The day has finally come! Tomorrow marks our annual P&C school walkathon. To all of our families who are volunteering tomorrow, looking after a station, walking with our students or helping in the canteen, we would like to say a big THANK YOU! We appreciate your time and energy to support our students, what a great reason to get out and enjoy the autumn sun. Thank you also to all of our sponsors, we appreciate the support! Please ensure all sponsorship cards and money is sent in as soon as possible.

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data (NCCD)
Over the next ten weeks Ministers from every jurisdiction in Australia agreed to undertake an annual data collection for students with disability in every school across the country. This data collection aims to give a full picture of the number of students in Australian schools with disability, as defined by the Disability Discrimination Act. The national data collection on students with disability acknowledges the work already undertaken in schools to support students with disability. It assists schools to identify and to support students with disability so they can access and participate in education on the same basis as their peers. We will send home further information to parents and carers of students with disability over the coming weeks; this will include a permission form to allow the data collected to be included in the data collection. Further information can be found at the following link: http://www.schooldisabilitydataapl.edu.au/

Preschool Enrolments
There is still time to enrol your child for preschool 2015 with enrolments closing on 30 May. Families living in our priority enrolment area who enrol after this date will not necessarily secure a placement; this decision is made based on available placements. In this event, we will endeavour to support all families to secure a preschool enrolment at an alternate preschool. Further information on the enrolment process can be obtained from the Education and Training Directorate’s website or from our school website http://www.maribyrnongps.act.edu.au/enrolments We are committed to meeting with each family and completing an individual school tour so families can ask the questions that are important to them. If you know of any friends with children who are preschool age for 2015, please remind them to enrol by 30 May.

Preschool Grounds Enhancement
Over the past six months we have been researching best practice models and reading the relevant regulations regarding the design of outdoor learning environments which maximise student learning. Based on this research, in conjunction with Rick from Jim’s Mowing Ainslie, we have developed an amazing plan to enhance our outdoor learning environment at preschool. These plans are now on display on the parent information board at the preschool. We have scheduled the enhancements to take place during term 2 stand down; between July 7 and 20 (weather permitting!). Our plans include spending over $50 000 on the following:
- two decks to cover the ground space closest to the preschool building
- a new Indigenous garden with a custom built seat
- seating around the sand pit area
- a custom built cubby house.
I would like to thank Jantiena and the preschool team for the incredible time and effort they have spent gathering information and planning the enhancement. We look forward to bringing you updates about the changes to student learning once the space has been renovated.
Student Congress
Anna Thorpe accompanied Beth and Chris from year 6 to Gungahlin College last Friday to represent Maribyrnong at the fourth annual Student Congress. Our students met with other ACT public school student leaders and the ACT Minister for Education and Training. The overall aim of the Congress was to give students a voice in their education and to provide their point of view directly to the Minister. As part of the Congress our students:
1. provided advice to the Minister on issues of interest and concern to students in their Networks
2. discussed matters raised by the Minister
3. acted as part of the reference group for major initiatives affecting ACT public schools.

The focus of the 2014 congress was ‘Empowering young people to be leaders through understanding self, life choices and change’. I would like to congratulate Beth and Chris for their high level contributions to the Congress and I thank Anna for accompanying them.

School Climate Survey
In the coming weeks, all ACT Public schools staff, students (years 5-12), and parents/carers are invited to complete the Australian School Climate Measurement Tool (ASCMT) survey. This survey provides a valuable lens through which to understand student, staff and parents/carers perceptions of the school environment. The Australian School Climate Measurement Tool survey has a particular focus on a school ‘social’ environment with a focus on:
- Relationships – being valued, respected and listened to in our dealings with others.
- Connection – a sense of belonging and connection to the school and what it stands for.
- Engagement – investment in and enthusiasm for school.

Further information regarding how to access the survey and the dates for completion will come home in the next few weeks. This survey will be in addition to the school satisfaction survey which will be administered later in the year.

Values Survey
We are currently evaluating our school values, the behaviours our students enact and the social skills we explicitly teach at school. We are interested in gathering responses from our community regarding the values and skills you believe are important for your children. As such, we have developed a one page survey which has been sent home with this newsletter. We appreciate your input so I encourage you to take a few minutes to let us know what is important to you.

iPad Trolley
A big thank you to our P&C for the $3 000 gift to the school! The money has purchased a brand new iPad trolley which will allow us to sync all 30 of our iPads. This makes the whole process of purchasing apps and installing them on each device much faster and simpler! We look forward to rolling out the new iPads into classrooms in the coming weeks.

Thank you for your ongoing support!
Jen.

Tips for Supporting your Child’s Reading
- If your child makes an error while reading, the first prompt should always be “Does that make sense?”
- If your child mispronounces a word do not interrupt immediately. Instead allow the opportunity for self-correction. It is better to tell a child some unknown words to maintain the flow rather than insisting on trying to build them all up from the sounds of the letters.
- Remember children need to experience a variety of reading materials such as picture books, hard backs, comics, magazines, poems, information books, television programmes, cereal boxes ... anything at all really!
- Use the ‘Rule of Thumb’ to see if a book is on your child's reading level. Have them read a page of the book aloud. Then have them hold up one finger for each word they don’t know. If they hold up four fingers and a thumb before the end of the page, the book is probably too hard for them to read alone. But it will be a great book for you to read aloud to them.

