



In the Eagle this week:

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From the Executive Teacher

I am so determined to get my work completed that I hardly notice the incredible speeches going on in the room next door.

The sound of our future leaders finally brings me into the present and I begin to reflect on how many of us are rushing to meet deadlines and stressing about the possibility of not completing our additional Christmas goals. I look at my ever-growing list of tasks and shortening deadlines; my heartrate raises a few beats but then I wonder how those prospective year six leaders are feeling. After working hard to write a speech that will enthrall their audience and offer grandiose visions for 2018, they are now experiencing the nerves and stress of presenting to a group. Their anxiousness compounded by the pressures applied during this time of the year; possible class and teacher changes, end of year concerts, friends leaving, the prospect of seven weeks away from school. All stressful entities on their own yet they continue with their tasks in a way that suggests it is not stressful at all.

At this time of year, we can all be absorbed by our own tasks and stress that we lose sight of the fact that those around us are feeling the same way. So while we rush around finding things to give others, finish reading reports, order food for Christmas lunch or a multitude of other tasks, I ask you to take a break as well.



1 December 2017

Monday 4 December

School Banking
School Concert – Technical Rehearsal

Tuesday 5 December

School Concert – Dress Rehearsal

Wednesday 6 December

School Concert – Matinee Performance – 11am

Thursday 7 December

Canteen Closed

Breakfast Club 8.30am-9.00am
School Concert – Evening Performance – 6pm

Friday 8 December

Canteen Closed

Important dates to come

12 December 2017

2018 Year 3/4 Camp and Year 5/6 Camp – notes and payments due

14 December 2017

Year 6 Graduation Assembly, Dinner, and Disco

15 December 2017

Year 6 Farewell Assembly – 2.10pm
Last Day – Term 4

Term 1 2018

Monday 5 February

First day Kindergarten, new students and Preschool – M/T groups

Tuesday 6 February

First day Years 1-6

Thursday 8 February

First day Preschool T/F group



At Evatt, we call it mindfulness. The most common practice for mindfulness is to sit quietly for several minutes placing the attention of the mind on the flow of your breath. However, the goal of mindfulness is to distract your mind from its stresses. As such, any activity that supports your mind to relax (intense physical activity, reading, a puzzle or having a bath) is considered mindfulness. A growing body of research shows that mindfulness can reduce stress, depression and anxiety and can improve attention and self-regulation (our ability to control our thoughts, actions and emotions). By finding a few moments to support your own mindset, it will be easier to find a few moments to consider someone else's. Christmas is all about giving, right?

So, while I whittle away, I congratulate those next door presenting their speeches and consider how we can help their stress level. Perhaps, by supporting a 'growth mindset' and mindfulness opportunities, we already have.

Look out for each other, it's a busy time for all.

Johnathan Price

3/4 Team Leader

Leaving/Moving Schools

The executive staff are working hard to compose classes, and finalise staffing for 2018. If you are planning on leaving our school at the end of this year, can you please notify the school on info@evattps.act.edu.au. Please note that we do not need notice for our current year 6 students. Advance notice of any potential changes to our enrolments, help us to better plan for the new year.

Flying Highs

Cody- Planet Protectors: You are a confident and determined student who strives to see things through. This year you have learnt about the expectations that we have in kindergarten and are doing your best to meet those expectations. You have a great sense of humour and are willing to show consideration for those students who may be upset. You are willing to show me what you know when it's just us, but I would love for you to be able to show the rest of the class what you can do as well. Keep aiming to be the best that you can be. You have plenty to share. Mrs Fleming

Virginia – Planet Protectors: You are continuing to demonstrate your ability to focus on tasks. Your knowledge and understanding of the world astonishes me. Your passion for science has seen you create some imaginative STEM challenges and it has been lovely to see you continue this into box construction on a Monday afternoon. You are able to reflect on your creation and make improvements as needed. This is sensational. Transfer this into your writing and you will be producing quality pieces as you move into year 1. Keep your focus, Virginia, you have a lot to offer Evatt School. Mrs Fleming

