

EMPIRE VALE PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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20 Nov 2020
Weeks 5 & 6 Term 4

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Principal's Special Award

Principal's Special Award Announced!

CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who are eligible for the Special Principal's Award this year.....



Violet T

Jim K

Roman F

Matilda D

We currently have a number of students who have 1 gold award and are on their way to receiving their second award.

Any student who thinks they may have enough awards, please bring them in urgently so we can finalise our arrangements for the Principal's Award activity! 😊

Gold Awards - Once students have earned **two** Gold Awards they will be eligible to attend the Principal's Award Activity. (Our awards program allows for Year 6 students to attend the Principal's award activity if they reach **one** Gold Award as they will not have the opportunity to reach the second award the following year.)

Principal's Award Activity - Once achieving this status your child's hard work will be rewarded with an invitation to attend a special event.

RESPONSES DUE

Bike Week

Please bring in bikes on Friday 20 or Monday 23 (morning)

Movember Mufti Day

30 November – Gold coin and a Mo!

Senior Excursion (4-6)

ASAP

Junior Excursion (K-3)

(permission note coming soon...)

Movember Mufti Day

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

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**



WEEKS 5 & 6

Electronic Attachments

- Senior Excursion Permission & Medical Information
- Junior Excursion Permission

Physical Attachments

- Receipts for payments (where applicable)
- Senior Excursion Permission & Medical Information
- Junior Excursion Permission

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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**



Please see further information on attached excursion notes.

Junior Excursion (yr K-3)

When: Dec 9
Where: The Peach Farm (Mororo) & New Italy Mountain Biking Track
Who: Year K-3
Cost: \$20 (Subsidized)
Transport: Bus - to depart Empire Vale PS promptly at 9am

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

The Peach Farm (TBC)

<https://www.thepeachfarm.com.au/>

Fully Interactive farm experience, feed the Lambs, Chooks and Turkeys. Pat the goats and sheep. Hold a baby chicken. Cuddle up to our guinea pigs and bunny rabbits. Pat and play with our sausage dog Poppy and the kelpie's - Blue, Tilly and Boofy. Come and meet Little Miss Piggy, Percy the Pony and so many more...

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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EVPS Bike Week 23-27 November

Dust off the kids' bikes and let's get them out there having fun, getting exercise and learning some real-life skills!!

Empire Vale Public School will be transformed into a huge roadway and skills track so that the students have the opportunity to learn bike and general road safety in a very practical manner.



The school will be signposted and roads marked. There will be give ways, pedestrian crossings, stop signs, even roundabouts and one-lane bridges.

Students will need:

- A bike!
- A well-fitted helmet
- Covered footwear
- Sunscreen applied before coming to school please.
- A water bottle
- A school hat for normal play activities

Other bike week activities include:

- RTA Computer Drivers Knowledge Test
- Science – gears, braking distances etc
- Possible visit from Police or bike shop
- Skills track
- Road rules and road safety
- Bike maintenance (including a 'road worthy' check of the bike prior to being allowed on the road).

SXCSS Chess & Draughts



After weeks of trials our Chess & Draughts teams were finally ready to join all the other small schools in the area to challenge for the Stage 3 and Stage 2 Chess/Draughts trophies. This was very busy day with each competitor playing competitors from all rival schools. Each student was ranked and only played opponents with the same ranking.

The students commented on what a great day it was where they played competitive games and made new friends.

Congratulations to both our Chess & Draughts teams (Stage 3 – Odynn, Oceah, Jim & Violet and Stage 2 Matty, Keirah, Blake & Koda).

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.

Up & Coming Events

November

Tuesday 17 – Thursday 19

Environmental Arts Camp
Venue: Dorrroughby EEC

Wednesday 18 & Wednesday Dec 2

BCHS Year 7 Orientation
Venue: BCBS

Monday 23 – Friday 27

Bike Week
Venue: EVPS

Date to be confirmed

Sandology

Monday 30

Movember Mufti Day

December

Tuesday 1

Dental Clinic – All students

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)

Gren Innovations Finals
Venue: EVPS

Monday 14

Assembly

Tuesday 15

Possible Carols Evening..... TBC

Wednesday 16

Last day for kids

Senior Class Xmas Shirts

The senior class are keen to do Christmas shirts with Trish again this year!! Students will be working on them at school over the coming weeks.

If you would like your child to participate please send in a shirt ASAP, thank you.



A blast from the past.....



Oral Health Program / Dental Clinic

Northern New South Wales Local Health District (NNSWLHD), Oral Health Services visited EVPS last week but were not able to complete assessments on both classes. If your child has not yet been seen by the Dentist they will be returning on **Tuesday 1 December** to assess all remaining students.

This program is free.

Regular dental check-ups can prevent minor problems becoming major ones, preventing unnecessary pain and distress.

Dr Nanna Kreutzfeldt Clinical Director, Oral Health



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Assembly

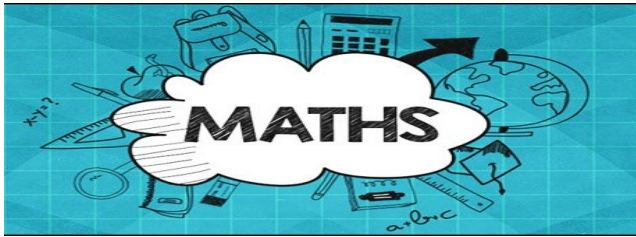
We are so thrilled to share that Bronze, Silver and **GOLD** awards were presented at this week's assembly, showcasing the outstanding achievements of our students!

Awards were also presented to students for their involvement in Debating, Public Speaking and becoming finalists in The Green Innovation Awards, to name just a few.

The Junior Class explained the Aboriginal Seasons which they investigated during NAIDOC Week and entertained us with a dramatic recount of *'The Gingerbread Man'* as part of their literacy unit on Fairy Tales.

Congratulations to all students who were recognised for their hard work at this week's assembly.





Community News

Maths Trains Brains

#MathsTrainsBrains to solve problems in all aspects of life - from sport to business to creativity.

The new [Everyday Maths](#) hub is available to help parents support their children's mathematical skills and understanding with fun, practical and creative activities.

Follow #MathsTrainsBrains on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter, to see how schools and families are getting involved.

Check out the link here

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/campaigns/mathematics/domain>



Please find information regarding the Out of School Hours Care parent survey. We've already had over 1,800 responses from 169 schools. These insights have already proven valuable in planning and prioritising the roll out of the Out of School Hours Care commitment.

Parents are taking only just over 2 minutes to complete the survey and 62% of parents have been willing to complete the additional survey questions. The additional questions are taking less than 1 minute to complete.

To ensure your school's before and after school care needs are met in 2021, we would appreciate your support in inviting parents to complete the survey. It will remain open until **Friday 27 November 2020**. Parents can access the survey at: <https://surveys.education.nsw.gov.au/s3/OSHCParentSurvey>.



Some highlights from this issue include:

Value Books – only \$3 ea.

The Craziest Christmas Crack-ups Ever!

The cuddliest Hug by Meredith Costain

A funny Thing Happened to Simon Sidebottom By P. Crumble

Tom Gates: Best Book Day Ever (so far) By Liz Pichon

Liars: The Truth App By Jack Heath

And Much More....

Summer Reading FUN Competition: Share your completed word search on the back page of the catalogue for a chance to WIN a beach bag filled with books!

Email competitions@scholastic.com.au

Don't forget parents can order Christmas books which can be held at the office!

Orders are due November 27th