

Evatt School

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



Welcome Back

Happy New Year!

Welcome parents and carers - welcome to the new school year!

Welcome back to what promises to be a fantastic year. I am thrilled and privileged to be leading a wonderful school that offers so much for our students. We have had a very settled start to the year with teachers focusing on building strong relationships with our students which will form a fantastic foundation for their learning throughout the year.

We understand that many of our students and families may have experienced an unsettled break with the recent and ongoing bushfire crisis that has touched all of us. This week, teachers have been running circle time with our students creating a safe and open space to talk about how this has impacted all of us. Please refer to the fact sheet later on in the newsletter that may support your child(ren) at home with any trauma they may have or be experiencing.

A reminder to all our families to update and return your medical and parent information contact list as soon as possible to support us with the possibility of ongoing poor air quality during the school days.

Parent/Teacher 'Get to Know You' Interviews

In week three, we encourage all parents/carers to come to school to meet your child's new teacher. This interview is designed for parents to inform teachers of their child's interests, strengths etc. Booking times will be shared electronically soon. Each appointment is 10 minutes. If you need a longer appointment, this can be arranged at the week 3 interview or please contact the front office.

School Camps.

7 February 2019

Monday 10 February:

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Tuesday 11 February:

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Wednesday 12 February:

-School Banking

-Year 5/6 – 2020 Camp - Dietary

Requirements and Medical notes due

Thursday 13 February:

-Canteen Closed

Friday 14 February:

-Canteen Closed

-Assembly

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As outlined on our Skoolbag App last week there has been some important updates regarding our school camps

- The Year 3/4 Camp at Birrigai, scheduled for Week 2 Term 1 has been postponed to later in the year due to the current bushfire burning in the Namadgi National Park. Updated information will be shared in relation to rescheduling this camp later in the term.
- Year 5/6 Camp at Cooba, scheduled for Week 4 Term 1 is still going ahead. We have been in contact with Camp Cooba and have been informed that the current air quality is good and the camp will be going ahead as planned. We will continue to monitor and stay in close contact with Cooba and inform you if anything changes.

Please Come and Say Hello

Hopefully over the past few days you have seen me out and about on the playground before and after school. I have been doing my very best to meet as many parents and students as possible. I'm very interested in hearing your feedback about what is great at Evatt School and what can be a future area for improvement. Please come and say hello if we have not met already. Thank you to all the friendly and welcoming parents who form a wonderful part of our school community.

Michael Hatswell

Principal

SCHOOL BOARD VACANCIES

Please be aware that two parents and citizens positions on Evatt's School Board are 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 are available from the front office as of 3 February 2020.

Nominations will be accepted from 11am on Monday 3 February 2020 to 11am on Monday 17 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.

Staff List 2020

Michael Hatswell	Principal	Aaron Foy	Teacher 5/6
Jo Davies	Business Manager	Sarah Shaddock	EAL/D and Literacy support teacher
Nicole Zimmer	Deputy Principal; Senior Team Leader	Sue Parker	EAL/D and Literacy support teacher
Jenelle Martin	SLC; Year Team Leader		
Felicity Toohey	SLC; DECO; ANTS Team Leader & PE coordinator	Leanne Quaille	Release: Japanese Teacher
Louise Frawley	Literacy impact coach; Junior Team Leader	Mary Holmes	Release: Visual Arts Teacher
Glynis Steward	Numeracy impact coach	Margo Letton	Release : Environment & Sustainability Teacher
Anita Santos	Small Class K-1	Daniel Boyle	Release : PE Teacher, 5/6 Teacher
Gosia Citowicki	Small Class 2-5	Alice Coen	School Psychologist
Peter Simmons	Small Class 5-6	Oliver Cashman	Front Office - Secretary
Jo Stratton	Teacher Preschool	Deb Bissell	Library - Admin
Krissy Quinell	Teacher Preschool	Narelle Tuckwell	Staffing Officer - Admin
Bri Thomas	Teacher Kindergarten	Blake Macdonald	Learning Support Assistant 1/2 & 5/6
Sarah Veitch	Teacher Kindergarten	Kylie Mcevoy	Learning Support Assistant Small Classes
Ben Sterland	Teacher Kindergarten	Jack Cheeseman	Learning Support Assistant Small Class
Clare Callahan	Teacher 1/2	Justene Crisp	Learning Support Assistant Small Class
Telitha Wilson	Teacher 1/2	Georgia Davies	Learning Support Assistant Small Class
Kavita Davies	Teacher 1/2	Thomas Deane	Learning Support Assistant 1/2 & 5/6
Barbara (Barb) Todd	Teacher 1/2	Mathew Middleton	Learning Support Assistant 3/4
Anita Carr	Teacher 1/2	Jodi Millard	Learning Support Assistant Kindergarten
Katie Fleming	Teacher 3/4	Tamara Sheriff	Learning Support Assistant Preschool
Karen Owens	Teacher 3/4	Tiina Smith	Learning Support Assistant Preschool
Nicole Linsell	Teacher 5/6	Wendy Wyeth	Learning Support Assistant Preschool
Jenelle Martin	Teacher 5/6	Kylie Boyd	Learning Support Assistant 1/2

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.

