



POSSUM PRESS

NEWS FROM ANNA

Welcome back! We hope you and your loved ones had a sweet, chocolate and treat-filled break! Term two is a busy term with excursions, camps, our Walkathon fundraiser and our Athletics carnival. Remember there are lots of ways to keep informed about school events. These include the Skoolbag app and our Facebook page. Each Sunday we include a weekly update of school calendar events on our Facebook page and celebrate our student and educator achievements through photos and videos. Please give Maribyrnong Primary School- Kaleen a "like" and a "follow".

Assessment and Reporting

Term two is a formal reporting term and teachers are currently busy preparing to write reports for semester one. Along with all ACT Public schools, this term will see us change and all align our reporting format. This has been a thorough and well considered process which involves ongoing assessment of learning, moderation discussions and the writing of reports. Reports will be printed and sent home in school bags at the start of week eight before parent/ teacher interviews in week nine.

So how do we gather information for student reports? At Maribyrnong we have a detailed Data Plan with targeted assessment tools that capture our students' skills and content knowledge. While assessment data is a snapshot of what a child can do at that time it is also used to identify interventions and approaches, and to determine goals for further teaching. Our assessment tools utilise individual assessment tasks, 1:1 interviews or tasks, rich assessment tasks and group learning experiences. We use conversations, observations and products to ensure we have a clear picture of our students' achievements. Moderation occurs across and beyond year levels. Planned sessions allow teachers to see how students have progressed in line with the Australian Curriculum. 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.

Preschool and kindergarten to year 6 enrolments for 2020

Enrolments for new students to our school opened on Monday 29 April. The application process is the same as last year, in that all enrolments need to be completed online.

To apply to enrol, families need to use the following link:

http://www.det.act.gov.au/school_education/enrolling_in_an_act_public_school

The criteria for accepting enrolment has changed this year. Parents and carers will need to meet the requirements regarding residency as part of their application. All ACT children from kindergarten to year 12 are guaranteed a place in your local school. All four year olds are guaranteed a place at a public preschool. However, due to capacity limits, you may not be guaranteed a place in the preschool location of your choosing. For applications received by 7 June 2019, offers will begin to be made from 29 July via email.

Should any families need assistance to complete the enrolment application please call the Enrolments Telephone Service: (02) 6205 5429.



THURSDAY 2 MAY : T2 W1



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<http://www.flexischools.com.au>

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Before and After School Care

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BSB 032 777 Account 001615

DATES TO REMEMBER

MAY

- 3 Junior School Assembly @2.00 pm
- 10 P&C Mother's Day Breakfast from 7.45 am
- Senior School Assembly @2.00 pm
- 14-17 Naplan Years 3 and 5
- 16 School Board
- P&C 7.00 pm Library
- 17 Whole School Assembly @2.00 pm
- 21 P&C Walkathon for Preschool M-W
- 24 P&C Walkathon Day
- Junior School Assembly @2.00 pm
- 27 Reconciliation Day Public Holiday
- 31 Senior School Assembly @2.00 pm

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

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

ANZAC Assembly

Thank you to those families who were able to attend our ANZAC assembly on the last day of term. It was an opportunity to consider all those who have worked to achieve the freedom for which we are so grateful. My particular thanks to Anaya, Astrid, Philip and Jesse who confidently hosted this important assembly.

Walkathon

Our school fundraising event this term will be our P&C Walkathon. The Walkathon is scheduled for **Friday 24 May** (if the weather is not favourable, we will postpone to another date as early as possible). We are hoping this event will assist in promoting healthier lifestyle awareness within our school community and focus on our SEL values. This year our students will be required to find the five school values images on the course and pose for a class photo! These pictures will be shared in our Values PowerPoint in the next whole school assembly. Our preschool groups are also encouraged to participate, with our Mon-Wed groups completing their walk on Tuesday 21 May.

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.

