



Dear Evatt Community,

1/2 classes have learnt about and engaged in 'random acts of kindness', placing beautifully decorated love hearts with positive messages like "You are the best!" and "You bring out the best in the rest of us" around the school. They can be found on teacher's office doors and classroom walls and have brightened up days for all.



12 June 2020

Week Eight:

Week Nine:

Week Ten:

-School Photos *Monday 29 June and Wednesday 1 July*

School Holidays:

-Saturday 4 July to Sunday 19 July

Report from the Preschool

The new art studio in preschool has provided the children with an inspiring and engaging space to explore their creativity through visual arts. This week we took inspiration from an art installation at the Museum of Contemporary Art in Sydney, called Triple Tangle by Gemma Smith. In small groups we explored art elements of line and colour.

The children used primary colours to experiment with drawing and painting lines and tangles, which led into an investigation about colour mixing and creating secondary colours.

Willow: Look at my tangles. I used blue, yellow and red.

Chloe: I mixed and turned and then I turned and mixed. I kept turning and mixing until I got it right.

Xavier: So I made red all around, then I mixed in yellow and blue and then made a new colour brown. What...? I just made GREEN!

The children investigated how the Triple Tangle was created and were intrigued by the scaffolding used to create the enormous artwork. We decided to explore the element of line by utilising the large glass window as a canvas for a collaborative artwork using liquid chalk markers. The children created their own scaffolding, carefully standing on the bench to reach all available space from the very top, right down to the ground. They loved engaging with



their peers, working alongside or supporting the art making process from both sides of the glass.

Xavier: There are swirly lines.

Brooklyn: There are zig zag lines.

Zoe: I loved everything. Covering the whole entire glass.



Cyclabilities in school program

Evatt School is embarking on collaborating with the Cyclabilities in school program. The school leadership team in collaboration and lead by one of our parents – Kimberly Ingram, is exploring options to offer the Cyclabilities in School program to some of our students.

Background

Cyclabilities is a not-for profit community organisation supporting children and their families across the Canberra community with disabilities or other vulnerabilities to develop important skills that provide opportunities for them to further access, meaningfully participate and connect within their community. There is going to be a program designed especially for our school, and it will encompass children of all capabilities and capacities.

The Cyclabilities grassroots initiative has been delivered over the last six years providing group-based learn-to-ride and road-safety programs through therapy-based instruction, drawing on Occupational-Therapy, Exercise-Physiology, Social-Work, Psychology and Education.

The Cyclabilites program uses cycle skilling as a tool to build capacity, confidence and inclusion. The program itself includes road-safety, strength and movement skill development and cycling components. The road-safety element focuses on road safety-skills, such as safe-crossing behaviours, boundary skilling, hazard awareness, and situational awareness. The strength and movement skill areas focus on developing key strength and conditioning development to support the ability to cycle. The cycling component focuses on enabling participants to ride independently (to the best of their ability), focusing on balance, safe bicycle use and cycling safety.

Crucially, however, Cyclabilities is more than just a learn-to-ride and road-safety program. In addition to developing these skills, the program supports social and emotional competence, resilience building, communication skills, collaboration and group work, confidence and self-belief.

Cyclabilites believes developing these areas allows us to build the long-term capacity of children to engage in meaningful ways with their communities.

Parking, Traffic, Kiss & Collect, and Drop Zone

I wanted to draw your attention to the traffic arrangements for dropping and collecting your children. The Kiss and Collect/Drop Zone is on Heydon Crescent, located along the front of the school, between the carpark exit and bottom end of the fence line.