Ella – Planet Protectors: Sometimes it takes a little while for us to see your smile when you arrive at school. But when we do, it's amazing to watch you join in with classroom activities and apply yourself to reading and writing tasks. You should be very proud. You are a considerate class member who is always looking after your friends, making sure they know you are there for them when they need it. I know this is appreciated. You are an incredible learner who keeps having a go. Keep it up! Mrs Fleming



Magellan

Magellan is a program that provides gifted and talented students with an opportunity to extend their knowledge in maths and science. Every Friday we would go to Melba Copland High School and are provided with experience to extend our knowledge. At the end of each semester we would all go on an academic based excursion. In semester one went to The Ian Potter Foundation Technology Learning Centre and in semester two we went to the botanical gardens and we went water bug fishing.

At Magellan we are taught by Melba Copland teachers, university students and doctors from the ANU. They give a hands on opportunity to learn in a different environment and learn new concepts involving maths and science.

In science, we constructed watermills out of recycled materials that generated energy. In groups of 3 or 4 we worked together to build these watermills. We had to be creative and use teamwork to complete this task. For semester 2 we built water filters and in weeks 8 and 9 we had been given a country and some money to make a water filter. We were given instructions but the country's instructions were in code (apart from Australia's) so we would pay other countries for their information, materials or instructions.

In maths, we had two different university students teaching us: Abby and Swen; though Abby just slept on a couch. We got the opportunity to learn and practice a wide variety of new and complicated concepts revolving around maths. In first semester we learnt about square numbers and Pascal's triangle. In the second semester, the majority of our focus revolved around coding different messages.

By Siobhan, Rachel W, Hamish, Tayley, Jessica, Ella, and Charlotte



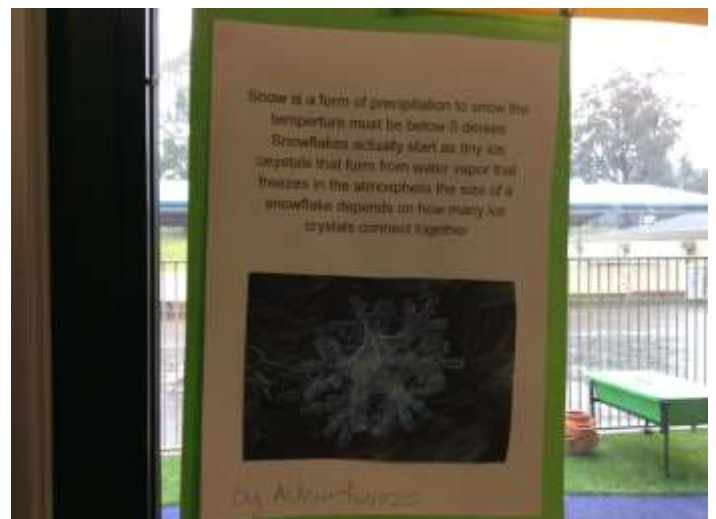
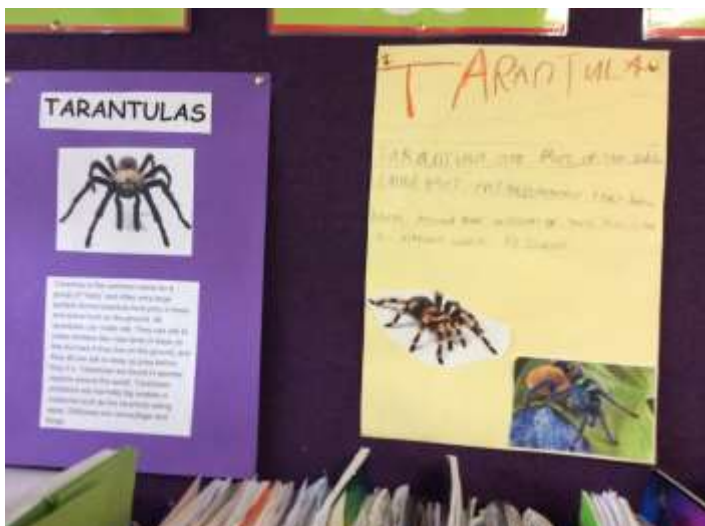
News from the Weedy Seadragons

