



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

## **In the Eagle this week:**

- **Professional Learning**
- **First Aid**
- **Cross-School Literacy Project**
- **Working Bee**
- **Animal Kingdom News**
- **P&C – Homemade Treats Day**
- **Sports News**

## **From the Executive Teacher**

Dear parents and carers

As professionals, we always want to up-skill ourselves to improve our practice. As teachers, we are committed to being a lifelong learner and I believe it's our duty to model this to our students and community. The Evatt staff have made this particularly evident over the last few weeks. Many staff members have attended a variety of professional learning sessions to keep up to date with the latest

trends and research findings in education.

Two weeks ago on a Saturday, 16 staff members attended a full day First Aid Course to renew their certification and refresh their skills. Last weekend 4 teachers attended a professional learning day provided by the Australian Science Teachers Association, to increase their knowledge in science and develop their skills and understanding of STEM subjects. As mentioned in previous newsletters, STEM subjects are a new focus for the school and improving our capability in this area is one of our main goals in our strategic four year plan. The attending staff have come back with a plethora of new ideas and resources.

Junior teachers from preschool to Year 2 are involved in a cross-school literacy project with one of Australia's leading literacy consultants and authors, Christine Topfer. The teachers attended a full day course initially and this was followed a week later where she came to Evatt and gave demonstration lessons, including reflective dialogue and goal setting. During this time the teachers were undertaking the exact strategies that we use with our students, to improve our own practice. This professional learning will continue with Chris and the other schools next term.

Members of the leadership team were also at more professional learning this week for mathematics, attending 'Principals As Numeracy Leaders'. Again we are attending with other schools to learn, collaborate and develop our numeracy skills and learning.

## **29 March 2018**

**Friday 30 March**  
**Good Friday**

**Monday 2 April**  
**Easter Monday**

**Tuesday 3 April**  
AquaSafe – Year 2  
School banking  
Constable Kenny – 3/4KP and 5/6GC  
Disco Hot Dog order/payment due

**Wednesday 4 April**  
AquaSafe – Year 2  
ICAS – note/payment due  
Tidbinbilla note/payment due  
P&C Meeting – 6pm

**Thursday 5 April**  
Canteen Open  
Breakfast Club: 8.30am – 9.00am  
AquaSafe – Year 2

**Friday 6 April**  
Canteen Open  
AquaSafe – Year 2  
CEIS  
School Disco

**Saturday 7 April**  
Working Bee: 8.30am

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the Back Page .....***



On Saturday, I attended a mini conference run by the Australian Literacy Education Association, which focused on the processes involved in writing, and the importance of handwriting. Even as an experienced educator, I learnt new information about how and why it is still important to teach handwriting. It is even more important now in our digital and screen age for young children to be given multiple opportunities to hold a pencil, draw and write. Occupational therapists and indeed even educators like us are noticing a decrease in fine motor skills with young children entering schooling in preschool and kindergarten. Children are spending hours on 'screen devices' and no longer get the same range of motor skills and hand strength they once had. Researchers in the area, including brain scans by neuroscientists, prove that writing by hand activates the parts of the brain involved in memory, impulse control and attention. I was challenged with this notion because we also have a responsibility to prepare our students with 21st Century skills, including computer skills. Research showed college students (university students) who took notes by hand demonstrated better conceptual understanding and memory of the material than students who took notes using a laptop. Researchers also suspect the same may hold true for younger students. Even though NAPLAN is converting to a computer-based test for writing for years 5 and up, most students in high school and university still have to complete their schools 'in house' tests by hand. The course reinforced to me that handwriting is not a dying art - it is still an essential and important skill to learn and use, no matter your age.

On a final note I would like to remind you of the Working Bee on Saturday 7 April at 8.30am. There is going to be a 'sensory garden' makeover and a few other areas around the school that need replanting and tidying up. Our new Business Services Officer (BSO) Brad has completed an assessment of the school grounds and identified a few areas in need of attention. If you can spare one or a few hours, it would be appreciated greatly.

