



# POSSUM PRESS

## NEWS FROM JEN

It is amazing to think that this week marks the halfway point of the term. This week we recognised Reconciliation Day and would like to acknowledge the Ngunnawal People as the traditional owners of the land on which the school is built. It is a privilege to be on the ancestral lands of the Ngunnawal people, whose culture is among the oldest living cultures in human history. We pay our respect to their elders, past, present and emerging, and to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander members of the wider Maribyrnong community, including our students who are growing to be future community leaders. We will hold a special whole school assembly on Friday 7 June at 9.15am to acknowledge Reconciliation Day and NAIDOC Week.

### Rostrum

Keilly, Ni and I had the absolute pleasure of adjudicating the Maribyrnong Rostrum Finals on Thursday of last week. The Rostrum Primary Schools competition has been running for nearly 50 years for schools in the ACT and surrounding NSW. The major objective of the competition is to help students speak more effectively to their peers, their teachers, their families and the public in general. Speeches are judged on two criteria, content (preparation, structure, purpose, innovation and English expression) and presentation (visual impact, vocal impact and appeal). The calibre of the speeches was outstanding which made our job incredibly hard. Congratulations Astrid who will represent Maribyrnong at the Quarter Finals on Thursday 13 June 7.00 pm at Turner School. Olgierd was our runner up with an honourable mention to Alice. Our students presented interesting speeches showing their understanding of the topic and effective devices, such as rhetorical questions. Congratulations to our year 4, 5 and 6 students who prepared and delivered speeches. Thank you to Ms Van Galen for coordinating this event and to all of our teachers and parents who helped students craft their speeches.



### Walkathon

What a fabulous day for our Walkathon last Friday! Huge thanks to Meg Holesgrove who coordinated this wonderful community event. Many thanks to all the helpers on the day who walked with our classes and noted the school values being demonstrated by our students. Our students also enjoyed the selfie check-in stations and the delicious fruit provided by our P&C. My thanks to Liz Quade and the team of volunteers who cut many kilograms of fruit for our students to enjoy after the walk. We encourage families to continue to send sponsorship money in, we look forward to announcing the total amount raised in our next newsletter. We have a fabulous community spirit at Maribyrnong Primary, thank you for your support!



THURSDAY 30 MAY : T2 W5



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## DATES TO REMEMBER

### MAY

31 Senior School Assembly @2.00 pm

### JUNE

3 Hats Off for winter!

3-5 Kindergarten Health Checks

6-7 Year 4 Camp Warrambui

7 NAIDOC Week **Whole** School

Assembly @9.15 am (special time)

10 Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

11 PHOTO DAY Preschool M-W

12 PHOTO DAY K-6

13 PHOTO DAY Preschool W-F

14 Christian Education in Schools(opt-in)

**Junior** School Assembly @2.00 pm

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

[http://www.maribyrnongps.act.edu.au/our\\_community/calendar](http://www.maribyrnongps.act.edu.au/our_community/calendar)

## Preservice Teachers

This term we will provide practicum placements for many preservice teachers at different stages of their university studies. Professional experience is a period of time spent in schools and classroom settings where preservice teachers engage in a developmental process of observing and experimenting with teaching practice and learning about the skills, knowledge, philosophies and attitudes of their mentor teacher and other teaching colleagues. These periods of personal and professional growth are characterised by increasing confidence gained through the immersion in, and reflection upon, the practice of teaching. Our teachers take their roles as mentors to preservice teachers very seriously. The mentoring role involves a commitment to model, mentor, coach and give feedback to preservice teachers. We are very lucky to have many teachers who take on this role and we would like to acknowledge how valuable their contribution is.

