



THANK YOU

A huge thank you to the Evatt community for your support and understanding in working with the school through the current situation of COVID-19. As you know, we are in constant contact with the Education Directorate and are following their advice in regard to the daily operations at school.

Our main work this week has included the following.

- Supporting many families who are making contact with the school with questions moving forward.
- Creating a safe space daily for students to open up about how they are feeling, reassuring them and providing a sense of normality and calm.
- Working through our planned events, activities and daily routines and making adjustments to these as required and advised. *Please find an updated list in this newsletter.*
- Ensuring strong hygiene practices and information are being reinforced and shared with students
- Working to get our online/digital learning platform ready should we need it, as well as looking at options for families that may not have technology access at home.

Our students have been a breath of fresh air through this challenging time, presenting each day eager to learn and finding enjoyment through their friends and school programs.

I'd like to thank and congratulate all the Evatt staff who are showing great flexibility and understanding, and are doing everything they can for our students.

Below are some resources that teachers have been using with students to support them regarding COVID-19. You might like to have a look and further discuss with your child/ren at home.

20 March 2020

Monday 23 March:

Tuesday 24 March:

Wednesday 25 March:

P&C AGM

School banking will not be open this week.

Thursday 26 March:

Friday 27 March:

Assembly will not be held this week.

The canteen is shut until Term 2.

Don't forget to check the Back Page

Talking to children about COVID-19:

<https://education.govt.nz/school/health-safety-and-wellbeing/pastoral-care-and-wellbeing/talking-to-children-about-covid-19-coronavirus/>

<https://www.unicef.org/coronavirus/how-teachers-can-talk-children-about-coronavirus-disease-covid-19>

<https://theautismeducator.ie/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/The-Corona-Virus-Free-Printable-Updated-2-The-Autism-Educator-1-1.pdf>

How to wash your hands:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3PmVJQUCm4E&feature=youtu.be>

We will continue to update the school community as the situation progresses. If you have changed your phone or email address recently and not informed the school, could you please do so ASAP via info@evattps.act.edu.au or 61421640.

Update on Events/Excursion Planned for Term 1 2020.

The ACT Education Directorate has provided advice that many of the planned upcoming events or activities need to be reviewed based on the current situation with COVID-19. Please see an update below. Should you need further clarification, please don't hesitate to contact the school on 61421640.

Activity/Event	Proposed Date	Status/Additional Information
Year 3/4 meet Joanne Liu	Tuesday 17 March	Cancelled/SeeSaw version to be provided
Christian Education in Schools	Friday March 20	Cancelled
School Board Meeting	Monday 23 March	To be advised
Evatt P&C AGM	Wednesday March 25	To be advised
Belconnen Regional Swimming Carnival	Thursday March 26	Cancelled
Evatt P&C Disco	Thursday April 2	Postponed until Term 2
Evatt Athletics Carnival	Friday April 3	Cancelled
IMP Year 5/6 School Band class sessions	Twice Weekly	Postponed

School Assemblies	Even Weeks Term 1	Cancelled
Kindergarten Mystery Reader	Friday Mornings	Continuing
Magellan Dance Program	Ongoing	Continuing
Magellan Debate Program	Ongoing	Postponed until further notice
Year 6 Transition Visits	Ongoing	Postponed until later in year
Year 1/2 Tennis	Monday Afternoons	Continuing
ILP Meetings with Parents	Ongoing Week 7 and 8	Meeting to happen via phone hook-up
External Therapists	Ongoing	Continuing
Japanese Exchange Teacher Program	Term 2	Cancelled
Breakfast Club	Each Week	Postponed
5/6 Maths Olympiad	Ongoing	Continuing



EXECUTIVE NEWSLETTER

Assemblies

Although we have had to cancel school assemblies for the short term, we would like to let the community know of some changes we have made to our assembly practice.

Flying High awards

Flying High awards have been split into junior school awards in one part of the assembly and senior school awards later in the assembly. This was to break up the number of awards at one time, and allow for all students to have space for their time to shine. We are looking at ways to still award and present Flying High awards in the current climate.



