

POSSUM PRESS

NEWS FROM JEN

A huge welcome back to term three. As always, this term promises to be incredibly exciting with many additional learning experiences planned. I hope that you had a safe and enjoyable break.

Some key dates for your diaries this term include:

- Camp Quality Puppet Show Tuesday 31 July
- School Science Fair on Tuesday 7 August
- Book Week celebrations including book fair and book week assembly on Friday 24 August
- Learning Journey and Grandfriends Day on Monday 24 September

Staffing Update

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to Laura Wilson for taking on the huge role of science specialist teacher in term two; working with Rowena King and Peter Knights. I am incredibly appreciative of the efforts of the team to keep the science program high calibre and challenging for our students. Laura won't be continuing in this role for the remainder of the year due to family commitments, however we do look forward to seeing her in a casual teaching capacity. Currently we have a qualified high school science teacher in this role, Sue-Ellen Nemec. Sue-Ellen will continue in this role for the term and then Cameron Milne will take on this role for the remainder of the year.

I would like to thank Jane Carr for her efforts over the last six months working with Jasmine Paunovic in year 5/6; her contribution to Maribyrnong has been appreciated. For the remainder of the year, Sarah Dorrough/Mia Grant will be taking on this role as permanent members of staff.

This term we welcome Glen Croker to the BSO role. Glen commenced in this role over the school break and ensured that the school grounds were ready for term three. Please join with me to welcome Glen.

This term we also welcome a new member of the executive, taking our team to four. Catherine Dillon will be joining our executive team in the Deputy Principal role alongside Anna Thorpe. Catherine brings a wealth of experience with her, with specific expertise in early childhood education and response to intervention. As you walk through the school grounds, please take a moment to say hello. Catherine will be leading the learning in the preschool and will also be taking on the role of EAL/D coordinator. Please join with me to welcome Catherine! Keilly Pownall will continue in the SLC role, with Chris Moon and Elissa Penfold taking on this role while Keilly is in America in weeks 7 to 10.

Homestay Opportunity

Between Monday 6 August and Thursday 16 August, we are hosting a delegation of 16 year 6 Chinese students and their two teachers from Wuhan, China. We are seeking 10 to 20 families to host one or two students during this time under the homestay model overseen by the International Education Unit of the Education Directorate of the ACT Government. Being a homestay host provides great insights into other cultures and can be a very rewarding cultural exchange experience. If you are able to assist, please give me a call or send an email (6142 0570 or jennifer.howard@ed.act.edu.au).



THURSDAY 26 JULY: Term 3 Week 1



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DATES TO REMEMBER

JULY

27 **Assembly year k-2 @2.00 pm**

AUGUST

2 Science Fair entries due

3 **Assembly year 3-6 @2.00 pm**

6 HATS ON!

7 Science Fair Viewing 3.00 pm

9 P&C 7.00pm Library

8 Collect your Pie orders 3.00-5.00pm

10 **Whole School Assembly @2.00 pm**

Week 4 (13-17) SCIENCE WEEK

Week 5 (20-24) BOOK WEEK

For the full calendar please visit:

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

Science Week and Science Fair

This term, all students will be taking part in Science Week activities, the highlight of which is our 'Kids Teaching Kids' day on **Wednesday 15 August** where our senior students spend time completing activities and experiments with younger students. The science rotations are a beneficial experience for all involved and our senior students are currently taking time to excitedly perfect their stimulating demonstrations. Parents and carers also wishing to share in the scientific knowledge on display at Maribyrnong can come along to our Science Fair. Student poster entries of their investigations and inquiries are due on **Thursday 2 August**. Community viewing and voting will take place on **Tuesday 7 August** from 3.00 pm in the hall. We look forward to sharing these experiences with you this term.



Book Week



With the theme of 'Find Your Treasure', Book Week in week four is a busy and exciting time for Ms Pownall in the library. From Tuesday 21 August, students and their families can come and see what is on offer in our Scholastic Book Fair. The Book Fair will be open both before and after school in the library and will be selling a range of books for all ages and interests. Please remember that the book week t shirt design competition entries are due on Friday 17 August. Parents and carers are also invited to attend our **Book Week assembly at 9.15 am on Friday 24 August**. This assembly is always enjoyed by the community, providing students with the opportunity to share their costumes. A key highlight of the assembly will no doubt be the staff presentation of one of the Children's Book Council's nominated books. The clues to the performance this year are school, teachers and getting lost! I am sure that this will be another enjoyable performance for the community! A reminder that the Tumbletops and Gondolopes preschool classes will hold their own Book Week parade on Tuesday 21 August.

