



## From the Deputy Principal

What a fantastic year 2017 has been!

We have had many successes both within our community (the fete as a great example), staff (school validation) and our students (the achievements are too many to even list or pick a single one). 2017 has been great, but 2018 is going to be even more incredible!



### GOODBYES

As with all things at this time of year, there are a great many emotions going around as we excitedly prepare for 2018 and sadly farewell students and staff that are departing the school. To our staff who are moving on; Anna Bodle, Margo Letton, Rebecca Pain, Alex Cairns, Rosemary Cleary, Jess Willding and Dan Mathews-Hunter, we wish you well in your journeys and look forward to crossing paths again in the future. We also say farewell to our Year 6 students who are moving onto high school, we look forward to seeing you in the coming years as you share with us your successes and challenges. It is always a highlight to see past students return to the school to catch up with teachers and tell us how they are going, so please feel free to drop in and say hello. Graduating in this year's cohort of families, are a few that have been with us for a very long time. This year ends some long standing relationships with families and we wish all of you the very best in the future. In particular, with their youngest children finishing Year 6, the Wann's, Hatherley's and Scholes families farewell Evatt after some very long associations here!

#### *In the Eagle this week:*

- **Goodbyes**
- **New classes**
- **P&C Thankyou**
- **Active Streets**
- **Japanese Teaching Assistant**
- **School Board Elections**

## 15 Dec 2017

Last day – Term 4 2017

**Monday 5 February 2018**

First Day – Kindergarten, and Preschool – Mon/Tue group  
School Banking

**Tuesday 6 February 2018**

First Day – Years 1-6 – new and returning students  
School Banking

**Wednesday 7 February 2018**

**Thursday 8 February 2018**

**Canteen Closed**

First Day – Preschool – Thu/Fri Group

**Friday 9 February 2018**

**Canteen Closed**



## NEW BEGININGS

On Monday 11 December, students participated in move up day, meeting their new class teachers and receiving a postcard\* to begin their journey in 2018. You will note a change to this year's postcards which no longer show individual teachers but reflect the current practice at Evatt School where all teachers of a cohort are important to your child. School is no longer what it was when I attended. The days of 1 teacher, 1 class and shutting your door are long gone. All teaching teams at Evatt collaborate, plan, deliver, assess, coach, discuss data, differentiate, stream, split, develop intervention and team teach across our cohorts. Having one teacher assigned to your child's name doesn't accurately reflect your child's day. In reality, for example, they may start with their class teacher, move immediately into reading groups with additional teachers in the room, come back to their home teacher for some writing, move off for support or extension groups, change for maths group based on year levels, all come together for team teaching, participate in one of our exceptional release programs (STEM, PE or Japanese), split for integrated and then return for their home class to collect their bag and go home. All teachers in the team (and in honesty, across the school) are responsible for our students and we wanted our postcards to more accurately reflect this. All students are expected to work with all teachers in the team and all staff will engage students with the same positive and optimistic values, whether the student has a home on their roll or in the class next door. We look forward to continuing with this model in 2018.

\*Absent students will have their postcards mailed out and should arrive in the coming days.

## WELL WISHES

As we close out 2017 we, the staff of Evatt School, wish all our families a happy and safe holiday period. Please look after yourselves and those close to you.

We look forward to seeing students return on the following dates:

- Monday 5 February 2018: Preschool Monday/Tuesday group and Kindergarten
- Tuesday 6 February 2018: Years 1-6 – new and returning students
- Thursday 8 February 2018: Preschool – Thursday/Friday group

**Mark Nicholson**, Deputy Principal





## P&C Thanks

A big thank you to our small but dedicated P&C committee. We had a successful year of fundraising and held lots of events for young and old and had lots of laughs along the way. Thank you.

As a result of our fundraising our last donation to the School for 2017 is \$10,000 which is going towards purchasing tablets/devices for use in the classrooms. Something all our children will benefit from.