## Reports

Teachers have been engaging in collegial conversations and moderation sessions as they are writing their reports for semester one. The teachers have used their time to moderate student work samples, observations, conversations and assessment tasks by following the achievement standards outlined in the Australian Curriculum. This year our reports for kindergarten to year six children will look different to previous years. Families will no longer receive an outcomes based report and an A to E report. Instead, new reporting requirements for our Directorate have provided a consistent template that all schools will use. The new system report format uses information directly from the subject area Achievement Standards outlined in the Australian Curriculum. Achievement Standards set the goal for what all students should learn as they progress through their life. We will continue to include comments for literacy, numeracy and a general comment. There will also be the provision of personal and social capabilities and habit. Families will also receive information about their child's attendance. While there will be some change to the names of the points on the scale used for reporting, overall the premise will be very similar with outstanding (A), high (B), at standard (C), partial (D), limited (E). Reports will be sent home in student bags in week 8, in time for the parent/carer/teacher interviews in week 9.

The Australian Curriculum is accessible to all students and there is parent friendly information available via the following link <https://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/parent-information/>

## Staffing Changes

This term we welcomed Rachelle Wilkinson to year 1 BW (was BJ) on Thursday and Friday each week. Rachelle has recently moved to Canberra from New South Wales and is an experienced educator. In term three, we will welcome back Mrs Tegan Arnold from maternity leave. Tegan will teach year 1 BW on Thursday and Friday for both term three and four. Tegan has been part of the Maribyrnong community for almost four years, teaching in kindergarten, year 1 and year 2 and is looking forward to returning later in the year.

We also welcome Amanda Ferris to the preschool team while Stacey Hodgson has moved to Ngunnawal Primary to take on an executive teaching role in term two. Amanda comes with a wealth of experience in the early childhood sector. We also welcomed Reagan Minchin for the term who is providing additional support at preschool to support students with disabilities. We also welcomed Lanie Morrison for the remainder of the year to the preschool to teach across Wednesday to Friday to provide specialist program support.

This week we welcomed Leanne Hoffman to year 1 MH. Leanne comes with 25 years primary teaching experience, most of which was in WA. She also specialises in science, maths and physical education. Leanne will teach year 1 LH for the remainder of the year.

Our response to intervention program in year one to three is running a little differently for the remainder of the term. We have employed Isaac Hunter to work across year 1 and 2 and provide additional in class support.

I thank you for your patience with the changes to staffing arrangements made over the term.

## Polling Day

A huge thank you to Chris Watkins, our P&C President for coordinating an amazing BBQ for the polling day on Saturday 18 May! Thank you also to Leanne Walls for a wonderful cake stall! Thank you also to the many volunteers who spent time working the BBQ and cake stall. Through the combined efforts of our community, we look to have raised approximately \$2000 for our great school!

Thank you for your ongoing support,  
Jen.



Being resilient is not always about feeling better or having fewer emotional reactions. It's about managing and responding to emotions in a healthy and positive way. You and other adults in your child's life play a role in helping children articulate, respond to and manage emotions.

It's important to remember the following:

- Improving children's resilience is not about helping them feel less. It's about helping children to manage their feelings in a healthy way.
- Children with a sensitive temperament can be just as resilient as any other child.
- Children respond to 'difficult events' in different ways and may need different types of support.

Here are some examples of how you might support children to manage their emotions:

**Use open-ended questions with your child**

Use open-ended questions when talking with your child. For example, you could ask, "What's the best thing that happened today?", "What was the toughest thing about today. This helps kids learn to acknowledge and articulate their feelings.

**Encourage your child to talk about feelings**

Encourage your child to talk about how they're feeling. If your child finds it difficult to talk about their feelings, try to remember times when your child did talk about how they felt – what helped your child open up? It's important to make sure that you listen attentively when your child talks about things that are concerning them.

**Acknowledge when your child is distressed**

When your child is distressed, acknowledge their experiences and feelings in the moment. For example, "I can see you're sad", and "It's OK to cry". It's important for children of all ages to learn how to identify their emotions and reactions to different situations.

