



From the Deputy

Wow! The end of week 3 already. Never has the saying “time flies when you’re having fun” been more true. I’d like to take the opportunity to introduce myself. I’m Jamal See, and I’m excited to be the new Deputy Principal here at Evatt School. It has been an absolute pleasure getting to know the school community over the last few weeks and seeing the passion for learning the school is renowned for.



7 August 2020

Week 4:

- Tuesday 11 5/6 Excursion
Academy of Future Skills
- Friday 14 Canteen Open

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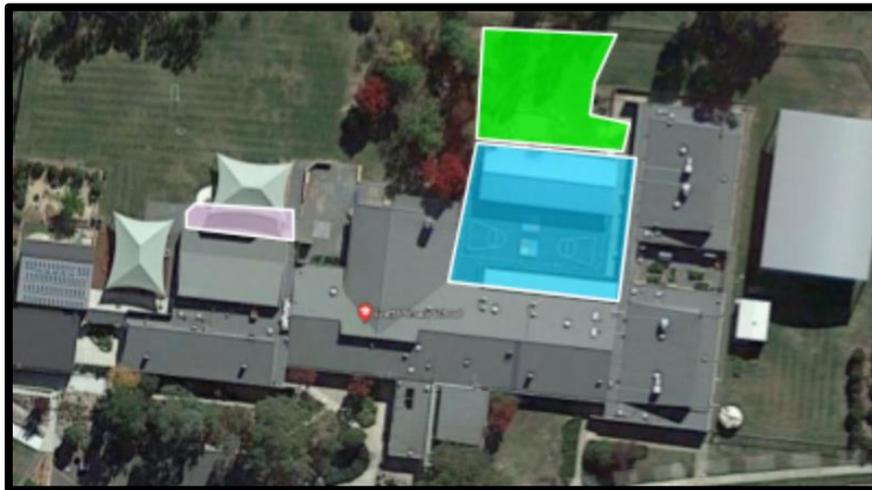
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Academy of Future Skills

It has been a busy start to the term, with high-quality teaching and learning happening throughout the school. The Year 1/2 cohort had a fantastic excursion out to the Academy of Future Skills at Lake Ginninderra College where they had the opportunity to investigate the properties of sound. They participated in a protostorming session to explore how different materials can produce sounds through actions such as striking, blowing, scraping, shaking and plucking and created a basic instrument of their own to take back to school. A group of our 5/6 students have been invited to attend the official opening of the Northside Academy next week as the official student representatives, attended by our Minister for Education and Director-General. This is an indication of the strong partnership we have developed.

Positive Behaviour for Learning

After a staff vote (with 100% consensus), we are moving forward with the Positive Behaviour for Learning Framework (PBL). PBL is an evidence-based framework for teaching and acknowledging positive behaviour and aims to get everyone – students, staff, families and the school community - on the same page to create a safe and supportive learning environment for all students. I've been lucky enough to implement PBL in a variety of schools and witness the positive impact it has on student wellbeing and learning. Throughout 2020, staff and students will unpack and co-construct how it will look at Evatt School ready to launch in 2021.



Before school

We've recently revisited our expectations around arriving at school before 9:00 am. As per normal, there will still be a teacher on duty from 8:40 - 9:00 am. Students arriving before then are expected to wait quietly in the library corridor with the teacher taking them outside at 8:40 am. Regardless of what entrance students use, we ask that all bags are taken outside and not hung up until after 9:00 am.

Before school, the basketball court and barnyard area (blue on the map) are a "low activity" zone where students can walk, chat or read. As this is a higher traffic area in the mornings, this ensures the safety of everyone. Students who want to run off some extra energy are welcome to use the grassed hill area (green on map) adjacent to the barnyard. The playgrounds and ball games are still not available during this time. These measures aim to keep our community safe, and our students ready to learn each day.

