



FROM THE BRAIN OF THE DEPUTY

Term 4 is in full swing. The sun is shining (mostly), birds are singing, staff are collaboratively working together and most importantly students are eagerly questioning, practicing, experimenting and learning. It is my favourite term, (not just because my birthday and Christmas are close), but term 4 is where all the hard work from terms 1-3 starts to really payoff. Those relationships we work so hard on at Evatt are flourishing and the trust between learners and educators is, in my opinion, at its absolute peak.

As the term continues, we will see an increase in end of year activities and events. It is super important to ensure you keep up to date with the comings and goings at school. Along with the standard events such as teaching, learning and assessment, which this term includes our Semester 4 reporting being delivered electronically, events such as our official opening of the new garden, School Fete, spring projects, year 6 graduation, school musical and much more are all going to come up. Our newsletter is the best way to keep on top of this information and make sure you don't miss out on any of the fantastic events.

An example of this is as part of our transitioning to the SAS reporting system, in which your school reports will be received electronically, we will be sending out a **test email** in the coming days to ensure our records are up to date. Obviously, it is a bit silly to ask in an email that if you don't receive an email that you let us know. How would you know you haven't received an email? Hopefully (very hopefully) you have read the newsletter and will be on the lookout for the email this week. If you DON'T receive an email you will know to contact the school and we can fix any issues, so you get your report in a timely manner at the end of the year.



18 October 2019

Monday 21 October

First Day – Term 4

Tuesday 22 October

Wednesday 23 October

School Banking

P&C Meeting – 6.00pm

Thursday 24 October

Breakfast Club 8.30am-9.00am

Canteen Open

Friday 25 October

Canteen Open

Assembly: 2.15pm – Year 1/2

World Teachers Day

Saturday 26 October

Working Bee – postponed

(future date to be confirmed)

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A second example is that we have **postponed** (future date TBC) our proposed **working bee** on Saturday 26 October. We thank all those families who had planned to attend but due to a range of factors we won't be holding the working bee at this time. We hope you use the time to do something special with your family instead. Again, if you don't read the newsletter, you may miss this and turn up. Wouldn't that be awkward?

Communication is a two-way street and it is very important that we all engage with the many systems we have in order to ensure clear and transparent communication occurs. Our lines of communication include reading the newsletter (weekly), notes home (once a week), Skoolbag App (notices and reminders) and SeeSaw (reminders and learning progress).

Good luck to everyone for a very productive term. Year 6, as of writing this (Friday) you are down to only 44 days left of school (you are past half way of your compulsory schooling and have now completed 96.997% of your primary school days (Kindergarten to year 6). Enjoy the last 3% of your time at the best school, Evatt!

Mark Nicholson
Deputy Principal



ASIC School Banking Review

Following adverse findings in the Royal Commission into Royal Commission into Misconduct in the Banking, Superannuation and Financial Services Industry, the Australia Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) has determined to review School Banking Programs. The purpose of this review is to better understand how these programs are operating in primary schools and provide a national perspective of school banking program engagement and participation.

ASIC has invited interested organisations and individuals to make a submission to their Review. The Education Directorate will be coordinating a submission that will be agreed by the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Development ahead of being lodged with ASIC. The Learning and Wellbeing Policy and Design team is coordinating input from across the Directorate – including from early childhood and primary schools.

If you would like to make comment on the discussion paper or provide input to the consultation questions, please send your input to Ms Kylie Beer, Director, Policy and Service Design at kylie.beer@act.gov.au. All input will need to be provided by **COB Monday 29 October 2019** to enable appropriate approvals prior to submission.

Submissions close on 30 October 2019. More information, including the discussion paper and consultation questions, can be found at: <https://consultation.asic.gov.au/financial-capability/review-school-banking-programs/>

Safe Parking Behaviours

Unsafe driving and parking behaviours increase the potential road safety risk for children around schools. Road safety is a shared responsibility, it is important the road rules are followed near our school to ensure the entire school community feels safe.

Please remember children are more at risk than adults around schools because they are smaller and less visible to drivers. They are also less predictable and less experienced, which makes them more likely to make errors of judgement.

Failing to follow simple road rules like parking on the verge, in no stopping zones, in bus stops, near children's crossings, on footpaths or across driveways increases the risk to children around schools. Please do the right thing to create a safe environment around our school.



Enforcement Around Schools

Parking Operations use a [Licence Plate Recognition vehicle](#) (or electronic chalking), which regularly patrols school environments to increase safety for children. Motorists that commit an offence will receive their infringement notice in the mail (rather than on their windscreen) 5-7 days after the offence.

