

POSSUM PRESS



NEWS FROM JANTIENA

As I write the newsletter it is balmy 20 degrees. What a joy it is to see the warmer weather arrive (and hopefully stay). I love winter, I truly do, but this winter has brought much illness for our students and staff so I am very happy to see the end of it! Thank you to our families who have responded to the calls from our front office team when children are unwell in a speedy fashion. Thanks as well to all those who have kept sick children at home as they recuperate. We appreciate the trickiness of this situation especially as the bugs this winter have taken longer to get over. We also value your understanding in teachers being absent as they and their children get sick. Even our trusted relief teachers have been under the weather this term! Here's to a healthy and happy week to end our school term.

Learning Journey and Grandfriend's Day

Our annual Learning Journey and Grandfriend's Day will be held on Monday 18 September. This is an opportunity for the students to show their family what they have learned during the term. It is fantastic for the students to explain to parents what they have been learning, explain why they have been learning it and show the work that they have produced. Our Learning Journey is also a chance for us to share with and celebrate our 'Grandfriends'- those special people in our lives who support and love us. Our assembly will commence in the hall at 9.15 am, followed by the opportunity to visit the classrooms and share students' learning with them. Grandfriends can then take the opportunity to be pampered with a morning tea provided by our wonderful P&C in the hall. This year we encourage families to bring along a plate to share in the hall after the Learning Journey has finished. Taking the time to enjoy morning tea together and reflect on the children's learning promises to be a wonderful time to connect our community. If you do bring something along to share, we kindly ask that it is nut free.

During your child's Learning Journey you may be asked to comment with 'stars' and 'wishes' on your child's work. This could look like three stars and a wish or glow and grow feedback. The premise is the same.

The stars or glow comments represent positive encouragement for happenings, ideas or activities that your child has experienced, such as:

- I like this work because.....
- I like the part where you described the It was really interesting.
- I can see you have tried very hard with
- I enjoyed reading your story because
- I can see how you to work out this problem.

The wishes or grow comments are areas in which you would like to see your child develop at school, such as:

- I am looking forward to seeing
- I would love to see you use..... in your writing.

With so many families attending it is imperative that we adhere to the road rules and parking regulations. As a school who values all members of our community it is of paramount importance that carefully considered choices are made by us all. Parking options include utilising the shop car park, the overflow car park, parking legally along Shannon Circuit, walking to the event, riding your bike there and carpooling with others. By working together, we can enjoy this event and celebrate our wonderful learning community. We look forward to seeing you on what promises to be a fun morning.

THURSDAY 14 SEPTEMBER : Term 3 Week 9



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DATES TO REMEMBER

SEPTEMBER

- 18** Learning Journey and Grandfriends' Day- Special Assembly at 9.15 am
- 20** P&C Disco K-6
- 22** Last day of term
No assembly.

School Holidays

23 September to 8 October

- 9** Day 1 of term 4
- 10** Reptiles Inc at Preschool Namadgi & Wallaroo
- 12** Reptiles Inc at Preschool Budawang & Kakadu

Online Safety

At Maribyrnong we recognise that student wellbeing and safety are essential for academic and social development. All students should be able to learn and develop in safe, supportive and respectful environments. This extends to the online environment. Australian schools, families and communities all have a responsibility to provide safe online environments and teach children how to use technology in positive and productive ways. There are many resources that can support families in deciphering the changing online environment and in supporting their children to make safe choices. This includes:

