



## From the Deputy Principals Brain,

...And thus, ends Term 1 of 2019. What an amazing and fantastic journey the term has brought us.

### NAPLAN and PIPS

We know how amazing our students at Evatt are, but now it has been backed up. Evatt School was recently identified by ACARA as a school having demonstrated a substantially above average gain in reading and/or numeracy achievement, as measured by NAPLAN.

Our letter stated "*On behalf of ACARA, I would like to extend my congratulations to you and your school community on this achievement. Improvement in student literacy and/or numeracy of this magnitude, as measured by NAPLAN, is significant and worthy of highlighting and acknowledging.*" Although we have always known how hard our staff work and students learn, this snapshot, and that is all it is, is further evidence of the great work occurring at Evatt.

At the other end of the school and not to be outdone by our existing students our newest full-time students, our Kindergarteners, received amazing news about our PIPs Data. The PIPS data is used to identify, as early as possible, students who may need extra support or enrichment. PIPS data helps teachers plan appropriate learning experiences for every child in the class. This year's kindergarten cohort scored on average and individually higher than our previous years, demonstrating the clear and explicit links to our pre-school program and targeted actions such as our numeracy stories and oral language programs occurring in those early years. Although there is a long way to go for all students, the platform many of our kindergarten students are starting from is something to be very proud of (AND something to be mindful of as we continue to push the boundaries of their learning going forward).

To understand how ACARA determines substantially above average gain, please refer to the fact sheet located on their website (<https://www.acara.edu.au/>).

## 12 April 2019

### Term 2

#### Monday 29 April

ANZAC Assembly  
AquaSafe – Permission note due

#### Tuesday 30 April

#### Wednesday 1 May

School Banking

#### Thursday 2 May

Breakfast Club 8.30am-9.00am  
Canteen Open

#### Friday 3 May

Canteen Open

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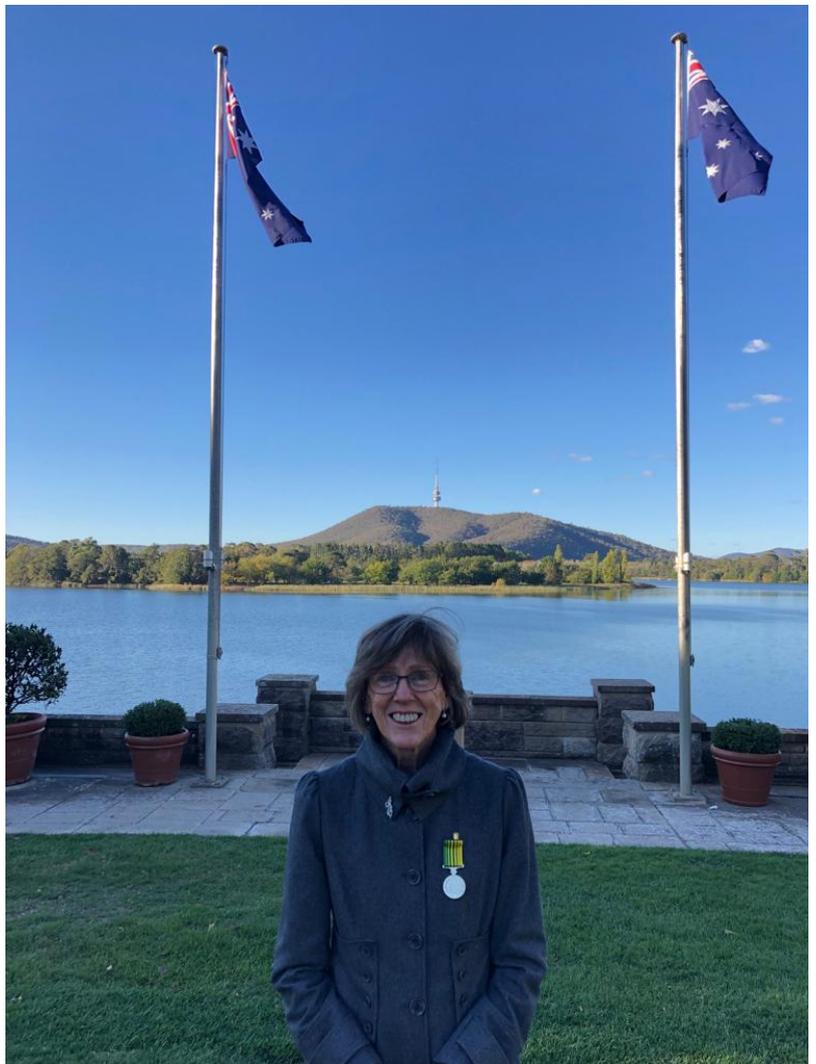
## **STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS**

In the Christmas stand down Mrs Glynis Steward was awarded the Public Service Medal for her outstanding public service to education in the ACT.

