



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

## From the Principal

### NATIONAL QUALITY ASSESSMENT AT PRESCHOOL

Last Friday we had confirmation that in the recent assessment of our preschool, we were awarded exceeding the standard in six out of seven areas. The process takes 20 weeks and involves an extensive look at our policies and practices, teaching and learning, health and safety, external play areas and leadership and management. We are thrilled with the outcome and congratulations go to the preschool team and the Executive teacher in charge of the preschool, Mrs Wilson for their hard work.

### 40th BIRTHDAY ASSEMBLY/TIME CAPSULE

It was fantastic to see so many people at the birthday assembly on Tuesday afternoon. It was a lovely celebration. Thank you to all those people who have provided such positive feedback. I promised that I would include some of the detail of the items that were in the time capsule. We have a school uniform and a hat, class lists and wishes written by the students from 2004. Here is a snapshot.

My wish for the future:

- is to be a police woman (Kindy)
- no more wars (year 1)
- is to be a singer and a hairdresser (year 2)
- the drought will be over (year 3)
- to live in peace and harmony for the world (year 4 student)
- that in ten years time I will have done well in all my studies and I will be happy. My wish for the world is that everyone will learn not to throw plastic bags away. (year 5 student)
- in ten years time is for more animals to be bred and raised and that no one will be hungry or starving. (year 6 student)

Our current students have included the following:

- Kindy – A photo and a comment about what the children like about school – we have also included a memory stick – will they be useable in 2024?
- Year 1/2 - have written a little introduction about themselves and what their interests are.
- Year 3 /4 -have written personal profiles and made loop bands to secure their profiles as they are the latest craze
- Year 5/6 – have submitted a selection of poems that they wrote for ANZAC day this year.
- ANTS TEAM- Poster showing all the toys that the children like to play with in 2014. We have also included a year 6 special 40th birthday shirt and hat.

4 July 2014

### Friday 4 July

Canteen Open  
Australian Maths Comp Note Due  
Last day of Term 2

### Monday 21 July

First day of Term 3  
School Banking  
Canteen Open  
NAIDOC Week Performance

### Tuesday 22 July

Athletics Carnival  
Swim & Survive Program Notes Due – 22 July

### Wednesday 23 July

Preschool Excursion – CMAG – 10am-2.30pm

### Thursday 24 July

Breakfast Club – 8.30-9.00am  
Canteen Open  
Portrait collection 2:30-5:30pm (one day only)

### Friday 25 July

### Saturday 26 July

Bunnings BBQ

## Dates for the diary

ICAS English Test – 29 July  
P&C Meeting – 30 July 6.30pm  
Preschool Excursion – CMAG – 1 Aug  
Jamie Pearlman Cup 5/6 Boys Basketball – 7 Aug  
Australian Maths Competition – 7 August  
J Pearlman Cup 3/4Boys Note Due – 8 August  
Sue Geh Cup 3/4 Girls Note Due – 8 August  
ICAS Maths Test – 12 August  
Sue Geh Cup 5/6 Girls Basketball – 20 Aug  
Musica Viva – 21 August  
J Pearlman Cup 3/4Boys Basketball – 3 Sept  
Sue Geh Cup 3/4 Girls Basketball – 3 Sept

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### PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Thank you to all parents who have made an appointment to speak with your child’s teacher this week. The meeting is an important part of the partnership we have with you.

### FAREWELL TO MRS LETTON

Today we say goodbye to Mrs Letton after 34 years of teaching. We value the contribution she has made to not only our current students but all students that she has taught over the years. We will miss her creative flair and respectful way in which she has worked with all students.

Have a happy and safe holiday, **Susan**

## A Message from the Minister

### Parental Engagement A Priority

During Public Education Week at the end of May, it was very good to see the achievements of our students, schools, teachers, and staff showcased and celebrated. On show were so many examples of where you and your communities are actively involved with your children’s schools; through different activities and programs.

I will continue to focus on putting children, parents, carers and communities at the centre of our education system and will be looking at further ways of communicating the values of the public education system.

For example, the online enrolment system has simplified processes for parents and carers, and we have also launched the ‘Parents and Students At The Centre’ page on our website, which features stories of parent-school engagement, including one about how ACT public schools are increasingly using Facebook and Twitter to enable parents and the community engage and stay up to date on their activities and achievements.

Other initiatives include the ‘Fresh Tastes’ program which encourages learning about nutrition and healthy food and drink choices in schools and we have also launched a series of fact sheets for parents and carers of gifted and talented students.

I also recently launched the ‘100 Stories: Celebrating public education in Canberra’ book which features fascinating stories of people who have influenced, or have been influenced by our public education system. Have a great run-up to the end of term and stay warm!

