Dear parents and carers

Evatt has had a very busy week 2. All students are now settled in their new classes and are now actively engaged in their new learning challenges. We also farewelled our 3/4 students as they left for camp on Wednesday morning. I’m sure they will return with many stories about their adventures and no doubt they will also be very tired!

An alert on the school app went out on Thursday regarding the predicted extreme heat over today and the weekend. As we have a number of weeks of summer still ahead, it is important to take precautions to avoid conditions such as heat stroke/exhaustion and dehydration when the mercury rises to high levels. Please ensure that your child/ren bring a hat and a drink bottle every day and please discuss the importance of drinking regularly throughout the day. Classroom teachers will also prompt students to maintain their fluid intake. For information on staying safe in the heat visit http://www.health.act.gov.au/healthy-living/summer-safety/tips-beat-heat

As Susan mentioned previously in last week’s newsletter, this term, teachers and students are exploring the first of our new school values Success. Over the next few weeks the particular focus will be on setting and achieving goals. Next week we begin our three way interviews. Your child/ren will receive an interview sheet with a set of questions concerning your child’s goals and targets they wish to achieve during this coming year. Please take some time to discuss these questions with your child/ren before sharing in your interview with class teachers next week. Encourage your child to be reflective, future focused and realistic in their thinking about their areas of interests and strengths and also around the areas that they identify as requiring extra attention. During weeks 4, 5 and 6 we will also be conducting Individual Learning Plan (ILP) meetings for our Disability Education funded students. Classroom teachers participated in professional learning this week in the process of writing ILPs with SMART goals and in developing their knowledge in providing adjustments in their practice to cater for the learning needs of individual students.

Have a safe weekend and stay cool!

Michelle Van Puyvelde
Executive Teacher/DECO/GATLO
ANTS Team leader

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From the Executive Teacher

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10 February 2017

Monday 13 February
Canteen Closed
School Banking
Parent/Teacher Interviews

Tuesday 14 February
Canteen Closed
Parent/Teacher Interviews

Wednesday 15 February
Canteen Closed
Parent/Teacher Interviews
POSTPONED P&C TO 22 FEB 6.30pm

Thursday 16 February
Breakfast Club 8.30am-9.00am
Canteen Open
Parent/Teacher Interviews

Friday 17 February
Canteen Open
Assembly: 2.15pm
Parent/Teacher Interviews

….. don’t forget to check the Back Page
Wow, what an exciting two weeks it has been in Kindergarten! Both Kindergarten classes have been busy learning new routines and familiarising themselves with the school and staff.

We have begun learning the letters of the alphabet and sights words to help with our reading. In week one we learnt about the letter ‘s’; creating ‘stocking snakes’ to help remember the sound it makes. This week we are looking at sight words with the letter ‘a’ in them including at, am, a, and. We have learnt games to help us remember these words. Our favourite games are ‘teddy cups’, ‘zap-it’ and ‘splat’.

We have learnt all about the numbers 1 and 2 and are able to recognise these numbers in a variety of ways, for example, dots on a dice and fingers. We have used playdough to represent the numbers on a dice as spots on a picture of a frog.

In weeks 3 and 4 we will be participating in the Performance Indicators in Primary Schools (PIPS) which will show us students’ abilities across numeracy and literacy. We are also super excited about the Swimming Carnival in week 5. We look forward to venturing outside of the school grounds and into the water!
**POSTPONED P&C MEETING**

The meeting scheduled for Wednesday 15 February 2017 has been postponed to the following week, Wednesday 22 February at 6.30pm.

Crèche facilities will still be available and will open at 6:15pm and will be available for two hours. If you are interested in this service, please email to info@evattps.act.edu.au by Tuesday 21 February stating how many children and their ages please.

**INSURANCE ARRANGEMENTS**

Please follow the below link for Student accident and incidents insurance arrangements.


**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.

**PAYMENT BOX**

Don’t forget there is a silver mailbox to the left of the front office window for all notes and payments that need to come to the front office. This will alleviate the congestion at the counter and ensure you don’t have to wait. Please make sure all payments are in a sealed envelope and labelled.
FIRST AID AND MEDICAL CONDITIONS

The front office will soon be sending home a number of notes. If you have identified your child as having a medical condition (eg: asthma/epilepsy/allergies) you will need to complete a Known Conditions Response Plan. If their medication condition requires treatment at school (eg asthma puffer/medication) you will also need to submit an appropriate action plan (links included on the Response Plan form), and an Authority to Administer Medication.

These forms are required to be updated every year, and every time circumstances surrounding your child’s condition or medication changes. If your child has a medical condition that you have not yet notified the school about, please visit the front office, in order to collect the appropriate forms.

SPORT NEWS

School Swimming Carnival
Hopefully children have started training for the swimming carnival on Friday 3 March. This year we will be holding the carnival at the Gungahlin Leisure Centre. The children in Kindergarten, Year 1, K/1/2 ANTS and 2/3/4 ANTS will leave school at 9:15am, participate in a rotation of water activities and novelty games and return to school at approximately 12:45pm. The children in Years 2 to 6 and 5/6 ANTS will leave school at 9:15am, participate in the swimming carnival, rotate through some water and novelty games and return to school at approximately 2:30pm.

A note containing further information, a permission slip and a medical form went home this week and are due back by Thursday 23 February. Please remember to get your note in on or before this day as late notes will not be accepted.

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. I am pleased to let you know that spectators will not need to pay an entry fee.

Royal Life Saving Society Survival Challenge Proficiency Test
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.

