

Evatt School

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



FROM THE EXECUTIVE

Dear parents and carers,

Surely, you are awaiting the 5/6 camp news with great anticipation. Last week early Wednesday morning the 5/6 students and 6 staff boarded a bus at Evatt Primary School heading towards Cooba Sports and Educational Centre. Emotions were high and the excitement of embarking on an adventure together filled the air. At 8.10am the bus left, parents waving and planning the next three days with one less child.



The three days at Camp Cooba were amazing with crisp mornings and days packed with fun filled learning experiences. Starting with the gladiator challenge, followed by low ropes, bubble ball, the flying fox and orienteering as a team, just to mention a few learning adventures that students and staff participated in. Staff were once again impressed with the behaviour and manners of our Evatt students.



Today I would like to spend a little bit of time to thank the staff who went on camp for three days. Camp is lots of fun and as teachers we thoroughly enjoy seeing our Evatt students outside school, seeing many of them show their true strengths, interests and step out of their comfort zone.

Camp also means that our staff left their families and made alternate plans for their children and spouses for three days. Staff are

6 March 2020

Monday 9 March:

- Canberra Day – No School!

Tuesday 10 March:

- Meet Michael Hatswell 5.30PM-7.00PM

Wednesday 11 March:

- School Banking

Thursday 12 March:

- Breakfast Club 8.30AM

Friday 13 March:

- Assembly: 2.15PM
- Ride2School Day

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prepared to live with very little sleep for three days and even after a tiring time still smile on the last day of camp, as they know that this is a learning opportunity for our students that is invaluable. **A huge thank you to Nicole Linsell, Jenelle Martin, Georgia Davies, Aaron Foy and Peter Simmons, who organised, ran and supported this camp with all their strengths, dedication and enthusiasm.**



Tick and Flicks

'Tick and Flicks' are mid- semester feedback forms that parents will receive at the end of Term 1. The intention of the form is to provide parents with an indication on how their child is travelling in English, Maths and social/ emotional learning. These provide the opportunity for parents to discuss learning with their children and make an appointment with the class teacher where needed. Please watch this space for more information.

Welcome to our new teacher in 3/4

We are pleased to welcome Ms Joanne Liu to the Evatt School community. Ms Liu will be taking over as the teacher of the 3/4 Bush Lanterns from Tuesday 10 March. She has more than 20 years teaching experience in Armidale (NSW) and Beijing. Her specialisations are in English as an Additional Language or Dialect, special education and Mandarin. Ms Liu is a mother of two adult children, with a personal interest in politics and history, languages, medicinal food and mindfulness. On Tuesday of week 7 the 17.03.2020 at 5pm Ms Liu invites you to join her for a meet and greet afternoon tea in the 3/4 teaching space.

Swimming Carnival

Organisation and excitement for the swimming carnival is running high, house meetings have been held and chants created. Seeing the preparation that has gone into the swimming carnival, I look forward to another fantastic Evatt swimming carnival.

Nicole Zimmer
Deputy Principal

YEAR 5/6 NEWSLETTER ITEM

Wow what a first five weeks it's been for our students. Last week we visited Camp Cooba. We had a blast learning in a different way. Students faced their fears on the flying fox, challenged themselves during the gladiator challenge and learned teamwork and communication skills during team maneuverers.

During our downtime we were able to jump on the bouncing castle, dance to Zumba, play pool and table tennis, feed the horses on the property or relax and talk with our friends.

By the end of the camp we relaxed on the bus home with some of us falling asleep before arriving at school.

Students have been getting into the swing of 5/6, learning the routines, teachers and curriculum for the year. The teachers in 5/6 would like to note how well every student has settled into the year. We are seeing some great learning by students, and would like to thank the Academy of Future Skills who we are working in collaboration with to deliver some exciting inquiry-based science lessons.

Lastly, we would like to thank you, the parents and carers, for an amazing start to the year. The interactions we have had with all of you especially during 'meet the teacher' interviews have been vital to help us create the safest and most supportive learning environment possible for your student.

Thank you,

Ms Linsell, Mrs Martin and Mr Foy
Classroom Teachers



NAPLAN 2020

The 2020 National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) testing dates will be from Tuesday 12 May to Friday 22 May. NAPLAN Online is a more engaging assessment that adjusts questions to each student's achievement level. NAPLAN provides valuable information to schools and parents about literacy and numeracy achievement. It supports school improvement processes by enabling teachers to monitor student progress over time and to identify areas of strength and development.

On Monday 23 March the children will have the opportunity to participate in a coordinated practice test (CPT) to give them the opportunity to familiarise themselves with the testing platform and processes and give schools the opportunity to ensure they are ready, including technical requirements/specifications, capacity loading and device check.

This year there is a slight change to the writing assessment. All year 3 students will be completing the assessment using pen and paper, and the year 5 students will be completing it online.

All eligible students are encouraged and supported to participate in NAPLAN testing, however if you wish to withdraw your child please provide written notification to Michael Hatswell prior to the testing period commencing.

