

POSSUM PRESS



NEWS FROM JANTIENA

THURSDAY 17 AUGUST : Term 3 Week 5

It is hard to believe that we are almost halfway through this term. We have so many more exciting experiences on offer, including more Active August community events, excursions, competitions, Science Fairs and much more!

School Review

Next week we welcome our school review panel to Maribyrnong. The team will be onsite from Tuesday to Thursday and during this time they will review our work using the National School Improvement Tool. They will meet with teachers, students and parents to ensure they have a complete picture of the work we do at Maribyrnong.

National Support Staff Week

This week is a great time to celebrate our amazing support staff at Maribyrnong. Leanne, Ros, Glen, Jacque, Leeanne, Justine, Sally, Kelly, Nicola, Merrie, Jackie, Michelle, Rebecca, Nick, Amanda, Natalie and Abby do a wonderful job in ensuring all of our students are supported in their learning and development. We acknowledge their outstanding commitment to our learning community. Quite simply we couldn't manage without them!

Active Schools Challenge – Active August

Maribyrnong is doing the Active Schools Challenge. The challenge is a fun and active way to raise funds for our school and encourage kids to be active! Our goal is to move a generation. The Challenge provides an easy to use online platform for family and friends to support children for being active every day during Active August, with more than 75% of funds raised coming straight back to our school for projects that help kids get active every day! We have decided to try and raise funds for outdoor fitness stations and have set the aspirational target of \$5000.

To help increase activity levels we have several community events planned. Last week we held a morning Zumba class with Ilse that was very well attended. Next week we have a Bollywood class on Wednesday morning with Sasha. Meet in the hall at 8.30am! If you are more of a runner or walker come along on Tuesday 29 August for our very own Maribyrnong Park Run session. These promise to be great events.

So go online register and donate to support our school.

<https://www.mycause.com.au/page/151156/maribyrnong-primary-school>



Toys at School

We have spoken in classes about toys at school. This is not encouraged as, at times, play can exclude others. We would much rather see our students engage in inclusive, imaginative and creative play. So please remind your children to leave toys at home.



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DATES TO REMEMBER

AUGUST

- 21 1/2 excursion to the National Museum of Australia
- 22 Belconnen PSSA Athletics
- 25 Science Assembly 2.15 pm

SEPTEMBER

- 1 CEIS – opt in program

The Maribyrnong Primary
School NEW phone number is
6142 0570.
Please update in your contacts.

Science Fair

This year we saw another exceptional Science Fair at Maribyrnong. It was wonderful to see the range of entries submitted that highlighted the skills and understanding of students as they engaged in the scientific process. Students from preschool to year six engaged with this school event showing that our learners are creative and curious! We will have many entries heading into the SEA*ACT Science Fair now and look forward to hearing the results. Thank you to the P&C who donate the entry fair for this!

Book Week Celebrations

What an amazing buzz there was last week as we all 'Escaped to Everywhere' for Book Week. Celebrated books were highlighted with classes, thoughtful responses were shared and the week culminated with an amazing book character parade. It was wonderful to see the range of characters from favourite books across the school. Huge thanks to Ms Pownall for her leadership of this event. Having a teacher-librarian is a resource that we truly value at Maribyrnong. We are also fortunate to have so many wonderful actors and actresses on staff. If you were not lucky enough to see the staff performance of 'Chip' (by Kylie Howarth), then check out the high speed version on our FaceBook page *Maribyrnong Primary School – Kaleen*.



Threatened Species Children's Art Competition

Last term our students in the 3/4 unit engaged in a rich learning task where they researched threatened species and then created artworks highlighting their chosen animal. All artworks were then entered into a competition showcasing the artistic choices students made such as medium, tone, texture and design. We are very proud of their work. We are also excited to announce that Caitlin, Alice, Dennis and Leia will have their work displayed in a Sydney Art Gallery or at the Botanic Gardens. What a fantastic achievement for our students.

Twilight Fair

Very soon you will receive information from the P&C and your Class Carer about signing up to volunteer at the Twilight Fair. We know many hands make light work and are looking forward to all families helping out. Jackie has spoken in previous newsletters about the Hour of Power and how amazing it would be if everyone volunteered one hour of their time. It is a great opportunity to support our school, meet new people, make connections and have a great time. So jump in and sign up for a session at the Twilight Fair. While classes have been assigned to the different stalls you are not obliged to volunteer on that stall. You are most welcome at all stalls! In fact if you so desire you could volunteer on all of them – but make sure you leave time to explore the fair and enjoy the delights!

