

# Evatt Eagle



*In a caring environment, we will achieve our full potential.*

## From the Executive Teachers,

We value and appreciate feedback that the Evatt School community provides. Shortly, parents and carers, school staff and students (in years 5/6) will be asked to participate in the School Satisfaction Survey. The survey results will contribute to the school improvement process, which aims to achieve high standards in student learning, innovation and best practice in Canberra public schools. Although the survey is voluntary, we hope you will want to participate. It won't take much of your time and it will help us understand areas where we are doing a good job and areas for further development. A letter regarding the parent/carers survey will be sent home today. The survey is now open and will close on the 28 August.

**Michelle Van Puyvelde, Executive Teacher/DECO**

Teaching is a challenging yet rewarding occupation and one that is constantly changing. The biggest change over the years for parents, I believe, has been the introduction about ten years ago, of the A to E grades.

We all had to get our heads around a system that was not what we grew up with. The notion that a 'C' was good was, and still is, alien to a number of parents. Teachers also had to get their heads around a system that caused parents a great deal of confusion and anxiety.

When your child was a baby you celebrated every developmental milestone with a sigh of relief knowing that your child was achieving what was expected for that stage of their life.

This is not all unlike to the A-E grading system we now use to inform parents how their child is progressing through school. A 'C' is where they should be; a milestone that in education is called a benchmark - a level a child should be at whether they are in year 1 or year 6, and another reason to breathe a sigh of relief. Your child is where they should be for their year level if they are receiving a C grade.

These grades are not given randomly. They are based on rigorous assessment and moderation tasks, and anecdotal evidence. Then, when all evidence has been collected and collated, a conversation occurs in each teaching team regarding all students and their grades. In many cases the conversations are challenging for us as we query each other's justifications for a grade and more often than not, we go back to an assessment/moderation piece to justify our position.

**Glynis Steward, Nationally certified Lead Teacher/Executive Teacher Professional Practice**

## 11 August 2017

### TERM 3

#### Monday 14 August

School Banking  
Science Incursion  
Tennis Gala Day

#### Tuesday 15 August

ICAS Maths

#### Wednesday 16 August

Maths Olympiad

#### Thursday 17 August

Canteen Open  
Breakfast Club 8.30-9.00am

#### Friday 18 August

Canteen Open  
Opening: Sensory Space  
Sausage Sizzle

Sunday 20 August

P&C Bunnings BBQ - Belconnen

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check the Back Page*



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## Preschool visits the Canberra Museum and Gallery

In week 3 the three Preschool classes Water Wizards, Sky Sprites and Fire Fairies went on an excursion to the Canberra Museum and Gallery (CMAG). It was exciting riding in on the bus! We sang *The Wheels on the Bus Go Round and Round* and chatted to our friends



At the Gallery we explored the *Canberra Stories* exhibition with our Museum Educator. We looked at a range of objects and artwork including a possum-skin cloak, a barbed wire sheep, prints and patchwork. We learnt that objects told stories and tried to unravel the stories of the objects we explored.



We also experimented with a range of tools and techniques to create transient art using buttons and string.



After having morning tea, we went into a special art studio and created artworks inspired by our visit to the galleries. We learnt how to do print making, made collages and experimented with water colours. We were free to experiment and create what inspired us as we are 'artists'!



Our art portfolios will be available for collection in a couple of weeks.



It was an exciting day and we were very tired when we got back to Preschool. The Preschool teachers would like to say a big thank you to the parents, grandparents and other helpers who helped out, making this excursion possible.