Resources

-For further information about NAPLAN - <http://bit.ly/naplanonline>

-Mini-tests to help familiarise your child to the program - www.nap.edu.au

Jenelle Martin
NAPLAN Coordinator

School Banking

Did you know that Evatt school benefits directly when you participate in the School Banking program?

Banking day is every Wednesday – there are some great rewards this year for our consistent savers.

Pop into your nearest Commonwealth Bank to open an account, or if you're already a member of the Commonwealth School Banking program, don't forget to bring your banking book in each Wednesday.



School Jumpers

Order forms for school jumpers are available at the link below or through the front office.

http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0004/463009/Uniform_-_jumper_order_form_2020.pdf

National Ride2School Day - Friday March 13

Friday of Week 6 will be national ride 2 school day, an annual event promoting active travel. The Evatt School community would like to come together before school in order to celebrate the event. A ride will be led by PE teacher Mr Daniel Boyle.

National Ride2School Day is the perfect opportunity to kick start healthy habits and to promote the benefits of active travel. The Evatt area is part of the ACT Government's Active Streets program, signalled by the blue stencils on the path.

Mr Boyle will lead the ride from the shop on Copland Dr (5 Star Supermarket). Helmets must be worn and bicycles should be in good condition. Please meet by 8:15AM to depart at 8:20AM.

Students must be supervised by parents or carers for the duration of the ride until the regular drop off time at school.

Students are welcome to cycle, walk, scooter or skate down to school. There are bike racks available for storing the bikes.

National Ride2School Day 2020 | Bicycle Network

National Ride2School Day. Friday 13 March 2020. Join more than 350,000 students across the nation who will ride, walk, scooter and skate to school on Friday 13 March 2020.

www.bicyclenetwork.com.au



<https://www.bicyclenetwork.com.au/rides-and-events/ride2school/ride2school-day/>

https://www.transport.act.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0011/1234838/Evatt-Primary.pdf

2020 Camps

Camps provide a great opportunity for students to develop teamwork, social skills and independence and it is very important to us to have as many students attend as possible. As this activity has an outside provider it is not subject to the voluntary contributions policy, and payment is required for the successful running of the camp. Students not attending the camp will follow an alternative program at school, with student numbers determining the activities provided.

Year 3/4 - 2020 Camp:

Dates for 3/4 Camp have been finalised.

3/4 camp will be held in Week 10 of Term 2, from Monday 29th June to Wednesday 1st July.

Further information will be shared as it becomes available to the school.

Parent/Carers Workshop

Literacy Accessibility Tool

Boost reading and writing confidence

Read & Write for Google Chrome (RW4G)

Read & Write for Google Chrome (RW4G) offers support for Google Docs and the web and is especially beneficial for students with diverse literacy needs. It offers a range of powerful support tools to assist students to gain confidence with reading, writing, studying and research e.g. text to speech, speech to text, word prediction.

RW4G is available free for all students and teachers in ACT Public Schools. Students can access the tool anywhere at school, home etc. The licence has been extended for the next 3 years.

Workshop details and registration

Two workshop sessions will be offered, if you are interested in attending please register for **one** of the workshop dates by emailing to michelle.vanpuyvelde@act.gov.au and/or **6207 4225**.

Term 2 2020, wk.2

Thursday 7th May 4.00-5.30pm

Venue: Centre for Teaching & Learning Hedley Beare

51 Fremantle Drive Stirling ACT

Room: Mezzanine

Term 3 2020, wk.6

Tuesday 25th August 4.00-5.30pm

Venue: Mount Stromlo High School 220 Badimara St, Waramanga ACT

Room: Library

If you want to learn more about Read & Write for Google Chrome below are links to a variety of videos.

- https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLvSZbmGbKpCTkk3S93CXtQWNf50f_Ow3D&disable_playlist=true
- <https://www.texthelp.com/en-au/products/read-write/read-write-for-google/>
- <https://www.texthelp.com/en-au/sectors/education/schools/>

Skoolbag School App – Don't Miss a Thing!

Please subscribe to our Skoolbag iPhone and Android App to help us communicate more effectively with our parent and carer community. To install it, just search for our school name 'Evatt Primary School' in either the Apple App Store or Google Play Store. Alternatively, if you google 'Evatt Primary School Skoolbag App', it will be listed in your search.

School app

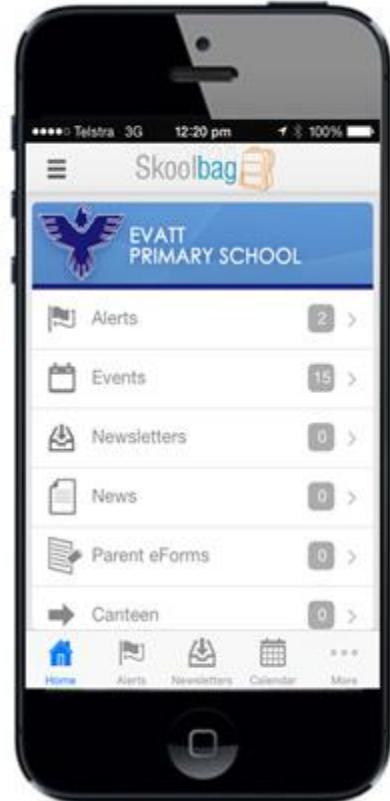
How to install our Skoolbag app

iPhone & iPad users

- Click the 'App store' icon on your Apple device
- Search for Evatt Primary
- If iPhone, choose the Skoolbag app, press 'Free', then 'install'
- If iPad, change the dropdown list to 'iPhone apps', the Skoolbag app should then be visible, press 'Free', then 'install'
- When installed press 'Open'
- Select 'OK' to receive push notifications, when asked
- Press the 'More' button on the bottom right of the app, then 'Setup'
- Turn on the correct year levels that you wish to receive push notifications for

