



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

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From the Executive Teacher

Dear parents and carers,

The end of Term One already, wow this term has gone by so very fast, was packed with rich learning and so much fun!

'You can't just give someone a creativity injection. You have to create an environment for curiosity and a way to encourage students and get the best out of them.' Ken Robinson

Throughout this term

I have seen teachers at Evatt School creating an environment for curiosity, consistently using language including 'My wondering is.....' Using real world writing prompts like the Space X launch and creating word walls with 'wow' words that come from books that students are reading. Students' experiences, interests and wonderings are valued and this is resulting in them being eager to express their own questions, explore their world, take risks and persist in tasks.

In my role as STEM teacher I greatly appreciate the curiosity, growing persistence and collaboration that students are showing when completing their various challenges.

In Kindergarten the focus in STEM was on learning to explore the environment through the senses and sharing resources and information with peers. Kindergarten students are outstanding at getting excited about sharing observations and asking questions. Students demonstrated solid progress in listening to each other and expressing their observations. Keep on encouraging your child to observe the environment and ask questions, lots of questions. Autumn is a perfect season to go for walks around your neighbourhood and observe the fascinating changes nature is presenting.

6 April 2018

Saturday 7 April

Working Bee – 8.30am

Monday 9 April

School Banking

Tuesday 10 April

Constable Kenny - Preschool
P&C: Homemade Treat Day
Kinder Excursion - Tidbinbilla

Wednesday 11 April

Thursday 12 April

Canteen Open
Breakfast Club: 8.30am – 9.00am
Constable Kenny - Preschool

Friday 13 April

Canteen Open
Assembly: 2.15pm – Kinder
ANZAC Day Ceremony – MCSS
Last Day – Term 1

Monday 30 April

First day – Term 2
ANZAC Assembly

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the Back Page***



For 1/2 students' the focus for this term was on team work and coming to a consensus as a group of three. The content focused on how different places meet the needs of living things, whereby students built habitats for one animal they agreed on as a group. The growth that students showed was beautiful to see. From being insistent on their personal choice of creature student grew to explain how advantageous it was to work as a group and how much more work they got done. During the next holidays support your child to create something with siblings or a small group of friends. For example making a bird feeder <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= AtclnI5ABg> .

3/4 students also worked in groups of three, the emphasis was on collaboration, listening to each other, demonstrating leadership and including every group member. Further students identified questions and made predictions about scientific investigations. Several students came to class with related questions and created a home project for themselves, which they were very eager to share with their peers .

5/6 students focused on posing questions to clarify and interpret information and probe for causes and consequences as well as contributing to groups and teams, suggesting improvements in methods used for group investigations and projects. 5/6 students were the champions of persistence. Across the 5/6 classes we had several groups that redesigned their wind turbine between four and five times. There were tears and sweat and an overwhelming sense of achievement when the wind turbine finally worked.

Keep on encouraging your child to try new things and to persist with tasks – practice makes perfect!

Or as Thomas Edison put it:

'I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work.' Thomas Edison

Nicole Zimmer

Executive Teacher, STEM



**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 to see how the test works and for more information.**

The Mineralogists News

This year STEM subjects are a major focus at our school. As STEM is a part of almost everything we do every day, the 5/6 Mineralogists have been discovering how our life skills program is connected to science and other learning areas.

Every week students in our class are involved in:

- planning for cooking (Literacy - research, oral language, reading, writing)
- considering healthy options (Food Science – sources of ingredients and Health)
- shopping for needed ingredients (Literacy and Life Skills)
- budgeting (Numeracy)
- writing shopping lists and cooking methods (Literacy)
- following hygiene procedures (Health)
- food preparation (cooperation, Science -chemical changes to ingredients, machines used to cook food, Numeracy -measuring, Literacy - reading and following recipes, fine motor skills – cutting, chopping, mixing)
- eating (table manners, social skills)

Cooking has more effects on our learning than we realise. It is also engaging, relevant and enjoyable. Just look at the photos!





REMEMBER TO PARK SAFELY AND LEGALLY

Every day across Canberra, parents are parking illegally in school zones and putting all kids in the area at risk. With school parking patrols increasing in 2018, if you keep doing it, you will get caught and you will be fined. Check out this short video – [Parking safely around schools](#)



THINK BEFORE YOU PARK...AND KEEP OUR KIDS SAFE - MAKE PARKING SAFETY A PRIORITY!

Please:

- keep clear of 'no stopping' and 'no parking' zones
- don't park in bus zones on school crossings, across footpaths or driveways; and
- don't double (or triple) park.

Remember - it's okay to park a little further away from the school and walk the rest of the way!

