



POSSUM PRESS



NEWS FROM ANNA

I feel like I have been set a marathon task this week; to sum up everything that is happening at Maribyrnong in such a small space! As I walk around the classes and see the variety of experiences in which our students are engaged, I continue to be excited to be part of such an active teaching and learning community.

Active Kids Challenge

Week two saw the commencement of the Active Kids challenge for all students at Maribyrnong. The Active Kids Challenge is an eight week program, offered free of charge to all ACT Primary Schools, to inspire and encourage children to be active for at least 60 minutes a day. The program will run from week two through to week nine. During this time all students are encouraged to keep track of all the physical activity that they engage in each day at school and home. This can include walking to and from school, weekend sport, backyard activities, family outings, sport training and recess and lunch play. Last week all students received an A4 wall chart to keep track of exercise at home as well as a drink bottle. More information can be found at the Active Kids Challenge website at <http://paf.org.au/>. As part of the challenge, all students from K-6 will take part in a Les Mills 'Born to Move' session on the morning of **Wednesday 12 August**. Students are encouraged to dress comfortably for this workshop. The workshops are available to every school participating in the 2015 Active Kids Challenge and are a mix of Tai Chi, boxing and aerobics: a great way to get our students active!

Aquasafe Program

This year the ACT Education and Training Directorate has entered into a partnership with the Royal Life Saving Society to develop an Aquasafe Program for year 2 students. AquaSafe consists of 5 classroom-based theory lessons delivered by our year 2 teachers at school, and 10 pool-based lessons delivered by qualified Royal Life Saving ACT program instructors. The cost of the program has been subsidised by the ACT Government resulting in a cost of \$50 per student. Information will be sent home to families very soon. This program is a three year partnership so children in year one and kindergarten will be offered the program in the years to follow. If you have a child in year two, please look out for notes coming home this term.



Focus on Ability Short Film Competition

Those parents and carers who attended our last assembly of term 2 may remember we said a fond farewell to a member of our LSU. To say goodbye the staff and students of the LSU made a small movie for Davide Herman entitled 'Farewell Davide'. The movie was also featured on both the Maribyrnong and ETD Facebook pages and was one of our most 'liked' items ever! Filmed and produced by Jon Holden, the movie has been entered into the 'Focus on Ability' short film competition and has been selected as a finalist. We now need everyone to VOTE! Prizes include sports vouchers, SMEG appliances, cash prizes and electronics packages. Please follow the link below to view and vote for our film. <http://www.focusonability.com.au/vote.asp?FilmID=913>

Thursday 6 August, Term 3 Week 3



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DATES TO REMEMBER:

AUGUST

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| 10-14 | Book Week |
| 11 | Glimmers Book Week dress up |
| 13 | Board 6.00 pm and P&C 7.00 pm |
| 14 | Assembly 9.15 am- Special time for Book Week Parade |
| | Sciences Fair entries due |
| 17-21 | Science Week |
| 18 | Science Fair viewing afternoon |
| 28 | Assembly 2.15 pm- French item. |

2015 ACT Public Education Awards: Celebrating Excellence

The ACT Public Education Awards provide an opportunity to recognise outstanding people and their contribution to ACT public education. This year we were once again pleased to nominate educators from Maribyrnong; Leslie Carr for Primary Teacher of the Year and both Leeanne Walls and Jacque Mengel for Education Support Person of the Year. Regardless of nomination or outcome of the awards, we are proud of the dedication, caring and expertise these educators bring to the Maribyrnong community. We look forward to sharing and celebrating success with our nominees at the awards evening this Thursday.

Science Week and Science Fair

Fresh from many media appearances as spider discoverer extraordinaire, Mrs Carr is now back to her day job! Occupying most of her time now are plans for our Science Week in week five. All students will be taking part in Science Week activities, the highlight of which is our 'Kids Teaching Kids' day on **August 19** 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 exciting demonstrations. Parents and carers also wishing to be impressed by 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 **Friday 14 August**. Community viewing and voting will take place on **Tuesday 18 August** from 3.00 pm in the hall.

Hats on!

Monday 3 August is 'Hats On!' for all ACT schools. Putting our hats back on when the sun starts to shine means that we all stay safe from possible harmful UV radiation. Please ensure your child has a broad brimmed hat suitable for outside activities in their school bag every day.

