

POSSUM PRESS

NEWS FROM JEN

What a fabulous music scheme concert we enjoyed last night. A big thank you to Jan and Arianne for nurturing the amazing talents of our pianists, guitarists and violinists over the last six months. I would also like to congratulate each of our students who performed, we certainly enjoyed listening to your musical talents!

I would like to congratulate Astrid in year five who won the first quarter final of the Rostrum Public Speaking competition on Tuesday 12 June! Astrid competed against seven other primary school children and spoke with incredible determination and tenacity. She will move onto the next phase of the competition in August; congratulations Astrid!

Year 3/4 Camp to Warrambui

We welcomed 60 campers back on Friday afternoon after a spectacular camp experience. The students engaged in a range of experiences including:

- trying their hand at archery
- aiming to score par or better in Frisbee golf
- orienteering through the bushland
- working together to solve a number of initiatives
- finding various wonders on a treasure map.

Students also participated in a fun movie night filled with popcorn and warm sleeping bags!

Camp is a wonderful opportunity for our students to try out new experiences. It is also a time when the students and educators have the time to connect as a team in a completely different setting to the classroom. We hope you have enjoyed many stories of exciting new experiences that our students participated in!

As you can imagine planning for camp is a process that starts well before the students hop on the bus to their destination. Bookings are made, risk assessments are completed, approvals sought, notes are crafted, lists ticked off and staffing is set in place. My thanks to Kylie Apps for her wonderful coordination of this event. My thanks also to Mrs McEwan, Miss Durham, Stacey, Rebecca, Nat and Jacque for attending across the three days. Thanks team!

Semester One Reports and Parent/Teacher Interviews

Our staff have now completed the formal reporting cycle for semester one. I had the privilege of reading each child's report over the last week and I am incredibly proud of the growth that each individual child has made. Making progress is a very individual road to travel for each child, filled with personalised goals and big and small steps. I can attest to the progress that each child has made over the last six months and commend them for their efforts. Families will receive their child/ren's reports next week in the mail. The reports will arrive in time for parent and teachers interviews in week 9 (Monday 25 June to Thursday 28 June).

Families wanting to discuss their child's achievements and progress are welcome to make an appointment through either logging on to the online booking system PTO through the front page of the school website, or by calling the front office.



THURSDAY 14 JUNE: Term 2 Week 7



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DATES TO REMEMBER

JUNE

- 15 **Assembly year K-2** @2.00 pm
CEIS (opt-in program K-6)
- 21 7.00 pm P&C meet in the Library
- 22 K-6 Athletics Carnival at Dickson
No Assembly
- 25-28 Parent Teacher Interview Week
- 29 **Assembly year 3-6** @2.00 pm

JULY

- 3 Mini Fete Day 5/6
- 5 5/6 Questacon Excursion
- 6 **Whole School Assembly** @9.15 am*
(*please note special time)
Last day of term two
- 23 First day of term three.

For the full calendar please visit:

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

National Reconciliation Week

Recently we recognised and celebrated two important events in the history of our nation. May 27 marked fifty years since the referendum that changed our Constitution to make it possible for the Federal Government to pass legislation specifically for the benefit of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Peoples. June 3 marked the commemoration of the Mabo decision recognising in law the special relationship that Aboriginal and Torres Strait peoples have to their land. The Maribyrnong Community includes several First Nations families. We recognise that our school is on the traditional lands of the Ngunnawal people. We seek to engage all students in reconciliation, respect and recognition of the world's oldest continuous living cultures.

Parking

I would like to remind all parents and carers who pick up students in the main car park to please travel through the car park slowly and be very mindful of other people in the car park. Please do not park on nature strips or anywhere that could obstruct the vision of other drivers, or limit a driver's ability to see children in the car park. There are many places around the local neighbourhood to park including Shannon Circuit.

Nut Aware School

A reminder to all families that Maribyrnong Primary is committed to being a nut aware school. We have a number of children attending school who are highly allergic to the protein in most nuts. For most people the diagnosis of nut allergy is life-long. The only current treatment for nut allergies is total dietary avoidance. We understand that it can be challenging to avoid nuts as many nut products commercially available use nuts as ingredients.

So why is it so important to be nut aware?

- On average, there are two children fighting food allergies in every classroom.
- Every three minutes, someone enters an Emergency room due to a food-allergy reaction.
- Food allergies can cause hives. They can also be fatal. Food allergy reactions can range from an irritating rash to life-threatening anaphylaxis.

Here's how you can talk to your children to support their friends:

- Don't bring nuts to school. At all. Ever. This means no sandwiches, muesli bars, treats or other food that contain nuts.
- Be a label detective! Food labels have super-tiny print and it can be tricky to read the fine print!
- If a friend shares that they have a food allergy, encourage your child to take note. Listen carefully and ask how they can help to support them.
- If your child has a food allergy, encourage them to be open about this and share the information with their friends. It's important that we support each other to stay healthy.
- What if someone accidentally bring nuts to school? We will phone the family and offer a gentle reminder. An alternate lunch will be requested and if possible, provided.