**Louise Frawley**

Literacy and Numeracy Impact Coach  
Junior School Team Leader



## NAPLAN will be online from **15-25 May 2018.**

**NAPLAN Online:**

- is more engaging and adjusts questions to meet your child's achievement level.
- delivers more precise literacy and numeracy achievement results to schools and parents more quickly.
- supports school improvement by enabling teachers to monitor student progress over time and to identify areas of strength and development.

**Our school encourages all eligible students to participate in NAPLAN.  
Visit [www.nap.edu.au](http://www.nap.edu.au) to see how the test works and for more information.**

## Animal Kingdom News

In 'The Animal Kingdom' this term, the students have been fully engaged in their learning about living things and how they change as they grow. We have been observing meal worms and how different temperatures can affect their growth. We have watched them change from a small meal worm (larva) through to pupa. The children observed that the meal worms kept in the cooler environment (refrigerator) have not progressed through their life cycle as quickly as the meal worms kept in the warmer environment (classrooms). Last week we closely examined the pupas, discussed how they have changed, and recorded these observations in a labelled diagram. We are waiting patiently to discover what our meal worms are going to transform into when they become adults, so please don't spoil the surprise.



## **P&C - Dates for your Diary**

Homemade Treat Day -	Tuesday 10th April (week 10)
Mother's Day Stall -	Tuesday 8th and Thursday 10th May
Trivia Night -	adults only Friday 22nd June
Evatt Old Fashioned Fete -	Sunday 4 November 11am - 3pm

The P&C have a Facebook page so please join - Evatt School P&C. You can keep up to date with fundraising and events happening around the school.



## Homemade Treats Day



### Tuesday 10 April

What to bring: we are asking students to bring in some home baked goods such as cupcakes, cookies, slice or muffins.

Goodies will be sold during morning tea (B1)

Prices range from .50c to \$2

\*\*\*\* Please list the ingredients and NO NUTS Thank you\*\*\*\*

## **Are you the parent/carer of a child with a disability commencing primary (kindergarten) school in 2019?**

The Education Directorate is holding information sessions for parents/carers of children with a disability who are commencing primary school in an ACT Government school in 2019.

**Hedley Beare Centre for Teaching and Learning  
Fremantle Drive, Stirling**

**Thursday 5 April, 11.30am-1pm**

The session will cover the following topics:

- Disability Education programs
- Transition to primary school
- The application process
- The Student Centred Appraisal of Need process



To RSVP or for further information contact:

[SupportatPreschool@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:SupportatPreschool@ed.act.edu.au) or

Support at Preschool Team Leader on 0434 668 694



## **Belconnen Region Swimming Carnival**

Congratulations to Harry, Dom, Dylan, Alex, Richard, Isaac, Ella, Imogen, Emma, Evie, Myah, Regan, Emilia, Ingrid and Jade who represented Evatt School at the Belconnen Region Swimming Carnival on Tuesday. Your behaviour, school spirit and enthusiasm was outstanding and an absolute tribute to you.

A special thank you to Krysta, Neil and Owen who gave up their entire day to officiate at the carnival on behalf of our community. Thank you also to all the parents and grandparents who were able to come and support the team throughout the day.

Congratulations to the following children on their outstanding top 10 results.

Dylan	1st 50m Multi-Class Freestyle
Ella	1st 50m Freestyle
	2nd 50m Backstroke
	2nd 100m Freestyle
	3rd 50m Butterfly
	3rd 200m Individual Medley
	4th 100m Backstroke
Harry	2nd 50m Backstroke
	2nd 50m Freestyle
	3rd 50m Breaststroke
	6th 100m Backstroke
Imogen	1st 50m Freestyle
Isaac	6th 50m Freestyle

At this point we have not had confirmation of which swimmers will be attending the ACT Carnival on Monday 7 May. We hope to announce this next week.

