



POSSUM PRESS

NEWS FROM JEN

What a foggy few mornings we have had where the sun didn't make an appearance until the afternoon. It has been great to see our students rugged up for the colder weather. Please make sure all items are labelled so that they can be returned if they are left at school.

Athletics Carnival

After an icy start to the day, the school athletics carnival last week was a beautiful day for our community. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to our organising team, including Stacey Howard and Keilly Pownall, and also Sarah Dorrough, Mia Grant and Alex Warren who assisted with the early morning preparations. I also extend my gratitude to the many volunteers who made the day incredibly successful. As our school grows, the need for volunteers has become crucial to ensure that we are able to offer the high quality programs and opportunities for students as we have in previous years. We are indeed very thankful for the support of our volunteers and educators who ensure that all of our students experience events such as these. Finally, I would like to extend my thanks to the canteen managers Rouvaye and Drew and the many volunteers who assisted to make the wonderful lunch for our students on the day. Our P&C continues to support school programs which enhance the experience for all of our students, and for this we are very grateful.



P&C Vili's Pie Drive

Our P&C are running a new fundraiser this year, called the Vili's Pie Drive. If you haven't tried a Vili's pie, you really should! Located in South Australia, Vili's Family Bakery opened in 1956 and are a family run business. They support families from a disadvantaged background, actively employing staff who need support. They also support a large number of charities through their business model. An order form went out to families last week and are due back tomorrow, 28 June! Orders will be delivered on Tuesday 2 July and will be available for pick up from the school library. I thank you for your support in advance.



THURSDAY 27 JUNE : T2 W9



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DATES TO REMEMBER

JUNE

28 **Senior School Assembly @ 2.00 pm**

JULY

2 Mini Fete Day

4 School banking -Thursday this week*

5 **WHOLE School Assembly @ 9.15 am***
Last day of term 2.

22 First day of term 3!

26 **Junior School Assembly @ 2.00pm**

*Please note the change of details.

More dates are under EVENTS on the Skoolbag App or for the full calendar visit:

http://www.maribyrnongps.act.edu.au/our_community/calendar

Playground after school

We have had a few questions from families regarding using the playground after school in the afternoon. The hall and the play equipment are all hired out to Communities @ Work to run the out of school hours program. They need access to the equipment from 3.20 pm each afternoon. Unfortunately families are not able to continue to use the space after this time. As you can appreciate, the educators have all been through the WWVP process to ensure that our children are offered the safest care possible. Additionally, there are complexities with duty of care. All educators are required to actively engage in supervision with the children; this means that they will engage in play and interaction. When children who are with their families after school but who are not part of the program want to play with the children within the program; complexities can arise around duty of care, safety and insurance guidelines. We know that this can be complex for families who wish to socialise and play after school, however your support would be greatly appreciated to ensure all children are safe and supported.

Parent/Carer/Teacher Interviews

Thank you to all of our families who attended parent/carers teacher interviews this week. We know that there is substantial evidence showing that parent involvement benefits students, including raising their academic achievement. There are other advantages for children when parents become involved — namely, increased motivation for learning, improved behaviour, more regular attendance and a more positive attitude about learning and school in general. If you didn't lock in an interview with your child's teacher perhaps send them an email and touch base.

Communities @ Work Holiday Program

The mid year holidays will again see the Communities @ Work Holiday Program to be held at Maribyrnong. This program has been a great asset to our school to support families over the school stand down. The program is packed full of quality experiences, including a public speaking and imagination workshop, a trip to see Toy Story 4, an outdoor learning day where children will create makeshift tents and eat camping foods, and trips to Inflatable World and the ice rink. There is sure to be something for everyone! Children are welcome to enrol for one day, a consecutive set of days, or the complete 10 day package. We look forward to hearing about the children's experiences next term.

Science Week and Science Fair

Next term, is a busy time with science week and the annual science fair. Mrs Mac held an information sessions for all students interested in participating in the school science fair last week. There was a wonderful turn out with half the school in attendance! This week, information was sent home to families regarding how the science fair works, the different science categories for entry and some ideas about the types of investigations that might be of interest to families. We encourage all families to get involved and support their children to participate in this wonderful opportunity. Parents and carers also wishing to share in the scientific knowledge on display at Maribyrnong can come along to our Science Fair. Entries are due on Thursday 1 August and the fair is scheduled for Tuesday 6 August.

