



FROM THE DEPUTY'S BRAIN

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attention to, as these items support the smooth running of our school.

MEDICAL NOTES:

Evatt School prides itself on the care we give to all students. To do this job effectively we need to have accurate records in regards to your child's health and wellbeing. If your child has a medical condition or a change in their circumstance, that information needs to be recorded and delivered to the front office so any and all adjustments can be made to your child's records. Please note that excursion and medical forms are not entered into the system, but collated as hard copies to travel with students, so if you have identified a change to your child's health this needs to be communicated with the front office. Ensuring we are able to deliver the appropriate care to your child in an emergency or even just ensuring any treats (such as birthday cakes) do not have allergy restrictions is something we take very seriously. Thank you for your help in ensuring we can give the best care to your child by updating these records.

Welcome to week 2!

It has been an incredibly busy week at school. Years 3 and 4 have attended a very successful camp at Birrigai Outdoor Education Centre, which although an amazing experience for students, is one that is very draining for the staff as it shifts our dynamic here at school (the easy part). It also means for those attending they are on duty for three days straight (the hard part). We thank all staff for supporting these amazing experiences for our students, particularly the 3/4 team.

As the year kicks off we have a number of reminders and items we would like to draw your

15 February 2019

Monday 18 February

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Tuesday 19 February

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Welcome BBQ – 5.00pm

P&C AGM – 6.15pm

Wednesday 20 February

School Banking

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Thursday 21 February

Canteen Open

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Scholastic Book Club Issue #1 – orders due

Friday 22 February

Canteen Open

Ride/Walk to School Day

Assembly: 2.15pm

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BEFORE SCHOOL SUPERVISION

Although we love seeing your children at school, I would like to remind all families that there is minimal supervision on school grounds prior to 8:30am. Six hours is a long day for our little people (and we make them work HARD, so it can be exhausting!), so turning up even earlier isn't always in your child's best interest. We ask that students arrive as close to 9:00am as possible, with supervision occurring on the Barnyard hard surfaces from 8:40am. Any child who arrives prior to that should make their way through the office and wait in the corridor until supervision begins. Please be aware it is for your child's safety that we ask this not happen on a regular basis. If you do require to drop your child prior to 8:30am that you use the fantastic before and after school services of "Our Place" on 0455 465 343.

UNIFORMS & LOST PROPERTY

As an ACT government school, uniform is not optional. We do require students to wear uniform (does not need to be embroidered, the \$3.00 K-Mart navy blue polos are sufficient), but items must be reflective of the school colour code (Navy blue). This extends to shorts, pants and jumpers. Not only does being in uniform support school staff with safety (it is very easy to identify non-school members on the grounds), it also forms part of the school culture as students' bond with one another, and finally there is extensive research and evidence to support students adhering to uniform policies are more engaged and well behaved than those that do not. As a parent it's far more financially viable with my own children as it is a cheaper alternative than wearing their favourite brand name top/bottom out the door each morning.

With any clothing your child does bring in and as a result of these wild weather changes we have had already this year (hot, cold, windy etc...) we are already seeing many students leave behind items of clothing. Could all parents be reminded to label your child's clothing so that it can be returned when they forget to pick up after themselves (as a parent of a year 3 and 6 child I know full well how poorly they remember their items and labelling them correctly has saved many arguments as well as money in my house). Please ensure this extends to all school items such as drink bottles, lunch boxes and hats. As silly as it sounds, you would be amazed at what gets left behind (we currently have 1 half of a pair of shoes! NO IDEA HOW, or where the other half is).

If you have lost items please check your class lost property box, we have a HUGE number of jumpers (that start on those chilly mornings but come off very quickly) and enough drink bottles to fill half the school.

RESPECTFUL BEHAVIOURS

Lastly. It is a focus of the Evatt staff this year to promote the philosophy of "Choose to be Kind." It is going to become a bit of a mantra amongst staff and something we will discuss with children throughout the year. As such I would like to remind our entire community to make sure they are responsible in their own actions and respectful to all they encounter. In short, I am asking us all to "Choose to be Kind." This extends beyond our school and into the wider community and is something we are very passionate about encouraging.



