



From the Principal

As I write this newsletter, teachers have 99% finished their reporting process. Teachers have been so busy over the last few weeks assessing and moderating your children's work, using a range of rubrics. Rubrics are descriptors that students and teachers use to understand what they need to do to be successful. I participated in a formal observation of a lesson this week and the learning intention was clearly described and students had a clear idea of what they needed to learn and what would make their learning successful.

As parents, you may feel this is unimportant, but this is a key fact in your child's success as a learner. At Evatt, we are very articulate about what your child/ren need to do to be a learner - it is an active, cognitive, participatory action that we all engage in whether we are adults or children. That is what we do as learners whether we are 1 or 99. I am a learner.

Reports and Parent Teacher Meeting

Your child will receive their end of semester report on Friday week 9, the same day as the Athletics Carnival. Please ensure that you book an appointment to meet with your child's teacher/s in week 10. The usual electronic booking form is again going to be made live Friday 14 June and will close Friday 21 June. Details of this will be in next week's newsletter.

Communication

On a final note, may I remind all parents that as parents it is your responsibility to read our newsletter. My staff spend many hours communicating with you. I apologise to those parents who read our newsletter every week and who are amazing in your timeliness in getting your notes in on time. It is so frustrating for my staff, who are really good at communicating and use so many avenues of communication, when people complain that they didn't know that something was on. When you complain, it is, with respect, your issue, as you are not being an active participant in engaging with our communication. My teachers communicate via SeeSaw, we send you emails, we send messages on the app, paper notes are sent home with students, and uploaded to the school website. Please don't blame the school when you have not accessed these avenues. This is very upsetting for my staff.

My staff and I are SO frustrated by parents who say we do not communicate, and they didn't know about an event. Please stop criticising us, when you have not taken the time to read the newsletter or the notes that your child brings home. And please stop being angry with us when we say no to your child attending an excursion, as their note wasn't in by the due date, or that you didn't know that a school event was happening.

7 June 2019

Term 2

Monday 10 June

Queen's Birthday – public holiday

Tuesday 11 June

Kinder Health Checks
Year 1/2 Qwestacon excursion – 2 classes
Athletics Carnival note due

Wednesday 12 June

School Banking
Kinder Health Checks
P&C Meeting – 6pm

Thursday 13 June

Breakfast Club 8.30am-9.00am
Canteen Open
Year 1/2 Qwestacon excursion – 2 classes

Friday 14 June

Canteen Open

*Don't forget to check
the Back Page*

Read the newsletter and respond as needed. The diary dates and permission notes are on the website every week. PLEASE engage with us to support your child. Your responsibilities as a parent are outlined in the ACT Government brochure as follows:

Parents/caregivers and community members are expected to:

- *Work positively in partnership with the school to:*
 - *contribute positively to behaviour, academic and other personalised support plans that relate to their child to enhance learning outcomes*
 - *support the well-being and conduct of their child*
 - *support staff in maintaining a safe, secure and respectful learning environment for all students*
 - *respect and comply with reasonable requests or directions of the principal or other members of staff*
 - *agree to abide by the requirements for access and acceptable use of information communication technology in relation to the school.*

https://www.education.act.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0015/1202910/Working-Together-With-Your-School-Brochure_WEB-FINAL.PDF

Which leads me to the segway, please book an appointment to meet with your child's teacher in week 10. Show your child you want to engage with our school to find out about your child and their learning. Please show appreciation for your child's teachers, who I am confident to say spend countless hours engaging and supporting your child to ensure your child has a great education.

I am very proud of my staff, they do a great job each and every day to educate your children. Please be an active partner in education.

Have a warm and enjoyable long weekend

Susan Skinner

Principal

PLAYGROUND and SOCCER

Over the past few weeks we have noticed a decline in the school values on the playground. This has included, but is not limited to, soccer. Some of the concerns we have had is the use of inappropriate language and students being hands on whilst playing during breaks. This week Mr Niko and Mrs Skinner spoke to ALL students (Year 1-6 in a combined assembly) and Kindergarten separately to remind students of the expectations and behaviours we expect to see on the playground. All students were reminded of our expectations to ensure a safe and happy playground. As a school, we took some steps to help "break" the current pattern on the playground. They include but are not limited to:

- soccer goals being removed for a short period of time (a pause on soccer games)
- school sports buckets being distributed by sports leaders at break times to ensure there is suitable equipment to use at breaks
- due to the new sports buckets, a ban on external soccer balls coming into the school (this way we can monitor the number of games being played)
- tightening our communication strategies for passing information between teachers between breaks about potential issues on the playground.

We understand some students are disappointed by the strategies, particularly the limiting of soccer, but we as a staff feel this is necessary to ensure a safe and successful playground for all.

