



From the Principal

Welcome back to term 2. We have had another really great start to the term! We have welcomed Ms Mel Bezear, who is replacing Mr Nico, who is on Long Service Leave and having an amazing time in the USA. Mel has been working in the Education Directorate Office and we are loving having her “hanging out” with us. Mel and I visited all classes on Monday morning- as is my habit on the first day of every term. Learning was the habit of the hour! By the time we reached year 1/2s at 9:30, we didn’t want to interrupt because students were so engaged in learning, they didn’t need to be interrupted by me.

A huge thank you to Lieutenant Commander Gordon Vine (Matthew’s Dad) for his commemorative address to the school at our ANZAC address. The students were respectful and observed the formalities with dignity and silence. What was particularly impressive about our ANZAC service is that it was run by students in years 1/ 2. Our school culture embeds these traditions and it is so amazing when the next generation of school leaders stand up to the plate and know and understand what to do! Liam, in year 1, delivered the Acknowledgement to Country, with aplomb, and with less than ten minutes notice.

One of my reflections over the holidays was about how well our students read. Believe it or not, our community song is a part of our reading program. We deliberately choose our songs to fit the values of our school and it encourages our younger readers to see a link to real life. Everything has a purpose and as a school, these learning opportunities are deliberate, not ad hoc.

This is a busy term for us all - NAPLAN occurs in week 3. Testing is on line as it was last year. As a school, we do not teach to the test, but we do try to provide students with the skills they need to answer the questions electronically.

Year 2s will be participating in Aqua Safe – this is an essential skill for all students- they should be able to swim or at least know how to get themselves out of difficulty.

Next Friday Evatt will be welcoming Scott Darlow; an indigenous singer and speaker to perform for us. Scott entered the music scene in 2003 and has been a mainstay of Australia’s Indigenous and music industry. He is a passionate Indigenous activist and tells stories of his own and indigenous people’s experiences and culture. Due to what will be an amazing performance, there will be no assembly held on next Friday 10 May.

3 May 2019

Term 2

Monday 6 May

ACT Swimming

Tuesday 7 May

P/S - Botanical Garden
note/payment due

Wednesday 8 May

School Banking
2020 Preschool Info Session – 5pm
2020 Kinder Info Session – 6pm

Thursday 9 May

Breakfast Club 8.30am-9.00am
Canteen Open

Friday 10 May

Canteen Open
Indigenous Performance: 11.30am

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Each year group are planning excursions based on the active curriculum. At Evatt, our excursions are carefully planned and linked to the Australian Curriculum and are directly linked to the teaching focus for the term/ semester. We believe that all excursions have a purpose and are designed to enhance and enrich learning.

I was interested to read and listen to commentary on amount of screen time that we, as adults, should be mindful of for kids. I have included these links for you if you are interested.

<https://abcnews.go.com/Health/children-hour-screen-time-guidelines/story?id=62598974>

<https://www.abc.net.au/radio/programs/conversations/david-gillespie-2019/10986686>

Have a lovely weekend and enjoy this gorgeous weather while it lasts. The colours in the leaves are wonderful - I guess more vibrant because of the dry summer. What a glorious time of year.

Susan Skinner

Student Injury

Insurance and Ambulance Transport

The Education and Training Directorate does not provide any insurance cover for injury, disease or illness to students resulting from school activities or school-organised excursions. Claims for compensation are met where there is a legal liability to do so. Liability is not automatic and depends on the circumstances in which any injury, disease or illness was sustained.

As there is no automatic insurance cover for personal injury if your child is injured at school or during a school organised activity/excursion you should therefore consider whether taking out personal insurance cover for your child is warranted.

This insurance might cover contingencies including medical/hospital expenses, ambulance transport outside the ACT, and cancellation of transport/accommodation or loss of/damage to luggage.

The ACT Ambulance Service provides free ambulance transport for students who are injured or suddenly become ill at school or during an approved school organised activity **within the ACT**.

Parking Legally

As we drive and park our cars around schools, we all need to ensure the safety of school students is our priority. Parking illegally and unsafely across pedestrian crossings, corners and verges puts children at risk. We all need to help keep our children safe. Here is a short video demonstration:

<https://youtu.be/AsIMVXpA9Zc>

Access Canberra inspectors will be patrolling our school zones to help us ensure drivers do the right thing.