It has been a stressful time of year, but without focusing on the negatives we have had some very hostile interactions between staff and parents in the office, abusive language in the carpark, LOTS of double

parking and I myself was both yelled at and nearly run over in front of the school by someone who turned right at the "NO RIGHT TURN" sign leaving the school (the abuse was because I pointed out the no right turn sign). As educators we are here to support, nurture and grow your most precious belonging; your children. We wish to work with you in this but being aggressive, disrespectful and overly demanding is not going to help situations. As members of the ACT Public service we proudly uphold our signature values of Respect, Integrity, Collaboration and Innovation in everything we do. We would like to ask the minority of the community who do not show these values to please make a more concerted effort to do so (the HIGH majority of our community are exceptional in all interactions and for that we truly thank you).

https://www.education.act.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0015/1202910/Working-Together-With-Your-School-Brochure_WEB-FINAL.PDF

INTERVIEWS

We look forward to seeing many of you at next week's Interview sessions, please ensure your bookings have been finalised and if you missed out please call the office so we may assist.

Wish you a happy rest of term.

Mark Nicholson (Mr Niko)

Evatt School Board Elections

Becoming a member of the Evatt School Board provides a great opportunity for you to participate in your school. Board members learn all about the governance of schools, the way the ACT Education Directorate operates, and participate in all policy and decision making, including the financial operations. The Board is there to support the Principal in the overall running of the school. The meetings are informative and enjoyable. Boards are requested to meet four times per year. The Department provides training for new members and the meeting time is negotiated each year.

If you are keen to contribute to the governance of our terrific school, Nominations are now open. No prior experience is necessary. There is 1 parent and citizen position becoming vacant.

A Nomination Form was sent home via email, or is available at:

http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0011/438896/20181218-Wk-10-E1-3-General-schools-election-nomination-form.docx.pdf

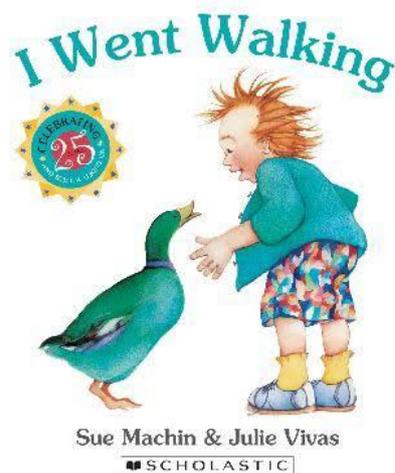
For more information, contact the Assistant Returning Officer, Dani Castley, on 6142 1640 (during school hours).

News from Kindergarten

Kindergarten has had a fabulous start to the year! We are settling into our school routines, getting to know each other and have been 'learning how we learn' at Evatt Primary. We have been on a tour of the school after reading the book *I Went Walking* by Sue Machin and Julie Vivas. We visited Mrs Skinner and Mr Nicholson in their offices, met the Front Office staff, Tracy in the Canteen and Deb in the Library and the different areas of the school, inside and out!

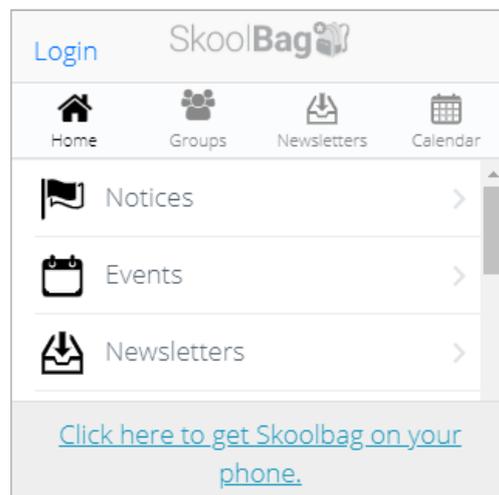
We have loved spending time getting to know our 5/6 buddies. It has been very helpful to have some new friends on the playground to help us if we need it. We eat together each day and spend time together on Tuesday afternoons.

