



From the Principal

Dear parents and carers,

As we look back over the year we have much to celebrate and be proud of. Your children have all made progress with their learning in lots of different ways. For some, it was the realisation that they could step away from their shyness and make solid contributions in STEM by using their mathematical and scientific knowledge to complete challenges. For others, it was that lightbulb moment where the skills of reading dropped into place and they became “readers”. Schools use multiple sources of data to define progress. Here are some examples of progress our students have made.

PIPS

79.5% of our students are at or above the national benchmark for maths

75% at or above for reading.

We must remember that this test is a snapshot and not always an accurate representation. This data includes all Evatt students.

Kindergarten children have continued to make progress.

NAPLAN 2018

Year 3 reading 88.9% of our students met or exceeded national benchmarks

Year 5 reading 79% met or exceeded national benchmarks

Year 3 numeracy 83% met or exceeded national benchmarks

Year 5 numeracy 86% met or exceeded national benchmarks

Middle Years Mental Computation (using Hattie’s effect size, remembering that 0.4 represents one year’s growth in one year)

Year 3 – 1.34

Year 4 – 0.87

Year 5 – 1.00

Year 6 – 0.84

The reason I have included this data is because they are standardised tests and therefore compares our students with those around the nation.

This week in the Eagle

- PIPs
- NAPLAN 2018
- Middle Years Mental Computation
- Staffing
- Japanese Teaching Assistant
- P&C Thanks
- Board Elections

21 December 2018

Term 1 - 2019

Monday 4 February

First Day – Kindergarten and
Preschool – M/T group

Tuesday 5 February

First Day – Years 1-6

Wednesday 6 February

School Banking

Thursday 7 February

Canteen Closed
First Day – Preschool Th/F group

Friday 8 February

Canteen Closed

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I look forward to another year of positive growth and learning in 2019 for all of our students. As educators, we remind students of the four key elements of a learner. Learners are reflective, learners are resilient (which also includes managing distractions. I noticed that in some student reports teachers commented on students needing to focus on their learning) Learners are Resourceful and learners listen and collaborate.

STAFFING

We say good bye to four members of our staff.

Mr Griffiths (Mr G). Brent has been a member of staff since 2010 teaching across year 3 to 6 in that time. Brent has involved himself in all aspects of school life and we wish him well for his move to Ngunnawal School.

Mrs Martin. Jenelle has been with us for six years educating students from year 1 /2 to 3 /4 before taking on the release role teaching PE to all students from Kindergarten to year 6. She has also brilliantly organised our swimming, cross country and athletic carnivals (with the extra support of her father Owen on carnival days) for the past two years. Jenelle has also immersed herself in the life of the school.

Mrs Brennan. Anne came back to us on contract after a couple of years absence. She has been a wonderful 1/ 2 team member this year. We hope to lure her back in the future, but the students can be assured that she will be on our relief staff in the near future.

Jade Pehar. LSA in Mrs C's class. Thank you for your help and support for our students over the past two years.

THANK YOU'S

Year 6 students - thank you for an amazing seven and a bit years supporting your learning. I wish you all the very best for the future and whatever path that may take.

Thank you to all our long-term families, that are leaving us today. In particular, thank you to the parents of Jack McEvoy, Rachel Henry and Ruby Muller, for their extended involvement in both the Board and the P&C.

Thank you all for your ongoing support for your children and their learning. I wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas.

Susan Skinner

Evatt School Board Elections

Becoming a member of the Evatt School Board provides a great opportunity for you to participate in your school. Board members learn all about the governance of schools, the way the ACT Department of Education operates, and participate in all policy and decision making, including the financial operations. The Board is there to support the Principal in the overall running of the school. The meetings are informative and enjoyable. Boards are requested to meet four times per year. The Department provides training for new members and the meeting time is negotiated each year.

If you are keen to contribute to the governance of our terrific school, please nominate for a position on the school board. No prior experience is necessary. Next year there will be 1 parent and citizen position becoming vacant.

More information regarding nominations will follow early next year. For more information, contact the Assistant Returning Officer, Dani Castley, on 6142 1640 (during school hours).