**Talk to your child about preparing for events**

**Pre-school aged kids (1-5 year olds)**

Talk to your child about how they can prepare for events they feel nervous or anxious about. For example, if a child is worried about getting lost, talk to them about what they can do in that situation. Remind them about those strategies at a later point: "Remember those ideas you came up with for if you get lost?"

**Primary school aged kids (6-12 year olds)**

Talk to your child about how they can prepare for events they are nervous or anxious about. For example, if your child is worried about doing a presentation at school, encourage them to do a practise run at home. It can be helpful to expose children to experiences of failure rather than protect them from it. When they do fail at something, help them put the failure into perspective. Help your child to realise that difficult times are a part of life

**Primary school aged kids (6-12 year olds)**

Help your child to realise that difficult times are a part of life, that they'll pass, and that things will get better. You might be able to help your child with this by talking about how you, people you know, or even famous people have gone through difficult times. Have discussions to practice how to handle difficult situations.

Information for this article has been taken from Beyond Blue.

<https://healthyfamilies.beyondblue.org.au/healthy-homes/building-resilience/focus-on-managing-emotions>

Jackie Sampson – Defence School Mentor.



This week the SRC were asked to discuss some ideas to celebrate our 40 birthday this year. There were lots of ideas give by the reps. They have been asked to go back to classes to get additional feedback but they would love yours too!



What do you want to see happen to celebrate Maribyrnong's 40 birthday?

- *cooking competitions*
- *a party in the hall*
- *a twilight fair without rides*
- *an end of year concert - looking back over the school/ 40 year theme*
- *a whole school assembly - reviewing everything that Maribyrnong has gone through*
- *educational games on the computer*
- *fun day of 40 year activities!*
- *a dance competition*
- *a games day*

*Ms Wild and the SRC.*



**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 in June and July, so it is **Hats Off** in these months!



# Lights on Learning!

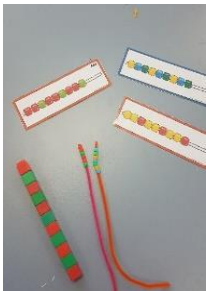
## *Focusing on Binit Binit – year 1*

Last week we welcomed Lisa McGruer and Misi Mon to the year one unit. Lisa and Misi are from the University of Canberra and are doing professional placements in year one. Lisa is working in 1BW and 1AW while Misi is working in 1FM. They will be in year one until the end of this term. Welcome Lisa and Misi!



With term two well underway, teachers have been busy assessing students for semester one reports. In the early years many assessments are done one on one. Every child has engaged in one on one reading and maths assessments to gather detailed information about each child's learning. Reports are well underway and will be sent home at the end of term. Interviews are in week nine. We encourage all families to make a time to meet with your child's teacher to discuss how they are going in all aspects of their schooling. Keep an eye out for information about interviews.

Students are enjoying learning how to write information reports. Many interesting facts about all sorts of things are being shared in year one. Did you know that bumble bees have 5 eyes!?!?!?



In maths students have been learning about patterns with objects and numbers. They have been thoroughly engaged during hands-on learning experiences while working in small group rotations.



Last Tuesday was National Simultaneous Storytime. The whole school went to the hall to listen to the story *Alpacas with Maracas*. Students created masks, bookmarks and maracas as part of this activity.

We have had a few parents ask about home reading. All classes have a basket/tub where students are reminded to put their reading folders each morning. This is part of our morning routine. Students change their readers themselves and are told by their teacher what level to take home. Home reading is for enjoyment and practice. We want the children to feel that they can read independently whilst practicing the strategies they are learning at school. Reading sessions at home should be short, successful and fun.



Thanks to the parents and carers who came along to the walkathon last week. It was a lovely morning to walk together and enjoy the sunshine.

As the weather is turning cooler, many jumpers are often forgotten or left behind each day. There is a large tub of lost property at the entrance to the unit. Please look through it for any lost items. We do return labelled clothing we pick up during the day.

