, that is copied and spread rapidly by Internet users, often with slight variations.

I hate to tell you, but it is time to acknowledge what we already know.

The written word is being replaced. As social media continues its methodical and inevitable quest for world domination, it has unleashed a new weapon.

The Meme.

Those random, mocking, hilarious images with captions that flash like a strobe light on our phones, tablets and computers.

Our informal conversations are even suffused with comments like ‘Oh, that’s like that Meme.’ We rely on Memes to explain our position on a topic, we even use Memes as evidence to support our statements and backup our claims.

Can this be right? Have we gone crazy? Should we stop this nonsense?

Of course not.

This is absolutely fine, and we are all okay.

Why? Because Memes have a historical and significant purpose in our lives.



Meme originates from the Greek word ‘mimēma - ‘that which is imitated’, on the pattern of gene’ introduced by evolutionary biologist, Richard Dawkins in 1976.

Let’s just chew on this a bit because it is tasty.

Memes capture our social and cultural climate. They depict how we are at a certain point in time, they represent our morals, our political views and our social status. Memes are our stamp in the history books. From whatever the image the Meme has stemmed from, they are a virally-transmitted cultural symbol or social idea.

We use them as a way to simulate our experience in another situation. We use them to allow others to connect with us. They are our imprint on that moment in time and our way to relate to each other.

The majority of modern Memes are captioned photos that are intended to be funny, often as a way to publicly ridicule human behaviour. Other Memes can be videos and verbal expressions. Some have weightier political or more philosophical content.

The bottom line is this.

Memes are great. They are fun to read, and they are fun to create. You should take a look at what Memes our students are looking at because you will learn so much about them. A picture will paint a thousand words. Their likes, dislikes, social and political views will be revealed, and great discussions can be had.

According to Cecil Adams, the concept of Memes “is either really deep, or really, really, obvious. But don’t forget to smile.”



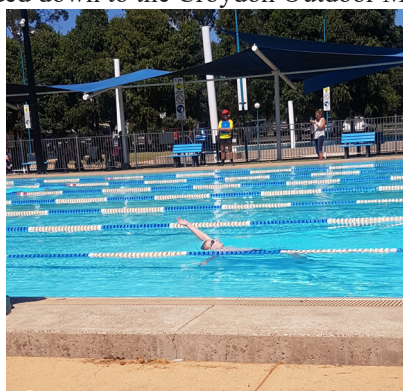
Claire Hanley - Whole School Literacy Leader

District Swimming Day

On Tuesday 6th March, a group of students headed down to the Croydon Outdoor Memorial Pool to compete at the District Swimming Day. We had several students enjoy success, with Michael Dance, Zac Polidoris, Nicky Closter, Harvey MacKenzie and Liam Russell all moving through to Eastern Zone Swimming for individual honours. We also had several relay teams in Year 7 winning too. Liam Russell also won Age Group Champion for 16 year old boys.

Looking forward to more success at Eastern Zone Swimming on 27th March!

Thomas Watson - Sport Coordinator



Girls in Physics Breakfast

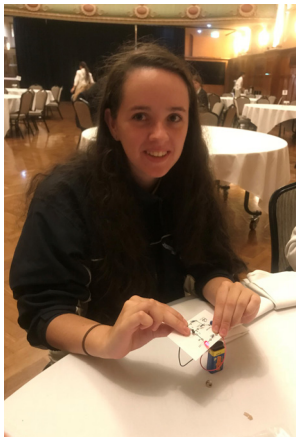
On Tuesday this week Maddison Hall, Alice McKenna, Shona O'Brien, Erica Shipsey, Catherine Thompson, Nikki Usatov and Jessica Vansteyn went to a breakfast at the Hawthorn Arts Centre along with Mr Wong and Ms Bonaccorso. We mingled with other female Physics students and experienced female scientists ranging from academics, engineers, and meteorologists. In fact a guest academic from the Defence Science Technology Group contacted Emerald Secondary College to mention how impressed they were with the students from the school.

A keynote speech on extreme weather was given by the chief scientist of the Bureau of Meteorology. The speech also delved into the challenges that the Bureau confront daily. The speaker also discussed the challenges women face in male dominated industries and how to overcome them.

We also built a freezer alarm which Mr Wong assisted with. The breakfast was a great chance to collaborate with other females in physics.