Chief Minister's Reading Challenge (CMRC)

As mentioned in earlier newsletter items, this term we have started the annual **Chief Minister's Reading Challenge** across the school. One of the new challenges this year is to try to read something different and expand your repertoire of books. There are 30 different topics that children are challenged to cover. One of the categories is bilingual books.



Did you know that Libraries ACT have bilingual books? Bilingual picture books are available at each branch. Language collections of books, DVDs, CDs, magazines and newspapers are available at different libraries. See the Libraries ACT website for more information

<https://www.library.act.gov.au/booksmusicmovies/in-your-language> .

Looking for a book recommendation? You could ask your teacher, friend or family member to recommend one of their favourite books. Librarians may come up with broader recommendations based on other books that you have enjoyed. Try asking a librarian about the most requested books or check out the most requested items list from Libraries ACT. There are lists for picture books, junior fiction, young adult fiction and adult fiction. Find the list here

<https://www.library.act.gov.au/booksmusicmovies/most-requested-items>

Keep supporting your child with reading- a gift for life.

Louise Frawley

Junior School Executive, Literacy and Numeracy Coach

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

Athletics Carnival: K-1 & K-2 ANTs

Due: 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

Due: 11 June 2019

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

School Intentions 2020

Due: 28 June 2019

http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0006/447378/School_Intentions_for_2020.pdf

Special Children's Christmas Parties: ANT's

Due: 28 June 2019

http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0007/447379/Christmas_Party_Special_Children.pdf

Host Family - Japanese Teaching Assistant

http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0011/447383/Kindergarten_Host_Families_Needed_2.pdf

From the P&C

Save the date!

- NOTE: CHANGE OF DATE Evatt School P&C Meeting
All Welcome!
Wednesday 12th June, 6pm in the school boardroom
- Next school disco Friday 28 June – theme is Superheroes and Villains!

**Save the date for the Evatt School Fete –
Sunday 17th November 11am-3pm**

Buy a new Membership from Evatt Primary School and get a BONUS \$10 Priceline eGift Card!



Right now, until Midnight June 1st, when you buy an Entertainment Membership you will also receive a bonus \$10 Priceline eGift Card!

There are only **5 days** until the expiry of the 2018 | 2019 Memberships, purchase your new 2019 | 2020 Membership TODAY, and support Evatt Primary School.

Purchase your 2019 | 2020 Entertainment Membership!

[**Order your new book now!**](#)



Terms and conditions: \$10 Priceline eGift Card. Limit one per membership order. Offer valid for Entertainment Book or Digital Memberships purchased between 12am Tuesday 28 May and Saturday 1 June 11.59pm 2019 AEST. eGift Card will be sent by email within 14 days of order. Priceline eGift Cards expire after 36 months of the issue date. Priceline eGift Cards Terms of Use
<https://www.pricelinegiftcard.com.au/priceline/CMS/Page/giftcardterms>



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!
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Camp 2020

The 2020 - 3/4 camp will be held in Week 2 – Term 1, Wednesday 12 – Friday 14 February 2020.

The 2020 - 5/6 camp will be held in Week 4 – Term 1, Wednesday 26 – Friday 28 February 2020.

In term 3 you will receive more information about the camp and permission notes. Medical forms will be sent home for participating students at the end of the year. At this point we are unable to give you a firm cost for the camp but most school camps cost between \$200 and \$300. Please be aware that as the camp is so early in 2020, all payments and forms must be completed before the end of the 2019 school year.

The school has made it possible to make regular incremental payments in advance during the 2019 year, to assist parents/carers to manage the cost of camp. To take advantage of this, please first visit the school office, to complete a **Payment Plan Agreement form**. It is essential that this is set up as a direct debit with your bank. A payment plan can be started at any time during the school year. Once the cost of camp has been finalised, any payments made over the amount set will be refunded. At any point during the year, if you wish to check on how much you have paid, you are welcome to enquire at the school office.

Evatt School Track and Field Carnival

Evatt School's Track and Field carnival is on Friday 28 June at the Charnwood sports fields. We are hoping for better weather this year – no wind and definitely no rain. If you are able to assist at the carnival, please email Ben Sterland at ben.sterland@ed.act.edu.au.

2020 Enrolments

Enrolments for the 2020 school year opened on 29 April 2019. All ACT children are guaranteed a place in their local public school for Kindergarten to year 12. However, due to growth in recent years in enrolments in the public system, some schools no longer have the capacity to take "out of area" enrolments. These schools have been identified as "Category A" schools and a list appears on the Education Directorate website.

<https://www.education.act.gov.au/public-school-life>

You will not be able to seek enrolment for your child at one of these schools unless you live within the school's priority enrolment area (i.e. the school's geographic zone). All schools will, however, consider cases where there are legal issues, or exceptional circumstances based on student wellbeing. To avoid disappointment, you are encouraged to check the information on the Education Directorate's website so you can make the best decision for your family from the options available.

