



From the Executive Teacher

Moderation Process

Over the last few weeks teachers have been undertaking assessment on students in readiness for the reporting writing process. All mainstream classroom teachers participate in collaborative planning and delivering the curriculum across their year cohorts. At Evatt, we pride ourselves that all teachers in a teaching team 'own' and teach all students in the team. Your child may not have their nominated class teacher for all areas and so there is always a great collaboration and sharing of information within the team. To ensure consistency of grades; teacher's mark, compare and discuss expected outcomes with student achievement using several pieces of evidence and the Australian Curriculum Achievement Standards to guide our decisions. Rubrics are used as well. This week the whole staff have been busy with this moderation part of the report writing process in preparation for writing the reports. It has also been a valuable time for our 5 pre-service teachers, participating in their school placement to learn about this important aspect of the teaching and learning cycle and their responsibilities as a classroom teacher.

Importance of Reading

One of our main aims in primary school is to develop our children to become literate in reading and writing. However, as researcher Dr Margaret Merga from Murdoch University found, a large proportion of our upper primary school students give up reading for pleasure. She researched why this was the case and found that "once they actually got the ability to read, a lot of them got the impression that it was no longer important to continue to do so." As educators, we also know what international research shows, and that is that reading is important for reasons beyond literacy. There is evidence showing a relationship between reading and mathematics, fostering the development of spelling and vocabulary, developing a capacity for empathy, and maintaining cognitive stamina. Dr Merga also believes that reading is vital for concentration in the multimedia age.

24 May 2019

Term 2

Monday 27 May

Reconciliation Day – Public Holiday

Tuesday 28 May

Open Morning: 9.00 – 10.30am

Wednesday 29 May

School Banking

Thursday 30 May

Breakfast Club 8.30am-9.00am
Canteen Open
Belconnen X-Country

Friday 31 May

Canteen Open
HATS OFF DAY!
Kinder Excursion- National Museum

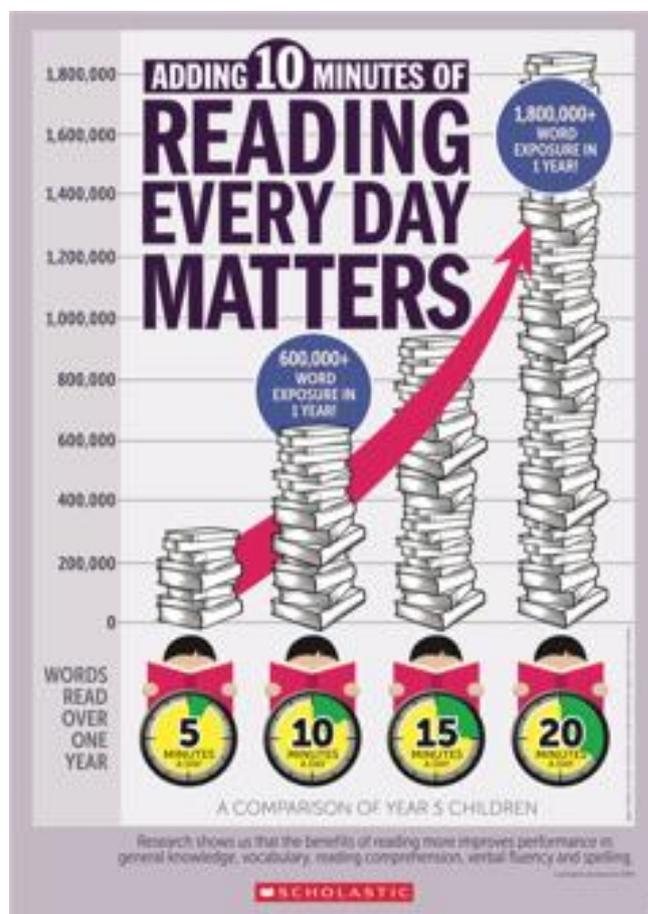
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the Back Page*



Books compete with smartphones, tablets and computer games in children's recreational time and there is emerging research showing that they are having an effect on developing brains. At Evatt we continue to encourage our students to read every day and, with your help, your child can begin a lifelong relationship with the printed word – someone who can be a critical reader and who reads for work, knowledge or pleasure. Look at the poster from Scholastic that shows what just adding 10 minutes of reading a day can do over one year! Supporting your child in the **Chief Minister's Reading Challenge** over the next two terms is a great way to help your child along this path. Please read about the challenge further in the newsletter or the information classroom teachers have sent home.