Book Week

With the theme of 'Books Light up our World', Book Week in week four is a busy and exciting time for Ms Pownall in the library. From Tuesday, 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. Whilst perusing the shelves, students might also like to see the different entries in our Book Week Diorama and Lego competitions. All students from K-6 were encouraged to enter the competition with the possibility of winning vouchers to spend in the Book Fair. Parents are also invited to attend our **Book Week assembly at 9:15 am on Friday 14 August**. This assembly is always popular with students who have the opportunity to show off their book character costumes. Highlight of the assembly will no doubt be the staff presentation of one of the Children's Book Council's nominated books. Without giving too much away, this year's Oscar-nominated performance will feature a pony, some cows and some very sandy swimmers.... We all hope you enjoy the Book Week celebrations!

This term, I am challenging my learning groups with 'I Wonder' questions as we continue to develop our inquiry skills. So, in that spirit, I ask, "Which book lights up *your* world?"

Happy reading!

Anna.



NUMERACY MYTHBUSTER

Myth # 7 It is OK to count on your fingers at any age.

There is nothing wrong with counting on fingers as an aid to doing mathematics. Counting on fingers actually indicates an understanding of arithmetic, that is you know whether to add or subtract from the total.....however using your fingers to count can slow you down!

Finger counting is an introductory skill. It is a way for children who are acquiring their number knowledge to check if they have counted correctly. It is often their first use of a concrete material. The use of fingers or other hands-on manipulatives (such as counters or blocks) allows children to see the match between the oral words and the objects counted. When done correctly (that is with one to one correspondence) it allows the count to be organised avoiding the error of counting objects already counted.

Teachers and parents can support children to move beyond finger counting to more efficient strategies. Let's face it if we only use our fingers to count we will eventually run out of fingers!

Over time we want children to 'trust the count'. This means they can:

- understand one to one correspondence
- recognise a collection no matter how it is arranged
- recognise that the last number counted represents the number in the collection
- know the number names and sequence
- match names to numerals of collections with less than 10 items in them
- read, write and use the words and numerals for the numbers 0 to 9
- recognise collections without counting (subitising)

What can we do to help children learn to 'trust the count'?

- count collections (shells, leaves, keys, blocks, teddy bears)
- count small collections by twos, fives or tens
- make two piles of the same items, ask which one has more just by looking
- roll a dice and call out the number represented by the pattern



So.....this myth is **BUSTED!**

Finger counting needs to be replaced by more efficient strategies!

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

2015 SCHOOL SATISFACTION SURVEYS

The 2015 School Satisfaction Surveys will be conducted later this term. Parents and carers, school staff and students (in years 5 and 6) will be asked to participate in these important surveys. The survey results will contribute to the school improvement process, which aims to achieve high standards in student learning, innovation and best practice in ACT public schools. Although the survey is voluntary, we hope you will want to participate. It won't take much of your time and it will help us understand areas where we are doing a good job and areas for further development. A letter or email about the parent survey will be sent to you next week. The key ACT results from the 2014 School Satisfaction Surveys have been published on the Education and Training Directorate website (www.det.act.gov.au) and a summary of our school results is provided in our 2014 School Board Report.



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BOOK WEEK

BOOK FAIR

Book Fair is here next week!

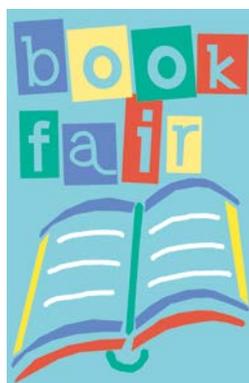
The library will be open to purchase books:
Tuesday - Friday : 8.30 am – 9.00 am
Tuesday - Thursday : 3.00 pm-4.00 pm

This is a great opportunity to buy some fabulous books and support the school at the same time. Every purchase earns the school points to buy books.

Don't forget the Book Week assembly next Friday at 9.15 am. Come dressed up as your favourite book character.

Book Week competition entries need to be in the library tomorrow, Friday 7 August, ready for judging. I can't wait to see all the creative entries.

Keilly.



SCIENCE NEWS

MARIBYRNONG SCIENCE FAIR 2015



Do a science experiment and create a poster.
Open to all ages! Prizes to be won!

ENTRIES DUE BY FRIDAY 13 AUGUST

PUBLIC VIEWING TUESDAY 18 AUGUST after school. Gold coin donation.

See information posters around the school or ask Mrs Carr for details.

NOTES SENT HOME

- 3/4 Self-defence workshop
- Australian School Climate Measurement Tool Survey year 5 & 6 – opt out
- Cow team permission note to UCHSK

OFFICE NEWS

If your child has had a change of clothes from the front office, please return the items (washed) as soon as possible.

