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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The Executive team and I had planned for me to write a celebratory newsletter this week, sharing and reminding you of the many, many highlights of the term.

However, before I do, I think it's important to acknowledge the fire that took place in the toilet block on Tuesday. Unfortunately, children missed their playtime on Tuesday and some of their learning time because of the fire. There is an ongoing investigation to determine who lit the fire. If you have any information that might be helpful to this investigation, I encourage you to contact the school via email over the holidays. I'd like to pay tribute to my staff who were amazing in managing to get everyone onto the oval, and to the students who were amazing in following staff direction immediately and without argument. Our regular fire and lock down drills meant that students knew exactly what to do. Firemen praised our efforts in getting everyone off site and safe so quickly. Some students and staff have struggled since the fire as it was real and scary. Any students who might have been involved in the incident will also need to be given appropriate support. If you feel your child might need additional support over the holidays, please see below.

If the matter is urgent, and you have serious concerns for a child or young person's mental health you may:

- make an appointment to see a General Practitioner (GP)
- contact Headspace (02) 5109 9700
- contact Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service CAMHS North ([02\) 5124 1407](tel:0251241407) and CAMHS South ([02\) 5124 3133](tel:0251243133) (during business hours)
- contact Crisis Assessment Team 1800 629 354 (outside business hours)
- attend accident and emergency at the hospital with the child / young person

CELEBRATIONS

Over the term our students have shone in so many ways. I know that Felicity shared our excitement about the Learning Journey last week. What a fabulous morning. Thank you all so much for supporting your child/ren. I can absolutely tell you that your child does appreciate your attendance. For those that couldn't attend, there were many adoptive parents!!



27 September 2019

Monday 14 October

First Day – Term 4

Tuesday 15 October

P&C Meeting – 6.00pm

Wednesday 16 October

School Banking

Thursday 17 October

Breakfast Club 8.30am-9.00am

Canteen Open

Friday 18 October

Canteen Open

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the Back Page*

We have had students representing our school in many ways. Our students always shine and represent their school and you so amazingly. Our Tournament of Minds (TOMs) team made it through to the ACT finals two weeks ago. This is the first time we have made the ACT finals, so I want to congratulate those students on their excellent commitment to the tasks they were presented with.

We sent two students to Stewart House at Curl Curl Beach in Sydney earlier this term. They had a wonderful time.

Limelight has been a highlight for many of our students this term. Thank you to Mrs Todd for her dedication to teaching and supporting the students.

Our year 5 and 6 bands have participated in combined band practices with our cluster schools. Our students shone and improved their skills. Thank you to Ms Arguet and Ms Linsell for their continuing passion and dedication to the band program.

FINALLY.....

I would like to inform our school community that I will be retiring at the end of term 4. It has been a privilege to have been the Principal of Evatt for just over eight years. It will be a bittersweet time for me as I love the kids and my staff. We have a wonderful community who support our child/ren and understand the message we send daily - learning is the essential ingredient in our lives. I will relish this last term that I spend in our community.

Have a great holiday and enjoy the break and time away from routine. Looking forward to seeing everyone on the 14 October refreshed and raring to go for the last term of learning this year.

Susan Skinner



Save The Date...

**Evatt's Race
Through
Time**

**Matinee: Wednesday 11th December
Thursday 12th December**

Evening Performance: Thursday 12th December

Mirning and Nyaki-Nyaki News

This term we wrote and published a narrative in Mirning and Nyaki-Nyaki.

Here are student-selected favourite sentences from their work:

Ethan- Billy's third wish was to be able to find water anywhere. Billy lived happily ever after.

Willow- The girls swam off into the ocean and had full tummies.

Reuben- He was looking for another tree frog. He needed to have a partner to help him to look for water.

Sage -One cold day in Winter, there was a little cheeky monkey called David.

Liam E- One day, there was a wolf called Wolfy Polfy. One day, he met a man called Steve.

Sam- He liked to eat crabs. He also liked to swim around. He looked like a big angry shark with fins.

Kavin- Once upon a time but not very long ago, in the hot desert lived two lizards named Quinley and Colby. They both had spikes and they looked green.

Taylor- She loved to play in the sea with her friends, the beautiful blue fish. She had sparkly silver gills on her.

Tara- So they went home to Tara who made them pasta and salad, but they were so tired after eating they fell asleep, dropping their heads in their bowls.

Sidney- Sam was a fast goldfish. Sam had been swimming all day long.

Pisila- Once upon a time but not very long ago, in the blue wavy ocean there was a fish, there were sharks and crabs and rocks.

Lyn- Venom the frog liked to jump. He liked to eat grass. Venom was green and has spots everywhere.

Mia E- Then they looked at the picture. Both of them say, at the same time, *"This creature is silly, it does not exist!"*

Trinity- He said "Hi, can you help me find some food and water please?" "Oh yes, I have heaps of food and water here!" said the other lizard.

