



## From the Principal

Welcome and welcome back to all families to the 2018 school year. What a wonderful week we have had. Staff spent week 0 in professional learning – there was lots of serious learning but lots of laughter and bonding as a staff. We have two new members of staff so I feel that we are continuing to build our wonderful school. We welcome Mrs Zimmer, one of our new Executive teachers previously from Harrison School, who is leading our school in developing our understanding of STEM - Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths and will help us to write a school scope and sequence chart. Later in the newsletter you can read a short piece from Mrs Zimmer. Another new member of staff is Mrs Felicity Toohey, who is an experienced teacher who has come from Black Mountain School and we welcome back Mrs Anne Brennan, Ms Amanda Cooke, Ms Margo Letton and Mrs Rosie Urosevic. We also welcome Mr Brad Spence, our new Building Services Officer who has replaced Mr Alex Cairns who retired at the end of the year.

We also have lots of new students not only in Kindy and preschool but across all years- so welcome to all our new staff and students to our school. I look forward to another successful year of teaching and learning.

There are a few administrative tasks that I would like to draw your attention to.

### MEETING WITH TEACHERS

We have changed our professional learning and team meeting days this year. Teachers are unavailable to meet with you on those afternoons. However, please phone or call into the office to make an appointment. Our school is welcoming and teachers are happy to meet with you if you have a concern, but I ask that you respect their professional times outside of the classroom.

### SCHOOL ENTRANCES

Thank you everyone for remembering the entrances into the school. The gates are opened at 8:40 and 2:40 every day to allow a smooth flow into and out of the school. Please continue to use the entrances closest to your child's classroom. You may have noticed the construction of a path from McClure Street down past the preschool and towards the Kindergarten end of the school. This is an ACT Government project to enable more students to walk, ride and scoot to school.

### *In the Eagle this week:*

- **Welcome to Evatt School**
- **New Executive Teacher**
- **BYOT and STEM**
- **National Dress for Jacob Day**
- **Sport News**
- **School Interviews**
- **School Board Election**

## 9 February 2018

### **Monday 12 February 2018**

School Banking

### **Tuesday 13 February 2018**

School Banking

### **Wednesday 14 February 2018**

Year 3/4 Camp Warrambui

### **Thursday 15 February 2018**

Canteen Open

Year 3/4 Camp Warrambui

### **Friday 16 February 2018**

Canteen Open

Year 3/4 Camp Warrambui

Assembly: 2.15pm



## PARENT TEACHER GET TO KNOW YOU INTERVIEWS

Our Get to Know You interviews will be held in week 3. You should have received information about booking your time to see your child's teacher on Wednesday. Bookings will open at 9 am this coming Monday, February 12. If you need help to make a booking, please contact the school office and they can assist you. Our long day this year for interviews is Tuesday in line with our professional learning day.

## BYOT-Bring Your Own Technology

Students in years 3 -6 are able to bring their own technology into school for their personal use. An Acceptable Use and Policy document has gone home to all these students. Once this document is co-signed by student, parents and staff, students may use their device in the classroom to support their learning.

## SEESAW

Today you will also receive information the use of SeeSaw. There will no longer be paper portfolios. Exemplary examples of your child's work will be stored electronically that only you can see. Information about storage and security of your child's identity is included in the separate note. Our last year's Kindergarten staff and students trialled the use of SeeSaw very successfully. Parents have commented that it is a great way of keeping up to date with their child's learning and provides great conversation starters.

## GAFE (Google Apps for Education) WORKSHOP WEEK 5

Many parents have asked that we run a workshop to explain the use of GAFE in our classrooms. Please save the date in your diary: Week 5, Wednesday March 7 as the time for a parent workshop. We will provide further details later, but at this point we will probably run two – one in the morning and one late afternoon to try to meet your needs.

## PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

Just a quick reminder that students are not able to play on the equipment before school as staff supervision is limited to the Barnyard hard surface area only. Thank you for supporting us with this safety rule.

## FOOD ALLERGIES

Finally from me this week please please please do NOT send your child to school with **Nutella** or **peanut butter** sandwiches. These are obviously nut products- we are a **nut free** school and have many students who have a serious allergy to nuts.

Have a great weekend everyone.

*Susan Skinner*

## *STEM News*

### AN INTRODUCTION FROM THE NEWEST MEMBER OF OUR EXECUTIVE TEAM

My name is Nicole Zimmer and I have taken up the role of executive teacher with the exciting responsibility of leading the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) implementation and the 3/4 team at Evatt School.

A little bit about myself; I am married and have a nineteen year old daughter. In my time of leisure I enjoy reading, cooking, going to the gym, bike riding, travelling with my family and dinners or coffees with friends.

