



# POSSUM PRESS

## NEWS FROM JEN

What a fabulous music scheme concert we enjoyed last night. A big thank you to Jan for nurturing the amazing talents of our pianists 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 understand there are a few remaining lesson spaces available, if your child is interested in starting piano please contact our coordinator Owen Livermore or the front office for more information.

With lots of events coming up over the next few weeks, including parent/teacher interviews in week 9, be sure to check our school calendar regularly or sync your phone with the school calendar so that you stay up to date as possible!

### Around the Grounds

Throughout the course of the year we have many questions from families about how different aspects of school life work, including literacy groups, numeracy groups, gifted and talented education and learning assistance programs. We also receive questions regarding what things like voluntary contributions are and how they are spent, the role of the School Board, and ways families can become involved in school life. These questions have prompted a new section in our newsletter which starting next term called 'Around the Grounds'. Ever so appropriately named (by our School Board Chair Lauren Newman), we aim to share some greater insights into different aspects of school life around the grounds. If you have any particular questions you would like answered, I encourage you to email them through so that we can answer them for you, chances are there is more than one person with the same question. I look forward to your thoughts

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### Network Meeting

On Friday 20 June we will be hosting the Belconnen Network Meeting in the school library between 8.30 am and 10.30 am. We will be celebrating the contribution Mrs Grace Dunlop, Principal at Kaleen Primary School, has made to the education system in the ACT over the last 40 years, before her retirement at the end of the term. On behalf of the school community I would like to extend the warmest of congratulations to Grace on her amazing career achievements and wish her all the best with the adventures yet to come.

I anticipate the car park will be busier than normal on this day with up to 30 executive staff attending for the morning. There continues to be a number of parking options around Kaleen for our families, including Shannon Circuit, Gwydir Square and the Scout Hall car park. I encourage you to adhere to the road rules and ensure that the safety of our students and community remain the priority.

### Preschool Enrolments 2015

We are delighted to share that we have received over 60 enrolments for preschool in 2015. Families who have applied for a 2015 placement will receive a letter early next week via the email address they registered with their application and also through the mail offering either a letter of placement or a letter explaining if their enrolment cannot be accommodated. We ask that all families return their acceptance of placement as soon as possible so we are able to commence planning arrangements for the year ahead. Further information will be provided to families later in the year which details preschool pack pick up dates, start dates for the new school year, information sessions and interview schedules to meet the preschool staff. If you have any questions about your child's enrolment please don't hesitate to contact the front office.



Thursday 12 June, Term 2 Week 7



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Breakfast Club and After School Care  
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EFTPOS is available with a \$10 minimum.

### DATES TO REMEMBER:

#### JUNE

- 16 Christian Education in School (CEIS) 1 hour **opt-in** lesson
- 19 Board 6.00 pm and P&C 7.00 pm in the staff room
- 20 Assembly 2.15 pm-3/4 item
- 23-26 Parent/Teacher interview week.

#### JULY

- 1 Alpha Show
- 2 P&C Disco
- 4 Assembly 2.15 pm-Kindy item.  
Last day of term 2!

## P&C Trivia Night

Our annual *P&C Trivia Night* is fast approaching, with August 1 less than two months away. This year our trivia night will be held at the Sports Club Kaleen and is set to be another great night of fun where you can get to know many new members of our school community. Numbers are strictly limited to 100 participants so please make sure you book in as soon as you have your table of 8. Payments for table bookings need to be made by July 29. We look forward to seeing you all there!



### Thank you

I would like to extend a big thank you to our year 3/4 and 4/5 teachers who accompanied our students to camp last week. By all reports our students had a magnificent time participating in archery, frisbee golf, obstacle challenges, a treasure hunt, and orienteering. Our staff are exceptionally generous to give up time with their own families to attend the two night camp. Thank you Kylie, Camille and Elissa!

I would also like to thank all staff for the incredible hours spent completing assessment and writing student reports over the past 7 weeks. All reports will be posted home next week in preparation for parent/teacher interviews in week 9. Notes with interview availability came home this week, if you did not receive a note please ask at the front office or send an email through to Ros, Leanne or myself and we can send you a copy of the times available.

### Student Injury Insurance and Ambulance Transport

The Education and Training Directorate does not provide any insurance cover for injury, disease or illness to students resulting from school activities or school-organised excursions. Claims for compensation are met where there is a legal liability to do so. Liability is not automatic and depends on the circumstances in which any injury, disease or illness was sustained.

