



From the Executive Teacher

Dear parents and carers,

The end of the year already, wow this year has gone by so very fast, was packed with rich learning and so much fun!

Thank You Letter for Obstacool to the P&C

FROM THE SCHOOL LEADERS.

Dear P&C,

On behalf of Evatt school students, thank you very much for organising a great (P&C) fun day last Wednesday (5 December). Obstacool was an incredible day.

We would like to thank you for putting so much effort and hard work into making a great day for everyone. We highly appreciate your effort into making our school a better place and more enjoyable for students all around Evatt. The way you always think about what would be best, and what the students would appreciate most, is admirable and our school would not be the best Evatt it is now without you.

Thank you,

Kind regards

Evatt School Leaders

Ella, Xander, Gwen and Keston



This week in the Eagle

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14 December 2018

Term 4

Monday 17 December

Moving Up Day

Tuesday 18 December

Wednesday 19 December

School Banking

Thursday 20 December

Canteen Closed: Clean-up Day –
Helpers welcome
Year 6 Graduation

Friday 21 December

Canteen Closed
Assembly: 2.15pm – Year 6
Farewell
Last Day – Term 4

**Don't forget to check
the Back Page ...**

Reports

Student reports provide students, teachers and parents with a clear and concise picture of a student's achievement and progress at a point in time. Teachers make informed and consistent decisions about student progress against the achievement standards using a variety of assessments and observations to inform their judgement. They map the student's learning against the achievement standards, and place the student on the learning continuum that best reflects the student's level of performance and progress.

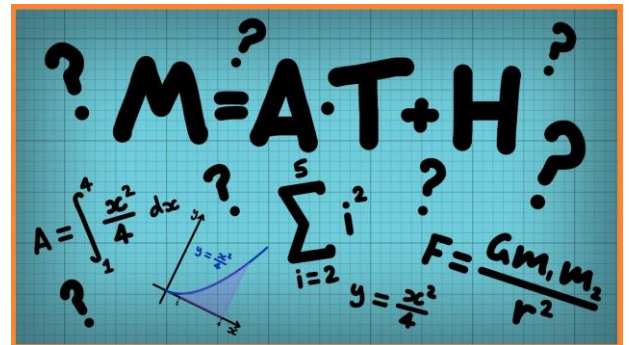


This year the Evatt Schools software was updated from Windows 7 to Windows 10 and that change created several formatting challenges for our reports. You might notice in your child's report some print looking as if it were bolded. This did not appear on the screen during proof reading, but appeared on the paper after the reports were printed. As a school that prides itself as having a strong focus on sustainability we decided to not engage in a reprint, and hope you appreciate that we did not want to reprint 330 reports involving double the use in paper.



Holidays and what is there to do?

Living in Canberra we are so very fortunate as there are so many things to do. Today I will offer you three gem suggestions.



MathsAlive! Exhibition

MathsAlive! is designed to inspire, spark the imagination and reveal not only maths at work, but the endless possibilities maths can offer. Designed for families and students, the exhibition brings to life the real math behind what kids love most—video games, sports, fashion, music, robotics, and more—and creates interactive and immersive experiences that bring to life the math at work in each, whether design, application or use.

Where and when?

NCA Commonwealth Place – East Space Gallery

Canberra, Australia

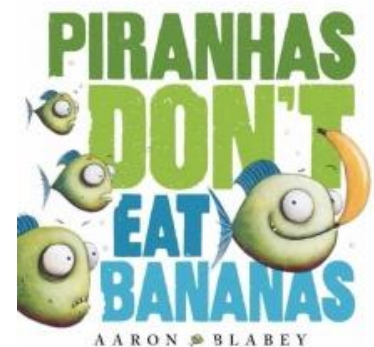
1 December 2018 – 17 March 2019

Please read more at <http://mathaliveau.wpengine.com/about-the-exhibit/>

ACT Libraries

Free school holiday crafts, storytime, LEGO & more

These school holidays, ACT Libraries are hosting a series of free programs in their libraries from Tuggeranong in the south, to Gungahlin in the north. You don't need to be a member of the library to join in these free activities - however if you live in Canberra, why not join up on the day so you can also borrow books. Programs include storytelling, crafts, LEGO building, gardening, word play and even night time storytelling in your pyjamas! Please read more at <https://www.library.act.gov.au/whats-on>



App to identify frogs in your environment

Two weeks ago I went on an absolutely brilliant professional learning session called 'Bush Blitz' and I learnt about an App that everyone can use, and I believe would make a fabulous holiday activity for the whole family.

Frog ID app

Frog ID is Australia's first national frog count to save this threatened species and everyone can get involved. Use the Frog ID app, and help scientists discover where frogs are most at risk from habitat loss, disease and climate change.

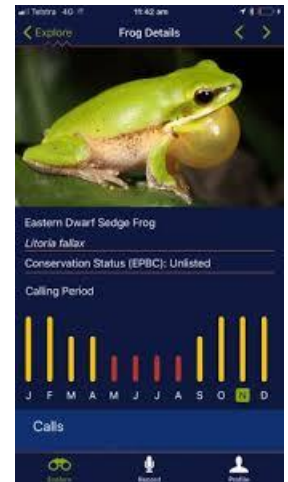
Please read more at - <https://www.frogid.net.au/>

The above three ideas are highly engaging, involve learning, even supporting scientists, and are free.

Wishing you all a fantastic summer break, stay safe and enjoy lots of fun exploring Canberra's many activities to engage in.

Nicole Zimmer

Executive Teacher/ 3/4Team Leader /STEM Coordinator



Evatt 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. 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 1 parent and citizen position becoming vacant.