Review Panels

Next term I will be supporting three other ACT schools as they complete their 2019 school review; as such I will be out of the school in week 1, 3 and 4. During this time Anna, Keilly and Ni will continue to lead and support our community. During this time, we will also be providing the opportunity for a number of staff to be released from their teaching responsibilities to assist with leadership and management responsibilities. Your ongoing support is greatly appreciated and we look forward to continuing to support you moving forward.

Approach to wellbeing support

Over the past fortnight I have made contact with all families who have either indicated they would like to accessing counselling support for their child or who were accessing counselling support in 2018. If you believe that your child requires counselling support and you have not heard from me, please touch base as soon as possible Jennifer.howard@ed.act.edu.au

Have a safe and happy break, we look forward to seeing you back next term!
Jen.

Happy
Holidays

On Tuesday 25 June defence students from kindergarten and year 1 were invited to participate in the “Tyler Turtle” program.

The “Tyler Turtle” program is designed to help defence students in Kindergarten and year 1 to understand their feelings, identify and manage worries that can arise from living a defence lifestyle such as the absence of a parent or relocation to new places.

The program tells the story of a sea turtle called Tyler who becomes worried when his Mum needs to go away for a few days. We learned some interesting facts about sea turtles, talked about barnacles and enjoyed working with the shells and sea animals that helped us tell the story.

Students were then able to identify the concerns that Tyler had and looked at two simple strategies that they can use, just like Tyler, when they are feeling sad or worried

1. Talk to someone who they feel safe with
2. Think of a special place that they love or something that makes them feel happy.

We created drawings of our strategies to take home and share with our families and finished off by going outside to blow big bright bubbles (bubble mix) just like Tyler did when he was feeling happy again.

This was an excellent opportunity for our younger defence students to come together to enjoy the “Tyler Turtle” program, meet some other defence students, share their ideas and engage in some very positive play and activities surrounding feelings and how to manage them.



Thank you to all families who supported the program and thank you to the students who made the “Tyler Turtle” program so much fun.

If you have any questions regarding the program or feedback, please let me know via my email address

Jacqueline.Sampson@ed.act.edu.au

Jackie Sampson – Defence School Mentor.



What is PBL?

We have begun our PBL implementation!

Positive Behaviour for Learning, known as PBL is an evidence based whole school systems approach.

At Maribyrnong, this will include:

- consistent behaviour expectations created in consultation with all stakeholders including students, staff and community members
- consistent language and approaches to support positive behaviour choices
- explicit lessons used to teach behaviour expectations with opportunities to practise appropriate behaviours in classroom and on the playground
- underpinning wellbeing approaches including KidsMatter, Trauma Informed Schools, Social and Emotional Learning and our school Values.

Last week our PBL team worked with our external coach to begin to map out an Action Plan for Maribyrnong Primary. We look forward to growing together in our PBL journey and will keep you regularly informed of our progress.

The PBL Team

(Anna, Ni, Ros, Jacque, Chris, Fiona, Alison, Jasmine and Tanya)



Lights on Learning!

Focusing on year 3

In term one, we learned about celebrations and commemorations, and why we commemorate such days as ANZAC Day. In week one of term two, we visited the Australian War Memorial. We ate a picnic lunch, before walking up the Aboriginal Memorial, honouring Aboriginal Australians who served during war time. Once inside the Australian War Memorial, we were given a guided tour and provided with the opportunity to ask many questions about life during war time for both soldiers and families at home. Students enjoyed seeing the vehicles, tanks and planes, particularly the Lancaster Bomber, *G for George*.



In maths, we have been learning about money. The students had a wonderful shopping experience that allowed them to handle play money and use it to purchase items at our stores. We had Dyara Mart, a supermarket selling all sorts of interesting grocery items; Bennings, our fabulous hardware and home improvement store; Smuggle, the world's best stationery store; and The Mad Hatter, a store with a hat to suit even the most discerning customer. Students had to write a list of their purchases, add up the total price of their items, count money, and calculate how much change they would receive.



