Welcome back! We hope you all had a wonderful break over the holidays and enjoyed the beautiful, albeit crisp, weather Canberra delivered. It was lovely to experience the excitement of friends catching up this morning following our term break.

Staffing News
We are very excited to welcome Camille Wise to our permanent teaching team. Camille is an experienced educator who has previously worked at Florey Primary and Palmerston Primary in the ACT and out west in Hay, NSW. She is passionate about mathematics and loves to challenge student thinking! Congratulations to Nicola Toms who has been permanently appointed to the Learning Support Assistant position with our Learning Support Unit-Autism. Nicola also brings a wealth of knowledge to our team on supporting students at their point of need. We are very lucky to have both of these educators at Maribyrnong.

Enrolment Procedures
As you may have heard in the news the enrolment procedures for ACT Schools for 2015 have changed.

- All enrolments need to be submitted online. If you or someone you know has difficulty in accessing a computer to enrol, then please see Leanne or Ros at the front office and they can organise a time for you to use a school computer to complete the enrolment process. If you need help with a translator, please let us know.
- All preschool enrolment requests are stored electronically and sent to the first choice school after 30 May. No decisions regarding placements are made until after the closing date.
- Students living in our priority placement area will still have priority. Students with siblings at the school already, will also have priority.
- Students living in NSW will have their placement allocated by the Office for Schools. They will send schools a list of applicants from NSW who have nominated a school as their first preference. NSW applicants will only be offered places if there is a vacancy at their nominated school.
- If you are already enrolled in Maribyrnong Preschool, you do not need to do anything if you intend that your child attend Maribyrnong Primary School. You already have a guaranteed place in our kindergarten classes in 2015.

Please share these dates with any families hoping to join our school community. As you can see from the dot points above we need this information as soon as possible. If you know of a child who would like to enrol in our preschool or kindergarten for 2015 please pass this information onto them. It is important for our staffing considerations and also allows a seamless transition to occur. This is particularly important with children enrolling into kindergarten as we can share and gather information from their current childcare setting. All prospective families are invited to make an appointment with Jen for a tour of our school. This personalised tour and appointment time allows you to ask questions related to your child and your family. It is a great way to get to know our school.
Website
If you follow us on Facebook you would have read that our updated website is now live. There is information about curriculum, programs at our school, newsletters, enrolment information and much more. For our preschool families there is also a page that connects directorate policies with preschool procedures and the corresponding regulations. Sharing this information is another way we communicate with our families, ensuring that they have the information at their fingertips. Not only will you find information regarding procedures and policies for the whole school, you can also sync your smart phone to the school calendar. This will ensure that you keep up to date with all school events. Check our website out at: http://www.maribyrnonggps.act.edu.au/home

Professional Learning
As part of our commitment to ongoing professional learning, our teachers engaged in a session on using Storyline within our inquiry units this week. We were very lucky to have Anna Thorpe facilitate this session and share her experiences in using this approach. Storyline embeds a narrative within the inquiry sequence and supports our students to continue to be creative, confident and critical thinkers and learners.

NDIS Information Session for ECIU families
A note was sent home today about information sessions on the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) and the Early Childhood Intervention Units (ECIU). There are a range of sessions available for parents to attend so that they can find out more about the scheme and what it will mean for eligible children and their families. The session times are:
- Monday May 5 at 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm at Malkara School
- Monday May 5 at 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm at Namadgi School
- Tuesday May 6 at 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm at Maribyrnong School
- Tuesday May 6 at 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm at Cranleigh School
- Wednesday May 7 at 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm at Turner School.

A Message from the Minister
To the right of the page you will see ‘A Message from the Minister’. This message provides a short summary of current Government and Directorate priorities, strategies, services and programs. Twice a term there will be a message from the Minister. This message is in response to the 'Education Capital: Leading the Nation 2014 Action Plan' which includes a priority to better connect with families and the community and implement strategies to improve the clarity and consistency of communication with families.