Storyline

We hope you are enjoying the updates from your children as they discuss their Storyline units of inquiry. The Storyline approach is student centred and encourages student voice and agency. The Storyline approach:

- encourages child involvement imaginatively and creatively
- inspires motivation and meaning—gives each child a sense of purpose
- provides a developmentally appropriate landscape/learning experience
- values and builds on prior knowledge and the collective intelligence of the group
- allows children to work at different skill levels
- promotes cooperative learning, group work, and partnership
- engages children in thinking, problem tackling, and decision-making
- promotes ownership and responsibility for learning
- values and presents student work attractively.

We are looking forward to sharing the Storyline approach at our **Learning Journey and Grandfriends' Day on Monday 18 September**. For those of you who are new to Maribyrnong we will start the day in the hall for an assembly that allows all families to see the performances from kindergarten through to 5/6. Then we head over to classes to see their culminating learning experience from their Storyline unit. There is enough time to visit all of your children and we encourage siblings to go along with mum, dad, nanna or grandad to see each other's work. It is a great time to reflect on the learning that has occurred and celebrate their achievements. Make sure you book some flex time to come along!

Keep smiling!
Jantiena.

What a busy couple of weeks it has been here at Maribyrnong! Book Week and Science Week have created great excitement through the corridors and classrooms. One of the wonderful things about being a part of an active school community is getting caught up in all the energy that these special events bring to our children's learning adventures.

It is also during these whole school events that some of the difficulties that defence families can face may be highlighted. For some families finding dress ups, making dioramas and connecting in with special assemblies and whole school events can be daunting particularly if you have moved several times and the need to sort and discard as you go means that the dress up box is empty and your craft supplies are short. One way that we provide support to defence families is by having time to meet each **Friday morning from 9.15 – 10.15am**. Most Fridays we hold **Possum Partners**. This is a time to come together for a cuppa and a chat and provide support for classroom programs through covering books, making displays, creating class sets of resources, laminating and photocopying items for class use and generally assisting with any school activity that is happening that week. It is also a fun way to swap and share ideas with other people who are in a similar situation while supporting your school.

On the first Friday of each month (excluding public and school holidays) we also get together for the **First Friday Coffee Club**. This also runs from 9.15 – 10.15 am over at U&Co Café at the shops near the school. This is a great opportunity to meet other parents, find out what is going on at school, ask any questions and connect in with our school community. Everyone is welcome to come along.



Here are some other ideas about how you can get involved in what is happening in the Canberra community.

Big Boys Toys – The Ultimate Playground A play park for adults stacked with serious FUN both indoor and outdoor activities, demos and interactive displays all weekend. Held on the 19 & 20 August at EPIC, follow the link for all the details and how to book tickets. <http://www.bigboystoyscanberra.com.au/>

Gather 'Round the Table with Maggie Beer Hosted by Alzheimer's Australia ACT. This special event aims to bring people together to talk about the importance of food and nutrition and the vital role they play in sustaining every facet of our lives throughout every stage of our lives. Held on Tuesday 29 August from 7.00 am – 9.00 am.

<https://act.fightdementia.org.au/act/events/gather-round-the-table-business-breakfast-29-aug>

Geoscience Australia Open Day Offers a diverse program of free hands-on activities, science displays, talks and fun for all ages! Held on Sunday 20 August from 9.00 am – 2.00 pm with free entry, <https://www.scienceweek.net.au/geoscience-australia-open-day/>

Jackie Sampson – Defence School Transition Aide.

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Collect the Woolworths Earn & Learn stickers and drop them in the box at the front office or preschool. Thank you for your support.

VIEWING MYTHBUSTER

Myth # 3 There is only one visual text form and purpose

The purpose of any text is to communicate needs, wants, ideas, information and feelings. In order to communicate a particular purpose different text types are used. For example, if the purpose is to instruct then a text type will be used that has particular structures and textual features that facilitate the communication of the instructions.

In multimodal texts these structures and features are conveyed via a range of semiotic systems, depending upon the technology used. We talked about semiotic systems in our first Viewing Mythbuster in week one this term. The semiotic systems include linguistic, visual, gestural, spatial and audio information. These systems work together to create meaning and are often referred to as 'codes.'

