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Monday 11th February 2019

Diary Dates

FEBRUARY

Swimming Carnival

Year 3-6

Wednesday 20th

MARCH

School Photos

Wednesday 20th

P & C MEETING

9.15am

Tuesday 5th March

All Welcome!

Principal's Report

Term 1- Week 3

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome Back!

The classes were formed on the information that parents supplied prior to breaking up for the Christmas vacation. This did not take into account new enrolments into our area or students who have left.

However, the class formation is fine and classes are as follows:

2019 CLASSES

KK Mrs Cheryl Knight Assistant Principal

KL Mrs Susan Laidler

KA Ms Amenia Micallef

KG Ms Natasha Yates

K-2W Ms Jo Wojciechowicz

1S Mrs Louise Smith

1J Mrs Joginder Sarkaria

1G Mrs Justine Goldrick Assistant Principal (R)

2J Ms Sophie Sakoulas

2W Ms Natalie Georges

2S Mrs Priya Singh

3M Mr Marc Messina

3F Mrs Ruth Flanagan

3-6S Ms Louise Sharrock

4O Ms Kylie O'Brien

4/5N Ms Nejel Sami

5H Ms Cassie Hoste

5/6O Mrs Maria O'Rourke

6W Mrs Natalie Wraight

6A Ms Amor Abarquez

Instructional Leaders: Mrs Megan Garbutt DP, Mrs Katy Brierley

Assistant Principal Mrs Vicki Douglass

Technology: Mrs Terri Musial Assistant Principal

Library: Mrs Kara West and Ms Janet Bhardwaj

Support: Mrs Anagi Abeywickrema, Mrs Mandy Kaur and Mrs Cath Bokenham,

CHANGE of ASSEMBLY TIME

K-2 Assembly time has been changed permanently to **Thursday at 2:00 p.m.**

We need to make this change to accommodate Occupational Therapy (OT) on a Friday for Kindergarten groups.

The Year 3 to 6 assembly remains the same at 2:00 p.m. on a Friday.

UPGRADES

We have been able to organise the upgrade of the WiFi system, the painting of the outside of one entire block and ceilings in another block.

During this week, there will be some disruption while the sewer pipes outside my office are replaced. I apologise for any inconvenience caused, however, this work is urgent.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Congratulations to all the students! We arrived back ready for 2019 with all bar one student in full uniform.

Please remind students that they need to be in full uniform every day and keep up this wonderful record.

All students need to wear a hat.

Volunteers from the P & C open the uniform shop on Mondays and Fridays from 9:00 am to 9:30 am.

BUS TRAVEL: All students need either a school OPAL card or an OPAL card to be allowed on the bus. Busways have asked all parents who have children catching the buses to remind the students to tap on at the beginning of their trip and tap off again at the end of the trip. Students are UNABLE to travel without an OPAL card.

EARLY BIRD LITERACY AND NUMERACY CLUB

The Early Bird Literacy and Numeracy Club starts up again this week 8:30 a.m. Wednesdays and Fridays in the bottom hall. Please check out the separate note.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL- Wednesday 20th February Emerton Pool Jersey Rd Emerton

All students in Years 3 to Year 6 are expected to attend the swimming carnival on Wednesday 20th February. There will be limited supervision at school if for some reason they are not able to attend.

Please make sure you fill out the permission form and accurately record their ability to swim.

There are activities organised for non-swimmers and students who are not confident in the water.

The swimming carnival will run from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Students will travel to and from the pool by bus. Parents are more than welcome to come and, sit in the stand and cheer the students on. Parents will be required to pay pool entry at \$3.20 per adult spectator.

Last day for online payments is Friday 15th February.

Last day for cash payments is Monday 18th February.

Notes and money CANNOT be accepted after Monday 18th February 2019.

PEANUT FREE

Please assist in looking after the students with allergies by making sure your child has food without any nuts in it. This includes peanut butter and Nutella products. Thank you for helping with this.

BIRTHDAYS

Birthdays are celebrated in assemblies however we do not accept birthday cakes, lollies or any foods to share with classmates.

3:00 pm

Please pick up your children at 3:00 p.m. from their classroom and make your way home straight away. Students have been swinging on the basketball hoops and playing handball as families are trying to make their way home while their own parents stand and chat. The students are dismissed at 3:00 p.m. and need to make their way home straight away.

SRC

Thank you to the 2018 SRC who not only raised \$8,000 to donate towards the \$38,000 upgrade to our WiFi and cabling but also organised and paid for the painting of games on the playground.

APPOINTMENTS

Teachers are happy to make an appointment to have a chat but please ring the school to make a time that suits both yourself and the teacher. Staff have meetings both before and after school and both onsite and offsite so please ring to make an appointment.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

It's important to be at school every day from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This will give your child the best chance to achieve their goals. Please assist by maintaining a routine to reach school **before the 9:00 a.m bell**. This way they don't miss out on all the announcements of lunchtime interests and opportunities.

REQUEST

On lines, please assist by standing back from the lines and not chatting to ensure that all students and staff can hear the announcements. Thank you! Your voices may seem quiet to you but under the COLA they echo.

CODE OF CONDUCT > Reminder for parents.

Under the code of conduct for parents, no parent is to approach another student for any reason. Any concerns need to be taken to the executive staff to solve.

Parents who raise their voices, use inappropriate language or approach a child other than their own may be issued with an "Inclosed Lands Act" and will be prevented from entering the school grounds.

Do not approach another family to sort out a child's incident. You can easily make an appointment with Mrs Douglass or myself to explain any of your concerns. We will then follow these up and resolve any problems.

Safer Internet Day 2019

Safer Internet Day is celebrated on the first Tuesday of February in over 100 countries. It is aimed at keeping students safe online.

Blacktown West students celebrated Safer Internet Day last week. Some Year 5 and 6 students joined in a virtual classroom, hosted by Aurora Virtual College and compered by Greg from the eSafety Office. They discussed ways to make the internet better for themselves, their friends and their families.

All students in years 4 to 6 discussed ways to improve communication skills both offline and online. Students identified the "4R super powers" (resilience, respect, responsibility and reasoning) being used in different situations both offline and online.

Attached to this newsletter is information about the iParent section on the "Office of the eSafety Commissioner" website. Further information about eSafety for students and parents can be found on the website: <https://www.esafety.gov.au/>



HOLIDAY WRITING JOURNALS

Thank you to all the Year 1, 2 and 3 students who completed their writing journals during the summer school holidays and for returning these journals to school. We appreciate the time and effort you made to write regularly in your journal. We have enjoyed reading about your different adventures and experiences. We were also pleased to see the reading that was done by many of our students. Thank you to our amazing BWPS parents for their support.



You learn to *write*
better by *reading*.
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Reading and writing *work*
together to improve your
ability to *think!*



Yours sincerely

Meg Peel

Principal



Evans High School Open Night

March 6th 2019, 6 – 8pm

Attention: Parents of Year 5 and 6 students

We would like to invite you to our open night for 2019. Please come and meet our passionate teachers, visit our great facilities and gain a valuable insight into our plans for Year's 6 – 7 transition for 2020 and beyond.

On the night you will be provided with a free sausage sizzle and drink from 5:30pm.

Contact our friendly office staff for additional information on 02 9621 3622.

We look forward to seeing you there.

A diverse and innovative school of excellence