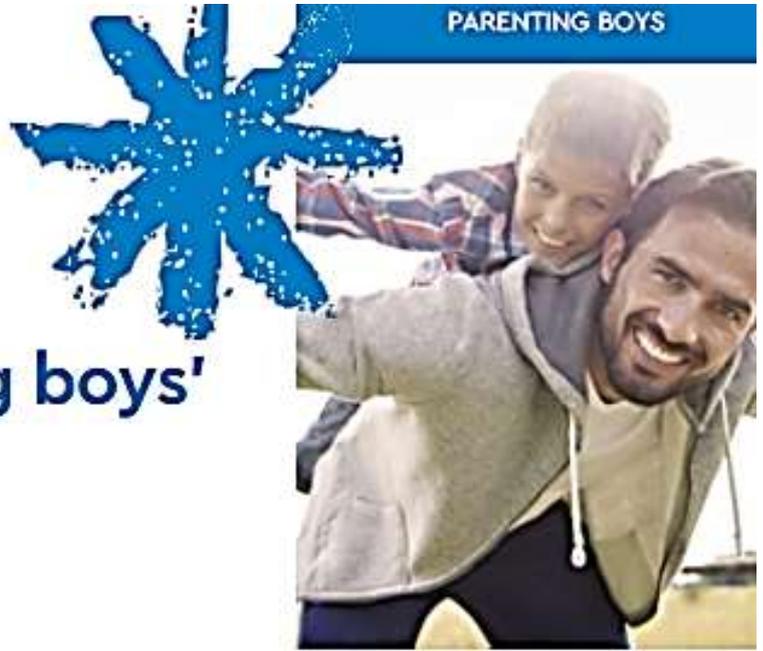
Water Wizards

Sky Sprites

Fire Fairies

parenting \*ideas

# insights



## Secrets of managing boys' behaviour

by Michael Grose

*Boys are behaviourally more challenging for parents than girls. Their physical nature, their boisterousness and their propensity to push boundaries can be challenging, particularly if parents are used to managing girls.*

There are some basic rules to follow when managing boys. If you follow these then I believe you'll successfully raise a boy who is eager to cooperate with you, will adapt to most of the social situations he encounters and, importantly, will treat others with dignity and respect. In a nutshell, a well-behaved boy!

### 1. Boys like rules, limits and expectations

Boys like to know who's in charge and what the rules are. They also like to know that someone will enforce those rules. They are hierarchical by nature too, so don't be too wishy-washy about who's in charge. You don't have to use the same authoritarian methods as your parents may have used, but don't be afraid to take a firm lead with your sons.

### 2. Boys learn from consequences (natural and logical)

Boys are more likely to be heuristic learners than girls. That is, they are more likely to learn from experience. Parents then need to allow boys to experience the consequences of their poor choices so they learn not to behave in those ways.

Protecting boys from their poor choices doesn't develop responsibility or independence. Telling them they need to improve their behaviour doesn't work either. Let them experience the negative consequences of poor behaviour and they will be more likely to change their ways. It just takes a few negative experiences before they learn.

Boys will cop most of your discipline as long as it's fair and reasonable. However, fairness is not only about being even-handed with your discipline. Particularly when implementing consequences, fairness is about being just, about not going too far with your consequences and about respecting their dignity: the three Rs of discipline:

**Related:** the consequence is related to what they have done. (Late home so don't go out next time.)

**Reasonable:** you don't go too far with a consequence. ("You're grounded for a day" rather than "You're grounded for a month.")

**Respectful:** boys maintain their dignity throughout the discipline process. (Consequence given in a friendly, calm way.)

### 3. Boys love consistency

Boys love consistency in their parents – it makes them feel that they are in control. On the other hand, parents who exhibit extreme emotional highs and lows can make life difficult for boys as all the boys' energy is

## August is Hats ON

### No Hats, No Play - August is Hats ON

As specified in last week's newsletter from the beginning of August through to the end of May, sun protection will be required each school day in Canberra. As part of our commitment to being a SunSmart school, we have a duty of care to ensure that students wear hats when outside between these months. This is under the DET policy: Sun (UV) Protection for Students

<http://www.education.act.gov.au/search?query=sun+smart&collection=act-gov&profile=www-education>.

Students who do not have a hat are not allowed to play on the playground. We have a new administrative system in place to inform parents when a child has not got a hat and stayed inside.