It has always been important for teachers to expose students to a wide range of visual texts. Our students will already have experience and some expertise in engaging with visual texts. Look at the table below and see the range of examples for each social purpose for viewing.

Social Purpose	Example of text forms
To describe	Flow chart, graphics on a package, TV travel program, web page menu
To explain	Labelled diagram, nature documentary, animated diagram
To entertain	comic strip, picture book, feature film, TV drama, video game
To inquire	TV interview, online survey, job interview
To instruct	Furniture assembly manual, craft diagram, appliance operation video
To persuade	Flyer, billboard, movie trailer, political party website
To recount	Sports video, visual diary, sketch notes, history documentary, video journal
To socialise	Digital photo, mobile phone video, blog entry

It is important that students learn how to read images closely if they are to make use of the variety of visual text forms they will encounter at school and at work.

So.....this myth is BUSTED!



There are many social purposes when viewing and a range of text forms to match!

Looking for more information to support your child's literacy or numeracy development? Please contact Jantiena Batt through the Front Office or by email jantiena.batt@ed.act.edu.au

KIDSMATTER UNPACKED

BOUNCE BACK! and Bouncing Back!

If you are resilient you are able to cope reasonably well with difficult situations and things that go wrong and then 'bounce back'. Throughout life children will need skills and attitudes to help them to bounce back. They will encounter everyday challenges such as making mistakes, falling out with a friend, moving house or school and losing in a sports competition. Many will also face challenges such as adapting to changes in family circumstances, the illness of a family member, friends moving away or moving homes.

What can you do to help your child?

- Use the appropriate BOUNCE BACK! statement whenever you see the opportunity.
- Consider displaying the statements on the fridge or somewhere prominent so they serve as a useful prompt for your child (and the rest of the family!).
- Don't over-protect your child from the normal challenges that all children have at different ages (e.g. looking after their own things, packing their own lunch).
- Start by giving your child small age-appropriate challenges that require small responsibilities. Using small steps moves them towards becoming more independent and competent. Don't do things for them without checking that they are capable of doing it for themselves.
- Encourage your child to talk about what's troubling them and help them to find solutions.
- Encourage them to talk about how they are feeling and what they are thinking about the problem. Then help them to think about different solutions.
- Gently challenge self-defeating talk (e.g. I can't do this, I'm hopeless, dumb, useless) and helpless behaviour (giving up easily, expecting others to do things for them). Suggest they use helpful thinking instead (e.g. I made a mistake but everyone makes mistakes).
- Don't fight all your child's battles. Children need to experience some difficult times so they learn how to bounce back.
- Model effective solving of problems that are age appropriate for your child by talking 'out loud'. Review different solutions to a problem and the possible good or bad consequences of the different solutions.
- Avoid offering 'quick fixes' or 'feel good' options when things get tough. Rather than distracting them with a movie or treats, let them sit with the bad feelings, knowing that you care that they are hurting, but that it is something they have to deal with, not escape from.
- Encourage them to think about the parts of your life that are still exactly the same and still really good (e.g. they lost a friend but they still have other friends in their team, their school work is going well, nothing has changed at home).

What would you like to know about KidsMatter or BOUNCE BACK? Send your questions to jantiena.batt@ed.act.edu.au and it will be answered in the next KidsMatter Update.



Lights on Learning!

Focusing on Daintree Technologies

Dear Maribyrnong Families,

We hope that you are all looking forward to spring and the onset of warmer days for outdoor play.

The teaching staff and students are very excited about Storyline this term. Storyline is our integrated inquiry unit where students are transforming the Daintree Unit into a museum. The core question guiding our investigations is: 'how has technology and design changed our lives over time?' Each classroom space is a designated department of the museum and they include:

- **Dept. of Transport** with Professors Baird and Nylon
- **Dept. of Tools** with Doctors Baille and Peake
- **Dept. of Communication** with Professor Riepon
- **Dept. of Sports and Recreation** with Professors Warre and Penfold
- **Dept. of Household Items** with Doctor Florian.



As part of our investigations we are becoming experts in our departments and are busy gathering lots of information to use in making our museum. Each week we are examining simple pieces of technology and looking at how they work and what impact they have had on our lives. Children are busy creating and problem solving throughout these lessons.

We have been lucky to have a number of guest speakers, such as Roger Kropman from the Royal Australian Airforce talking about planes and how they fly. We've also had Robbie from The ACT Gymnastics Club talk about the different disciplines involved in gymnastics. There are more guest speakers to come too!

