



Dear Parents and Carers

We have had another fantastic week with our 3/4 students returning to newly painted classrooms. Many of the students commented that it 'has felt like forever' since they have been at school, but they are very happy to be back with their friends and teachers. We are excited to have our Year 5/6 students returning next week. A reminder that this weekend is a long weekend as we celebrate Reconciliation Day next Monday.

Year levels returning next week

- Week 6 starting Tuesday 2 June 2020 - Year 5/6.

Drop off/ pick up logistics will be the same as the last two weeks

- Preschool drop off will be staggered 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 area outside the toilet block
- Preschool pick up staggered from 2.30 - 3.00 parents to wait in the playground under social distancing guidelines and teachers will send students out to meet their parents
- K-2 parents to drop off as close to 9:00am and pick up as close to 3:00pm. Access to school will be through junior playground gate, and front of school 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 open at 2.50pm and if parents need to wait for a couple of minutes, spread out, follow social distancing guidelines, side gate usage only, not through the front office
- Students in the ANTs class may be walked to classroom for handover if required
- K-6 line up in the barnyard. ANTs students line up inside Wotama (except wet weather where arrangements will need to change and students will need to be supervised in classrooms before school).

29 May 2020

Week Six:

-Monday 1 June **NO SCHOOL**

Reconciliation Day

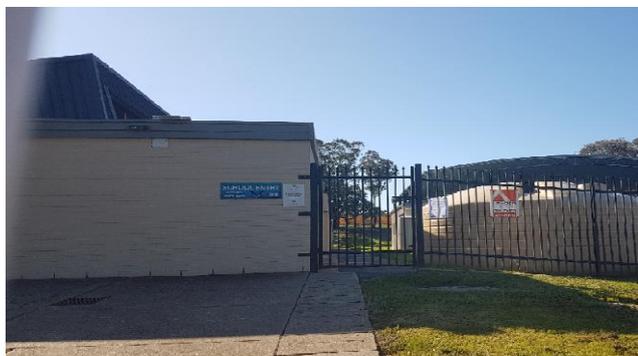
-Tuesday 2 June Years 5/6 return to onsite learning

Week Seven:

-Monday 8 June **NO SCHOOL**

Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

-Tuesday 9 June all students return to onsite learning



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 or 61421640.

Safety and hygiene

- Students are to wash/ sanitise hands each morning and after each break
- Please talk to your child about washing hands or using hand sanitizer after toileting, coughing/sneezing into their elbows etc. **DO THE DAB!!!**
- Students are **not to** use the bubblers, drink bottles only. Please ensure student names are written on drink bottles. No sharing drink bottles.
- Staff will use sanitary wipes to clean desks if students sneeze or cough
- We now have a full-time day cleaner, regularly sanitizing 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
- Parents will be phoned 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 gain a certificate to indicate this.

Chromebooks

If families have been loaned a Chromebook or Chromebooks to facilitate home learning, please return them including the charger cord and where applicable 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 discuss. Teacher email addresses can be found here

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

- Preference 1 will be for teacher to phone parent
- Preference 2 if required spaced out face to face meeting in classroom or meeting room.

Upgrades in the school have progressed

This week and next week our Kindergarten and Year 5/6 units are having new carpet laid. We are very excited about this and it will be a lovely addition for our students. There will be some disruptions to classrooms and units until mid-next week. We will support our students through this as needed.

Driving/ traffic around the 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 and other.

Reporting on student progress

Reporting on semester one progress will go ahead this year, however it will look different due to the recent period of remote learning. Each child will receive a report detailing progress in some of the curriculum areas covered this semester, as well as social and personal capabilities. A to E grades will not be included in reports following a Federal Government decision that A to E grading will not occur for semester one. Our reports will be emailed home in week 10 of this term.

Canteen requesting community input

We would love some suggestions for menu items for the canteen, please email your suggestions/recipes to 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 (on the even week numbers)

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>