A note will come home like this: →

Please ensure your child has a **named** hat each day at school. All students need a hat for the playground and any outside sport activities.



## Sports News

### 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 11 September to 22 September at the AIS. If you haven't already done so, please ensure notes are returned and payment is made by **Wednesday 30 August**.

### School Sport ACT

#### *Belconnen Track and Field Carnival*

If you have been selected to represent Evatt School at the School Sport ACT Belconnen district track and field carnival on Tuesday 22 August please remember to return your permission note by **Monday 14 August**.

## Meeting Room

As part of our fabulous renovation of the administration area, the school now has a dedicated meeting room.

This means that meetings with teachers or the executive can now happen in a quiet, private space, ensuring that conversations remain confidential.

If you have a meeting scheduled with your child's teacher, or with the executive, please come to the front office. We will then locate the teacher/executive for you, and take you to the meeting room.

Thank you for your cooperation.



### Breakfast Club

We are looking for some more volunteers for our Evatt Breakfast Club. Each Thursday morning, our Breakfast Club serves a free breakfast to students in the canteen foyer from 8:30 – 9:00am.

If you're interested in helping serve cereal, toast and drinks to the kids please contact Felicity Kelly via [felicitymcnamara@gmail.com](mailto:felicitymcnamara@gmail.com) or leave your contact details at the front office.

### Canteen

Available this term:

- Pumpkin soup - \$3.00                      Add breadroll - +\$1.00
- Minestrone - \$3.00                      Add breadroll - +\$1.00
- Mac & Cheese: L - \$4.20, S – \$2.10

### Woolies Earn and Learn

Collect stickers when you shop at Woolworths, then hand into the front office. There is also a box for Evatt School, at the Charnwood Woolworths.

## Parent Direct Toy Fundraiser

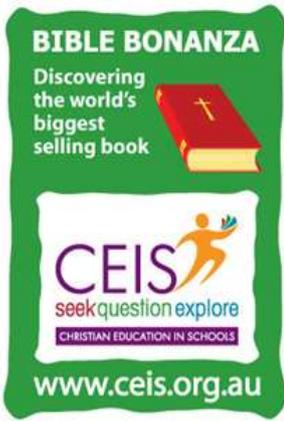
This year we are using the Parent Direct Toy Fundraiser to raise \$\$ to purchase additional education resources. Parent Direct offers you the opportunity to purchase quality educational toys with a direct benefit to our school.



Just by ordering toys from Parent Direct, up to 25 cents of every dollar you spend will be given back to the school. For every 20 orders, the school gets an additional \$200.

Catalogues will be sent home with Preschool-Year 2, with spares available at the front office. It can also be found at <http://www.parentdirect.com.au/page/pd-au-catalogue>. Log into [parentdirect.com.au](http://parentdirect.com.au) and nominate Evatt School for the fundraising voucher during checkout.

Thank you for your support.



## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS

### Term 3 – Bible Bonanza

This term we will go on a thinking journey to discover more about some different characters who are part of the 'one big story' told in the Bible

**Only students with permission will attend.**

Christian Education In Schools (CEIS) occurs if parents request it for their children, under ACT legislation. Sessions are coordinated by CEIS, using approved resources and volunteers. If you wish to add your child to the current attendance list print the section below and return it to school or go to [www.ceis.org.au/yes](http://www.ceis.org.au/yes)

**Please return this section to the school if you wish to add your child to the existing list.**

**YES, I request that my child/ren listed below participate in the CEIS sessions offered at school.**

Child: \_\_\_\_\_

Child: \_\_\_\_\_

Child: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Student Injury

##### Insurance and Ambulance Transport

The Education and Training Directorate does not provide any insurance cover for injury, disease or illness to students resulting from school activities or school-organised excursions. Claims for compensation are met where there is a legal liability to do so. Liability is not automatic and depends on the circumstances in which any injury, disease or illness was sustained.