Emma, Jo, Peter and Sally.

Lights on Learning!

Focusing on Music

The music program at Maribyrnong is based on a combination of the Kodaly and Orff method of music teaching. This year the program has been extended with some senior classes having regular lessons. Students have been enjoying the introduction of some new instruments including five beautiful xylophones that have enriched their learning experiences.



The junior school has a singing based program which includes activities such as listening, moving, dancing and the playing of tuned and untuned instruments. The students are given opportunities to perform for their classmates and have recently performed a short solo to their peers.



Colour Song



Tideo



See Saw Rhythm Writing



Big Black Train Three Part Round



Billy Billy Dance



Music Staff Notation



1,2,3 Rhythm Writing

The senior school has an instrumental based program which also includes activities such as listening, moving, dancing and the playing of tuned and untuned instruments. The students are learning to play the recorder, xylophone, glockenspiel and boomwhackers. They are given opportunities to perform for their classmates and have recently performed a short piece of music they composed the melody for.



Recorder Tunes



Composing a Melody for Two Little Sausages

Both LSU and LSUA classes actively participate in music lessons each week. LSUA senior students are learning to play the recorder.

Rowena King – Music Teacher.



Indian Warrior on Hand Drums

Lights on Learning!

Focusing on Nummerak - Science

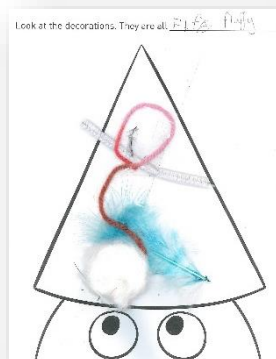
Term two is all about Chemistry! Students from kindy to year 6 are learning about materials, their properties and uses. This term is super hands on, with a heavy focus on fair testing to hone students' science inquiry skills and prepare for the Science Fair in early term three. Some classes will produce artistic works which celebrate the properties of materials. Quality pieces will be entered in the 'ScienceXart' competition run by the Australian Academy of Science.

Kindy are using their senses to describe materials they use to decorate hats. They are conducting tests to find out which materials are waterproof, and which can provide shade. By the end of term, they will select materials to design sun-smart and rainy weather hats.

Year 1 are conducting all sorts of fair tests to bend, stretch and shape objects made of different materials. By the end of term, they will use their knowledge of changing materials to create and describe their own artistic sculptures.



Year 5/6 and Mrs Mac had a rude shock in week one, when they arrived to find their lesson sabotaged. This term is devoted to identifying the culprit(s) using the evidence from the crime scene. Our newly appointed CSI agents have been undertaking several experiments to identify the time of incident and narrow down our suspects (and learn about physical and chemical changes in the process).



Year 2 are helping a rhyming witch to understand human mixtures and materials (including glues, compost and jelly) and will be conducting all kinds of tests to determine the properties and uses of materials and mixtures.

Year 3 have begun by describing what they think has happened to some materials that were heated and cooled. They'll conduct further tests and surveys to investigate how heat affects different materials.

Year 4 are investigating textiles by testing their properties, such as tensile strength, absorbency, biodegradability and thermal conductivity. They'll use evidence from their tests to determine appropriate uses for the materials.



Nicole McAlester (aka Mrs Mac).

Reading is my Secret Power!

BOOK WEEK this year is in week five of term three.

We will be holding a special assembly to celebrate Book Week on Friday 23 August at 9:15 am. All children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character for the day. These children will be given the opportunity to join the parade at the assembly. So start thinking and be creative!

We are also holding a colouring competition and a design competition to commemorate this year's theme: **READING IS MY SECRET POWER**. The design competition involves designing a Super Hero Cape. There will be a template available but please feel free to be creative and illustrate your own cape. Remember the powers come from reading!

The winners of the competitions will receive a gift voucher to spend at the Book Fair (held in week five).

