



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

P&C Event

A huge thank you to the Evatt P&C for hosting a wonderful event on Tuesday night in the school library. We had over 40 parents attend to hear a little about myself and our school vision as part of our school improvement journey, and to hear about our wonderful P&C and how parents can be involved. During the event, many of the parents were able to share some comments about the things they really value and cherish about our school. Some of these comments included:

- All the teachers in the school know all the kids, the notion of 'they are all of our' kids
- Students know each other well
- Evatt provides a flexible structure of learning, multi-aged, works well with our kids, an individualised approach, kids can learn at their own pace
- Consistent and familiar relief teachers
- Evatt's recognition for all kids to learn in an environment that has taken into consideration what they need - social emotional, deep blue, trauma informed approach
- Love how all our kids interact with each other including our additional needs students, you can see that they are being taught how to interact and understand
- Opportunities for the arts - musical, performing arts, dance etc
- Every student has their moment to shine no matter where they are at and what they are interested in
- Additional programs are great, like Uke, Magellan Program, Band, sports etc
- ANTS students are challenged in the areas that they have strengths in – working with someone like Mrs Toohey, pushing them to show their best learning
- Shout out to the school newsletter - love reading it and it is a very valuable tool – providing valuable information

13 March 2020

Monday 16 March:

Tuesday 17 March:

Wednesday 18 March:
- School Banking

Thursday 19 March:
- Breakfast Club 8.30AM

Friday 20 March:
--CEIS (Christian Education in Schools)

The canteen is shut until Term 2.

**Don't forget to check the
Back Page**



- Seesaw and Skoolbag are great communication tools
- Sending notes home on one particular day is a brilliant idea to know when to look in the bag



A reminder about our P&C Fluro disco that will be on Thursday Week 9 (2 April). I encourage as many students as possible to come along and support this fun night. I'm keen to see all the cool mooooooves and grooooooves and have a great time.

Swimming Carnival

A big thank you again to Jenelle Martin, Executive Teacher Yrs 5/6 for coordinating a fantastic swimming carnival for our students last Friday. It was wonderful to see so many students engaged and enjoying the water activities, no matter their swimming abilities. We wish our students well who have qualified for the upcoming Belconnen Network District Swimming Carnival in Week 8. A huge shout out again to all our wonderful parent and community volunteers who worked tirelessly on the day.

Positive Behaviour Support Plans

Over the next few weeks all staff at Evatt School will be working through a process to write Positive Behaviour Support Plans for our students with additional and complex needs. These plans unpack what adjustments need to be made on a daily basis to increase engagement and learning. The plans also contain key strategies that may have a positive effect for our students if they become unsettled or heightened. They provide an opportunity to share important information across our teaching team so that we have a unified, consistent approach when supporting our students. The Belconnen Network Student Engagement Team (NSET) have been working closely with our staff to upskill us on this process. These plans will also be an important tool to share with parents and carers so a consistent approach is worked on between school and home.

The Smith Family

Evatt School has formed a partnership with the Smith Family to support students and families with their schooling and support services if required. Some of our families may have already had conversations with our classroom teachers about this program. Emma Dryden from the Smith Family will be on site on Fridays of even weeks, in the afternoon to meet with families who may require some support. Please read the information flyer attached for more information about the program.

Michael Hatswell
School Principal



Year 1/2 Coastal Banksias

The Australian Curriculum states that “ICT capability supports and enhances student learning across all areas of the curriculum. Students develop and apply ICT knowledge, skills and appropriate social and ethical protocols and practices to investigate, create and communicate, as well as developing their ability to manage and operate ICT to meet their learning needs.”

