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From the Executive Teacher

Dear parents and carers

One of our important roles as educators is to encourage our students to be curious and courageous learners that will develop their disposition to value learning as a lifelong pursuit. This is no different for educators, as we continually participate and engage in professional development and current educational research to further improve our practice and learning. This year, Evatt School has joined the ACT Education Directorate 2018 Early Literacy Project. The aim of this project is to further strengthen educator knowledge of curriculum and pedagogy in best practice literacy strategies to enhance students' early literacy knowledge and skills. The project is based on the 10 Essential Instructional Practices for Literacy Learning developed by

international literacy researcher Nell Duke. Christine Topfer, a renowned and respected literacy expert from Tasmania, is leading the implementation of this research for the Directorate. Our P-2 and Learning Support educators have completed a professional learning day with Christine and on Wednesday we were fortunate to have Christine visit our school and demonstrate these practices in our classrooms with students and educators. The program will continue with further professional learning with Christine and in school work within our P-2 and Learning Support Teams and their executive.

This Friday 23 March is Ride/Walk to school day. Please encourage your child/ren to ride or walk to school on this day and as many days as possible. Did you know that the Ride or Walk to School Program provides a good opportunity for school communities to work together to reduce their ecological footprint by being active on the way to school? As well as the health benefits associated with active travel to and from school, there are also environmental benefits. Choosing active travel (such as walking and riding) reduces greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to global warming.

Have a safe and great weekend!

Michelle Van Puyvelde

Executive Teacher/ ANTS and Preschool Team Leader

23 March 2018

Monday 26 March 2018

School banking

Tuesday 27 March 2018

Belconnen Zone Swimming Carnival

Wednesday 28 March 2018

Scholastic Issue #2 due

Thursday 29 March 2018

Canteen Closed

Breakfast Club: 8.30am – 9.00am

Assembly: 2.15pm – 1/2BT & 1/2AB

AquaSafe – Year 2

Friday 30 March 2018

Good Friday

Monday 2 April

Easter Monday

Tuesday 3 April

School Banking

*Don't forget to check
the Back Page*



Preschool News

The beginning of Preschool has been a fun and exciting time. The children have been busy learning each other's names and routines, developing their independence and engaging in a broad range of learning investigations. Friendships are developing and the children are happy, settled and engaged in their learning.

In our Preschool rooms the children have the opportunity to engage in a broad range of learning investigations that explore areas of literacy, numeracy and STEM. There are opportunities for dramatic play in our role play areas and messy play in our art and craft, sensory and playdough areas. Block play, fine motor activities and board games are also preschool favourites. Outside the children enjoy climbing, digging, running, swinging and gardening. In addition to this, intentional teaching provides opportunities to explore music and movement, storytelling, STEM, phonological awareness and lots of rich authentic text. Preschool certainly keeps us busy!

To follow are some photos of our busy first term. The Preschool Inventors, Explorers and Discoverers



SRC NEWSLETTER

Last week was a really important week for the SRC because we had our first official meeting for 2018. The SRC were chosen by our peers and classmates and we speak to represent them. On Friday the 16th of March we received our SRC badges for 2018. These are very important because it represents and shows that we are trusted to make our school an even better place.

Homemade Treat Day - Tuesday 10th April!

Homemade Treat Day is where parents and students of the school community have a chance to bake treats which we will sell during B1. Treats will be in the price range from 50 cents to \$3. The P&C will be running the store at B1 with some year 5/6 helpers.

So bring some money, buy a treat and enjoy!

Junior and Senior Disco

Our busy and amazing P&C are holding a junior and senior disco in week 9 Term 1 on Friday 6 April. The awesome DJ Steve will be joining us for a fun filled night. There will be a raffle at each disco -tickets are 50c each or 3 for \$1. The Canteen will be open for treats as well. Look out for the important permission note coming home for the disco and don't forget to pre-order your hot dogs as well.