Silent clap

Students and parents are encouraged to perform a silent clap in assembly. This is so we can have an inclusive setting that will reduce the sound in the hall; enabling more students to attend. This clap also supports our students with hearing loss, as it is the sign for clapping in our wider community.

Mystery teacher

We have a mystery teacher watching assembly. This mystery teacher is looking for the class who is most effectively demonstrating our SOAR values. The students that have 'whole body listening' (legs crossed, eyes on the speaker, mouth switched off, bodies up tall and hands to themselves) will win the Evatt Eagle for the fortnight in the classroom.

Thank you for your support with these changes.

Felicity Toohey

Executive Teacher (additional needs, sports coordinator)



LS2-5 News

Recently students in the Silver Wattle class have been learning about the impact of good hygiene on our general health. After conducting a few experiments, they concluded that learning how to wash our hands properly is probably the most important health and hygiene habit.

Realising how many different objects and surfaces we touch daily made them understand that hand washing is, without a doubt, one of the best ways to prevent illnesses and stop germs from spreading (including coronavirus).

The students used the UV flashlight to check for unwashed spots on their hands. UV flashlights are great tools for seeing and observing things that are normally invisible.



The children performed an experiment to find out the significance of washing their hands with soap and with just water. They practised washing hands and nails with nail brushes.

Please continue to have good hygiene conversations with your child at home.

Ms C, Georgia & Jack

School Banking

Notice from CommBank School Banking

The health, safety and wellbeing of our communities and our people is our first priority. Due to the rapidly developing situation with coronavirus, School Banking has been temporarily paused from 20 March 2020 until the start of Term 2. Please don't bring your deposit book with your weekly banking into school. We will notify you when banking will recommence.

P&C Elections

The Evatt Primary School P&C AGM meeting planned for Wednesday 25th March will be going ahead, in the library at 6.00pm. We are proceeding in accordance with current departmental advice and will be taking reasonable steps to ensure the safety of all present. We will attempt to keep the meeting short. We encourage all community members interested to come along.

All positions will become vacant and we are calling for nominations for positions.



Below is a list of the positions on our committee if you are interested please complete the attached nomination form and return to evattpc+president@groupspaces.com no later than 5.00pm on Tuesday 24 March.

Evatt Primary School P&C Committee

Positions

President

Vice president

Secretary

Treasurer

Canteen Treasurer

Public Officer

Evatt P&C Committee

Sub-committee roles

Fundraising team

Mother's Day Stall

The Mother's Day stall will be held on Monday 4 May for the junior school including Preschool, Kindy and 1/2.

The Mother's Day stall will be held on Friday 8 May for the senior school and the Thursday/Friday Preschool group.

We are not asking for donations this year. Items from \$1 to \$10 will be available.

Thanks.

P&C

Easter Raffle

Tickets are coming home for our annual Easter Raffle. Tickets are \$1 each.

Please return tickets and money to the school no later than Friday 3 April. The raffle will be drawn on Monday 6 April, and winners notified via phone.

Thank you for your support.

P&C Committee



School Jumpers

Order forms for school jumpers are available at the link below or through the front office. Please note the due date for this note has been extended beyond 27 March.

[http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0004/463009/Uniform -
_jumper_order_form_2020.pdf](http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0004/463009/Uniform_-_jumper_order_form_2020.pdf)

Skoolbag School App – Don't Miss a Thing!

Please subscribe to our Skoolbag iPhone and Android App to help us communicate more effectively with our parent and carer community. To install it, just search for our school name 'Evatt Primary School' in either the Apple App Store or Google Play Store. Alternatively, if you google 'Evatt Primary School Skoolbag App', it will be listed in your search.