SAVER PLUS

Saver Plus is a free financial education program delivered by The Smith Family that can help families on lower-incomes pay for school costs like books, uniforms, laptops, and excursions, by matching their savings, dollar for dollar, up to $500. To find out more about Saver Plus visit https://www.thsmithfamily.com.au/programs/financial/saver-plus or contact the ACT Saver Plus Coordinator, Kathleen Watson, on 0448 730 305 or kathleen.watson@thesmithfamily.com.au.

Saver Plus is an initiative of Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ, delivered in partnership with The Smith Family, Berry Street and The Benevolent Society and other local community agencies. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Social Services. Go to www.dss.gov.au for more information.
The Dorrarmites are bringing the future to your school.

Since 1931, CommBank’s School Banking program has been offering engaging ways for Australian children to learn the value of saving and develop lifelong money skills.

For our 2017 theme, a futuristic adventure is in store. Students will join the new-look Dorrarmites as Future Savers, making their way towards the Savings Hover Park—a fantastic playground in the clouds of a hi-tech metropolis.

**Encouraging savings habits with great rewards**

School Banking will continue to reward children who demonstrate regular savings behaviour, and this year we’re introducing an exciting new range of reward items. Two are released every term, and available in Term 1 are the Cyber Handball and Colour Change Markers. Your child can redeem one of these reward items, while stocks last, after making 10 School Banking deposits.

Visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking to download and print this year’s Rewards Card. On our website you’ll also find a fun activity sheet and a Savings Tracker your child can use to keep track of their School Banking deposits throughout the year.

**Dedicated savers get a chance to win a trip to Tokyo Disneyland**

The Future Savers Grand Prize competition will take one lucky student on a family trip to Tokyo, Japan. Up to two adults and three children will get tickets to explore Tokyo Disneyland and Tokyo DisneySea, including the futuristic Tomorrowland attractions. This prize includes:

- Return economy airfares from the winner’s nearest capital city to Tokyo, Japan
- Five nights’ accommodation at the Sheraton Grande Tokyo Bay Hotel
- Three-day Magic Pass to Tokyo Disneyland and Tokyo DisneySea
- AUS$1,000 spending money

To enter, your child simply has to make 15 or more School Banking deposits before the end of Term 3, 2017. This will automatically enter them into the competition for a chance to win.

For more information, visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking
Breakfast Club
Each Thursday, the Evatt Breakfast Club serves a free breakfast to students in the canteen foyer from 8:30 – 9:00am.

The children sit, eat and socialise with their peers prior to going into class for the day.

We still need volunteers to help serve the cereal, toast and drinks. If you’re interested in volunteering please contact me via email or leave your contact details at the front office.

Cheers,
Felicity
evattpc@groupspaces.com

Notes Due:

2017 Voluntary Contributions and Stationery Payment

Canteen Menu

Canteen News

Year 5/6 Camp Online Medical Note

Swimming Carnival Note – Year 2-6 & 5/6 ANTS

Swimming Carnival Note – Kindergarten, Year 1, K/1/2 ANTS, 2/3/4 ANTS

Swimming Carnival Medical Form
COMMUNITY NOTICES

BELSOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB
Online Registrations are now open. Belsouth cater for all ages from 5 years to adults

- Get fit
- Have fun
- Make friends

Go online and register today at Belsouthfootball.club

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP RUN NELLIE HALL
NORTH BELCONNEN COMMUNITY HALL ASSOCIATION INC.
PO BOX 6779, CHARNWOOD ACT 2615

Nellie Hall, at the Melba shops, is run by a committee of volunteers on behalf of the community. In 2017 there will be openings for new volunteers without whom the hall may be handed back to the government and no longer be used for community groups. Please think about joining the committee and helping to keep the hall operating as a community facility. Meetings are currently held quarterly.
If you are interested, please contact Andrew on 0423023351 after hours.

LATHAM EARLY LINKS TO LEARNING PLAYGROUP
A supported playgroup for pre-schoolers and their parents.

Latham Early Link to Learning creates opportunities for parent and child to socialise with one another as well as other families whilst creating opportunities to participate in early learning literacy activities to build vocabulary and language skills.

Latham Early Links to Learning can assist children to transition in to the preschool environment.

When: Thursdays at 1pm, starting back Week 2, Term 1 (9 February) 2017
Where: Latham Pre-school (Behind the school) Wanless St, Latham ACT 2615
Cost: Free

For more information contact:
Tina Jackson from Belconnen Community Service (02) 6278 8141 or tina.jackson@bcsact.com.au, or Tania Blak from Latham Primary School (02) 6142 0077 or tania.blak@ed.act.edu.au

This playgroup is delivered in partnership between Latham Primary School and BCS Youth and Family Support.  BCS Youth and Family Support Program is an ACT funded initiative.

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Dr. Pip Buining B.Ed M.A

- Stimulate creativity & enthusiasm
- Promote social & emotional learning
- Increase energy & concentration
- Encourage listening & conversational skills
- Empower students & Have FUN!

LIMITED SPACES
Fridays 4:30 - 5:30pm during school term
$20

Register your interest: Call Lauren on 0421 494 732 or email vieiradanceschool@gmail.com
More info at www.vieiradanceschool.com

Drama Club

Be little, dream big....

Yoga

The best way to start the week!
Vinyasa Flow with Bianca
Mondays 8 - 9PM $20

Enrol NOW for 2017!
Studies in Macquarie & Belconnen

E.O.T for Adult Ballet & Bubbly
Fridays 7:30 - 8:30PM $20
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**SCHOOL PAYMENT DETAILS:**

**EFTPOS:** Visit the front office in person, fill in a Credit Card Authority or 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**
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“We wish to acknowledge the Ngunnawal people as the traditional owners and custodians of this land.”