We are immeasurably proud to consider her a colleague and a friend (and for a teacher who measures everything there is an irony to that).

This past Wednesday Mrs Steward attended Government house where Sir Peter Cosgrove himself awarded her this prestigious medal.

Mrs Steward is a highly respected member of staff, who firmly believes that education is not merely about numbers and school results, but about every child, every day, in every classroom. We are lucky to work with her.



## **HOLIDAYS**

As if you need reminding but school will be closed the next two weeks as we enter our stand down period. Ironically, I wish you a happy and safe period, because on the first weekend I am travelling to Port Lincoln to swim with Great White Sharks (not exactly the safest of journeys, but their promotional advertisement states “No deaths. Yet...” Here is hoping that streak continues). I wish you all a happy and safe Easter and Anzac period with friends, family and other loved ones.

We look forward to seeing all staff, students and families returning on Monday 29 April, ready for another exciting term of learning.

**Mark Nicholson**  
Deputy Principal

## ***Mother's Day Stall***

The P&C will be running the Mother's Day stall from 9.00 – 10:30am on Tuesday and Thursday in Week 2, Term 2 – 7 and 9 May.

To help make the stall a success, we would LOVE some donations. Some suggestions could include: pens, notebooks, candles, body products, vouchers, photo frames, mugs..... or anything else you can think of. Please bring your donations to school and place them in the boxes provided in each classroom. If you can help run the stalls, please contact Tracy Hitchins on [evattpscanteen@gmail.com](mailto:evattpscanteen@gmail.com) or ring the school and leave a message regarding your availability.

# Term One Review

## from the Desert Region

Term One has been jam packed with fun learning in the 3/4 Desert Region!! We started out with an amazing camp experience and followed on with an inquiry unit focused on Living Things. Grey Beard the Blue Tongue Lizard came to spend some time in our class, supporting our knowledge and understanding of Living Things.



Mr and Mrs Robey shared an exciting lesson with 3/4 about how bees communicate – the honey was delicious! Thank you!

**“Bees communicate by doing the waggle dance. The waggle dance is a way to communicate as they can tell where the flowers are. We had to make a dance to tell our table group where the flower is.” – Jay**

**“I learnt how bees communicate. Bees use a special dance to communicate. I learnt that in spring one bee goes out to find a flower that has lots of nectar.” - Morgan**



We have enjoyed the physical challenges of the Cricket Clinics over the past four weeks. We have worked on skills such as batting, bowling, and catching, as well as working together in team games.



**Team Challenges:** Students have worked together to complete team challenges within a set time frame. These challenges focus on team work, co-operation, critical thinking and communication. Some of these challenges included: the shoe tower, cup tower construction and the triangle dance.

Stay tuned for new learning adventures in the 3/4 Desert Region in Term 2!



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## *Enrolment and Information sessions for Kinder 2020*

**Wednesday 8 May**

The time is quickly approaching when you are thinking about the best educational options for your children in 2020 and beyond. As a part of our school community we want you to know about the wonderful opportunities that are available for your children when they continue with us. We will be providing an information night about our school and kindergarten program on **Wednesday 8 May 6.00 – 7.00pm** in the kindergarten room. We invite you to come and meet us.

We are also offering an Open Morning on **28 May 9.00 – 10.30am** for those who would like to come and see the school operating and have a walk around to see our classes and resources. Please ring the school if you intend attending either sessions.

Later in the year we will be asking you to provide us with details of where your child will be attending kindergarten so we may plan for next year's staffing. Out of area families may have to wait to receive a placement, depending on the availability of places.

# Calling all Angels

Evatt School is dedicated to providing students with opportunities to develop reading and writing skills. To help us achieve this, we are asking for volunteers to join an 'Evatt Angels' volunteer program. Evatt Angels will listen and guide students to read as well as run 'Write On' sessions. 'Write On' incorporates fine motor and early writing activities designed to strengthen finger and hand dexterity.