A reminder for the parents and carers of year 6 students, enrolment for high school is now open. Online enrolments can be entered at the following link:

<https://www.education.act.gov.au/public-school-life/enrolling-in-a-public-school>



With winter upon us, it's important to remember that Canberra has lots of health options that don't involve a trip to a hospital emergency department. Many of these are free and available after hours.

Walk-in Centres provide free, one-off treatment of minor injury and illness, including colds and flu. They're a great choice for children over 2 years of age – children under 2 should see their GP.

Walk-in Centres are open from 7.30am to 10pm, every day of the year. They are staffed by highly skilled nurses who can provide you with a sick certificate and in some cases, medication, saving you time and money.

The service is free, and no appointments are necessary.

Walk-in Centres are located in Tuggeranong, Belconnen and Gungahlin.

To find out more about getting the right health care for your symptoms, visit www.act.gov.au/yourhealthoptions

Another Chance op shop, Ross Smith Crescent, Scullin will have 50% off the entire store from Monday 24 – Saturday 29 June in celebration of the end of the financial year. Find us at Scullin shops, 10am – 4:30pm weekdays and 10am – 1pm Saturday's. Another Chance is a project of Mosaic Baptist Church – “in the community, for the community”.

Like our Facebook page for more information.

July Holiday Coding & Robotics Program

South Side	North Side
9.30am - 4.30pm, 11-12 & 15 July	9 am - 4 pm, 17-19 July
Canberra College, Phillip	Franklin Early Childhood School, Franklin
<p>Option 1 - Block Coding through play - 3 days (6+ - 8 yrs) Option 2 - Arcade Game Development + robotics - 3 days (9 -11 yrs) Option 3 - Robotics - Introduction to Arduino - build a line following sensor car - 3 days (11+yrs) (require purchase of kit) - High demand class, get in fast to secure your spot</p>	
<p style="background-color: #e67e22; color: white; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">Early Bird until 28 June 2019</p> <p style="background-color: #e67e22; color: white; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">Sibling discount \$20 per family</p>	
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>OzCodeAcademy Explore Build Innovate</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>Find out more on:</p> <p>  www.ozcodeacademy.com  info@ozcodeacademy.com </p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>  0451 071 920  OzCodeAcademy </p> </div> </div>	



Upcoming Ideas X Change on how we can all help reduce violence and bullying in schools

Building Strong and Safe Communities for Learning is a partnership project between the ACT Education Directorate and the ACT Council of Parents and Citizens Associations (P&C Council). Parents, students, principals and teachers are working together to reduce violence and bullying in schools. Initial workshops received amazing feedback, join us to have your say.

Details: www.education.act.gov.au/ideas-xchange

You are invited to the Ideas Xchange..A Different Conversation

We've heard your ideas about reducing violence and increasing safety in schools, help us make it happen, join us for an Ideas Xchange...

Purpose: Help us build strong and safe communities for learning.

We need your: experience and insights to test and provide feedback on the suggestions and ideas to reduce and better respond to violence in our schools.

Time	Date
6:45 - 8:30 pm	Wed 12 June
8:00 – 9:30 am	Thurs 13 June
3:45 – 5:30 pm	Thurs 13 June
9:45 – 11:30 am	Fri 14 June
6:45 – 8:30 pm	Mon 17 June

Location: Meeting room 11, Hedley Beare Centre for Teaching and Learning, Fremantle Drive Stirling, 2611

Hosts: P&C Council and Education Directorate

Catering: Light refreshments post event

Parking: Free Onsite

RSVP/Bookings: <https://www.education.act.gov.au/ideas-xchange>

If you require any further information relating to the Ideas XChange, please don't hesitate to contact Ms Leanne Ballard, Assistant Director Strategic Policy on Leanne.ballard@act.gov.au or 62052912.

We look forward to working with you to build strong and safe communities for learning.

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Term 2 – 2019					
Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7	10 Queens Birthday	11 Kinder Health Checks Year 1/2 Excursion – 2 classes Athletics Carnival Note due	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 – Whole school event P&C Disco
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 3 – 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 HATS ON!!	2 Canteen Open Assembly: 2.15pm
3	5	6	7 School Banking	8 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am-9.00am	9 Canteen Open
4	12	13	14 School Banking	15 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am-9.00am	16 Canteen Open Assembly: 2.15pm
5	19	20	21 School Banking	22 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am-9.00am	23 Canteen Open
6	26	27	28 School Banking	29 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am-9.00am	30 Canteen Open Assembly: 2.15pm
7	Sept 2	3	4 School Banking	5 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am-9.00am	6 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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