Walkathon
Our whole school Walkathon is on Friday 16 May. Information, including sponsorship booklets, were sent home yesterday. Our Walkathon is a valued physical activity exercise and a great fundraiser for the school. Please chat to your children about how to be safe when seeking sponsorship. Children should not approach strangers or go to unknown houses to secure sponsors.....but they will have loads of fun at the Walkathon!

National Assessment Program Literacy And Numeracy (NAPLAN)
A reminder that our Year 3 and 5 students will be participating in the 2014 NAPLAN assessment tasks from Tuesday 13 May until Friday 16 May. We ask parents to assist the smooth running of the program by ensuring that children are at school on time so that we adhere to the assessment schedule.

Keep smiling!
Jantiena

Getting Involved in Your Child’s School is a Key to Education Success.

The ACT’s national leadership in education is founded on the quality of our schools, our teachers, and our focus on putting parents and children at the centre of everything we do.

I recently announced the Progressing Parental Engagement in the ACT project, an Australia-first to help parents and families get more involved with their children’s schools and education.

Simply by reading this newsletter, you are showing your interest in being involved with the education of your children. We know children do better at school when parents and families are actively engaged. After all, you are your child’s first teachers and I encourage you to maintain connected throughout their schooling.

There are many ways of doing this and, as part of the project, your school will be invited to develop innovative ideas to help you to be an active part of your school community. We will keep you updated on how the project will support you in doing this.

With your help we can ensure that your child will get the very best education, tailored for them – and that the ACT will continue to lead the nation in educating our children.

Joy Burch MLA
Minister for Education and Training.

5/6 Camp
Ahoy me hearties!

The Dolphins group enjoyed a day of pirate fun at the end of term 1. The children hunted through a treasure box, looked for treasures in the playdough, walked the plank, made treasure maps and identified treasures to place in the treasure box as a group activity. Lots of fun was had by all.

Georgia and Kelly.

Welcome back for Term 2! We hope you had a restful and enjoyable holiday. We are excited for all the learning and laughter we will have this term.

Our inquiry unit this term is ‘World of Water’. We will be focussing on water and the water cycle. We have a fun excursion planned to The Cotter for week 6. More information will follow.

Emerald City will be performing in the week 4 assembly. We hope you will be able to come along to support our unit.

We are proud to hear that 4 of our Emerald City students have been chosen to represent Marlbyrnong in the Belconnen Zone Cross Country. We wish them all the best for their races.

The weather is getting colder and it is great to see so many children dressing with warm jackets. Please make sure they are clearly labelled with your child’s name.

Naomi, Amanda, Lucy and Leeanne.

Welcome back! We hope you and your family had a lovely Easter and a restful holiday. The children have come back full of renewed energy and eagerness!

As the winter season approaches it is important that children bring a jumper / jacket to wear outside in the cold and wind. Please label your child’s jumper clearly. Continue to remind your children to put their belongings away in their school bag and we will continue to encourage them and hopefully we won’t have too many lost items.

This term our inquiry unit is “Where the Wild Things Live”. We will be learning about what humans and animals need to survive and how the environment impacts on their needs. We will be looking at a range of places on the world map and the animals that live there.

In maths we are continuing with our differentiated number groups and spiralling through measurement, geometry and data in our class groups. This week we will be measuring items using informal units.

We are continuing with the daily 5 – your help is always welcome! The children are becoming more independent as they become more familiar with the core activities.

Symone, Sarah, Keilly and Leeanne.

We hope everyone had a fantastic holiday, and we cannot believe that it is already term 2!

We would like to welcome Camille Wise to the unit. Miss Wise is replacing Miss Wild for the remainder of the year. Miss Wise had just moved to Canberra from Hay, NSW. She is getting to know all the students in the unit, and is looking forward to the year ahead!!