Japanese Teaching Assistant

Our Japanese Teaching Assistant, Juna, has been staying with the Ramsay family since the start of Term 4. She has had a fantastic time playing games, cooking, going bowling and playing tennis with the family and enjoyed watching movies and making origami with Lachlan, Will, Alana and Lily. Juna is also looking forward to spending her first Australian Christmas with them too. Thank you so much to the Ramsays for welcoming Juna into your family and enriching her Australian experience.

Juna will leave Australia in January and we thank her very much for the contribution she has made to the learning of Japanese at Evatt. Thank you again to the Prasad, Cunningham and Davill families for opening your homes to Evatt's Japanese Teaching Assistant this year. Arigatou gozaimasu!

If you are interested in finding out more about hosting next year's assistant, Maruka, at your house please contact Quayle Sensei (leanne.quayle@ed.act.edu.au) for more information.

Quayle Sensei



Notes Due:

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

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]

2019 Voluntary Contributions and Stationery Contribution

Years PS – 5

http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0007/390742/2019_Vol_Cons_and_Stationery.pdf

2019 Voluntary Contributions and Craft Contribution

2019 Preschool

http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0020/409061/2019_Vol_Cons_and_Craft_Supplies_-_preschool.pdf

Evatt School P&C

The 2018 P&C would like to say a big thank you to all of you who assisted us throughout the year. We had a great year of events and fundraising all of which will be spent providing resources for the school.

We wish all families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Thanks
Candace

P&C – Change of Bank Details

Please note the change of bank details and update your payee list for online banking. Please make sure you add a name and reference to each deposit or your payment may be missed.

Evatt School	BSB: 032 777	A/C: 001244
Evatt School P&C	BSB: 801 009	A/C: 100043522
Evatt School Canteen	BSB: 801 009	A/C: 100043523

Please make sure when doing a direct transfer, that you select the right account for where payment is due to go: School, P&C or Canteen. Each entity is a separate account.

KIDS TENNIS CAMPS – Summer 2019 Holidays

- Summer Camp #1: January 14th - 16th
- Summer Camp #2: January 29th, 30th & February 1st
- Venue: Old Parliament House Tennis Club

SUMMER TENNIS COACHING PROGRAMS – Starts Week 1, Term 1 2019

- Junior Coaching Programs for all levels launch the week of February 4th, 2019
- FREE Tennis Racquet for NEW players – When registering in before January 31st, 2019
- FREE Hot Shots New Balance Players T-Shirt

ACT JUNIOR TEAM TENNIS & HOT SHOTS MATCH PLAY – Summer Competition

Play for your ACT Regional Team or join a the Hot Shots Match Play Series this Summer

- ACT JUNIOR TEAM TENNIS – Season Launches Saturday February 15th
- Canberra Hot Shots Match Play – Season Launches March 8th

Contact & Sign-Up

Registrations: www.tenniscanberra.com.au

Email: play@tenniscanberra.com.au

Phone: 0423 366 014



Term 1 – 2019					
Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	Feb 4 First Day – Kindergarten and Preschool – M/T group	5 First Day – Years 1-6	6	7 Canteen Closed First Day – Preschool Th/F group	8 Canteen Closed
2	11	12	13 Year 3/4 Camp	14 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am-9.00am	15 Canteen Open Assembly: 2.15pm
3 Parent/Teacher Interviews	18	19	20	21 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am-9.00am	22 Canteen Open
4	25 Year 5/6 Camp	26	27	28 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am-9.00am	Mar 1 Canteen Open Assembly: 2.15pm
5	4	5	6	7 ANT's Excursion Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am-9.00am	8 Canteen Closed Swimming Carnival
6	11 Canberra Day	12	13	14 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am-9.00am	15 Canteen Open Assembly: 2.15pm
7	18	19	20	21 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am-9.00am	22 Canteen Open
8	25	26	27	28 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am-9.00am Belconnen Swimming	29 Canteen Open Assembly: 2.15pm
9	Apr 1	2	3	4 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am-9.00am	5 Canteen Open
10	8	9	10	11 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am-9.00am	12 Canteen Open Assembly: 2.15pm

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'



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