### ***Sport Trials***

Please check the School Sport website ([www.schoolsportact.asn.au](http://www.schoolsportact.asn.au)) for information on the following trials.

12&U Regional Primary Belconnen Rugby League <https://www.schoolsportact.asn.au/Trial/Index/211>

### ***Upcoming Carnivals***

ACT Swimming Championships - 7 May (Term 2, Week 2)

Evatt School Cross Country Carnival - Friday 4 May (Term 2, Week 1)

Belconnen Region Cross Country Carnival - Thursday 31 May (Term 2, Week 5)

ACT Cross Country Championship - 13 June (Term 2, Week 7)

### **Jenelle Martin**

Physical Education Teacher

# Uniform

*Shop for a school uniform from the comfort of your own home!*

School uniforms are available for order through the P&C Uniform shop at any time. Please fill in an order form and return to the front office, or email to [krystacordina@gmail.com](mailto:krystacordina@gmail.com) . Payment options include cash or direct deposit into the P&C account. Once payment is made, uniforms will be delivered to your child's classroom.

Polo shirts	\$22
Long sleeved shirts	\$25
Hats	\$10

To purchase, please fill in the order form and return to the front office or email to [krystacordina@gmail.com](mailto:krystacordina@gmail.com)

[http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0006/408381/Uniform\\_information\\_2017.pdf](http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0006/408381/Uniform_information_2017.pdf)

## Notes Due:

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

BYOT Information Sheet

[http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0003/406821/letter\\_to\\_year\\_3\\_-\\_6\\_parents\\_re\\_BYOT.pdf](http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0003/406821/letter_to_year_3_-_6_parents_re_BYOT.pdf)

2018 – Voluntary Contributions and Stationery Contribution K-6

[http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0019/409060/2018\\_Vol\\_Cons\\_and\\_Stationery.pdf](http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0019/409060/2018_Vol_Cons_and_Stationery.pdf)

Preschool – Voluntary Contributions and Arts and Craft Contribution

[http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0020/409061/2018\\_Vol\\_Cons\\_and\\_Craft\\_Supplies\\_-\\_preschool.pdf](http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0020/409061/2018_Vol_Cons_and_Craft_Supplies_-_preschool.pdf)

2018 Japanese Host Families needed

[http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0009/409365/2018\\_Host\\_Families\\_Needed.pdf](http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0009/409365/2018_Host_Families_Needed.pdf)

Canteen News and Menu 2018

[http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0004/414175/Canteen\\_News\\_and\\_menu\\_term\\_1\\_2018.pdf](http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0004/414175/Canteen_News_and_menu_term_1_2018.pdf)

ICT Permission

[http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0008/416924/ICT\\_Permissions\\_note.pdf](http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0008/416924/ICT_Permissions_note.pdf)

SeeSaw

[http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0009/416925/Seesaw\\_permission.pdf](http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0009/416925/Seesaw_permission.pdf)

ICAS Testing - Year 2-6

Due date extended: 4 April

[http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0003/418179/ICAS\\_Testing\\_2018\\_-\\_due\\_date\\_extended.pdf](http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0003/418179/ICAS_Testing_2018_-_due_date_extended.pdf)

School Disco

[http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0018/419031/Evatt\\_Disco\\_-\\_06-04-2018.pdf](http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0018/419031/Evatt_Disco_-_06-04-2018.pdf)

Disco Hot Dog order

Due date: 3 April

[http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0017/419030/Disco\\_Hot\\_Dog\\_Special\\_6-04-2018.pdf](http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0017/419030/Disco_Hot_Dog_Special_6-04-2018.pdf)

Tidbinbilla Excursion - Kinder and K-2 ANT's

Due date: 4 April

[http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0009/419436/Tidbinbilla\\_-\\_Kinder\\_Excursion\\_Autosaved.pdf](http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0009/419436/Tidbinbilla_-_Kinder_Excursion_Autosaved.pdf)