Training and resources will be provided by the school, and you will work in consultation with classroom teachers. Evatt Angels will work within classroom spaces, so teachers are always on hand to provide assistance if needed.

All we need from you is some dedicated time, enthusiasm and commitment to help for an hour or so on a weekly basis. We are particularly keen to welcome grandparents.

All volunteers to ACT schools need to have a Working With Vulnerable People's card. If you need to obtain your card, you can apply by attending an Access Canberra shopfront or by completing an [online application](#). You will also need to sign a volunteer's form at the school.

If you are interested in becoming an Evatt Angel, or would like more information, please contact the front office on 6142 1640.

## 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](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)

### **Year 2 AquaSafe**

**Year 2 – 29 April**

[http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0010/442675/Permission note - Aquasafe 2019.pdf](http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0010/442675/Permission_note_-_Aquasafe_2019.pdf)

### **Preschool (Monday/Tuesday Groups) – Botanical Gardens**

**P/S – 7 May**

[http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0003/442677/botanical\\_gardens\\_mbabaram\\_and\\_Yindinji\\_2019.pdf](http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0003/442677/botanical_gardens_mbabaram_and_Yindinji_2019.pdf)

### **Preschool (Thursday/Friday Group) – Botanical Gardens**

**P/S – 7 May**

[http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0004/442678/botanical\\_gardens\\_Nyawaygi\\_2019.pdf](http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0004/442678/botanical_gardens_Nyawaygi_2019.pdf)



## Play Rugby in 2019

U7s to U18s - Boys / Girls

Southwell Park, Lyneham

Training starts in March!

## Registrations online

For more information and to register

[www.owlsrugbyjuniors.com.au](http://www.owlsrugbyjuniors.com.au)

or

Uni-Norths Juniors Rugby Union Club

Any queries please email

[info@owlsrugbyjuniors.com.au](mailto:info@owlsrugbyjuniors.com.au)

## Tennis Canberra Holiday Camps at Old Parliament House Tennis Club

- Camp 1: April 15th - 17th
- Book Online:  
[www.tenniscanberra.com.au/holiday-program](http://www.tenniscanberra.com.au/holiday-program)

## Kids Weekly Tennis Coaching - Choice of 7 Tennis ACT Clubs - Start Term 2

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visit: [www.tenniscanberra.com.au/junior-tennis](http://www.tenniscanberra.com.au/junior-tennis)

Contact us via email [play@tenniscanberra.com.au](mailto:play@tenniscanberra.com.au) or 0416 186 121.

Systemic Innovations are a provider of LEGO® Education Programs in the ACT and Southern NSW.

We are running the following workshops in the upcoming school holidays.

Program	Age	Date	Time	Location
<b>Cool Control - \$45</b> In this program, students will construct computer programs to control LEGO® models with motors and sensors. The program will allow the children the opportunity to create systems that can control the behavior of the robots.	7-11 years (please no younger children)	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	12 noon – 3pm	Gungahlin College Gozzard St, Gungahlin

To book: <https://www.trybooking.com/BBWUR>



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Term 2 – 2019					
Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	April 29 ANZAC Assembly <b>AquaSafe – permission note due</b>	30	May 1 School Banking	2 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am-9.00am	3 Canteen Open
2	6 ACT Swimming	7 <b>P/S - Botanical Garden note/payment due</b>	8 School Banking 2020 Preschool Info Session – 5pm 2020 Kinder Info Session – 6pm	9 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am-9.00am	10 Canteen Open Assembly: 2.15pm- Band
3	13  <b>NAPLAN</b> <b>AquaSafe – Year 2</b>	14	15 School Banking	16 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am-9.00am	17 Canteen Open
4	20	21 Preschool Excursion	22 School Banking	23 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am-9.00am Preschool Excursion	24 Canteen Open Assembly: 2.15pm - Kinder
5	27 <b>Reconciliation Day</b>	28 Open Morning: 9.00-10.00am	29 School Banking	30 Belconnen X-Country Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am-9.00am	31 Canteen Open <b>Hats Off Day!</b>
6	June 3	4	5 School Banking	6 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am-9.00am	7 Canteen Open Assembly: 2.15pm – Year 5/6
7	10	11 Kinder Health Checks	12 School Banking Kinder Health Checks	13 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am-9.00am	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 <b>Athletics Carnival</b>
10	1 July	2	3 School Banking	4 Canteen Open Breakfast Club 8.30am-9.00am	5 Canteen Open Assembly: 2.15pm – ANT's

## 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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