Nikki Usatov

Jeffrey Wong - Physics Teacher



Astronomy club

The astronomy club has started again for this year. We run every second Tuesday after school. The next session is this Tuesday 20th and will be the even weeks during Terms 2 and 3. We are based out of E1.

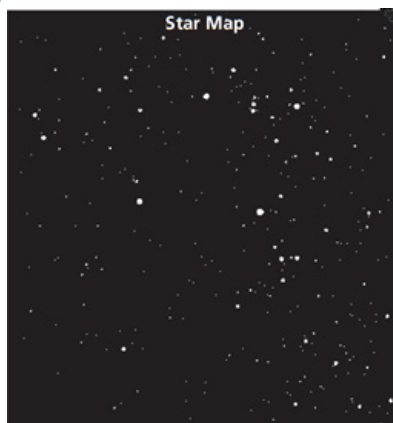
See Mr Gibbs if you are interested in joining.

Last week we started some basic astronomy searching for constellations and reading star charts. Next week we will be studying luna geography and trying to take images of different regions of the moon.

Each week we have a different focus and will use the telescope provided to us by Melbourne University. This is a great way to enrich your knowledge of science and physics as well as being part of a fantastic club environment. We run some great events with the help of Mount Burnett Observatory so come and get involved. There is always room for more!

Find the constellation Orion in the star map..... if you can.

Brad Gibbs - Science Coordinator



Emerald paves the path for AFL success

A new program at Emerald Secondary College is paving the way to AFL success for students.

The pathway program, the first of its kind for the College, has been created to develop the passion and skills of students in Years 8, 9 and 10. Open to male and female students, the program aims to build relationships with local and surrounding clubs in order to keep students involved in sport long after they graduate from the College.

Emerald Secondary College staff member and program coordinator Jarrad Donders, says that this is an opportunity to “instil a love for not just AFL, but for all team sport and physical activity with the students”.

This is very much a passion project for Mr Donders, who has played football for Emerald since a junior. He believes that the program will greatly enhance the sports suite at Emerald Secondary College, and engagement with the local community.

“We are incredibly fortunate to have the support of local clubs and have been funded for 20 new balls from Emerald Junior Football Club President Mark Goodyear and Emerald Football Netball Club President Dean Stuhldreier. Without the support of our community we wouldn’t have this opportunity to get the program off the ground” Mr Donders said.

Response from the students has so far been very positive, and the program is only expected to grow in the coming years.

For more information, please contact:

Jarrad Donders

Health and Physical Education Teacher

Emerald Secondary College

AFL Pathway Program Coordinator

Email: donders.jarrad.s@edumail.vic.gov.au



HPV returns to ESC – Good Luck at Wonthaggi

As you read this, our first HPV team in many years, the ESC Marvels, is off to Wonthaggi to compete in a 16 hour race. We wish the team of Alex Barbour, Jaicob Barrot, Sarah Brown, Nicky Closter, Josh Dean, Demi Dreaming, Hollie Kee and Kurt Tjepkema well.

HPV has been able to be set up at E.S.C. because of the generous donations made by the following local businesses that has enabled HPV Carts to be purchased.

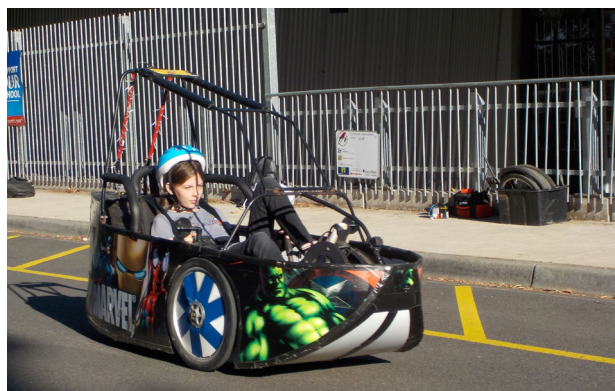
We would like to thank our major sponsors –
Ranges First National Real Estate
Signature Stairs
Unlock Real Estate

Other sponsors
Emerald Village Meats
Barry Plant Real Estate
Kay Charles Real Estate

And a very generous donation from a school family who wishes to remain anonymous – Thank you!

Look out for the full rap in the next newsletter.