One of the main reasons for applying for this position was the prospect of leading the STEM implementation at Evatt School. In previous positions I have been leading the inquiry learning processes



which is the recommended pedagogical framework used to teach STEM skills.

STEM is a key focus at Evatt School in 2018 and beyond. As part of the new Evatt Strategic Plan, a 5 year timeline will outline the implementation process. Ahead of us we have the exciting adventure of developing a STEM program for Evatt School. Currently we are in the process of compiling a STEM team and would love to have parent input in this process.

**Rationale:** In 2018 the STEM release program at Evatt School links into the Primary Connections program that is taught by classroom teachers. The key focus of the program is on developing students **STEM skills** as outlined in the general capabilities of the Australian Curriculum (Critical and Creative Thinking learning continuum & Personal and Social Capability learning continuum).

They include:

- Creative and critical thinking skills
- Inquiring – identifying, exploring and organising information and ideas
- Generating ideas, possibilities and actions
- Reflecting on thinking and processes
- Analysing, synthesising and evaluating reasoning and procedures
- Social awareness
- Social management

This provides opportunities for students to develop an understanding of important concepts and process, the practices used to develop scientific knowledge, the contribution of science, technology, engineering and mathematics to culture and society, how the subjects are interconnected and their applications in real life situations. The program supports students to develop the scientific knowledge, understanding and skills to make informed decisions about local, national and global issues.

Please contact me if you are interested in joining the STEM team or if you have any questions.

Email: [nicole.zimmer@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:nicole.zimmer@ed.act.edu.au)

Ph: 02 61421640

**Nicole Zimmer**

## 'National Dress' for Jacob Day

*Jacob is a teacher at a school in Belconnen and over the holidays he took his family back home to Japan to see the extended family. Before boarding the flight back to Australia he suffered a brain aneurysm. After three operations he is still in hospital and is now on a very long journey of recovery.*

*Unfortunately the family didn't have travel insurance and they are now facing enormous medical bills. The family has set up a GoFundMe page asking people to assist them during this time. As a school we have decided to have a 'National Dress' for Jacob day on Wednesday 21 February where children are invited to wear their National Dress (or one from another country) and give a gold coin donation.*



## **Evatt School Swimming Carnival**

On Friday March 9 Evatt School will relocate to the Gungahlin Leisure Centre for our swimming carnival. The children in Kindergarten, Year 1, K/1/2 ANTS and 3/4 ANTS team will rotate through water activities and novelty games. The children in years 2 to 6 and 5/6 ANTS will participate in the swimming carnival which will include freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke and butterfly races as well a 25 metre race where the children simply need to swim to the middle of the pool using any stroke they want. After the carnival the children will move through the same activity rotation as the younger children.



A note containing further information, a permission slip and a medical form will be going home in week 2. Please return these notes as soon as possible.

If there are any parents who would like to assist at the carnival could you please email me at [jenelle.martin@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:jenelle.martin@ed.act.edu.au). Parents please note that if you are not assisting at the carnival you will need to pay an entry fee.

All activities for children in K, 1, K/1/2 ANTS and 3/4 ANTS will be undertaken in water below waist height. Children in year 2 – 6 and 5/6 ANTS will only be able to go in water above the level of their waist if they pass the Royal Life Saving Society Survival Challenge Proficiency Test. This will be conducted before the carnival begins. If you would like to know more about this assessment, or you would like to watch it with your child, here is the link - [http://www.sports.det.nsw.edu.au/spguide/aquatic\\_activity/dvd.php](http://www.sports.det.nsw.edu.au/spguide/aquatic_activity/dvd.php).

## **12yrs & Under Zone Sport Team Trials**

Please remember that to register for any School Sport ACT event you will need to register your child online. If you haven't previously done so the registration process is outlined below for you.

All sport trial information can be found on the School Sport ACT website ([www.schoolsportact.asn.au](http://www.schoolsportact.asn.au)). As a school we will continue to try to ensure that dates of trials are advertised in the newsletter, as well as information sheets handed out to interested children. We also encourage parents to look at this site regularly for trial notices.

### **Registration Process**

School Sport ACT now collects all registration information online – this is to prevent the movement to and fro of a paper note and have all information readily available to officials prior to the trial. As this process incurs a fee for data storage, system maintenance and admin a small \$3 fee payment via credit card will be required.