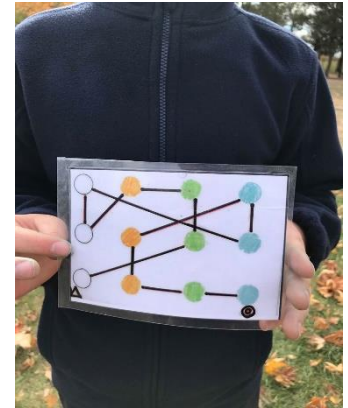
We hope to see you at interviews at the end of term!

Alex, Fiona, Leanne, Jane, Rachelle and Karolyn.

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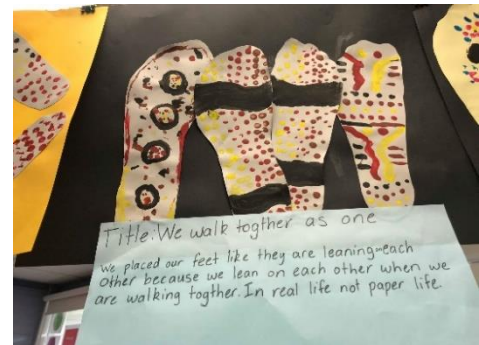
## Focusing on The Mulanggangs - year 4

Wow! We are half way through term two for our Mulanggang crew! So much has happened this term with many more things to come.

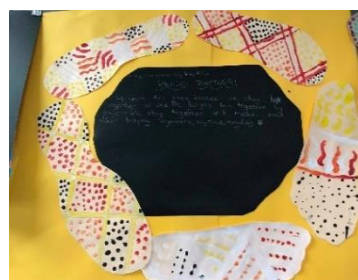
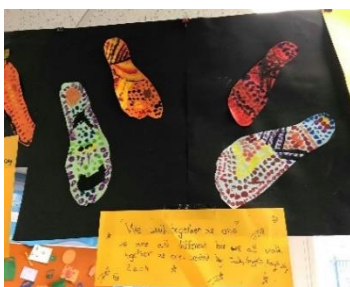


We are gearing up for our camp to Warrambui next week! The Warrambui staff will be out to visit the students on Monday 3 June to answer any last-minute questions that the students have. A reminder packing list will also be sent out at the start of next week. On Thursday 6 June please arrive at school on time as we will be marking the roll, passing on our final hugs and kisses and hitting the road. On the Friday we will be arriving back at school at 3.00 pm. Please keep an eye on the schools Facebook page for changes in arrival time.

We had our first Orienteering session with Orienteering ACT this week. In our first session we learnt about Cardinal and Primary InterCardinal directions and how to orientate by always keeping our map facing north. We will have three more sessions over the next three Tuesdays.



Inquiry this term has a technology focus. Students will investigate the role that technology plays in occupations within our community. Our focus questions will be: What is a design brief? How has technology influenced different occupations? And how has technology impacted on the environment? Students will explore different occupations, how these occupations have changed over time due to technology and how these changes impact on the environment.



In week three students presented their Rostrum speeches. We were highly impressed with all of the speeches that were presented and for all of the hard work that the students had put in. Thank you to all families for your support with this homework task.

We hope you all enjoyed the long weekend with your families acknowledging Reconciliation Day. Here in year 4 we have been working in small groups to make a collaborative piece of art with the theme 'We All Walk as One'. Students planned, designed and created their representation of their own meaning of 'We All Walk as One'. Please feel free to drop in and see the art work that the students have created.

*Emma, Sarah and Natalie.*

## COMMUNITY READING MORNINGS



**Library open for community reading  
Friday 8.30 / 8.55am**

We are looking for parent volunteers to come in and support the **library before school on Friday mornings from 8.30 am until 8.55 am starting on 31 May** through reading with children, engaging in conversations with students using rich language and questioning, returning books to the correct place and ensuring that the library is left in an immaculate condition at the end of the session. Any parent or carer who would like to volunteer their time can do so by adding their name to a roster that will be available outside the library external door or they can email me directly with their availability.