Families – please place in your calendars Monday 18 September for our **Learning Journey and Grandfriends' Day**. This is an opportunity for students to share their learning with you.

Excursion

Students from the year 1/2 Unit will be taken on an exciting excursion to the National Museum of Australia on Monday 21 August. Can we take this opportunity to remind families to send in their excursion note to the front office as soon as possible?

Lost and Found

Lost a jumper or fleece? Daintree Technologies is simply groaning in lost property. If you have lost some of your child's clothing or Tupperware can we please ask families to come in and look? Please make sure your child's property is clearly labelled.

Looking forward in seeing you at the Learning Journey.

Symone, Henry, Elissa, Sarah, Alison, Jane, Amanda, Lisa, Leanne.



Lights on Learning!

Focusing on French

Salut! We are having a very busy term in French. The term started with preparation for the bilingual puppet show incursion from Carrousel Theatre which took place in week two. All students doing French are learning a poem for the French poetry competition, AND we are continuing to use the AIM program each week to learn new vocabulary with gestures, and to work our way through the story *L'arbre unjali*.

The French poetry competition is held each year in term three. It is organised by the Education Department through the French Teacher's Network, and judged by staff at the Alliance Française and the French Embassy. All students across the ACT learn the same poem allocated according to year level. Students who come from French speaking backgrounds or who attend a French school are judged in a different category. At Maribyrnong, reciting the poem is used as part of assessment for second semester, with equal attention given to fluency, expression, pronunciation, and memorisation. Year level winners are chosen in the final week of term and video recordings of these students are sent in for judging over the school holiday break.

The AIM program uses a pared down language with a focus on common verbs, so that the children can learn to speak in simple sentences from the beginning of their learning. Class activities for years 3 to 6 will be focusing on expanding the students ability to use their French confidently by starting with the sentence structures common in the play *L'arbe unjali* and then building our own sentences.

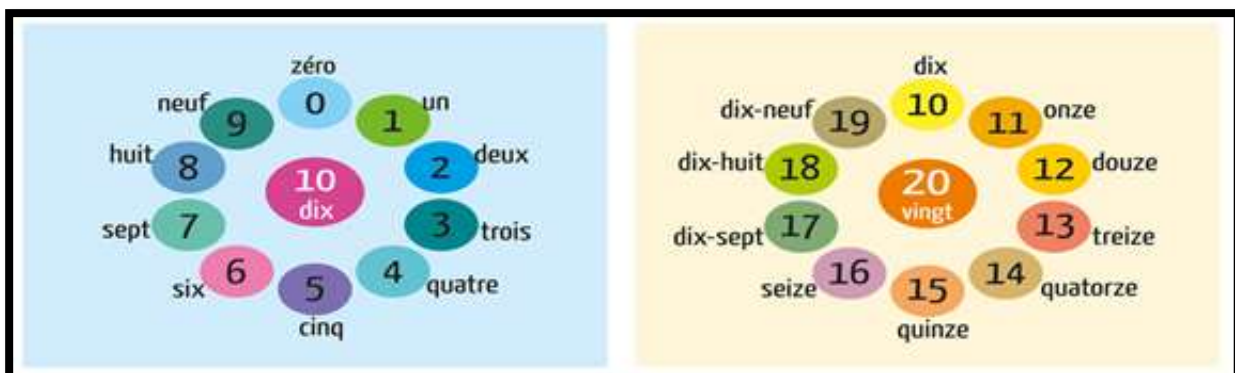


Students in year 2 will be using a variety of resources including the AIM program to continue to develop their language skills as well as learning their poem, *Le petit Mathieu compte jusqu'à deux*.

Please ask you child what poem they are learning, and how much they can recite!

À bientôt,

Lyn Lisacek.



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Supporting your child/teen to develop a healthy body image

A healthy body image is an important aspect of good mental health. Yet 75% of girls and 28% of boys are unhappy with their bodies and appearance. Children/teens are navigating a world of diets, supplements and Instagram filters in an effort to 'feel better' about themselves.

How can we support our children to value their bodies rather than judge them? Join the conversation and gain practical information for your family.

What we will cover

- Being a positive role model
- Building healthy habits
- Skills for positive body image
- Seeking support for body image concerns

About MIEACT

MIEACT is a leading mental health promotion organisation servicing the Canberra community for over 20 years.