While the school can become congested during the peak times, illegal parking should be avoided at all times as it creates an unsafe environment for children and local residents. Parents are welcome to park on side streets around the school, but please remember to park legally. Infringements for parking on nature strips, footpaths, verges, street corners and near children's crossings start from \$114.



More information is available on the [Transport Canberra](#) website to promote safe behaviours around schools. Please help to make our school community safe and watch this video.

<https://youtu.be/H6B6PPgOC8I>

SMS Messages to Parents/Carers

An important part of our transition into the new School Administration System (SAS) will be sending SMS messages to inform of student absences. You will receive an SMS message to let you know your child has been recorded as absent on the morning of their absence. We will endeavour to send this by 10am every day (depending on circumstances). This will reassure you of your child's arrival at school and make it easier for you to keep your child's attendance record up-to-date when they are absent.

You simply reply via SMS, with your child's name and the reason for your child's absence and we will update our records. If you do not reply, your child's absence will be recorded as "unexplained". While we still appreciate receiving advanced notice of planned absences, for unexpected absences, responding to the SMS will streamline our processes.

Some examples of Parent/Carer Replies:

- (Student Name) is sick today, thanks (Parent Name)
- (Student Name) (Roll Class) was late to school this morning because, thanks (Parent Name)
- Hi (School Name). (Student Name) is at home sick today, thanks (Parent Name)
- Both (Student Name) (Roll Class) and (Student Name) (Roll Class) will be absent from school (date) because, thanks (Parent Name).

Thank you for being a part of our communication strategy.

MCSS Arts Extravaganza

Melba Copland Secondary School's Arts Extravaganza is back again this year featuring performances from MCSS, along with our students and other schools in the Belconnen School's Network. Our Year 5/6 students have been participating in dance workshops this semester and it will be great to see them perform in the Dance Showcase next term. Please join us in celebrating all their hard work at one (or all!) of the following showcase dates held at Copland Theatre, Copland College.

Dance Showcase - Tuesday 5 November

Music Showcase - Thursday 14 November

Tickets will be available to purchase at www.stagecenta.com

from Monday 14 October. Please be aware that tickets will likely sell out before the shows, and so you are therefore encouraged to buy tickets online once they become available. We anticipate that there will be no tickets left to sell on the evening of the performances.

We look forward to seeing you all at the MCSS Arts Extravaganza 2019!



Arts Extravaganza 2019
Melba Copland Secondary School

Dance	Music	Drama	Art
MCSS Dance Showcase	MCSS Music Showcase	MCSS Drama Showcase	MCSS Visual Art, Photography and Media Showcase
Tuesday 5th November Wednesday 6th November	Thursday 14th November	Thursday 21st November	Showcase intervals
Theatre doors open at 5:45pm	Theatre doors open at 5:45pm	Theatre doors open at 5:45pm	College Campus Bob Ross Gallery

Copland Theatre, College Campus, Cnr Verbrugghen and Copland Drive, Melba 6142 0333

Tickets available online soon at www.stagecenta.com
Tickets available on the door subject to availability



Fete Information & Links

Ride information

- Multi ride passes are valid for any Camelot Amusements rides (**The Storm, The Teacups, Giant slide, Jurassic Adventure, Horizontal bungee & Putt Putt golf or any substitute ride**) for the duration of the Fete (11am – 3pm).
- Multi ride tickets will be on special for \$25 each at our Eventbrite page <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/evatt-primary-school-fete-tickets-68982304931> or can be ordered on line at <http://www.school24.com.au/> (School ID number 25180963)
- Tickets must be collected at the ticket booth on the day of the Fete with proof of purchase. The ticket booth will open an express lane at 10.30am for collection of presale tickets only. Other tickets will be available to buy from 11am.
- Multi Ride passes not purchased during the pre-sale period will be available to purchase at the ticket booth on the day of the Fete for an amount of \$35 each.
- Single ride tickets will be available for \$5 each at the ticket booth on the day of the Fete.
- Restrictions apply to some rides, they are as follows:
 - There is an 110cm height restriction on The Storm ride.
 - Children under the age of two are unable to ride on the Teacups ride.
 - Children under the age of five must be accompanied by an adult on the Giant slide.
- Cancellation of rides may occur due to inclement weather. Notification of this will be made on our [Facebook page](#). Inflatable amusements may be cancelled due to high winds; however, mechanical rides will still operate. Refunds will be available in the event of an ALL ride cancellation due to weather. Please allow time for processing.
- A certain number of pre-sale tickets must be sold for the rides to attend, so please support us by purchasing your ticket early. In the event of rides being cancelled due to low ticket sales, you will be provided with a full refund.