Niomi

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## HEALTH NEWS

### **Protect yourself and your family from the flu**

Getting vaccinated is the best way to prevent your family getting the flu this winter. The flu vaccine can save a child's life. The vaccine is safe, and everyone 6 months of age and over, including pregnant women and young children, should get the vaccination.

Children are more likely to contract the flu, spread it around, and are at a higher risk of serious complications if they get sick. The flu is highly contagious and is spread easily through childcare centres and schools.

The flu vaccine is free in the ACT for:

- children aged 6 months to under 5 years
- pregnant women
- people 65 years of age and older
- all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 6 months and older, and
- people aged 6 months and older with some medical conditions such as severe asthma, heart or lung disease, diabetes or weakened immune systems.

### **Where to get your flu vaccination**

Everyone can get a flu vaccine from their GP or immunisation provider.

People over 16 years of age can also get a vaccine at some pharmacies.

ACT Government Early Childhood Immunisation Clinics provide a free flu vaccination for children aged 6 months to under 5 years. To book an appointment, call Community Health Intake on 02 5124 9977.

Learn more about influenza and where to get your vaccination at [health.act.gov.au/flu](http://health.act.gov.au/flu)



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## 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.maribyrnongps.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.

## NOTES & EMAILS

- ☒ K-6 Athletics Carnival.  
\$9 per student. Permission note and payment required by Tuesday 18 June.

Notes are emailed, available on paper from the office and where possible available on the Skoolbag App under eForms.



## 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.



## POSSUM CAFÉ

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Volunteers are needed on Wednesday to Friday. 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!

## WEDNESDAY IS SCHOOL BANKING DAY!!



Meet Megan on Wednesday mornings in the canteen from 8.30 am to 9.00 am. To explore more about School Banking, visit [www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking)



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.

Thank you!

It has been a very busy start to term two for fundraising...



## Election Day BBQ

Thank you to Chris (our P&C President) and the many volunteers who cooked and served the hungry voters on Election Day. Thank you to our local business support from **The Supabarn Express Kaleen, Caltex Kaleen and The Butcher Shop Kaleen** for their generosity.



The Annual P&C Walkathon was held last week. What a beautiful sunny day to get out and be active, while raising funds at the same time. Thank you to Meg and Liz, the many volunteers and teachers for their support.

## 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.

## Have you signed up yet?

Email Hayley [Hayleyprimrose@gmail.com](mailto:Hayleyprimrose@gmail.com) or complete the eForm on the Skoolbag App.

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

## NEXT MEETING:

**Thursday 20 June 7.00 pm**

Chris Watkins- President

Ros Riddle- Vice President

Zoe Mansfield- Secretary



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**SWIMMING  
IN WINTER**

**4 REASONS**

1. Swimming in winter builds immunity and fitness.
2. Maintains skills and knowledge learnt in summer, so children don't forget over winter.
3. Classes are often smaller meaning your child has more time with their teacher.
4. Continued socialisation for children... & parents too!

**USEFUL TIPS:**

- WEAR A SWIM CAP to keep heads warm and hair dry.
- WEAR A RASHIE as a second layer of warmth.
- Have a warm shower after lessons and change into dry clothing.

Gungahlin Leisure Centre  
71 The Valley Avenue, Gungahlin  
6241 1132 | [gungahlinleisurecentre.com.au](http://gungahlinleisurecentre.com.au)



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**Possum Play @ Maribyrnong**  
a 'stay and play' playgroup for our community

**Every Friday**  
**9.30-10.30am**  
**for 3 year olds  
and their siblings**



**Curiosity Creativity Community Connections**

**Stay informed with  
the SkoolBag App**



The SkoolBag app is the easiest way to stay up-to-date with school events, last minutes notices, newsletters and all school communications.