I look forward to meeting you all in person sometime soon,

Bye for now,

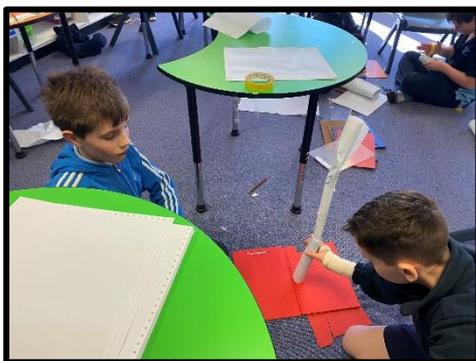
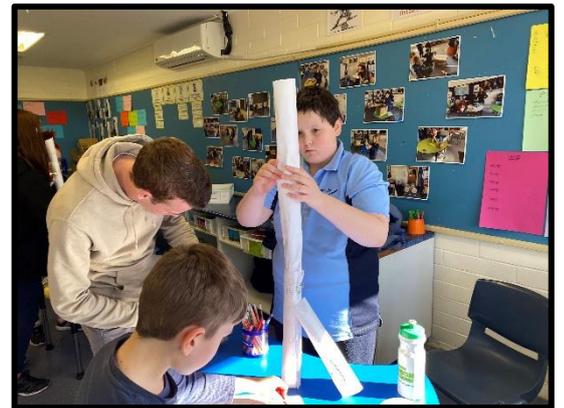
Jamal See

Alpine Wattles News

Our class saying for the year is “We learn from the past to change the future.”

We have been working with the Silver Wattles class to create vehicles and building for the future.

Here are some of our buildings.



Peter Simmons
Classroom Teacher

Kindergarten News

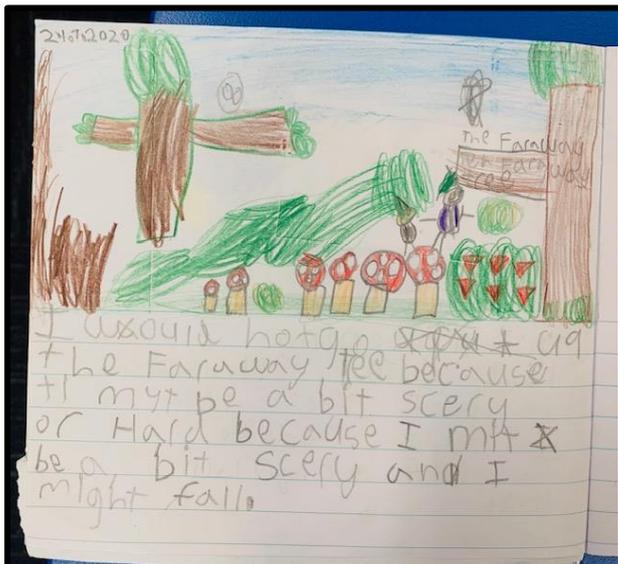
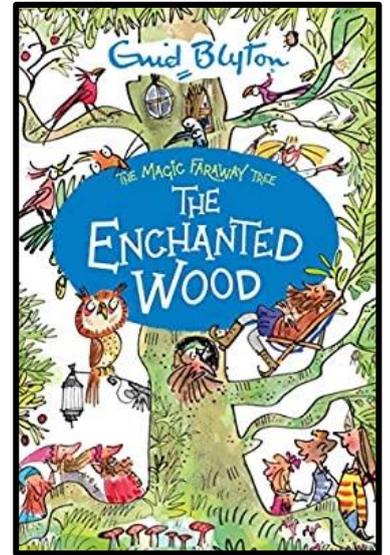
What a magical start to term 3!!

