

# Evatt Eagle



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

## From the Principal,

Welcome back to another term of learning. Hope you are staying warm despite the very cold temperatures. We have a very full timetable ahead of us.

### Future of Education Consultation

The consultation period for the Future of Education remains open; thank to those of you who have already commented. I would be interested in our community responding to these two questions this week:

- What works, or could be improved in our education system?
- How do we best meet the long term education and wellbeing needs and aspirations of all our children and young people?

Please feel free to email me directly with your thoughts on these two questions. It can be a one liner or a paragraph. If you wish to give your answer orally, you can leave your message on the school voicemail, and it will be emailed to me, or you can drop into the office and record your message on our video booth app. We will be providing an opportunity for you to have your say prior to the start of assembly next week. I look forward to hearing your thoughts.

### Our new administration area

We have had lots of positive comments from the students and families who have seen our front office refurbishment. It is a very purposeful working environment and we are pleased with the outcome. More importantly we will save on energy costs with the airlock. Thank you to those people who continue to use the side gates to enter the school at the beginning and end of the day. Your support is appreciated. Most Canberra schools now function in this manner - the foot traffic through the administration section is kept to a minimum and classes are not disrupted as people walk through the building to collect their child/ren. If you wish to pay for an excursion, collect notes, make or attend an appointment, or for any other administrative needs, you are very welcome at the front office. Feel free to use the front entry for assembly.

### School Review

The school review panel will be in the school from Wednesday 30 August to Friday 1 September. They will have a draft report ready by the end of the third day. We will be able to provide a final copy of the report once it is complete – probably by the end of term.

## 21 July 2017

### TERM 3

**Monday 24 July**  
School Banking

**Tuesday 25 July**  
Onesie Day (gold coin donation)

**Wednesday 26 July**  
P&C Meeting – 6pm

**Thursday 27 July**  
Canteen Open  
Breakfast Club 8.30-9.00am

**Friday 28 July**  
Canteen Open  
Assembly: 2.10pm

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check the Back Page*



### Working Bee

On Saturday 5 August, we are planning on having a working bee both at the preschool and in the gardens at the front of the school. The key jobs for the preschool site are the trimming of the trees near the water tanks at the back so that the bushes thicken; it will also make the back fence less accessible for students to climb on and/or over the fence. We also wish to plant small shrubs on the embankment near the car park where the erosion is occurring regularly after rain and general garden maintenance. The plan for the front of the school is to create garden beds, probably one sleeper high across the front, remove the old bench, dig up the camellias and pot, and plant grasses in the new garden beds. Also remove the metal security at roof line and a general tidy up of the front garden beds.

There are also new chalkboards to be painted around in the new sensory area behind the learning support class rooms.

### Parent Expertise

If you have skills that would be invaluable to support these projects, we would love to hear from you. e.g. paving. The pavers near the front door entry need to be re-laid. One of our community members suggested to me that we have a lot of expertise in our parent group that we may be able to utilise. If you are willing to donate your time and expertise to complete some of the projects around the school we would be very appreciative.

### Sensory Space

On Friday 18 August we will be welcoming the director general for education, Mrs Natalie Howson, to the official opening of our sensory space which adjoins the learning support classes. Our Director of School Improvement, Mr Stephen Gwilliam, will also be attending the opening. This project was jointly funded by the school and Education Directorate. The P& C and the staff of the three units will be cooking a BBQ at Bunnings Belconnen later this term to raise funds to cover the cost of the equipment in that space. Parents of students in those three classes will shortly be sent an invitation to the opening.

### Mobile Phones

Finally this week, may I please remind you again about monitoring the messages that your children are sending on their mobile phones or other devices. Again we have had another incident, on the weekend, where students are sending rude and offensive messages to each other. This is out of the school's control, but often it spills over into the school because students are upset with each other and rightly so. We have organised for the AFP to deliver a talk about cyber bullying to students next week. You will be receiving a letter about this from your child's teacher. If you do NOT wish your child to hear this talk, then you will need to opt OUT. If you are happy for this to happen, then you do not need to respond to the letter.