How to install our Skoolbag app

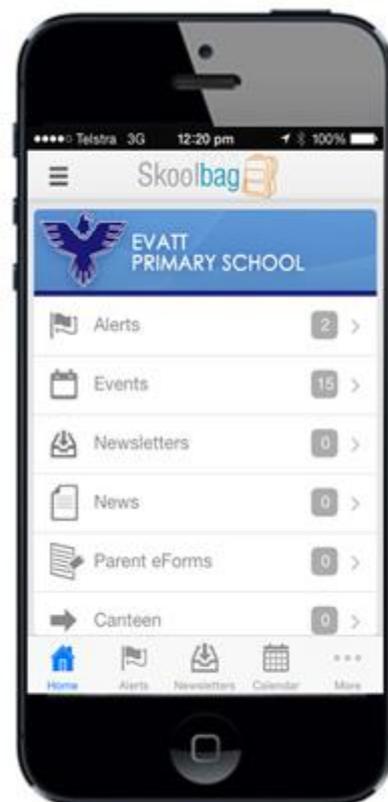
iPhone & iPad users

Click the 'App store' icon on your Apple device

- Search for Evatt Primary
- If iPhone, choose the Skoolbag app, press 'Free', then 'install'
- If iPad, change the dropdown list to 'iPhone apps', the Skoolbag app should then be visible, press 'Free', then 'install'
- When installed press 'Open'
- Select 'OK' to receive push notifications, when asked
- Press the 'More' button on the bottom right of the app, then 'Setup'
- Turn on the correct year levels that you wish to receive push notifications for

Android users

- You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app
- Press the 'Play Store' button on your Android device
- Press the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in Evatt Primary
- Press on the Skoolbag version of the app, you may need to scroll down in the list of search results to find it
- Press the 'Install' button
- Press 'Accept' for various permissions (please note we do not modify any of your personal data on your device)
- Press 'Open' when installed
- Press the 'More' button on the bottom right of the app, then 'Setup'
- Turn on the correct year levels for which you wish to receive push notifications

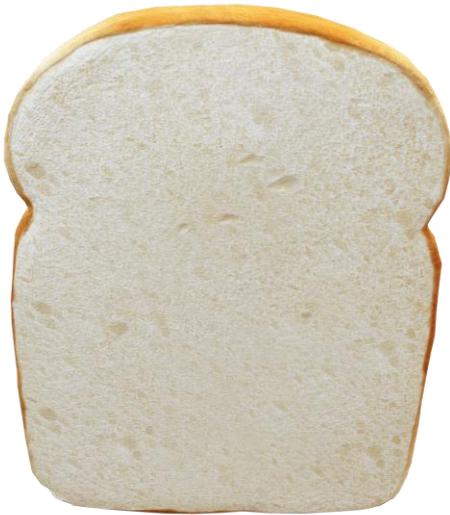


EVATT BREAKFAST CLUB

The ACT Education Directorate has provided advice that many of the planned upcoming events or activities need to be reviewed based on the current situation with COVID-19. In response to this advice, Evatt Breakfast Club will not be operating for the rest of the term.

If students require breakfast on Thursday please let the front office know and we will provide support.

Felicity Kelly and Michael Hatswell



Notes Due:

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

2020 Voluntary Contributions and Stationery Contribution - Years K-6

http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0010/459838/2020_Vol_Cons_and_Stationery.pdf

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In accordance with advice from the Education Directorate regarding Covid-19 many school events have been cancelled or postponed until further notice. The term 1 calendar appearing empty is intentional and not an error. Thank you.

Term 1 – 2020					
Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8	23	24	25 P&C AGM 6PM	26	27
9	30	31	April 1	2	3
10	6	7	8	9	10 Good Friday No School

Term 2 – 2020					
Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	27 April ANZAC DAY No School	28	29 School Banking	30 Breakfast Club 8.30AM Canteen Open	1 May Cross Country No Canteen
2	4 May Mother's Day Stall (Juniors)	5	6 School Banking	7 Breakfast Club 8.30AM Canteen Open	8 Assembly: 2.15PM Canteen Open Mother's Day Stall
3	11	12	13 School Banking	14 Breakfast Club 8.30AM Canteen Open	15 Canteen Open
4	18	19	20 School Banking	21 Breakfast Club 8.30AM Canteen Open	22 Assembly: 2.15PM Canteen Open
5	25	26	27 School Banking	28 Breakfast Club 8.30AM Canteen Open	29 Canteen Open
6	1 June Queen's Birthday No School	2	3 School Banking	4 Breakfast Club 8.30AM Canteen Open	5 Assembly: 2.15PM Canteen Open
7	8	9	10	11	12

The canteen will reopen in term 2.

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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