## April School Holiday Junior Tennis Camps

- Camp 1: April 16th, 17th & 18th @ Old Parliament House Tennis Club
- Camp 2: April 23rd & 24th (ANZAC week) @ Barton Tennis Club

Sign Up:

[www.tenniscanberra.com.au/holiday-program](http://www.tenniscanberra.com.au/holiday-program)

## Junior Tennis Coaching & Competitions - Autumn/Winter Season

- All players receive a Hot Shots Players Shirt & New Players receive a FREE Tennis Racquet

Information & Sign Up:

[www.tenniscanberra.com.au/junior-tennis](http://www.tenniscanberra.com.au/junior-tennis)

\*Book A Trial:

[www.tenniscanberra.com.au/try-tennis](http://www.tenniscanberra.com.au/try-tennis)



# Play Rugby

Southwell Park, Lyneham  
U7s to U18s - Boys / Girls  
Registrations online

For more information and to register

[www.owlsrugbyjuniors.com.au](http://www.owlsrugbyjuniors.com.au)

or

Uni-Norths Juniors Rugby Union Club

Any queries please email

[info@owlsrugbyjuniors.com.au](mailto:info@owlsrugbyjuniors.com.au)



Systemic Innovations are an official provider of LEGO® Education Learning Programs in the ACT and Southern NSW.

We are running the following workshops in the upcoming school holidays.

Program	Age	Date	Time	Location
<b>Cool Control - \$45</b> In this program, students will construct computer programs to control LEGO® models with motors and sensors. The program will allow the children the opportunity to create systems that can control the behavior of the robots.	7-11 years (please no younger children)	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	12 noon – 3pm	Gungahlin College Gozzard St, Gungahlin

To book: <https://www.trybooking.com/VAHK>



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## Term 1 – 2018

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>9</b> Hockey Clinics	April 2 Easter Monday	3 School Banking Constable Kenny – KP & GC Disco Hot Dog order due AquaSafe – Year 2	4 P&C Meeting 6pm ICAS Testing – application form & payment due	5 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am- 9.00am	6 Canteen Open CEIS School Disco 7/04 – Working Bee: 8.30am
<b>10</b> Hockey Clinics	9 School Banking	10 Constable Kenny – Preschool P&C: Homemade Treat Day Kinder Excursion - Tidbinbilla	11	12 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am- 9.00am Constable Kenny - Preschool	13 Canteen Open Assembly: 2.15pm – Kinder ANZAC Day Ceremony - MCSS

## Term 2 – 2018

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>1</b> Hockey Clinics	Apr 30 School Banking ANZAC Assembly	May 1	2	3 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am- 9.00am	4 Canteen Open Cross Country
<b>2</b>	7 School Banking ACT Swimming Carnival Yr 1/2 Zoo Excursion	8 Mother's Day Stall	9	10 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am- 9.00am Mother's Day Stall Oz Tag Clinics	11 Canteen Open Assembly: 2.15pm - ANTs
<b>3</b>	14 School Banking	15	16	17 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am- 9.00am Oz Tag Clinics	18 Canteen Open
<b>4</b>	21 School Banking	22	23	24 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am- 9.00am Oz Tag Clinics	25 Canteen Open Assembly: 2.15pm – Yr 3/4
<b>5</b>	28 School Banking	29 Preschool Excursion	30 Hats Off Day!	31 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am- 9.00am Preschool Excursion Belconnen Zone X-country	1 June Canteen Open NAIDOC incursion
<b>6</b>	4 School Banking	5	6	7 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am- 9.00am	8 Canteen Open Assembly: 2.15pm – Yr 5/6
<b>7</b>	11 Queen's Birthday	12 School Banking Kinder Health Checks	13 ACT X-country Kinder Health Checks	14 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am- 9.00am	15 Canteen Open

### 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'