Hope you have a lovely weekend and please try to stay warm and healthy.

***Susan Skinner***

Principal



## Flying Highs

Denzel – Heron Island: What a great first semester you have had at Evatt School! Starting at a new school can be difficult, but you have settled into the 5/6 cohort very well, making new friends and showing the teaching staff what you are capable of. Now that you have found your footing, I look forward to building on the successes so far this year and continuing to develop your skills, knowledge and understandings during semester two. Get ready to soar!! Mr Griffiths



Charlotte – Heron Island: This award is to acknowledge the outstanding effort you have displayed this year, especially in term two. Your desire to achieve personal goals and improve upon your term one results has been particularly evident in your Writing Challenge, Rostrum Speech and independent work habits. You respond positively to feedback on how to improve your work, take risks with your learning and insightfully reflect on your achievements to set your future learning goals. Keep on soaring to the top!! Mr Griffiths

Michaela – Weedy Seadragons: We have been very impressed with your attitude over the last couple of months. You have been actively participating in all classroom activities and during 5/6 integration. Your beautiful smile and kind manner brighten our days. We can see you are maturing and preparing yourself for high school. Congratulations on your award! Mrs C. and Justene

Caiden – Weedy Seadragons: We all love to listen to your stories. You are a creative writer who uses interesting words and keep your audience interested. You use your imagination well and I am wondering if your creative thoughts may be turned into famous movies in the future. Keep up the good work. Mrs C. and Justene

## Sports News

### Learn to Swim Program

Thank you to those parents who have expressed interest in the Learn to Swim Program which will be held from Monday 11 September - Friday 22 September. Further information will be coming out within the next 2 weeks, including the final cost for the program.

### School Sport ACT

#### Belconnen Track and Field Carnival

Congratulations to Kyla, Lara, Telia, Tayley, Sophie, Sophie, Rachel, Emily, Ella, Sophie, Ehlana, Isabelle, Khloe, Maddison, Regan, Emma, Nadya, Petra, Lily, Hannah, Chloe, Abbey, Matthew, Lucas, Nikita, Lachlan, Jamie, Cameron, Ben, Elliot, Ethan, Dominic, George, Lachlan, Ajak, Harrison, Alex, Corey, Joshua, Harry, Richard, Hayes and Jye who have been selected to represent Evatt School at the ACT School Sport Belconnen Region Track and Field Carnival on Tuesday 22 August. You should have been given a note at the end of last term about this. If you haven't received this note please email me at [jenelle.martin@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:jenelle.martin@ed.act.edu.au).

### Team Selections

Congratulations to Nikita who has been selected in the shadow team for the ACT Boys Football carnival.

### Sport Trials

No new trial dates have been released this week, but please continue to check the School Sport website ([www.schoolsportact.asn.au](http://www.schoolsportact.asn.au)) for up to date information.

## Fundraising and Events

The P&C has a large number of fundraising opportunities and events planned for Term 3.

- Art on a Plate – Preschool – Week 3
- Superslice Drive – Whole School – Week 1
- Onesie Day – Week 2 – 25 July 2017
- Trivia Night – Week 4 – 11 August 2017
- Bunnings BBQ – Week 5 – 20 August 2017
- Family Portraits – Week 6 – 27 August 2017
- Dads Day Stall – Week 7 – 29, 31 August & 1 September
- Disco – Week 9 – 15 September 2017

## Breakfast Club

We are looking for some more volunteers for our Evatt Breakfast Club. Each Thursday morning, our Breakfast Club serves a free breakfast to students in the canteen foyer from 8:30 – 9:00am.

If you're interested in helping serve cereal, toast and drinks to the kids please contact Felicity Kelly via [felicitymcnamara@gmail.com](mailto:felicitymcnamara@gmail.com) or leave your contact details at the front office.

