

EMPIRE VALE PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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★ Friday ★
6 Nov 2020
Weeks 3 & 4 Term 4

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EVPS Bike Week 23-27 November

It's that time again!!! 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.



Two skills tracks will be developed that include skills to practice balance, steering, scanning and braking as well

as a possible tricks corner.

The students will have their bikes 'registered' on Monday morning and will be given a riders license for the week. Those who don't follow the road rules have points taken from them.

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).



School Photos



School photos are being held here on Monday November 9.

Please return School Photo orders urgently.

WEEKS 3 & 4

Electronic Attachments

- Free Dental Assessment Consent Form
- Focus on New Fathers flyer
- Richmond Tweed Library Newsletter

Physical Attachments

- Receipts for payments (where applicable)
- SXCSS Chess & Draughts permission
- Bike Week permission

RESPONSES DUE

School photo envelopes (All students)

ASAP

SXCSS Chess & Draughts (Qualifying students)

ASAP

Bike Week permission (All students)

ASAP

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.

Parents must provide their own transport to

the event which is being held at Rous PS

starting at 9:30am and finishing at around

1.30-2.00pm.

Chess

Stage 3 – Odynn & Oceah res Roman

Stage 2 – Keirah & Matthew res Harry

Draughts

Stage 3 – Jim & Violet res Sophie

Stage 2 – Blake & Koda res Harry

Permission notes to be returned by

Monday 9 November please.



FROGS!

Did you know that

every frog species

makes a different

sound and that they

can croak, whistle,

bleat and even bark? In a special webinar

with Dr Jodi Rowley from the Australian

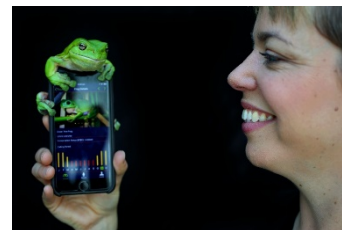
Museum, the senior students will be able to

learn why frogs call, how they are adapted to

survive in different environments and how

recording their calls can help us understand

and conserve our ecosystems.



FrogID Week 2020



From **6-15 November**, students can take part

in Australia's biggest frog count during FrogID

Week

Australia's frogs are under threat from habitat

loss, disease and climate change. FrogID

Week will provide students with insights into

the state of ecosystem health and function

around Australia.

Download the **FrogID app** to record frog

calls, to help provide our scientists with

valuable data for the protection and

conservation of our native frogs.



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Kinder Orientation

This week wrapped up the formal side of our Kinder Orientation with the students attending the last of our 6 planned sessions.

Enrolments are open if you know of any families in the area or moving to the area. Just give them our number, email or encourage them to come in and have a look around!

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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.



The program 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

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Silk Art Workshop

Today our year 6 students went in to Kim Toft's gallery to work on their end-of-year gift from the school/ P&C.

Under the guidance of Kim they were again able to complete

outstanding artworks that will hang with pride in their homes as a reminder of their time at Empire Vale.

The partnership between Kim and the school has lasted 25 years (so far..) and the year 6 Silk Art workshop has been a tradition that every year 6 has looked forward to.



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

Up & Coming Events

November

Monday 9
School Photos

Monday 16 (Please note the change of date)
Assembly

Tuesday 10
SXCSS Chess & Draughts
Venue: Rous PS

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

Wednesday 18
BCHS Year 7 Orientation
Venue: BCHS

Monday 23 – Friday 27
Bike Week
Venue: EVPS

December

Tuesday 1
Dental Clinic – All students

Wednesday 2
BCHS Year 7 Orientation
Venue: BCHS

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, thank you.

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Snakes Alive!!

Snakes have been sighted in the area....

Please be vigilant and help us to teach your children the safe way to



behave if they spot a snake. (Back away slowly and let an adult know).

At school the students are encouraged not to try to retrieve balls that have gone into the bushes without an adult checking the area first. Billy has also assisted in pruning the undergrowth so that our gardens are less 'desirable' homes.

Principal's Award.....

In preparation for organising the Principal's Award prize, we would like any student who has received a Gold Award in 2020 to bring it in to the school to be checked off.

The school will then be able to compile a list of students eligible for this year's reward.

These will need to be in by **Tuesday 24** November, thank you.