- the iParent website where parents can learn about the digital environment and keep updated on their children's technology use. There is guidance for using safety settings on your family's web-connected devices, tips for choosing movies and games and strategies for keeping young people safe online (<https://www.esafety.gov.au/education-resources/iparent>).
- The Student Wellbeing Hub has resources available to help create learning communities that promote student wellbeing and the development of respectful relationships. The Hub is guided by the principles of the National Safe Schools Framework, which highlight the importance of educators, parents and students working together (<https://studentwellbeinghub.edu.au/?origin-host=www.safeschoolshub.edu.au>)
- Apps or books such as Little Bird's Internet Security Adventure. Little Bird is a FREE book developed for kids 3 to 6 years old that can be downloaded. It explains what to do if your child should encounter material online that is not appropriate. No matter how hard you try to protect your child, there's always the possibility of kids encountering harmful threats or inappropriate content, this little book does a great job in simplifying the complicated concepts into the language a child can understand and equip the children, at a young age, with the necessary skills to be competent in the all connected world and stay safe online (<https://igamemom.com/free-app-kids-stay-safe-online-with-little-bird/>). Thank you to Lorna Sullivan for identifying this resource!

Active Schools Challenge

Thank you to all of our families who engaged with Active August, whether it involved attending a morning fitness session, organising an event, sponsoring our school or registering for the challenge itself. Our goal was to increase activity levels as a community and have loads of fun doing it. And that we did! The wonderful news is that we have received a \$500 voucher to the Sportsman's Warehouse for our efforts. We look forward to spending this money on a range of equipment to 'move a generation!'

Twilight Fair

Our annual Twilight Fair is just around the corner, with Friday 10 November fast approaching. Our P&C welcomes donations for the book stall and craft stall from next term. The holidays are a great time to sort through your donations and have them ready to be dropped off next term. Donations can be left outside the P&C store room (near Kowdinsky) or head to the front office. There are still a significant number of vacancies on the volunteer roster if you can spare an hour or two please sign up. There are many ways to do this, via the email sent out by class carers, complete the sign up sheets at the front office or email Sharon directly (Sharon.Houston@education.gov.au). All help is greatly appreciated. Our P&C are working on advertising through a number of online noticeboards. If you have a noticeboard in your workplace and would like to share this event with colleagues, please contact Sharon Houston for a flyer or a copy of the advertisement which we are using. We are looking forward to this great community event!

Staffing Changes

We welcome Ms Emily Van Galen back in term four. Ms Van Galen will teach 1JB on a Thursday with Ms Baillie teaching the class on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Ms Maybury (who has been covering Ms Peake) and Ms Baillie will be spending time with Ms Van Galen next week to plan for wonderful learning experiences in term four.

Ms Karina Harris will be providing additional support in the year two unit next term on a Monday and part of Tuesday. This will involve teaching groups and targeted intervention. Ms Elissa Penfold will be engaging in various special projects next term, as such Ms Rowena King will be teaching 2WP on a Thursday for all of term four. Ms King currently teaches our music program and has taught in the unit as a relief teacher on many occasions.

As you know Ms Lee Brown will start her maternity leave next term. We welcome Ms Tanya Maybury to the 3/4 team where she will be teaching 3LB five days a week. Ms Maybury has done some relief work in the unit and is familiar to many of the students. Ms Brown and Ms Maybury have already started the handover process and are working together to ensure a seamless transition.

We welcome Ms Jenny Howard back to the principal's role next term. Jenny has been leading the Directorate's implementation plan for enabling evidence based improvement. We know we will benefit from her system wide work and that the system itself has benefited too! We are all very excited to have her back!

As our term nears its end, I would like to extend my thanks to the amazing educators at Maribyrnong. In term 3 we have seen great development in preschool social skills, incredible growth in kindergarten reading levels, improved maths results in year 1/2, great development in year 3/4 writing and a very motivated senior school who have been thoroughly engaged learning about Asia and our relationship with our neighbours. Each day our educators aim to provide students with new opportunities, more complex learning experiences, and leadership possibilities. Thank you to Anna and Elissa for their ongoing support while we acted in different roles.

Thank you for **your** support as well. Bring on term four!

Keep smiling!

Jantiena.

Holidays are on the horizon! Here is just a sample of what you can find in Canberra this Spring break.