Please ensure that your name and class are on each entry. All entries must be received by Monday 12 August. A box will be in the library for entries to be placed.

The colouring and design templates will be available from week nine this term, which will give all students an opportunity to colour, design and create during the school holidays.

A BOOK FAIR will be held in week five. The library will be open before and after school from Tuesday to Thursday and again on Friday morning for you to purchase some fabulous books.

Looking forward to seeing all the wonderful costumes and competition entries.

Happy Reading,
Ingrid Schryver.



The SRC have spent their last few meetings composing a letter to the P&C. In this letter, our students voiced their need for some before school activities. Their idea was to ask for some volunteers from our parent community to assist in running some sporting and creative activities from 8.45-9.00 am before the day begins. They had some wonderful reasons for this request which included keeping our students warm and active, increasing community engagement and encouraging positive sportsmanship.

The SRC were thrilled this week to receive a reply from the P&C not only stating that they will look into getting this idea off the ground but that they were also looking into overhauling our soccer goals! More than our students hoped for! There was much excitement from the group. Not only have our students been active in their advocacy for all students in the school, but they have also received a very positive response for doing so.

Thank you P&C for being so responsive to our students! If you are interested in supporting the P&C in their efforts to introduce before school activities, please do not hesitate to get in touch via the email address below.

P&C RESPONSE:

Dear parents, carers and students,

At the recommendation of the Student Representative Council (SRC), the P&C will be running a 'Mystery Activity' every Tuesday morning from 8.45-9.00 am starting in term three. In the words of the SRC, they believe this will 'increase school attendance, increase daily physical activity, give kids something to look forward to at the start of the day and encourage students to make a broader group of friends and become more social'. This is a great idea from the SRC, and as such Chris Leece from the P&C has volunteered to be the co-ordinator. Whilst senior students would like to assist with the activity, each Tuesday will require a parent volunteer to run the activity. We are thinking things like a run around the school grounds, relay races, ball sport drills etc but with so many active parents in the school community there will no doubt be many better ideas put forward. If you are willing to assist by running an activity one morning, or simply have some good ideas on activities the kids would enjoy, please email Chris at leecewah@hotmail.com



SCHOOL BANKING DAY WILL BE ON THURSDAY IN WEEK 10!!

Meet Megan in the canteen from 8.30 am to 9.00 am.

To explore more about School Banking, visit

www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking



Vili's Pie Drive

Orders must close tomorrow, Friday 28 June, at 3.00 pm.

Collection from the school NEXT Tuesday 2 July between 3.00 and 5.00 pm.

POSSUM CAFÉ

maribyrnongprimarycanteen@gmail.com

Volunteers are needed on Wednesday to Friday in the canteen. The sign up sheets are now located near the front office.

Please consider helping for an hour or two, weekly, monthly or what ever you can do, or talk to the team! It really helps Rouvaye and Andrew to plan their work day if they know if they are on their own or will have assistance.

Thank you!



To contact the P&C, email maribyrnongpandc@gmail.com (please note this email is checked weekly).

NEXT MEETING:

Thursday 8 August 7.00 pm (week 3)

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SCHOOL ABSENCES

All absent days from school must be explained in writing to the school as soon as possible. This can be done in advance where known or when returning after an illness. It can be explained by a paper note, email to the teacher or through the convenient eForm on the Skoolbag App.

FRONT OFFICE NEWS

Not sure if you have paid for 2019? We are happy to check for you!

Book Packs for 2019 remain at \$50.00 per child from preschool to year six (the school matches your contribution dollar for dollar). Payments can be made by cash, Eftpos, internet banking (BSB 032 777 Account 001615) and via our website using Quickweb <http://www.maribyrrnongps.act.edu.au/payment> Fee Code VCBP19

BOOK PACK AND VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

Number of Children at School	BOOK PACK	School Based Consumables	Library Trust Fund (Tax Deductible)	Total Contribution
1	\$50.00	\$67.00	\$83.00	\$200.00
2	\$100.00	\$83.00	\$117.00	\$300.00
3	\$150.00	\$100.00	\$150.00	\$400.00
4	\$200.00	\$117.00	\$183.00	\$500.00

Leanne, Ros and Emily.