Zara – But Ben was hungry. He ate all the flies, one after the other. He got bigger and bigger and bigger, He was feeling squashed in the cage, so he broke out.

Ashton- "Is that...? No, it can't be.... Is it? Yes! Home!" said Rose.

Patrick- Luckily the trap had a laser and the shark went through the laser and got ZAPPED!

Aurora- "AHHHHHHHHHHH!" yelled Fuzzy. "I'm in SO much pain! Please bring me a pizza!"

Evie- She dragged Richard across the floor, hurting his back, and threw him in the wardrobe.

Aleer- Harry met a fox and they looked for yummy food. The fox climbed up the tree he found some acorns.

Matthew- Now Fuzzy Wuzzy might be small but he was very strong.

Charli- One day there was a baby and she was not getting adopted. She was in the adopted room and no one came in the adopted room.

Hibsicus- Spike liked to run in the pond. He had sharp spikes. Spike liked to climb trees and eat grass.

Brielle- But the sharks came to eat dinner! Lily and Mia swam away from the sharks so they couldn't find them.

Anderson- "A trap?" said Wolfy Wolfy. So, they all tried to run away from the horrible house but they weren't looking where they were going.

Manase- He had an orange tail and he had a blue head. He liked to ride a bike and skate to the park.

Liam N- The camels ran out of water, so they had to search for so long that they had no food for a month, and they were walking in the desert all as a team.

Alana- Ellie liked to swim fast and found a turtle named Kenzie to help her find food. They found some and had so much fun.

Skyla- Skyla had baby twin boys. Their names were Alex and Billy. Then Billy got lost.

Zeke- He thought the house was abandoned, and that he could hide in there.

Jasper- Foxy and Jacky climbed on the hill. He saw a lot of fish in the river and Jacky was happy.

Travis- While he was hunting, he felt a raindrop and it started to POUR!

Indiana- One cold day at sunset, there was a sparkly and dark forest. In the forest there was a cat named Pusheen and another cat named Stormy.

Connor- Bluey started to swim towards the shadow and saw that the shadow was a big hammerhead shark.

Mia B- They took the risk to go in. It was *very, very, very* dark.

Ellie- Tasha was so tiny! Tasha was also very cute and loved hot pink!

Sierra- Kanga was checking Baby Roo for fleas. "I fought off a crocodile with snapping teeth and sharp claws!"

Cody- Suddenly, he found a shiny blue fish. He took a small bite, but the fish was so tasty, so he ate the whole thing.

Jasmine- One nice orange noon Tini Turtle and Silly Seahorse were playing water tips in the coral reef. Their scales sparkled like diamonds in the sunshine.

Abigail- But one animal knew what to do. That person was Banana the Horse. Horse said, "Does anyone have their parent's phone number?" But none of them did, so they cried.

Kenzie- Donut passed around some popcorn while they all thought.

Lily- One dark frosty night, far far away in a forest, a little cute animal named Rosey Posey woke up from her dream.

Miyu- She was not scared of the *blasting colours*.

Loro- Dumb man super jumped, long arms invisible, super speed faster than flash.

Beach party disco

A big thank you to the small group of volunteers who assisted at our last disco for the year. As DJ Nige was unavailable DJ Khloe stepped in and did a great job and had the kids dancing until they were red in the face.

Once again thank you to Tracy for successfully feeding the hungry children. The profit of \$1000 will go towards more classroom resources.

Happy holidays to everyone. We look forward to seeing you all at our School Fete next term.

Candace Safi

SMS Messages to Parents/Carers

An important part of our transition into the new School Administration System (SAS) will be sending SMS messages to inform of student absences. You will receive an SMS message to let you know your child has been recorded as absent on the morning of their absence. We will endeavour to send this by 10am every day (depending on circumstances). This will reassure you of your child's arrival at school and make it easier for you to keep your child's attendance record up-to-date when they are absent.

You simply reply via SMS, with your child's name and the reason for your child's absence and we will update our records. If you do not reply, your child's absence will be recorded as "unexplained". While we still appreciate receiving advanced notice of planned absences, for unexpected absences, responding to the SMS will streamline our processes.

Some examples of Parent/Carer Replies:

- (Student Name) is sick today, thanks (Parent Name)
- (Student Name) (Roll Class) was late to school this morning because, thanks (Parent Name)
- Hi (School Name). (Student Name) is at home sick today, thanks (Parent Name)
- Both (Student Name) (Roll Class) and (Student Name) (Roll Class) will be absent from school (date) because, thanks (Parent Name).

Thank you for being a part of our communication strategy.

