

POSSUM PRESS



NEWS FROM JEN

What an exciting start to the term with the 'On The Road Tour' presented by UC High School Kaleen. There was a great deal of enthusiasm and energy in the audience as the bands played and the acrobats performed. This was a fantastic opportunity for our students to experience what it is like to be part of an audience and interact with the performers. My thanks to the UC High School team for their fabulous performance after hours of practice!

Rostrum

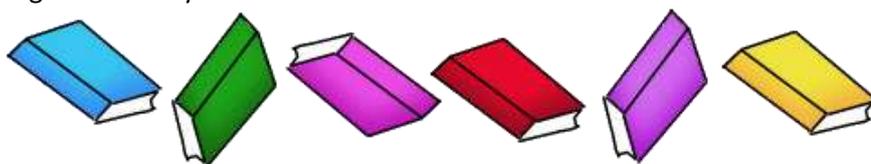
The Rostrum Primary Schools competition has been running for nearly 50 years for schools in the ACT and surrounding NSW. Each school is invited to enter one competitor into the competition after running a selection process in their own school. Students are provided with six topics to choose from, and they are required to prepare a two to three minute speech. This year, our year 4, 5 and 6 students have been busy preparing, writing and practicing their speeches. Jantiena and I have the privilege of being part of the Maribyrnong judging panel next week. We look forward to sharing some wonderful highlights with you. If you are looking for some useful links to assist your own public speaking skills, make sure you take a look at the Rostrum website: <https://www.rostrum.com.au/speaking-tips>

Public Education Week

Public Education Week runs from 21 to 26 May. This week allows us to celebrate the outstanding work that educators, students, parents, directorate staff and the broader community do in our public schools. Maribyrnong Primary is a great school that enjoys a high level of community involvement. We highly value the role that all parents and carers have in their child's education and will continue to work together with you to ensure we provide students with a quality education. This is a special time where we welcome you to contact our amazing educators and let them know how much you appreciate them. Pop by and share your child's successes, let them know about why you appreciate their hard work, drop them an email to say thank you; they would love to hear from you!

NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) launched the online platform earlier this week. NAPLAN Online is reported to provide better assessment, more precise results and faster turnaround of information. NAPLAN, which is a part of the National Assessment Program (NAP), is how governments, education authorities and schools can determine whether young Australians are reaching important educational goals. Our year 3 and 5 students commenced their assessment this week, and will conclude their assessment next week. The results will be provided to the school in the coming months, we look forward to sharing these with you.



THURSDAY 17 MAY: Term 2 Week 3



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Westpac School Bank Account

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DATES TO REMEMBER

MAY

- 18 **Whole School Assembly** @2.00 pm
- 21 P&C Swap Not Shop Night 7.00pm
- 25 **Assembly year K-2** @2.00 pm
- 28 Reconciliation Day Public Holiday

JUNE

- 1 Annual Walkathon Day
- Assembly year 3-6** @2.00 pm
- 4 **Hats Off** for winter
- 5 Walkathon for Gondolopes & Tumbletops
- 7-8 Year 3 Camp Warrumbui
- 8 **Whole School Assembly** @2.00 pm
- 11 Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

For the full calendar please visit:

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

Voluntary Contributions

Thank you to all of our families who have contributed to their child's education through voluntary contributions. We are excited to inform you that so far we have received 60% of our 2018 target, an increase of 10% over the last two weeks. We are heading towards our target of 75% before the end of term 2. If you have not yet contributed we encourage you to do so before the end of this term.

All money collected through voluntary contributions goes directly towards buying resources for students. We are keen to replenish some of our guided reading books in the junior grades and sets of novels for Reciprocal Reading in the senior grades.

Mother's Day Event

A big thank you to our P&C for another wonderful Mother's Day event this year! The morning yoga sessions held on Monday and Friday were a great way for families to come together to have a relaxed start to the day. My sincere thanks to Debbie Hodgson for the time taken to run these two sessions for our community; we greatly appreciate your efforts! My thanks also to Megan White for coordinating these sessions. Moving forward, we are seeking interested community members with skillsets that could be used for a similar community event for Father's Day in September. If you would be happy to run similar community sessions, please get in touch.