We look forward to a wonderful year in Kindergarten!



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. A link is also available on the school website.



Traffic/Kiss & Collect / Drop Zone

I wanted to draw your urgent 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:

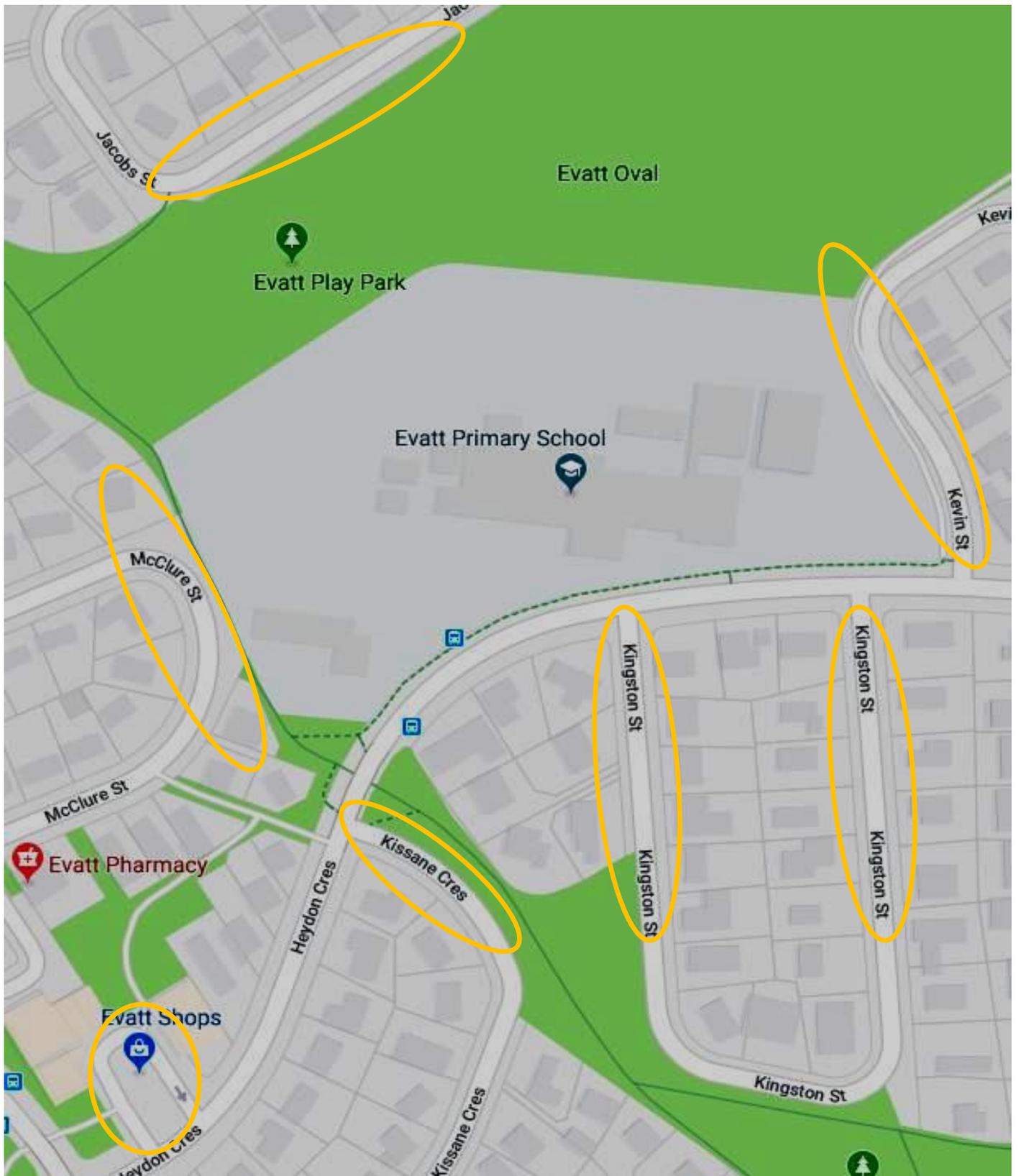
1. You are NOT PERMITTED to turn right out of the school car park during the school hours of 8.30 - 9.30am and 2.30 - 3.30pm.
2. Dropping off/Collecting children in the staff car park is **not permitted** for safety reasons. If you need access to a disabled space, please bring your disabled pass into the school for our records. We will be recording number plates of cars parked.
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 wait 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. An extra all-weather path has recently been installed, coming from McClure Street to the top school gate.
8. Students in years 1/2 and 3/4 may exit the school via the gate and path that leads to Kevin Street, near the multipurpose court. Year 5/6 students can walk across the back of the school (not via the corridors) to the multipurpose, or bottom gate, or exit via the top gate. We encourage student to not walk through the carpark or be collected there.
9. 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 on the day.
10. If you need to come into the school, there is 15-minute parking outside the preschool, on Heydon Crescent.
11. Senior members of staff will be on duty in the afternoons to manage the kiss and drop/collect zone.



