

EMPIRE VALE PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Principal: Ms Bonita Avery

Ph: 6683 4298

★ Friday ★
23 Oct 2020
Weeks 1 & 2 Term 4

www.empirevale-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

Aussie Bird Count



The Aussie Backyard Bird Count is a favourite activity each year at Empire Vale PS. Students spend 20 minutes each day hunting the school grounds for our local bird populations & then recording the information on the bird app on the iPads and sending the data to BirdLife Australia.

This year the count was from Oct 19-25 and as you can see, the students were very enthusiastic!

I think we have some twitchers in the making.



WEEKS 1 & 2

Electronic Attachments

- Bird Count colouring in page
- 2021 School Transport info
- Cartoon Camp brochure
- Free Dental Assessment Consent Form

Physical Attachments

- Receipts for payments (where applicable)
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Kinder Orientation

Our school was abuzz with excitement as our 2021 Kindergarten students began exploring school this week as part of our Kindergarten Orientation program.

Our new recruits explored what a day of school feels like through reading books, doing craft activities, playing maths games, investigating science concepts and building their fitness in physical education lessons.

We were super impressed with their wonderful 'give it a go' attitude and our students all enjoyed making new friends. It was also great to see our Year 5 Buddies all step up and offer outstanding support to our little learners.

If you know someone who would be interested in participating in our Kindergarten Orientation program, please let them know that we be running more sessions between 9am and 1pm on:

Monday 26 & Thursday 29 October

and

Monday 2 & Thursday 5 November 2020.



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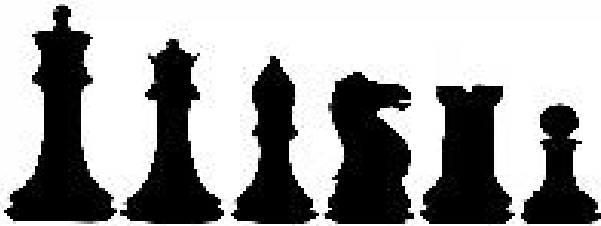
School Photos



School photos are being held here on Monday November 9.

Envelopes were sent home Friday of last week and will need to be returned on or before Monday November 2.

SXCSS Chess & Draughts



On **Tuesday 10 November** Empire Vale PS students will compete in the 'Southern Cross Community of Small Schools' Chess & Draughts Competition (SXCSS) at Rous P.S. The children will be stepping up the practising in preparation to be ready to compete!

Empire Vale will be fielding a 4 person chess team and a 4 person draughts team made up of 2x stage 2 and 2x stage 3 students.

Permission notes will be sent home as soon as teams have been finalised.

Nagoya Sister City Art Exchange



Congratulations to Lana Hammond who has had her artwork titled '*Going Dottie*' chosen to tour Japan in the Sister City Art Exchange!

The artwork is a collage triptych, which showcases Lana's ability to playfully use patterns and lines to create dynamic artworks. This art activity was inspired by the '*Book of Lines*' by Herve Tullet.

The artwork will stay in Japan, as it is gifted to a Japanese student at the end of the exhibition. Lana will be sent an artwork from a Japanese student in exchange, helping to build cultural awareness and friendship through art.

School Travel Applications

Students who require a travel pass for 2021 can now apply online. A new application should be submitted if a student is applying for a travel pass for the first time or requesting an additional pass as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation. Please refer to the information brochure included as an attachment to this newsletter.



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Green Innovations

Winners are Grinners!