Staffing Update

I would like to formally welcome Tiffany Dobson to our staff. Tiffany will be teaching in kindergarten TA from Tuesday 12 June when Tegan commences her maternity leave. We are in the process of coordinating a hand over so that the children are able to build a rapport with Tiffany prior to Tegan leaving. If your child is in Tegan's class, please pop by to meet Tiffany in the coming weeks.

Assessment and Reporting

Our teachers are currently busy preparing to write reports for semester one. This is a thorough process which involves ongoing assessment of learning, moderation discussions and the writing of reports. Assessment has changed from the experience many of us had in our school years. At Maribyrnong we have a detailed Assessment Schedule and have selected assessment tools that assess the transfer of learning, not just the mastery of skills. The purpose of any assessment is to know what the learner knows, is demonstrating at that point in time and what they need to know next to take them to higher levels of progression and learning. Our assessment tools utilise individual assessment tasks, 1:1 interviews or tasks and group learning experiences. We use conversations, observations and products to ensure we have a clear picture of our students' achievements. While this assessment is captured in a semester one report this term, our educators are constantly considering the next steps in the teaching and learning cycle. If you have any questions about the assessment and reporting cycle at Maribyrnong, please get in touch.

Walkathon

Our annual school walkathon is only a fortnight away! Our P&C have scheduled Friday 1 June between 9.00 am and 11.00 am for the Walkathon. We are once again hoping this event will assist in promoting healthier lifestyle awareness within our school community and focus on inclusivity as one of our SEL values.

Students are encouraged to seek sponsorship as one-off donations for participating in the Walkathon. Sponsorship monies can be collected and handed in to the office prior to the Walkathon Day, from Monday 21 May until Friday 1 June. Students will receive a certificate of participation at the conclusion of the Walkathon to be kept in their portfolio as recognition of their achievement. For our Walkathon to run smoothly and safely on the day, we are seeking assistance from parents and carers to walk with class groups (especially the younger students). If you are able to assist on the day, please get in touch.

Before School Arrangements

With the colder months approaching, it is timely to remember that there is no supervision on the school playground until 8.45 am. In the interests of safety, children are reminded that the playground equipment is out of bounds before school time and ball games or running activities are not allowed. This is due to the large number of children, younger siblings and parents in one area at this time. It is also a good time to remind your child about the routine of dropping off their bike or scooter before lining up for class.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Jen

Being present in a Technological World

A parent recently commented to me that she was surprised by how her two year old niece was able to scroll through the photo reel on her mother's phone. The little one was able to stop at photos of herself and then enlarge them by stretching the screen. This then posed the question of how do we, as adults, model to our children how to turn off and be present.

Here are some tips shared by Dr Scott, a US paediatrician that are simple and very effective:

- **When you are with your children, be WITH them.** Don't just put down your smartphone, put it away. Once it is out of site, it's less likely to distract you and shows your child that he is the priority
- **Say out loud to your child,** "I am going to do some work (schedule an appointment, call a friend, etc.) in a bit on my phone, but right now I really want to spend some time with you. Tell me about your day"
- **Create boundaries around technology and apply the rules to everyone, including you and the other members of the household.** If you've agreed to a no phones at the table rule or devices off by 9.00pm it should apply to everyone, not just your children (Yes I know this can be hard!). Log less minutes on your devices and more moments with the people you love
- **Teach your children the art of conversation by practicing with them.** Ask open-ended questions of them and answer their questions to you thoughtfully and thoroughly. Skip the one-word answers or the distracted "uh huh" when you are with them
- **When you do, in fact, call them on their phone, set the expectation that they should answer or call you back.** Too often phone calls receive a text in return. Why? Text is easier, safer, and less taxing than a phone conversation. But if your child is taking the easy way out of making a connection with you, imagine how difficult it will be for them to make a conversation with a new acquaintance.

