From the Principal,

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to a new school year and welcome to all our new families. We have had an amazing start to the year. Our Kindergarten students look like they have been at school longer than three days. Our preschoolers are settling in really well into their routine. On Tuesday morning, Mr Nicho and I visited all the classrooms to welcome all students back. There was a positive vibe happening in every classroom and all students were so engaged in their learning. We believe that this is because of the preparation that we do in term 4 to ensure that we are organised and raring to go!

Term one looks busy already as you will see by the calendar. Don’t forget to check out the back page of the newsletter so that you can keep up to date. Please look out for the information re booking online for parent teacher interviews in week 3. As we did last year, these are three way interviews so you will need to bring along your child/ren so that you can jointly set learning goals for the coming year. Also being sent home today is a permission note requiring parental consent so we can implement the online version of Progressive Achievement Tests provided by the Australian Council of Education Research.

We are also hosting our first P & C meeting for the year on Wednesday 15 February at 6:30pm. The P & C play a vital role in supporting the school and new faces are always welcome. We do understand that it can be difficult to come to evening meetings so for this upcoming meeting we are providing crèche facilities. The crèche 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 14 February stating how many children and their ages please.

Last year you were involved in voting for the reshaping of our school values. You would have read in the newsletter about S (Success) O (Optimism) A (Acceptance) and R (Resilience) - SOAR. Throughout the year teachers will be working with their students to deepen their understanding of what these values really mean. You may have noticed the flags on the Barnyard and around the school.

Please check later in the newsletter, for instructions on how to book parent/student/teacher interviews. Bookings open Monday 6 February at 9am.

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"We wish to acknowledge the Ngunnawal people as the traditional owners and custodians of this land”
This term, as a school, we are focusing on what success looks like. Success does not equate to perfection and not making mistakes. The statements on the poster have come from the students. To be successful, we need several other skills such as reflectiveness and resourcefulness. As a staff, we are aligning them with the language of learning. What actions do students need to do to be successful? I mentioned earlier about three way interviews in week three. Part of that process is to set goals that are achievable to enable your child/ren to be successful. What do we all need to do to enable targets to be achieved? That is being reflective. It is important for all of us to understand that even when the task seems difficult it is important to keep going in order to complete it because that enables a feeling of success.

“It was hard, but I did it”, “I am proud of myself!”
Our preschool teachers are engaging their students in developing these lifelong skills. They have created learning statements that reflect the school values but in language that is more relevant.

I would also like to remind parents and students that students are not permitted to be on any playground climbing equipment before school. Limited supervision is provided from 8.40am on the Barnyard hard surface area only, outside the canteen/hall area. Prior to 8.40am students are to assemble in the corridor near the 5/6 classrooms.

We look forward to a very successful year of learning with our students. Please support us by echoing these messages with your child.

Have a lovely weekend Susan

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**EVATT SPORTS CO-ORDINATOR NEWS**

This year I have taken on the role of Sports Coordinator. The main part of my role will involve me taking every child in the school for Physical Education each week. The other part of my role will involve me coordinating all school sports carnivals and disseminating School Sport ACT (SSACT) sport trial information to interested students.

**Evatt School Swimming Carnival**

On Friday 3 March Evatt School will relocate to the Gungahlin Leisure Centre for our swimming carnival. The children in Kindergarten, Year 1, K/1/2 ANTS and 2/3/4 ANTS teams will rotate through water activities and novelty games. The children in Years 2 to 6 and 5/6 ANTS will participate in the swimming carnival which will include freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke and butterfly races as well as a 25 metre race where the children simply need to swim to the middle of the pool using any stroke they want. After the carnival the children will move through the same activity rotation as the younger children.

A note containing further information, a permission slip and a medical form will be going home in week 2. Please return these notes as soon as possible.

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. Parents please note that if you are not assisting at the carnival you will need to pay an entry fee.

All activities for children in K, 1, K/1/2 ANTS and 2/3/4 ANTS will be undertaken in water below waist height. 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](http://www.sports.det.nsw.edu.au/spguide/aquatic_activity/dvd.php).
12yrs & Under Zone Sport Team Trials

Last year School Sport ACT introduced a new online registration system for all U12 zone sports team trials. If you haven’t previously done so the registration process is outlined below for you.

All sport trial information can be found on the School Sport ACT website (www.schoolsportact.asn.au). As a school we will continue to try to ensure that dates of trials are advertised in the newsletter, as well as information sheets handed out to interested children. We also encourage parents to look at this site regularly for trial notices.

Registration Process

School Sport ACT now collects all registration information online – this is to prevent the movement to and from of a paper note and have all information readily available to officials prior to the trial. As this process incurs a fee for data storage, system maintenance and admin a small $3 fee payment via credit card will be required.