As there is no automatic insurance cover for personal injury if your child is injured at school or during a school organised activity/excursion you should therefore consider whether taking out personal insurance cover for your child is warranted. This insurance might cover contingencies including medical/hospital expenses, ambulance transport outside the ACT, and cancellation of transport/accommodation or loss of/damage to luggage. The ACT Ambulance Service provides free ambulance transport for students who are injured or suddenly become ill at school or during an approved school organised activity within the ACT. For more information, please see the ACT ETD's *Responding to Student Accidents/Incidents Policy*.

Thank you for your ongoing support,  
Jen.



## READING MYTHBUSTER

### Myth # 7 Phonics is the most important skill to master when learning to read.

We often hear about the importance of phonics in the media. What is often NOT reported is the connection between phonics, phonemic awareness and phonological awareness.

The purpose of phonics instruction is to teach children sound-spelling relationships and how to use those relationships to read words. Phonics instruction should be explicit and systematic. It is explicit in that sound-spelling relationships are directly taught. Students are told, for example, that the letter 's' stands for the /s/ sound. It is systematic in that it follows a scope and sequence that allows children to form and read words early on. The skills taught are constantly reviewed and applied to real reading.

Phonics are part of phonemic awareness which is the understanding or insight that a word is made up of a series of discrete sounds (phonemes). This awareness includes the ability to pick out and manipulate sounds in spoken words.

Phonological awareness is an 'umbrella' term that includes phonemic awareness, or awareness of words at the phoneme (sound) level. It also includes an awareness of word units larger than the phoneme. Therefore, phonological awareness includes:

- words within sentences
- rhyming units within words
- beginning and ending sounds within words
- syllables within words
- phonemes, or sounds, within words (phonemic awareness)
- features of individual phonemes such as how the mouth, tongue, vocal chords, and teeth are used to produce the sound.

Children sometimes come to school unaware that words consist of sounds. Phonological awareness activities help children learn to distinguish individual sounds, or phonemes, within words. This awareness is a prerequisite skill before children can learn to associate sounds with letters and manipulate sounds to blend words (during reading) or segment words (during spelling). From this you can see that phonics on their own or as isolated knowledge is not enough to support readers.



So.....this myth is **BUSTED!** Allowing your child time to problem solve supports their reading development.

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

## EARLY CHILDHOOD INTERVENTION UNIT (ECIU)

The Dolphins and Starfish have been developing their balance, core stability and strength through a range of bean bag tricks, yoga positions and obstacle circuits. They have found the experiences fun, challenging and rewarding.



Finley and Akeith show off their balance skills.

The children have also really enjoyed some new active songs including: Who's got the hat?, Jack in the box, Jump little frog and Five little monkeys jumping on the bed.



They look forward to many more active times at ECIU. Georgia and Kelly.

## EMERALD CITY (1/2)

We were sorry to have to cancel our excursion to the Cotter Dam due to the inclement weather, however we are excited for our upcoming excursion to Questacon on Thursday 3 July. Keep an eye out for the note today.



We have been looking at the difference between open and closed questions when interviewing as part of our *writing to inquire* lessons. Tomorrow we are lucky to have a visitor coming in to answer our open and closed questions. The children will be learning about what life is like in the military.

Don't forget week 9 is interview week. Please book a time through the front office to meet with your child's teacher. We are excited to share your child's portfolio with you over the coming weeks.

Naomi, Amanda, Lucy and Leeanne.

## OPALS (K)

We can't believe that the end of term 2 is nearly here! Before we know it we will be farewelling our students for a well deserved break. We have been very busy learning about animals and what they need to survive including their habitat needs. We have just finished learning about Polar Regions and have started learning about Australian rainforests and the animals that live there. Keep an eye out in your child's reader folder for an excursion note to the zoo to take part in their fantastic animals program.

We have been measuring mass during mathematics and been having lots of fun guessing and checking heavier and lighter objects. In number groups we have been focusing on modelling addition to ten.

Thank you to everyone who continues to come in and support us with our reading program and for all the fantastic work you're doing with our sight word program at home. We are amazed at how many words our students know by sight. If you're looking for extra tasks to complete with the sight words you could try having your child use each word in a sentence.

Sadly, we farewelled Sian last week who has completed her professional experience. We wish her all the best with her science practicum.

Symone, Sarah, Keilly and Jessica.



## DIAMONDS (3/4)

All 3/4 students had a FANTASTIC time on camp. We enjoyed all the activities that were planned and the food was delicious! Miss Apps, Miss Wise and Mrs Penfold were very impressed with student behaviour and how well students coped being away from home...for two nights!

The 3/4 unit will be presenting what their favourite part of camp was at assembly next week. We will also show the school a slide show of all our action shots taken on camp. Please make sure you come to assembly next week.