Remember that one of the greatest gifts a parent can give their child is their presence. You won't always be needed or wanted to this degree by your children (trust me I have a 24 and 21 year old!). When you look back on how you spent these years, you will never regret spending more time with your children. Time spent with family is always a positive investment that pays huge dividends.

What would you like to know about KidsMatter? Send your questions to Jantiena.batt@ed.act.edu.au and it will be answered in the next KidsMatter Update.



Myth # 6 Children should be told words they cannot read as soon as they make an error.

The purpose of reading is to make meaning from the text. Effective readers actively monitor their understanding as they read, correcting themselves if what they read does not make sense, sound right or look like the word in the text. Parents and teachers can support children in becoming effective readers by using the three Ps (**P**ause, **P**rompt and **P**raise):

Pause

If a mistake occurs, pause and wait to give your child a chance to solve the problem. Allow a few moments for thinking time before expecting an answer.

Prompt

Give a hint to encourage a response:

- if your child stops at an unknown word and cannot continue, ask them to read on to the end of the sentence or to reread from the beginning of the sentence and to try again
- if your child makes a substitution that does not make sense, prompt with clues about the meaning of the content or story, e.g. ask a question "does that make sense?"
- if your child makes a substitution that does not look right, prompt with clues about the way the word looks, e.g. ask about one part of the word that looks wrong
- if your child makes a substitution that does not sound grammatically correct, prompt by drawing attention to the way it sounds
- if the word is not correct after two prompts say, "the word is."

Praise

At all times it is important that your child is praised and encouraged for their efforts. Use a variety of encouraging words and phrases to support students with their attempts. Your praise will greatly assist your child's literacy development:

- praise when your child reads a sentence correctly: "I like the way you....."
- praise when your child corrects himself or herself after a mistake: "I liked the way you worked that out"
- praise when your child gets a word correct after your prompt: "you worked that out well".



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

DSTA NEWS FROM JACKIE



Maribyrnong was recently presented with this beautiful bear that was donated to us to further support students in learning about World War 1 (also known as the Great War). Our bear is called Lieutenant Hendy and he is from the Australian Flying Corps. It is hoped that Lieutenant Hendy bear will go out into the classrooms along with his story card to assist students in relating to events in our military and social history and will provide a more personal understanding of service.

We are very grateful for this amazing resource and hope that it will inspire our students to learn more about our history, connect with the stories and better understand ANZAC and Remembrance Day.

More information about the "Bears to School" project can be found at <https://anzacbears.com.au/>

Jackie Sampson – Defence School Transition Aide.

KEEP CONNECTED

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>



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>

NEW ENROLMENTS TO MARIBYRNONG IN 2019

Enrolment applications for term one of 2019 opened on Monday 30 April 2018 and must be submitted online by 9.00 am Monday 11 June at <https://www.education.act.gov.au/home>

All ACT children are guaranteed a place in an ACT Public School, from preschool through to college. Information about the enrolment assessment criteria and priority enrolment areas can be found at https://www.education.act.gov.au/school_education/enrolling_in_an_act_public_school

NOTES SENT / EMAILED HOME

- ✓ Yr 3 Camp Warrambui - notes and payments required asap
- ✓ Walkathon notes
- Coming soon:**
- ✓ School Athletics Carnival on Friday 22 June - note to come.

it's about you. Always!
Communities@Work



Ph: 0405 124 312

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

Lights on Learning!

Focusing on 5/6 Terabithia

5/6 Terabithia have had many exciting and engaging learning experiences this term.

We have begun our inquiry unit on 'Natural Disasters' and have been looking at natural disasters that are prevalent in the current news and the effect they have on communities and the environment. We are looking forward to having parents and volunteers come in to talk to the students about their own experiences and knowledge of natural disasters. Thanks to the parents who have already arranged to share their stories.



We are pleased to say how proud we are of all the students who participated in Rostrum last week. This can be a highly daunting experience for a lot of students and they all delivered successfully. Thanks for the support that was given at home.