‘100 Stories: Celebrating public education in Canberra’ can be viewed online at [www.det.act.gov.au](http://www.det.act.gov.au) .

**Joy Burch MLA**  
**Minister for Education and Training**

## TRAFFIC

Early in the year, there were changes to the road rules around the pedestrian crossing and school car park. It is frustrating that people are not following the rules. The pedestrian crossing is close to the exit of the car park. To keep our children safe, it is essential that cars exiting the car park obey the sign, and only turn left during the stated times. Turning right during this time is dangerous for those on the crossing, and causes traffic chaos. Please be aware, the failure of some parents to follow the rules, has been reported to both Urban Services, and the police. Patrols will be randomly targeting our school, to ensure everyone is doing their best to keep our children safe.



## FLYING HIGHS

**Jack – Young Talent Time:** Over the course of this term I have been delighted by the improvement you have made in the interest and effort you are placing in your school work. I am particularly delighted with your enthusiastic participation in guiding reading sessions. Great job, Keep it up! **From Ms. Goodrum and Mrs. Bray**

**Layla – Young Talent Time:** Congratulations for settling in to Evatt Primary so beautifully and so quickly. The Young Talent team students and teachers are so happy that you are part of the class. **From Ms Goodrum and Mrs Bray**

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**Toby – The Dr Who's:** Congratulations Toby on your wonderful reading and spelling. All your hard work each day is certainly paying off. I am really impressed by your accuracy, comprehension and ability to use the reading strategies to decipher tricky words. Your spelling is incredible! **Thank you, from Mrs Todd**

**Regan – The Dr Who's:** Regan I can rely on you to give any school task your undivided attention, producing high quality work at all times. I am impressed with all the wonderful ideas that go into writing tasks and your attempts to get those capital letters and full stops in the right places. **Congratulations from Mrs Todd**

**Rachel – Brainy Bunch:** I am so lucky to have a class full of fantastic readers. You wowed the entire class on Tuesday with your exceptional reading skills when reading aloud. Peoples comments included: - "I loved all of the different voices you used" and "you read with so much expression and flow!" Congratulations Rachel, **from Mr Combe**

**Joshua – Brainy Bunch:** Thank you Joshua for all that you do in our class. You are always the first to offer assistance to others and dish out compliments whenever you see them necessary. You are the perfect class member and all of the Brainy Bunch consider ourselves lucky to have you in our wonderful class. **From Mr Combe**



# WEDNESDAY CRAFT ROTATIONS



## P&C NEWS

Our school has a small but very committed Parents and Citizens Committee (P&C). At the moment the committee is made up of 10-12 volunteers and we collaborate to bring services to the school such as:

- the second hand uniform stall
- junior and senior discos
- the canteen
- Mother's and Father's Day stalls
- the Breakfast Club
- community events (e.g. the family fun day picnic)
- Evatt Angels
- and the newly established Parent Room.

In addition to this, the P&C co-ordinate regular fundraising events (such as the Bunning BBQs) to allow us to donate resources to the school and preschool.

On average we donate about \$10,000 a year to the school – the most recent being \$3,000 for water tanks and pumps.

We are a friendly and social bunch and are always looking to meet and work with new members of our community.

If you would like to be updated on P&C activities but are unable to attend the meetings, please email Christine at [insmouth@gmail.com](mailto:insmouth@gmail.com). Similarly, if you have any other questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via email or on 0428892549. Christine Trull, P&C President

### **Bunnings BBQ**

Evatt has a BBQ at Bunnings for Saturday 26 July. Your assistance in manning this BBQ is much appreciated. A roster has been posted on the white board in the foyer or can be accessed online at:

Go to <http://sites.google.com/site/evattrosters>. Sign in to Google using these details to get to the web page: email address: [evattpc@gmail.com](mailto:evattpc@gmail.com), password: pandcroster. Thanks as always, Christine (P&C President)

## **IMPORTANT MESSAGE - PLEASE READ**

### **SWIMMING LESSONS - YEARS K/1/2 - RETURN BY 22 JULY**

**Further to our previous note about the swimming, we have now had further advice that we WILL be collecting the swimming money. Please return your forms AND THE MONEY to the front office.**

The Royal Life Saving Society Australia (RLSSA) has sent home information to all students in years K/1/2 for enrolment and participation in the ACT Primary Schools Swim and Survive Program next term. The program is run over 2 weeks during school time from 11-22 August 2014 at CISAC Belconnen. All lessons will be instructed by AUSTSWIM qualified teachers and supervised by professional pool lifeguards. Numbers are restricted by the seats available on the bus so please return your forms by the due date. For more information visit [www.swimandsurvive.com.au](http://www.swimandsurvive.com.au) or contact Royal Life Saving on 1300 737 763.