Please read the following important points:

Car Park:

- You are NOT PERMITTED to turn right out of the school car park during the school hours of 8.30 - 9.30am and 2.30 - 3.30pm
- Dropping off/Collecting children in the staff car park is **not permitted** for safety reasons. If you need access to a disabled space, please bring your disabled pass into the school for our records
- The **only** cars allowed in the car park are those that have a disabled sticker, staff, or those cars belonging to volunteers working in the school



Kiss and Collect:

- The "kiss and drop/collect" zone will operate in the mornings and afternoons
- In the afternoons, students with "kiss and collect" will assemble in the library, move out to the front of the school, and wait until your car is in the Kiss and Collect zone. Students will be sent to the school side of the car. It is expected that there will be a continuous flow of traffic
- You are not allowed to leave your car. You may park until your child appears. If your child does not appear within 10 minutes, then you may park your car, and come to the school office to locate them
- Senior members of staff will be on duty in the afternoons to manage the kiss and drop/collect zone

Drop Offs:

- In the mornings, students can be dropped in the zone, and enter through the bottom gate (gates open at 8.40am) and wait in the barnyard area until the bell
- There are a number of exits and paths to help reduce the flow of traffic on Heydon Crescent. There is a path from McClure Street to the preschool gate to enable preschool parents to park in a less congested area
- If you need to come into the school, there is 15-minute parking outside the preschool, on Heydon Crescent.

These requirements are to reduce the likelihood of a serious incident at the start and end of the day.

Best wishes,
Nicole Zimmer

School Photos

We have organised new dates for school photos. Photos will occur in Week 10 of this Term. In response to COVID-19, MSP Photography will not be taking class photos in groups this year. Instead, they will be compositing student photos together to respect social distancing. See below for further details.

Monday 29 June (Week 10)

- Main School and Start of week Preschool groups.

Wednesday 1 July (Week 10)

- End of week Preschool group.



OUR UNITED RESPONSE TO COVID-19

Our priority is to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our schools and their students, our employees and the wider community.

When face-to-face learning recommences, school photos will change to a professional and effective **composite style**.

What is a Composite Style?

A Composite product is when students are photographed individually, with the group created digitally using a composite template.

This will eliminate the need for students to be grouped together in close contact with either themselves, or our staff.



ADDITIONAL PROTOCOLS INCLUDE:

- ❑ Each teacher and their class are greeted by a Photography Assistant outside the photography area, who explains the process of how photo day will work.
- ❑ A Photography Assistant will guide students to line up at a 'marker', to ensure social distancing regulations are being adhered to (one student per marker). Students are guided to step forward to the next marker in line when the student in front moves forward.
- ❑ Students will move in to the studio setup, where they simply stand on a foot mat and are prepared for their photograph.
- ❑ The area will be set up in such a way as to ensure that each individual student will maintain the recommended social distancing guidelines of 1.5m from other students and the photographer.
- ❑ There will be a visible barrier between the student or teacher standing on the footprints, and the photographer. At no time is this barrier crossed when students and staff are being photographed.
- ❑ Once photographed, students and teachers move out of the portrait studio area via the exit. It's a completely touch free experience where there is no physical contact.
- ❑ Hygiene and cleaning guidelines used by MSP Photography staff are in accordance with information distributed by the relevant Health Authorities. Sanitiser pumps are in full view, and available for use, at all times.

As per all recommendations, if a child is unwell there is no need for them to attend photo day.

Evatt Primary School P&C Committee for 2020

President	
Candace Safi	Nominated: Tracy Hitchins
	Motioned: Selina Davill
Vice President	
VACANT	Nominated:
	Motioned:
Secretary	
Krysta Cordina	Nominated: Candace Safi
	Motioned: Trang Tran
Treasurer	
Louise Harry	Nominated: Tracy Hitchins
	Motioned: Trang Tran
Canteen Treasurer	
Trang Tran	Nominated: Candace Safi
	Motioned: Selina Davill
Public Officer	
Tracy Hitchins	Nominated: Selina Davill
	Motioned: Candace Safi
Other positions: Co-ordinators	
Fundraising	Tracy Hitchins
Scholastic Book Club	Jodi Lieschke
Uniform Shop	Krysta Cordina
School Banking	Louise Harry
Breakfast Club	Felicity Kelly
Canteen	Tracy Hitchins

News from the School Board

This past Tuesday we had the first school board meeting with the newly elected board for 2020. Your Board members are;

- Board Chair/Parent Rep – Kimberly Ingram
- Parent Rep – Neill Taylor
- Parent Rep – Warren Nielson
- Community Rep – Michelle Armstrong
- School Principal – Michael Hatswell
- School Business Manager – Jo Davies
- Teacher Rep – Nicole Linsell
- Teacher Rep – Sarah Veitch

It was heartening to see the commitment of the school to care for our kids so they will be in the best state for learning. Evatt staff are happy to see the kids back and we thanked the school for the amazing job they did testing unknown waters during the Covid-19 home schooling.