Parent teacher interviews are being held in week 9. Please call the front office to arrange a time to see your child's teacher.

We have had a number of jumpers that have been left in the unit, they are not labelled. Please label all your child's belongings, so they can be returned when misplaced.

See you at assembly ☺  
Kylie and Camille.



## GARNETS (LSU)

The last couple of weeks has seen some wonderful work based on European cultures. Everybody is getting excited for Davide's European adventure coming up! We have learnt about the Sistine Chapel and done some painting like some Michelangelo – upside down!

In cooking we kept with the theme and made our own pizza! Everybody even made their own scrambled eggs last Friday without any help. It was wonderful to see everybody cracking their own eggs 😊. This week we look forward to making chocolate croissant puddings.



Teaching points / discussions for home:

- \* Secret cooking tip – if you break some shell into your egg, use a piece of shell to scoop it out!
- \* “a” and “here” are the sight words for our letter learners this week.
- \* Using skip counting to help us work out our 2x and 5x tables in the boys maths groups.

Have an excellent weekend!  
Lee and Jacque.

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

Thank you to the parents and carers who came to assembly last week. The students were very proud to be a part of the 'Art Show' item and display the wonderful artwork they have created.

Information regarding parent/teacher interviews was sent home this week. Interviews will be held during week 9. We encourage all parents/carers to make a time to meet with your child's teacher to discuss how they are performing at school. Bookings are to be made through the front office.

Next week we welcome Stacey Howard to the unit. Miss Howard is a pre-service teacher who will be working in year 5/6 with Ms Pownall and Mrs Baillie. Stacey will start her placement next week with two days per week until the end of term, and then she will be a part of the teaching team for the first three weeks of next term.



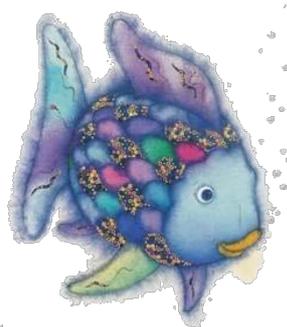
We would like to wish Leon, Sam and Abdulrahman the best of luck as they trial for the ACT soccer team. We certainly do have some talented sport stars amongst us!

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

## MOONSTONES (LSUA)

The Moonstones have been enjoying some sensory activities in the preschool play area. Some of our favourite things have been bike riding, sand activities, trampolining and climbing the fake rock wall. The moonstones have had an awesome time dressing up and play acting which is great for oral language development and social interaction. Big thankyou to Nicola for bringing in her pre-loved dressups and to the preschool staff for being so supportive.

Our calm morning routine continues to assist with supporting us to remain settled and focused for our learning. Thank you to our wonderful parents for assisting with quiet drop offs.

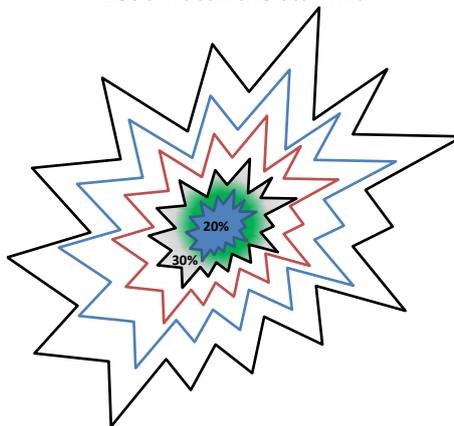


We are looking forward to undertaking a mini unit of work on The Rainbow Fish, which looks at differences and friendships.

Virginia and Nicola.

## FRONT OFFICE NEWS

**Voluntary Contributions for 2014 are at 30%**  
**Let's watch the star fill!**



**To contribute:**

Maribyrnong Primary School Management Account.  
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Number of Children at the school	Voluntary Contribution for 2014		
	Consumables	Library Fund (Tax Deductible)	Total
1	\$67.00	\$83.00	\$150.00
2	\$83.00	\$117.00	\$200.00
3	\$100.00	\$150.00	\$250.00
4	\$117.00	\$183.00	\$300.00

**Book Packs** for 2014 are \$40 per child from preschool to year 6.

## LIBRARY NEWS

This term the students in the Emerald City have started a book study on The Cat in the Hat by Dr Seuss. Over the next few weeks 'the Cat' will be getting a make-over. Students may ask you for some ribbon or fabric scraps to help make his bow tie. The school will be celebrating Book Week in week 4 of next term. We will be holding a Book Fair in the library where there will be a great selection of books to purchase. Proceeds from every sale go towards books for the library. On the Friday of that week, 15 August, we will be holding our annual Book Week Assembly where students are invited to come dressed as their favourite **BOOK** character.