Our mission is to develop and deliver education awareness programs in schools and the community that increase mental health knowledge and awareness and supports early intervention, education and health promotion.

www.mieact.org.au

NOTES SENT OR EMAILED HOME

- Year 1 and 2 students **Google Apps** and Permissions update- Overdue!
- Year 1 and 2 excursion to the **National Museum of Australia**. (\$10) - Overdue!
- Expression of Interest – **year 5/6 in 2018 Borambola Camp.**



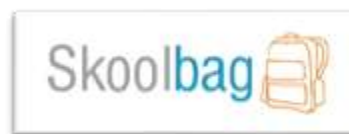
SCHOOL BANKING NEWS



School Banking is on every Wednesday at 8.45 am in the Canteen. Bring your yellow wallet, collect 10 tokens and redeem new rewards!

KEEP CONNECTED @ MARIBYRNONG

- Download the **Skoolbag-Maribyrnong Primary App** to keep up to date with news, alerts, complete absence or excursion notes.



- Like us on **FACEBOOK** for updates: Maribyrnong Primary School-Kaleen.



- The Maribyrnong website and full calendar: http://www.maribyrnongps.act.edu.au/our_community/calendar

P&C GIVE AN HOUR OF POWER



This week we are going to look at Giving an Hour to support your Class Carers.

This year Maribyrnong introduced Class Carers across the school. Parents were asked at the start of the school year to volunteer to be a Class Carer. These parents were then asked to be a point of contact for the parents and families of the class or unit that their child would be in for the year. Generally, the Class Carer sends out information to class groups via email and is a point of contact for families. They assist with the organisation of school events and are a great source of information regarding the school and things that are happening. All families were given the opportunity to opt in to being on the class carer contact list at the start of the year. Many families across the school are a part of this very supportive initiative. If you have missed out and would like to be a part of this school wide program then simply drop in to the front office and let them know that you would like to be added to the contact list.

We are very proud of the work that our Class Carers do to support our school. Maybe being a part of the Class Carer Group and getting involved in activities at school through contacting your Class Carer could be your way of giving an hour.

Will this be your hour of power?

2017/2018 ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

Support Maribyrnong by purchasing your 2017/2018 Entertainment Book for loads of entertainment ideas and discounts:

<https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/27692k>



20% of every membership sold contributes to our school. Help us achieve our goal by sharing this link with your Friends and Family.

Thanks for your support!

POSSUM CAFE NEWS

Week 6 Term 3	Wednesday 23 August	Thursday 24 August	Friday 25 August
9.00 am - 1.30 pm			
9.00 am – 12.00 pm	Kim		
11.00 am – 1.30 pm			
Week 7 Term 3	Wednesday 30 August	Thursday 31 August	Friday 1 September
9.00 am - 1.30 pm			
9.00 am – 12.00 pm	Kim		Jane
11.00 am – 1.30 pm			

Volunteers Needed!

We are looking for volunteers for Thursdays and Fridays and for the following days coming up:

Friday 8 September: we need canteen volunteers as one of the canteen managers is away.

Friday 15 September: SPECIAL LUNCH – this is a fun day to volunteer in the canteen and we need your help with more orders than usual!

If you would like to help in the canteen please email:

Maribrnongprimarycanteen@gmail.com or drop in to see Rouvaye or Zoe between 9.00 am and 1.30 pm Wednesday to Friday.

Hats can be purchased through the school canteen for \$7.00 from Wednesday to Friday between 9.00 am and 12.00 pm.

Thank you.

MARIBYRNONG UNIFORMS



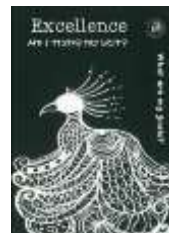
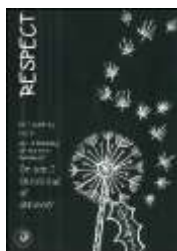
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1, 2 Luke Street, Holt ACT 2615

Phone: (02) 6255 3876

Open 8.30 am to 5.00 pm Mon-Fri and 9.00 am to 4.00 pm Saturday.

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COMMUNITY NEWS



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KIDS BUSH DANCE

Saturday, 9 September, 2017 2.30 - 4 PM
Where: All Saints Hall, 9-15 Cowper St, AINSLIE
Bring the kids to learn the Brown Snake, the Caterpillar, the Bunny Hop and lots more dances.
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Cost - Gold coin donation
Info: www.monarofolk.org.au

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