1. Go to the School Sport ACT website – [www.schoolsportact.asn.au](http://www.schoolsportact.asn.au)
2. Click Register (top right corner of homepage) for an account – enter parent details and password
3. A confirmation email will be sent to your chosen email that will contain a link that you must click on to verify the email account
4. Click Log In (top right hand corner of home page) enter password then click on top tab My Profile
5. You will see a 'dashboard' of your information, click green box to Add Student – enter student and medical details and save

6. Go to the Sports tab – choose your specific sport, click on Trial Information then click on the Register to Trial link.
7. Select your child's name from the dropdown box and then enter the optional fields for playing history, preferred position (if applicable) and representative experience
8. Make the \$3 credit card payment then click to register
9. An automated email will then be sent to your Principal/School Approver for their approval to trial (no need to take anything to school for the Principal to sign)
10. You will be able to see the process has been complete back in My Profile – once your Principal/School Approver has completed the approval process your child's information will be collated onto a list for the team manager and coach prior to trial.
11. Note the registration process closes two days before the first trial date to allow sufficient time for approval and sharing of collated information.

### ***Semester 1 SSACT (School Sport ACT) Carnivals***

#### **Term 1**

27 March Belconnen 12&U Swimming Carnival

#### **Term 2**

3 May ACT 12&U Tennis  
 7 May ACT 12&U Swimming Carnival  
 10 May ACT 12&U Rugby League  
 31 May Belconnen 12&U Cross Country Carnival  
 5 June ACT 12&U Touch  
 7 June ACT 12&U AFL  
 13 June ACT 12&U Cross Country  
 14 June ACT 12&U Netball  
 22 June ACT 12&U Hockey  
 27 June ACT 12&U Football

**Jenelle Martin**

Evatt Sports Coordinator



## Book School Interviews Online

Dear parents and carers

From Monday 12 February from 9:00a.m you can book interviews at times that suit **YOUR FAMILY BEST**. Go to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au), enter the school event code relevant for your student, and then follow the three simple steps.



Interviews For Preschool → Year 6 held:

**Monday 19 February to Friday 23 February**



When you click **finish**, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically - **check your junk mail folder** if you do not receive your email immediately.

You can return to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) at any time, and change your interviews - until bookings close.

For parents that don't have access to the internet at home, at work, at a friend's house or on their phones, bookings will be assisted at the Front Office from Monday 12 – Thursday 15 February.

Interviews are strictly 10mins and spaces are limited. If you require more time, please contact your child's teacher directly to make alternative arrangements. Students in our Learning Support units will not be having get to know you meetings as they will have an ILP meeting. ILP meetings are one hour long and school staff will be in touch to organise an appropriate time.

Parents can change their interview bookings, any time prior to the closing date, by re-visiting the [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) website and using the event code. Remember to use the same name and email address you used when you made your original booking. Parents wishing to change their interview times after the closing date should contact the school directly on: 6142 1641.

We would love to hear what you think about online booking. If you get time, click on the 'contact us' button on the [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) website and leave some feedback, anonymously if you wish, but please include the school's name and suburb.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Bookings close Friday 16 February at 3pm for all students.

Please make sure your booking is made prior to this time so teachers are able to adequately plan for the interview the following week.

# Evatt Primary School Board Elections

Becoming a member of the Evatt School Board provides a great opportunity for you to participate in your school. Board members learn all about the governance of schools, the way the ACT Department of Education operates, and participate in all policy and decision making, including the financial operations. The Board is there to support the Principal in the overall running of the school. The meetings are informative and enjoyable. Boards are requested to meet four times per year. Please consider nominating for this important role. The Department provides training for new members and the meeting time is negotiated each year.

If you are keen to contribute to the governance of our terrific school, please nominate for a position on the school board. No prior experience is necessary. Next year there will be 2 parent and citizen positions, and 1 staff member position becoming vacant.

For more information, contact the Assistant Returning Officer, Dani Castley, on 6142 1640 (during school hours).

**Stressed about back to school costs?  
Make next year different.**



**Saver Plus will match your savings for school costs, dollar for dollar, up to \$500.**

To join Saver Plus, you must have a Centrelink Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, be at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner), and have a child at school or attend vocational education yourself.

-  laptops & tablets
-  camps & excursions
-  uniforms & shoes
-  lessons & activities
-  sports fees & gear
-  books & supplies

**Contact**  
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your local Saver Plus  
Coordinator

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thesmithfamily.com.au

**Web**  
[www.saverplus.org.au](http://www.saverplus.org.au)



## 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](http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0003/406821/letter_to_year_3_-_6_parents_re_BYOT.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](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](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](http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0009/409365/2018_Host_Families_Needed.pdf)

## Uniform Shop

*Shop for a school uniform from the comfort of your own home!*

School uniforms are available for order through the P&C Uniform shop at any time. Please fill in an order form and return to the front office, or email to [krystacordina@gmail.com](mailto:krystacordina@gmail.com). Payment options include cash or direct deposit into the P&C account. Once payment is made, uniforms will be delivered to your child's classroom.

Polo shirts	\$22
Long sleeved shirts	\$25
Hats	\$10

Second hand uniforms will be available for purchase (gold coin donation) on Friday 16 February 3:00pm (after assembly).