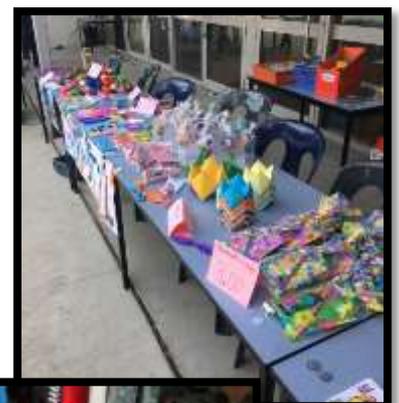


The children are enjoying the rotations that began this term. Each Thursday they participate in ukulele, bike riding and Chromebook and word processing skills. If possible, it is helpful for students with bikes and helmets to bring them in on Thursdays.



Oztag clinics will begin this term in weeks six, seven and eight. Students will be taught skills in passing, tagging and game play.

We enjoyed a visit from the year 9 students from UC High School Kaleen on Monday. The students came to assist and support us as part of digital technologies unit, where we are using coding to create a game. We are very lucky that we will receive two more visits from them.



Exciting news...Mini Fete will be held in week 10!!! This is an important fundraiser for the year 6 graduation dinner disco, held in term four. It is also a financial literacy opportunity for your child. Please ask them about their role and involvement towards the end of term. A note will go out to families in week seven.



Team 5/6- Jasmine, Jane, Mia, Emily, Emma and Justine.

Lights on Learning!

Focusing on the LSU

Welcome to term two. The LSU has been filled with bright bubbly children ready to learn. We are continuing to spend time with our year group classes, engaging in the wonderful programs that they have to offer. We are looking forward to participating in all of the fun things that the school has planned during the term.

During each day the students are completing literacy and numeracy activities that are relevant in achieving their ILP goals. Literacy tasks that students may be participating in include looking at the alphabet and the sounds that letters make, name writing, sight words, sentence building, writing structure, editing and typing. Numeracy tasks that students may be participating in include place value with MAB's, counting, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division, decimals, problem solving, doubles.



This week we participated in our first LSU/LSUA combined excursion for the year. Everyone really enjoyed playing at the Boundless Playground and the sausage sizzle that the adults prepared for lunch.

We continue to focus on students self-help and independence skills daily. Students are reminded to wash their hands, clean the space that they are using, wear a hat outside and put away any materials they use during an activity. Social skills and communication continue to be a focus as well. Students are explicitly taught the skills they would need during a social situation and then reminded during the day of how these skills are to be used.

We hope you enjoy the remainder of the term!
Stacey, Jacque and Nick!



POSSUM CANTEEN NEWS

The Canteen needs you!!



Wednesday, Thursday and Friday timeslots ...
Any time is appreciated so let us know what you can do!!!

9.00 am – 10.00 am

10.00 am – 11.00 am

11.00 am – 12.00 pm

12.00 pm - 1.30 pm

Get
Involved

If you are available to help in the canteen, or if you would like to be included on future canteen rosters please see Rouvaye or Andrew in the canteen or call on 62415974. Any help would be greatly appreciated, either for a whole shift or any time you can spare. Volunteers who help out for a shift will be issued with a voucher for 1 Meal Deal. We look forward to seeing you in the canteen. Thank you.

P&C EVENT

Maribyrnong Primary P&C fundraising presents
Swap Not Shop!
A Women's Clothing Exchange Evening

Monday 21 May 2018

7pm

Cost: \$10

plus
Stylised workshop with Francesca Droulias
Handmade local items for sale

All proceeds to the P&C to support learning



**WE ARE IN NEED OF CHANGE
ROOMS ON THE NIGHT.**

If you have a pop up camping
privacy ensuite like the one
pictured-please contact Liz
asap or drop it to the
front office.

swapnotshopmps@gmail.com

SWAP NOT SHOP ... Just a few days to go!!