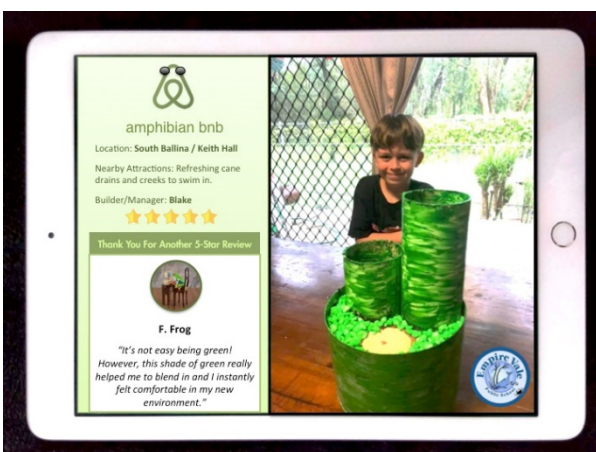
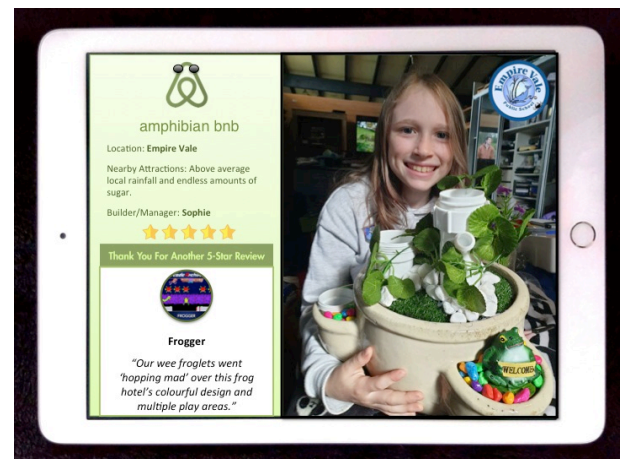
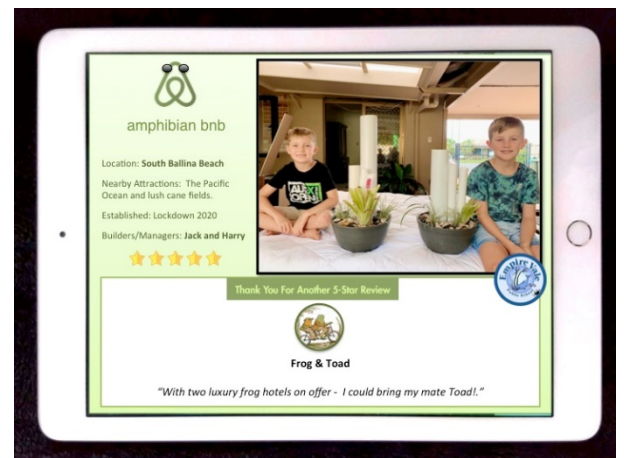
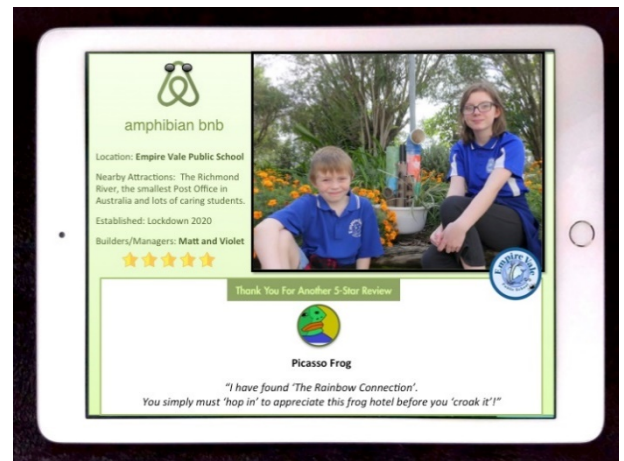


Congratulations to our students who recently were informed that they are the 2020 Green Innovation Awards Photo Winners!

The student's Frog Hotel Projects that they created during the lockdown period were turned into 'Five Star *Amphibian B&B* Reviews' as a 'tongue and cheek' way to promote our schools' unique environmental projects.

The Senior Class have also created a five-minute video which showcases our knowledge about frogs, explaining how to make a Frog Hotel and providing useful tips on how to protect the environment. This video will become part of a Green Innovations Award's Documentary which will be shared within the community.

We are really proud of this achievement. Congratulations to everyone who took the time to create a safe home for our local green frogs!



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Environmental Arts Camp

Dorroughby Environmental Education Centre's Environmental Arts Camp



Dorroughby Environmental Education Centre will be once again running an Environmental Arts Camp for Stage Three students. Congratulations to Oceah, Sophie and Violet who will be attending the camp, providing opportunities to immerse themselves in creative activities based around environmental themes.

We asked our young artists what they were looking forward to regarding attending an Environmental Arts Camp.