MCSS Arts Extravaganza

Melba Copland Secondary School's Arts Extravaganza is back again this year featuring performances from MCSS, along with our students and other schools in the Belconnen School's Network. Our Year 5/6 students have been participating in dance workshops this semester and it will be great to see them perform in the Dance Showcase next term. Please join us in celebrating all their hard work at one (or all!) of the following showcase dates held at Copland Theatre, Copland College.

Dance Showcase - Tuesday 5 November

Music Showcase - Thursday 14 November

Tickets will be available to purchase at www.stagecenta.com

from Monday 14 October. Please be aware that tickets will likely sell out before the shows, and so you are therefore encouraged to buy tickets online once they become available. We anticipate that there will be no tickets left to sell on the evening of the performances.

We look forward to seeing you all at the MCSS Arts Extravaganza 2019!



Dance	Music	Drama	Art
MCSS Dance Showcase	MCSS Music Showcase	MCSS Drama Showcase	MCSS Visual Art, Photography and Media Showcase
Tuesday 5th November Wednesday 6th November	Thursday 14th November	Thursday 21st November	Showcase intervals
Theatre doors open at 5:45pm	Theatre doors open at 5:45pm	Theatre doors open at 5:45pm	College Campus Bob Ross Gallery

Copland Theatre, College Campus, Cnr Verbruggen and Copland Drive, Melba 6142 0333

Tickets available online soon at www.stagecenta.com
Tickets available on the door subject to availability



Families needed to host our Japanese Teaching Assistant in 2020

In 2020 Evatt School hopes to once again host a volunteer Japanese Language Teacher's Assistant (JTA) from Kagoshima University in southern Japan as we have done for the last four years. At this stage we **do not** have enough homestay families to go ahead with an assistant next year.

JTAs homestay within the school community and pay a contribution towards food and board to their host families. JTAs need their own rooms but can share the family bathroom.

This is a great opportunity for you and your children to further your interest and knowledge of Japanese language and culture and you will likely make a life-long family friend. The continuation of this wonderful program relies on your support and we thank you for considering this opportunity.

A note was sent home (link in the notes due box) recently asking for families to express interest in hosting next year. If you are interested in hosting or have any questions, please return the or contact Quayle Sensei as soon as possible.

Email: leanne.quayle@ed.act.edu.au

Phone: 61421640

Leanne Quayle
Japanese Teacher



Notes Due:

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

Canteen News and Menu 2019

[http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0008/439379/Canteen News and menu term 1 2019.pdf](http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0008/439379/Canteen_News_and_menu_term_1_2019.pdf)

2019 Voluntary Contributions and Stationery Contribution

Years K-6

[http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0007/390742/2019 Vol Cons and Stationery.pdf](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](http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0020/409061/2019_Vol_Cons_and_Craft_Supplies_-_preschool.pdf)

Japanese Assistant Host Families 2020

[http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0004/451660/2020 Host Families Needed.pdf](http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0004/451660/2020_Host_Families_Needed.pdf)

2020 Year 5/6 Camp – Cooba

Years 4 and 5

Multiple due dates

[http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0011/452468/Cooba Camp Year 5 and 6 2020.pdf](http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0011/452468/Cooba_Camp_Year_5_and_6_2020.pdf)

2020 Year 3/4 Camp – Birrigai

Years 2 and 3

Multiple due dates

[http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0005/452507/Birrigai Camp Year 3 and 4 - _2020.pdf](http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0005/452507/Birrigai_Camp_Year_3_and_4_-_2020.pdf)

Fete Information & Links

Ride information

- Multi ride passes are valid for any Camelot Amusements rides (**The Storm, The Teacups, Giant slide, Jurassic Adventure, Horizontal bungee & Putt Putt golf or any substitute ride**) for the duration of the Fete (11am – 3pm).
- Multi ride tickets will be on special for \$25 each at our Eventbrite page <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/evatt-primary-school-fete-tickets-68982304931> or can be ordered on line at <http://www.school24.com.au/> (School ID number 25180963)
- Tickets must be collected at the ticket booth on the day of the Fete with proof of purchase. The ticket booth will open an express lane at 10.30am for collection of presale tickets only. Other tickets will be available to buy from 11am.
- Multi Ride passes not purchased during the pre-sale period will be available to purchase at the ticket booth on the day of the Fete for an amount of \$35 each.
- Single ride tickets will be available for \$5 each at the ticket booth on the day of the Fete.
- Restrictions apply to some rides, they are as follows:
 - There is an 110cm height restriction on The Storm ride.
 - Children under the age of two are unable to ride on the Teacups ride.
 - Children under the age of five must be accompanied by an adult on the Giant slide.
- Cancellation of rides may occur due to inclement weather. Notification of this will be made on our [Facebook page](#). Inflatable amusements may be cancelled due to high winds; however, mechanical rides will still operate. Refunds will be available in the event of an ALL ride cancellation due to weather. Please allow time for processing.
- A certain number of pre-sale tickets must be sold for the rides to attend, so please support us by purchasing your ticket early. In the event of rides being cancelled due to low ticket sales, you will be provided with a full refund.