Consider - having a pre-determined meeting spot agreed with your kids. That way if you are a little late, they know where to wait.

Think – visibility around schools and if your car may be blocking the view of crossings for other motorists. Also be mindful when entering or leaving parking spots – look twice!

Be kind – to other road users and pedestrians and also if you see any parking officers in the area – they are doing their job and working to keep our kids safe!

Note - licence Plate Recognition (or electronic chalking) vans are now actively monitoring schools. Penalties range from \$114 upwards to \$600. Details at www.act.gov.au/accessCBR

Flying Highs

Congratulations to the following students who received Flying Highs:

Sierra – The Mammologists
Suraya – The Entomologists
Darcy – The Entomologists
Jasmine – The Entomologists



Sports News

School Sport - Belconnen District Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to the Evatt School swimmers who collectively gained 230 points at the Belconnen District Swimming Carnival placing Evatt 11th out of 25 schools. This is an enormous achievement from such a small school.

ACT Swim Team

Congratulations to the following students who will be representing the Belconnen Region at the ACT Swimming Carnival on 7 May. We look forward to hearing some great results.

Ella - 200m Individual Medley, 100m Freestyle, 100m Backstroke, 50m Freestyle, 50m Butterfly and 50m Backstroke

Harry - 100m Backstroke, 100m Freestyle, 50m Freestyle, 50m Backstroke and 50m Breaststroke

Imogen - 50m Freestyle

Sporting Schools Grants 2017

Evatt has continued to be part of Sporting Schools in 2018. This year we have received grants totally almost \$5000.00. This money has gone (and will go) towards hockey and netball coaching clinics, as well as sports equipment. The children have had the opportunity to have professional coaches instruct them, and be given information about joining weekend teams. It is wonderful to see our students participate in different sports and enjoy being active.

Sport Trials

Please check the School Sport website (www.schoolsportact.asn.au) for information on the following trials.

12&U Regional Primary Girls Touch <https://www.schoolsportact.asn.au/Trial/Index/222>

P&C News

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****



Canteen Volunteers

If you are looking for a way to help around the school Tracy would love some help in the Canteen on Thursday and Fridays. If you are able to help please email tracyhitchins@gmail.com

Reminders

School Disco - this Friday

Bring note and \$4 entry on the night.

Juniors (PS-2) 5.30-6.30pm

Seniors (3-6) 6.45-8.00pm

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

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

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

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

ICT Permission

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

Year 1/2 National Zoo and Aquarium

Due: 2 May 2018

http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0007/419731/Zoo-2018.pdf



TENNIS FOR JUNIORS

Only \$90 for 6 classes in Term 2 2018

- Boys & Girls aged 3 - 8 Years
- Skills based intro to Tennis
- Indoor sessions
- Modified equipment
- Ideal for beginners
- Age appropriate programs
- Parent help for 3 - 4 year olds
- TENNIS RACQUET TO KEEP!

Location:
Melba Copland College, Enter from Verbrugghen St, Melba

Starts
Saturday 12th of May

\$90 3 and 4 year olds - 9.45am to 10.30am
5 and 6 year olds - 10.30am to 11.15am
7 and 8 year olds - 11.15am to 12.00pm **\$90**

COST: \$90 FOR 6 SESSIONS AND A TENNIS RACQUET FOR YOU TO KEEP!

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Questacon Smart Skills Initiative

HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

DO YOU LIKE MAKING AND BUILDING THINGS?



Sign up to a Questacon Maker Project workshop during these school holidays at The Ian Potter Foundation Technology Learning Centre in Deakin.

Choose from a variety of workshops where you can invent, design, create and have fun!

Workshops will be offered on the 17, 18 and 19 April.

Suitable for 10 to 15 year olds only.

For more information visit our website or contact 1800 889 995

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Term 1 – 2018

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10 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
1 Hockey Clinics	Apr 30 School Banking ANZAC Assembly	May 1	2 1/2 National Zoo note/payment due	3 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am- 9.00am	4 Canteen Open Cross Country
2	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
3	14 School Banking	15	16	17 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am- 9.00am Oz Tag Clinics	18 Canteen Open
4	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
5	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
6	4 School Banking	5	6	7 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am- 9.00am	8 Canteen Open Assembly: 2.15pm – Yr 5/6
7	11 Queen's Birthday	12 Kinder Health Checks	13 ACT X-country Kinder Health Checks	14 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am- 9.00am	15 Canteen Open
8	18 School Banking	19	20	21 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am- 9.00am	22 Canteen Open Assembly: 2.15pm
9	25 School Banking	26	27	28 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am- 9.00am	29 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'