By Khloe and Nevaeh

20 March 2018

P&C News

P&C - Dates for your Diary

School Disco -	Friday 6th April
Homemade Treat Day -	Tuesday 10th April (week 10)
Mother's Day Stall -	Tuesday 8th and Thursday 10th May
Trivia Nights -	adults only Friday 22nd June
Evatt Old Fashioned Fete -	Sunday 4 November 11am - 3pm

The P&C have a Facebook page so please join - Evatt School P&C. You can keep up to date with fundraising and events happening around the school.



NAPLAN will be online from 15-25 May 2018.



NAPLAN Online:

- is more engaging and adjusts questions to meet your child's achievement level.
- delivers more precise literacy and numeracy achievement results to schools and parents more quickly.
- supports school improvement by enabling teachers to monitor student progress over time and to identify areas of strength and development.

Our school encourages all eligible students to participate in NAPLAN. Visit www.nap.edu.au to see how the test works and for more information.

STEM News

I'm excited that Evatt is focusing on STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Maths), because it is something I'm passionate about! To me, STEM is not just learning facts. It's about asking questions, observing, trying to figure out answers, and thinking through problems in a critical and logical way.

Kids are natural scientists; they are always asking "why?", looking at the world to figure things out, or experimenting (what happens when I pour the water from the big jug into this small cup?). As a parent, this can sometimes be very frustrating!

When my daughters ask "Why?", sometimes I answer, but often I say "what do you think?" or "I don't know, let's find out!" (or "I'm busy now, ask me later and we can look it up."). The internet is full of great information on all sorts of topics, as well as lots of fun experiments to do. Recently, my eldest daughter has been spending lots of time watching snails and worms and asking about brains. The other day we experimented with letting those potato starch foam mail-packing "beans" dissolve in water. Last year we grew salt and sugar crystals and looked at the different patterns they made. We made "calm jars" and watched the glitter swirl around in the one with water versus water thickened with glitter-glue. My daughters' favourite experiment so far was using blue food dye on our tongues to see whether adults or kids had more taste buds! It was based on

<https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/super-tasting-science-find-out-if-youre-a-supertaster/>

My daughters are nearly 5 and 2.5 so our maths is mostly counting (hide and seek anyone?), or comparisons (Who is smaller, mummy or daddy? Who is older, grandpa or mummy? Did everyone get the same number of berries?). Our engineering is building blocks/Lego and watching real building around the place. Our technology stuff is really just how to type on a computer, but I would like to try some of the kids programming languages (if anyone has recommendations!).

The most important thing for any of the STEM subjects is to have a go, and keep on trying. I'm a big fan of getting messages to kids through books, and Rosie Revere Engineer and Ada Twist Scientist are perfect for this one (both are available through ACT libraries). I also think it's important for everyone to learn about the diverse people who have contributed to STEM. Good Night Stories for Rebel Girls (also in ACT libraries) has mini-biographies of 100 women from all sorts of backgrounds, many in STEM fields but also athletes, artists, activists, politicians, queens and warriors. The Mighty Girl Website also has great book ideas (<https://www.amightygirl.com/books/>). One of my favourites is Seeds of Change, which is a picture book version of the story of Professor Wangari Maathi – scientist, environmentalist, activist, and first African woman to win the Nobel Peace Prize.

I look forward to hearing from other parents about books; experiments and other STEM related stuff that you love! If you wish to contribute, please contact Mrs Zimmer - nicole.zimmer@ed.act.edu.au .

Rachel Robbins, Evatt School Parent

Sports News

Belconnen Regional Swimming Carnival

Students who were selected to represent Evatt School at the Belconnen Region School Sport ACT Swimming Carnival received their notes last week. Unfortunately I made a mistake in the note. Please meet Miss Argæet out the front of the AIS pool at 8:30am and warm up begins at 8:45am (not 8:15am as it says on the note).

Sport Trials

No new trial dates have been released this week, but please continue to check the School Sport website (www.schoolsportact.asn.au) for up to date information.