In 1/2CC we have been practising essential computer skills through typing and simple coding. Through drag and drop we are also enhancing our fine motor skills. Here is what some of the students think:

Joey: “We learn stuff and then get to play fun games”

Skyla: “We learn other stuff, like dragging the mouse”

Winslow: “We played a water game that helped us learn about water”

Minh: “We learn to type on the keyboard”

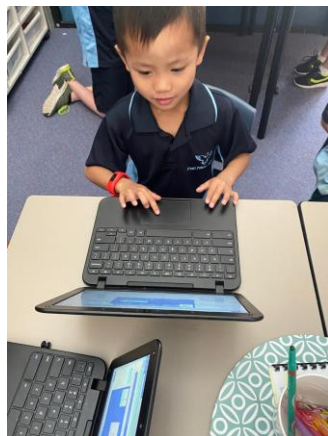
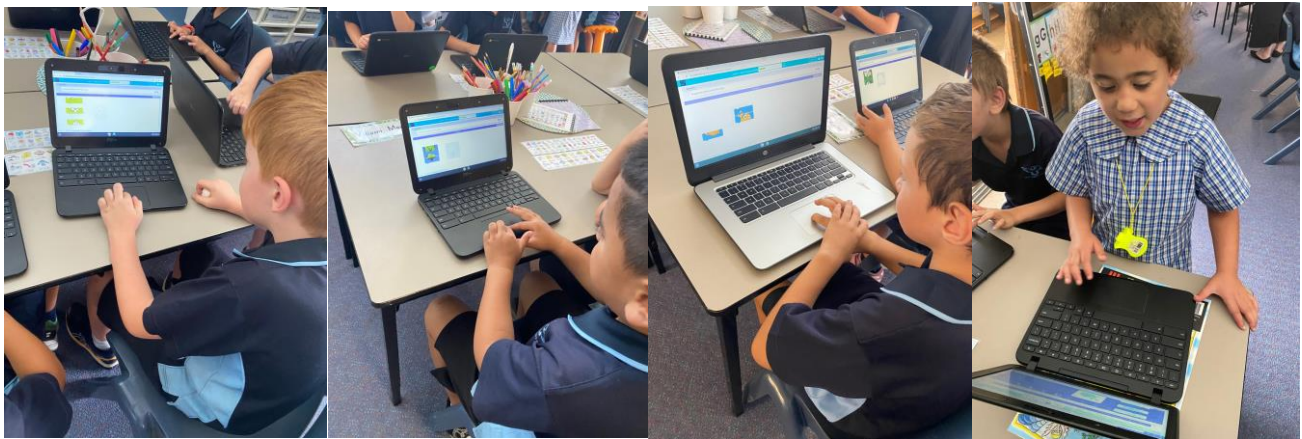
Viliami: “Sometimes we play Cool Maths Games”

Mia: “We used the maps to find our houses”

Liam N: “We get to go on Google Earth. I look at Evatt Primary and other places I like to go”

Clare Callahan

Classroom Teacher



Swimming Carnival

Last Friday we had the Evatt School swimming carnival at Gungahlin Leisure Centre. We had an awesome day with lots of fun, boisterous cheering and encouragement. The younger children rotated through some water activities, and the older children participated in the swimming carnival as well as other water activities. We would like to thank all our volunteers who gave their time to assist at the carnival. Without their generosity, events like this would not be possible.

The children showed great house spirit. The final house results were Copland 1st with 240 points, Dixon 2nd with 183 points, Clancy 3rd with 150 points and Webb 4th with 133 points.

Congratulations to Lachlan, Isaac, Imogen, Ruby, Richard and Emilia who have been selected to represent Evatt School at the ACT School Sport Belconnen Region Swimming Carnival on Thursday 26 March at the AIS.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN Online will occur in our school between 12 and 22 May 2020.

NAPLAN Online is a form of assessment that adjusts questions to each student's achievement level. It also delivers more precise results to schools and parents more quickly than previous formats.

NAPLAN provides valuable information to schools and parents about literacy and numeracy achievement. It supports school improvement processes by enabling teachers to monitor student progress over time and to identify areas of strength and development.

All eligible students are encouraged and supported to participate in NAPLAN testing. Visit www.nap.edu.au to see interactive versions of the test and for more information.

