



## From the Executive Teacher

Dear Evatt Community,

Week 5 of Term 3 was bound to be exciting, engaging and encouraging for students. Schools across Australia are celebrating Science Week and students are provided with opportunities to explore the world of Science even more than usual. The 2020 schools' theme is 'Deep Blue: innovations for the future of our oceans.'

Here are some useful websites you might like to explore with your child.

<https://www.scienceweek.net.au/>

<https://www.oceanlifeeducation.com.au/tag/science-week/>

### 1/2 Science Adventures

Thank you to Valerie Caron our in-house parent entomologist who supported 1/2 classes by exposing students to interesting facts about insects and spiders as one of the four rotations 1/2 classes participated in.

The other three rotations related to the Science week theme of 'Deep Blue: innovations for the future of our oceans.'

Creating tangram ocean creatures with ocean backgrounds and amazing bottle oceans- now how come these items are floating?

## 21 August 2020

### Week 6:

-Tuesday 25 August  
*Canteen special lunch orders due. deadline 3PM*

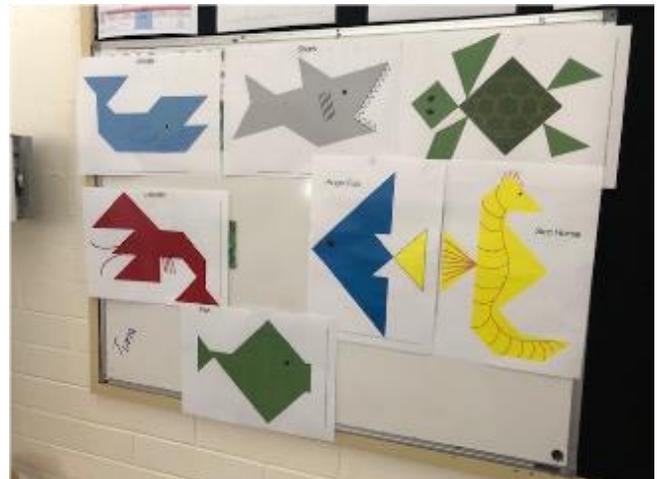
-Friday 28 August  
*Special Lunch order. CANTEEN CLOSED OTHERWISE.*

### Week 7:

-Monday 31 August  
*School Satisfaction Survey closes.*

### Highlights of this issue:

- Nicole Zimmer, Executive.
- Year 5/6 Article
- Letter from Minister Yvette Berry
- Uniform Shop
- Cross Country





## 2020 School Satisfaction & Climate Survey

Each year, the Directorate surveys all parents, school staff and students in Years 4 to 12 about their satisfaction with public education. The 2020 School Satisfaction & Climate Survey is available online from **10 to 31 August**.

The survey results will help us to continue to make quality informed decisions about how to improve our school. No personal identifying information will be provided to any school or college.

For each child in their family who attends an ACT public school, parents should have received:

- A letter about the student survey asking whether their child (only those in year 4-6) may participate during class time; and
- An email about the parent survey, including a unique link to access the survey; parents who do not receive the email may contact [EDUSurveys@act.gov.au](mailto:EDUSurveys@act.gov.au) to request a survey invitation.

A shortened paper-version of the parent survey is also available in the following 12 languages: Arabic, Burmese, Chinese, Dari, Dinka, Farsi, Hindi, Karen, Korean, Mon, Urdu and Vietnamese; email [EDUSurveys@act.gov.au](mailto:EDUSurveys@act.gov.au) to request a copy.

For the results to reflect the opinions of our whole school community, we need as many parents, staff and students as possible to complete the survey. Your feedback is important, and we hope you will take part.

For more information, visit: <https://www.education.act.gov.au/public-school-life/school-satisfaction-andclimate-survey>

## Thank you to Woolworths in Charnwood

We would like to take this opportunity to express our deepest gratitude towards Woolworth in Charnwood for their generous support. Every Monday Evatt School receives donations of fresh fruit including bananas, apples and mandarins, essential food items that our kids enjoy eating including bread, Wheat Bix and Two Minute Noodles and a milk supply for the staffroom.

This has made a big difference for our vulnerable students and further supports students healthy eating habits across the school. Should you find yourself at Woolworth in Charnwood, please acknowledge their great support to Evatt School.