Floriade is Australia's biggest celebration of spring. This iconic Canberra event, which is now in its 30th year, will run from Saturday 16 September until Sunday 15 October at Commonwealth Park and entry is free. Floriade's opening hours are: 10.00 am – 7.00pm every day including public holidays. Visit: floriadeaustralia.com

Battle Games - Kids will have a blast making new friends, climbing, crawling, running and laughing through the Battle Games - School Holiday Programs, suited for kids 7-15 years.

Phone: 0418 225 525

Email: battlegames@bfirm.com.au

Web: www.bfirm.com.au/battlegames

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/BFirmbattlegames/>

Koalas in the Canopy - Every Saturday you can search for Koalas in the Canopy and enjoy a ranger guided walk through the tall eucalypt forest at Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve.

Normal entry fees to Tidbinbilla apply. No bookings required for Koalas in the Canopy.

Phone: 02 6205 1233

Email: tidbinbilla@act.gov.au

Web: www.tidbinbilla.act.gov.au

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/TidbinbillaNatureReserve>

National Gallery of Australia talks and workshops - The National Gallery of Australia has an extensive program of talks and workshops run in conjunction with their current exhibitions.

Phone: 02 6240 6528

Email: eventbookings@nga.gov.au

Web: <http://nga.gov.au/calendar>

School Holidays at the Australian Institute of Sport - School holidays at the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) has a focus on participation and having a good time. These programs are suitable for primary school aged children and will have your child exploring a world of fun, activity and adventure. Full day or weekly programs available.

Phone: 02 6214 1281

Email: fitnesscentre@ausport.gov.au

Web: www.experienceais.com/sports-camps/holiday-program

Spring School Holidays at the Arboretum - With spring in the air, it's the perfect time to take the family walking along the many trails, to have a picnic in the Himalayan cedars or to play at Pod Playground.

Phone: 02 6207 8484

Email: arboretum@act.gov.au

Web: www.nationalarboretum.act.gov.au

Towers of Tomorrow with LEGO® Bricks - See 20 of the world's most astonishing skyscrapers constructed from LEGO® bricks by the Southern Hemisphere's only certified LEGO® professional, Australia's Ryan McNaught. From 28 July 2017 to 8 October 2017. Book your tickets online.

Phone: 1800 026 132

Email: information@nma.gov.au

Web: <http://www.nma.gov.au/exhibitions/towers-of-tomorrow>

Zooaction Holiday Program - Children will get up close and personal with many of the zoo's animals, play games and even make toys for the animals.

From 26 September 2017 to 6 October 2017.

Phone: 02 62878400

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VIEWING MYTHBUSTER

Myth # 5 Learning about viewing is a static process

Outside school, students engage with TV shows, DVDs, websites and video games, as well as traditional print texts such as narrative picture books, information texts and advertisements.

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. Teachers and families have a crucial role to play in systematically developing the skills required to do this. We can build students' knowledge about the conventions used to create meaning in different texts by deconstructing and explaining the features of a broad range of visual text types. Children are naturally curious so answering their multitude of questions allows them to construct their understanding of the elements when viewing.

As the twenty-first century progresses, the diversity of text forms increases. Consider the variety of ways used to teach science: information books, DVDs, magazines, personal computers or interactive whiteboards. The visual texts presented to students through these platforms each have their own set of forms (print, diagrams, photographs, websites, documentaries) and modes (slide shows, live demonstrations, video recordings).

Features or structures from a variety of text forms may be combined to create a hybrid text. To gain meaning from such hybrid texts, students need to draw on a variety of knowledge bases and flexibly apply a number of viewing strategies. This places great demands on teachers, families and students to understand an ever-increasing array of text forms, serving a variety of purposes. We know that texts are constantly being crafted, with many being hybrid texts. This is an exciting time to be a writer and reader!

So.....this myth is BUSTED!



With new texts forms being created the viewing process is dynamic and requires users to be flexible in their thinking!