This term our Inquiry unit is focussing on explorers. We will be looking at ‘Who were they? Where are they from? Where did they go? What did they do?’ Miss Apps and Miss Wise are very excited about this unit!

Notes for camp have been sent out this week. Please see your child’s teacher if they have not received one yet.

Now that it is getting cooler, it is a good idea for students to have a jumper in their bags. Please make sure it is clearly labelled.

Kylie and Camille.
GARNETS (LSU)

Welcome back to Term 2! I hope everybody had a wonderful Easter break and Anzac Day. The weather is turning chilly now so make sure your children come to school with long pants and jumpers to keep them nice and warm on the playground.

Towards the end of last term we enjoyed our buddy class visiting from Weetangera Primary. It was a lovely meeting and many friendships have started to form. This term we will be looking at forming a private class blog together so we can keep in contact. This will help us communicate with our buddy class and organise another meeting to celebrate the end of this term together! A permission note for the private blog will be coming home soon. Please return it as soon as possible and feel free to call, email or drop in and see me if you have any questions about it.

We will be continuing our cooking program this term so remember to bring in an apron for your child if you want to cut down on the washing load at home 😊

Reminder: Next week will be the Mother’s Day Stall so if you would like your child to participate please give them some money to purchase a present.

Have a wonderful weekend and remember to rug up in the cold!

Lee and Jacque.

MOONSTONES (LSUA)

A HUGE congratulations to Nicola Toms for winning the Learning Support Assistant position in our class!! We are so lucky to have her on board.

The Moonstones are settling back into school routine. We have been busily working on daily diaries in the mornings and have started using word families to build word knowledge.

We continue our work in Maths on numbers- skip counting by 2’s and patterns. We have been studying portraits and facial expressions in Art. Nicola completed some amazing symmetrical photo-drawings with the students and Virginia did some Picasso style portraits.

We are looking forward to a busy and exciting term!

Virginia and Nicola.

THE THUNDER EGGS (4/5 and 5/6)

Welcome back to term two! We hope all families had a relaxing and enjoyable break and that the students are feeling rejuvenated and ready for a busy term.

We concluded term one on a high and somewhat exhausted note after three fabulous days at Tathra. The weather was mostly fine with only a few showers; however they did not put a dampener on our spirits. Our days were filled with bushwalking, kayaking, raft building, surf lifesaving, just to name a few. The meals were fantastic! Students dined on lasagne and a roast and the lovely staff at “Wambiri” even baked two cakes for two birthday girls! All students were exceptionally well behaved and deserve congratulations for the way they approached all activities with a positive attitude. Students thoroughly enjoyed their time away and we are sure it will remain a favourite memory of this year.

NAPLAN is scheduled for week three (13, 14, 15 May). Year five will undertake these national tests.

We look forward to a fantastic term ahead.
Shane, Jane, Keilly, Elissa, Sarah and Justine.

FRONT OFFICE NEWS

WESTPAC’S QUICKWEB PAYMENT SYSTEM
This is a new option for making payments through a link on our website. We have issued a letter with your individual Family Key & Student Key(s) needed for proceeding with payments through Westpac’s Quickweb Payment System.

Please contact us if you did not receive this information. Each excursion and payment request notes will have the unique Fee Code needed to complete payments in this system.

http://www.maribyrnongps.act.edu.au/payment

Maribyrnong Primary School Management Account: BSB 032 777 Account 001615

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Book Packs for 2014 are $40 per child from preschool to year 6.
Welcome back to a new term in the library. We are well under way with the Chief Minister’s Reading Challenge for this year. The junior classes are half way through the challenge, while students from year 3 to year 6 are steaming ahead, with 20 students having completed the challenge already.

Last term the kindergarten Opals completed a study of Eric Carle’s ‘The Very Hungry Caterpillar’. At the end of the work, the students created their own very hungry caterpillar art which is on display in the library. The Emerald City students worked on a book study of the Rainbow Fish by Marcus Pfister. They have completed some wonderful rainbow fish art which is also on display in the library.

