



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:

- School Science Fair on Tuesday 6 August
- Book Week celebrations including Book Fair and Book Week Assembly on Friday 23 August
- Learning Journey and Grandfriends Day on Monday 23 September

Staffing Update

There have been a few staffing changes this term which we would like to update you about. Emma Wild in 4EW is on leave for term three and we have welcomed James Smith (Jamie) to the school. Families of learners in 4EW are welcome to contact Jamie on james.smith@ed.act.edu.au

We have also employed a number of additional staff across the school to support literacy and numeracy development specifically. The following staff have joined our team:

- Tegan Arnold has returned from maternity leave and will be providing additional support in literacy and numeracy in year 3 on a Tuesday and Wednesday; Tegan will also be teaching in year 1 JB Thursdays and Fridays.
- Sally Longworth is providing LSA support in year 3.
- Jack Martin and Mel Rees are providing additional support in the LSUA.
- Rachelle Wilkinson will be providing response to intervention in literacy in year 1 and year 2 from Monday to Thursday each week.
- Kylie Apps will be providing literacy and numeracy support in years 4 to 6 Monday to Friday.
- Susie Todd will be providing additional LSA support in year 2 Monday to Friday.
- Dave Moller will be joining the LSU in the coming weeks to provide additional LSA support.

Science Week and Science Fair

This term, all students are invited to participate in the annual School Science Fair. Student entries of their investigations and inquiries are due by 3.00 pm on **Thursday 1 August**. Community viewing and voting will take place on **Tuesday 6 August** from 3.00 pm in the hall. Mrs Mac and the school community look forward to sharing these experiences with you this term!

Planning for 2019

It is that time of the year again when we are beginning to make plans for 2020. We would really appreciate it if you could inform the front office if you are planning to relocate in the ACT or perhaps further afield if you anticipate changing schools for next year. Families can now indicate this information either through the SkoolBag eForm or via email.



THURSDAY 25 JULY : T3 W1



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DATES TO REMEMBER

JULY

26 **Junior** School Assembly @ 2.00pm

AUGUST

1 Science Fair Entries Due
Hats On!

2 **Senior** School Assembly @ 2.00pm

6 Science Fair Viewing 3.00-5.00 pm

8 Board and P&C meetings

9 *9.15 am **SPECIAL FAREWELL**

**ASSEMBLY and morning tea
celebration for Miss Howard**

12-16 Science Week

16 **Whole School** Assembly @ 2.00 pm

19-23 Book Week and Book Fair

23 *9.15 am Book Week Assembly

*Please note the change of details.

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

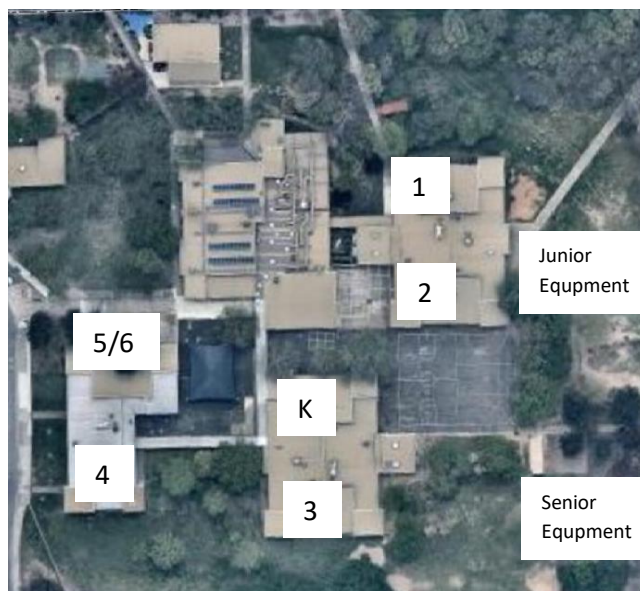
http://www.maribyrnongps.act.edu.au/our_community/calendar

Book Week

With the theme of 'Reading is my Secret Power', Book Week in week five is a busy and exciting time for Ingrid in the library. From Tuesday 20 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 school between 8.30 am and 8.55 am and after school between 3.00 pm and 4.00 pm in the library. We will again be selling a range of books for all ages and interests. Please remember that there is a design your own super cape competition and a colouring in competition with entries due back on Friday 16 August. Parents and carers are also invited to attend our **Book Week Assembly at 9.15 am on Friday 23 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. Stay tuned for the clues as to which book will be performed this year! I know that this will be another enjoyable performance for the community! A reminder that the Gudaman and Bimbi preschool classes will hold their own Book Week parade on Tuesday 20 August.