We are looking to strengthening our communication processes with the Evatt community. We will share a recap of the discussions following each Board Meeting. We have also set up an email address, should anyone from the community wish to touch base. This is evattboardchair2020@gmail.com.

We encourage you to share any feedback and this will be discussed at the next meeting.

Besides Wellbeing Wednesdays, Evatt is ensuring the school's learning environment is at its best for all kids. Michael Hatswell shared the current staffing challenges across all schools in the ACT due to the current teacher shortage and unpacked the school-based plan to support students when teachers are away.

We are very excited about the upcoming community partnerships that Evatt Primary School have forged over the past period. These include;

- Tea and Talk, for parents every second Friday in the school Library. The aim of this program is to support parents to connect, learn from each other and to laugh.
- Cyclabilities, this program will support a range of students to learn to ride bikes and road safety under the tuition of therapists and allied health professionals
- Smith Family Support Program, this program supports families financially as well as ensuring there is a support worker on site each Tuesday to meet with families.

Hope it's a great week!
Kimberly Ingram,
Evatt School Board Chair.

School Uniform

Order forms for school uniforms and jumpers are available at the link below or through the front office.

Uniform order form:

http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0006/408381/Uniform_order_form_2019.pdf

Jumper order form:

[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)



Holiday Happenings

Holiday Happenings will not be distributing a physical booklet this year, instead please find a digital booklet at:

<https://www.holidayhappenings.com.au/online-booklet>

P&C Would Like Some Feedback

Our wonderful P&C would like some feedback from you in regards to re-launching our canteen later in the year. Please see the message below.

‘We would love some suggestions for menu items for the canteen, please email your suggestions/recipes to Evattpscanteen@gmail.com. We do have to follow food guidelines, but many recipes can be adapted, so please contribute. Many thanks, Evatt P&C.’

Tea and Talk

Hello everybody!

I’m excited to let you know that there will soon be a new way for Evatt parents to meet, chat, laugh, have a cuppa and be supported.

When: 3 to 4pm alternate Fridays (Week 8 and Week 10 this term)

Where: In the library

What: An opportunity to chat over coffee, tea and bikkies.

With support from Nicole Zimmer I’ll be hosting these sessions ...hey wait a moment...Who am I?

I’m Kimberly Ingram, your friendly, neighborhood advocate, and Evatt and I think it’s important to connect parent to parent, story to story and person to person.

We are all in this together!

We parents have much to share, and my hope is that we can look after each other, learn from each other and definitely laugh with each other.

I hope to see you there,
Kimberly Ingram.



Headspace Canberra push up challenge

Several members of the Evatt community are involved in a fundraiser with Headspace to raise awareness for youth mental health awareness. Search “Headspace push up challenge” to learn more.

Support Isaac and Jasmine Granger here: <https://www.thepushupchallenge.com.au/team/10575-granger-family>

Support Mr Aaron Foy here: <https://www.thepushupchallenge.com.au/pushuperer/70082>



Enrolling in Preschool in 2021



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If your child turns four on or before 30 April 2020, they were able to start preschool in Term 1, 2020. **If your child turns four after 30 April 2020, they can start preschool in 2021**

All four year old ACT children are guaranteed a place in a public preschool. However, you are not guaranteed a place at the preschool site of your preference, due to capacity constraints at some sites. All preschools offer a high-quality early childhood education.

Enrolments for 2021 open from 6am on Tuesday 28 April. Apply before 5 June 2020 to receive an offer from 27 July 2020. Apply online at education.act.gov.au



2021 school enrolments now open



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- 1. Go to education.act.gov.au** for information on your local school and to enrol online.
- 2. Apply before 5 June 2020** to receive an offer from 27 July 2020. This means there is ample time to submit your application to be included in the initial round of offers.