Louise Frawley

Junior School Executive, Literacy and Numeracy Coach



Chief Minister's Reading Challenge



This term we have started the annual **Chief Minister's Reading Challenge**. It is a Department of Education challenge and most schools across the ACT participate to some degree in the challenge. Other states have their own versions of this in the Premier's Reading Challenge. The purpose of these challenges are to encourage students to increase the number, quantity and quality of books they read. This year there has been a significant change in the challenge. The challenge has been increased to reading at least 30 books in the allocated time. In a bid to encourage and expand a child's reading interests and repertoire, as an extra challenge the department has compiled a list of topics and asked children to read one book from each list. I know the year 3 – 6 classes have discussed the program and set up a wonderful display, with book recommendations and ways of recording their progress. There seems a wonderful new enthusiasm and it would be great if parents could support their child in achieving this. All students in Years 3 – 6 should have a "reading record" sheet now to record their books. They need to get each book marked off by a parent/carer or teacher. The ACT Education Directorate no longer has a recommended book list but if you would like one to help select books for your child, the NSW Premier's list is helpful. <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/booklist/>.



Students in Preschool to Year 2 will be completing the challenge in class.

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From the P&C



This week we Celebrate and thank all our Volunteers. A big thank to all the families who kindly donate their time to our school community. No matter how big or small your contribution is, it all makes a difference!



Election Day BBQ and Cake Stall

Our Election Day BBQ & Cake Stall was a great success. Once again our school came together and we raised \$2700.

This money will go towards our BBQ upgrade and other resources for the school. Thank you to everyone who contributed.



Save the date!

- Next school disco Friday 28 June – theme is Superheroes and Villains!
- Next P&C Meeting - Wednesday 5 June at 6pm

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

School Photos

School Photos will be taken by MSP Photography on the following dates:

Tuesday June 4: Preschool (MT groups), Year 1-6 and Kindergarten

Thursday June 6: Preschool (TF group), ANT's classes and Special Groups

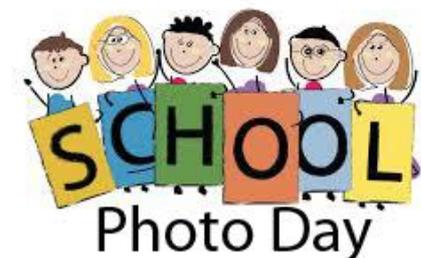
Envelopes were sent home this week. If your child did not receive an envelope, please contact the school office. Students/families that need additional envelopes can collect them from the school office.

Families can order their photos directly with the photographer. MSP are happy to post orders if you prefer.

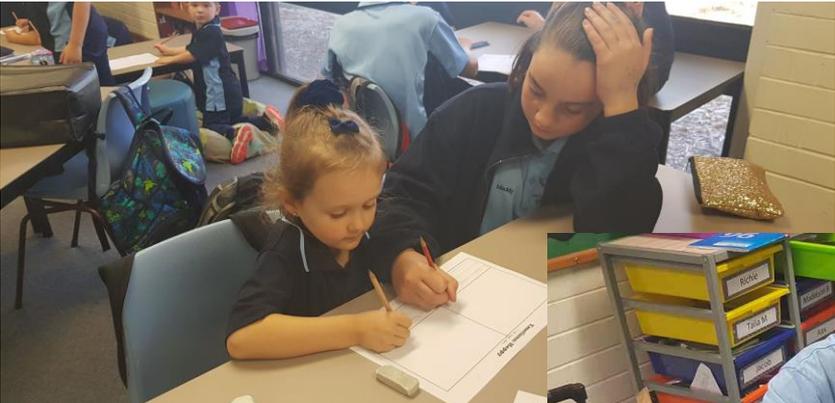
<https://www.msp.com.au/> (Please use the Shoot Key printed on your child's photo envelope)

MSP Photography offers the opportunity on photo day to have a Siblings Presentation Pack taken along with the individual portraits. There are special prices when you have 3 or more students at the school AND order an individual pack for each child. Only children who present a Siblings Presentation Order Form to the photographer on Photo Day will have their family/siblings photo taken.

Envelopes need to be brought to the school **on photo day** and handed to the photographer as your child's individual portrait is being taken. Photos can be ordered any time after photo day from MSP Photography. Details are available from the school office.



5/6 Buddy Program



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.

SRC Fundraiser

Friday 7 June, Pyjama Day

Wear your PJ's or a onesie (or you can wear your uniform)

Bring a gold coin donation to support Asthma Australia, and asthma research.