To purchase, please fill in order form and return to the front office or email to [krystacordina@gmail.com](mailto:krystacordina@gmail.com)  
[http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0006/408381/Uniform\\_information\\_2017.pdf](http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0006/408381/Uniform_information_2017.pdf)

For orders to be filled for the start of the 2018 school year, email orders to [krystacordina@gmail.com](mailto:krystacordina@gmail.com). Payments must be made to the P&C bank account by 2 February 2018.

Please contact Krysta on 0432 493 074 with any queries.

# Community Notices



**Questacon**

# ACCESS DAY

**11 Feb  
Sunday  
8-9am**

**Half Price Entry**

Guests on the Autism Spectrum, with their family and friends, can enjoy an exclusive quiet morning at Questacon.

All galleries open  
Quiet rooms available  
Autism awareness trained staff  
An Autism friendly live show  
20% Q Shop discount  
10% Cafe discount  
The Centre will open to public at 9am, but you are welcome to stay until 5pm.

Please register your interest at [info@questacon.edu.au](mailto:info@questacon.edu.au)

**Questacon**  
The National Science and Technology Centre



## GKR KARATE

STRONG · HUMBLE · BRAVE

**No contracts: pay as you go**

Children who train in karate are less likely to be bullied and school work and class behaviour can improve

**classes continue during school holidays**



- Build confidence
- Improve fitness
- Gain self discipline
- Learn self defence

North side classes in:  
Evatt  
Floreys  
Fraser  
Harrison  
Kaleen

Classes: all around Canberra, Goulburn, Queanbeyan, Yass

For your **Free Trial Class**

contact Wendy: 0406 375 091  
[wendy.gkr@gmail.com](mailto:wendy.gkr@gmail.com)

**GKR Karate supports Beyond Blue**  
self defence for all ages

## Kids Tennis Coaching by Tennis Canberra – Summer Season

### FREE Racquet & Playing Shirt

Join a 2018 kids tennis coaching program. All new Tennis Canberra juniors will receive a **FREE Tennis Racquet** plus the latest **New Balance ANZ Hot Shots Playing Shirt**. We run multiple sessions of varying playing levels at the same time. Consequently, siblings and friends come to tennis together! After-school & Weekend Sessions Available.

- **Information & Bookings:** [www.tenniscanberra.com.au/junior-tennis](http://www.tenniscanberra.com.au/junior-tennis)
- **Trial Session Available:** [www.tenniscanberra.com.au/try-tennis](http://www.tenniscanberra.com.au/try-tennis) (spots limited)
- **Venues:** Barton, Braddon (Merici), Dickson, Old Parliament House, Reid, Turner & Tuggeranong (Erindale)
- **Contact:** [play@tenniscanberra.com.au](mailto:play@tenniscanberra.com.au)

## Old Parliament House Tennis Club Open Day – Free Tennis Coaching Summer Tennis Party

- When: Saturday 17th
- Free Coaching: 11:45am - 12:30pm (Spots Limited)
- Open Court Session & BBQ + Serving Speed Gun: 12:30 - 2pm
- Free Coaching RSVP: [www.tenniscanberra.com.au/try-tennis](http://www.tenniscanberra.com.au/try-tennis)

## Term 1 – 2018

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>2</b>	12 School Banking	13	14 Year 3/4 Camp Warrambui 	15 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am-9.00am	16 Canteen Open Assembly: 2.15pm
<b>3</b>	19 School Banking	20	21 National Dress for Jacob Day	22 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am-9.00am	23 Canteen Open FIZZICS Ed Science Show 1.45pm
<b>4</b>	26 School Banking	27	28 Year 5/6 Camp Cooba 	Mar 1 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am-9.00am	2 Canteen Open Assembly: 2.15pm
<b>5</b>	5 School Banking	6	7	8 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am-9.00am	9 Canteen Closed Swimming Carnival 
<b>6</b>	12 Canberra Day	13 School Banking	14	15 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am-9.00am	16 Canteen Open Assembly: 2.15pm P&C Uniform Shop 3pm
<b>7</b> Hockey Clinics	19 School Banking	20	21	22 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am-9.00am	23 Canteen Open
<b>8</b> Hockey Clinics	26 School Banking	27	28	29 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am-9.00am Canteen Open Assembly: 2.15pm AquaSafe – Year 2	30 Good Friday 
<b>9</b> Hockey Clinics	April 2 Easter Monday	3 School Banking AquaSafe – Year 2	4	5 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am-9.00am	6 Canteen Open
<b>10</b> Hockey Clinics	9 School Banking	10	11	12 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am-9.00am	13 Canteen Open Assembly: 2.15pm

## Term 2 – 2018

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>1</b>	Apr 30 School Banking	May 1	2	3 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am-9.00am	4 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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