These requirements are to reduce the likelihood of a serious incident at the start and end of the day. ACT Policing and Roads ACT staff will be onsite at regular intervals throughout the term to assist in the smooth operation of our “kiss and collect” zone.

Accessible Streets for Parking

As the carpark is only for staff/volunteers/visitors, and the front of the school can be crowded at the end of the day, we encourage parents and carers to make use of alternative areas to park and then enter the school gates, to collect their child. In particular, note McClure Street and Kevin Street, which have concrete walking paths that take you directly to the school gates without crossing any roads. Please be considerate of home owners and other road users, when parking in side streets.





Book School Interviews Online

Dear parents and carers

From Monday 11 February, 9:00a.m you can book interviews at times that suit **YOUR FAMILY BEST**. Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au, enter the school event code relevant for your student, and then follow the three simple steps.

PLEASE NOTE: Kindergarten classes will be finalised Wednesday 13 Feb to book with the appropriate teacher. Please DO NOT make a Kindergarten booking until after you have your teacher confirmed.



Interviews for Preschool → Year 6 held:

Monday 18 February to Thursday 21 February



When you click **finish**, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically - **check your junk mail folder** if you do not receive your email immediately.

You can return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au at any time and change your interviews - until bookings close on Friday 15 February.

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 11 February.

Interviews are strictly 10mins and spaces are limited. If you require more time, please contact your child's teacher directly to make alternative arrangements. Students in our Learning Support units will not be having get to know you meetings as they will have an ILP meeting. ILP meetings are 30 minutes long and school staff will be in touch to organise an appropriate time.

Parents can change their interview bookings, any time prior to the closing date, by re-visiting the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website and using the event code. Remember to use the same name and email address you used when you made your original booking. Parents wishing to change their interview times after the closing date should contact the school directly on: 6142 1640.

We would love to hear what you think about online booking. If you get time, click on the 'contact us' button on the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website and leave some feedback, anonymously if you wish, but please include the school's name and suburb.

PLEASE NOTE: Bookings close Friday 15 February at 1pm for all students.

Please make sure your booking is made prior to this time so teachers can adequately plan for the interview the following week.

P&C – Change of Bank Details

Please note the change of bank details and update your payee list for online banking. Please make sure you add a name and reference to each deposit or your payment may be missed.

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| Evatt School | BSB: 032 777 | A/C: 001244 |
| Evatt School P&C | BSB: 801 009 | A/C: 100043522 |
| Evatt School Canteen | BSB: 801 009 | A/C: 100043523 |

Please make sure when doing a direct transfer, that you select the right account for where payment is due to go: School, P&C or Canteen. Each entity is a separate account.