"I love doing art and can't wait to see what new skills I will learn at camp."

Sophie, Year 5.

"An environmental art camp sounds like so much fun, I simply can't wait!" Violet, Year 6.

"I am very interested to see what environmental artworks we will create. It all sounds so interesting!" Oceah, Year 5.



Oral Health Program / Dental Clinic

Northern New South Wales Local Health District (NNSWLHD), Oral Health Services will visit EVPS on Tuesday 3 November All



students will be able to participate in the program which has both clinical and educational components; a clinical assessment will be offered along with a tailored education session. If follow up treatment is required, it will be offered in a public dental clinic. An appointment will be made with the child and their parent/guardian. This program is free.

Baby teeth are very important; some baby teeth do not fall out until 12-13 years of age. Decay and early extractions influence the child's nutrition, growth, social behaviour, tooth positioning, sleep pattern and general well-being. Decay in the baby teeth greatly increases the chance of decay in permanent or adult teeth.

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

We see this program as a way to help maintain healthy oral hygiene habits for children for life, and improve regular access to dental care close to home.

Dr Nanna Kreutzfeldt

Clinical Director, Oral Health

Please see the attached Parental Consent Form which needs to be signed and returned on or before **Friday October 30**.

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Silk Art Workshop

Kim Toft will be conducting her annual silk art workshop with our Year 6 students in Term 4 (date yet to be confirmed).

Our students have completed outstanding artworks under the guidance of Kim in previous years, and we are very excited to offer this amazing art opportunity once again for our students.



Silk Art Framing: Actual framing costs for Y6 silk art works are yet to be confirmed, however, they will be around the \$90-100

Senior Excursion

The restriction to attend overnight excursions has only just been lifted which means that we have not been able to prepare for the excursion in the usual way (MUCH earlier in the year!)

This has created difficulty in booking a venue as all schools scramble to organise excursions. We are doing our best to find a venue that fits the current guidelines but I'm not sure whether we'll succeed....

In the hopes that we do succeed we would appreciate it if families of students in years 4-6 (possibly yr 3) put aside some \$\$ so that the cost doesn't come as a hardship if we do manage to find a venue. The usual cost of senior excursion is around \$400. sWe will keep you informed of our efforts.

Up & Coming Events

October

Monday 26 & Thursday 29
Kindergarten Orientation

Friday 30
Bookclub closing date

Friday 30
World Teachers Day ☺

November

Monday 2 & Thursday 5
Kindergarten Orientation

Tuesday 3
Dental Clinic – All students

Monday 9
School Photos

Monday 9
Assembly

Tuesday 10
SXCSS Chess & Draughts
Venue: Rous PS

Tuesday 17 – Thursday 19
Environmental Arts Camp
Venue: Dorroughby EEC



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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 by Wednesday 11 November, clearly marked with your child's name, thank you.

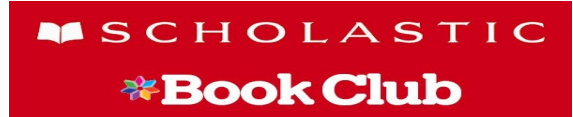
Community News



This year NSW will celebrate World Teachers' Day on **30 October 2020**.

World Teachers' Day is an opportunity to celebrate the 160,000+ hardworking and dedicated primary, secondary and early childhood teachers in NSW.

Scholastic Bookclub



With Christmas fast approaching, it's time to get organized. Parents can order books for their children & we can send them home sneakily so you can wrap them up for presents. Issue 7 is jam packed with Christmas gifts (563 items) that will keep your kids' reading all summer long.

Don't forget closing date for Bookclub orders is October 30

Value Books – only \$3 ea.

Where's Santa By Toby Reynolds

I Wanna be a Great Big Dinosaur by Heath McKenzie

Time Jumpers - Fast Forward to the Future By

Wendy Mass

Bad Pets Hall of Shame – I Stole a Car By Allan Zullo

And Much More....

Take a look at these 'Hot New Books' including:

Do Not Open This Book Ever by Andy Lee

Stupid Carrots by David Campbell

Pig the Blob by Arron Blabey

Grump by Jonathan Bentley

And the list goes on and on...