Playground after 3.00 pm

Last term I wrote to families regarding the use of the playground after 3.00 pm. We have had a few questions from families regarding using the playground after school in the afternoon. The hall and the play equipment are all hired out to Communities @ Work to run the out of school hours program. They need access to the equipment from 3.20 pm each afternoon. Together we acknowledge the importance for the community to also be able to access equipment after school. As such, families will be able to access the senior play equipment until 3.20 pm and the junior play equipment will be available for use without a time restriction. We ask that families supervise their children if they are within the grounds for the afternoon; they will not be able to play with children at After School Care due to insurance reasons. The map below provides the location of the junior playground:



Hats on!

Thursday 1 August is 'Hats On!' for all ACT schools. From August we start to witness a rise in UV levels (that is to 3 and above) in Canberra. These levels warrant sensible sun protection during some periods of the day. So hats are back on for play and learning outside. Please check that your child's SunSmart hat is labelled. We have installed the Cancer Council ACT's SunSmart web widget on the homepage of our school's website. The widget works as a general reminder to be SunSmart and it also indicates what time sun protection is required each day along with a daily max temperature and rain forecast for Canberra. Remember to:

- slip on a close weave, loose fitting shirt with a collar and close to elbow length sleeves
- slop on 30+ broad spectrum water resistant sunscreen
- slap on a broad brimmed, bucket or legionnaire style hat
- seek shade to minimise the frequency and duration of exposure
- slide on sunglasses that are accredited with the Australian standard AS 1067 (Cat 2,3 or 4) .

As emailed yesterday, I trust that you are now aware of the upcoming changes and my new role at Caroline Chisholm School commencing in week 4 of this term. I look forward to sharing more in the next few weeks. Please feel free to contact me or the team with any questions or concerns.

Thank you for your ongoing support.
Jen.

All Defence School Mentors across Canberra kicked off term 3 with a whole day of professional learning covering three important topics

1. What is Defence Community Organisation and what services can it provide for defence families?
2. The KidSMART program
3. The Tyler Turtle Program

Defence Communities Organisation (DCO)

Strong families, strong communities, strong defence. DCO, offers a broad range of programs/services to help Defence families manage the military way of life. The Defence Community Organisation provides a wide range of information - using a model of brief intervention and referral to the most appropriate form of more specialised support. This model entails an initial assessment of the issues presented and then tailored assistance to address those issues. This may mean resolution with the Defence Family Helpline team, referral to a DCO Area Office team, or referral to other providers, such as Open Arms - Veterans and Families Counselling or other community based service providers. DCO recognises that the strength of the Defence force is in the family and the strength of the family is in the community. They work with Defence families and community organisations to develop ideas and initiatives which help build a strong, connected and resilient Defence community.

To access any of our support services, contact the all-hours Defence Family Helpline on **1800 624 608**.

KidSMART Program

KidSMART is a four-week program for primary aged students aged 7-10 created to help manage issues arising from posting, relocation and deployment. Sessions run for approximately 1 to 1.5 hours each week where children will learn how to manage change, stay connected with friends and meet new people. The workshops look at things like helping children to cope when feeling stressed or anxious, particularly during times of parental absence and deployment. children can also learn some techniques for handling emotions.

Tyler Turtle Program

The Tyler Turtle program is designed to help defence students in kindergarten and year 1 to understand their feelings, identify and manage worries that can arise from living a defence lifestyle such as the absence of a parent or relocation to new places. Students share the Tyler Turtle story, identify the concerns that Tyler had and look at two simple strategies that they can use when they are feeling sad or worried

1. Talk to someone who they feel safe with
2. Think of a special place that they love or something that makes them feel happy.

The Professional Learning Day was held at Soldier On and was an excellent opportunity to learn more about services and programs available as well as look at events and activities being held across Canberra for Defence families.

Jackie Sampson – Defence School Mentor (DSM)

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Information taken from <http://www.defence.gov.au/DCO/>

Positive Behaviour for Learning, known as PBL is an evidence-based whole school systems approach that:

- provides a framework for the school and its community to collectively support the wellbeing of every student in a Kids Matter school
- establishes positive social expectations for all in the school community
- is team driven, using a problem solving approach (data, systems and practices) that engages students, parents and all school staff
- addresses the diverse academic and social needs of every student to support them to be successful
- enables schools to establish a continuum of supports that are intensified to meet the needs of every student

When implemented:

- students respond positively as they have been taught what is expected of them
- staff deliver consistent responses to student learning and behaviour
- students and staff feel safe and cared for at school
- parents, family and community are more involved in their school
- unproductive and challenging behaviour can be significantly reduced for most students.