Have a wonderful Christmas and we look forward to seeing you all in 2018.

Candace Safi, P&C President

## Active Streets for Schools

The Active Streets for Schools Program helps to make school environments safer by improving infrastructure and educating school communities about the benefits of active travel.



The program aims to create 'active streets', because well populated streets help to make motorists more aware and slow down.

Have you seen the Active Streets logos around our school? They highlight walking and riding paths to the school that have minimal road crossings.

Try walking some of these paths around the school with your children to show them safe routes to and from school and to teach them good road safety behaviours.

Remember, [active travel](#) is the fun, safe and healthy way to get to school!

## Japanese Teaching Assistant

Our Japanese Teaching Assistant, Yoshi, has been staying with the Cunningham family since the end of Term 3. He has had a fantastic time visiting many places, festivals and friends' houses with the family and enjoyed watching movies, playing games and making sushi with Charlotte and Phoebe. Yoshi is also looking forward to spending his first Australian Christmas with them too. Thank you so much to the Cunninghams for welcoming Yoshi into your family and enriching his Australian experience.

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

Quayle Sensei




# Attention Year 6 Parents


With everything on their mind, make sure this is on yours

Your child's vaccinations are due next year

The following vaccines are offered **FREE** as part of the ACT School Immunisation Program

 Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis (whooping cough) dTpa

 Human Papillomavirus (HPV)

 Keep an eye out for consent cards which are sent home with students during the first couple of weeks in Term 1

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Where can I get more information?  
<http://www.health.act.gov.au/our-services/immunisation/high-school-immunisation-program>

# Evatt Primary 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. Please consider nominating for this important role. 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 2 parent and citizen positions, and 1 staff member 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).

## Notes Due:

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

BYOT Information Sheet

[http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0003/406821/letter\\_to\\_year\\_3\\_-\\_6\\_parents\\_re\\_BYOT.pdf](http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0003/406821/letter_to_year_3_-_6_parents_re_BYOT.pdf)

2018 – Voluntary Contributions and Stationery Contribution K-6

[http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0019/409060/2018\\_Vol\\_Cons\\_and\\_Stationery.pdf](http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0019/409060/2018_Vol_Cons_and_Stationery.pdf)

2018 – Preschool – Voluntary Contributions and Arts and Craft Contribution

[http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0020/409061/2018\\_Vol\\_Cons\\_and\\_Craft\\_Supplies\\_-\\_preschool.pdf](http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0020/409061/2018_Vol_Cons_and_Craft_Supplies_-_preschool.pdf)

2018 Japanese Host Families needed

[http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0009/409365/2018\\_Host\\_Families\\_Needed.pdf](http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0009/409365/2018_Host_Families_Needed.pdf)

## Uniform Shop

School polo shirts, long sleeved tops and NEW to 2018 - fleece jackets, available from the Uniform shop.

Polo shirts - \$22.00

Long sleeved shirts - \$25.00

Fleece jackets - \$34.00

Hats - \$10.00

To purchase, please fill in order form and return to the front office or email to [krystacordina@gmail.com](mailto:krystacordina@gmail.com)

[http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0006/408381/Uniform\\_information\\_2017.pdf](http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0006/408381/Uniform_information_2017.pdf)

For orders to be filled for the start of the 2018 school year, email orders to [krystacordina@gmail.com](mailto:krystacordina@gmail.com). Payments must be made to the P&C bank account by 2nd February 2018.

Please contact Krysta on 0432 493 074 with any queries.