Looking for more information to support your child's literacy or numeracy development? Please contact Jantiena Batt through the front office or by email [yantiena.batt@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:jantiena.batt@ed.act.edu.au)

KIDSMATTER UNPACKED

BOUNCE BACK! and Courage

Fear is a normal human response to situations that might harm us. Fear motivates us to check out whether or not the situation really is as dangerous as it seems and then, if it is, to take action to protect ourselves. Everyone feels scared at times. However, we don't necessarily fear the same things as other people. Some people feel scared about riding on a roller coaster but others really enjoy it. But the same people who don't fear going on a roller coaster might feel very nervous when they have to give a speech. Courage means facing fear and not being overwhelmed by it. We need courage if we experience misfortune. We also need courage to face some of the 'everyday' challenges in our lives such as learning a new skill or sorting out friendship issues.

It is important that we all understand these messages.

- Everyone feels scared sometimes.
- We all need to use a lot of 'everyday courage' in our lives. Everyday courage is shown when you try to do something that is ordinary that still makes you feel a bit nervous such as giving a talk to the class, trying out for a part in a play, sleeping over at a friend's house or going to camp.
- Weigh up the advantages and disadvantages of trying to be a hero. A hero is someone who puts himself/herself at risk to protect the safety and wellbeing of another. You can be a hero in smaller ways (e.g. by standing up for someone who is being mistreated at school).
- There's a big difference between courage and being foolhardy. Being foolhardy means being stupid and doing a risky and scary thing (e.g. jumping from a tree branch into a river) just to show off or because people are daring you to do it. If you do something really dangerous, the best you will get are bragging rights and the worst you might get is serious injury or death.

What can you do to help your child?

- Talk about when you have felt scared and what you did to overcome your fears and be brave. Give examples of times in your life of when you tackled your fears and 'had a go' at something that was difficult. Stress how pleased you felt afterwards.
- Discuss the gains that being brave can bring (e.g. self-respect, confidence, skills).
- Look for examples of courage, heroism and foolhardiness in the media and discuss them with your child to help them to understand the differences between courage, heroism and foolhardiness.
- Encourage your child to have the courage to do what they believe is 'the right thing' even if others don't agree with them.
- Remind your child about the things that took courage for them to do when they were little but now seem easy to them. Explain that things that take courage for them to do now will seem easier and less scary as they get older.
- Stress that throughout life there will always be new challenges that will require courage. Facing our fears is one of the ways we become stronger.

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 Bindarri LSU

Wow! Can you believe that we are nearly at the end of term three? This term has been very busy with many students integrating into their mainstream classes, Book Week, Storyline and our cooking program.



Concrete materials, manipulatives and MAB blocks continue to be a focus this term. They are really helping us to develop our counting, addition and subtraction skills.



We have recently received a small number of Chromebooks that we have been using in conjunction with our reading and writing program. We have been using Reading Eggs and Studyladder to help us develop our literacy skills. Next term we will begin to use them more regularly to practise our typing skills as well as grammar and punctuation.



Taking brain breaks is an important aspect of our daily routine to ensure we can concentrate during our tasking on activities. Going for adventure walks and fun exercise walks as a group are always an enjoyable part of our day.

Stacey, Jacque, Nick and Rebecca.



Lights on Learning!

Focusing on 5/6

This term students have been travelling throughout Asia as part of *The Amazing Race*. Students have been fortunate enough to visit the amazing countries of India, Japan, China and Indonesia where they learnt about history, culture, tourist sites and interesting features about each place they visited. We have had to contend with changes to our itinerary because of political unrest in the Philippines and quickly evacuate Japan due to tensions in the region. All students coped really well with the changes.



The three 5/6 classes have also participated in three weeks of Rugby League Clinics and at the completion of this students were rewarded with a football of their own for the way they participated and upheld the Maribyrnong School Values.

This term, like every term, has been super busy. Students were part of the Kids Teaching Kids program during science week and presented science concepts to students across the school. They spent their science lessons preparing with Mrs. Carr and they did an outstanding job as school leaders.