Why should your family follow the nut-aware guidelines?

You are helping other children and families to stay healthy. If your child has a food allergy or a child in their class does, you are helping to create a safer environment for us all. It's helping practice being supportive, safe and including others. When we are happy to help other kids, we are building a stronger school community.

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data (NCCD)

In 2018, all schools across Australia are taking part in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data. The data collected will allow all Australian Governments to better target support and resources for students who need adjustments to access and participate in education. As part of this process, we are looking at the adjustments made at the school for students so they can participate in learning on the same basis as their peers. These adjustments might include extra teacher support, flexibility around assessment tasks, modifications to class work, changes to the physical environment or specialised equipment. The data collected does not include information that can identify an individual student. It will include:

- the total number of students at the school receiving adjustments (for cognitive, social and emotional, physical or sensory reasons)
- the total number of students at each level of adjustment provided by the school.

This process will be completed early term three with more information being sent out soon.

Thank you for your ongoing support!

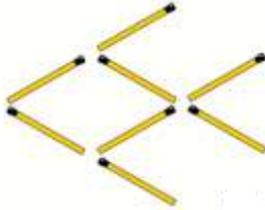
Jen.

FAMILY MATHS FUN

This week we thought we would provide you with a few maths puzzles to work through together. The answers will be in the next newsletter. Enjoy!

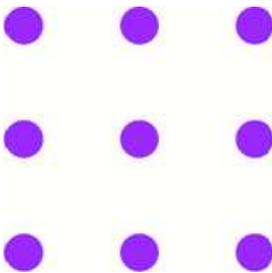
Turn the fish

Move three sticks and make the fish to swim in the opposite direction.



Dots in a square

It is a simple puzzle, but illustrates beautifully the idea of "thinking outside the box." Join all the dots using four straight lines and without lifting your pencil.



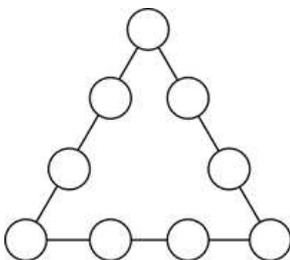
Same number - or twice as many

Farmer Brown and Farmer Green were ruminating one day on the fence between their farms. Farmer Brown says, "You know I was just thinking. If you gave me one of your cows, then we would have the same number of cows." Farmer Green replies, "If you gave me one of your cows, then I would have twice as many as you!"

How many cows does Farmer Brown have and how many cows does Farmer Green have?

Numbers in a triangle

Put the numbers from 1 to 9 in the circles so that the sum of the numbers on each side of a triangle is the same.



KIDS MATTER

When something feels like "the end of the world", most probably, the problem has been blown out of proportion. By analysing the problem and putting it into perspective, we can attempt to bring problems back to a level where we can deal with it. This isn't about quashing the problem, but shrinking it to a more realistic size.

Here is a child friendly chart to assist children in working through a problem themselves and when they need to ask for assistance.

How Big is My Problem?



GYMNASTICS COACH WANTED

A message from Meka and Jess in 5/6:

Dear community,

We would like to restart the gymnastics program. We are looking for a qualified coach. If you are, or someone you know would be happy to coach year one to six on Wednesdays at B1 (11.10 am to 12.00 pm), please contact the front office.



feedback

Did you know that the Defence Families of Australia (DFA) Team are all partners of current Australian Defence Force (ADF) members?

In August each year, we meet with Defence policymakers in Canberra including Chief of the Defence Force (CDF), Service Chiefs and the Minister for Defence Personnel.

We are reviewing what's happening in our local Defence Communities. We want to advocate for the programs that most benefit our families and the issues that most affect our families.

My name is Emma Steil and I am your local DFA Delegate. I'd love to speak to you. Please call me, or contact me online via email or my Facebook page.

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Jackie Sampson – DSTA.

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- 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 <http://www.maribyrnongps.act.edu.au/home>

2018 BOOK PACK AND VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION PAYMENTS

Number of Children at School	BOOK PACK	School Based Consumables	Library Trust Fund (Tax Deductible)	Total Contribution (Fee Code VCBP18)
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

Book Packs for 2018 are \$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.maribyrnongps.act.edu.au/payment>

- ✓ School Athletics Carnival on Friday 22 June
- ✓ Canteen Special Lunch at the Athletics Carnival – also order by Flexishools
- ✓ 5/6 Questacon Excursion
- ✓ Australian Maths Competition (years 3/4/5/6)
- ✓ 5/6 Mini fete information

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Please notify After Hours care if your child is not attending their booking.

Lights on Learning!

Focusing on year 3 Neverland

CAMP!!

We had an amazing time at Warrambui. There were six activities that the children participated in. A favourite for a lot of us was archery. Orienteering and the obstacle course were popular too. The last three activities were games called Web of Life, Frisbee Golf and Treasure Hunting. Did you know that pirates hid treasure at Warrambui? Well, it's true and we discovered it!

