Evandale Primary School Newsletter
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School Vision: Evandale Primary School will provide high quality education that prepares students with the necessary skills to succeed in an ever-changing world

Dear Parents and Carers,

This term has seen many success stories. I thoroughly enjoy visiting and working in classrooms; having the opportunity of listening to students clearly articulating what they are doing and their personal learning goals that they are working toward. Our Magic 200 Word tree display in the corridor has never been more crowded with the names of students from Grade 2—6 who can confidently read and spell the core words in the English language. Several more students are very close, so with a little more practice throughout the holidays, I am sure that they will gain their leaf early next term. This year our whole school reading goal was for every student to achieve 100 nights of reading. Already we have seen students from as young as Prep—1 receive their book prize for achieving this reading landmark. We encourage students to continue this life long practice during the holidays as it is astounding how just 10 minutes of regular reading every night can improve not only reading fluency, but also spelling, writing and comprehension.

Spelling continues to be our main focus this year. Parents can assist at home by reminding students to use the 5 Key Spelling Strategies when attempting to spell a word:

1. Think about the sounds you can hear in a word. (Sound Strategy)
2. Think about the way the word looks or about letter patterns. (Visual Strategy)
3. Think about the structure of words and their meaning. (Meaning Strategy)
4. You can use what you know about one word to work out a new word. (Connecting Strategy)
5. People, books, charts, computers and dictionaries can help you check your spelling. (Checking Strategy)

Tomorrow we will hold our Spell-A-Thon. We ask that sponsor money be collected over the holidays and be returned in the first week back to school. This has been a positive exercise with many students spending extra time at home practicing their spelling skills.

I hope that all families have an enjoyable holiday. A reminder to parents that students return on Tuesday 22nd July. There is a Professional Learning day for all Government schools on Monday 21st where Evandale Primary teachers will be focusing on our Spelling Inquiry, Operational Plan, Quality Assessment and teaching and learning practices in relation to Differentiation.

Regards

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Aussie of the Month

Congratulations to Amy Quillerat who is our Aussie of the Month for June.
Amy always tries her best in all areas of schooling and is a kind and considerate friend to others.