Welcome back to term 3! This term promises to be another exciting one with great learning opportunities! Coming up is the school athletics carnival, learning journey, book week celebrations, science fair, father’s day stalls and lolly day. Be sure to check our school calendar regularly or sync your phone with the school calendar so that you stay up to date!

Athletics Carnival
Our school athletics carnival is on tomorrow, Friday 25 July. Events will be run at the Dickson Sports Ground from 9.30 am to 2.15 pm. Please come along and cheer for the wonderful efforts of our students. I would like to thank Keilly Pownall and Lee Amer for their coordination of this event. A big thank you to our P&C for coordinating the special lunch for the day. Remember volunteers are always welcome so come along and join in the fun! In the event of inclement weather, please listen to 104.7 and 106.3 for notification of cancellation. Special lunch orders will go ahead at school as planned.

P&C News
Last term we had an amazing Winter Wonderland Frozen disco run by our P&C. Our Kulture Break ‘Forever Young’ DJ, Kag, had everyone up and dancing, loads of games and even a couple of singing competitions! A big thank you to our wonderful volunteers who made the disco such a success. We all appreciate the effort you put in to making the disco, and other events, so much fun!

Our annual P&C Trivia Night is fast approaching, with August 1 only a week away. There are a small number of tables remaining and numbers are strictly limited to 100 participants so please make sure you book in. Payments for table bookings need to be made by tomorrow, 29 July. We look forward to seeing you all at the Sports Club Kaleen!

Inclusion Protocol
We are currently reviewing our inclusion protocol at Maribyrnong. Attached to this newsletter is a brief survey that we ask you to complete to explain what information you need as a parent to help understand processes and procedures related to educating students with a disability. Please send all completed surveys back to the front office.

Chief Minister’s Reading Challenge
The challenge is well underway! Last year we received a prize for every section as all of our students read the required twelve books. Most of our students exceeded this! We are hoping to continue our success from last year and once again be named as a school that knows that reading is achieving! If your child is stuck for a book to read please come by the library and ask Ms Pownall for a recommendation.

Learning Journey and Grandfriends Day
Term 3 is always a busy term for students at Maribyrnong. We have lots of learning opportunities happening inside and outside the classroom. Our Learning Journey, in week 10, is a chance for us to share and celebrate with you everything we have been doing this semester. Learning Journey day is also when we invite grandfriends to come and be part of our community celebrations. A grandfriend can be a grandparent, but they might also be someone you consider to be part of your family, whether related or not. Our very special day will be happening on Monday 22 September beginning at 9:15 am with an assembly in the hall. We would love to see you there.
Hats on!
With August only a week away, it means it is time for everyone to be wearing their hats on the playground again. Putting our hats back on when the sun starts to shine means that we all stay safe from possible harmful UV radiation. Our Sun Protection Policy has been recently reviewed by the Cancer Council and we were commended on how comprehensive our guidelines are. Thank you to all our staff and community who have worked to ensure our policy represents best practice.

Kindergarten and Preschool Enrolments
If your child is already enrolled at our preschool unit, enrolment into kindergarten at Maribyrnong is automatic. That is, the enrolment process is already completed! If your child is not enrolled in our preschool unit but you would like them to attend our school you will need to complete the enrolment process. This is also true of potential students for our preschool units. Please remember the enrolment and transfer process is online this year and can be located on the www.det.act.gov.au website. It is essential that we have an accurate picture of our 2015 enrolments. If you, or anyone you know, is considering Maribyrnong for either preschool or kindergarten and would like to tour the school please ring our front office to make an appointment on 6205 5933.

If there is a change in your circumstances and you will be leaving Maribyrnong, please email me so that we can plan our classes accordingly.

Jen.

FRONT OFFICE NEWS
To contribute:
Maribyrnong Primary School Management Account.
BSB 032 777 Account 001615

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MOONSTONES (LSUA)
Welcome to term 3. We trust everyone has a restful break. It has been lovely hearing about the activities the students have been up to during the school holidays.

This term we are studying a unit on 'The Ocean’. We are investigating the differences between seas and oceans, ocean creatures, plant life, lifecycles and more! We have also implemented a more consistent timetable to support our students on the main playground during B1. Nicola and I are covering all B1 Monday to Friday which has enabled us to be available for our students to support social connections and play skills on the main playground.

