



From the Principal

In the Eagle this week:

- **New Strategic Plan**
- **Change to Music**
- **SRC Fundraiser**
- **Yr 5/6 Transition Support**
- **RTI Program**
- **Learning Journey 20 Sept**
- **Lost Property**
- **STEM Focus**
- **Sports News**
- **Flying Highs**

I don't know about you, but I am looking forward to Spring! Whilst I don't mind the cold, I am looking forward to warmer weather and our students and staff not being so unwell.

You may have heard/read in the media about the launch of the Education Directorate's new strategic plan for 2018-2021. There are five key goals. They are:

- Schools where students love to learn
- Investing in early childhood
- Evidence informed decision making
- Having a learning culture and
- Building a united leadership team.

I believe at Evatt that we have developed a school where students do love to learn. Our mantra is that students are at school to learn and teachers are expected to teach. Over my time as principal of this school,

we have continued to strive to continually improve. One of the ways we have done this is by ensuring that students have a voice. A recent example of this is students have recently voted on changing the music that defines our day. Also, the Student Representative Council (SRC) voted to have a fundraiser for our drought stricken farmers.

Our year 5/6 teachers are working with our secondary colleagues on transition support. Some of our students appreciate many visits so that they feel more aware of the routines of secondary schools and what they need to do to ensure that their transition to the next stage of their schooling is successful. Some students feel quite relaxed about this next phase, others not so. There is not a one size fits all, so our teachers work with the secondary schools to plan for success.

The Response to Intervention (RTI) Program that predominantly runs for our younger students means that we are attempting to be proactive in responding to the learning needs of our students. Many of you have met with Mrs Shaddock and Mrs Parker to discuss your child's needs. Many of you have met with our school psychologist, Mrs Proctor, to discuss any concerns you have about your child.

Teachers are continually learning! We are life-long learners. Some of this learning is focused on managing students with complex needs and behaviours. An example of this is the TRUST training that we completed in 2016. New educators to our school are also trained in trauma sensitive practices.

31 August 2018

Monday 3 September

Tuesday 4 September

Wednesday 5 September

School Banking
ACT Japanese Day @ Evatt
K-2 Swimming note due
Engineering Games – Selected students

Thursday 6 September

Canteen Open
Breakfast Club: 8.30am – 9.00am

Friday 7 September

Canteen Open
Year 1/2 Excursion – St John's
School House Museum and NCE

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the Back Page***



Some of Evatt's students do have complex needs that we need to be supportive of - professional learning helps us understand how to best support and continually reflect on our practice.

If we do all of these things well, then we are setting students up for success. We hope that you have locked in our 2018 Learning Journey in your diary, Thursday 20 September from 8:30–10:00am, so that you can see first-hand what learning your child has accomplished this year so far.

Lost Property

Our lost property buckets are overflowing. It was discussed at P&C this week about missing items of clothing and where they are stored. My office staff and I have delivered many items in the last week that have names on them.

On Learning Journey morning, we will have items grouped in big bags near the front office. Please take some time to find your child's missing items on that morning. At the end of term, all unclaimed, unmarked items will be given to charity.

Also on that morning, we will be seeking your opinion about the significant focus on STEM this year. We value your thoughts and opinions, so please also stop and take a few minutes to share your thoughts. Your feedback will help us to reflect on our practices and evaluate the impact of our innovation in this area.

Have a wonderful weekend, ***Susan***

Sue Geh & Jamie Pearlman Basketball (Cont. page 4)



Learn to Swim Program

Thank you to those parents who have already returned their permission notes, medical forms and payments for the Learn to Swim Program happening from 17 September to 28 September at the AIS. If you haven't already done so, please ensure notes are returned and payment is made by **Wednesday 5 September**.

School Sport ACT - Belconnen Track and Field Carnival

On Tuesday 28 August, Mr Nicholson and I took 41 athletes from Evatt School to the Belconnen Region School Sport ACT Track and Field Carnival. The weather was beautiful and our children competed enthusiastically, with many improving times and distances they recorded at our school carnival.

I would like especially thank Owen Heness and Philip Harry for completing our school's volunteer duties by assisting at the long jump pit. A massive congratulations to Josh and Richard for being selected to represent the Belconnen District at the ACT School Sport Track and Field carnival on Tuesday 18 September at Woden Park. Congratulation to the following students for receiving an incredible top 10 finish:

Josh	800m	First
	200m	Fourth
	100m	Seventh
	Long Jump	Eighth
Richard	100m	Fourth
	70m	Sixth
Gwen	Long Jump	Seventh
Maddison B	Discus	Seventh
Jamie	100m	Fifth
	200m	Eighth
Dylan	100m	Ninth
Harry	200m	Ninth
	Long Jump	Tenth
Aaron	800m	Ninth
Michael	800m	Tenth

Thank you to all the parents and grandparents who helped support the team in the grandstand. Mr Nicholson and Mrs Martin would like to congratulate all the students on their terrific behaviour and outstanding sportsmanship.

Belconnen Schools Athletics Team Challenge

Congratulations to the students who received a note indicating that they will be participating in the Belconnen Schools Athletics Team Challenge on Saturday 15 September. When more information comes to hand I will pass it on.

<http://www.ginninderra.com/development/schools/school-athletics-team-challenge/>

Jump Rope for Heart

All children will be involved in the Jump Off for Jump Rope for Heart on Thursday 20 September. Please remember that if you wish your child to fundraise for the Heart Foundation you need to register your child @

www.heartfoundation.org.au/jump-rope-for-heart.