As there is no automatic insurance cover for personal injury if your child is injured at school or during a school organised activity/excursion you should therefore consider whether taking out personal insurance cover for your child is warranted.

This insurance might cover contingencies including medical/hospital expenses, ambulance transport outside the ACT, and cancellation of transport/accommodation or loss of/damage to luggage.

The ACT Ambulance Service provides free ambulance transport for students who are injured or suddenly become ill at school or during an approved school organised activity **within the ACT**.

## Notes Due:

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

Excursion Medical Consent form

[http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0004/402295/Excursion-MedicalInformationandConsentForm.pdf](http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0004/402295/Excursion-MedicalInformationandConsentForm.pdf)

Canteen Menu

[http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0005/393278/CANTEEN\\_MENU\\_2017.pdf](http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0005/393278/CANTEEN_MENU_2017.pdf)

Canteen News

[http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0006/393279/Canteen\\_news.pdf](http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0006/393279/Canteen_news.pdf)

School Intentions 2018

[http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0010/402796/School Intentions\\_2018.pdf](http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0010/402796/School_Intentions_2018.pdf)

Jamie Pearlman Cup - Year 5/6 Boys

Due: 14 August

[http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0019/404362/JAMIE\\_PEARLMAN\\_CUP\\_5-6\\_2017.pdf](http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0019/404362/JAMIE_PEARLMAN_CUP_5-6_2017.pdf)

Sensory Area Launch - Sausage Sizzle order

Due: 15 August 2017

[http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0011/403895/sausage\\_sizzle\\_note\\_-\\_wk5\\_T3.pdf](http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0011/403895/sausage_sizzle_note_-_wk5_T3.pdf)

Sue Geh Cup - Year 5/6 Girls

Due: 21 August

[http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0020/404363/SUE\\_GEH\\_CUP\\_5-6\\_25017.pdf](http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0020/404363/SUE_GEH_CUP_5-6_25017.pdf)

Year 1/2 NMA Excursion

Due: 31 August 2017

[http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0015/404124/Year\\_1\\_and\\_2\\_Excursion\\_to\\_NMA\\_2017.pdf](http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0015/404124/Year_1_and_2_Excursion_to_NMA_2017.pdf)

Sue Geh Cup - Year 3/4 Girls

Due: 4 September

[http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0005/404366/SUE\\_GEH\\_CUP\\_2017.pdf](http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0005/404366/SUE_GEH_CUP_2017.pdf)

Jamie Pearlman Cup - Year 3/4 Boys

Due: 4 September

[http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0004/404365/JAMIE\\_PEARLMAN\\_CUP\\_2017.pdf](http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0004/404365/JAMIE_PEARLMAN_CUP_2017.pdf)

Disco Hot Dog Order

Due: 12 September 2017

[http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0009/403893/Disco\\_Hot\\_Dog\\_Special\\_15-09-2017.pdf](http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0009/403893/Disco_Hot_Dog_Special_15-09-2017.pdf)

THE MONARO FOLK SOCIETY  
INVITES YOU AND THE KIDS TO A

# KIDS BUSH DANCE



**Saturday, 9 September, 2017 2.30 - 4 PM**

**Where: All Saints Hall, 9-15 Cowper St, AINSLIE**

**Bring the kids to learn the Brown Snake, the Caterpillar,  
the Bunny Hop and lots more dances.**

**Experienced callers, great Aussie bush music  
by the Tin Mugs.**

**Cost - Gold coin donation**

**Info: [www.monarofolk.org.au](http://www.monarofolk.org.au)**

### **Managing Type 1 Diabetes in Children: A Parenting Perspective**

Being a parent of a child with type 1 diabetes can be extremely stressful. The University of Queensland is seeking parents of children with type 1 diabetes to take part in a research study that will explore factors that could help or hinder parents in managing their child's diabetes. If you are a parent of a 2- to 10-year-old child with type 1 diabetes, we would love to hear from you! By sharing your experiences (confidentially) you will help us identify better ways for health care professionals to support parents and families. To complete the online survey, please go to: <https://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/type1/>. For further information about the project or to request a survey to be posted to you, please email Jade Grambower at [j.grambower@uq.net.au](mailto:j.grambower@uq.net.au) or call Dr Amy Mitchell at the Parenting and Family Support Centre at The University of Queensland on (07) 3346 1202. Thank-you!