Shane Closter – HPV Leader



Speech and Language Therapy

Exciting things are taking place in the Inclusion centre, Alex Lang, our Speech and Language therapist has settled in, and is offering speech and language skills therapy to students who are interested in this service.

If you are wanting your child to be assessed for speech pathology, please contact Claire Hanley or Alex Lang at the school. The aim of these services is to establish your child's strengths and any areas of concern early in the school year. Following assessment, if your child would benefit from support in their development of their speech or language skills, they will be offered regular intervention sessions within school hours with Alex Lang or Claire Hanley.

The services will be provided at a time that is least disruptive to your child's participation in classroom activities.

Claire Hanley and Alex Lang

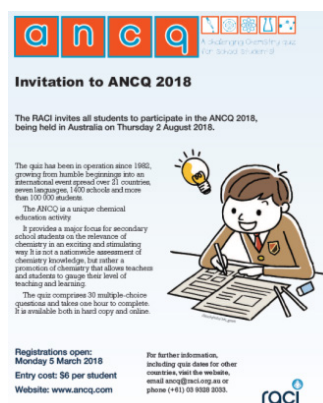


Call for interest to participate in the Australian National Chemistry Quiz (ANCQ)

All students are invited to participate in the 2018 ANCQ. The ANCQ is a one hour, 30 question multi-choice quiz set to test student understanding of chemistry. The aim is to promote interest in chemistry and the role of chemists in our society.

Entry costs \$6.

Students need to express their interest to Mr. Fairburn, who can be found in the D-block staffroom, no later than **Monday 26th March**. There will be after school and/or lunch time classes to provide more information to students and to give out practice materials, to familiarize students with the format of the quiz and the style of questions.



We are looking for COMMUNITY HELP



Emerald Secondary College is the lucky recipient of a grant to bring an artist to our school. Jane Brown will be working with some of our students to create sculptures for the school. Jane creates wonderful pieces with recycled metals.

We need help from our ESC families to donate any metals they have lying

We need things such as....

- Metal springs
- Rings
- Pipes
- Old bike wheels
- Other types of metal



families to donate around.



If you have anything you can donate or any questions about this amazing project, please contact Felicity Wooden, Wellbeing Leader on 5968 5388

Wanted - Woven Plastic Feed Bags

Do you have any woven plastic feed bags, especially chook feed bags? If so, can you please bring them to the school. These bags will be used for recycling to make shopping tote bags in Textiles classes. We will be needing approximately 75 bags.

Lisa Barstow - Textiles Teacher

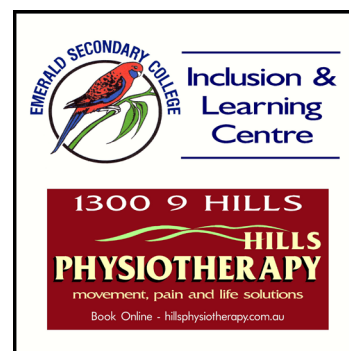


Hills Physiotherapy @ ESC

Hills Physiotherapy are proud to once again be involved with ESC, taking bookings on Tuesday afternoons within school grounds (at the Inclusion and Learning Centre). Bookings can be made at the centre, or by letting Principal Doble know about your child's needs. This is available for both those who HAVE funding for therapies / special needs, and private patients (at normal physiotherapy rates, Hicaps available on site).

Ben Jones is taking over from Nikki McRae, who is on leave until later in the year. Ben is a passionate sports person, having played high level tennis, a lovely person who relates brilliantly to students, and a local (having grown up in Upwey).

Bookings through the centre, the Principal, or online at hillsphysiotherapy.com.au/bookonline



Parent Teacher Interviews

This year our Parent Teacher Interviews will occur across 2 days to assist families in booking appointments with their children's teachers. Interviews are 7 minutes long, and we ask that you are prompt to your appointment to make the most of the allocated time with your child's teacher.

Bookings are made through Compass, and you will be sent a notification when bookings are open.

Wednesday 28th March 4pm – 7pm

Thursday 29th March 9.30am – 2pm

There are no scheduled classes on Thursday 29th March as students are required at any booked interviews.



Homework Club

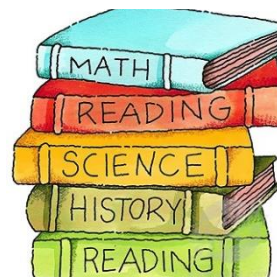
If you need a quiet place to get your homework done or require extra help from your teachers, the place to be is Homework Club.