I do hope any families new to Canberra are across the rule that, now ANZAC day has passed, you may turn on your heaters, crack out the beanies and change to the winter doona! Even after 15 years in the capital I am still surprised by the cooler change. You would think that a girl from 'The North' might be aware that winter is coming!

Anna.



Welcome back to term two!

Please find below some social media pages that may be of assistance or interest.

Canberra Defence Partners Group

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=143819102629246>

Australian Defence Pet Sitting

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=143819102629246>

ADF School Uniform Sell/Buy Swap

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=143819102629246>

Local one – not defence

Canberra & Queanbeyan SCHOOL UNIFORM - BUY, SWAP and SELL

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=143819102629246>

Defence Families Plant Lovers

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=143819102629246>

Australian Defence Families living on a budget

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=143819102629246>

MWD(U) Families

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=143819102629246>

There are lots of events and activities happening in our local region.

ADF Member & Family Transitions Seminar – 8 May

For more info email adf.transition@defence.gov.au or search the following link:

<http://www.defence.gov.au/DCO/Transition/YourTransition/seminars.asp>

Mother's Day Morning Tea – 9 May

SOLDIER

DCO and **ON** will be hosting a Mother's Day Morning Tea on 9 May 10.00 am till 12.00 pm.

Keep an eye out for the opportunity to RSVP on Eventbrite at:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/o/defence-community-organisation-canberra>

Open Arms (previously VVCS)

The Group Program calendar has been released for the first half of 2019. Programs are open to all personnel eligible for Open Arms services (age 18+). Programs listed for Canberra are as follows:

Recovery from Trauma - 28 May - 2 July 2019 (2hr x 6-week workshop 6.30pm – 8.30pm)

Stepping Out (for ADF personnel and partners within 12 months either side of transition out of the service)

6-7 June 2019 (two Day workshop)

Further information on Group Programs, including registering interest, is available at [Open Arms](#)

Jackie Sampson – Defence School Mentor.



THANK YOU
FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Communities@Work BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Please notify Before and After Hours Care if your child is not attending their booking.

Ph: 0405 124 312



Lights on Learning!

Focusing on Preschool

Preschool have had a wonderful and busy term one getting to know each other and all the wonderful things at preschool. This term brought much excitement as the children had an excursion to the Canberra Museum and Gallery, visits from Guide Dogs NSW/ACT and lots and lots of fun!

Guide Dogs

In week eight the children had a visit from NSW/ACT Guide Dogs. We met three Guide Dogs in training Dasher, Rambo and Spark with their handlers. The children learnt about the role of a Guide Dog, when we can and can't approach them and how they help people to be mobile in the community. Once the harness was removed, the children had an opportunity to pat the dogs if they wanted to. Many children had a wonderful time getting up close and personal with the dogs and asking questions of the handlers.



Canberra Museum and Gallery

The children also went to CMAG in late term one where they learnt about how Canberra has changed over time as well as some local Indigenous art.

The children were able to touch artefacts, dance and create with loose parts before going into the studio and creating their own artworks at the Gallery. These included printmaking, water colour and patchwork collage.

From the Preschool Team.



A few reminders

- Please label all clothes, drink bottles and containers. This is especially important as the weather is cooling down. We don't want you to lose jumpers
- Children need to bring their own piece of fruit or vegetables in a separate container for fruit break
- Library borrowing is Tuesdays and Thursday. No bag, no borrowing!



Lights on Learning!

Focusing on Year 5/6 Budyen Unit



In week nine, year 5 students took part in a NAPLAN practise session to familiarise themselves with the online testing system. The students were very patient and understanding with the new arrangements and once up and running the Google Chromebooks operated well. NAPLAN consists of tests to check students' knowledge and skills in writing, reading, language conventions and numeracy. Formal NAPLAN testing will take place from week 3.

This term we will continue our bike program by starting bike familiarisation lessons within class groups. These lessons will be on Thursdays, each week. The children are encouraged to bring in their own bike and helmet if possible, otherwise they will be able to use the school bikes and helmets.