\$100 Creative Kids voucher. Families can use the \$100 voucher at our program. Contact Service NSW to get the vouchers then call our office: 02 9343 0833

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Danny & Joel Cohen (father & son) & team present

Weekend Art & Cartoon Workshops

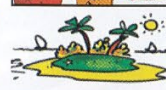
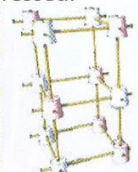
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Class 1: Saturday 10am - 2pm

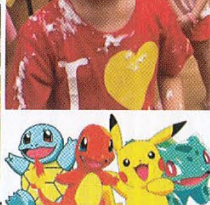
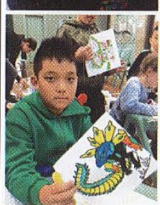
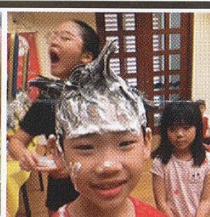
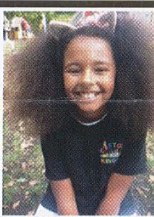
Note: Children can bring their scooters on Saturday if they want to.

- **Theme:** **Hawaiian.** Wear anything colourful & tropical. Prizes for the best dressed.
- **Draw:** Beginners cartooning **Part 1.**
- **Draw:** A 3D beach tropical landscape.
- **Draw:** Guardians of the Galaxy™.
- **Play:** The exciting game 'Charge'.
- **Coral reef:** Draw life under the sea.
- **Draw:** Animated fruit & vegetables.
- **Kids in the kitchen:** **Make mocktails & decorate doughnuts.**
- **Science show:** With the mad Professor!
- **Make:** A squishy & play the fun squishy game.
- **Play:** Balloon Kingdom skirmish / rob the nest.
- **Make:** A tower with marshmallows & spaghetti.
- **Kite making:** Let your imaginations fly high.



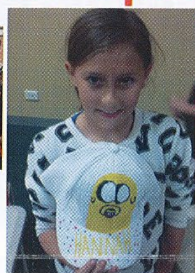
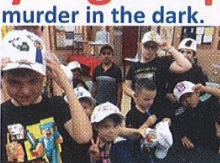
Class 2: Saturday 2pm - 6pm

- **Theme:** **Messy clothes & hair.** Prizes for the 'worst' dressed.
- **Kids on wheels:** Bring in your scooters.
- **Draw:** Beginners cartooning **Part 2.**
- **Draw:** Popular farm animals.
- **Make:** Clay model miniature food.
- **Enjoy:** **Delicious Skittle S'mores.**
- **Treasure hunt:** Find the treasure in the park.
- **Slime:** Make fun green gooey oobleck slime!
- **Play:** The shaving cream battle if you want to!
- **Competition:** Build a creative structure using straws.
- **Draw African animals:** A giraffe, meerkat & an elephant.
- **Play:** Harry Potter™, Pokémon™ & Star Wars™ trivia for prizes.
- **Pokémon:**™ Draw popular characters & trade your cards. Bring your Pokémon cards.



Class 3: Saturday night 6pm - 9pm

- **Theme:** **Dress in dark clothes for murder in the dark.**
- **Challenge:** **Guess the Tim Tam™**
- **Play:** Sock wrestling.
- **Play:** Space jump.
- **Draw:** Manga animals.
- **Draw:** Mario™, Sonic™ & Yoshi™.
- **Design a baseball cap:** We'll supply the caps.
- **Nerf gun battle:** Bring in your nerf guns & goggles for a safe battle. We will be making cubby houses in the hall.
- **Play:** **Murder in the dark!** An exciting game with balloons.



Class 4: Sunday 10am - 2pm Market Day - best class!

- **Theme:** **Computer Games.** Prizes for the best gaming costumes.
- **T-Shirt Art:** Design a T-Shirt. We will supply the T-Shirts.
- **Draw:** Beginners cartooning **Part 3.**
- **Draw:** Anime & Manga.
- **Draw:** Realistic people.
- **Draw:** 3D dinosaurs.
- **Flour battle:** Join in the fun flour fight if you want to.
- **Draw:** Competition. Create your own tree house. A new Andy Griffiths Treehouse book will be awarded.
- **Waterfight:** Weather permitting & if you want to. Bring a watergun.
- **Kingdom Markets:** Everyone prepares a shop for Market Day. Make cookies, sell old toys, books, etc... the children buy & sell using Kingdom money they have earned over the weekend. We'll give the children \$200 Kingdom dollars.
- **Greatest Showman™ Talent Show:** Perform if you want to - singing, dancing, gymnastics, comedy, acting, etc...prizes for best acts. Children are the judges!