Mother's Day Stall

Mother's Day is nearly here. In the past the Evatt students have loved purchasing gifts for their Mum, Aunty, Grandma or special friend at the Mother's Day stall, so we are again having the stall run on Friday 10 May. Students will come up to the stall in their class groups in the first session. Items will be available for purchase from 50c - \$6.

If you are available to help out with the stall on either day from 8:30 - 10:30am, or would like more info email evattpsfundraising@gmail.com

Any donations for the stall will be greatly appreciated, items can be dropped off to the front office.

Thank you, Evatt P&C

Election Day BBQ and Cake Stall

Evatt School will be a polling place for the upcoming election on 18 May.

The P&C will be running a BBQ and a cake stall to raise funds for the school. We are seeking volunteers to man both stalls from 8am, and to bake for the cake stall. If you are available for an hour or more during the day or can help out for items for the cake stall, or would like more info, please let us know, evattpsfundraising@gmail.com

Thanks, Evatt P&C



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Enrolment and Information sessions for Kinder 2020

Wednesday 8 May

The time is quickly approaching when you are thinking about the best educational options for your children in 2020 and beyond. As a part of our school community we want you to know about the wonderful opportunities that are available for your children when they continue with us. We will be providing an information night about our school and kindergarten program on **Wednesday 8 May 6.00 – 7.00pm** in the kindergarten room. We invite you to come and meet us.

We are also offering an Open Morning on **28 May 9.00 – 10.30am** for those who would like to come and see the school operating and have a walk around to see our classes and resources. Please ring the school if you intend attending either sessions.

Enrolment and Information sessions for Preschool 2020

Wednesday 8 May

As a part of our school community we want you to know about the wonderful opportunities that are available for your children at Evatt School Preschool. We will be providing an information night about our school and Preschool program on **Wednesday 8 May 5.00 – 6.00pm** in the preschool room. We invite you to come and meet us. RSVP to the front office on 6142 1640, or info@evattps.act.edu.au

Looking forward to meeting you.

Calling all Angels

Evatt School is dedicated to providing students with opportunities to develop reading and writing skills. To help us achieve this, we are asking for volunteers to join an 'Evatt Angels' volunteer program. Evatt Angels will listen and guide students to read as well as run 'Write On' sessions. 'Write On' incorporates fine motor and early writing activities designed to strengthen finger and hand dexterity.

Training and resources will be provided by the school, and you will work in consultation with classroom teachers. Evatt Angels will work within classroom spaces, so teachers are always on hand to provide assistance if needed.

All we need from you is some dedicated time, enthusiasm and commitment to help for an hour or so on a weekly basis. We are particularly keen to welcome grandparents.

All volunteers to ACT schools need to have a Working With Vulnerable People's card. If you need to obtain your card, you can apply by attending an Access Canberra shopfront or by completing an [online application](#). You will also need to sign a volunteer's form at the school.

If you are interested in becoming an Evatt Angel, or would like more information, please contact the front office on 6142 1640.



MULLABU YURA

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER
BOYS GROUP



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander primary aged boys meet Tuesday afternoons to link with culture, develop skills and connect to their local community to become strong resilient young men.

Tuesdays - 3:30-4:30pm

Weeks 2-9 of the school term
Gungahlin Child & Family Centre
51 Ernest Cavanaugh Street

For more information

Contact Gungahlin Child & Family Centre
Ph: 6207 0120
Or email: Megan.daley@act.gov.au

All programs are free of charge.

* Named by the boys of the group, Mullabu Yura means "All Men" from Darug country.

Tidda's

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander
Girl's group



Primary aged Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander girls group meet Thursday afternoons to celebrate culture and connection with each other and their community to become strong young leaders

Thursdays 3.30pm – 4.30pm

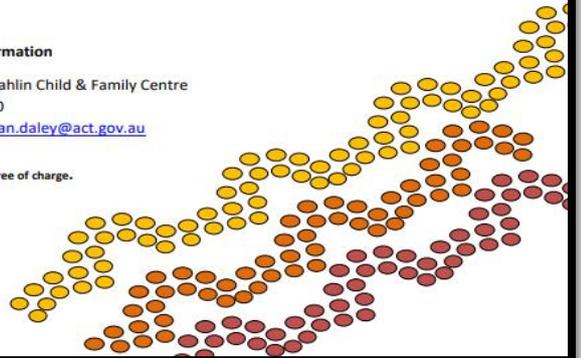
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*Tidda's - Sisters



BRICKS

@ The Woden School

Brick Expo supporting students with
special needs.