Book Week was a massive success and the range of costumes was once again a demonstration of the creativity of our community.

Next term, with better weather, the bike program will continue. Students are encouraged to bring their own bikes and helmets to these sessions if they wish but if unable to do so then one will be provided for their use. The program will run on Thursdays. Additionally, on bike program days, students may also have the opportunity to go for a lunch time ride in a small group with a teacher.



We still have a number of student portfolios that are yet to be returned. We require these so that the work from this term can be added.

The 5/6 teaching team would like to thank parents/carers for their continued support so far this year and hope to see you during Learning Journey and Grandfriend's Day!

Shane, Emma, Mia and Jasmine.



P&C GIVE AN HOUR OF POWER



On Monday 18 September Maribyrnong will celebrate Learning Journey and Grandfriend's Day. This is a whole school event where generations of families come together to share all the wonderful learning experiences that have been happening across the school this term. There will be a special assembly first thing in the morning followed by activities in each unit.

How can you support this activity and make it your "Hour of Power"?

Take an hour to come along and if possible invite a grandfriend to share the experience with. The students are so excited to share all the amazing things that they have been learning. It does not have to be a grandparent; it can be any adult that is special in your child's life.

Another way to "Give an Hour" to Grandfriend's Day is by sending in some items for the grandfriends to share at morning tea. Each year the P&C make sure that there are plenty of delicious treats for our very special guests to enjoy with a cup of tea or coffee after a busy morning out in the units. If you are able to make or bake something for this special whole school event please let us know because many hands make light work.

Could Grandfriend's Day be your Hour of Power for 2017?



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

NOTES TO COMPLETE

- Expression of Interest – year 5/6 in 2018 Borambola Camp.



- Preschool Reptiles Inc Incursion.
Namadgi & Wallaroo: 10 October
Budawang & Kakadu: 12 October



- Volunteer for the Twilight Fair!

KEEP CONNECTED @ MARIBYRNONG

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

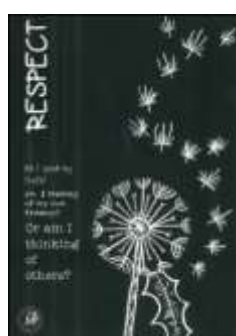


- Like us on **FACEBOOK** for updates: Maribyrnong Primary School-Kaleen.



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

Our Maribyrnong Values...





PRELOVED
THE JOY OF SECOND HAND

The **Pre loved Uniform shop** will now on be open on a Wednesday before school from 8.30am. Feel free to 'drop and swap' or make a purchase. Also accepting **all clean** pre loved uniforms that can be re worn.

A HUGE thanks to Clare Whittingham for all her hard work to ensure the school has this valuable resource.
Liz Moyle.

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

SWAP NOT SHOP - women clothes and accessories - coming to MPS in 2018!

As you're doing your spring clean, save one or two **quality items** that you can bring along to next years Swap NOT Shop night.

The evening event will run in early term two with a date TBC.

Stay tuned for more info next term.

Liz Moyle



COMMUNITY NEWS



Parentline ACT Phone: 6287 3833

9am to 5pm Monday to Friday (except public holidays),

Being a parent is the hardest job we'll ever have. All parents at some time experience difficulties and stress.

Parentline ACT is a confidential and free telephone and face-to-face counselling and information service.

Phone Parentline if you would you like:

- To talk with someone about those parenting issues.
- Help with some ideas on raising children.
- Support in the important job you are doing.
- To know what is available for parents, teenagers and children.
- To build better relationships in your family.
- Help to understand your child or teenager's behaviour.
- Make an appointment for a counselling session.

MARIBYRNONG UNIFORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT WORKIN'GEAR SCHOOLS

(Please note the change of name)

1, 2 Luke Street, Holt ACT 2615

Phone: (02) 6255 3876

WORKIN'GEAR SCHOOLS

Open 8.30 am to 5.00 pm Monday-Friday and 9.00 am to 4.00 pm Saturday.