Free Dental Assessment for Empire Vale P.S Children

Dear Parent / Guardian,

Your child can have their teeth assessed at school by a clinician from the Northern NSW Local Health District.

We will be visiting your school on:

Tuesday 3rd November 2020

On the day, a dental/oral health therapist will assess your child's teeth, and a letter will be sent home with your child to advise you of the result of this assessment.

It is standard practice in NSW Health public dental clinics for all primary school children to have a growth assessment during their dental check-up as part of good clinical care. This will involve a simple height and weight measurement of your child. It is relevant to assess growth during dental check-ups as some risk factors for oral diseases are shared with being below or above a healthy weight.

Your child's privacy and wellbeing is extremely important and ensuring your child feels comfortable is a priority for our dental teams.

No x-rays or treatment will be provided on this day; the assessment is designed to be an introduction to future dental visits.

If you would like your child to have their teeth assessed at school, please fill in the CONSENT form at the back of this letter.

Information collected on this consent form is confidential.

Yours Sincerely,

Oral Health Team

Please return this form to school office by
Monday 2nd November 2020

If you would like further information on the services we provide, please visit:

<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/oralhealth/primaryschool dental/Pages/services-explained.aspx>

*Please use a separate form for each child

Additional Comments _____


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I consent to my child's height and weight being recorded: ☐ No ☐ Yes

Information collected on this consent form is confidential and is for statistical purposes. The NNSW LHD, Oral Health Service is to be regarded as the principal agent to hold this information, which assists in the efficient and effective management of the Oral Health Services.

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Comments.....

Immediate trt / trt required / prevention / no apparent trt / unable to check

School Travel for 2021



2021 school travel applications are now open

Applications for student travel in 2021 opened from Monday 12 October 2020.

Students who require a School Opal card or travel pass for 2021 can now [apply](#) online. A new application should be submitted if a student is applying for a school travel pass for the first time or requesting an additional pass as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody).

Students who have changed school/campus, changed address, repeated a year or received an expiry notification from Transport for NSW for their school travel entitlement should [re-apply or update their details](#).

*Applications must be completed by the student's parent or legal guardian if the student is aged under 16 years. Students 16 years and over must complete the application form themselves.

Where there is a change of distance eligibility based on a student's grade, the system will automatically update a student's entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new [eligibility criteria](#), they will receive an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition which is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

[Term Bus Pass](#) holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

If a student needs to update their information or re-apply, they should go online to <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails>

Applications need to be submitted before **31 December 2020** to ensure that current student entitlements are updated and their current entitlement/card remains valid. If their application is submitted after 31 December 2020, the system will automatically cancel an entitlement/card and a new one will need to be issued.

Students in the Opal network applying for a SSTS or Term Bus Pass entitlement for the first time will receive their card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2021.

Students residing in Rural and Regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the commencement of the new school year from their nominated operator, this may be distributed via the school or sent direct to their address. **Note:** some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students/Parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

New Concession Entitlement Cards

Transport for NSW will be replacing the below cards with Transport Concession Entitlement Cards (TCEC) from October 2020:

- Senior Secondary Student Concession Card (16 years and over) – also used by Mature Secondary Students (18 years and over), Distance Education Students and Home School Students
- Proof of Age card (when a student under 16 years of age looks older)
- Boarder Rail Pass.

All previous cards will be valid until they expire. Students who require a Transport Concession Entitlement Card should speak with their school administration staff.

Enquiries regarding school student travel can be submitted to Transport for NSW at:

<https://transportnsw.info/contact-us/feedback/passes-concessions-feedback>

AUSSIE BACKYARD BIRD COUNT

**Join the biggest citizen
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Help us track how Aussie birds are doing:
count how many birds you
see in your area!