School Sport - Sport Trials

Boys and Girls 12&U ACT Softball

Jenelle Martin, Physical Education Teacher, Evatt School

Sue Geh & Jamie Pearlman Basketball

In week 5 over two days Justene, Nicole and I were lucky enough to take three 3/4 teams and four 5/6 teams to compete in the Sue Geh and Jamie Pearlman Basketball Competition over two days. Unfortunately we experienced a few organisation complications on the day. Despite this we were extremely impressed with the way in which all students represented Evatt School. We would also like to thank all parents and students for being so flexible and understanding, prior to and throughout the day. This support enabled students to fully participate in the competition. We would also like to personally thank Belinda Muller and Harry and Ella's Grandma for their support with coaching and scoring.

All students came ready for a fun and rewarding day, armed with positive attitudes and an eagerness to improve. They took on the roles of bench, learning how to score and running games. It was great to see everyone encouraging, supporting and giving 100% in every game.

On 23 August two 5/6 boys teams and two 5/6 girls teams played in their own pools against other schools, encountering some challenging teams. The teams both played two other schools and the other Evatt School team in the initial draw. In finals the Evatt teams played off against each other to earn themselves another game. The matches against each other produced some of their best basketball and resulted in their highest team scores of the day. In the second clash between the 5/6 Evatt Eagles and 5/6 Evatt Blues boys, the Evatt Eagles were victorious.

On 21 August three 3/4 teams, one boys, one mixed and one girls, competed in two pools, which saw both the boys play their rival Evatt team, the mixed team. This heated match saw the boys and girls hungry for the ball and playing their best defence and offence of the day. The girl's team had a very challenging pool and there was always a large difference in height; however they never let this get in the way of fighting for possession of the ball or attempts at scoring.

Congratulations to all of the students for demonstrating admirable sportsmanship and a wonderful attitude on the day. As each day progressed we all noted commendable efforts in the improvement of not only everyone's basketball skills but also in their ability to unite as a team.

Brianna Thomas, Nicole Linsell & Justene Crisp

Flying Highs

Congratulations to the following students, who received Flying Highs at the last assembly:

Ella - The Newtons

Evie - Ichthyologists

Will – The Archimedes



Notes Due:

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

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

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

Canteen News and Menu 2018

http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0004/414175/Canteen_News_and_menu_term_1_2018.pdf]

Special Groups Photo – order form

Due: 7 September 2018

http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0010/429706/2018_Special_Groups_order_form.pdf

Year 5/6 Science Excursion 13 September – Questacon Maker Space

Due: 10 September 2018

Evatt School – P&C Disco

All year levels

Due: on the night 21 Sept

http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0004/429196/Evatt_Disco_21-09-2018.pdf

Disco Hot Dog order

All year levels

Due: 18 September 2018

http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0005/429197/Disco_Hot_Dog_Special_21-09-2018.pdf

Evatt School Fete – Drawing Competition

Due: 18 October 2018

http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0006/429198/Evatt_School_Fete_drawing_comp_2018.pdf

Evatt School Fete - Cake Decorating Competition

Due: 18 October 2018

http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0007/429199/Cake_taste_or_decorate_competition_2018.pdf

2019

2019 - Year 3/4 Camp

Year 2 and 3

Due: 11 December 2018

http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0004/427585/Birrigai_Camp_Year_3_and_4_2019.pdf

2019 - Year 5/6 Camp

Year 4 and 5

Due: 11 December 2018

http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0007/427588/Borambola_Camp_Year_5_and_6_2019.pdf

Term 3 – 2018

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
6	27	28 Belconnen Zone Athletics Carnival Limelight Rehearsal	29 School Banking Yr 1/2 Excursion – note and payment due	30 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am- 9.00am Limelight Rehearsal & Performance	31 Canteen Open Assembly: 2.15pm – Uniform Shop – 3.00pm Limelight
7	Sept 3	4	5 School Banking ACT Japanese Day @ Evatt K-2 Swimming note due	6 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am- 9.00am	7 Canteen Open Year 1/2 Excursion – St John's School House Museum and NCE
8	10 Yr 5/6 Questacon Excursion Note Due	11	12 School Banking Maths Olympiad	13 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am- 9.00am Yr 5/6 Questacon Exc	14 Canteen Open Assembly: 2.15pm Sat 15 Sept Athletics Team Challenge
9 K/1/2 Learn to Swim	17 ←	18 ACT Athletics Be the Best You Can Be (Disability Carnival) – AIS Constable Kenny – 3/4 & 5/6 Preschool: Learning Journey and Fresh Tastes Festival of Food	19 School Banking	20 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am- 9.00am Learning Journey Jump Rope for Heart: Evatt School Jump Off 1.45pm Preschool: Learning Journey and Fresh Tastes Festival of Food	21 Canteen Open CEIS P&C Disco →
10 K/1/2 Learn to Swim	24 ←	25 Kenny Koala - Preschool	26 School Banking MCSS Yr 5 Transition Morning	27 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am- 9.00am Kenny Koala - Preschool	28 Canteen Open Assembly: 2.15pm – Kinder →

Term 4 – 2018

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	Oct 15	16	17 School Banking	18 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am- 9.00am	19 Canteen Open
2	22	23	24 School Banking	25 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am- 9.00am	26 Canteen Open Assembly: 2.15pm
3	29	30 Dreamcricket Gala Day	31 School Banking	Nov 1 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am- 9.00am	2 Canteen Open
4	5	6	7 School Banking	8 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am- 9.00am	9 Canteen Open Assembly: 2.15pm
5	12	13	14 School Banking	15 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am- 9.00am	16 Canteen Open

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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