We are looking forward to a positive and productive term.
Virginia & Nicola.

AROUND THE GROUNDS
Voluntary Contributions
This week in ‘Around the Grounds’ we are focusing on voluntary contributions and what we use these funds for. Public education is free. Schools may offer or facilitate some specific optional items, activities and services for which parents may be required to pay if they want their child to access them. Such activities and items could include: non-essential school camps and excursions, class photos, the canteen, private tutoring and uniforms. Student support funds are maintained in all public schools to support the needs of students who might not otherwise be in a position to take advantage of the opportunities provided by their schools.

So what exactly are voluntary contributions used for at Maribyrnong? The funds that we receive through voluntary contributions are used to support the purchase of resources for everyday use. Our voluntary contributions are set at $150.00 a year. Of this money, $83.00 is tax deductible for families. This money is sanctioned for the library trust fund and can only be spent by the school to purchase new resources for students to use. These resources must be added to the library catalogue; therefore these funds are generally used to purchase new resources such as library books and computer software.

The remaining $67.00 is used to purchase basic equipment such as pencils, erasers, rulers, coloured pencils, books to write in. It costs a minimum of $80 per student, per year for these resources. We ask our families to purchase a $40 book pack for each child, the other $40 is covered by the school from money we receive through voluntary contributions. Any funds remaining (up to $27.00) is then spent on art supplies such as paint and paper and resources for our science and French programs.

I would like to thank parents who have paid part or all of their 2014 Voluntary Contributions. If you have not yet paid I encourage you to do so. We accept payments at any time!

If you have any topics for ‘Around the Grounds' please email them through to Jennifer.howard@ed.act.edu.au
We have had a lovely beginning to our second semester. All the children are excited to be back as are we. The weather has been a little cold but it hasn’t stopped us having fun. The children have enjoyed the changes that have been made and have had a wonderful time exploring the new renovations to our outdoor area.

Dates For Your Diaries:

Action Bus wash
Date: 22/8/14 (Sapphires and Dolphins)
26/8/14 (Rubies)
Time: 10.00 am – 11.30 am

We hope you have a fabulous week!
Elsa, Sally, Kelly, Ni and Gaby 😊

Welcome back to term three! We can’t believe that we are half way through the year already and we are so proud of how much our students have grown!

This term our integrated unit is based around historical concepts. We will be comparing and contrasting toys from the past and present and building our own toy museum. Please discuss with your child the kinds of toys that you and your parents played with when you were young.

Number, reading and spelling groups are continuing this term. In number we are looking at forward and backward number sequences. Some groups are looking at numbers beyond 20 and some are focusing on numbers up to 20. This week we are looking at identifying and completing patterns and next week we will be creating our own patterns.

On Friday we have our athletics carnival at Dickson Oval. Please make sure that your child has a hat even though it is cold as we will be outside all day. Your child will also need a large, full water bottle and plenty of healthy snacks.

Symone, Sarah and Keilly.

Welcome back to term 3. We trust you had an enjoyable break from the school drop off. The Emerald City has hit the ground running and we are looking forward to exploring Australia and Asia in our Inquiry Unit Storyline this term. Our assembly is in week 6 this term.

Tomorrow is our Athletics Carnival. Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for physical activity.

Don’t forget your posters for the Science Fair. They are due week 4. Each class will be exploring a science concept and completing our own investigation. In addition to this, students are encouraged to do their own science experiment to report on.
Thank you to those students who have returned their portfolios so we can continue to fill them with work over this semester. Please ensure you have filled out the parent reflection, on the last page of the portfolio, before returning it to school.
We are looking for volunteers to read with individual students first thing Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings. If you are interested in volunteering your time on a regular basis please let us know.