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aussiebirdcount.org.au

19-25 October 2020



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Oct / Nov 2020 Weekend Camp Registration:

Book & pay online: www.illustrating-man.com.au

1. Name of Child: _____ Age: _____
 2. Name of Child: _____ Age: _____
 3. Name of Child: _____ Age: _____
 4. Name of Child: _____ Age: _____

Any Disabilities, Medical Conditions or Special Needs (eg. Asthma, ADHD, diabetic, behavioural problems): _____

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____
 Address: _____
 Postcode: _____

Day time phone: () _____ Mobile: _____
 Dietary Needs: (No dairy, vegetarian, etc...) _____

Email: _____

Select the location & classes for the child/children:

Northern Rivers (Lismore): 31st Oct - 1st Nov ☐
Hunter Valley (Maitland): 7th - 8th Nov ☐

	Child 1:	Child 2:	Child 3:	Child 4:
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Payment Option 1:

Credit Card Authority Payment Option:

Amex: ☐ Name on Card: _____
 MasterCard: ☐ No: _____
 Visa: ☐ Expiry Date: _____ Amount: _____

Payment Option 2:

Cheque: I/we enclose a cheque: \$ _____
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CONSENT AND INDEMNITY

I/we tell you that we are of full legal capacity and are the parent(s)/guardian(s) of the child. I/we acknowledge we consent and agree on an on going basis that the Organiser only permits the child to be considered for and/or to attend the activity(s) selected and incidental matters for the agreed fee in consideration of I/we irrevocably agreeing to the following conditions, namely:-

- The Organiser has the right to change the date, time or itinerary of the program.
- Where the Organiser deems it appropriate, the Organiser may release attendance participation to the child.
- In the event that the activity is cancelled (including pursuant to condition 2), The Organiser Man Designs Pty Ltd (ABN 81 079 295 597) will offer a refund to the paying parent(s).
- I/we (as parent(s)/guardian(s)) agree on an alternative activity also subject to this Consent And Indemnity (for any one or more of you) as to or arising out of any liability claim proceeding or demand (whether or not caused or contributed to by the child or to the child or any other breach or omission whatsoever) involving any negligence breach of contract or any other breach or omission whatsoever in whole or part caused or contributed to by the child or to the child or any other breach or omission whatsoever.
- To the extent that the child or any other breach or omission whatsoever is caused or contributed to by the child or to the child or any other breach or omission whatsoever, I/we (as parent(s)/guardian(s)) agree to hold the Organiser (or any one or more of you) a full release waiver and discharge of any cause of action, claim, demand, suit, action or original (or third party) as to or arising out of any injury, damage or loss of damage whatsoever whether in part caused or contributed to by the child or to the child or any other breach or omission whatsoever as a result thereof whether involving any negligence breach of contract or any other breach or omission whatsoever.
- This Consent And Indemnity binds the parties and their successors and/or assigns to the extent that the law permits.
- This Consent And Indemnity is governed by the law of the country of Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, United Kingdom & Canada.

Dated: _____ Signature of Parent(s)/Guardian(s): _____

Notes:

All activities will be in the hall & surrounding grounds or local parks.
Meals: Children will need to bring food or can purchase from our canteen.
Dinner: If your child/children is/are attending our night classes, please provide them with dinner. The canteen will also be open at night.
 Children need to bring a bag & hat to our activities. Notify staff if your child has special needs or requires medication to be administered (ie: Asthma, Allergies or ADHD).
We cater for children 4 to 15 years: (Juniors, Intermediates & Seniors) except in QLD where the child needs to be aged from 5 to attend.
 Inform staff if someone other than the guardian will be picking up your child/children.
Our staff: Our staff have the 'Working with Children Checks'. The director has senior first aid training.

Sun policy: Please provide your child/children with a hat & sunscreen to wear for our outside activities. We also have sunscreen readily available for children to use.

Signing in & out: Children must be signed in/out by a parent or guardian.

Policy on children's belongings / lost property:

All care is taken but we take no responsibility for loss or damage to belongings. At 2pm at the conclusion of our Sunday program - all lost property is donated to charity.

Parent/Guardians: May drop off their children. They are not allowed to stay in the hall for legal & insurance reasons.

Policy on late pickups: We close our service at 2pm Sunday unless specified. A late fee applies at the rate of \$1 per minute paid directly to that carer at the time of pickup.