Discount voucher information

Discount vouchers will also be available to purchase online or the front office. The voucher will include:

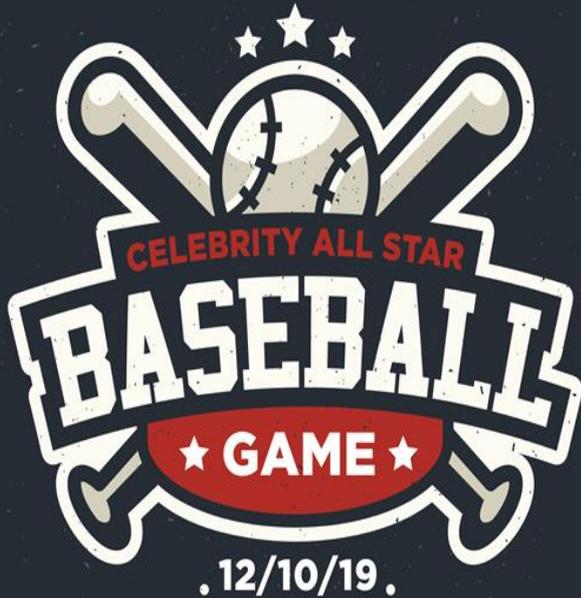
- A sausage sandwich
- A drink of your choice (Popper/soft drink/water)
- Petting Zoo entry
- Decorate a biscuit
- Glitter tattoo/tattoo

Discount vouchers will be on sale for \$10 (total value is \$13.50). You will be able to collect them at the information/raffle desk on the day of the Fete.

Important links

- Pre-purchase your Multi ride passes \$25 each and Discount vouchers \$10 each from our... Eventbrite page - <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/evatt-primary-school-fete-tickets-68982304931> (#Discount voucher not available through Eventbrite)
 - Schoolbag24 - <http://www.school24.com.au/> (School ID number 25180963)
- We need your help!
 - Please head to our online volunteer roster and add your name – <https://volunteersignup.org/HXMDR>
- Fete news
 - Keep up to date with Fete news on our P & C Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1952988988294191/>

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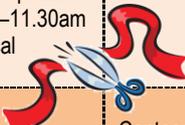


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* Excludes gift cards, all suit packages & Schoolwear layby's. Cannot be combined with other offers or discounts. Floor stock only.
Styles and colours may vary from store to store.

No rain checks. Please choose carefully, exchanges and refunds only with docket. Includes existing 5% discount.
Offer ends midnight (AEST) 10/10/19. Must use Zero or Rewards card to receive discount.

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Term 4 – 2019					
Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	Oct 14	15 P&C Meeting - 6.00pm	16 School Banking	17 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am- 9.00am	18 Canteen Open
2	21	22	23 School Banking	24 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am- 9.00am	25 Canteen Open Canteen – Sushi Special: orders due Assembly: 2.15pm – Year 1/2 World Teachers Day 26/10 – Working Bee
3	28	29	30 School Banking	31 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am- 9.00am Canteen – Sushi Special Garden Opening–11.30am MCSS – Technical Rehearsal	Nov 1 Canteen Open Magellan Presentation – 1.30pm
4	4 ANT's – Dream-in Cricket 	5 MCSS – Dance Showcase	6 School Banking Year 5 Combined Band @Miles Franklin PS	7 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am- 9.00am Outdoor Classroom Day 	8 Canteen Open Assembly: 2.15pm – Year 3/4
5	11  Remembrance Day	12	13 School Banking	14 Canteen Closed Breakfast Club 8.30am- 9.00am	15 Canteen Closed 17/11 - Evatt School Fete
6	18 Bandstrav Rehearsal	19 Bandstrav Evening Performance	20 School Banking	21 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am- 9.00am	22 Canteen Open Assembly: 2.15pm – ANT's
7 Preschool Open Week	25 Spring Expo	26 Information Nights: Preschool – 5.00pm Kinder – 6.00pm	27 School Banking	28 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am- 9.00am Japanese Day 	29 Canteen Open
8	Dec 2	3	4 School Banking	5 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am- 9.00am	6 Canteen Open Assembly: 2.15pm – Year 1/2 Parent Helper Afternoon Tea – after assembly
9 	9 Technical Rehearsal (cast only)	10 Whole School Rehearsal	11 School Banking Concert: Matinee	12 Canteen Closed Concert: Matinee and Evening Performance	13 Canteen Closed CEIS
10	16 Moving Up Day	17	18 School Banking Year 6 Graduation – AM Year 6 Dinner - PM	19 Canteen Closed Year 6 – Farewell Assembly Last Day!!!	20 See you in 2020!!!

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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