- 1 **Download the app**  
Search for the free SkoolBag app in the Apple App or Google Play Store
- 2 **Create an account**  
Sign up in seconds with your email address
- 3 **Add your school**  
Search for your school and add your subscription groups




**SkoolBag**


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

**WORKIN' GEAR  
SCHOOLS**

2 Luke Street, Holt ACT 2615  
Open 8.30 am to 5.00 pm Monday-Friday  
and 9.00 am to 4.00 pm Saturday.

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

## MyWay Card Information

<p><b>Where can I get a MyWay card?</b> One ticket for Bus and Light Rail</p> 	<p>A select number of newsagencies, post offices, and Access Canberra outlets. For the full list visit: <a href="https://www.transport.act.gov.au/tickets-and-myway/get-myway/recharge-agents">https://www.transport.act.gov.au/tickets-and-myway/get-myway/recharge-agents</a></p>
<p><b>I'm a student, how much does it cost?</b></p>	<p>A MyWay card is \$2.50, and then you'll need to top it up for travel. <b>Concession:</b> Tertiary: \$1.61 School student – school day: \$1.22 School student – non-school day: \$1.61 Weekday cap: \$4.80 Weekend/public holiday cap: \$2.17</p>
<p><b>I want to catch a bus and light rail – will it cost me two tickets?</b></p>	<p>All MyWay fares include a free 90-minute transfer period so you can connect to a different bus or light rail service or commence your return journey using the same ticket within 90 minutes of purchase. Daily tickets are valid until midnight on the day of purchase.</p>
<p><b>What if I forget to tap on/off?</b></p>	<p>If you don't tap on, you could be fined up to \$181. If you don't tap off after a trip, you'll be charged a <u>default fare</u>.</p>
<p><b>My balance is low, how do I recharge?</b></p>	<p>You can instantly top up your card at a recharge agent, set up an autoloan direct debit online, or top up at a ticket vending machine at all light rail platforms and major bus stations.</p>

The 2018-2019 book is ending do you have the new one?  
**Purchase the 2019-2020 Entertainment Book through Maribyrnong!**



Are you looking for amazing savings and would like to support our school?  
<https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/27692k>