During these lessons children will learn how to make sure their bike helmets are fitted properly, test their bike to make sure it is in working order and learn bike handling skills. We will also continue our lunchtime rides.



On Thursday 28 March a team of students represented Maribyrnong at the Belconnen Swimming Carnival held at the Australian Institute of Sport. Part of that team were year 5/6 students Clare C, Siddharth D, Kendra G, Jesse Q and Ashley W who all participated with great courage and enthusiasm. Notable times were earned by Kendra and Siddharth who will now proceed to the ACT competition. We wish them all the best!



Students pushed themselves physically over the last few weeks, practising for the Cross Country on Friday week nine.

The students also helped Kindy buddies practice their run and then supported them on the day of the carnival.



The year 6 students had a fun and educational day at UC High School Kaleen on Wednesday week eight. The High School displayed a variety of activities for the day including experiments with dry ice in science, meeting the animals on the agricultural farm, baking biscuits in cooking, a written introduction of themselves in English, challenging skills in Circus and learning the voting system in Civics. Students met some of the high school staff, met up with old Maribyrnong friends and spent time with students from other primary schools in the area. We all had a great time experiencing high school life.

A big

THANK YOU

to

Clare Whittingham
for organising our Year 5/6 leadership
shirts.

They look **amazing!**

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

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FRONT OFFICE NEWS

2019 PAYMENTS

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.

NOTES & EMAILS

- ☒ Year 4 Camp at Warrambui.
Notes and payment required.
Return by Friday 17 May 2019.



Notes are emailed, available on paper from the office and where possible available on the Skoolbag App under eForms.

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.



Mum's and families are invited to the

Mother's Day Pancake breakfast!



Friday 10 May



7.45 to 8.50 am
before school

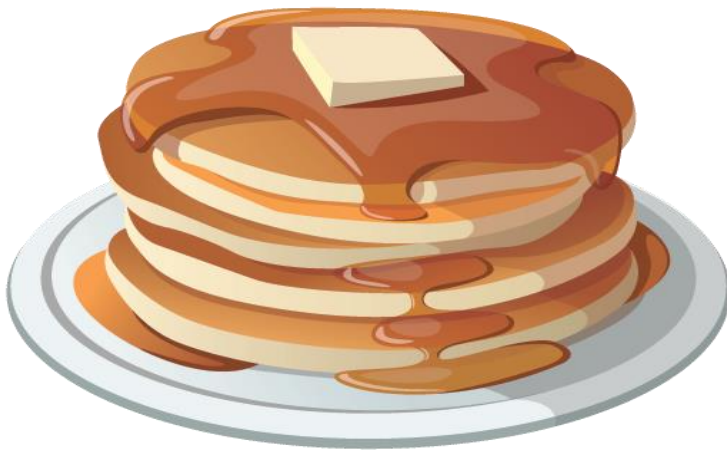
Please note, children must be accompanied by a parent or carer.



Outside the hall



\$2 a pancake



It is not too late to volunteer at the pancake breakfast, contact Mark Gilbert or email maribyrnongpandc@gmail.com



Mark Your Calendar

>> UPCOMING EVENTS

There are a few P&C Events coming up this term. Look out for more information and volunteer requests to come soon. Mark them in your dairy now!

- ☑ The **Annual P&C Walkathon** is scheduled for Friday 24 May (and Tuesday 21 May for M-W preschool groups). We need people to walk with the students in classes. Sponsorship forms will come home soon.
- ☑ The P&C will hold a **Election Day BBQ** for the election on Saturday 18 May. Why not come help for an hour or two and vote while you are here?
- ☑ The P&C meetings this term are scheduled for Thursday 16 May in week three and Thursday 20 June in week eight. Come and hear first hand what is happening in the school. All welcome. Can't make the meetings? Email the P&C to be added to the email list.

Class Carer Program!