**SAT 11TH MAY 2019 9am – 4pm &
SUN 12TH MAY 2019 9am – 2pm**

127 Denison St Deakin

Entry: \$5.00/child, \$10.00/adult or \$20.00/family

For details go to <http://www.thewodens.act.edu.au>

This is a Canberra Brick Expo event organised in association with the Canberra Lego User Group and the Woden School Parents & Citizens Assoc.

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JUNIOR COACHING & COMPETITIONS - Term 2

- FREE Tennis Racquet for new players
- South & North Canberra Venues
- Programs for students of all ages and abilities
- Junior Competitions Available
www.tenniscanberra.com.au/competitions
- FREE Coaching Trial Available
www.tenniscanberra.com.au/try-tennis

Old Parliament House Tennis Club - OPEN DAY

- Saturday May 4th
- Time: 12-3pm (Free Junior & Adult Coaching 12-30pm)
- BBQ & Open Court Session 12:30-3pm
- Bring family & friends!

ParentLink

ParentLink provides parenting education to the community, from birth to teenage years. It is available for parents, carers, kin, teachers, and the broader community, providing information and links to local resources and services.



The ParentLink website provides links to all ParentLink guides including a variety of topics - *Starting School, More than Reading and Writing, Optimism and Cyber Safety*.

The ParentLink suite of resources includes guides specifically for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families, and access to resources for diverse cultural groups.

ParentLink guides are available to view and order via the website at, <https://www.parentlink.act.gov.au/>

Notes Due:

***PLEASE NOTE:** Paper notes are sent home on Wednesdays. 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

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

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

Preschool (Monday/Tuesday Groups) – Botanical Gardens

7 May 2019

http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0003/442677/botanical_gardens_mbabaram_and_Yindinji_2019.pdf

Preschool (Thursday/Friday Group) – Botanical Gardens

7 May 2019

http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0004/442678/botanical_gardens_Nyawaygi_2019.pdf

Athletics Carnival: K-1 & K-2 ANTs

11 June 2019

http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0008/444869/Athletics_Carnival_-_Kinder_to_Yr_1_Permission_note.pdf

Athletics Carnival: Yr 2-6 and Senior ANTs

11 June 2019

http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0007/444868/Athletics_Carnival_-_Years_2-6_Permission_note.pdf

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2	6 ACT Swimming	7 P/S - Botanical Garden note/payment due	8 School Banking 2020 Preschool Info Session – 5pm 2020 Kinder Info Session – 6pm	9 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am-9.00am	10 Canteen Open Indigenous Performance: 11.30am
3	13 NAPLAN AquaSafe – Year 2	14	15 School Banking	16 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am-9.00am	17 Canteen Open Scholastic Book Club Issue #3 – orders due
4	20 Year 5 Combined Band	21 Preschool Excursion	22 School Banking	23 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am-9.00am Preschool Excursion	24 Canteen Open Assembly: 2.15pm - Kinder Kenny Koala - Kinder
5	27 Reconciliation Day	28 Open Morning: 9.00-10.00am	29 School Banking	30 Belconnen X-Country Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am-9.00am	31 Canteen Open Hats Off Day! Kinder Excursion
6	June 3	4	5 School Banking	6 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am-9.00am	7 Canteen Open Assembly: 2.15pm – Year 5/6
7	10 Queens Birthday	11 Kinder Health Checks Year 1/2 Excursion – 2 classes	12 School Banking Kinder Health Checks	13 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am-9.00am Year 1/2 Excursion – 2 classes	14 Canteen Open
8	17	18	19 School Banking	20 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am-9.00am	21 Canteen Open Assembly: 2.15pm – Year 1/2
9	24 CEIS	25	26 School Banking	27 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am-9.00am	28 Canteen Closed Athletics Carnival
10	1 July	2	3 School Banking	4 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am-9.00am	5 Canteen Open Assembly: 2.15pm – ANT's
Term 2 – 2019					
Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	July 22	23	24 School Banking	25 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am-9.00am	26 Canteen Open
2	29	30	31 School Banking	August 1 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am-9.00am	2 Canteen Open Assembly: 2.15pm

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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