

Summer reading: The Summer Slide is real!

At the start of each new school year, we often see evidence of 'The Summer Slide' in our students. This means that some of the gains they have made in Reading over the previous year are lost. Research shows that as much as 3 months of progress could be lost over the summer holidays. Every year!

[Research on the summer slide and summer reading | Services to Schools \(natlib.govt.nz\)](#)

To help with this, we invite your family to borrow books from our library to enjoy over the holidays.

Your child may borrow up to ten books for the holidays so long as:

- they have no outstanding loans or charges, and
- they are returning to ECS next year

If you wish your child(ren) to participate, please download and fill in the attached permission slip and return to the Library by Friday 5th December. Hard copies of this form will be available from the school office or the library.

When permission has been received, your children may borrow up to 10 books each during Monday and Wednesday lunchtimes in Week 10. (8th – 12th December). If you would like to choose for them, or help them make their choices, the Library will also be open on Monday 8th and Wednesday 10th December, from 2:45 to 3:15pm.

These books will need to be returned by the second week of school in 2026. Please try to keep them together so that it is an easy job to locate them for their return. They could be kept in the bag provided by you!

Summer Holiday Reading Challenge :

Take a photo of someone reading in an interesting place! Up a tree..? In a tent..?

Where else could be fun? (P.S. It should be a real person!)

Email these to me, and I'll make a display in February!

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 [Summer Reading Permission Slip, 2025](#)



**Our family would love to be part of the
Emmanuel Christian School Library
Summer Reading Programme**



Family Name: _____ **HH** _____

Child(ren)

Name: _____ **2024 Class** _____

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- **Yes, our family would like to borrow up to 10 books per child, from the Library.**
- **Yes, I will provide a strong bag with sturdy handles to carry the books to and from school.**
- **Yes, I will take responsibility to care for the books and return them in good condition by the end of the first week of Term 1, 2025.**
- **Yes, I understand that I will be charged if a book is lost or damaged.**

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____

Contact email / mobile: _____

Please return this form to the Library by Friday 6th December, 2024.

Please note: the Library will be open after school until 3:15pm on Monday 9th and Wednesday 11th so parents may help their children choose their books. Or students may come and borrow books during Monday, Wednesday and Friday lunchtimes.

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