Details

When: Every Thursday from 3.20-4.30pm

Where: Room A7 with teacher assistance

Who: All students from Years 7 - 12



Any questions, please contact Ms. Sarah Tounson – D Block staffroom



FRIDAY DANCE CLUB

Do you love to dance?

Do you find yourself moving and grooving any time a favourite song comes on? Do you have dance skills that need to move from in front of the bedroom mirror to the stage? Did you love to dance when you were younger but can't seem to find the time anymore?

Friday Dance Club is for you!



Sign Up Session

**Friday 23rd
March**

—
Lunchtime

—
Performing Arts
Auditorium

—
Years 7 - 9

—
Come along to find
out more and have
some fun

*"When in doubt, dance it
out!"*

*"Never miss a chance to
dance!"*



Rotary
Debutante Ball

Rotary



A Project of The Rotary Club
of Emerald & District Inc

2018 Debutante Ball

SATURDAY 16th June 2018

**Deb Ball Application Acceptance
has been extended
to the 29th of March**

For further information and to
download an application form, go to
www.emeraldrotary.org.au

Don't miss out on a great night!

Girls Football

Emerald Junior Football Club are seeking expression of interest to field an under 14 and under 16 girls teams. We are still seeking a coach for the under 16 girls team.

Mark Goodyear (President)

0425346949





PARENTING TEENS

PARENTS BUILDING SOLUTIONS

A program for parents, grandparents, step parents & carers.

UNDERSTAND THE TEEN'S BRAIN

Know about Ages and Stages of teenage learning

ARE YOU TIRED OF YELLING?

How to get your teenager to listen, without having to yell

DEALING WITH ANGER

Recognising the causes and triggers for anger

REALTIONSHPIS

How can parents build a better relationship with their teens?

STRATEGIES

Discuss and share strategies that work

DATES:

Wednesdays for 6 weeks
9, 16, 23, 30 May & 6, 13 June 2018

TIME:

6.00pm - 8.30pm

WHERE:

Emerald Secondary College
425 Belgrave-Gembrook Rd,
Emerald Vic 3782

COST:

FREE: Bookings essential

BOOKINGS:

For bookings and enquiries contact:

Felicity Wooden - Well Being Leader - 5968 5388

Email: wooden.felicity.f@edumail.vic.org.au &

Jasbir Singh at Parentzone on 0431 203 177 or

Email: jasbir.suopada@anglicarevic.org.au





Junior Training
(Field umpires)
Mondays
5:30pm-7pm
Morrison Reserve
Mount Evelyn



Senior Training
(All disciplines)
Wednesdays
6pm-8pm
Knox Athletics
Track

GET IN THE GAME!

If you love footy, you'll love being an umpire. Not only do you get the best view of the action, you also get paid for the privilege. It helps keep you fit, you get to be part of a team and you can learn leadership skills that you can take with you when you walk off the ground. They call it a job, but really, whether you're a field, boundary or goal umpire, it might just be the most fun you can have at work.

AFL Yarra Ranges is recruiting for new umpires from age 13+ to join us in 2018. We are especially hoping to welcome new female umpires to reflect the overall growth of female involvement in the great game of AFL! Get on board and be part of a fantastic group of Yarra Ranges umpires and you will receive coaching and mentoring as a field, boundary or goal umpire, plus excellent match payments.



Please contact us now for further information and details:
Trevor McGary – 0488 287 676 – Director of Umpiring Seniors
Peter Dixon – 0421 005 849 – Director of Umpiring Juniors
John Edwards – 0430 018 072 – Umpires Administrator
Email: johnnymdf@live.com



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COLLECTION PERIOD:
1 MARCH 2018 - 31 MAY 2018

Dandenong Ranges
Community Bank® Group



EMERALD LAKERS BASKETBALL CLUB WINTER REGISTRATION

March

Mon 19th - Tues 20th - Wed 21st

EPS Basketball Stadium
2 Heroes Ave, Emerald

LAKERS HAVE SENIOR & JUNIOR TEAMS
FOR ALL ABILITIES AND SKILLS



FOR MORE INFO

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CALL LISA: 0438 900 611

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