School app

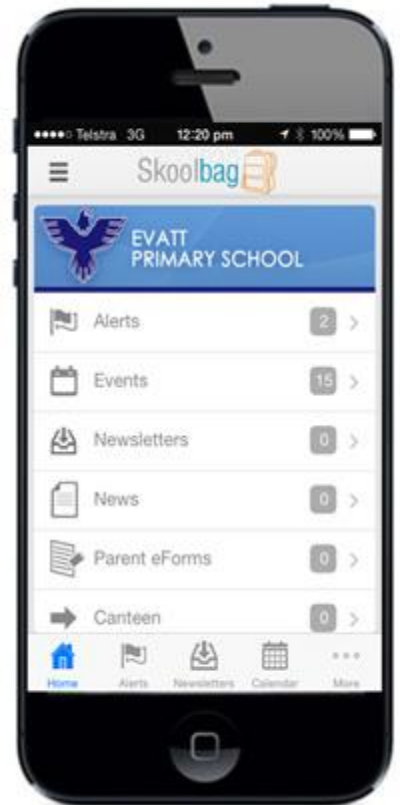
How to install our Skoolbag app

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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2020 Camps

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.

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.

We are no longer accepting permission notes.

Medical and Dietary Information notes for 5/6 Camp will be sent home Friday 7 February and are due the following Wednesday 12 December.

Year 3/4 - 2020 Camp Due Date Timeline:

As stated above, 3/4 camp has been postponed until further notice. Medical and Dietary notes will be sent when new dates for the camp have been settled.

Year 5/6 – 2020 Camp Due Date Timeline:

1. Medical/ Dietary information notes sent home:	Tuesday 7 February 2020
2. Dietary requirements notification (written on medical note) due:	Wednesday 12 February 2020
3. Medical note due:	Wednesday 12 February 2020
4. Medication administration form (if required) and medication:	Wednesday 26 February 2020

THIS ACTIVITY

Year 5/6 Cooba Camp 2020

START OR DEPARTURE TIME:

7.30am on Wednesday 26 February 2020

RETURN OR FINISH TIME

3.45pm on Friday 28 February 2020



Book School Interviews Online

Dear Parents and Carers,

Starting Monday 10 February from 10am you can book a 'Getting to know you' interview at times that suit **YOUR FAMILY BEST**. Please look out for the notification on the school App.

For parents that don't have access to the internet at home, at work, at a friend's house or on their phones, bookings will be assisted at the Front Office from Monday 10 February – Thursday 13 February.

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

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

Detailed Student Information Form

(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

In the Community.

WODEN VALLEY YOUTH CHOIR

Woden Valley Youth Choir has provided a music education to hundreds of students from ACT and surrounding region for over 50 years. WVYC offers a dynamic choral programme for young people aged 8 to 25 and we are proud to provide so many positive benefits to our members: the value of learning to sing with confidence, positive self-esteem, and performance skills, which will hold them in good stead for the rest of their lives. WVYC is a not-for-profit community choir with a strong music education programme. We don't just sing – we become musicians.

OPEN DAY AND AUDITIONS

WVYC will hold an open day on Tuesday 18 February. Auditions will follow, for those interested, on Saturday 22 February. We have vacancies in all choirs although quite limited places in our high school/university age treble voice choir. We are especially keen to audition more young men for our changing and changed voices choir, *Centauri Voices*. For more information on open day times and auditions please go to <http://wvyc.org.au> and download an application form or email info.wvyc@gmail.com or phone 1300 599 655.



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."

**NEW! artKids Preschoolers 3 - 5 yrs
at Turner Baptist Hall 2020.
Also Saturday classes K - Yr 7**

After-school art workshop for K* – 6

NEW! Class starting at Evatt in 2020! Our *artKids* classes develop 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 'floportunities'!

The class will run on **Mondays from Crowajingalong 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 2 hour workshop is \$35/session, payable by term, and includes afternoon tea, all materials and GST).

admin@artkidscanberra.com
Robyn Thurecht — 0405 014 180

* Kindergarten children will be considered after a trial session.

**Trial
available!**

Try Tennis Canberra Initiative - Free Group Tennis Lesson

Enjoyed the Australian Open? We invite students new to Tennis Canberra to a **FREE JUNIOR GROUP TENNIS LESSON** with our Tennis Australia Coaches.

Sign up & Information: www.tenniscanberra.com.au/try-tennis

Play Tennis Canberra - Weekly Junior Tennis Coaching Groups

Ready to play? Join a weekly junior tennis coaching program at a your Tennis Canberra club. All groups are run by Tennis Australia coaches at a Tennis Canberra club.

Weekly Junior Group Sign-up: www.tenniscanberra.com.au/junior-tennis

A promotional graphic for 'Try Tennis Canberra'. It features a blue background with a white tennis racket graphic. The text 'Try Tennis Canberra' is written in a large, white, stylized font. Below it is the Tennis Australia logo. At the bottom, it says 'Book your free tennis trial today.' and provides the website www.tenniscanberra.com.au/try-tennis. There is also a small URL at the very bottom: www.tenniscanberra.com.au | info@tenniscanberra.com.au | 1300 100 000

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Term 1 – 2020					
Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	10	11	12 School Banking Year 5/6 – 2020 Camp - Dietary Requirements and Medical notes due	13 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am-9.00am	14 Canteen Open Assembly: 2.15pm
3	17	18	19 School Banking	20 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am- 9.00am 3:30-4:30pm Kindy info/ how to support your child with reading session	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 Canberra Day No School	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 Belconnen School Carnival Breakfast Club 8.30am-9.00am	27 Canteen Open Assembly: 2.15pm
9	30	31	April 1 School Banking	2 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am-9.00am	3 Canteen Closed Athletics Carnival
10	6	7	8 School Banking	9 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am-9.00am	10 Canteen Open Assembly: 2.15pm

Term 2 – 2020					
Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	April 27	28	29 School Banking	30 Canteen Closed	1 May Canteen Closed

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'