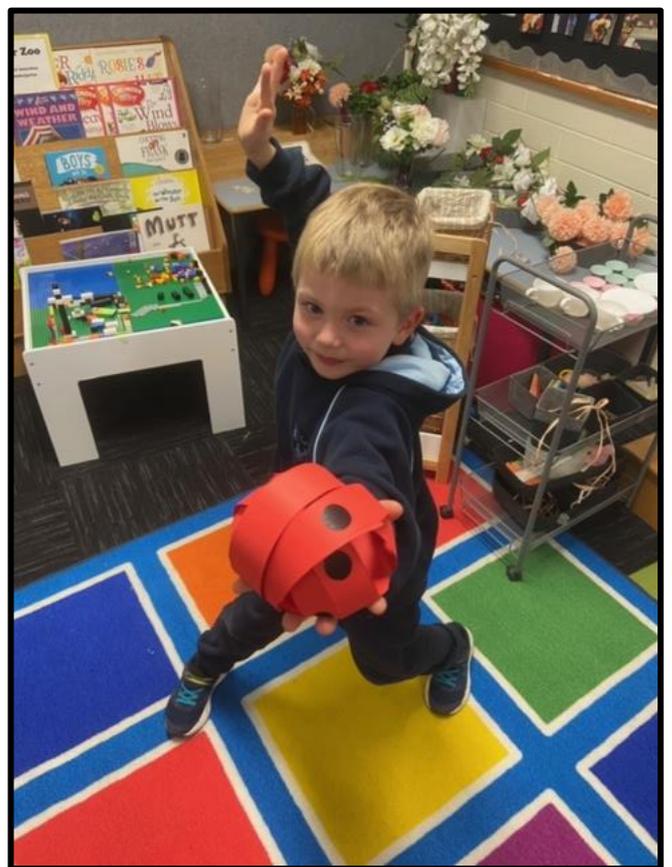
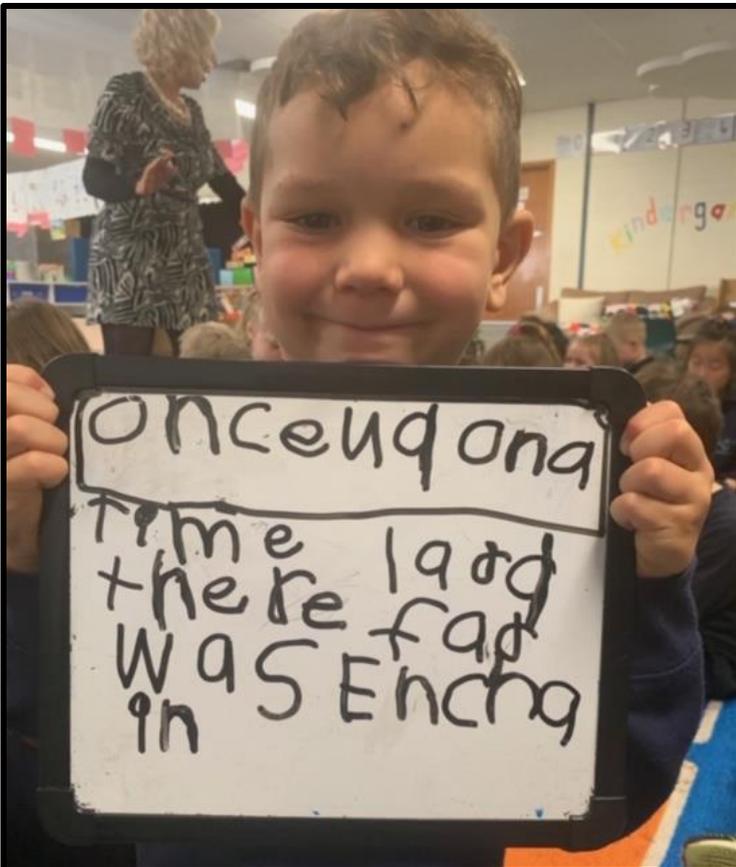
This term in our Storyline unit we are exploring fairy tales, castle and magical lands. We have been reading lots of different fairy tales. We have been paying close attention to narrative structure; setting, characters (good, bad and in-between), problems, solutions and morals. We have also been exploring and comparing the different fairy tale elements such as magic, love, royalty, castles and special numbers included in each text. Students have been busy creating the setting to transform our classroom into an enchanted wood with an ancient castle.

On Friday Week 1 we celebrated our 100th Day of learning! We had a fabulous day full of investigations around the number 100 – collecting 100 words, making trains to carry 100 teddies, solving hundreds puzzles and reading books about the number 100! To finish the day we made 100 Days of School crowns with our buddies! We can't wait to see how many days we will be at school together! We have made predictions that range from 125-1000 days! We hope it won't be that long!

The Kindergarten Team

Sarah Veitch, Anita Santos, Brianna Thomas, Jodi Millard and Louise Frawley





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 will be 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 will receive:

- 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 to request a survey invitation.

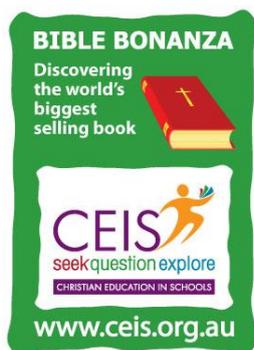
A shortened paper-version of the parent survey is also available in the following 12 languages: Arabic, Burmese, Chinese, Dari, Dinka, Farsi, Hindi, Karen, Korean, Mon, Urdu and Vietnamese; email EDUSurveys@act.gov.au to request a copy.