### *Notes Due:*

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

2017 Voluntary Contributions and Stationery Payment P-6

[http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0007/390742/2017\\_Stationery\\_and\\_Vol\\_Cons\\_Note.pdf](http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0007/390742/2017_Stationery_and_Vol_Cons_Note.pdf)

Excursion Medical Consent form

[http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0004/402295/Excursion-MedicalInformationandConsentForm.pdf](http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0004/402295/Excursion-MedicalInformationandConsentForm.pdf)

Canteen Menu

[http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0005/393278/CANTEEN\\_MENU\\_2017.pdf](http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0005/393278/CANTEEN_MENU_2017.pdf)

Canteen News

[http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0006/393279/Canteen\\_news.pdf](http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0006/393279/Canteen_news.pdf)

School Intentions 2018

[http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0010/402796/School\\_Intentions\\_2018.pdf](http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0010/402796/School_Intentions_2018.pdf)

## WEST BELCONNEN CHILD AND FAMILY CENTRE

### Tuning Into Kids

A six session parenting program for  
parents of children aged 3yrs -8yrs

**THIS PROGRAM WILL BE DELIVERED AT WEST BELCONNEN CHILD &  
FAMILY CENTRE.**

**Would you like to learn how to:**

- communicate better with your child.
- understand your child's emotions.
- support your child to calm down when upset or angry.
- support your child to deal with problems and worries better.
- Build your child's resilience.

**Where:**

West Belconnen Child & Family Centre, 6 Luke Street Holt,

**When:**

Tuesday 1:00pm – 2:30pm

Starting Week 3, 1<sup>st</sup> August – 5<sup>th</sup> September.

**To register contact the Intake worker:**

Drop in to West Belconnen Child and Family Centre or call on 62052904



**On-site childcare will be available**



**ACT**  
Government  
Community Services

West Belconnen Child and Family Centre  
6 Luke Street Holt  
Call us on phone: 6205 2904

## Term 3 – 2017

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>2</b>	24 School Banking	25 Onesie Day (gold coin donation)	26 P&C Meeting 6pm	27 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am-9.00am	28 Canteen Open Assembly: 2.10pm – Kinder Limelight Excursion - Giralang
<b>3</b>	31 School Banking	August 1 ICAS – English CMAG Excursion - Preschool	2	3 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am-9.00am CMAG Excursion - Preschool	4 Canteen Open  5/08: Working Bee
<b>4</b>	7 School Banking	8	9	10 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am-9.00am	11 Canteen Open Assembly: 2.10pm – Year 6 Band 1/2 Limelight <b>Trivia Night!!!</b>
<b>5</b>	14 School Banking Science Incursion Tennis Gala Day	15 ICAS - Maths	16	17 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am-9.00am	18 Canteen Open  20/08: P&C Bunnings BBQ
<b>6</b> <b>Book</b> <b>Week</b>	21 School Banking	22 Belconnen U/12 Athletics @ AIS Limelight Technical Rehearsal	23	24 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am-9.00am	25 Canteen Open Assembly: 2.10pm – Quirky Quokkas Limelight Dress Rehearsal and Performance 27/08: Family Portraits– P&C
<b>7</b>	28 School Banking Yr 5/6 Boys Basketball	29 Father's Day Stall: 9.00-10.30am	30	31 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am-9.00am Father's Day Stall: 9.00-10.30am	Sept 1 Canteen Open Father's Day Stall: 9.00-10.30am
<b>8</b>	4 School Banking Yr 5/6 Girls Basketball	5	6	7 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am-9.00am	8 Canteen Open Assembly: 2.10pm
<b>9</b>	11 School Banking	12 Father's Day Stall: 9.00-10.30am	13	14 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am-9.00am Learning Journey	15 Canteen Open CEIS Disco
<b>10</b>	18 School Banking Yr 3/4 Boys and Girls Basketball	19 ACT - Athletics	20	21 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am-9.00am	22 Canteen Open Assembly: 2.10pm – Year 3/4

## Term 4 – 2017

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>1</b>	Oct 9 School Banking	10	11	12 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am-9.00am	13 Canteen Open

### SCOOL 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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