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 PS – 5

[http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0007/390742/2019 Vol Cons and Stationery.pdf](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](http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0020/409061/2019_Vol_Cons_and_Craft_Supplies_-_preschool.pdf)

Swimming Carnival – K-2 and K-4 ANT's

Due: 1 March 2019

[http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0008/439577/K.1 K12 ANT's 34 ANT's Permission Note to Parents 2019.pdf](http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0008/439577/K.1_K12_ANTs_34_ANTs_Permission_Note_to_Parents_2019.pdf)

Swimming Carnival - 3-6 and 5/6 ANT's

Due: 1 March 2019

[http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0007/439585/2-6 5.6 ANT's Permission Note to Parents 2019.pdf](http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0007/439585/2-6_5.6_ANTs_Permission_Note_to_Parents_2019.pdf)

Swimming Medical Form

Due: 1 March 2019

[http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0008/439586/Medical note for Swimming Pool and Water Park Based Activities.pdf](http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0008/439586/Medical_note_for_Swimming_Pool_and_Water_Park_Based_Activities.pdf)

Welcome BBQ – Evatt School P&C

The P&C would like to invite you to a **Welcome BBQ on Tuesday 19 February from 5pm – 6pm**. This is a lovely opportunity to meet people in our school community.

Following our Welcome BBQ, we will hold our **Annual General Meeting at 6:15pm**.

This is a fantastic opportunity to share your ideas for planning this year's events & fundraising. There is no pressure to take up one of the positions; we appreciate whatever support you can provide.

Agenda

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| 6:15pm | AGM (reports) |
| 6:30pm | Nominations/Voting |
| 6:45pm | Planning |

At the AGM, all committee roles will be vacated and renominated. We must fill the roles of president, treasurer and secretary in order for the P&C to run however there are many other roles to fill. If you would like more information on what each role entails, please email: evattpc+president@groupspaces.com

We would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to those that have filled our committee for 2018 as without your assistance many events and services provided by the P&C would not continue.



P&C Welcome BBQ – Tuesday 19 February 2019, 5pm

PLEASE RETURN TO THE FRONT OFFICE FOR CATERING PURPOSES

Family name: _____

Adults attending X _____ Children attending x _____

Please tick box for your preferred selection

- Beef sausage
- vegetarian sausage
- gluten free sausage/bread

All sausages are provided on behalf of the P&C

Thank you, on behalf of the P&C



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Music For Canberra offers group and individual music lessons, ensembles and orchestras in a wide range of instruments to all abilities and ages from 18 months old to seniors.

Enrolments are now open for all lessons starting this term - a free trial is available for choirs, ensembles and group lessons. Below are some of the beginner lessons we offer, for our entire program please visit www.musicforcanberra.org.au.

Beginner group lessons

Choirs

Training Choir 5 - 8yrs Thursdays at 3.45 - 4.30pm

Canberra Children's Choir 8+ yrs Thursdays at 4.45 - 6.00pm

Ukulele | 5+ yrs Wednesdays 4.00 - 4.45pm Thursdays 5.15 - 6.00pm

Guitar | 7+ yrs Wednesdays 4.00 - 4.45pm

Recorder | 5+ yrs Mondays 3.45 - 4.30pm

Hand Drumming Wednesdays 5 - 7 yrs 4.15 - 5.00pm

Wednesdays 8+ yrs 5.45 - 6.30pm

Drum-kit | 10+ yrs Mondays 6.30 - 7.15pm

String Stream Ensembles | open strings to AMEB 4+

Our four youth string ensembles are designed for all ages and levels, from young beginners to more advanced players. String Stream players participate in concerts at the end of each term. Students can come along for a trial at any time and will sit an audition to be placed appropriately.

For more information

Please contact the office at MFC if you would like to sign up for one of our fantastic beginners' programs, individual tuition or one of our other groups. If any of our beginner groups are full, we will endeavour to set up another group lesson if we get enough interest, we need a minimum of three in a group.

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info@musicforcanberra.org.au

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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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