A reminder that students in Kindergarten, year 1 and year 2 must have a library bag to borrow. Library day for the Emerald City is on Wednesday. KSB has library on Thursday and KFP has library on Friday. Library books can be returned at any time, simply put them in the returns slot in the library desk.

Keep up the great reading everyone.

Keilly.

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NOTES SENT HOME

- P&C Walkathon- information and sponsorship forms
- 3/4 Camp forms and request for payment
- P&C Mothers’ Day Stall
- Scholastic Book orders
- Chess Term 2
TRIPPLE P PARENTING PROGRAM

Last term I put some information into the newsletter about a Triple P Parenting Program that I will be helping to run at Palmerston District Primary School. The program runs for 5 sessions with 2 individual follow up sessions. The school based sessions will start on Wednesday 14 May and run from 1.00pm to 3.00pm for the 5 weeks. (Please note this is a week later than first advertised.) The program is free and can take up to 10 participants. At this stage I have responses from a number of parents and carers but I just wanted to send out a reminder in case there are others who would like to join the program. Triple P is evidence based family support strategy designed to help parents and carers improve their parenting skills and build positive relationships with their children.

The program aims to give parents and carers the skills to:

- Build positive relationships with their children
- Praise and encourage behaviour they like
- Teach children new skills
- Set rules and give instructions their children will follow
- Respond to misbehaviour immediately, consistently and decisively
- Use discipline strategies that work
- Learn to take care of themselves as parents

As I said last term, parenting is one of those skills that we all learn on the job, by doing and trying different things to see what works and what doesn’t. It is one of the few things in life that there is not training for before we embark on the parenting journey. I have certainly found any parenting courses I have been involved in to be very useful not just professionally but also in my home life.

I look forward to hearing from you,
Judy Marriott.
62067241 / 62055933

P&C NEWS

WALKATHON
The 2014 P&C Walkathon will be held on Friday 16 May, week 3. Request for helpers and sponsorship cards have been sent home this week.
Robyn & Ros.

The P&C Mothers’ Day stall is on Tuesday 6 and Thursday 8 May. The note went home this week or contact Sharon Houston on 0414229185 for more information.

CANTEEN MEETING
There will be a Canteen meeting on Tuesday 13 May at 9.10 am in the Canteen. If you are interested in the canteen, how it runs, want to volunteer or just want to meet some other parents please come along and have a cuppa.

UNIFORM SHOP
Winter Pinafores are now in stock with a new price of $50.00! The uniform shop is open Monday 8.45 am-9.30 am.
For more information contact Clare at madden_clare@hotmail.com or on 0408252736.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK
Available as a traditional Entertainment™ Book OR the new Entertainment™ Digital Membership for your Apple or Android device, your Membership gives you over $20,000 worth of valuable offers valid through to 1 June 2015! Please remember to reference Maribyrnong Primary School when registering your 2014/2015 Entertainment™ Membership.
For more information contact Leanne Rankine
Phone: 0262055933
Email: leanne.rankine@ed.act.edu.au

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If you are available to volunteer in the canteen on any of the shifts not yet covered, or if you would like to be included on future canteen rosters please see Bec in the canteen or call her on 62415974. Any help would be greatly appreciated either for a whole shift or any time you can spare. Volunteers who help out for a shift will be issued with a voucher for 1 Meal Deal. We look forward to seeing you in the canteen. Thank you.

ANU MUSIC SOCIETY

ANU Music Society presents the 2014 Toddler’s Prom! Featuring our big band, concert band and orchestra! A child focused, interactive concert that allows children of all ages to experience the delights of live ensemble music. Children can conduct the band, learn about music and try out an instrument. Come along to dance and sing with us!
When: 4th May, 10.00 am
Where: ANU Music School, inside the big band room.
Tickets (purchased at the door): $10 adults - $6 children - $20 family

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