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>

Protect Yourself and Your Family from Influenza (Flu)

Getting vaccinated is the best way to prevent your family getting the flu this winter. The flu vaccine can save a child's life. The vaccine is safe, and everyone 6 months of age and over, including pregnant women and young children, should get the vaccination.

Children are more likely to contract the flu, spread it around, and are at a higher risk of serious complications if they get sick. The flu is highly contagious and is spread easily through childcare centres and schools.

The flu vaccine is free in the ACT for:

- children aged 6 months to under 5 years
- pregnant women
- people 65 years of age and older
- all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 6 months and older, and
- people aged 6 months and older with some medical conditions such as severe asthma, heart or lung disease, diabetes or weakened immune systems.

Where to get your flu vaccination

Everyone can get a flu vaccine from their GP or immunisation provider. People over 16 years of age can also get a vaccine at some pharmacies.

ACT Government Early Childhood Immunisation Clinics provide a free flu vaccination for children aged 6 months to under 5 years. To book an appointment, call Community Health Intake on 02 5124 9977.

Learn more about influenza and where to get your vaccination at www.health.act.gov.au/flu

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](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

Questacon Excursion – 1/2BT and 1/2NY

6 June 2019

http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0007/446137/questacon_excursion_note_Tuesday.pdf

Questacon Excursion – 1/2KD, 1/2TC and LSAB

6 June 2019

http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0008/446138/questacon_excursion_note_Thursday.pdf

Athletics Carnival: K-1 & K-2 ANTs

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

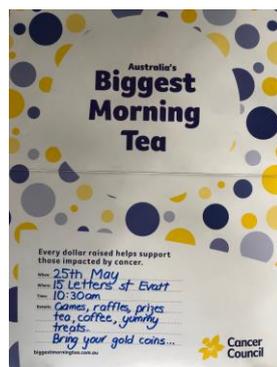
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http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0007/444868/Athletics_Carnival_-_Years_2-6_Permission_note.pdf

MyWay cards

 <p>Where can I get a MyWay card?</p>	<p>A select number of newsagencies, post offices, and Access Canberra outlets. For the full list visit: https://www.transport.act.gov.au/tickets-and-myway/get-myway/recharge-agents</p>
<p>I'm a student, how much does it cost?</p>	<p>A MyWay card is \$2.50, and then you'll need to top it up for travel. Concession: Tertiary: \$1.61 School student – school day: \$1.22 School student – non-school day: \$1.61 Weekday cap: \$4.80 Weekend/public holiday cap: \$2.17</p>
<p>I want to catch a bus and light rail – will it cost me two tickets?</p>	<p>All MyWay fares include a free 90-minute transfer period so you can connect to a different bus or light rail service or commence your return journey using the same ticket within 90 minutes of purchase. Daily tickets are valid until midnight on the day of purchase.</p>
<p>What if I forget to tap on/off?</p>	<p>If you don't tap on, you could be fined up to \$181. If you don't tap off after a trip, you'll be charged a <u>default fare</u>.</p>
<p>My balance is low, how do I recharge?</p>	<p>You can instantly top up your card at a recharge agent, set up an autoloan direct debit online, or top up at a ticket vending machine at all light rail platforms and major bus stations.</p>

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea



Hi, my name is Lisa Wales and I'm hosting my 1st Biggest Morning Tea this year on Saturday 25 May at 10.30am at 15 Letters Street, Evatt.

Please join me in raising money for the Cancer Council with an online donation

<http://act.cancercouncilfundraising.org.au/LWales> or join me on the day for games, prizes, raffles, tea, coffee and some yummy treats, you can even put your baking skills or family recipe forward and enter the ultimate baking challenge (\$5 entry fee). So, bring your gold coins to join in on the fun on the day - RSVP 0419 402664.

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 On sale June 1st. Whilst stocks last.

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Term 2 – 2019					
Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5	27 Reconciliation Day – Public Holiday	28 Open Morning: 9.00 - 10.30am	29 School Banking	30 Belconnen X-Country Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am-9.00am	31 Canteen Open HATS OFF DAY! Kinder Excursion – National Museum
6	June 3 Year 5 Combined Band	4 School Photos – PS-6	5 School Banking Year 1/2 Questacon Excursion note due P&C Meeting – 6pm	6 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am-9.00am School Photos – PS & Special Groups 1/2 Questacon Note due	7 Canteen Open Pyjama Day – SRC fundraiser – gold coin Assembly: 2.15pm – Year 5/6
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

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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