## Scholastic Book Fair.

Huge thank you to Jodie Lieschke for organising a successful Book Fair on behalf of the P&C, parents assisting with running the fair, and to families for bringing their children before school and in the afternoon, supporting this wonderful fundraiser. All students greatly enjoyed browsing the books this week and the event sparked passion for reading and writing in our students.

The themed diaries with the personalised locks are all the rage this year.

Take the opportunity to have a chat with your child about the pleasures of reading and allow some time in your busy schedule to enjoy a book together, just for the enjoyment of sharing a story.

Please have a look at the website below for some ideas on little people's literacy learning.

<https://www.alea.edu.au/publicresources/resources-for-parents-and-community/little-peoples-literacy-learning>



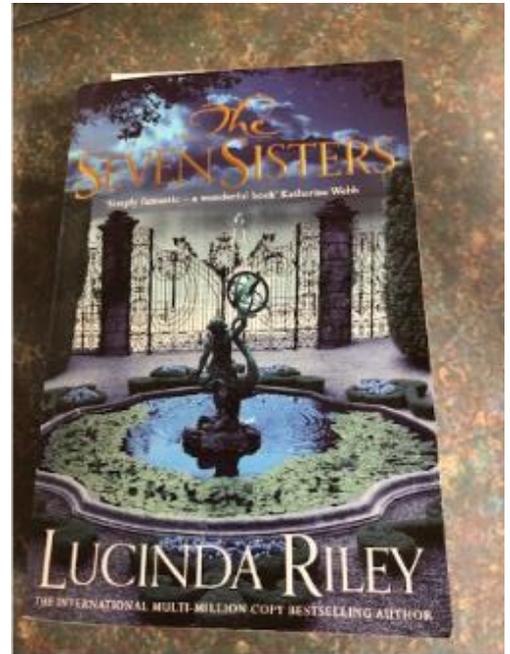
### Tip for adult readers

You might like to have a little read for enjoyment for yourself, if so, keep on reading.

Recently I was introduced to the 'Seven Sisters' a series by Lucinda Riley and am currently reading the first in the series. This book deserves 10 stars!!



I highly recommend this fabulous, fairytale-esque, love story to everyone! What an epic journey Lucinda Riley takes us on. Although the book is titled "The Seven Sisters", we soon learn the story revolves around 6 adoptive daughters and the seventh so far is a mystery. When the sisters reunite at their childhood home, a castle, on Lake Geneva to mourn their fathers' death, they learn there are plenty of secrets to go around. In this first instalment of this series Riley focuses on Maia, the older of the clan. Each of the girls are given envelopes upon their fathers' death that gives them each a clue as to their own heritage. Thus, begins Maia's journey, taking her to Rio in the 1920's. I love how this story intertwines the past and present while we learn about her true lineage of 2 incredible women and their courageous love stories!



### 3/4 Camp refund

Due to COVID the 3/4 camp was cancelled this year and within the next couple of weeks a note will be sent out to all families who had signed up and payed for their child's camp. The note will outline the options regarding refund or credits. Please watch this space.

Wishing you all the best,

Nicole Zimmer  
Executive Teacher

## Year 5/6 News

On Tuesday the 11<sup>th</sup> of August, a small group of amazing 5/6 students participated in the grand opening of the Dhawura Ngadjung centre for the Academy of Future Skills team.

Students participated in creating their own game controller whilst trying to encourage physical fitness and testing the quality water samples to see if life will permeate from these water sources.

Minister for Education Yvette Berry, Academy of Future Skills presenters Steven Box, Timothy Jones and Mark Alliston and Principal Michael Hatswell were all onsite to see the amazing learning experience conducted on the day.



### Warren Nielson

Continuing with the science theme, on Monday the 17<sup>th</sup> of August 5/6 students welcomed Warren Nielson from Capricorn Space into our classroom.

Warren presented information on the different types of satellites that orbit around the world, what satellite are used for and the data that you can collect from these. We explored how satellites are brought into space and the cost of this occurring. Some students were lucky enough to control one of Capricorn Space's satellites.

We would love to thank Warren for sharing his vast knowledge on satellites with the students.