Thank you for your ongoing support.
Jen.

FRONT OFFICE NEWS

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

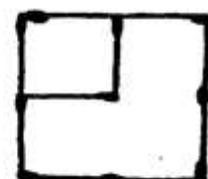
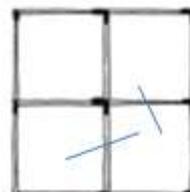
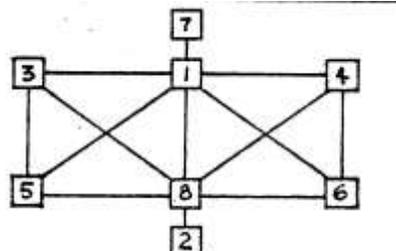
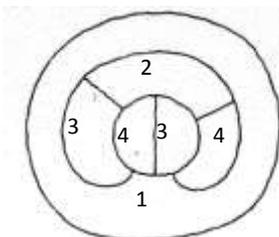
Book Packs for 2018 are **\$50.00** per child from preschool to year six
(the school matches your contribution dollar for dollar).

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>

FAMILY MATHS FUN- SOLUTIONS TO WEEK 9

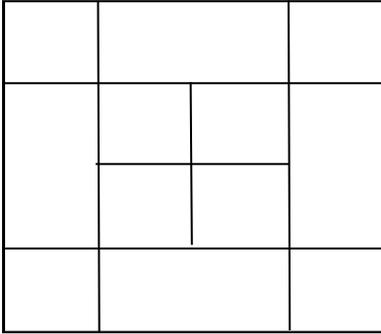
Solutions to Maths Puzzles from the last newsletter:

- You would earn \$2 684 354.56 in February.



FAMILY MATHS FUN

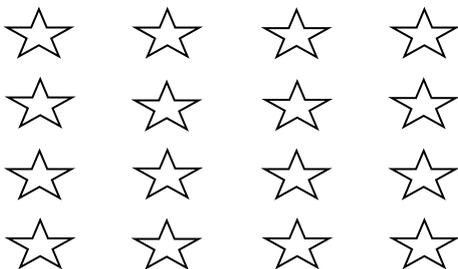
1. How many distinct squares can you find in this diagram?



2. If 5 cats catch 5 mice in 5 minutes, how many cats are needed to catch 50 mice in 50 minutes?



3. Arrange 16 objects (coins, counters, pieces of paper) in 4 rows of 4. Remove 6 objects so that there remains an even number of objects in each row and each column.



KIDS MATTER

Focus on School Values

Why is inclusion important to focus on in Primary School?

It is during early childhood that children begin to notice differences amongst people, and form opinions about what differences are viewed positively and negatively. Research has shown that children are capable of developing negative attitudes and prejudices from around three years of age. Importantly, the way that adults behave around children has a powerful influence on how children see and experience the world. Therefore it is vital that adults are mindful of how they approach issues of diversity around children.

Many positive outcomes have been shown in children who experience inclusive environments. For example, children are more likely to be accepting of others and be sensitive to others' needs. Inclusive services provide a rich and positive experience for young children, and these experiences will stay with them for life. Inclusion is important for children's mental health and wellbeing.

Inclusion is a protective factor for children's mental health and wellbeing. Conversely, children who experience exclusion are at increased risk of a variety of negative outcomes, such as poor mental health and low self-esteem.

Creating an inclusive environment is also important for nurturing children's developing identities. Inclusion helps children develop a sense of pride in who they are, which helps build positive self-esteem. It also helps children to appreciate and value differences in those around them.

"Being included and learning to include others are very important for children's social and emotional development. Being included promotes belonging and connectedness, which are also key factors for supporting children's mental health."



If your partner is deployed and you are at home with the children, there may be times when you feel like a single parent. This can also be the case when a partner is posted and families choose to remain in their current location while the military member moves alone to their new posting ('Member With Dependents Unaccompanied' and is often referred to by the military as 'MWDU'). Although the situation is temporary, there are emotional and practical day-to-day adjustments you may need to make as you cope with this transition.

PREPARING FOR WHAT'S AHEAD - Adjusting to life while your partner is away can be easier if you take some time beforehand to think through and discuss some of the issues you may face. Try to anticipate what might happen and think about what systems you can have in place.

COMMUNICATION - Discuss how you will communicate with one another, and how often. Talk about how you will stay in touch. It's comforting for children to know they are in their parent's thoughts, even when that parent is away.

