2015 – The year that was.

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As the 2015 academic year draws to a close, we have taken the time to reflect on some of the top ten highlights of Empire Vale Public School year.

1. The Lion King
   Our performance of The Lion King was a roaring success! Every student had the opportunity to be a star as our school performed a version of the theatre classic ‘The Lion King’.

2. Swimming Scheme made a splash!
   Our whole school participated in activities to build our swimming skills. The more confident swimmers completed the Royal Life Saving - Swim and Survive Program, where they had to complete a wide range of challenges including swimming in their clothes!

3. ‘Sweet As’ Art Exhibition
   Our small school community experienced sweet success with our combined art exhibition titled ‘Sweet As’. The exhibition was created around the theme of growing up around endless fields of sugar cane. Our art exhibition was admired by 1,949 visitors to The Northern Rivers Community Gallery.

4. Get on your bike!
   Our playground was transformed into a busy traffic environment with roundabouts, pedestrian crossings and other road elements, providing opportunities for the students to learn how to be safe on the road. We also had a road safety day where we had special guests talking with our school about road safety.

5. Empire Vale goes for Gold!
   Sporting Success! Our school made it to State Level in Sydney for Four Way Relay Swimming, they achieved 6th place in the State! Our Athletics relay team also made it to State level, coming 8th in the finals.

6. Smart Artists.
   Our school networked with a lot of local artists and participated in a wide range of art projects. We all loved participating in the Sandology Workshops. This year our school has student art on exhibition locally, nationally and internationally!

7. Ringside Rookies.
   Our Principal’s Gold Award Winners had the opportunity to visit The Great Moscow Circus. The students were also treated to a behind the scenes tour of the circus by Ring Master, Shane Lennon.

8. Adventure Camp
   This year the senior class went on an adrenalin pumping camp to Mt. Tambourine. The students completed activities in archery, orienteering, kayaking, high ropes, laser skirmish and visited the Bounce trampolining centre.

9. Robots took over our school.
   Our Robotics program was a big success this year! Early in Term 4 we had an action packed Robotics Day with help from Fizzics Education.

10. Small School Success!
    This year we were the Draughts and Chess Champs, took out the General Knowledge Competition, had success in Public Speaking, Spelling Bee and Debating… to name just a few!