

# Evatt School



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

*Dear Evatt Community,*

We have had another fantastic week with our 5/6 students returning to newly carpeted classrooms. We can't believe the growth spurts the students have had during their time away from school, and we have reminded them that yes, they are pretty cool- but not quite as cool as us teachers!

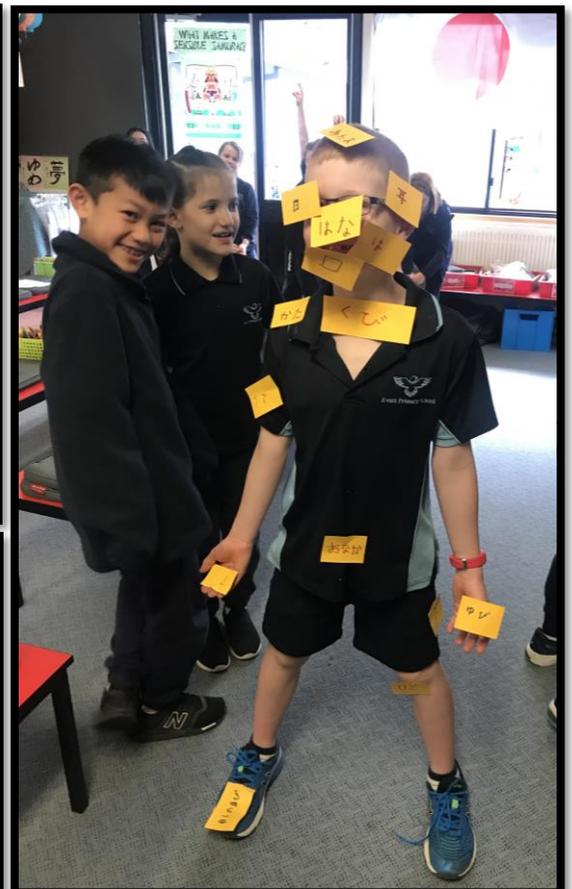
I was able to visit a number of classrooms this week. I joined a wonderful Teddy Bear Picnic at preschool, played a Japanese body-part name game with Quayle Sensei, and had some wonderful Reconciliation Day activities shared with me.

## 05 June 2020

Week Seven:

- Monday 8 June **NO SCHOOL**  
*Queen's Birthday Public Holiday*

- Tuesday 9 June  
*Magellan dance program (selected 5/6 students)*



## **A message from the Education Directorate regarding Semester 1 Reporting**

Due to the unprecedented circumstances faced by schools across Australia this year, a national agreement has been reached to modify school reporting for Semester 1. In the ACT we will reduce the level of Semester 1 reporting for students from Kindergarten to year 10.

We recognise that providing families with information about their child's progress and learning is crucial and will be especially valuable after the start to the year we have all experienced.

Semester 1 school reports for 2020 will still include information about each student's level of progress against specific achievement standards for the learning areas that were covered in Semester 1. Teachers will still make a judgement about the level of engagement each student has demonstrated with their learning and, where appropriate, work habits. Personal and Social Capability will still be included.

Reports in Semester 1 will not include overall grades for learning areas/subjects or a comparative A-E grade summary. Additionally, reports will not include attendance information for Semester 1.

If you would like further information about your child's progress please consult with your classroom/subject teacher.

For any other queries or concerns, you can contact the Education Directorate via the [Education Directorate Contact Form](#) or call 6205 5429.

## **Central Placement Panel for Small Group Classes**

There has been a change to the Primary Schools Central Placement Panel date for small group programs (LSU, LSU-A, LSC) and specialist school placements. The 2020 school year has started unlike any other, and this has caused significant disruption to usual routines for students, families, and schools.

As we welcome students back into our schools, planning is underway to minimise long term impacts of these unprecedented times on our students and their ongoing schooling. In line with this, the date for Primary Schools Central Placement Panel (where small group program placements for LSU, LSU-A, LSC and Specialist Schools are determined) has been changed, with applications now due in Week 6, Term 3, and letters of offer sent to parents in time for schools and parents to develop a transition plan together in Term 4.

The Secondary Central Placement Panel will proceed as anticipated with outcome letters for Year 6 student applications for high school placements in 2021 sent to parents early in Term 3.

If you would like to access more information regarding the Disability Education Central Placement Panel and process, please see the Students with Disability webpage on the Education Directorate website or speak to school staff.

If you need further information, you can email your query to [DisabilityEducation@act.gov.au](mailto:DisabilityEducation@act.gov.au)

## Reminders for the Remainder of Term 2

### ***Drop Off Pick Up logistics will be the same as the last three weeks***

- Preschool drop off will be staggered from 9.00 - 9.30
- Preschool teachers will have activities set up inside and outside - no more than 3 parents can be inside the classroom at any given time and only one parent in the area outside the toilet block
- Preschool pick up will be staggered from 2.30 - 3.00. Parents will need to wait in the playground under social distancing guidelines and teachers will send students out to meet their parents
- K-2 Parents will need to drop off as close to 9:00am and pick up as close to 3:00pm as possible. Access to school will be through the junior playground gate, and at the front of school the multi gate (see photos below)
- 3 - 6 Parents will be encouraged to drop children at the gates (where possible) to minimise groups of parents in school grounds
- Pick up – gates will be open at 2.50pm. If parents need to wait for a couple of minutes, spread out, follow social distancing guidelines, and use the side gate only. Please do not go through the front office
- Students in the ANTs class may be walked to their classroom for handover if required
- Years 1-6 line up in the barnyard. ANTs students line up inside Wotama
- In case of wet weather, students will be supervised in classrooms before school.