HELPING YOUR CHILD ADJUST - Children may react to a parent's deployment/posting as they would a more permanent separation. They may worry about what will happen to them. The following are some ways to help:

- Keep to routines as much as possible
- Talk about the parent that is away
- Try to understand your child's fears and seek help to support them if necessary
- Be consistent with discipline
- Tell teachers and other adults in your child's life about the deployment/posting
- Let your child take on one of the absent parent's chores to help out at home
- Help your child communicate with the parent who is away
- Help your child express their feelings

MAKING THE DEPLOYMENT/POSTING EASIER FOR YOU - Simplify your life as much as you can. You may feel you're short on one key ingredient – time. Life can be very hectic, but by taking steps to simplify your life, you may find it easier to cope. Plan ahead, try to keep your routine and reduce extra activities. Most importantly, don't forget to take care of yourself.

SELF CARE – Whether you see a movie, join a gym class, catch up with friends, take a short walk, or have a quiet cup of coffee at the end of the day, seek out opportunities for self-care. Make sure you are getting enough sleep, eating well and exercising. For more information on stress management techniques contact Defence Family Helpline on 1800 624 608.

PLAN AHEAD - Plan strategies for handling every day and emergency issues. Figure out what you will do when you or your child is sick or something unexpected happens. Make a plan for backup child care and be sure your child knows and understands the plan. Know who to contact for support in an emergency.

ADJUSTING EMOTIONALLY - A deployment/posting can bring out a range of strong emotions, and some of them seem in direct conflict with each other. You may miss your partner terribly, yet at the same time resent their freedom from family responsibilities. Be aware that all of your feelings are normal reactions to a difficult situation and there is support available for you and your family.

For more information on Defence Community Organisation support services visit www.defence.gov.au/dco or call the all-hours Defence Family Helpline on 1800 624 608.

Jackie Sampson – Defence School Transition Aide.

Keep connected to news with:

- 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>

- P&C Class Carers (CC) for K-6.** This is an opt-in method of communication. Email your name, children names and teacher/year level to our CC coordinator Lauren laurennewman_13@yahoo.com.au and she will forward your details to the CC or you can complete the eForm on the Skoolbag App.

NOTES SENT / EMAILED HOME

DUE TOMORROW 27/7/18

- P&C PIE DRIVE
- EOI Host family for Chinese students

Other notes...

- Science Fair Information
- Year 4 camp payments
- Year 1 photo request note
- Preschool - program feedback and Duncan Smith Incursion \$7.70

Lights on Learning!

Focusing on year 2 Wonderland

We have kicked off our storyline unit *From Paddock to Plate* this week in the Wonderland unit. The students have been learning all about where our food comes from and will later learn how food works and how to make a healthy choice.

Reading groups are focused on building strategies for reading comprehension and fluency. Students are reading levelled books and doing an amazing job of reader's theatre and guided reading.

This term our writing will tie in with our storyline unit. We will be learning how to write persuasive texts through the lens of food advertising, packaging and marketing. We will also be learning how to write procedures by way of recipes and instructions.



So far in our storyline unit students have been learning about different foods and where they come from. We have been looking closely at fruit, vegetables, meat, grain, honey, sugar, milk and eggs. Later on in the unit, we will be exploring the healthy food guide for children. Students will be creating a 'healthy food café' with the knowledge they will have acquired. Look forward to seeing this on learning journey day!

Symone, Tanya, Alison, Sophie, Lisa and Leanne.



Students will continue with number groups this term. After starting the term learning about place value we will be exploring multiplication, division and fractions.

In measurement and geometry, we will be exploring time, months, seasons and calendars as well as creating and interpreting data and graphs.

Once again, this ties nicely in to *From Paddock to Plate*.



Find Your Treasure

is the theme for this year's Book Week.

Well done to everyone who has already put in their colouring competition and design a t-shirt entries for Book Week. Don't forget to put your name and class on your entries and the name of the book you are celebrating on your t-shirt design. There is a box in the library for your entries.

We are looking forward to seeing all your wonderful costumes at the Book Week assembly on Friday of week five.

Don't forget Book Fair will be held in week five this term. Book Fair will be held from Tuesday to Friday 21-24 August. It will be open Tuesday to Friday morning from 8.30 – 9.00 am and Tuesday – Thursday from 3.30-4.30 pm in the school library.

Hope to see you there.

Keilly, Ingrid and Rowena.



VOLLEYBALL NEWS



Maribyrnong Volleyball Teams

At the end of last term, students from the Maribyrnong Volleyball Team competed in the ACT Junior Volleyball Tournament and had some very close results! The teams were coached by current Australian athletes and competed against students from other primary schools across Canberra. The students should be congratulated for their wonderful team spirit and determination throughout the tournament.