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



Exciting games to play and prizes to win with School Banking.

The Future Savers game – an amazing augmented reality adventure

On Monday, 16 October 2017, School Banking will launch the Future Savers game for incredible prizes. This amazing technology will bring the future world to life for you to explore and play in the future world in 3D. The Future Savers game will have 3 fun challenges that will be unlocked week by week. Look out for another flyer with more information when the Future Savers game is launched in term four. For now, learn more at commbank.com.au/futuregames.



The competition period started Monday 14 August 2017 and ends term four, Friday 10 November 2017.

HIGH TECH PRIZES



60x
Sphero Ollie Racing Robots



80x
Garmin Kids' Activity Trackers



90x
3Doodler 3D Pen Sets

HOW TO ENTER
Make three or more School Banking deposits during the competition period for a chance to win.

GAME MASTER PRIZE



50x
Nintendo Switch Neon Console Packs


HOW TO ENTER
Make three or more School Banking deposits + play the Future Savers game + complete online entry form during the competition period for a chance to win.

High Tech Prizes-How to enter

- + make 3 or more School Banking deposits during the competition period for a chance to win.

Game Master Prize-How to enter

- + make 3 or more School Banking deposits
- + play the Future Savers game
- + complete online entry form during the competition period for a chance to win.



**School Banking is on Wednesdays
in the Canteen from 8.45 am to
9.00 am.**

Questacon Smart Skills Initiative

HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS
DO YOU LIKE MAKING AND BUILDING THINGS?

Questacon **MAKER PROJECT**

Sign up to a Questacon Maker Project workshop during these school holidays at The Ian Potter Foundation Technology Learning Centre in Deakin.

Choose from a variety of workshops where you can invent, design, create and have fun!

Workshops will be offered on the 3, 4 and 5 October.

Suitable for 10 to 15 year olds only.

For more information visit our website or contact 1800 889 995

www.questacon.edu.au

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 The National Science and Technology Centre

The Ian Potter Foundation

 **Kippax Kids**
Holiday Happenings
 for Primary aged children
 presented at
Kippax Uniting Community Centre
 Hardwick Cres, Holt (opp Kippax Fair)
10 am - 2 pm
Thursday Sep 28th & Oct 5th 2017

 **Different craft, games, stories and activities each day**

Cost: \$5 per child, \$10 for two or more in a family (covers craft, morning tea and drinks).
BYO lunch and hat.
Bookings essential - 6254 1733

An activity of Kippax Uniting Church 

PARENT EFFECTIVENESS TRAINING (P.E.T)
 with Larissa Dann. *Supported by Parentline ACT*

For more information: visit www.parentskills.com.au; read [P.E.T. on a Page](#); and join the [Parent Skills Facebook](#) community.

The 24 hour course consists of three-hour sessions, once per week, for eight weeks.

Course begins: Monday 16 October 2017 (minimum number of participants required)

Time: 6.30 pm to 9.45 pm

Place: Weston, ACT. Booking is essential. \$390 pp for the course (investment includes a workbook and textbook).

Communities@Work

School Holiday Programs

Communities@Work provides School Holiday Programs at the following locations:

- Fadden Primary School
- Monash Primary School
- Isabella Plains Early Childhood School
- Malkara School (Disability program)
- Palmerston District Primary School
- Harrison School
- Amaroo Primary School
- Neville Bonner Primary School
- ANU (for staff and students of the ANU only)

Enrolments for our Spring School Holiday Programs are open and available via our website. All welcome to enrol.


For further information visit:
<https://www.commsatwork.org/services/children/categories/school-holiday-programs#services>

or contact Children Services Enrolments Team (CSET)
enrolments@commsatwork.org ph: 1300 212 273

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>



See what's inside

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

Thank you for your support!