The advertisement features two young children, a boy and a girl, smiling and holding their triathlon medals. The boy is on the left, and the girl is on the right, wearing a blue visor with the 'bupa' logo. They are both wearing blue and red triathlon gear with 'Weet-Bix Kids Triathlon' branding. A large red ribbon graphic curves across the middle of the image. Below the ribbon, the text 'Give it a try!' is written in a large, stylized font. To the right of this text is a gold medal with the inscription 'INSPIRING AUSSIE KIDS for 20 YEARS'. Below the main text, it says 'For 20 years Weet-Bix has been inspiring Aussie Kids to live happier, healthier and more active lives.' The event date 'Canberra 11 February' is prominently displayed in a large, bold font. Below the date, smaller text lists other event locations: 'Events also in Sydney, Central Coast, Bendigo, Melbourne, Perth, Adelaide, Sunshine Coast, Brisbane and Far North Queensland'. At the bottom, a red banner contains the text 'Enter now: [tryathlon.com.au](http://tryathlon.com.au)'. The footer contains several logos for sponsors and partners, including Weet-Bix, Bupa, Razor, Funky's Funkita, Trek, Asics, Toll, Fastway, SSS, and ADRA.

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Official Energy Drink for Kids

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**TOLL**  
Official Toll Partner

**fastway**  
Official Fastway Partner

**SSS**  
Official SSS Partner

**ADRA**  
Official ADRA Partner

## School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS)

This is a reminder regarding the School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) and students progressing from year 2 to 3 and year 6 to 7.

**We have made some improvements to our system which now means that students who are progressing to year 3 and year 7 do not need to reapply if they meet the following three conditions:**

- are continuing at the same school
- are residing at the same address
- have not been sent an expiry notification from Transport for NSW.

The system has automatically validated a student's ongoing eligibility if they're at the same school and progressing to year 3 and year 7. Where a student met the new eligibility the system has updated their entitlement and card. If they didn't meet the new eligibility, they would have been sent an expiry notification.

If students need to update any information or reapply, they should go online to <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails>.

Applications need to be submitted before 31 December 2017 to ensure students' entitlements are updated and their current card is not cancelled. If their application is submitted after 31 December 2017, the system will automatically cancel their card and a new one will need to be issued.

Students in the Opal network applying for an SSTS or Term Bus Pass entitlement for the first time will receive their card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out during the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of January 2018.

Students residing in Rural and Regional (R&R) areas should receive their new travel pass at the commencement of the new school year in 2018. **Note:** some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students should check with their operator for more information. **Concessions** 131 500



Use public transport... plan your trip at [transportnsw.info](http://transportnsw.info) Get on board with Opal at [opal.com.au](http://opal.com.au)

## Term 1 – 2018

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>1</b>	5 Feb First day – Kindergarten, and Preschool – Mon/Tue group School Banking	6 First Day – Year 1-6, new and returning students School Banking	7	8 Canteen Closed First Day – Preschool Thur/Fri group	9 Canteen Closed
<b>2</b>	12 School Banking	13	14 Year 3/4 Camp Warrambui ←	15 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am- 9.00am	16 Canteen Open Assembly: 2.10pm →
<b>3</b>	19 School Banking	20	21	22 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am- 9.00am	23 Canteen Open FIZZICS Ed Science Show 1.45pm
<b>4</b>	26 School Banking	27	28 Year 5/6 Camp Cooba ←	Mar 1 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am- 9.00am	2 Canteen Open Assembly: 2.10pm →
<b>5</b>	5 School Banking	6	7	8 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am- 9.00am	9 Canteen Open
<b>6</b>	12 Canberra Day	13 School Banking	14	15 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am- 9.00am	16 Canteen Open Assembly: 2.10pm
<b>7</b> Hockey Clinics	19 School Banking	20	21	22 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am- 9.00am	23 Canteen Open
<b>8</b> Hockey Clinics	26 School Banking	27	28	29 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am- 9.00am AquaSafe – Year 2	30 Good Friday
<b>9</b> Hockey Clinics	April 2 Easter Monday	3 School Banking AquaSafe – Year 2 ←	4	5 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am- 9.00am	6 Canteen Open →
<b>10</b> Hockey Clinics	9 School Banking	10	11	12 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am- 9.00am	13 Canteen Open Assembly: 2.10pm

### 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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