Rachel Uren.

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

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

Support Maribyrnong by purchasing the 2018/2019 Entertainment Book packed with loads of entertainment ideas and discounts.

20% of every membership sold contributes to our School. Help us achieve our goal by sharing this link with your Friends and Family.

<https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/27692k>

For more information, contact Leanne on 6142 0570 or leanne.rankine@ed.act.edu.au

Thanks for your support!

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.



Come join us at the next P&C meeting on Thursday 9 August at 7.00 pm.

HEAD LICE

We have been notified of a case of Head Lice in the school. You are advised to examine your child's hair to determine whether or not an infection has occurred. Please pick up a copy of the Head Lice Fact Sheet from the front office if you require further information. Alternatively you can view this information at <http://www.health.act.gov.au> and access the fact sheet – Head Lice.

P&C UPDATE



Hi everyone and welcome back to term three!

Last chance for the **PIE DRIVE ORDERS!!** The orders must close tomorrow, Friday 27 July, so place your order today on Flexischools or drop in the money and paper order form to the office tomorrow. Don't miss out on this delicious fundraiser!!

In the holidays I caught up with some of our lovely **P&C Class Carers (CC)**. This is an opt-in method of communication between your class teacher/year level and parents by email. If you are not involved in this but would like to connect in this way, please email your name, children names and teacher/year level to our CC coordinator Lauren laurennewman_13@yahoo.com.au and she will forward your details to the CC or you can complete the eForm on the Skoolbag App. (Please note this is for kindy to year six as preschool parents receive regular email updates).

Each year level has been allocated a Twilight Fair Stall, and we will be looking for people to sign up soon, so keep an eye out for that.

The venue and date are booked for the **P&C Trivia Night**. For more information, offer your help or if you can assist by donating a prize for the night on Saturday 22 September, please contact Paulina paulina.young@casa.gov.au

Not sure how you can get involved in the P&C at Maribyrnong?
Want to be more involved but can't get to meetings?
Have a great fundraising idea for 2019 you would like to suggest?
We would love to hear from you. Email maribyrnongpandc@gmail.com (this email is checked weekly).

Looking forward to a great term,
Ros R.

Twilight Fair Garden Stall

We need the following ...

- ❖ Donations of pots and potting mix
- ❖ Plants to sell
- ❖ Ideas of what plants you would like to see on the stall
- ❖ Help to grow plants to sell at the fair.

Please contact Lauren

lauren.price1804@gmail.com



Dear School Bankers!

Become a consistent saver by depositing every Wednesday at our school. When you make 10 deposits, you get a reward and the Commonwealth Bank gives the school \$5! To explore more about School Banking visit

www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

Join us in the canteen on Wednesday mornings 8.30 to 9.00 am!

Ilona,
Maribyrnong School Banking Coordinator.

The Possum Pantry Canteen

If you are available to help in the canteen, and would like to be included on canteen rosters please see Rouvaye or Andrew in the canteen or call on 6241 5974. 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.



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 or through Flexischools.

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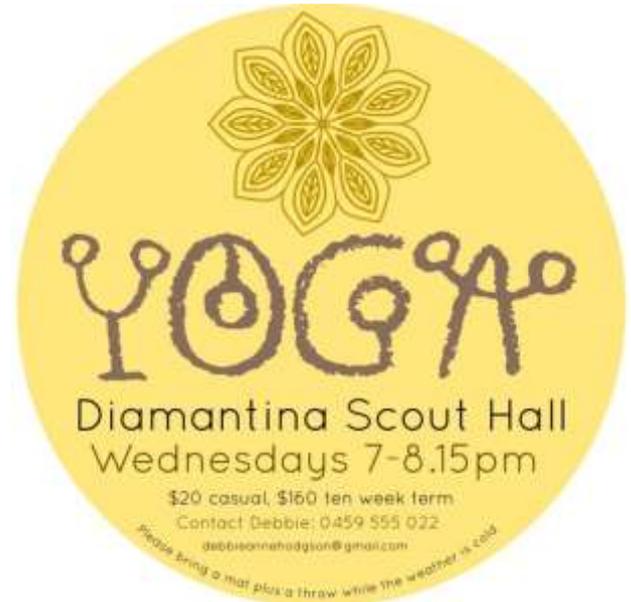
46TH ANNUAL MALKARA MODEL RAILWAY and SCALE MODEL EXHIBITION AUGUST 4-5

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