## Chief Minister's Reading Challenge Up Date



Challenge  
have all

Most of the classes have been diligently been involved in the Chief Minister's Reading challenge this term. Congratulations to the Dr Who 1/ 2 class who were the first junior class to students complete the challenge. They will receive a class prize of a movie and popcorn in the hall.

The Young Franksteins are in the lead in the 3 /4 category with 70% of students completing the challenge so far. To date one student in Year 5 /6 has completed the challenge.

Encourage your child to take the holidays as a great opportunity to read books for the challenge. Don't worry if they do not have their official recording sheets at home - a signed note by a parent with the book titles would suffice and it could be recorded onto the sheets on returning to school next term.

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."  
— Dr. Seuss, I Can Read With My Eyes Shut!

Louise Frawley  
Literacy and Numeracy Field Officer

## JAPANESE WORDS OF THE WEEK

### **Otanjoubi**

**Pronunciation: tun-jor-bih**

**Meaning: birthday**

### **omedetou**

**Pronunciation: oh-med-i-tor**

**Meaning: congratulations**

**Otanjoubi omedetou is used to wish somebody a **Happy Birthday!****

## EVATT PLAYGROUP

- Who?** Members of the Evatt community and surrounds with young children
- When?** Monday's, Week 2-9, Term 3, 9.15 – 10.30am
- Where?** Evatt School in the Parent Room (please ask at the Front Office)
- What?** Please bring a hat, water bottle and snacks for your child.

Please RSVP to Tina via email [christina.wilson@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:christina.wilson@ed.act.edu.au). Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions you may have. We look forward to seeing you next term. **Tina**

## 40<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY ASSEMBLY

*Mr Alan Fidock, who was the first Principal at Evatt Primary School in 1974.*



*Minister Joy Burch, and Mary Porter, Member for Ginninderra, cutting the celebration cake.*

*Our fabulous students, performing "God Save the Queen" for the school, parents and visiting guests.*



# PEDAL PARTY



*Junior school ready to go!*



*Even the Evatt Eagle got to go for a ride!*



*Percy the Pelican enjoyed the Pedal Party too!*



*Out the gate!*



*And away we go!*

Lets celebrate that Evatt School rolled some 1160 kilometres yesterday.

In terms of carbon saved, that is about 50kilograms of carbon we did not send into the atmosphere in order to have a great day out together.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES



**FREE Ballet, Jazz & Art Classes**

Classes in Kambah on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July.  
Classes are designed to allow people to try out our classes for FREE before the start of next term. We have a range of classes from babies through to adults.  
For more info please contact 0406 811 738 – [doula@canberrabirthservices.com.au](mailto:doula@canberrabirthservices.com.au) or visit [www.canberrabirthservices.com.au](http://www.canberrabirthservices.com.au)



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## Term 2 - 2014

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10	30 40 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations – all week Parent/Teacher Interviews	<b>July</b> 1 40 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Assembly 2.15pm Parent/Teacher Interviews	2 School in the 70's Parent/Teacher Interviews	3 Pedal Party Cycling Celebration	4 Assembly: no class item <b>Last Day of Term 2</b>

## Term 3 - 2014

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	21 July <b>First day of Term 3</b> NAIDOC Week Performance	22 Athletics Carnival	23 Preschool Excursion – CMAG – 10am-2.30pm	24 Portrait collection 2:30- 5:30pm (one day only)	25 <b>Bunnings BBQ</b> <b>tomorrow Sat 26 July</b>
2	28 First Aid Kindy 9.05-9.50am Yr 1/2 9.50-10.35am	29 ICAS English Test	30 P&C Meeting 6.30pm	31	<b>August 1</b> Assembly hosted by Blazing Saddles Preschool Excursion – CMAG – 10am-2.30pm
3	4	5	6	7 Australian Maths Competition Yr 5/6 boys Basketball Comp	8 Assembly hosted by The Benji's
4	11 K/1/2 Swimming this week →	12 ICAS Maths Test	13 Gateway Jnr Maths	14 Gateway Snr History Belconnen Athletics	15 Assembly hosted by Environment Centre
5	18 K/1/2 Swimming this week →	19	20 Yr 5/6 Girls Basketball Comp	21 Musica Viva 9.15-10.15am	22 Assembly hosted by The Beatles
6	25	26	27	28	29 Assembly hosted by Great Gatsby
7	<b>September</b> 1	2	3 Yr 3/4 Boys Basketball Comp Yr 3/4 Girls Basketball Comp	4	5
8	8	9	10	11	12
9	15	16	17	18	19
10	22	23	24	25	26

### 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"

**VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS.** The contribution has been set at: \$100.00, for one child, \$180.00 for two children, \$240.00 for three or more children.



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