Jenelle Martin
Executive Teacher

2020 Camps

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. 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.

Year 3/4 - 2020 Camp:

Dates for 3/4 Camp have been finalised. The 3/4 camp will be held in Week 10 of Term 2, from Monday 29 June to Wednesday 1 July.

Further information will be provided as it becomes available to the school.

P&C NEWS

Thank you to everyone who came along on Tuesday night to our Meet the Principal event. It was great to see so many of you there. We hope you found both Michael's and the P&C presentation informative.

We invite our school community to join us at our AGM on Wednesday 25 March at 6pm.

Remember, you do not need to commit to a position but we would love some more members. After the AGM we will begin some planning for upcoming events.

Don't forget our first Disco will be on Thursday 2 April. Dress in Fluoro and DJ Nige will have you all dancing once again. Check school bags this week for the note!

P&C Committee



School Jumpers

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

[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)

School Banking

Did you know that Evatt School benefits directly when you participate in the School Banking program?

Banking day is every Wednesday – there are some great rewards this year for our consistent savers. Pop into your nearest Commonwealth Bank to open an account, or if you're already a member of the Commonwealth School Banking Program, don't forget to bring your banking book in each Wednesday.



Parent/Carers Workshop

Literacy Accessibility Tool

Boost reading and writing confidence

Read & Write for Google Chrome (RW4G)

Read & Write for Google Chrome (RW4G) offers support for Google Docs and the web and is especially beneficial for students with diverse literacy needs. It offers a range of powerful support tools to assist students to gain confidence with reading, writing, studying and research e.g. text to speech, speech to text, word prediction.

RW4G is available free for all students and teachers in ACT Public Schools. Students can access the tool anywhere at school, home etc. The licence has been extended for the next 3 years.

Workshop details and registration

Two workshop sessions will be offered, if you are interested in attending please register for **one** of the workshop dates by emailing to michelle.vanpuyvelde@act.gov.au and/or **6207 4225**.

Term 2 2020, wk.2

Thursday 7th May 4.00-5.30pm

Venue: Centre for Teaching & Learning Hedley Beare
51 Fremantle Drive Stirling ACT

Room: Mezzanine

Term 3 2020, wk.6

Tuesday 25th August 4.00-5.30pm

Venue: Mount Stromlo High School 220 Badimara St, Waramanga
ACT

Room: Library

If you want to learn more about Read & Write for Google Chrome below are links to a variety of videos.

- https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLvSZbmGbKpCTkk3S93CXtQWNf50f_Ow3D&disable_polymer=true
- <https://www.texthelp.com/en-au/products/read-write/read-write-for-google/>
- <https://www.texthelp.com/en-au/sectors/education/schools/>

Skoolbag School App – Don't Miss a Thing!

Please subscribe to our Skoolbag iPhone and Android App to help us communicate more effectively with our parent and carer community. To install it, just search for our school name 'Evatt Primary School' in either the Apple App Store or Google Play Store. Alternatively, if you google 'Evatt Primary School Skoolbag App', it will be listed in your search.

