

Evatt School

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



FROM THE EXECUTIVE TEACHER

Musical Success!

Wow! Wow! Wow! What an amazing performance by all students in the school musical. It was such an awesome show with every single student on stage doing their best. Thank you to all the staff behind the scenes who made this magical production happen. To the sewing wizards, thank you for your efforts, especially grandparent Jill Smith who has helped for the past three musicals. I would also like to thank parent Anna Bodle for giving four days to help with our school musical in the tech room. We could not have done it without your help and support. A big thank you to Jo Argæet!! Your talent with script writing, along with your team of writers, was just incredible. From the witty comments of the newsreaders, to our well rehearsed students and the talented Evatt School staff, you and your team blew us out of the water. A fantastic end to a busy year.

Staff Leaving Evatt and Thank You 😊

Unfortunately, as part of the end of the year, some farewells need to happen. As most of you already know, our awesome principal, of eight and a half years Susan Skinner, is retiring and going to spend her time at the beach. We can't thank her enough for what she has done for our school in this time. No words can express our gratitude for the calm and caring way she has dealt with every situation.

We also sadly have to say goodbye to Jo Argæet, Naomi Castley, Amanda Cooke, Sam McKie, and a temporary goodbye to Cheryl Rummery and Rosie Urosevic who are taking a well-deserved break. Thank you for everything you have put into Evatt School. You will all be sorely missed and we wish you well at your next school or other endeavours you undertake.

We are not saying goodbye to Nicole York, however, we wish her all the best for the impending birth of her first child.

We would also like to thank Anthony McLaughlin (Emmett) who has most capably managed our buildings while our permanent Building Services Officer has been on paternity leave.

6 December 2019

Monday 16 December:

-Moving Up Day

Tuesday 17 December:

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Wednesday 18 December:

-School Banking

-Year 6 Graduation – AM

-Year 6 Dinner - PM

Thursday 19 December:

-Canteen Closed

-Year 6 Farewell Assembly

Friday 20 December:

-NO SCHOOL!

-Have an excellent holiday.

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Japanese Teaching Assistant

Our Japanese Teaching Assistant Maruka will be heading home during the holidays and we thank her for all she has contributed to the students' Japanese learning this year. We will miss you Maruka. Next year's assistant Aoi, will be arriving in April. We still require additional host families for her next year so if you are interested in finding out more about this valuable experience please contact Quayle Sensei for more information.

Move Up Day and Welcome New Staff

Just a reminder, on Monday students will find out their class and 2020 teacher. Just keep in mind that minor changes could still happen over the break and we will inform you as soon as possible if they occur.

We would like to welcome our new staff Anita Carr, Talitha Wilson, Peter Simmons, Karen Owens, Aaron Foy and our new Principal for 2020, Michael Hatswell.

When it is Hot!

Here are some good points about what you can do to help your family get through the hot days:

- Breastfeed or bottle-feed your baby more often in hot weather.
- Offer older babies and children extra drinks in hot weather. The best drink is water. Babies and children overheat and dehydrate quickly in hot weather.
- Dress babies and children in cool clothing and protect them from the sun with hats and sunscreen.
- Never leave children in the car, not even for a moment.

<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/beattheheat/Pages/babies-children-hot-weather.aspx>

If you are concerned about the increased smoke across Canberra please take precautions and do what is right for you and your family. The link below has some good tips about how you can take steps to help your family members.

<https://asthma.org.au/about-asthma/triggers/bushfires-and-smoke/>

Felicity Toohey,
Executive teacher.

PRESCHOOL NEWS

Term 4 has been a busy yet fun-filled time for preschool. There has been much preparation for the end of the year and getting ready for 'big school'. It has been wonderful overhearing proud conversations about their year ahead and watching children grow in the ability to take care of themselves and their belongings. The transition sessions we had at the primary school earlier in the term were a huge success and gave the children a glimpse of the exciting times ahead. Amongst focusing on independence skills for kindy, the preschoolers have spent time preparing for the Christmas Concert. The energy and perseverance they have given during each practice was impressive for preschool aged children. It is not often that preschool gets to share experiences with the whole primary school.

We would like to thank all the preschool families for such an incredible year of learning and growth. Preschool is one of those remarkable years at school where children's social and emotional learning and self-confidence skyrocket. The friendships formed in preschool are so precious. Please help your child nurture these relationships by organising play dates over the break.

Over the last week of preschool for 2019 the educators will be treasuring the moments of learning and play with the children and getting them even more excited for Evatt Primary next year. For those moving on from Evatt we wish you the very best for 2020. We are so lucky to have had you be part of the Evatt Preschool community. We will miss you.

Have a relaxing and safe holiday.

Rosie Urosevic,
Preschool Teacher.