## Term 3 – 2017

| Week                                      | Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday            | Thursday   | Friday   |
|---|--|---|----------------------|--|--|
| <b>5</b>                                  | 14<br>School Banking<br>Science Incursion<br>Tennis Gala Day | 15<br>ICAS - Maths  | 16<br>Maths Olympiad | 17<br>Canteen Open<br>Breakfast Club 8.30am-9.00am                                     | 18<br>Canteen Open<br>Opening: Sensory Space<br>Sausage Sizzle<br>20/08: P&C Bunnings BBQ  |
| <b>6</b><br><b>Book Week</b>              | 21<br>School Banking   | 22<br>Belconnen U/12 Athletics @ AIS<br>Limelight Technical Rehearsal | 23                   | 24<br>Canteen Open<br>Breakfast Club 8.30am-9.00am                                     | 25<br>Canteen Open<br>Assembly: 2.10pm – Quirky Quokkas<br>Limelight Dress Rehearsal and Performance<br><b>27/08: Family Portraits–P&amp;C</b> |
| <b>7</b>                                  | 28<br>School Banking<br>Yr 5/6 Boys Basketball               | 29<br>Father's Day Stall: 9.00-10.30am                                | 30                   | 31<br>Canteen Open<br>Breakfast Club 8.30am-9.00am<br>Father's Day Stall: 9.00-10.30am | Sept 1<br>Canteen Open<br>Father's Day Stall: 9.00-10.30am   |
| <b>8</b>                                  | 4<br>School Banking<br>Yr 5/6 Girls Basketball               | 5   | 6<br>Maths Olympiad  | 7<br>Canteen Open<br>Breakfast Club 8.30am-9.00am                                      | 8<br>Canteen Open<br>Assembly: 2.10pm  |
| <b>9</b><br><b>Swimming Program K/1/2</b> | 11<br>School Banking   | 12  | 13                   | 14<br>Canteen Open<br>Breakfast Club 8.30am-9.00am<br>Learning Journey                 | 15<br>Canteen Open<br>CEIS<br>Disco  |
| <b>10</b><br><b>Swimming Program</b>      | 18<br>School Banking<br>Yr 3/4 Boys and Girls Basketball     | 19<br>ACT - Athletics   | 20                   | 21<br>Canteen Open<br>Breakfast Club 8.30am-9.00am                                     | 22<br>Canteen Open<br>Assembly: 2.10pm – Year 3/4  |

## Term 4 – 2017

| Week     | Monday                  | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday   | Friday  |
|----------|-------------------------|---------|-----------|--|---|
| <b>1</b> | Oct 9<br>School Banking | 10      | 11        | 12<br>Canteen Open<br>Breakfast Club 8.30am-9.00am                                 | 13<br>Canteen Open  |
| <b>2</b> | 16<br>School Banking    | 17      | 18        | 19<br>Canteen Open<br>Breakfast Club 8.30am-9.00am                                 | 20<br>Canteen Open<br>Assembly: 2.10pm – Yr 3/4               |
| <b>3</b> | 23<br>School Banking    | 24      | 25        | 26<br>Canteen Open<br>Breakfast Club 8.30am-9.00am<br>Japanese Day                 | 27<br>Canteen Open  |
| <b>4</b> | 30<br>School Banking    | 31      | Nov 1     | 2<br>Canteen Open<br>Breakfast Club 8.30am-9.00am<br>Dance Showcase<br>Performance | 3<br>Canteen Open<br>Assembly: 2.10pm – 1/2<br>Friendly Frogs |

### 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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