We would like to say thank you and good luck to David Christoff as he finishes his placement in Mrs Devlin’s class and a warm welcome to Matthew Hayman who is continuing his placement in Miss Perfect’s class.
Amanda, Naomi, Leeanne and Lucy.
**GARNETS (LSU)**

Well everyone has had a very happy start back to school for term 3 and it is lovely to have everyone in our classroom again! A big welcome back to Davide from Europe, it is so wonderful to have you back safe and sound. We thank him for such a wonderful PowerPoint presentation he gave about his adventures overseas. What a lucky person to have all that family in such amazing places. It was particularly wonderful to see his excitement when visiting the Sistine Chapel and viewing Michelangelo’s artwork after we made our own in class! It was so lovely to hear about everyones exciting and / or relaxing holiday activities. Everyone was busting to tell each other first thing Monday morning and the classroom was full of ear to ear smiles.

This term we have stepped up our levels of integration and will be looking at joining our mainstream classes for the wonderful storyline integrated units they have planned.

This Friday we have the school Athletics Carnival at Dickson Oval which will give us all another opportunity to spend some time with our mainstream peers. Please remember to dress up nice and warm as it might be cold out on the oval all day! Packed lunches (no hot food that requires microwaving) will be required.

Have an excellent weekend!
Lee and Jacque.

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

Welcome back to term 3! It is fantastic to see everyone back, ready to start a great term of learning.

This week the students in the 4/5/6 unit are starting their inquiry unit about the Australian Goldrush. This promises to be an exciting unit which will enable students to learn more about the history of gold in Australia and the impact it had on the development of culture and society. This unit will also see the students getting involved in ‘the gold game’, where they will take on a character who may have existed in the 1850’s, and experience the ups and downs of life on the goldfields. Don’t be surprised if students come home complaining about the price of gold, bad weather on the goldfields, broken equipment or the injustice of the local authorities. This just means they are engaged in their learning. Stay tuned for lots of updates!

Just a reminder that the Athletics Carnival is on this Friday 25 July. Please ensure that students come to school in appropriate footwear and clothing so they can actively participate in activities.

Rowena King is covering Shane’s class until his return from Europe in Week 2. Thank you, Rowena.

Shane, Jane, Keilley, Elissa, Sarah and Justine.

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**MYTHBUSTER**

**Myth # 1  Children only learn to write when they start school.**

Everyday life is full of writing from things as simple as a birthday invitation and a ‘to do’ list through to writing a report for work or writing a letter to the editor of the newspaper.

The moment a child picks up a pencil or crayon and makes a mark on the page (or wall!) they are writing. Their writing develops over time and they begin to understand the connection between:

- **Purpose** (why am I writing this text?)
- **Audience** (who am I writing this for?)
- **Form** (how will I convey my message?)

During the early years of schooling, students move through several writing stages. These are:

**Role play writing**: Your child role plays the act of writing, trying out ways to represent writing on paper. Role play writers experiment by forming scribbles, letter-like symbols and random strings of letters. They often use letters from their own name. As a role play writer your child may ‘read’ their writing to you but anyone else will not be able to make sense of it.

**Experimental writing**: At this stage your child knows that speech can be written down, however they may not always read their writing the same way every time. They ‘have a go’ at writing texts they are familiar with such as letters, recipes and lists. Your child may write words using one, two or three letters, for example PRT (party). Experimental writers know that there is a reason for writing and can tell you who they are writing to and why. For example, I am writing a letter to Granny to say thank you for my birthday card.

**Early writing**: Early writers write a small range of texts such as stories, greeting cards and reports. In this stage your child chooses information to put in their writing according to the purpose and the audience. They write simple sentences using correct punctuation and know how to spell some words they use often. When writing unknown words, early writers often select letters on the basis of sound, for example becos.

So.....this myth is busted! Writing is a lifelong skill that begins many years before children start at school.

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
ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS - DANCE

The hall is full of energy and laughs each Thursday B1 when Dance is on. While we have loads of fun in our sessions, dance has many other developmental benefits. Dance helps children mature physically, emotionally, socially, and cognitively.

- Physical Development: Dance involves a greater range of motion, coordination, strength and endurance than many other physical activities. This is accomplished through movement patterns that teach coordination and kinaesthetic memory.
- Emotional Maturity: Dance promotes psychological health and maturity. Children enjoy the opportunity to express their emotions and become aware of themselves and others through creative movement.
- Social Awareness: Dance fosters social encounter, interaction, and cooperation. Children learn to communicate ideas to others through the real and immediate mode of body movement. Children quickly learn to work within a group dynamic.
- Cognitive Development: Children will create movement spontaneously when presented with movement ideas or problems that can be solved with a movement response. Movement provides the cognitive loop between the idea, problem, or intent and the outcome or solution.