Thank you,

5/6 Team

Jenelle Martin, Nicole Linsell and Aaron Foy



## *A message from the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Development*

In the ACT there are 88 public schools, over 49,000 public school students and around 3,800 educators. But of course, I understand that for each of us as parents, the most important school is the school our children go to. That's why I want to make sure that every public school is a great school.

The ACT Government is upgrading and expanding public schools to make sure that learning environments are accessible and sustainable.

The government is committed to ensuring that every public school has the infrastructure to support high-quality education and that's why the government has been investing more than \$115 million to upgrade public schools right across the Territory.

Here at Evatt Primary School the government has provided:

- additional flagpoles to display the Australian, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags, to recognise and respect Australia's first people, and demonstrate our commitment to reconciliation and an inclusive and welcoming community;
- a classroom upgrade including new flooring for the aftercare facility;
- a sensory garden with deciduous trees to provide seasonal shade, native plants, groundcover planting, organic mulches, timber log seats, gravels and a mix of pavement types to provide enriched, natural landscapes for the school community; and
- a shade sail and engaging playground in partnership with the school P&C.



Evatt Primary School has also received painting and carpeting in multiple classrooms and new sustainable performance certified and Australian manufactured furniture to support student needs. These are additional projects as part of the ACT Government's \$35 million fast track stimulus program to support local businesses and keep Canberrans employed.

Every child and family has a place in ACT public schools regardless of their background or life circumstances. That's why this investment into public school infrastructure goes beyond just the basic things that allow learning and teaching to take place. The ACT Government invests in public schools to make sure that every student has what they need to be included, and to learn and develop their interests, passions and life skills.

The ACT Government has upgraded heating and cooling systems, reducing polluting emissions and making temperatures comfortable and conducive to learning in over 40 older public schools across Canberra.

The government also provided 4,000 Chromebooks to schools at the beginning of this school year and a further 3,000 Chromebooks and 500 iPads were purchased for use during the COVID-19 pandemic to assist with remote learning.

Schools have seen upgraded classrooms, toilets, libraries, canteens and bike shelters, as well as gardens, landscaping and playground areas in schools to make sure that these spaces are positive and accommodating.

As Canberra grows, the government is making sure that schools grow with it. Every child has the right to access education and the ACT Government is making sure that this right is equally ensured for every young person.

**Yvette Berry MLA**

## *News from the School Board*

This past Tuesday we had the first school board meeting with the newly elected board for 2020. Your Board members are;

Board Chair/Parent Rep – Kimberly Ingram

Parent Rep – Neill Taylor

Parent Rep – Warren Nielson

Community Rep – Michelle Armstrong

School Principal – Michael Hatswell

School Business Manager – Jo Davies

Teacher Rep – Nicole Linsell

Teacher Rep – Sarah Veitch

It was heartening to see the commitment of the school to care for our kids so they will be in the best state for learning. Evatt staff are happy to see the kids back and we thanked the school for the amazing job they did testing unknown waters during the Covid-19 home schooling.

We are looking to strengthen our communication processes with Evatt community. We will share a recap of the discussions following each Board Meeting. We have also set up an email address, should anyone from the community wish to touch base. This is [evattboardchair2020@gmail.com](mailto:evattboardchair2020@gmail.com)

We encourage you to share any feedback and this will be discussed at the next meeting.

Besides Wellbeing Wednesdays, Evatt is ensuring the school's learning environment is at its best for all kids. Michael Hatswell shared the current staffing challenges across all schools in the ACT due to the current teacher shortage and unpacked the school based plan to support students when teachers are away.

We are very excited about the upcoming community partnerships that Evatt Primary School have forged over the past period of time. This include;

- Tea and Talk, for parents every second Friday in the school Library. The aim of this program is to support parents to connect, learn from each other and to laugh.
- Cyclabilities, this program will support a range of students to learn to ride bikes and road safety under the tuition of therapists and allied health professionals
- Smith Family Support Program, this program supports families financially as well as ensuring there is a support worker on site each Tuesday to meet with families.
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Hope it's a great week!

Kimberly Ingram

## *Cross Country Carnival Coming Up*

We will be running a Cross Country Carnival in Week 8 of Term 3 (September 11). With the changes this school year our sporting events have not run as per usual, but we are glad to offer some events for the students to participate in. The course will be similar to previous years, using the school grounds and the Evatt Oval.