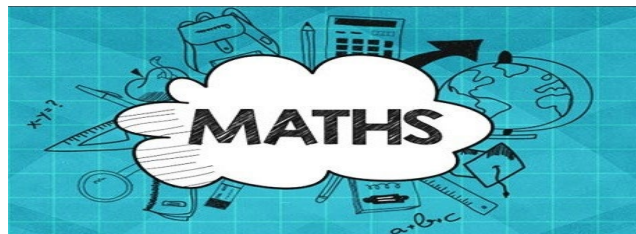
How the Empire Vale Award System works:

Bronze Awards - Once students have earned **five** Bronze awards, they can bring them in to be 'signed off' and awarded Silver Award status.

Silver Awards - Once students have earned **five** Silver Awards, they can be 'signed off' to receive a Gold Award.

Gold Awards - Once students have earned **two** Gold Awards they will be eligible to attend the Principal's Award Activity.

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



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>

Community News



Health

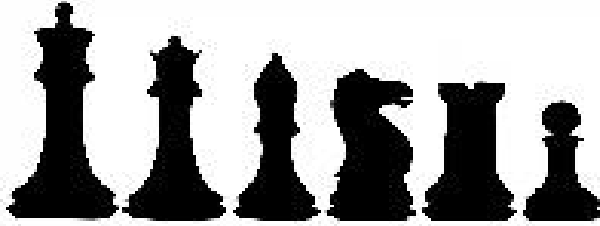
Northern NSW
Local Health District

NSW Health's has a new initiative 'Focus on New Fathers'. It is a free and voluntary program that fathers can sign up to, to receive SMS messages to assist them along their journey of becoming a new father. See the attached flyer for more information.

See attachment for the exciting library events and more!



**Richmond Tweed
Regional Library**
Connect. Discover. Escape.



PERMISSION NOTE

SXCSS Chess/Draughts Competition (Tuesday 10 November 2020)

I give permission for my child/ren..... to compete in the SXCSS Chess/Draughts Competition at Rous Public School on Tuesday 10 November 2020. I understand that transport is the responsibility of the parent.

- I will be transporting my own child to this event.
- I will be transporting _____(student/s names)

OR

- I confirm that I have arranged transport for my child with _____

By signing this form, I also acknowledge my responsibility to;

- ✓ hold a current driver's license,
- ✓ drive a vehicle with current registration and
- ✓ abide by the RMS recommendation to seat children 13 and under in the back seat if a front seat airbag exists.

If I have organised transport for my child, I take the responsibility to ensure my chosen transporter abides by the afore-mentioned regulations.

Signed

Date

(Parent/Guardian)

Please return permission by no later than Monday 9 November, thank you.



BIKE WEEK



Monday 23 to Friday 27 November 2020



The school will be holding Bike Week in week 7, Monday 23 through to Friday 27 November. Bike Week is designed to promote road safety & educate children of the importance of road signs while cycling, (as well as having lots & lots of fun throughout the week!)

The school playground will be converted into a roadway including give ways, pedestrian crossings, intersections etc. Students will be issued with a license and will have the opportunity to practise safety skills on the road & to become more aware of road signage & their meanings.

Each student will need to bring their bike & helmet. Bikes & helmets will be securely locked away each night for the duration of the week. Bikes and helmets **MUST** be in safe working order... i.e. please check brakes, tyres, helmet size, helmet clips etc.

Bikes are to be dropped off at school on Monday morning. If your child does not have a bike, please try to borrow one for the week. Some families may have an extra bike and these may be available for students to borrow if possible.

Please return the below permission note, by Friday 20 November, thank you.

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BIKE WEEK (PERMISSION NOTE)

I give permission for my child/ren..... to participate in Bike Week from Monday 23 to Friday 27 November, 2020 at Empire Vale P.S.

Signed

Date

Parent/ Caregiver

Often students want to swap bikes with their friends, this will only be permitted with students of similar size. Please indicate below if your child is permitted to loan their bike or borrow another student's bike.

- I have a spare bike that I am able to loan to other students. YES / NO
- I give permission for my child's bike to be borrowed YES / NO
- I give permission for my child to borrow another student's bike YES / NO

Permissions to be returned by no later than Wednesday 2nd Dec, thank you.