1. Go to the School Sport ACT website – www.schoolsportact.asn.au
2. Click Register (top right corner of homepage) for an account – enter parent details and password
3. A confirmation email will be sent to your chosen email that will contain a link that you must click on to verify the email account.
4. Click Log In (top right hand corner of home page) enter password then click on top tab My Profile
5. You will see a ‘dashboard’ of your information, click green box to Add Student – enter student and medical details and save.
6. Go to the Sports tab – choose your specific sport, click on Trial Information then click on the Register to Trial link.
7. Select your child’s name from the dropdown box and then enter the optional fields for playing history, preferred position (if applicable) and representative experience.
8. Make the $3 credit card payment then click to register.
9. An automated email will then be sent to your Principal/School Approver for their approval to trial (no need to take anything to school for the Principal to sign).
10. You will be able to see the process has been complete back in My Profile – once your Principal/School Approver has completed the approval process your child’s information will be collated onto a list for the team manager and coach prior to trial.
11. Note the registration process closes two days before the first trial date to allow sufficient time for approval and sharing of collated information.

Semester 1 SSACT (School Sport ACT) Carnivals

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Jenelle Martin, Evatt Sports Coordinator
Dear parents and carers

From 9am Monday 6 February you can book interviews at times that suit YOUR FAMILY BEST. Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au, enter the school event code relevant for your student, and then follow the three simple steps.

Interviews For Preschool → Year 6 held:
Monday 13 February to Friday 17 February

When you click finish, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically - check your junk mail folder if you do not receive your email immediately.

You can return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au at any time, and change your interviews - until bookings close.

For parents that don't have access to the internet at home, at work, at a friend's house or on their phones, bookings will be assisted at the Front Office from Monday 6 – Thursday 9 February.

Interviews are strictly 10mins and spaces are limited. If you require more time, please contact your child’s teacher directly to make alternative arrangements. Students in our Learning Support Units will not be having get to know you meetings as they will have an ILP meeting. ILP meetings are one hour long and school staff will be in touch to organise an appropriate time.

Parents can change their interview bookings, any time prior to the closing date, by re-visiting the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website and using the event code. Remember to use the same name and email address you used when you made your original booking. Parents wishing to change their interview times after the closing date should contact the school directly on: 6205 5999.

We would love to hear what you think about online booking. If you get time, click on the ‘contact us’ button on the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website and leave some feedback, anonymously if you wish, but please include the school’s name and suburb.

PLEASE NOTE: Bookings close Friday 10 February at 3pm for all students.

Please make sure your booking is made prior to this time so teachers are able to adequately plan for the interview the following week.
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.

P&C NEWS

The first P&C meeting for the year will be held in week 3, Wednesday 15 February at 6.30pm. New committee members are always welcome. It would be great if we could have some new members including Preschool and Kindergarten parents and carer’s, along with our established hard working volunteers. The P&C performs an essential and valuable role in the Evatt School community. We look forward to seeing you at the meetings.

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BUS TIMETABLES
Details of all school and regular bus services are now available for parents and students to begin planning their journeys. We ask that parents and students familiarise themselves with the most suitable route, times and stop locations for their children before the school term commences.

School bus services are available to school students only however, parents with young children may apply to travel on these services for a few weeks to help their child get used to bus travel. Please use the links below for further information on our bus services:
School bus timetables
Regular bus timetables

We are urging parents and students to check MyWay cards and top up if required. MyWay cards can be topped up automatically using the handy autoload service, online, over the phone via the Transport Canberra information line (13 17 10), or in person with a MyWay recharge agent. Passengers who top up using Autoload attract a further 5% discount on all fares.

New bus fares came into effect on 14 January 2017. Single trip concessions cash fares cost $2.50 and MyWay fares are now $1.16. School Students are almost $60 a month better off when using MyWay rather than paying a cash fare to and from school. Parents and students can find more information at transport.act.gov.au or by calling 13 17 10.

NDIA/DEAKIN UNIVERSITY RESEARCH STUDY
The National Disability Insurance Agency, in collaboration with Deakin University, is currently recruiting participants for a research study to better understand the benefits and barriers of participation in organised physical activity among children with disabilities and/or additional needs.

They are seeking parents/caregivers of children aged 4-17 years with a disability and/or additional needs as well as sporting coaches (volunteer or paid) of mainstream and/or inclusive clubs to complete an online survey. The results of the survey will be used to inform further research and develop resources to support parents and their children with disabilities and/or additional needs who would like to participate in organised physical activity. To participate in the study participants are to contact Dr Nicole Papadopoulos on 03 9244 5295 or email: allplay@deakin.edu.au. Further information can be found at: www.allplaysportsanddance.org.au. contact: Cathie Spicer, Ph: 620 51841.

SHOWTIME IN THE CITY
Showtime in the City brings the best of the ActewAGL Royal Canberra Show to the City Centre, with snow cones, popcorn, showbags and a petting zoo all on offer between 10 and 11 February, in Petrie Plaza.

Tickets to the ActewAGL Royal Canberra Show will be available for sale at a ticket booth both days. Showtime in the City will take place in Petrie Plaza 10 (4pm-9.30pm) and 11 February (10am-4pm). Showtime in the City is an initiative supported by the ACT Government and the City Action Plan, the Royal National Capital Agricultural Society and ActewAGL.
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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’

Notes Due:

2017 Voluntary Contributions and Stationery Payment P-6


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