Isn’t it great that we have so many dancers at Maribyrnong?

Jantiena.

SPECIALIST PROGRAMS - SCIENCE

In just 4 weeks Maribyrnong will be holding its annual Science Fair. Students were given information on this before the holidays so that they could make a start on their entries during the break. All senior students are expected to enter either as an individual or part of a team. Junior students will help with a class entry but are also welcome to enter individually. If anyone requires more information or has questions about this you’re welcome to contact me. Public viewing of science fair entries will be on Monday 18 August which is the start of National Science Week.

At Maribyrnong we will be holding special science activities for all students between B1 and B2 on the Wednesday of National Science Week. The two year 5/6 classes will be running activities for the junior school in a peer teaching style as inspired by the Kids Teaching Kids events we have been involved with in recent years. Meanwhile the other senior classes will have a series of special fun science challenges to attempt.

Term 3 is always a busy science term with regular science classes too. The LSU students will be studying changes; kindy will be investigating how things move; 1/2 are investigating water use; 3/4 are investigating forces; 4/5 are being change detectives while the 5/6 students are planning and testing their science day activities.

Leslie.

NOTES SENT HOME

✓ Scholastic Book Club due 4.8.14
✓ Chess Club Term 3
✓ Preschool Bus Wash
✓ Science Fair Information
✓ P&C Trivia Night
✓ Colouring Competition for Book Week
✓ Flexischools information

MACRA AWARD

Well done Terri!

Thanks for all you do at Maribyrnong.
**P&C NEWS**

**POSSUM PANTRY**
The canteen has now launched ordering on Flexischools, please be patient with us as we adjust to the new system. We welcome any feedback you have about ways we can improve the service to the school. Please see Bec or Rouvaye in the canteen or call them on 62415974. Flexischools orders are available for both B1 & B2. B1 orders are delivered to the classroom, B2 orders are available for pick up at the canteen, if you place an order for your child at B2 please remind them to come to the canteen to pick up their food.

http://www.flexischools.com.au

**MARIBYRNONG SCHOOL P&C TRIVIA NIGHT**
Friday 1 August
6.30pm for a 7.00pm start
Theme – *Down on the Farm*
Dress up is optional - prizes for best costumes
$220 per table
Maximum 8 people per table
Ticket includes hot food platter
Small number of tables still available
Email jackie@vogueconstructions.com.au
Payment for all tables must be made by Wednesday 30 July.

**TWILIGHT FAIR BOOK STALL**
Donations for the book stall are now being taken. Please place your books in the box at the front office. Any queries please contact Clare Whittingham 0408 252736 or madden_clare@hotmail.com.

**UNIFORM SHOP**
The new fleecy hooded jackets came in this week and were delivered to those that had ordered one. If you ordered one and did not receive it or would like one, please contact Clare Whittingham 0408 252736 or madden_clare@hotmail.com.

Both school dresses have now been **REDUCED**
Winter Pinafore NOW $50
Summer Dress NOW $40

**BOOK CLUB**
Scholastic book club due: **Monday 4 August**
Redgum book club
We are also trialling a new book club called Redgum book club, which focuses on supporting Australian Authors and Publishers. These will not be distributed to everyone, so if you are interested please collect a catalogue from the front office. For more information see [www.redgumbookclub.com.au](http://www.redgumbookclub.com.au). **No cash orders** will be taken for this catalogue. Orders due **1 September**. Any queries please contact Clare Whittingham 0408 252736 or madden_clare@hotmail.com.

**POSSEUM PANTRY-CANTEEN ROSTER**

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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.

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

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For more information **contact**: Leanne Rankine
Phone: 0262055933
Email: Leanne.rankine@ed.act.edu.au

**CHILDREN’S MARTIAL ARTS**

Action Tae Kwon-Do has children only classes so that your children are taught relevant skills in a safe environment. These children’s classes are for children aged 5 -12 years of age and are held in the Maribyrnong school hall.

For more information, contact
Mr Paul Welch
Master Instructor of Action Tae Kwon-Do
0414898888