Thank you.

GLIMMERS, DAZZLERS, SPARKLERS (PRESCHOOL)

Welcome back to the preschool families. It is very hard to believe that half of the preschool year is over! Last Wednesday we had a very successful lunch to welcome suggestions and skills from families for our Indigenous garden. This was made possible with the Preschool Matters grant. We look forward to developing the play space to incorporate the fantastic ideas from you all.

This term the children have been enjoying starting to write their names as they arrive, participating in the Active kids challenge, tinkering activities with mechanical devices, and many other fun experiences. We look forward to a visit from the Reptile man in week six.

Although it is still quite chilly, it is *Hats on* for outside time again. Please pack a broad brimmed hat to leave at preschool. Please remember to also continue to send warm clothes for your children.



Elsa, Sally, Kellie, Georgia, Ni, Gaby and Merrie.

AURORAS (K and K/1)

It has been a fun and exciting last couple of weeks in the Aurora unit.

On Friday we attended the athletics carnival where we participated in rotations and running races. The children enjoyed the running races and getting to play with the parachute. Thank you to all parent volunteers who helped to make the rotations run smoothly.

Over the last couple of weeks in IU we have chosen our plot of land for our new community being built. The children have decided what house they would like to build and designed a floor plan. Today the children designed and made the front of their house to put on our community map. Ask your child about their house design.



Don't forget next week is Book Week and the children can dress up as their favourite book character for our Book Week assembly next Friday. We can't wait to see what character everyone has chosen to dress up as.

Sarah, Jess, Naomi, Leanne and Kathleen.

NEONS (1/2)

The first two weeks have been very hectic in the Neon Unit. Students have been busy applying to be Memory Rescuers and building a time machine to travel back in time to collect memories. Students are enjoying their art lessons creating camels, learning how to French knit, making puppets and pop stick boxes.

Students participated in many activities at the athletics carnival and it was encouraging to see everyone competing with good sportsmanship and determination.

Reminder that hats are now back as part of 'Hats on at Maribyrong'. Students must wear a hat during outside play. Please ensure they are labelled with the student's name.



Book Week assembly is on Friday 14 August students are encouraged to dress as their favourite character from a book.

The Neon unit is currently collecting clean and empty yoghurt containers and egg cartons. If you have any spare they would be greatly appreciated.

Amanda, Lucy, Stacey Howard, Camille, Keilly, Stacey Hodgson, Aaron and Nicola.

BEAMERS (3/4)

Hi Everyone! We hope that you have had an excellent start to the new term.

The Beamers have been busily delving into "Our Fleeting Past" and we have been pleased to note the high interest in history the students have. We began our unit learning about Indigenous Australians and we have now moved onto Captain Cook and his voyage. The students are fascinated with his discoveries and are learning lots. We can't wait to show you everything at our Learning Journey at the end of term.



August brings hats back out again until next year. Please ensure that your child has a labelled hat so they can play freely on the playground and participate in outside PE games.

We would like to congratulate our new SRC representatives. Harry and Riley T in 3/4LN, Sha're and Fergus in 3/4SF and Lily and Jacinta in 3/4KA.

We have a growing pile of lost property in our pit. It's mainly jumpers. Please come and check if you are missing clothing items.

Have a wonderful two weeks!
Symone, Kylie, Lyndall and Justine.

FIREFLIES (LSU)

Hi everyone. Despite the cold and rainy weather in the last two weeks we have had a great time with some indoor and outdoor activities here in the LSU.

Last Friday was the athletics carnival and everyone did a fantastic job! It was wonderful to see the LSU students running as hard as they could all the way to the finish line and having big smiles on their faces.

We have been continuing our cooking lessons on Thursdays including using my mum's secret recipe for chicken vol-au-vents. You will have to wait until the end of the year when our cookbooks come home to find out the secret ingredient. 😊

We have been working hard on our morning boxes practising our letter formation and sight words.



It's hats on back in our playground now so please remember to pack hats in our schoolbags each day.

Have a great weekend!
Lee and Jacque.



GLOW WORMS (LSUA)



The Glow Worms have been enjoying learning about nutrition and food. We have used a food pyramid to sort food pictures into the correct categories and have made up a collage meal using the healthiest foods. We are also undertaking an experiment about germs and handwashing. We have used bread touched

by dirty hands and bread touched with clean hands. We are doing daily observations to see which bread grows the most mould. This should tell us which bread has the most germs. We look forward to sharing our results toward the end of the term in the learning Journey.