More information regarding nominations will follow early next year. For more information, contact the Assistant Returning Officer, Dani Castley, on 6142 1640 (during school hours).

Medication

Medicines and asthma puffers stored in the front office need to be collected on or before close of business on Friday 21 December 2018. These items will go out of date by the start of next year and so will need to be replenished. Please note that if your child has an asthma puffer or prescription medication to take next year, you will need to complete an Action Plan or Authorisation to Administer Medication, ready for 2019. Uncollected medications will be delivered to the chemist for secure disposal.

Climate Change Readiness

Did you know that taking 20 minutes to chat about your family's bushfire survival plan could save their lives as well as your home? Take the Climate Ready quizzes to see how prepared your family is for bushfires, heatwaves, severe storms and droughts. Get informative tips and advice on how you can take action and get prepared for extreme weather events. Complete all four quizzes for a chance to WIN \$1,000. Terms and Conditions apply. Competition closes 31 January 2019. Visit <https://www.environment.act.gov.au> and get Climate Ready today!



P&C – Change of Bank Details

Please note the change of bank details and update your payee list for online banking. Please make sure you add a name and reference to each deposit or your payment may be missed.

Evatt School	BSB: 032 777	A/C: 001244
Evatt School P&C	BSB: 801 009	A/C: 100043522
Evatt School Canteen	BSB: 801 009	A/C: 100043523

Please make sure when doing a direct transfer, that you select the right account for where payment is due to go: School, P&C or Canteen. Each entity is a separate account.

Notes Due:

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

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]

2019 Voluntary Contributions and Stationery Contribution Years PS – 5

http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0007/390742/2019_Vol_Cons_and_Stationery.pdf

2019 Voluntary Contributions and Craft Contribution 2019 Preschool

http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0020/409061/2019_Vol_Cons_and_Craft_Supplies_-_preschool.pdf

Give the gift that keeps on giving



Support Evatt Primary School! Here's how you can help.

This Christmas, help support our School by giving your loved ones a 2018 | 2019 Entertainment Membership. It really is the gift that keeps on giving, with hundreds of offers for restaurants, cafés, attractions, hotel accommodation, travel, and more!

PLUS, order before **15 December 2018** and receive FREE delivery and gift wrapping!

[ORDER HERE.](#)



Evatt Primary School

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Using gas bottles this Summer? Tips to stay safe.

Did you know that you should never lay down even an empty gas bottle when transporting it? And that gas bottles should be checked before you use them?

Keep yourself and others safe by practising a few simple safety tips when using LP gas bottles. These important tips apply when planning BBQs, camping, boating or caravanning this festive season.

LP gas bottles are safe when connected and used correctly. They should however never be used indoors or in confined spaces or connected or disconnected near an open flame. You can quickly and easily check for gas leakages by squirting soapy water on the gas connections and hoses - if bubbles start forming, there is a leak. Leaks are often due to damaged or missing O rings or rubber bull nosing, or if connections are not tight. After replacing the damaged or missing rubber rings and tightening the connections it is important to turn the gas back on and test again with soapy water.

If bubbles are still forming, do not use the gas appliance but instead contact a licensed gas fitter.

There have been several cases in the last two years where portable gas cylinders have ignited in vehicles causing an explosion - even when bottles were thought to be empty and turned off. It is preferable that gas bottles are transported in open air vehicles like a trailer or ute and be secured with straps or in a container in an upright position, never lying down.

If this is not possible you can transport gas cylinders in the boot of your car – never on a passenger seat or in the foot well. It's also important to wind your car windows down as this provides more ventilation in the vehicle.

For safety reasons, gas bottles should not be left in an enclosed vehicle unnecessarily, especially in the hot sun, and no more than two cylinders should be transported in a vehicle at a time.

For more safety tips as well as a video on gas bottle safety tips visit www.act.gov.au/gassafety

SNAKES ALIVE!

MEET & GREET YOUR REPTILIAN NEIGHBOURS

Live displays, feeding and handling of snakes, lizards, frogs, turtles and crocodiles.

14 - 20 January 2019 | 10am - 4pm

Crosbie Morrison Building
Australian National Botanic Gardens

Feeding Times: 11am, 1pm & 2pm

Adults \$6, Children \$4, Concession \$5

www.actha.org.au/tickets

Contact: 0427 788 304



Partners



St Barnabas Anglican Church & Embracing Ministries presents:

A Special Christmas Eve Family Service and BBQ

Where: St Barnabas Anglican Church Charnwood

10 Charnwood Pl, Charnwood ACT 2615

When: 24th December 5pm

All welcome!

This Family Service is designed for everyone to enjoy familiar Christmas songs.



Come along and dress as your favourite character and be a part of the Nativity story with us.

**RSVP Andrea for catering purposes
on 0404 256 714**

Term 4 – 2018

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10	17 Moving Up Day	18	19 School Banking	20 Canteen Closed: Clean-up Day – Helpers welcome Year 6 Graduation	21 Canteen Closed Assembly: 2.15pm – Year 6 Farewell Last Day – Term 4

Term 1 – 2019

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	4 Feb First Day – Kindergarten and Preschool – M/T group	5 First Day – Years 1-6	6	7 First Day – Preschool Th/F group	8
2	11	12	13	14 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am-9.00am	15 Canteen Open Assembly: 2.15pm
3	18	19	20	21 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am-9.00am	22 Canteen Open
4	25	26	27	28 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am-9.00am	Mar 1 Canteen Open Assembly: 2.15pm
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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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Principal: **Mrs Susan Skinner**