Since the beginning of the year, students in Weedy Seadragons class have worked weekly on their Passion Projects. Passion Projects are a wonderful part of inquiry based learning. These inquiries are a way of engaging students to take responsibility for their own learning. During this inquiry, students were encouraged to choose their own path based on an identified passion, something they love or would love to know more about. Students were lead through activities to help identify their interests and then set goals and



ask questions to help them begin on their individual inquiries. They researched a variety of subjects, from animals, countries, computer games to some areas of physics, geography and many more. Through participation in the Projects, the students broadened their knowledge, improved research skills, learned the importance of presentation of their work and further developed keyboard skills. A great outcome for all!

Weedy Seadragons and Gosia Citowicki



Concert News

Date	Monday 4 December	Tuesday 5 December	Wednesday 6 December	Thursday 7 December
Activity	Technical rehearsal Ensemble cast and technical crew 10am – 2pm	Dress rehearsal Preschool to Year 6 10am – 2pm	Matinee performance Preschool to year 6 11am – 1pm	Evening performance Kindergarten to year 6, 5pm students arrive at MCSS Performance 6pm – 8pm

Costumes

All students in the school are asked to supply their own base costumes which are a white t-shirt (short sleeve polo preferred) for the boys, black t-shirt (short sleeve polo preferred) for the girls and black pants for both boys and girls. The t-shirts can be purchased from Kmart (\$6.00), Target (\$5.00) or Big W (\$7.00). Please ensure these items are labelled with student names and come to school in a sturdy plastic bag that is also labelled. These are able to be collected by classroom teachers from now until the end of week 8. All other costumes will be fashioned over the top of these base costumes. We will be seeking parental help with other costuming preparation shortly so if you can help please email barbara.todd@ed.act.edu.au and I will pass your name along to our costume team.



Canteen News

Canteen is closed for Weeks 8, 9 and 10.

Thanks for a great year.

Tracy, Canteen Manager

P&C News

End of year raffle

Please have tickets and money back to school no later than Monday 4 December. Raffle will be drawn at evening performance of Mystery of Magpie Manor.

Tickets for School Concert

Matinee – 6 December 2017 – 11am – 1pm

Evening – 7 December 2017 – 6pm – 8pm

Please contact Dani, Narelle or Jo at the front office on 6142 1640 or info@evattps.act.edu.au to reserve your seats for either the Matinee or Evening performance. (please note: Preschool will only be performing in the matinee session)



Tickets will be sent home the week beginning 4 December. There is a limited amount of seating, so tickets are limited to 2 per family in the first instance.

A waiting list will be kept if spares are available. Please get your ticket order in early to avoid disappointment. No pre-payment required, just a gold coin donation at the performance would be appreciated.

Voluntary Contribution And Stationery

In a very competitive market, this year we have acquired an excellent deal with the stationery providers if we buy in bulk for all students. We hope that paying for the supplies from school will save you time and money. An amount of \$70 per student will cover these costs for the year. To ensure this special price there is no option to select some items and not others.

The payment of voluntary contributions is extremely valuable for ensuring that the school can provide many of the other resources needed at school. We ask that you also select to pay this. There are discounted amounts for families with 2, 3, or more children, and payment can be made upfront or in instalments by electronic transfer or by cash. If you nominate your voluntary contribution to the library fund this amount is tax deductible.

A link to the payment forms is provided in the Notes section later in this newsletter.

End Of Year – Finance Arrangements

Please note: Receipting for cash/cheque/eftpos payments will close Wednesday 13 December 2017, at 3.00pm. Payments made after this date, can only be completed via Direct Debit.

For Direct Debit payment:

Account Name: Evatt Primary School Management Account
BSB: 032777
Account number: 001244
Reference: <your child's surname> <Excursion name>





Permission Note, Student Agreement and Payment for the 2018 Year 3/4 and 5/6 camps are due by:

Tuesday 12 December 2017.