Android users

- You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app
- Press the 'Play Store' button on your Android device
- Press the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in Evatt Primary
- Press on the Skoolbag version of the app, you may need to scroll down in the list of search results to find it
- Press the 'Install' button
- Press 'Accept' for various permissions (please note we do not modify any of your personal data on your device)
- Press 'Open' when installed
- Press the 'More' button on the bottom right of the app, then 'Setup'
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EVATT BREAKFAST CLUB

Each Thursday, the Evatt Breakfast Club serves a free breakfast to students in the canteen foyer from 8:30AM – 9:00AM.

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

The Evatt Breakfast Club is run by volunteers who serve cereal, toast and Milo to the children. If you're interested in volunteering this term please contact Felicity Kelly via email (felicitymcnamara@gmail.com) or in person.

We'd also love any donations of cereals, spreads, bread (including gluten free) and Milo.

Felicity Kelly

P&C Representative.

Notes Due:

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

2020 Voluntary Contributions and Stationery Contribution - Years K-6

http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0010/459838/2020_Vol_Cons_and_Stationery.pdf

Japanese Assistant Host Families 2020

http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0004/451660/2020_Host_Families_Needed.pdf

Detailed Student Information Form - All Years

(these were sent home in week one)

Medical Information and Consent Form

http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0007/461995/medical-information-and-consent-form.pdf

In the Community.

INNER NORTH PLAY SCHOOL

Enrolments are now **OPEN**

Inner North Playschool is a licensed Playschool which provides exceptional early childhood education for **3-4 year olds in Canberra**. Our aim is to enrich the child's development in a safe and nurturing environment while having fun and making friends. There is plenty of opportunity for parents to be involved too. To enquire about vacancies contact us today.



www.innernorthplayschool.org
innernorthplayschool@gmail.com

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- Tennis increases cardiovascular fitness
- Tennis is FUN!

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at Melba is two weeks of developing tennis skills with our award-winning coaches.

RED BALL CAMP

AGES 3-6

With special low compression red balls that bounce lower and slower, and genuine 'Hot Shots' mini courts with lower nets, the youngest champions will have fun while learning to play.

Week 1 Tue 14 to Fri 17 Apr 2020*

Week 2 Mon 20 to Fri 24 Apr 2020

Time 9 am to 12 pm (half day)

9 am to 4 pm (full day)

Cost **Daily** \$45 half \$90 full

Week 1 \$145 half \$280 full

Week 2 \$180 half \$350 full

* No classes on Easter Monday 13 Apr

JUNIOR TENNIS CAMP

AGES 6-14

Older kids will develop strokes and game skills in a fun and challenging environment.

Week 1 Tue 14 to Fri 17 Apr 2020*

Week 2 Mon 20 to Fri 24 Apr 2020

Time 9 am to 12 pm (half day)

9 am to 4 pm (full day)

Cost **Daily** \$45 half \$90 full

Week 1 \$145 half \$280 full

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Call Owen Peemoeller on 0407 456 293

Email owen@ontherinetennis.com.au

Register online at www.ontherinetennis.com.au

Term 1 – 2020

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
6	9 Canberra Day No School	10 Meet Michael Hatwell (P&C Event)	11 School Banking	12 Breakfast Club 8.30AM	13 Assembly: 2.15PM Ride2School day
7	16	17	18 School Banking	19 Breakfast Club 8.30AM	20 -CEIS (Christian Education in Schools)
8	23	24	25 School Banking	26 Belconnen School Carnival Breakfast Club 8.30AM	27 Assembly: 2.15PM
9	30	31	April 1 School Banking	2 Breakfast Club 8.30AM	3 Athletics Carnival
10	6	7	8 School Banking	9 Breakfast Club 8.30AM Assembly: 2.15PM	10 Good Friday No School

Term 2 – 2020

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	27 April ANZAC DAY No School	28	29 School Banking	30 Breakfast Club 8.30AM	1 May Cross Country
2	4 May	5	6 School Banking	7 Breakfast Club 8.30AM	8 Assembly: 2.15PM
3	11	12	13 School Banking	14 Breakfast Club 8.30AM	15
4	16	17	18 School Banking	19 Breakfast Club 8.30AM	20 Assembly: 2.15PM
5	23	24	25 School Banking	26 Breakfast Club 8.30AM	27

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'