Communities@Work
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SCHOOL CARE
Ph: 0405 124 312



Please notify Before and After Hours Care if your child is not attending their booking.

The year 6 mini fete is scheduled for Tuesday 2 July. We ask that all 5/6 students bring a slice, biscuits, muffins or something else delicious to sell. (No nuts please!)

There will be a variety of games, foods and activities for **all children** to enjoy on the day.

All money raised goes towards funding the year 6 graduation events!



Mini Fete Day Tuesday 2 July



- Cakes and Sweets
- Craft Stall
- Sausage Sizzle
- Hot Food Stall
- Lucky Dip
- And lots more!!!

So bring a few dollars and join in the fun at B1!

**Need new Maribyrnong 'logo' school uniforms?
They can be purchased at...**



Workin' Gear Schools will be relocating from the Kippax shop front to the store 'Workin' Gear', at the Fyshwick Superstore, 51 Kembla St.

Workin' Gear Schools will be expanding their online store to offer real time stock levels, same day delivery and an even larger range of uniforms.

What this means for our community:

There will no longer be a permanent store at Holt.

There will be a full range of uniforms available for viewing and fitting at the new location with longer trading hours.

The website will display real time stock levels. Orders will be able to be placed in store or online for same day delivery or pickup.

The range of payment options available will expand to include Zip Pay along with our existing and standard options including Paypal & AfterPay allowing families to budget their purchases and spread them over a period of time.

They will be trading from the new location, 51 Kembla Street Fyshwick, from 1 July 2019 with new expanded trading hours of 7.00 am to 5.30 pm, Monday to Friday and 8.30 am – 2.00 pm Saturday.

<http://workingearschools.com.au/uniforms/>

MARIBYRNONG VOLLEYBALL TEAM

The Maribyrnong Primary School volleyball team competed in the OzSpike Junior Volleyball tournament over the weekend with one team in the year 3/4 division and one in the year 5/6 division. Both teams, coached by Australian Volleyroos, were full of enthusiasm while displaying great team spirit and between them came away with three wins and three very close losses. It was wonderful to see so many family members cheering on the teams on a cold winter's day.



Congratulations to the following students who participated in the tournament and we look forward to playing in more tournaments in the future: Armin M, Dani F, Eliza B, Ella J, Harlee C, Hope C, Jack W, Kale W, Linh T, Millie J, Nivashine R, Oliver L, Riley W, Zach H, Zara M.



P&C Class Carer Program!

The role of the Class Carer is to connect parents/carers with their child's classroom. Each class will have a volunteer parent to act as the Class Carer who will send occasional emails to the class parents/carers with relevant information about things that are happening in their child's classroom.

Complete the eForm on the Skoolbag App or email Hayley Hayleyprimrose@gmail.com to sign up to your class.



The Preloved uniform shop is open every **FRIDAY** morning

from 8.30 am until 9.15 am.

Hats can be purchased through the canteen Wednesday to Friday.

Lifeline Canberra Bookfair

Come & join us at our July Bookfair! Featuring books & so much more...

- textbooks
- puzzles, console & board games
- computer software & games
- lego, war gaming, models & miniatures
- magazines, pamphlets & comics
- maps & atlases
- collectables & rare books
- cd's, records & sheet music
- talking books
- DVD's & blu-ray
- calendars & postcards
- note books & diaries
- bookmarks, posters & prints
- stamps & trading cards
- sets & encyclopaedias

Friday 12 July 9am - 6pm
Saturday 13 July 9am - 5pm
Sunday 14 July 10am - 4pm

Tuggeranong Southern Cross Stadium

Gold coin donation entry

Saturday is Family Day with fun activities for the kids

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The 2018-2019 book has ended.

Do you have the new one?

Purchase the 2019-2020

Entertainment Book through

Maribyrnong!



Just in time for school holidays you will receive a **\$10 JB HI-FI eGift Card** when they purchase through our Online Order Page between 12:00am Thursday 27 June and 11:59pm Sunday 30 June 2019 (AEST).



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