The MBYP Positive Behaviour for Learning Team would like to seek community feedback on the following vision statement for our school's PBL plan. This statement will underpin our vision for our values enacted at Maribyrnong. Our hope is that you can see our current values of respect, responsibility, resilience, excellence and inclusion reflected.

Our community grows resilient, responsible and respectful learners who include everyone and endeavour to achieve their personal best.

Your feedback on this statement can be sent to anna.thorpe@ed.act.edu.au

Thank you from the PBL Team.

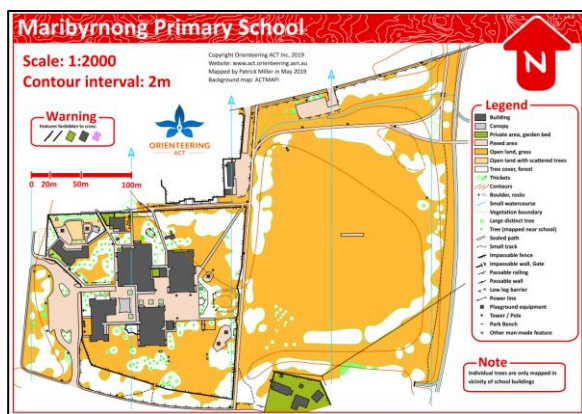
(Anna, Ni, Ros, Jacque, Chris, Fiona, Alison, Jasmine and Tanya)

Lights on Learning!

Focusing on the year 5/6 Budyan Unit

The year 5/6 unit raced around Asia in their Amazing Race teams. Students *visited* India, Japan and Indonesia and explored their culture and history by researching capital cities, flags, currency, religions, languages and other significant aspects. It was an **Awesome** experience!

In term 2, Orienteering ACT ran a program with senior students. Students learned orienteering skills which they then applied. They worked in partners to navigate their way around our school using specially made orienteering maps. It was a whole lot of fun, the kids enjoyed learning while applying valuable directional mapping skills.



Starting this term 5/6 student will be participating in the Safe Cycle program. We ask students to remember their bike helmets and their bikes if possible on Thursdays for the rest of the term.

Congratulations to two of our previous students Peter Crossman and Gaby Gabrido who won the H2O Drain Art competition. Their winning artworks are displayed at our local shops. Go and check them out.



They look **amazing**!

This term students participated in the Athletics Carnival. The day started off foggy but cleared to be a beautiful sunny day that was enjoyed by all.

Congratulations to all the students who pushed themselves, and to those who will go on to represent Maribyrnong at the next level.



Year 5/6 students worked together to create stalls for Mini Fete selling goods to raise money for their graduation and their farewell gift to the school. The day was a huge success and the students had a great sense of achievement and pride running their own stalls.

A big **THANK YOU** to the parent community who donated baked goods and craft supplies.



Mia, Jasmine, Henry, Nicole, Sarah, Emily, Justine and Rebecca.

Lights on Learning!

Focusing on Preschool

In preschool we have been learning about recycling and sustainability. We were fortunate to have Canberra Reptile Zoo come in to visit and show us some interesting animals including Blue Tongue lizards, Eastern Long-neck turtles, a python and even a baby crocodile! We learnt a lot of facts about the animals. Did you know that Green Tree frogs absorb water through their bottom?



Our investigations into recycling took us on a journey with a mission! Children were invited to bring in recycling items to sort. Each time we brought in an item to be recycled we got a paper leaf to add to our tree mural. Once the tree was filled, we were able to buy a real tree to plant in our outdoor learning environment. We were all super keen recyclers and we filled our tree quickly. We are happy to report that two new trees will be planted this week!

From the Preschool Team.

Please remember to...

- Make sure your child has a sun smart hat as **'Hats On'** begins on Thursday 1 August.
- Please remember to label all items (including jackets) so we can ensure they find their owners quickly.

SCIENCE & SUSTAINABILITY NEWS

Science Fair

The annual Maribyrnong Science Fair is near, and we are expecting a great range of Science Fair entries from all years. All projects will be on display for families and friends to view in the hall on **Tuesday 6 August from 3.00 pm - 5.00 pm**. We ask for a gold coin door fee to go towards prizes. For those entering the Science Fair, projects are due Thursday of week two, so there is still time to conduct an experiment and write it up! Mrs Mac is happy to answer your questions, so please see/email her if you need help (parents too).

Volunteer Science Fair judges needed

Calling all science-minded parents and friends of Maribyrnong. We invite you to spend the morning of Sunday 4 August (9.30 am-12 noon) to judge the Science Fair projects. As a previous parent judge, I highly recommend this volunteer engagement. No matter your experience, the judging criteria are easy to follow, staff members are onsite to help, and, did I mention there's morning tea?