The school will incur significant penalties by the provider if any changes are made to our numbers, therefore students will not be able to attend camp if full payment is not finalised.

Notes Due:

***PLEASE NOTE:** Paper notes are sent home on Wednesdays. Copies can be accessed at the following links*

BYOT Information Sheet

http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0003/406821/letter_to_year_3_-_6_parents_re_BYOT.pdf

Year 4/5 – 2018 Cooba Outdoor Pursuit Camp – Year 5/6

Due: 12 December 2017

http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0007/407797/Cooba_Camp_Year_5_and_6_2018.pdf

Year 2/3 – 2018 Warrambui Retreat Camp – Year 3/4

Due: 12 December 2017

http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0008/407798/Warrambui_camp_2018.pdf

2018 – Voluntary Contributions and Stationery Contribution K-6

http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0019/409060/2018_Vol_Cons_and_Stationery.pdf

2018 – Preschool – Voluntary Contributions and Arts and Craft Contribution

http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0020/409061/2018_Vol_Cons_and_Craft_Supplies_-_preschool.pdf

2018 Japanese Host Families needed

http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0009/409365/2018_Host_Families_Needed.pdf

Christmas Musical Ticket Info

http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0003/410259/Tickets_note.pdf

Christmas Musical Travel – Senior/ANTS

http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0013/410260/Musical_-_walking.pdf

Christmas Musical Travel – Junior/ANTS

http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0014/410261/Musical_-_bus_travel.pdf

Another Chance Op Shop

Ross Smith Cres, Scullin shops

will have HALF PRICE on the entire store from

Monday 11 – Saturday 16 December,

as our gift to customers.

Thank you for shopping with us in 2017.

We close on 16/12 and will re-open on

Monday 29 January 2018

– giving all our volunteers a well earned break.

Another Chance is a project of Mosaic Baptist Church.

Like our Facebook page for regular updates.

Term 4 – 2017

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9	4 School Banking School Concert – Technical Rehearsal	5 School Concert – Full Dress Rehearsal	6 School Concert – Matinee 11.00am	7 Canteen Closed Breakfast Club 8.30am- 9.00am School Concert – Evening 6.00pm	8 Canteen Closed
10	11 School Banking	12 Yr 5/6 – 2018 Camp Cooba – note and payment due Year 3/4 – 2018 Camp Warrambui – note and payment due	13	14 Canteen Closed Yr 6 Graduation Assembly, Dinner and Disco	15 Canteen Closed Assembly: 2.10pm – Farewell Year 6 Last day of Term 4

Term 1 – 2018

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	5 Feb First day – Kindergarten, new students and Preschool – Mon/Tue group School Banking	6 First Day – Year 1-6 School Banking	7	8 Canteen Closed First Day – Preschool Thur/Fri group	9 Canteen Closed
2	12 School Banking	13	14 Year 3/4 Camp Warrambui	15 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am- 9.00am	16 Canteen Open Assembly: 2.10pm
3	19 School Banking	20	21	22 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am- 9.00am	23 Canteen Open FIZZICS Ed Science Show 1.45pm
4	26 School Banking	27	28 Year 5/6 Camp Cooba	Mar 1 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am- 9.00am	2 Canteen Open Assembly: 2.10pm
5	5 School Banking	6	7	8 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am- 9.00am	9 Canteen Open
6	10 School Banking	11	12	13 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am- 9.00am	14 Canteen Open Assembly: 2.10pm
7 Hockey Clinics	15 School Banking	16	17	18 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am- 9.00am	19 Canteen Open
8 Hockey Clinics	22 School Banking	23	24	25 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am- 9.00am	26 Canteen Open Assembly: 2.10pm

SCHOOL PAYMENT DETAILS:

EFTPOS: Visit the front office in person, ring the front office and pay over the phone (Mastercard/Visa only).

Direct Transfer: Evatt Primary School Management Account, BSB: 032777, Account number: 001244, Reference field: 'child/family name' & 'excursion/payment name'



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