FROM KAREN

To the wonderful parents and families of Evatt Primary School,

After nearly six years working at Evatt, I have decided to move on to a new adventure.

I have loved working at Evatt. [Through my work at this school, I have been able to be a part of your child's life. To see them grow and change over these six years. I have found that the school is full of dedicated and professional workers who teach and model the values of the love of learning, accepting diversity and showing how to be resilient to all the ups and down of life.](#)

I will miss them all.

Many thanks for your support and, farewell.

Karen Proctor,
School Psychologist.

JAPANESE ASSISTANT

Recently our Japanese Teaching Assistant, Maruka, moved on from her stay with the Karszniewicz family. During her time with them Maruka enjoyed trips to the ballet, the markets and a chocolate factory. She also loved walking with the horses and being around the sheep and wildlife. Maruka looked forward to Friday night movies with the kids and had a great time helping make their birthday cakes. Thank you very much to the Karszniewicz family for the kindness and support you showed Maruka and for your support of our Japanese program at Evatt School.

We are looking for more families to host next year's Japanese teaching assistant. If you would like hear more about what hosting entails please contact Quayle Sensei for more information.



Leanne Quayle,
Japanese Teacher.

SCHOOL BOARD VACANCIES

Please be aware that two parents and citizens positions on Evatt's School Board will open in 2020.

Parents and citizens members

- May be any parent or carer as defined in the Parents and Citizens' Association constitution. Membership is usually automatic for parents and carers of students at the school.
- May be elected by parents or carers of students at the school.

Nomination forms will be available from the front office on the 3rd of February 2020.

Nominations will be accepted from 11AM on Monday the 3rd of February 2020 to 11AM on Monday the 17th of February 2020, at the front office, on a paper form.

Please note that attempts to nominate outside of stated times, or through other methods (via phone, email, etc) will not be valid.

YEAR SIX END OF YEAR EVENTS

Graduation Assembly:

When: Wednesday 18 December 2018

Where: Evatt School Hall

Time: 9:30 to 10:30am

Following the Graduation Assembly there will be refreshments and the cutting of the Year 6 cake in the Library.

Dinner:

When: Wednesday 18 December 2019

Where: Evatt School Hall

What: The dinner will be catered by the Coast to Coast Golden Roast Company.

Time: Students should arrive at 5:30pm, with dinner to be served at 6pm.

Disco:

When: Wednesday 18 December 2019

Where: Evatt School Hall

Time: 7:00 to 9:00pm

Urgent – Due Dates Fast Approaching – 2020 Camp

Note change to 3/4 medical note due date

In 2020, the year 3/4 and 5/6 groups will be attending camp. Camps provide a great opportunity for students to develop teamwork, social skills and independence and it is very important to us to have as many students attend as possible. The school requires advance numbers for these camps to assist with planning, and so the permission due date is before the payment due date.

As this activity has an outside provider it is not subject to the voluntary contributions policy, and payment is required for the successful running of the camp. Students not attending the camp will follow an alternative program at school, with student numbers determining the activities provided.

Notes were sent home with students last term, and links to copies of the notes can be found later in this newsletter. Please note, that we are no longer accepting permission notes. The timeline below can assist you. Due to the complexity of the excursion, there are a series of permission/information notes that will need to be returned to the school at specific times.

Year 3/4 - 2020 Camp Due Date Timeline:

1. Payment Plan Lodgement due: (optional)	Please enquire at the front office
2. Permission note due:	PAST: Friday 29 November 2019
3. Payment due:	PAST: Wednesday 11 December 2019
4. Student Agreement due:	PAST: Wednesday 11 December 2019
5. Dietary requirements notification due:	Friday 7 February 2019
6. Medical note due:	Friday 7 February 2019
7. Changes/updates: Dietary or Medical information	Wednesday 5 February 2020
8. Medication administration form (if required) and medication:	Wednesday 12 February 2020

Year 5/6 – 2020 Camp Due Date Timeline:

1. Payment Plan Lodgement due: (optional)	Please enquire at the front office
2. Permission note due:	PAST: Friday 29 November 2019
3. Payment due:	PAST: Wednesday 11 December 2019
4. Student Agreement due:	PAST: Wednesday 11 December 2019
5. Dietary requirements notification due:	Monday 17 February 2020
6. Medical note due:	Monday 17 February 2020
7. Medication administration form (if required) and medication:	Wednesday 26 February 2020

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

2020 Voluntary Contributions and Craft Contribution

2019 Preschool

http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0007/459844/2020_Vol_Cons_and_Craft_Supplies_-_preschool.pdf

Japanese Assistant Host Families 2020

http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0004/451660/2020_Host_Families_Needed.pdf

2020 Year 5/6 Camp – Cooba

Years 4 and 5

Multiple due dates

http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0011/452468/Cooba_Camp_Year_5_and_6_2020.pdf

2020 Year 3/4 Camp – Birrigai

Years 2 and 3

Multiple due dates

http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0005/452507/Birrigai_Camp_Year_3_and_4_-_2020.pdf

Kindergarten Summer Picnic

Kindergarten

Due Friday 13th December

http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0009/458433/Kindergarten_Summer_Picnic_2019.pdf



In the community.