Are you the parent/carer of a child with a disability commencing primary (kindergarten) school in 2019?

The Education Directorate is holding information sessions for parents/carers of children with a disability who are commencing primary school in an ACT Government school in 2019.

Hedley Beare Centre for Teaching and Learning
Fremantle Drive, Stirling

Thursday 5 April, 11.30am-1pm

The session will cover the following topics:

- Disability Education programs
- Transition to primary school
- The application process
- The Student Centred Appraisal of Need process



To RSVP or for further information contact:

SupportatPreschool@ed.act.edu.au or

Support at Preschool Team Leader on 0434 668 694

Are you the parent/carer of a child with a developmental delay or disability commencing preschool in 2019?

Children who are four by April 30 2019 are eligible to attend an ACT Education Directorate preschool in 2019.

Disability Education and the Support at Preschool program are holding an information session for parents/carers of children with developmental delay or disability who are eligible for preschool in 2019.

**Where: Hedley Beare, Centre for Teaching and Learning,
Fremantle Drive, Stirling**

When: Tuesday 27 March, 11.30am – 1pm

The session will focus on:

- The enrolment process
- Preschool program options
- Supporting preschool children with developmental delay and disability in ACT Education Directorate public schools



To RSVP or find out more information please contact:

Elizabeth Lea, Disability Education, Support at Preschool Program,
on 0434 668 694 or email SupportatPreschool@ed.act.edu.au

Tips for parents to spot signs of bullying

As Australia marked the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence on 16 March, a website has provided key signs which can indicate to parents that their children may be being bullied.

A quarter of Australian kids report they've been bullied repeatedly and half say they've experienced bullying at least once, but parents aren't always aware there's a problem or if they should step in, according to parenting website raisingchildren.net.au.

"It is important children are not left to sort out bullying on their own as it can be devastating for a child's confidence and self-esteem," said Associate Professor Julie Green, Executive Director of the website.

"If parents are aware their child is being bullied they can take steps together with other key people, for example teachers, to quickly stop it. There is no single way to tell if your child is being bullied if they don't tell you, but there are some social, emotional and physical signs parents and carers can look out for."

Key signs can include unexplained bruises, cuts and scratches; poor eating and sleeping habits; not wanting to go to school or social events; bedwetting; complaints about headaches or stomach aches; missing property; and/or torn clothing.

"You might notice your child might seem unusually anxious, upset, nervous, teary, withdrawn or secretive and these behaviours become more pronounced at the end of the weekend or holidays, when the child has to go back to school," Professor Green said. "Listen to what your child has to tell you and make it clear that you will help."

It can be difficult to know for sure if a child is being bullied but talking about bullying within families is one of the best ways to help and protect children.

"Days like today's National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence are an important opportunity to start a conversation at home about bullying, why it's not OK, and how we can support children on this issue," Professor Green said.

Raisingchildren.net.au has more tips on talking with children about bullying, how to recognise bullying, working with the school, as well as information on what to do if parents suspect their child is a bully.

The site, visited by more than 50,000 parents a day, offers free articles, videos and other resources backed by Australian experts.



Uniform

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 . 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

To purchase, please fill in the order form and return to the front office or email to krystacordina@gmail.com

http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0006/408381/Uniform_information_2017.pdf

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

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

2018 Japanese Host Families needed

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

ICT Permission

http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0008/416924/ICT_Permissions_note.pdf

SeeSaw

http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0009/416925/Seesaw_permission.pdf

AquaSafe – Swim safety for Year 2

Due date: 27 March

http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0008/414962/Permission_note_-_Aquasafe_2018.pdf

ICAS Testing - Year 2-6

Due date extended: 4 April

http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0003/418179/ICAS_Testing_2018_-_due_date_extended.pdf

School Disco

http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0018/419031/Evatt_Disco_-_06-04-2018.pdf

Disco Hot Dog order

Due date: 2 April

http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0017/419030/Disco_Hot_Dog_Special_6-04-2018.pdf

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For more information: visit www.parentskills.com.au; read [P.E.T. on a Page](#); and join the [Parent Skills Facebook](#) community

The 24 hour course consists of three-hour sessions, once per week, for eight weeks. Booking is essential.