Volunteer judges or queries please email Mrs Mac on nicole.mcalester@ed.act.edu.au

Important dates:

Week 2

Thursday 1 August Science Fair projects due

Sunday 4 August 9.30 am-12.00 pm Judging of Science Fair projects

Week 3

Tuesday 6 August 3.00pm -5.00 pm Science Fair open to families

Week 4

Friday 16 August whole school Assembly 2.00 pm - Presentation of Science fair awards and prizes.



LIBRARY NEWS

BOOK WEEK is in week five and the theme is...

Reading is my Secret Power!

We will be holding a special assembly to celebrate Book Week on Friday 23 August and all children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character for the day. These children will be given the opportunity to join the parade at the assembly. So start thinking and be creative!

**DATES TO
REMEMBER**

Week 5

- A BOOK FAIR: held in the library and will be open before and after school from Tuesday to Thursday and again on Friday morning for you to purchase some fabulous books
- THE COLOURING AND DESIGN COMPETITION: All entries must be received by Monday 12 August. The winners of the competitions will receive a gift voucher to spend at the Book Fair. Please ensure that your name and class are on each entry
- SPECIAL ASSEMBLY to celebrate Book Week on Friday 23 August at 9:15 am.

Looking forward to seeing all the wonderful costumes and competition entries.

Happy Reading,
Ingrid Schryver.





The Maribyrnong Twilight Fair is on Friday 15 November.
'Like' our Facebook page to keep up to date with what's happening:

<https://www.facebook.com/MaribyrnongTwilightFair/>



Get your TRIVIA TEAM TOGETHER
(Max 10 per table)
or register as an individual and
dress up in 70's, 80's or 90's gear!

Arrive from 6.30 pm
Trivia commences at 7.00 pm
at the Belconnen Labor Club.

Tickets \$20 per person
Purchase via Flexischools or
cash at the front office.



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

POSSUM CAFÉ

maribyrnongprimarycanteen@gmail.com

Volunteers are needed on Wednesday
to Friday in the canteen. 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!

To contact the P&C, email
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**Please join us at
our next meeting
on
Thursday 8 August
at 7.00 pm (week 3)**

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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.

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.

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.



Thanks to Chris Leece from the P&C for running the first Tuesday morning activity...

Could you spare half an hour to be our next Mystery Coach?

Please call the front office on 6142 0570 or email Chris at leecewah@hotmail.com



Please let us know on 6142 0570 if you can help
Wanted!
Fit Friends!

**Come and be a Mystery Coach
to get us moving for the day**

**Tuesdays
8.45- 9am**



MARIBYRNONG UNIFORMS

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

**WORKIN' GEAR
SCHOOLS**

Please note the new location and expanded trading hours:

51 Kembla Street Fyshwick

7.00 am to 5.30 pm, Monday to Friday

8.30 am – 2.00 pm Saturday

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

Workin' Gear Schools will be expanding their online store to offer real time stock levels, same day delivery and an even larger range of uniforms. There will be a full range of uniforms available for viewing and fitting at the new location with longer trading hours.

The website will display real time stock levels. Orders will be able to be placed in store or online for same day delivery or pickup. The range of payment options available will expand to include Zip Pay along with our existing and standard options including Paypal & AfterPay allowing families to budget their purchases and spread them over a period of time.

PRELOVED
THE JOY OF SECOND HAND

The Preloved uniform shop is open
FRIDAY mornings
from 8.30 am until 9.15 am
(closed Friday week 1).



**Hats are back on from
Thursday 1 August!**

Hats can be purchased through the
canteen Wednesday to Friday.

WHATS ON @ MARIBYRNONG

Are you looking for amazing savings and would like to support our school?

Purchase the 2019-2020 Entertainment Book through Maribyrnong!

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



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- ✓ Through your App store download the **SkoolBag App - Maribyrnong Primary** to keep up to date with news, alerts, complete absence or excursion notes.



- ✓ **The Maribyrnong website**

<http://www.maribyrnongps.act.edu.au/home>
So much useful information including the full year calendar, school payments and important links for information.



- ✓ Like us on **FACEBOOK** for updates:
Maribyrnong Primary School-Kaleen
A great way to check what's '**On the calendar this week**' and general school updates as they happen.

- ✓ **P&C Class Carers (CC) for K-6**

The role of the Class Carer is to connect parents/carers with their child's classroom. Complete the eForm on the Skoolbag App or email Hayley Hayleyprimrose@gmail.com to sign up to your class.



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