

# EMPIRE VALE PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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★ Wednesday ★  
2 Dec 2020  
Weeks 7 & 8 Term 4

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## Carols Evening



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**We would like to invite everyone to attend our Carols Evening on Tuesday 15 December at 6:30pm.**

- 6:30pm Families arrive, Children provided with a free icepole and assemble for carols
- 6:45pm Carols  
Kinder Presentations  
Yr 6 Presentations  
Carols continued
- 7:45pm Santa arrives
- 8:00pm Thanks and goodnight

In the event of inclement weather, the evening will be cancelled. In the event of a cancellation Kinder and Yr 6 students will be presented with their gifts at school on the last day of school.

If a cancellation is required, a note will be sent home as well as a notification sent via the Parent FaceBook page. A notification will also be displayed at the post office for community members.

## **RESPONSES DUE**

**ALL bikes MUST be returned to the school for our Mountain biking excursion**

**On or before Tuesday 8 December**

**Christmas COVID Contract 😊**

**ASAP**

**Green Innovations finals streamed online**

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In order to share the workload at our school carols evening, please come along willing to spare some time to sell raffle tickets or help with the smooth running of the P&C BBQ.

**COVID Guidelines (please sign the attached note regarding your willingness to abide by the COVID guidelines)**

*Schools can plan for outdoor singing and Carols events with the following restrictions.*

1. A maximum of 30 singers are permitted outdoors.
2. The audience may participate in singing with all those over the age of 12 wearing a mask.
3. All singers should face forwards with a distance of 5 metres to be maintained between the group of singers and any person in front of them (including staff, students and audience). All singers are to be positioned 1.5 metres apart from each other and from other performers.
4. Instructors, teachers and adult support persons must position themselves 1.5m to the side of the singer and not within 5 metres in front of them during the rehearsal or performance.
5. All Schools must comply with these restrictions in addition to the department's [end-of-year school and community activity guidelines](#).

## WEEKS 7 & 8

### Electronic Attachments

- Christmens Carols COVID agreement

### Physical Attachments

- Receipts for payments (where applicable)
- Christmens Carols COVID agreement
- Green Innovations EOI (Senior Class)

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## Green Innovations

This year the Green Innovation Award Ceremony will be streamed online, with all the school finalist's video entries merging together to make a special documentary. This documentary will be aired live on Thursday 10 December, starting at 6:30pm. (More information next week)

Empire Vale Public School is once again a finalist in this prestigious award, with our Frog Hotel Project.



Our students have already won the 'Five Best Photos' award, documenting their project through creating an 'Amphibian B&B' parody. These photos can be seen on the Empire Vale Public School Facebook Page and are also on display near the Senior Class at school.

## Assembly

YES..... parents will be able to attend!!!

Our final assembly of the year will be held outside to enable parents to attend. Please refer to the Carols COVID guidelines which will be fairly similar for adults attending the assembly.

Neil, our music tutor, will be presenting a number of items with his music students and the senior class will be sharing some of their recent work.

Final awards for the year will also be presented.

Assembly will be held on Friday Dec 11 at 11:30am.

## Library Books to be returned!

As the end of the year is fast approaching, all students are reminded to bring in their library books so we can finalise our library stocktake. Thank you!



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## Senior Excursion (yr 4-6)

**When:** Dec 7-9  
**Where:** Coffs / Wooli / New Italy  
**Cost:** \$200

The senior students (yrs 4/5/6) will be travelling to Coffs Harbour / Wooli / New Italy for their senior excursion on December 7-9. As part of the Year 4-6 leadership and team building program, the school has chosen the Solitary Island Resort at Wooli for the senior excursion this year. This venue offers an engaging set of experiences that will focus on teamwork, trust and building positive relationships. Students' will also be involved in educational activities involving caring for our local environment and will be joining with Wooli Public School to build resilience and team building skills.

Our venue will also allow us to extend our swimming ability and water confidence through the use of the park's water slide, pool and kayaks.

Students will be studying;

- **Tree Tops (high ropes course)**
- **Ice Skating**
- **Marine Reserve**
- **Aquatic Activities** – pool, water slide, splash park, kayaking
- **Orienteering**
- **Sandology**
- **Mountain Biking**



## Junior Excursion (yr K-3)

**When:** Dec 9  
**Where:** New Italy Mountain Biking Track  
**Cost:** \$20 (Subsidized)  
**Transport:** Bus - to depart Empire Vale PS at 10:30am

The junior students (yrs K-3) will be travelling to New Italy for their excursion on December 9.

### New Italy Mountain Biking

The Junior and Senior classes will join for an afternoon full of cycling on the New Italy trails!! This will be a great conclusion to our bike week activities. Mr Sugden is an accredited Mountain Biking coach. More information will follow next week.

#### Students will need:

- A packed morning tea, lunch & drink bottle
- School hat, uniform & comfortable covered footwear
- Sunscreen & insect repellent applied before coming to school please.

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## 2021 Staffing

Classes and staffing have been confirmed for 2021.....

Numeracy & Technology (4-6) – Ms Avery

Literacy & Creative Arts – Ms Rantissi

Numeracy, HSIE & PDHPE – Miss Smith

Numeracy & Science/Tech – Mr Sugden

Student Support – Trish Antoniacomi

Chaplain – Darren Barnwell

Admin/Office – Lyn Welstead & Cheryl Morton

Maintenance – Billy Goodwin

## Movember Mufti Day review



The school and students would like to support Tom Albans in his quest to 'grow a mo' and raise awareness and funds to support men's health.

**Movember** is an annual event involving the growing of moustaches during the month of November to raise awareness of men's health issues, such as prostate cancer, testicular cancer, and men's suicide. The Movember Foundation runs the Movember charity event, housed at [Movember.com](http://Movember.com)

Students can come in casual clothing and can come sporting a creative moustache! Have a bit of fun creating an impressive 'mo' and send along a gold coin donation for the cause! **Monday November 30, 2020**

## Up & Coming Events

### December

#### Wednesday Dec 2

BCHS Year 7 Orientation  
Venue: BCHS

#### Friday 4

Principal's Award  
Venue: Wet 'n Wild

#### Monday 7 – Wednesday 9

Senior Excursion (yrs 4-6)  
Venue: Solitary Resort Woolli / Coffs / New Italy

#### Wednesday 9

Junior Excursion  
Venue: Iluka / New Italy

#### Thursday 10 (6:30pm)

Green Innovations Finals  
Venue: EVPS

#### Friday 11 (NOTE the change of date)

Assembly

#### Tuesday 15

**Possible** Carols Evening..... TBC

#### Wednesday 16

Last day for kids



## 1800 55 1800

Kids Helpline is a service of BoysTown.

## Community News

### SCHOLASTIC Book Club

Dear Families,

Students should keep reading for at least 10 minutes a day over the school holidays to set themselves up for a great start to the new school year. It will keep their brains active, develop overall reading skills and their love of reading. To help families **keep their reading momentum rolling over the holidays**, Scholastic are releasing some reading resources at the end of term, including

- Fun competitions and reading challenges
- Reading games for car trips
- Author and illustrator tutorials
- Book recommendations
- Extra special book sales and promotions
- Reading tips and more!

Go to [www.scholastic.com.au/summer](http://www.scholastic.com.au/summer)

Happy summer reading!