So.....this myth is BUSTED! Knowing that a book tells a story is one of the first skills of early reading!
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

READING MYTH BUSTER

Myth # 5 ‘Remembering’ a story is not really reading.
Reading is all about making meaning from a text. Children often realise that a favourite book has a particular story in it and are able to remember the story without actually reading the words on the page. This is a normal step for early readers and shows that they are developing an awareness of the words and that the words hold the meaning of the text.

If your child is ‘remembering’ the books they are reading ensure that you are reading all of those wonderful predictable books together while introducing other books that have less of a pattern. Predictable books that have lots of rhyme and rhythm, are easy to memorise and build phonemic awareness (the ability to hear and manipulate the sounds of our language). However books that are less predictable allow your child to see the limitations in relying on memory and encourage them to have a go at different reading strategies that rely on meaning.

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Welcome back to term 2, we hope you all had a wonderful break. We would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new students and their families who have joined us this term.

The children love seeing their mums, dads and carers playing and helping at preschool. You are most welcome to stay and have fun with us whenever you like. If you have any hidden talents or not so hidden talents we’d love to have you here to share your skills and knowledge with us. Don’t be shy, just send an email and we will book you in!

As the weather is getting cold and we spend a lot of time outside, please make sure to pack warm clothes including a jacket.

Date for your diaries:
20/05/14 - Reptile Inc visit (Rubies)
22/05/14 – Reptile Inc visit (Sapphires)
The children are very excited about the reptile visit. Please bring your permission notes as soon as possible.

We hope you all have a fabulous week!
Elsa, Sally, Ni and Gaby.

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We've had a very busy two weeks in the Opals unit. We are busy assessing and collecting information on the wonderful achievements of your children to help us with writing reports.

Thank you for sending jumpers with your children. Please continue to remind them to return their belongings to their bags. We have a growing pile of lost property. If you need to search lost property it is located next to the door near the LSU. Small lost property piles tend to collect in our wet areas.

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In maths we have been investigating measuring with informal units in length. For the next two weeks we are looking at volume and capacity.

We’ve noticed how confident the children are becoming when reading their sight words! Thank you for your support in completing the sight word homework tasks each week.

We would like to welcome Sian who is the student teacher in KSB and Jessica who is in KFP.

Symone, Sarah, Keilly, Sian and Jessica.

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We are well and truly into the swing of things for term 2. It was lovely to see some Emerald City parents and friends in the audience for the French assembly. The 1/2s did a great job singing in French!

Thank you in advance to those parents who have volunteered to walk with our unit or be a marker for our Walkathon tomorrow. We are looking forward to breathing in some fresh, brisk air!

We will be performing at the week 4 assembly. It would be lovely to see some friendly faces in the audience to support our Emerald City students.

Even though the weather is getting colder, it is still important for your child/ren to bring a full water bottle to school. Please ensure your child/ren’s jackets are labelled so that they can be returned to them instead of going into lost property if they are misplaced.

A note has gone home with students today outlining details for our upcoming excursion to the Discovery Trail at the Cotter Dam. We are very excited and can’t wait for this excursion as it is an integral part of our Inquiry Unit on ‘The World of Water’.

Naomi, Amanda, Lucy and Leeanne.

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Well done to all students who completed NAPLAN this week, you all did such a fantastic job!

All students are very curious about learning about the First Fleet and Bushrangers. Miss Apps and Miss Wise have had mini interviews with students to find out what they already know. It was very interesting!

Students have created some lovely artwork that is displayed in our unit. We have some very talented artists!!

A quick reminder that the walkathon is on this Friday. Please support your child to come to school dressed in appropriate shoes, we will be walking 5 kms.

Camp is coming up very soon!! Students will receive ‘What to Pack’ note next week. Please see your child’s teacher or the front office if you need a new camp note.

Kylie and Camille.
GARNETS (LSU)

It’s been a fun and busy week of learning in LSU.

In our cooking program we made sausage rolls, what fun we had squeezing the meat from the real sausages and rolling them into our own pastry. The second batch were delicious and enjoyed by all.

We wish Jacque all the best as she heads to Samoa for the week to paddle with other Australia and Samoan paddlers in big ocean races. We will be cheering for you.

Lee and Jacque.

MOONSTONES (LSUA)

The term is well and truly underway. We have been working hard with our daily diaries and writing recounts of personal experiences. This is a great way to share what the students have been doing outside of school, and practices communicating this.

We have been enjoying the sunshine at B1 on the main playground. We have even taken out the tea set to help us make new friends on the playground. Students from kinder, year 2, year 4 and year 5 have been coming to visit us on a regular basis to foster play skills and social interaction.

Virginia and Nicola.

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

Term 2 is in full swing and the energy and enthusiasm throughout the unit is inspiring! Students are working hard on so many learning experiences from basketball skills to illusion art, and everything else in between!