Students are encouraged to wear their house colours on the day. Students will run in their age group (the age they are turning this year). Breaks will be held as normal and each age group will be brought out when it is their time to race, the school day will run as normal when students are not racing.

## *Uniform Shop*

The uniform shop will operate by appointment on Friday 28 August, between 9:00-10:00am and 2:00-3:00pm. A variety of new and second hand items are available for purchase.

Please email [evattpsuniforms@gmail.com](mailto:evattpsuniforms@gmail.com) with a preference for a morning or afternoon time. Times will be allocated at 10 minute intervals and confirmed by return email.

If you have any questions, you can contact Krysta on 0432 493 074.

Thank you.

Evatt School P&C

## *School Uniform*

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

Uniform order form:

[http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0006/408381/Uniform\\_order\\_form\\_2019.pdf](http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0006/408381/Uniform_order_form_2019.pdf)

Jumper order form:

[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)

## *Sports Equipment Available for Borrowing*

Thanks to our Year 5/6 students, there are various items that students can borrow during playtime. This means that students have a wider variety of games to play during break times. It also gives the chance for students in the senior years to have the opportunity to participate in leadership roles. A big thank you to the students who have started the program so far. Remember to all students to return your equipment on time.

# School Parking

## Traffic/Kiss & Collect /Drop Zone

I wanted to draw your attention to the traffic arrangements for dropping and collecting your children. The Kiss and Collect/Drop Zone is on Heydon Crescent, located along the front of the school, between the carpark exit and bottom end of the fence line.



Please read the following important points:

1. You are NOT PERMITTED to turn right out of the school car park during the school hours of 8.30 - 9.30am and 2.30 - 3.30pm.
2. Dropping off/Collecting children in the staff car park is **not permitted** for safety reasons. If you need access to a disabled space, please bring your disabled pass into the school for our records.
3. The “kiss and drop/collect” zone will operate in the mornings and afternoons.
4. In the mornings, students can be dropped in the zone, and enter through the bottom gate (gates open at 8.40am) waiting in the barnyard area until the bell.
5. In the afternoon’s students will assemble in the library, move out to the front of the school, and wait until your car is in the Kiss and Collect zone. Students will be sent to the school side of the car. It is expected that there will be a continuous flow of traffic.
6. You are not allowed to leave your car. You may park until your child appears. If your child does not appear within 10 minutes, then you may park your car, and come to the school office to locate them.
7. There are a number of exits and paths to help reduce the flow of traffic on Heydon Crescent. There is a path from McClure Street to the preschool gate to enable preschool parents to park in a less congested area.
8. The **only** cars allowed in the car park are those that have a disabled sticker, staff, or those cars belonging to volunteers working in the school.
9. If you need to come into the school, there is 15-minute parking outside the preschool, on Heydon Crescent.
10. Senior members of staff will be on duty in the afternoons to manage the kiss and drop/collect zone.
11. **No parking** in front of the emergency access gate (see photo) – heavy fines apply.



These requirements are to reduce the likelihood of a serious incident at the start and end of the day.

## Evatt Primary School P&C Committee for 2020

<b>President</b>	
Candace Safi	Nominated: Tracy Hitchins
	Motioned: Selina Davill
<b>Vice President</b>	
VACANT	Nominated:
	Motioned:
<b>Secretary</b>	
Krysta Cordina	Nominated: Candace Safi
	Motioned: Trang Tran
<b>Treasurer</b>	
Louise Harry	Nominated: Tracy Hitchins
	Motioned: Trang Tran
<b>Canteen Treasurer</b>	
Trang Tran	Nominated: Candace Safi
	Motioned: Selina Davill
<b>Public Officer</b>	
Tracy Hitchins	Nominated: Selina Davill
	Motioned: Candace Safi
<b>Other positions: Co-ordinators</b>	
Fundraising	Tracy Hitchins
Scholastic Book Club	Jodi Lieschke
Uniform Shop	Krysta Cordina
School Banking	Louise Harry
Breakfast Club	Felicity Kelly
Canteen	Tracy Hitchins

## Book Fair

Thank you to the families who supported our Book Fair this year. It was wonderful to see the kids excited to build up their home library collection. A big thank you to Jodi Lieschke for coordinating the fair this year and her support team for setup and sales.

Once we know our profit and what we can source for the school we will let you know.