- Last chance to drop off clean clothing tomorrow morning and afternoon, Friday 18 May
- Items **will not** be accepted on the night
- **Sewing Patterns Swap**- please bring any unwanted sewing patterns you no longer use on the night to exchange
- We will have a few handmade stall holders on the night, so bring a few dollars and support local!

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SCHOOL BANKING NEWS

School Banking continues in term two with two new rewards available to redeem. If you have 10 or more tokens please choose a reward and return your reward selection with your bank book on banking day. If you are unsure how many tokens you have, pop us a note and we will let you know.

Bankers still have time to complete 15 deposits and make it into the draw for the National School Banking competition.

Keep saving for a chance to win a family trip to Hawaii.

This year, School Banking is running a Super Savers Grand Prize competition that will take one lucky School Banker and their family of two adults and up to three children to Hawaii.

The trip includes:

- Return economy flights to Honolulu, Hawaii plus airport transfers
- 7 nights accommodation at the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel & Resort staying in a Luxury Ocean Room, with beach views and breakfast included
- AUS\$2,000 spending money.

How to enter:

Simply make 15 or more School Banking deposits before the end of Term 3 2018 to automatically receive an entry into the competition for a chance to win.

Find out more at commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

Things you should know: The "Super Savers Grand Prize Competition" (Promotion) is conducted by the Commonwealth Bank of Australia (ABN 48 123 123 124) of Level 30, 11 Market Street, Sydney NSW 2000. The Promotion starts at 9am AEST on 25/01/18 and closes at 11.59pm AEST on 25/09/18. Entry is open to Australian residents aged 4-13 years only who have made 15 separate School Banking deposits into their Commbank "outhouse" account during the Promotion period. Eligible entrants will be automatically entered into the draw. Maximum 1 entry/person. The first eligible entry randomly drawn will win a trip to Honolulu, Hawaii, USA for two adults and up to three children (aged 17 years and under), including 7 nights accommodation and AUS\$2,000 spending money, valued at AUS\$17,996. Terms and conditions apply. The draw will take place at 12pm AEST on 15/01/19 at the address above. The winner will be notified by telephone and email, and will be published online at commbank.com.au/schoolbanking and in The Australian on 15/01/19. Winner must claim the prize by 3pm AEST on 15/01/19 or the prize will be redrawn. The prize will be awarded to the winner's nominated parent or guardian. Conditions apply to accepting the prize. Full terms and conditions available from commbank.com.au/schoolbanking. Authorised under NSW Permit No: LTP5/17/18318, ACT Permit No: ACT SP 17/01989 and SA Permit No: 17/17678. ADV14346 012118

Sparkle Glitter Pens

Released Term 2 2018



Name: _____

Class: _____

Student ID: _____

Glow Light

Released Term 2 2018



1 x AAA
batteries included

Name: _____

Class: _____

Student ID: _____

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

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



'Kiss and Go'

A P&C Parking Initiative
More information coming soon.....

UNIFORM SHOP

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



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



Hats can be purchased through the canteen Wednesday to Friday.



Michael Carr-Gregg

A presentation for parents:

The Ten Most Important Things you Should Tell your Children to Build Resilience and Happiness

The latest news from the science of positive psychology applied to bringing up children and teenagers. Come and join us for an evening with the acclaimed psychologist Michael Carr-Gregg. The presentation will be followed by a question and answer session with the audience.



Erindale Theatre
McBryde Crescent, Wanniasa
Thursday 7 June
7pm
Tickets \$25

For ticket enquires or purchase please contact amw@lytton@ed.act.edu.au or call 6205 6011



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Parentline ACT.
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(except on public holidays),
9.00am to 5.00pm.



Maribyrnong Primary School is fundraising with the Entertainment fundraiser this year, and we'd appreciate your continued support.

Your 2017 | 2018 Entertainment Membership is expiring on 1 June 2018. Please continue supporting our School by purchasing the 2018 | 2019 Entertainment Membership from us today. Hundreds of great value offers are ready for your enjoyment, while also helping our fundraising!



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