Discount voucher information

Discount vouchers will also be available to purchase online or the front office. The voucher will include:

- A sausage sandwich
- A drink of your choice (Popper/soft drink/water)
- Petting Zoo entry
- Decorate a biscuit
- Glitter tattoo/tattoo

Discount vouchers will be on sale for \$10 (total value is \$13.50). You will be able to collect them at the information/raffle desk on the day of the Fete.

Important links

- Pre-purchase your Multi ride passes \$25 each and Discount vouchers \$10 each from our... Eventbrite page - <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/evatt-primary-school-fete-tickets-68982304931> (#Discount voucher not available through Eventbrite)
 - Schoolbag24 - <http://www.school24.com.au/> (School ID number 25180963)
- We need your help!
 - Please head to our online volunteer roster and add your name – <https://volunteersignup.org/HXMDR>
- Fete news
 - Keep up to date with Fete news on our P & C Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1952988988294191/>



- Barton Tennis Club
- Erindale Active Leisure Centre (Tuggeranong)
- Majura Tennis Club (Dickson)
- Old Parliament House Tennis Club
- Reid Tennis Club
- Turner Tennis Club
- Wesley Tennis Club (adj. Telopea Park School)

After-School & Weekend Tennis Coaching by Tennis Canberra

We invite new and returning players to join a weekly tennis junior program at a Tennis Canberra Club. A free trial is available for players who are new to the game or if you are returning after a break from the sport.

To request a trial session please email play@tenniscanberra.com.au your kid/s age, experience and which part of Canberra you want to play. We will get back to you with the best options available.

Sign up: www.tenniscanberra.com.au/junior-tennis
Email: play@tenniscanberra.com.au
Phone: 0416 186 121



Children's Asthma Education Service



Helping children with asthma breathe easier

The Children's Asthma Education Service (CAES) provides children, young people and their families with initial and continuing support to manage their asthma.

health.act.gov.au/asthma
 Ph: Community Health Intake 5124 9977

Notes Due:

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

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



Parents and carers are invited to attend a **FREE 4-week early childhood food literacy program** that will excite their children's interest in eating vegetables.

Delivered by Nutrition Australia ACT in partnership with Libraries ACT.

Each session includes a food-based Story Time followed by exciting food exploration activities including hands-on preparation of delicious vegetable based recipes. An Accredited Practising Dietitian will also be available to provide advice on feeding young children and answer your questions.

Here's what people are saying about it:

- *"Great mix of story, song, hands-on activity"*
- *"Fantastic program. Great stories, songs and food"*
- *"Wonderful reading food books, creating excitement with secret basket and watching children try food!"*

Term 4 spaces still available!

Our next 4-week program for 3-5 year old children starts next week and there are still spaces available.

Choose from Gungahlin or Tuggeranong library.

Gungahlin Library

Each Friday from 18 October to 8 November

10:30-11:30am

[Click here](#) to book now

Tuggeranong Library

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10:30-11:30am

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Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	21	22	23 School Banking P&C Meeting – 6.00pm	24 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am-9.00am	25 Canteen Open Canteen – Sushi Special: orders due Assembly: 2.15pm – Year 1/2 World Teachers Day
3	28	29	30 School Banking	31 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am-9.00am Canteen – Sushi Special Garden Opening–11.30am MCSS – Technical Rehearsal	Nov 1 Canteen Open Magellan Presentation – 1.30pm
4	4 ANT's – Dream-in Cricket	5 MCSS – Dance Showcase	6 School Banking Year 5 Combined Band @Miles Franklin PS	7 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am-9.00am Outdoor Classroom Day	Canteen Open Assembly: 2.15pm – Year 3/4
5	11 Remembrance Day	12	13 School Banking	14 Canteen Closed Breakfast Club 8.30am-9.00am	15 Canteen Closed 17/11 - Evatt School Fete
6	18 Bandstrav Rehearsal	19 Bandstrav Evening Performance	20 School Banking	21 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am-9.00am	22 Canteen Open Assembly: 2.15pm – ANT's
7 Preschool Open Week	25 Spring Expo	26 Information Nights: Preschool – 5.00pm Kinder – 6.00pm	27 School Banking	28 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am-9.00am Japanese Day	29 Canteen Open
8	Dec 2	3	4 School Banking	5 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am-9.00am	6 Canteen Open Assembly: 2.15pm – Year 1/2 Parent Helper Afternoon Tea – after assembly
9	9 Technical Rehearsal (cast only)	10 Whole School Rehearsal	11 School Banking Concert: Matinee	12 Canteen Closed Concert: Matinee and Evening Performance	13 Canteen Closed CEIS
10	16 Moving Up Day	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!!!

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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