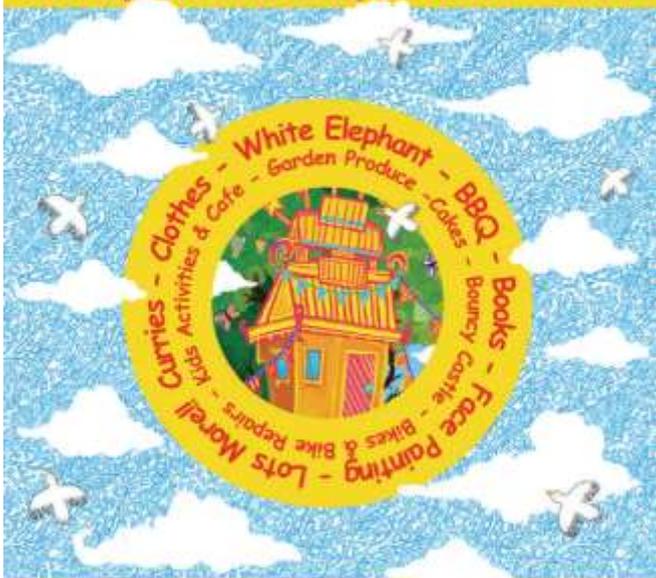
\$390 pp for the course (investment includes a workbook and textbook).

Course begins: Tuesday, 8th May 2018 (minimum number of participants required); **Time:** 6.30 pm to 9.45 pm; **Place:** Weston, ACT.

Enjoy P.E.T. with **Larissa Dann**, accredited P.E.T. instructor.

Resource blogs: www.parentskills.com.au/blogs/larissa; **Contact:** info@parentskills.com.au

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school-aged students
on the autism spectrum

Canberra
22 & 23 May

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Term 1 – 2018

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8 Hockey Clinics	26 School Banking	27 Belconnen Zone Swimming Carnival	28 Scholastic Book Club – Issue #2 due	29 Canteen Closed Breakfast Club 8.30am- 9.00am Assembly: 2.15pm – 1/2BT and 1/2AB AquaSafe – Year 2	30 Good Friday 
9 Hockey Clinics	April 2 Easter Monday	3 School Banking Constable Kenny – KP & GC AquaSafe – Year 2	4 P&C Meeting 6pm	5 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am- 9.00am	6 Canteen Open CEIS School Disco 7/04 – Working Bee: 8.30am
10 Hockey Clinics	9 School Banking	10 Constable Kenny – Preschool Canteen: Homemade Treat Day Kinder Excursion - Tidbinbilla	11	12 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am- 9.00am Constable Kenny - Preschool	13 Canteen Open Assembly: 2.15pm – Kinder ANZAC Day Ceremony - MCSS

Term 2 – 2018

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	Apr 30 School Banking	May 1	2	3 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am- 9.00am	4 Canteen Open Cross Country
2	7 School Banking ACT Swimming Carnival	8 Mother's Day Stall	9	10 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am- 9.00am Mother's Day Stall	11 Canteen Open Assembly: 2.15pm - ANTs
3	14 School Banking	15	16	17 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am- 9.00am	18 Canteen Open
4	21 School Banking	22	23	24 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am- 9.00am	25 Canteen Open Assembly: 2.15pm – Yr 3/4
5	28 School Banking	29 Preschool Excursion	30 Hats Off Day!	31 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am- 9.00am Preschool Excursion Belconnen Zone X-country	1 June Canteen Open
6	4 School Banking	5	6	7 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am- 9.00am	8 Canteen Open Assembly: 2.15pm – Yr 5/6
7	11 School Banking	12	13 ACT X-country	14 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am- 9.00am	15 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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