

Evatt School



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

Dear Parents and Carers

First week back with students, and what a great week it was! Students enjoyed sharing their stories from being at home and thoroughly enjoyed the many exciting activities at school, including Mystery Reader, practising their fine motor skills using Beyblades and Wellbeing Wednesday.



22 May 2020

Week Five:

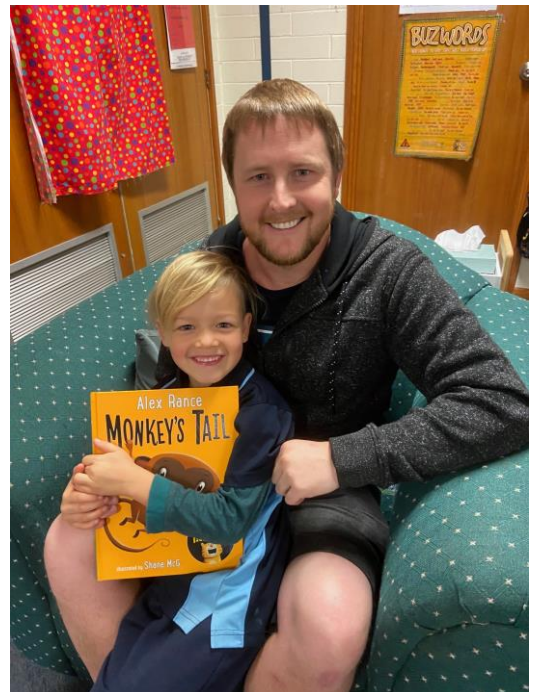
-Monday 25 May Years 3/4 return to onsite learning.

Week Six:

-Monday 1 June **NO SCHOOL**

Reconciliation Day

-Tuesday 2 June Years 5/6 return to onsite learning.



Drop Off Pick Up logistics will be the same as last week

- Preschool drop off will be staggered 9.00 - 9.30
- Preschool teachers will have activities set up inside and outside - no more than 3 parents can be inside the classroom at any given time and only one parent in area outside the toilet block
- Preschool pick up staggered from 2.30 - 3.00 parents to wait in the playground under social distancing guidelines and teachers will send students out to meet their parents
- K-2 Parents to drop off as close to 9:00am and pick up as close to 3:00pm. Access to school will be through junior playground gate, and front of school multi gate (see photos below)
- 3/4 Parents will be encouraged to drop children at the gates (where possible) to minimise groups of parents in school grounds
- Pick Up - gates open at 2.50pm and if parents need to wait for a couple of minutes, spread out, following social distancing guidelines, side gate usage only, not the front office
- Students in the ANTs class may be walked to classroom for handover if required
- K-6 line up in the barnyard. ANTs student to line up inside Wotama (except wet weather arrangements will need to change and students will need to be supervised in classrooms before school).



Continued home learning for Preschool to Year 4

- Should you decide to keep your child at home please contact Evatt School via info@evattps.act.edu.au or 61421640.

Safety and Hygiene

Washing Hands/Sanitiser

- Students are to wash hands/sanitise each morning and after each break
- Please talk to your child about washing hands or using hand sanitizer after toilets, coughing/sneezing into their elbows etc. DO THE DAB!!!
- Students are **not to** use the bubblers, drink bottles only. Please ensure student names are written on drink bottles. No sharing drink bottles.
- Staff will use sanitary wipes if students sneeze or cough to clean desks
- We now have a full-time day cleaner, regularly sanitizing all high touch points.

Sick Students reminder

To ensure the safety of all of students and staff, if students have **one or more symptoms of a respiratory illness (runny or blocked nose, repeated sneezing, a cough, a sore throat or fever)**, please do not send them to school.

- Any student who is unwell will be sent to first aid
- Parents will be phoned asked to pick up student immediately

As per COVID 19 guidelines:

- Anyone coming to Evatt School should remain at home until any symptoms resolve
- Anyone presenting with a symptom or symptoms will be requested to leave the school grounds immediately.

Chromebooks

If families have been given a Chromebook or Chromebooks to facilitate home learning, please return them including the charger cord and where applicable mouse and headphones. Only return these when students come back to face to face learning. These devices will stay at school to be managed and maintained.

Hardcopy learning packs for 5/6

Hardcopy learning packs for 5/6 can be picked up Monday morning at the front of the school to keep with the social distancing guidelines and reduce adult numbers inside the school.

Parent/Teacher Communication

Should parents need to get in contact with classroom teachers, they can do so via email or phone call and leave a message. The teacher will get in contact with the parent as soon as possible to arrange a time to discuss. Teacher email addresses can be found here

<https://sites.google.com/ed.act.edu.au/homelearninghub-eps/contact-evatt-staff?authuser=0> :

- Preference 1 will be for teacher to phone parent
- Preference 2 if required spaced out face to face meeting in classroom or meeting room

Upgrades in the school

Evatt School has been very fortunate to receive funding through the federal government stimulus package for some upgrades and renovations across the school.

- During week four, Years 1/2 rooms, Years 3/4, arts room, library office and the senior ANTs room, have been painted and are ready to move into
- 1/2 classes have been temporarily relocated to 5/6 teaching spaces. The Arts and Environmental Science teachers have been collaborating and sharing spaces.
- Year 5/6 and Kindergarten will receive new carpet in week 5 and week 6
- During week 5 and/or 6 Kindergarten will relocate to 5/6 teaching spaces
- During week 6 Years 5/6 will need to be relocated to Deep Blue, the library and the band room or the hall for a few days.

Wellbeing Wednesdays

To look after the physical and mental wellbeing of our students at Evatt, on Wednesdays we will be providing students with the opportunity to unpack the current situation around COVID-19, connect with nature, engage in creative activities, develop their understanding of emotions and feelings in a structured and supported way. We will dedicate a whole day for the rest of term each week to reconnect and focus on our own and class wellbeing.

We started our Wellbeing Wednesdays this week. Teachers planned engaging activities and students responded very positively. All 1/2 classes went on a nature walk, taking a closer look at their environment, appreciating the abundance nature has to offer. Students collected items including leaves and sticks creating wonderful collages. Students spent time on STEM challenges creating some sensational arcades.

Thank you for your understanding with this important information.

Kind Regards,

Evatt School.