Our writing focus for the beginning of term two has been information reports. We have been looking at the difference between facts and opinions and learning how to research information using both non-fiction books and the Chromebooks. We are also looking at different sorts of diagrams and how they help us to give information. Our goal is to create an engaging and factual information report based on an animal, person or object of our choice.

Reading and BEE Spelling groups are continuing this term. Children are given the opportunity to tailor their learning at their level. This is done through small group work, games and hands on activities.



Our inquiry unit this term has had a focus on what it means to be healthy and how to live a healthy lifestyle. At the beginning of the unit students asked questions relating to nutritional health, physical health and emotional health, which we have been exploring throughout the term. Each student followed a Design, Make, Appraise process to create a piece of technology to promote a healthy lifestyle. We also conducted a range of experiments relating to sugar, germs and preservatives.

Megan, Kylie, Fiona, Rebecca and Natalie.



At the beginning of the term we worked really hard in measurement lessons to consolidate our understanding of different units of measurement and time. We have also begun investigating maps and symmetry. We are starting to read and create maps and explore the different features of 2D and 3D shapes.

During numeracy groups students participate in a range of activities to strengthen their written and mental strategies. These activities build our number knowledge as we learn in an interactive, collaborative and hands on way. The remainder of this term will have a focus on developing strategies for multiplication and division problem solving.

Reminders

- *It is asked for children to continue to bring a drink bottle to school even though the weather is cooler.
- *As the weather is getting colder, please ensure your child is wearing layers to school. All classrooms are heated so jackets are not needed inside but are definitely necessary outside.
- *If you are late to school please take your child to the front office to be signed in before coming to the classroom.

Lights on Learning!

Focusing on the LSUA

Hello all! The students in the LSUA have adapted well to being taught by Cameron, a preservice teacher from UC who is just now completing his final practicum before becoming a fully qualified teacher. During Cameron's time leading the class over the last six weeks, the students have had many wonderful learning opportunities...

During our literacy sessions Cameron led the students on a shared writing adventure over the last six weeks with a story featuring a giant ridable guinea pig, an enormously terrifying cute and fluffy demon dog of doom and a mind controlling goldfish!

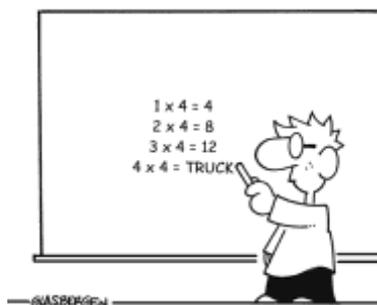
In physical education the students have been refining their kicking skills with an assortment of balls. All of the students have shown an increased ability to kick most kinds of balls further and higher than they ever have before.

In our numeracy sessions we have been focusing on times-tables, division and measurement. The students have been memorising songs, working with concrete materials and completing online games and activities so that they can remember the information they are learning about when they need it!



Figure 1: Demon Dog of Doom!

We are very happy to report that each student in the LSUA contributed to a painting project that would benefit the Maribyrnong school community. I think you will all agree, it certainly turned out well!



Finally, we have completed our art projects of a sunset over a sea focusing on perspective, layering and colour choice. They are now hanging in the LSUA art gallery for public viewing. Please feel free to pop by and have a look!

Have a great week,

Chris and Sally.



P&C NEWS

The next **Maribyrnong P&C Meeting** is on Thursday 21 June at 7.00 pm in the Library.

All welcome to join in...



SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP



The Preloved uniform shop is open every **Wednesday morning from 8.30 am until 9.15 am.**

We are in need of more 2nd hand uniforms to sell and are accepting all preloved, washed, re-sellable uniforms.



Hats can be purchased through the canteen Wednesday to Friday.

Our canteen needs you!

Any time is appreciated!!!



Athletics Carnival Special Lunch volunteers needed on Friday 22 June at Dickson Oval

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday timeslots ...

9.00 am – 10.00 am

10.00 am – 11.00 am

11.00 am – 12.00 pm

12.00 pm - 1.30 pm

If you are available to help in the canteen, or if you would like to be included on future canteen rosters please see Rouvaye or Andrew in the canteen or call 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.

School Banking is in the Canteen every Wednesday from 8.45 am to 9.00 am.



To explore more about School Banking visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

BITS AND PIECES



Maribyrnong is a Nut Aware School.

We ask that parents and carers maintain vigilance in ensuring that **no nut products** are sent to school at any time.

Hats Off in June and July!



As we are a Sunsmart school, we follow the Cancer Council's recommendations for sun exposure, when UV levels are under 3 there is a low risk of potential UV skin damage. In Canberra UV levels drop and remain under 3, all day, so in June and July it's Hats Off !



Our wonderful School Psychologist Judy would like families to know she is away from week seven to ten.

She wishes you all a fun and safe holiday and will be back in term three.

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