Policy on behaviour: We have the right to refuse a child if their behaviour is deemed disruptive to our program. No refund will be offered.

Policy on cancellations & refunds: We regret that under no circumstances are we able to provide a refund in the event of cancellation or non-attendance of the child.

Mobile phones/cameras: Due to privacy laws, photographic & recording devices are prohibited from our programs. Mobile phones can be brought but must be off during activities.

Nuts: Nuts or foods containing nuts are strictly prohibited from our program.

Sharing food: Children are not allowed to share food due to allergies, etc...

Art materials: All art & craft materials are included in the daily price.

About us: Cartoon Kingdom has 37 years experience in educational programs & activities in Australia, Hong Kong, New Zealand, Singapore, USA, Malaysia, England & Canada.

Cost:

Saturday: 10am - 2pm / 2pm - 6pm / 6pm - 9pm Sunday: 10am - 2pm

\$35 per class

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EARLY BIRD

Book before 5pm Friday October 23rd 2020 for the Early Bird Special.

Book all 4 classes (1, 2, 3, 4) & we will give your child a set of 6 Cartooning Books. Books will be given out at the camp.

Enquiries: 9am - 5pm (EST)

Calls outside of these times will be returned the following day.

Enquiries: (02) 9343 0833

bookings@cartoonkingdom.com.au

www.illustrating-man.com.au

Mail: Suite 2, 29 Newland St, Bondi Junction 2022

Camp Venues & Dates

Northern Rivers

Sat Oct 31st - Sun Nov 1st

Caniaba Community Hall

414 Caniaba Road,

Caniaba (Lismore)

Hunter Valley

Sat Nov 7th - Sun Nov 8th

Lower Hunter District Hall

Jubilee Street,

East Maitland



\$100 Creative Kids Voucher

Contact service NSW. Each child aged 4 - 17 is allowed \$100 per year to attend our programs. Call our office with the vouchers: 02 9343 0833. If you want to attend all 4 classes - you only need to pay \$40 per child.

Northern Rivers (Caniaba-Lismore) 31st Oct - 1st Nov / Hunter Valley (Maitland) 7th - 8th Nov

CREATIVE KIDS
\$100 Voucher

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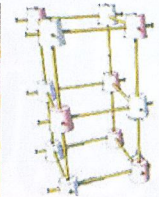
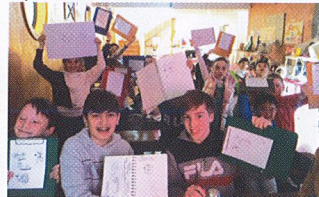
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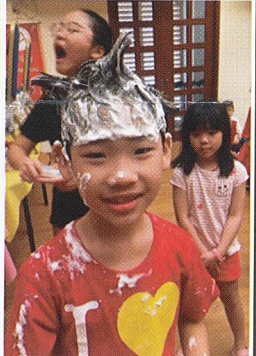
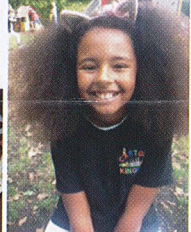


A young boy with dark hair, wearing a black t-shirt and a watch, is smiling and holding a tablet. The tablet displays a drawing of a cartoon character that looks like a dog or a bear with a large head and a small body, wearing a red shirt. The boy is pointing at the drawing with his right hand. In the bottom left corner, there is a small cartoon character with a large head and a small body, wearing a red shirt.

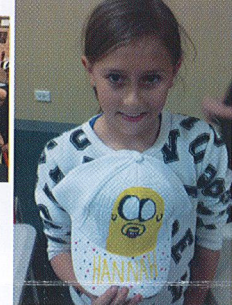
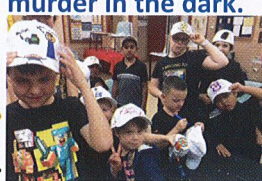
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- A photograph of two young boys sitting side-by-side. They are both wearing black t-shirts with a small graphic on the left chest. They have dark hair and are smiling at the camera. Each boy has a black, fake mustache drawn on his upper lip. The background is slightly out of focus, showing what appears to be a doorway or a window with a white frame.



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