DISCOVERY

A dance and drama discovery program for young artists aged 7-12 years old.

20-23 JANUARY



Come and discover what you can create!

20-23 January 2020 | 9am - 3:30pm
Performance on 23rd | Gorman Arts Centre

Co-produced by Canberra Youth Theatre and QL2 Dance
Supported by Ainslie Gorman Arts Centres

In January two of the ACT's leading youth arts organisations are joining forces on a discovery program that will introduce young people aged 7-12 to the performing arts. Over four days, discover the creative possibilities of both dance and drama through a series of workshops, culminating in a performance for family and friends that will take over the grounds of Gorman Arts Centre.

This new program is ideal for young people who may never have engaged with the performing arts before, as well as those who simply can't get enough and are excited to discover more. Please note: young artists will work in smaller age groups during the workshops.

Enrol at canberrayouththeatre.com.au/discovery or contact QL2 6247 3103 or Canberra Youth Theatre on 6248 5057



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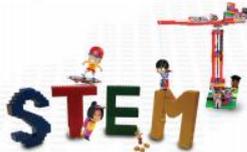


BRICKS CHALLENGE

Weekend Program 2020 - Term 1



Give your child the opportunity to explore the world of



Duration: 4 weeks, Days: Saturdays/Sundays, Location: South side/North side
Register now for early bird offer! Limited seats available!
*Holiday offer until 31st Jan 2020

Contact now: 0490 808 138, canberra@young-engineers.com.au
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Join Evatt Calisthenics in 2020!
Come & try, classes commence February
Email evattcalsecretary@gmail.com




AFTER-SCHOOL ART WORKSHOPS
www.artkidscanberra.com

"My children get so much out of the class - they have assembled a beautiful collection of work on their bedroom doors. We really appreciate the way the class gives them new techniques as well as inspiration."

January School Holiday Program from Turner Baptist Hall in 2020

After-school art workshop for K* - 6
New class starting at Evatt in 2020! Our artKids classes develops your child's creativity through learning drawing skills, art techniques and exploring different mediums. We operate in a fun, supportive environment where there are no such things as mistakes or 'flops' in art, only 'flopportunities'!

The class will run on Mondays from Crowajalong Scout Hall from 3 - 5 pm. The children will be met at the school and walked to the hall for afternoon tea and the class. Parents can collect children from the Scout Hall at 5 pm sharp. Cost for the workshops are \$35/session, payable by term (includes afternoon tea, all materials used and GST).

admin@artkidscanberra.com
Robyn Thurect - 0405 014 180

* Kindergarten children will be considered after a trial session.

Book now!

Contact now: 0490 808 138, canberra@young-engineers.com.au
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Term 4 – 2019					
Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10	16 Moving Up Day Year 3/4 - 2020 Camp – Dietary Requirements and Medical notes due	17	18 School Banking Year 6 Graduation – AM Year 6 Dinner - PM	19 Canteen Closed Year 6 – Farewell Assembly Last Day!!!	20 See you in 2020!

Term 1 – 2020					
Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	3 First Day – Preschool M/T, M/W and Kinder	4 First Day – Yrs 1-6	5 School Banking Year 3/4 - 2020 Camp – changes/updates to notes due	6 Canteen Closed First Day – Preschool Th/F	7 Canteen Closed Year 3/4 - 2020 Camp – Dietary Requirements and Medical notes due
2	10	11	12 School Banking 3/4 Camp	13 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am-9.00am 3/4 Camp	14 Canteen Open Assembly: 2.15pm 3/4 Camp
3	17 Year 5/6 – 2020 Camp - Dietary Requirements and Medical notes due	18	19 School Banking	20 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am- 9.00am	21 Canteen Open
4	24	25	26 School Banking 5/6 Camp	27 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am-9.00am 5/6 Camp	28 Canteen Open Assembly: 2.15pm 5/6 Camp
5	March 2	3	4 School Banking	5 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am- 9.00am	6 Canteen Closed Swimming Carnival
6	9	10	11 School Banking	12 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am-9.00am	13 Canteen Open Assembly: 2.15pm
7	16	17	18 School Banking	19 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am-9.00am	20 Canteen Open
8	23	24	25 School Banking	26 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am-9.00am	27 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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