The role of the Class Carer is to connect parents/carers with their child's classroom. Each class will have a volunteer parent to act as the Class Carer who will send occasional emails to the class parents/carers with relevant information about things that are happening in their child's classroom.

Have you signed up yet? Email Hayley Hayleyprimrose@gmail.com or complete the eForm on the Skoolbag App.



BREAKING NEWS

CHRIS HEMSWORTH VOLUNTEERS IN LOCAL SCHOOL CANTEEN!!

(Ok, it wasn't Maribyrnong but how cool is this!!)

If Chris Hemsworth can do it so can you!! No prior experience is necessary as Rouvaye and Andrew will be very happy to provide some friendly direction. You could expect to be doing some simple tasks such as:



1. Sticking stickers to bags
2. Writing numbers on bags
3. Popping popcorn
4. Making toasties
5. Salad prep
6. Washing dishes
7. Freezing milk
8. Bagging up Cheerios and popcorn
9. Pouring custard into cups
10. Scooping Ice cream

Keep the canteen viable and volunteer this term! As a parent, carer or grandparent of a child or children at Maribyrnong Primary School, if you have a few hours spare of a Wednesday to Friday at any time during the term, then volunteering at the canteen is a quick and easy way to make a positive contribution to your school community. If you can volunteer, please write your name down on the day(s) you can help out on the noticeboard outside the canteen or talk to the team.



POSSUM CAFÉ CANTEEN

maribyrnongprimarycanteen@gmail.com

Could you be a volunteer 'superhero'
in our canteen?



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

Hats can be purchased through the canteen Wednesday to Friday.

**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

Need new Maribyrnong 'logo' school uniforms?

They can be purchased at...

**WORKIN' GEAR
SCHOOLS**

2 Luke Street, Holt ACT 2615

Open 8.30 am to 5.00 pm

Monday-Friday and

9.00 am to 4.00 pm Saturday.

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



To contact the P&C, email maribyrnongpandc@gmail.com (please note this email is checked weekly).

Chris Watkins- President

Ros Riddle- Vice President

Zoe Mansfield- Secretary

Purchase the 2019-2020 Entertainment Book through Maribyrnong!



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

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



Let's stick together with
Earn & Learn
1 May to 25 June 2019

The collection boxes are at the front office and the preschool.

The ACT Education 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.



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The Circle of Security® Parenting™ program is based on decades of research about how secure parent-child relationships can be supported and strengthened. Run by an experienced Circle of Security Registered Facilitator, who is also a parent. Mothers, fathers, foster carers, grandparents and other primary caregivers are welcome to attend.

Course Information	
	Seven Thursdays: 7:30pm-9:00pm
Dates	9 May; 16 May; 23 May; 30 May; 6 June; 13 June; 20 June 2019
Cost	\$280.00 total per person
Location	Gungaharra Homestead, Harrison
Enquiries	Phone 6140 5399 or info@childfocusedsolutions.com.au
Bookings	https://www.trybooking.com/BCCMP



Brick Expo supporting students with special needs.

**SAT 11TH MAY 2019 9am – 4pm &
SUN 12TH MAY 2019 9am – 2pm**

127 Denison St Deakin

Entry: \$5.00/child, \$10.00/adult or \$20.00/family

For details go to <http://www.thewodens.act.edu.au>

This is a Canberra Brick Expo event organised in association with the Canberra Lego User Group and the Woden School Parents & Citizens Assoc.

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ParentLink

ParentLink provides parenting education to the community, from birth to teenage years. It is available for parents, carers, kin, teachers, and the broader community, providing information and links to local resources and services.

The ParentLink website provides links to all ParentLink guides including a variety of topics - *Starting School, More than Reading and Writing, Optimism and Cyber Safety.*

The ParentLink suite of resources includes guides specifically for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families, and access to resources for diverse cultural groups.

ParentLink guides are available to view and order via the website at, <https://www.parentlink.act.gov.au/>