### ***Continued home learning for Preschool to Year 6***

- Should you decide to keep your child at home please contact Evatt School via [info@evattps.act.edu.au](mailto:info@evattps.act.edu.au) or (02) 6142 1640.

## ***Safety and Hygiene***

### Washing Hands/Sanitiser

- Students are to wash hands/sanitise each morning and after each break
- Please talk to your child about washing hands or using hand sanitizer after toileting, and coughing/sneezing into their elbows etc. **DO THE DAB!!!**
- Students are **not to** use the bubblers, use drink bottles only. Please ensure student names are written on drink bottles. Students cannot share drink bottles
- Staff will use sanitary wipes if students sneeze or cough to clean desks
- We now have a full-time day cleaner who regularly sanitizes all high-touch points.

### ***Sick Student Reminder***

To ensure the safety of all of students and staff, if students have **one or more symptoms of a respiratory illness (runny or blocked nose, repeated sneezing, a cough, a sore throat or fever)**, please do not send them to school. Any student who is unwell will be sent to first aid, and parents will be phoned and asked to pick up student immediately.

As per COVID 19 guidelines:

- Anyone coming to Evatt School should remain at home until any symptoms resolve
- Anyone presenting with a symptom or symptoms will be requested to leave the school grounds immediately.

If your child has a regular ongoing symptom such as a cough or runny nose (e.g. sinus/hay fever) it is recommended that you see your GP and get a certificate to indicate this.

### ***Chromebooks***

If families have been given a Chromebook or Chromebooks to facilitate home learning, please return them to the school. Please ensure the charger cable is returned with the Chromebook, and where applicable the mouse and headphones.

## ***Parent/Teacher Communication***

Should parents need to get in contact with classroom teachers, they can do so via email or phone call and leave a message. The teacher will get in contact with the parent as soon as possible to arrange a time to speak. Teacher email addresses can be found here:

<https://sites.google.com/ed.act.edu.au/homelearninghub-eps/contact-evatt-staff?authuser=0>

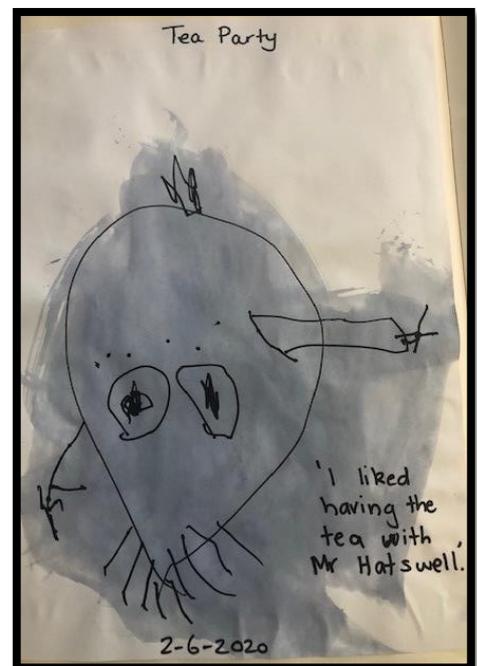
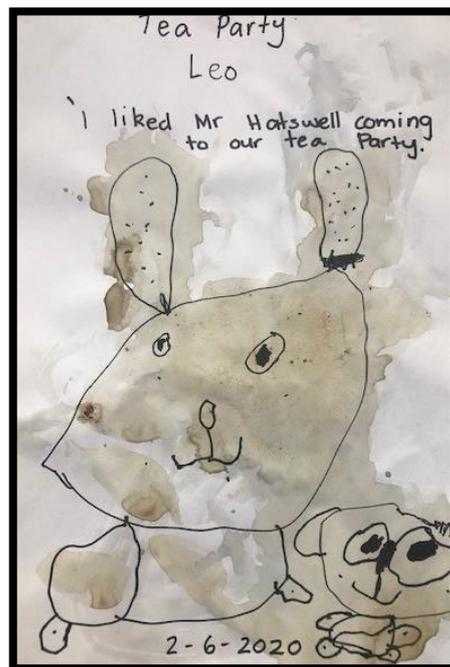
- First preference is for the teacher to phone the parent.
- If face to face meetings are required, they will be spaced out in a classroom or the meeting room.

## ***Driving/Traffic around School***

As we have had more students return to school, this has also increased our traffic demand around the school. A big reminder to everyone about slowing down, being mindful of students, and looking out for one another.

Thank you,

Michael Hatswell  
Evatt School Principal.



## ***Holiday Happenings***

Holiday Happenings will not be distributing a physical booklet this year, instead please find a digital booklet at:

<https://www.holidayhappenings.com.au/online-booklet>

## ***P&C Would Like Some Feedback***

Our wonderful P&C would like some feedback from you in regards to re-launching our canteen later in the year. Please see the message below.

'We would love some suggestions for menu items for the canteen, please email your suggestions/recipes to [Evattpscanteen@gmail.com](mailto:Evattpscanteen@gmail.com). We do have to follow food guidelines, but many recipes can be adapted, so please contribute. Many thanks, Evatt P&C.'

## 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 (Week 8 and Week 10 this term)

**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.



## Headspace Canberra push up challenge

Several members of the Evatt community are involved in a fundraiser with Headspace to raise awareness for youth mental health awareness. Search "Headspace push up challenge" to learn more.

Support Isaac and Jasmine Granger here: <https://www.thepushupchallenge.com.au/team/10575-granger-family>

Support Mr Aaron Foy here: <https://www.thepushupchallenge.com.au/pushuperer/70082>



## 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](http://education.act.gov.au)



## 2021 school enrolments now open



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- 1. Go to [education.act.gov.au](http://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.



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