Many thanks,  
Candace

P&C President



## 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**

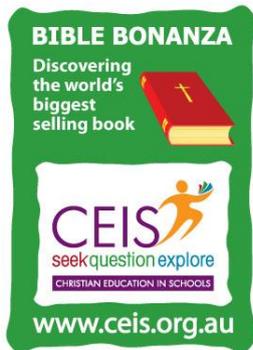
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### **2020 Voluntary Contributions and Art Supply Contribution – Preschool**

[http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/data/assets/pdf\\_file/0019/471331/2020\\_Vol\\_Cons\\_and\\_Craft\\_Supplies\\_-\\_preschool.pdf](http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0019/471331/2020_Vol_Cons_and_Craft_Supplies_-_preschool.pdf)

# CEIS Form

CEIS will be resuming in late Term 3. They have provided the school with a COVID response plan, please contact the office if you wish to see the details of this plan. Please fill out this form if you wish to ADD your child to the CEIS attendance list.



## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS

### Term 3 – Bible Bonanza

This term the CEIS team will present 'Bible Bonanza' at our school.

Through a series of interactive tasks students will go on an exciting adventure through the 'one big story' told in the Bible to think about the question: 'What is the Bible?'

Christian education occurs if parents request it for their children, under ACT legislation. Sessions are coordinated by CEIS, using approved resources and volunteers. If you wish to add your child to the current attendance list please complete the section below and return it to school or go to [www.ceis.org.au/connect/parents/](http://www.ceis.org.au/connect/parents/) .

**Please return this section to the school if you wish to add your child to the existing list.**

**YES, I request that my child/ren listed below participate in the CEIS sessions offered at school.**

Child: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Child: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## Enrolling in Preschool in 2021



Education

If your child turns four on or before 30 April 2020, they were able to start preschool in Term 1, 2020. **If your child turns four after 30 April 2020, they can start preschool in 2021**

All four year old ACT children are guaranteed a place in a public preschool. However, you are not guaranteed a place at the preschool site of your preference, due to capacity constraints at some sites. All preschools offer a high-quality early childhood education.

Enrolments for 2021 open from 6am on Tuesday 28 April. Apply before 5 June 2020 to receive an offer from 27 July 2020. Apply online at [education.act.gov.au](https://education.act.gov.au)



## 2021 school enrolments now open



Education

- 1. Go to [education.act.gov.au](https://education.act.gov.au)** for information on your local school and to enrol online.
- 2. Apply before 5 June 2020** to receive an offer from 27 July 2020. This means there is ample time to submit your application to be included in the initial round of offers.

## *In the community.*

### **Tea and Talk**

Hello everybody!

I'm excited to let you know that there will soon be a new way for Evatt parents to meet, chat, laugh, have a cuppa and be supported.

**When:** 3 to 4pm alternate Fridays

**Where:** In the library

**What:** An opportunity to chat over coffee, tea and bikkies.

With support from Nicole Zimmer I'll be hosting these sessions ...hey wait a moment...Who am I?

I'm Kimberly Ingram, your friendly, neighborhood advocate, and Evatt and I think it's important to connect parent to parent, story to story and person to person.

We are all in this together!

We parents have much to share, and my hope is that we can look after each other, learn from each other and definitely laugh with each other.

I hope to see you there,  
Kimberly Ingram.

### **John Knight Memorial Park Playdate**

Hello! To help our parents to connect, there will be a standing playdate, weather permitting

Where : John Knight Memorial Park,

When: 12-2 on Sundays, odd weeks of Term, or

Aug 23 (Cancelled due to weather and mud)

Sep 6 (Father's Day)

Sep 20

Bring: a plate to share, or your own lunch and drink

Weather wasn't favourable for the first one, let's hope this week is better.

Hope to see you this Sunday

Kimberly Ingram



[I'll be near here](#)



# Bandits Baseball Club

Invites you to our annual

## Come and Try Day

Sunday 13 September 11:00am-2:00pm

Aranda Playing fields

(behind fire station)

- ✦ All age groups and abilities
- ✦ All equipment provided
- ✦ Free sausage sizzle for all participants
- ✦ Buy, swap and sell equipment store
- ✦ Player registrations on the day

**Bring a friend!**

Email: [contact@actbandits.com.au](mailto:contact@actbandits.com.au)

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