Please remember its hats on again. This is in line with the sun safe policy. Some students would still like to wear beanies, so a hat over the top of the beanie is fine.

Kind Regards
Virginia, Kathleen, Sally and Michelle.

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN

Keep collecting the stickers when you shop at Woolworths.
Our collection box is at the front office.



SUPERNOVAS (5/6)

A big thankyou to all that helped at the School Athletics Carnival on Friday, it was an excellent day and the students were sensational.

The start of August each year means that students now have to have hats on in the playground. We ask that parents and carers double check to ensure that the hats have their owners' name written on it.

Students have been allocated their groups and their country as part of the Story Line unit on Asia, be prepared for lots of questions.



Additionally, homework has changed for the second semester and will be sent out on Mondays of even weeks and due back on the Thursday of the odd week. There may also be uncompleted work sent home as a result of preparations for our Learning Journey.

Book Week is next week so time to finalise the costumes for students to wear on the Friday as part of our Book Week assembly.

Emma, Shane, Elissa, Sarah and Justine.

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FRED HOLLOW'S HUMANITY AWARDS



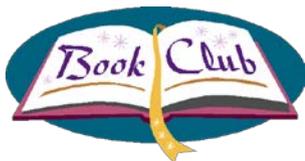
**"Real humanity is shown when we care for others" -
Professor Fred Hollows**

The Fred Hollows Humanity Award, recognises year six students who follow in Fred's footsteps by showing care and compassion for others. Teachers, principals, parents and members of the community can nominate a compassionate year six student through the online nomination form by 21 August. To nominate a student and learn more about the award go to www.hollows.org.au/humanityaward

P&C BOOK CLUB

Current due dates:

Lamont due by 10th August
Redgum due by 17th August
Scholastic due by 19th August



All classes in **Scholastic LOOP** are now up to date, so please look down the whole list to select the correct class.

Redgum Book Club are proud to announce the launch of the **Young Writers' Award**, designed to discover the talent of children aged between 9 and 13 years of age. This award seeks to develop the writing skills of this particular age group and assist these children to find their unique voice through storytelling. Please find more information online: www.youngwritersaward.com.au

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Bookclub Coordinator.
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P&C NEWS

{thank you}

Rebecca McMillan has resigned from the Canteen Manager role from Friday 31 July. Rebecca has been a wonderful Canteen Manager and has shown great dedication and perseverance and will be missed in the role.

The P&C is currently seeking a new Canteen Manager and will hopefully have a new employee confirmed at the next P&C meeting. In the meantime canteen operations continue as normal and we will be working on some temporary staffing arrangements. If you are interested in the role please contact the P&C President Noel Florian on 0412 32 11 14.

POSSUM PANTRY ROSTER

Week 4 Term 3	Wednesday 12 August	Thursday 13 August	Friday 14 August
9.00 am - 2.30 pm	Rebekah		
9.00 am - 12.00 pm	Kim	Wendy (1 hour)	
12.00 pm - 3.00 pm			
Week 5 Term 3	Wednesday 19 August	Thursday 20 August	Friday 21 August
9.00 am - 2.30 pm	Robyn		
9.00 am - 12.00 pm	Kim	Wendy (1 hour)	
12.00 pm - 3.00 pm			

The canteen has been getting busier and we would love to get some more volunteers. If you are available to help in the canteen, especially on a Thursday or Friday, or if you would like to be included on future canteen rosters please see Rouvaye 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. Thank you.

NDIS WORKSHOPS

The NDIA are running regular workshops for participants, families and carers to assist with understanding NDIS processes.

In these sessions the NDIA will:

- Explain how the NDIS works
- Provide tools to help you identify your goals and aspirations
- Explain and assist you to prepare for the planning conversation

Please RSVP by emailing communityact@ndis.gov.au or call (02) 6146 8200

Please advise the names of those attending, contact phone number and any support requirements. Friends, family members and carers are welcome.

Location	Date	Time
Gungahlin Library	10th August 2015	10:00am - 11:00am
NDIA Braddon Office	10th August 2015	4:00pm - 5:00 pm
Gungahlin Library	17th August 2015	10:00am - 11:00am
NDIA Braddon Office	17th August 2015	4:00pm - 5:00 pm

If you have any enquiries about preparing for your planning conversation please call the ACT Trial Site on 6146 8200.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Gigantic Garage SALE



Saturday August 22, 8am - 1pm
UC High School Kaleen
Baldwin Drive.

Come & grab a bargain!

All proceeds to our Japan trip for language students.

To donate any second hand items, please call the school on 6205 6050.