The assessment and reporting process is underway. The next few weeks are a crucial time for assessments and data collection to use for your child’s report. Interviews will be held in week 9 and we look forward to touching base to share and discuss your child’s learning with you.

Mr Deane took the cross country team to Mount Stromlo on Monday to represent Maribyrnong. Congratulations to the students from the unit. Once again, you represented us with pride!

Mr Deane also accompanied the year 6 students to UC High School Kaleen today. The open day was an opportunity for the students to see what’s on offer at the high school. Students participated in dance, Japanese, Science and circus activities. The day was enjoyed by all. Thanks to Mr Deane for taking our students out for the day.

NAPLAN was held on Tuesday, Wednesday and today. We would like to congratulate the year 5 students who participated in the testing. It’s not easy having three consecutive days of assessments and we are proud of the students’ efforts.

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

FRONT OFFICE NEWS

WESTPAC’S QUICKWEB PAYMENT SYSTEM
This is a new option for making payments through a link on our website. We have issued a letter with your individual Family Key & Student Key(s) needed for proceeding with payments through Wespac’s Quickweb Payment System. Please contact us if you did not receive this information.

Each excursion and payment request notes will have the unique Fee Code needed to complete payments in this system. http://www.maribyrnongps.act.edu.au/payment

Maribyrnong Primary School Management Account.
BSB 032 777 Account 001615

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Book Packs for 2014 are $40 per child from preschool to year 6.
CHESS NEWS

Chess is a valuable activity for children as well as being a source of much enjoyment. What better way to combine learning and fun.

This term our intermediate students have been trying to solve Chess problems set by Cameron within a set number of moves, as well as looking at how to get out of ‘check’ and learning about some ‘set chess moves’. The beginning students have been learning how all the different pieces move, and what to do when in ‘check’.

Chess lessons have recommenced for this term. A reminder that payment for the term is now overdue. If you would like your child to continue in Chess, or join Chess, please pay the Chess fee at the front office before Monday.

Keilly Pownall  
Chess Coordinator.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

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HIGH SCHOOL OPEN NIGHTS

For more information on High School open days and nights for ACT public schools, please follow this link:


NOTES SENT HOME

- P&C Walkathon - information and sponsorship forms
- 3/4 camp forms and request for payment
- Reptiles at preschool
- 1/2 Cotter Dam excursion.

Collect from the office:
- Christian Education - opt in request (1 hour lesson Monday 16 June)
WALKATHON
The 2014 P&C walkathon is tomorrow, Friday 16 May and the weather is looking perfect! It’s also time to return your sponsorship card and money to the front office by Wednesday 21 May, with prizes being awarded at the assembly in week 4, Friday 23 May. Thank you to all those volunteers who are coming to walk, stamp and organise the food and drinks 😊 and of course, to our school staff for their support of this great event.

We look forward to sharing the final tally with you soon…. Robyn & Ros.

SCHOOL BANKING
School banking takes place in the Library on Monday mornings at 8.45am – 9.00am. If I am 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. This term, with a terrific competition taking place, I will be happy to bank any time during the week for you. Split your deposit into equal portions totally what you normally bank each week to receive more entries into the competition. Just pop me an e-mail or text message saying your banking is at the office and I will collect it.

This is a FANTASTIC competition with the winner receiving a family holiday to Sea World Resort and Water Park on the Gold Coast, VIP Passes for 2 adults and 3 children to Sea World, Warner Bros Movie World and Wet n Wild on the Gold Coast as well as a Dolphin family aqua adventure and a $3000 travel gift card to get you there!!

130 Runner up prizes of Toys R Us gift cards to the value of $250 each plus a separate draw of $1000.00 cash to your school. WOW!!!

If you would like to join our school banking program please let me know and I’ll send you details on how to open a Commonwealth Dollarmite Account.

Many thanks Jeanette Krah and Good Luck!!
jeanettekrah@yahoo.com.au or call 0434862410

TRIVIA NIGHT
Save the Date: Trivia Night Friday 1st August. More details will follow in the next few weeks.

POSSUM PANTRY-CANTEEN ROSTER

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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.

UNCERTAIN SHOP

New Winter Pinafore- stock now in for just $50. The uniform shop is open Monday 8.45 am – 9.30 am. For more information contact Clare on 0408252736 or madden_clare@hotmail.com

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

Available as a traditional Entertainment™ Book OR the new Entertainment™ Digital Membership for your Apple or Android device, your Membership gives you over $20,000 worth of valuable offers valid through to 1 June 2015! Please remember to reference Maribyrnong Primary School when registering your 2014/2015 Entertainment™ Membership. For more information contact: Leanne Rankine
Phone: 0262055933
Email: Leanne.rankine@ed.act.edu.au

L O S T  P O R T I E R Y

With the change of weather we have had an influx of lost jumpers without names. Please remember to label school jumpers and personal property so that it can be returned to you. The lost property is located in tubs in the units.

R E M I N D E R

As head lice are quite common in primary schools, we ask you to continue to check your child’s hair regularly and treat as required. For more information visit http://www.health.act.gov.au