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>

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/.

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: _____

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.

Mr Boyle competes at Footbag World Championships

Evatt School PE Teacher Mr Daniel Boyle has spent the past month competing at the World Footbag Championships. Due to the pandemic situation, the event was shifted to an online format, with players submitting their best videos. Freestyle Footbag sees players perform tricks with a small bag (often known as Hacky Sack). Mr Boyle finished 11th in the "Shred 30" event, which sees players do as many unique tricks as they can in 30 seconds. Mr Boyle has previously attended the world championships in Berlin 2009, Oakland 2010 and Copenhagen 2015. He hopes to travel to Medellin, Colombia for the 2021 event. Mr Boyle has been sharing some of his skills with the PE classes at Evatt this year.

Daniel Boyle
PE Coordinator

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

July 26

Aug 9

Aug 23

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](#)



Dear parents/carers

We are delighted to inform you that Evatt School will be participating in the world-renowned ICAS Assessments this year. ICAS is developed by UNSW Global, a wholly owned subsidiary of the University of New South Wales, with over 35 years experience in educational assessments.



ICAS is designed to target students' higher order thinking and problem-solving skills in English, Mathematics, Science, Writing, Spelling and Digital Technologies.

Each assessment celebrates students' accomplishments by providing opportunities for recognition. Every student will receive a certificate and an online result report. Top performers will be eligible for medals and are invited to attend special award ceremonies to have their academic excellence publicly recognised.

We encourage you to consider entering your child into ICAS this year. The assessments are suitable for students wishing to extend themselves academically and take up the personal challenge of competing in an international assessment. Your child will be presented with high-quality, expert developed questions, allowing them to apply their learning without the need for prior study or revision.

ICAS Assessments are now online, a move that reflects a sector wide transition to computer-based assessment. This allows greater accessibility for students and faster delivery of results.

Learn more about ICAS here: unsw.global/ICAS

Payment and Permission Information

Online parent payment:

Your child can sit ICAS Assessments for English, Mathematics, Science, Writing, Spelling and Digital Technologies. ICAS fees can now be paid online. Visit the new online Parent Payment System to make a direct payment to UNSW Global. Online payment will close on **Monday, 10 August 2020**.

To make a payment visit: <https://shop.unswglobal.com.au/pages/pps>

The unique access code is: **YAY166**

Partnering with UNSW Global, we are proud to offer our students the ICAS Assessments and look forward to some fantastic results later in the year.

Glynis Steward
Evatt School coordinator of ICAS

***Privacy notification:** UNSW Global stores, uses and modifies the ICAS Assessments data in order to generate reports, conduct research and analysis, and improve its products and services. UNSW Global will not hold or use ICAS Assessments data that constitutes personal information for longer than 15 years. As the parent or guardian of a student who intends to sit ICAS Assessments, you consent to the school collecting the ICAS Assessments data that relates to the student, disclosing it to UNSW Global and to UNSW Global's use of it in the manner outlined above. You also consent to the school assigning this consent to UNSW Global.



ICAS Assessments 2020 Permission Form

Please make your payment online and return this form to your school no later than 10 August 2020.

I give permission for my child, _____ in _____
Child's name *Class*

to participate in the 2020 ICAS Assessments listed below.

Subject	School Year	Official Sitting Dates	Participation Price	On-line payment
Science	2-6	Tuesday 18 August 2020	\$15.95	On-line payment
Digital Technologies	3-6	Tuesday 25 August 2020	\$15.95	On-line payment
English	2-6	Tuesday 27 August 2020	\$15.95	On-line payment
Mathematics	2-6	Tuesday 1 September 2020	\$15.95	On-line payment
Spelling Bee	2-6	Thursday 3 September 2020	\$15.95	On-line payment

Name of Parent/Guardian

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian

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

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)

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

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)

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.



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- 7 - 9 year olds - 11.15am to 12.00pm



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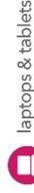
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Enrolling in Preschool in 2021



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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



2021 school enrolments now open



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- 1. Go to 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.