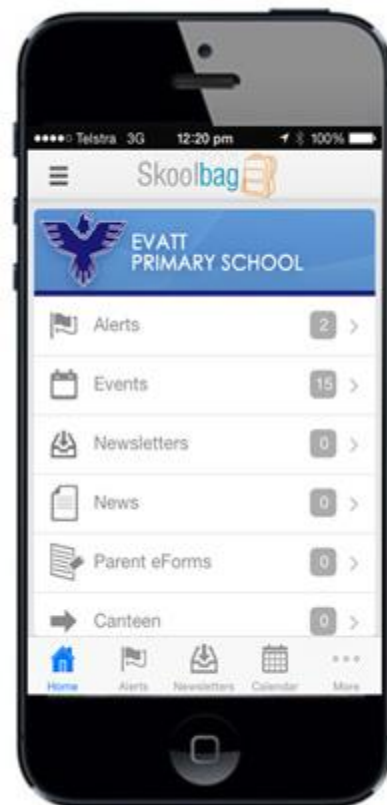
How to install our Skoolbag app

iPhone & iPad users

- Click the 'App store' icon on your Apple device
- Search for Evatt Primary
- If iPhone, choose the Skoolbag app, press 'Free', then 'install'
- If iPad, change the dropdown list to 'iPhone apps', the Skoolbag app should then be visible, press 'Free', then 'install'
- When installed press 'Open'
- Select 'OK' to receive push notifications, when asked
- Press the 'More' button on the bottom right of the app, then 'Setup'
- Turn on the correct year levels that you wish to receive push notifications for

Android users

- You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app
- Press the 'Play Store' button on your Android device
- Press the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in Evatt Primary
- Press on the Skoolbag version of the app, you may need to scroll down in the list of search results to find it
- Press the 'Install' button
- Press 'Accept' for various permissions (please note we do not modify any of your personal data on your device)
- Press 'Open' when installed
- Press the 'More' button on the bottom right of the app, then 'Setup'
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EVATT BREAKFAST CLUB

Each Thursday, the Evatt Breakfast Club serves a free breakfast to students in the canteen foyer from 8:30AM – 9:00AM.

The children sit, eat and socialise with their peers prior to going into class for the day.

The Evatt Breakfast Club is run by volunteers who serve cereal, toast and Milo to the children. If you're interested in volunteering this term please contact Felicity Kelly via email (felicitymcnamara@gmail.com) or in person.

We'd also love any donations of cereals, spreads, bread (including gluten free) and Milo.

Felicity Kelly
P&C Representative

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

Japanese Assistant Host Families 2020

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

Detailed Student Information Form - All Years

(these were sent home in week one)

Medical Information and Consent Form

http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0007/461995/medical-information-and-consent-form.pdf

P&C Disco 2 April, Permission and Canteen Order Form

http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0010/465256/Canteen_disco_meal_deal_2020_2_March.pdf

http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0008/465254/School_Disco_Note_2_April_2020.pdf

Athletics Carnival -Junior

http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0006/465324/Athletics_Carnival_-_Kinder_to_Yr_1_Permission_note_2020.pdf

Athletics Carnival -Senior

http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0007/465325/Athletics_Carnival_Yrs_2-6_and_Senior_ANTs.pdf

For Your Information:

Learning for Life – The Smith Family

Please see pamphlet attached to find more information about the Smith Family's "Learning for Life" program.

Term 1 – 2020					
Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7	16	17	18 School Banking	19 Breakfast Club 8.30AM	20 -CEIS (Christian Education in Schools)
8	23	24	25 School Banking	26 Belconnen School Carnival Breakfast Club 8.30AM	27 Assembly: 2.15PM
9	30	31	April 1 School Banking	2 Breakfast Club 8.30AM School Disco	3 Athletics Carnival
10	6	7	8 School Banking	9 Breakfast Club 8.30AM Assembly: 2.15PM	10 Good Friday No School

Term 2 – 2020					
Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	27 April ANZAC DAY No School	28	29 School Banking	30 Breakfast Club 8.30AM Canteen Open	1 May Cross Country No Canteen
2	4 May	5	6 School Banking	7 Breakfast Club 8.30AM Canteen Open	8 Assembly: 2.15PM Canteen Open
3	11	12	13 School Banking	14 Breakfast Club 8.30AM Canteen Open	15 Canteen Open
4	18	19	20 School Banking	21 Breakfast Club 8.30AM Canteen Open	22 Assembly: 2.15PM Canteen Open
5	25	26	27 School Banking	28 Breakfast Club 8.30AM Canteen Open	29 Canteen Open
6	1 June Queen's Birthday No School	2	3 School Banking	4 Breakfast Club 8.30AM Canteen Open	5 Assembly: 2.15PM Canteen Open

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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