**Communities@Work**  
**BEFORE & AFTER**  
**SCHOOL CARE**  
**Ph: 0405 124 312**

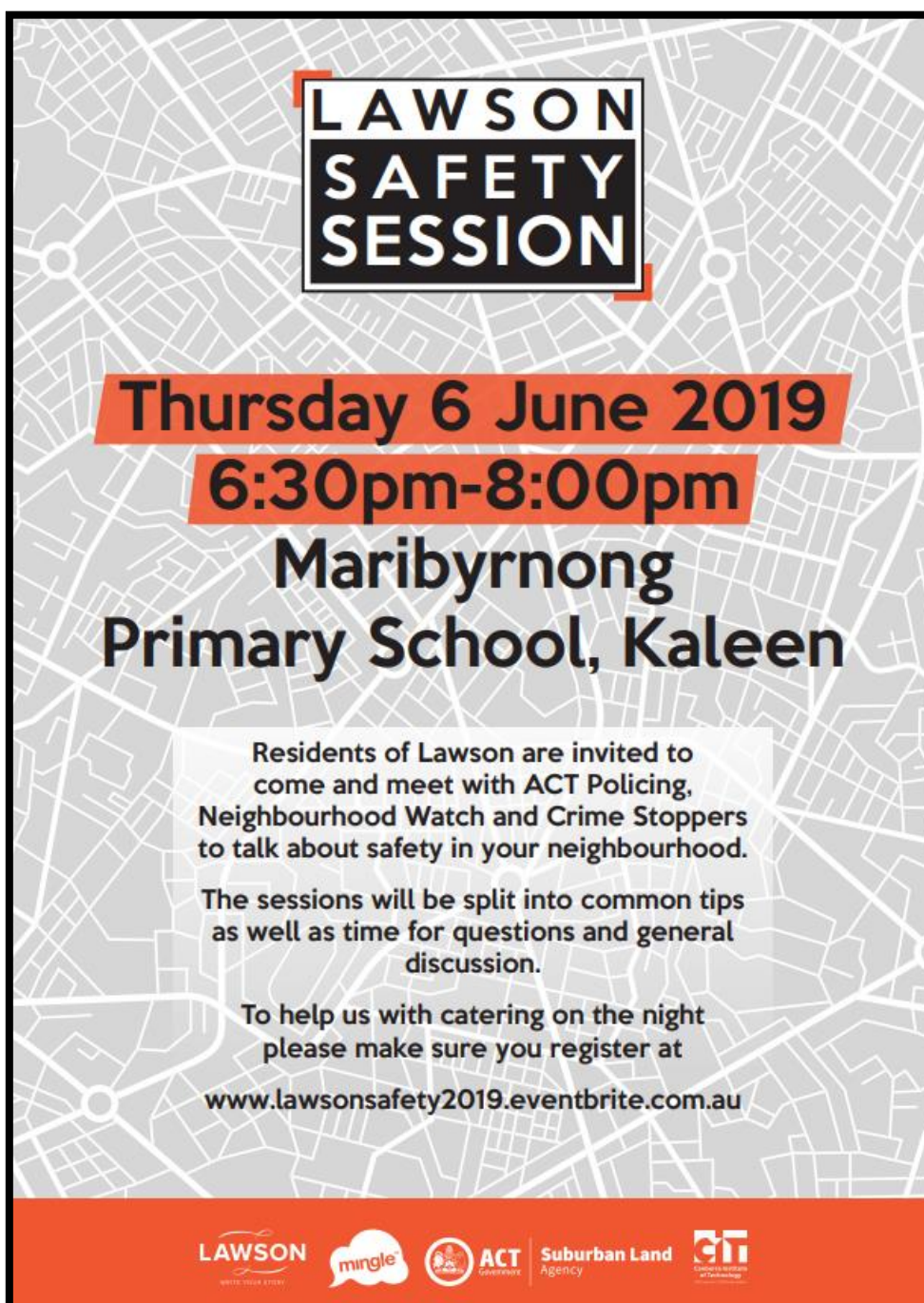


Please notify Before and After Hours Care if your child is not attending their booking.



**Let's stick together with Earn & Learn**  
**1 May to 25 June 2019**  
The collection boxes are at the front office and the preschool.





**LAWSON  
SAFETY  
SESSION**

**Thursday 6 June 2019**  
**6:30pm-8:00pm**  
**Maribyrnong  
Primary School, Kaleen**

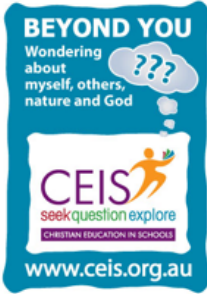
Residents of Lawson are invited to come and meet with ACT Policing, Neighbourhood Watch and Crime Stoppers to talk about safety in your neighbourhood.

The sessions will be split into common tips as well as time for questions and general discussion.

To help us with catering on the night please make sure you register at [www.lawsonsafety2019.eventbrite.com.au](http://www.lawsonsafety2019.eventbrite.com.au)

**LAWSON** **mingle** **ACT** **Suburban Land Agency** **CTI**

CEIS TERM 2



**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS**

**Term 2 – Beyond You**  
**Friday 14 June**

Using an interactive game which takes a journey through the Bible, students this term will discover more about God (as Father, Son and Holy Spirit)

**Student attendance is with parent request only.**

Christian Education In Schools (CEIS) occurs because parents request it for their children, under ACT legislation. Sessions are coordinated by the CEIS project, using approved resources and volunteers. If you would like to add your child to the existing attendance list, please contact the school front office or go to [www.ceis.org.au/yes](http://www.ceis.org.au/yes)