A reminder that students in kindergarten, year 1 and year 2 must have a library bag to borrow. Library day for the Emerald City is on Wednesday. KSB has library on Thursday and KFP has library on Friday. Library books can be returned at any time, simply put them in the returns slot in the library desk.

There are over **150 overdue books** at the moment, please have a look under beds and behind cupboards for any school library books. Loans are for a two week period. Students are welcome to renew their loans, but need to bring the book back to the library to do so.

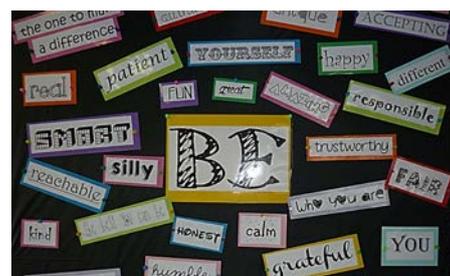
Keep up the great reading everyone,

Keilly.



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## SCIENCE CLUB EXTENSION NEWS

Science club students are as busy as ever. The 3/4 students have been busy making bird feeders this term as part of a CSIRO Crest Award entitled Pets and Other Animals. The bird feeders are currently being trialled in the trees outside the Science Centre. Over the next few weeks they will be taking a break from Crest to design and make a water rocket based on a 2 litre soft drink bottle to enter in a competition at Lake Ginninderra College in week 9.

Having completed their Sleek Geeks video entries the 5/6 students are starting to work on their chosen Spectra Awards. The Spectra Awards allow students to choose a topic and complete a selection of activities each worth a certain number of points until they have enough for their certificate and prize. Students have chosen a diverse range of topics such as Home Chemistry, Horticulture and Agriculture, Astronomy, Tools Toys and Machines. These awards are an opportunity for students to complete science investigations on their own. They are responsible for organising their time and ordering the consumables they need each week.



Congratulations to Cara and Jess in 5/6 science club for winning a trip to the Kids Teaching Kids International Conference in WA in October with their video on Ground Water.

Leslie.

## NOTES SENT HOME

- ☑ **ALPHA SHOW-** K to 6 on Tuesday 1 July
- ☑ **1/2 QUESTACON EXCURSION**
- ☑ **PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS-** please book in your time with the front office
- ☑ **P&C -** Trivia night information and Canteen news

### Collect from the front office:

- ☐ Christian Education in Schools (CEIS) opt-in request (1 hour lesson on Monday 16 June)

## P&C NEWS

### TRIVIA NIGHT

The annual P&C Trivia Night is on Friday 1 August. Notes went home this week. This is a great community event which will be held at The Sports Club Kaleen. Dress up is optional with the theme is *Down on the Farm*. Donations for prizes and silent auction hampers can be left at the front office.

Bookings are essential, contact Jackie at [Jackie@vogueconstructions.com.au](mailto:Jackie@vogueconstructions.com.au)



### POSSUM PRESS CANTEEN MEETING

There will be a Canteen meeting on Tuesday 24 June at 9.10 am in the Canteen. If you are interested in the canteen, how it runs, want to volunteer or just want to meet some other parents please come along and have a cuppa.

### SCHOOL BANKING NEWS

School banking takes place in the **Library on Monday mornings at 8:45 am – 9.00 am**. If I am not able to be there, I will let the office know and you can leave your bank books with the friendly front office ladies for me to collect. For more details contact Jeanette at [jeanettekrah@yahoo.com.au](mailto:jeanettekrah@yahoo.com.au) or call 0434862410.

## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



We use the 'stars' on children's faces when we do not have consent to publish photos in the newsletter. If you wish to update or amend this consent for 2014, please contact the front office.

## POSSUM PANTRY-CANTEEN ROSTER

Week 8 Term 2	Wednesday 18 June	Thursday 19 June	Friday 20 June
9.15am-12.00noon	Laura	Wendy	Terri Micheal
12.00noon-3.00pm	Laura		Terri
Week 9 Term 2	Wednesday 25 June	Thursday 26 June	Friday 27 June
9.15am-12.00noon	Laura	Wendy	
12.00noon-3.00pm	Laura		

If you are available to volunteer in the canteen on any of the shifts not yet covered, or if you would like to be included on future canteen rosters please see Bec in the canteen or call her on 62415974. 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.

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## UNIFORM SHOP

We have a huge range of second-hand shorts, pants & jumpers without for just \$2.00. Come in and have a look. The uniform shop open Monday 8.45am - 9.30 am or contact Clare Whittingham 0408 252736 or [madden\\_clare@hotmail.com](mailto:madden_clare@hotmail.com)

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**Thursday**

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