



POSSUM PRESS



NEWS FROM JEN

Thursday 20 August, Term 3 Week 5

What a fabulous range of Book Week celebrations we enjoyed last week! A huge thank you to Keilly Pownall for her leadership through Book Week, including the staff performance, book fair and popular Book Week parade.

ACT Public Education Excellence Awards – The results are in!

It was an absolute privilege to attend the Public Education Excellence Awards almost two weeks ago now with our three nominees: Leslie Carr, Jacque Mengel and Leeanne Walls. The Public Education Excellence Awards were introduced in 2010 to recognise and celebrate outstanding achievement in public education in the ACT. I would like to congratulate Leslie Carr who was the recipient of the Primary Teacher of the year award! This is an outstanding recognition of the incredible teaching and learning that takes place in Leslie's classroom each day and the leadership she shows across the ACT in science education. My congratulations also to Jacque Mengel who was one of three educators shortlisted in the Education Support Category. Congratulations also to Leeanne on her nomination this year. This is such an outstanding achievement and I am incredibly grateful that we have such high calibre educators at Maribyrnong.



School Satisfaction Surveys/ School Climate Surveys

The School Satisfaction Surveys and School Climate Surveys have been combined in one online survey in 2015. These surveys are offered to staff, students (years 5 to 10) and families on an annual basis to seek feedback from all school communities, including parents and carers, staff and students from year 5 to 10. The surveys opened on Wednesday 12 August and will close on Friday 28 August. Each child took home a letter with an individual access code and website address on Wednesday of week 4 which you will need to access the survey. The survey can also be accessed through the school home page, you will need to have your individual access code ready. Your feedback is crucial to our school, the information you provide forms part of our annual review and informs our next stage of planning for school improvement. The survey is relatively short and will take no more than 10 minutes.

I look forward to your feedback and thank you in advance!



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DATES TO REMEMBER:

AUGUST

28 Assembly 2.15 pm- French item

SEPTEMBER

1&3 P&C Father's Day Stall

7 Christian Education in Schools-
opt in

10 Board 6.00 pm, P&C 7.00 pm

11 Assembly 2.15 pm- Science item

Twilight Fair

Our annual Twilight Fair is just around the corner, with Friday 13 November fast approaching. Our P&C welcomes donations for the book stall, craft stall and white elephant stall. Donations can be left outside the P&C store room. There are still a number of vacancies on the volunteer roster if you can spare an hour or two. Our P&C are working on advertising through a number of online noticeboards. If you have a noticeboard in your workplace and would like to share this event with colleagues, please contact Sharon Houston for a flyer or a copy of the advertisement which we are using. Sharon can be contacted via email on Sharon.houston@education.gov.au We are looking forward to this great community event!

All things science

A huge congratulations to Leslie Carr for another amazing week of science celebrations this year. The science fair was a huge success with very high quality entries from across the school. Thank you to all of our families and teachers who supported students in undertaking their science projects. It would be remiss of me not to make special mention of Leslie who has challenged, guided and supported our students in completing their projects. Thank you Leslie for your hard work and passion for science education at Maribyrnong Primary School and beyond. I would like to thank Rebecca and Clare from our P&C for coordinating a lovely afternoon tea for families who visited our science fair on Tuesday. This event was exceptionally well attended and many votes were taken for 'people's choice' award. Science celebrations continued on Wednesday at the science week rotations where our senior students planned and prepared for some very exciting science experiences for our students right across the school. In a matter of days the SEA*ACT science fair will kick off. All entries into the school science fair will automatically be entered into the ACT competition. A big thank you to our P&C who has sponsored this event so that all students from Maribyrnong can enter, covering entry costs of \$500. We will once again have a strong presence in the fair, showing our commitment to science education.

Parking

The use of the school car park was raised at our first P&C meeting this year and I have been asked to write, once again, to the community to ask for care and safety to be taken. The concerns raised were the misuse of the accessible car park at the gate, the misuse of the bus zone and the illegal double parking behind cars already in a parking bay. These actions place our students and community at risk of injury. There is ample parking down Shannon Circuit and the gate from the playground to Shannon Circuit is open morning and afternoon for your convenience. There is also parking at Gwydir Square and towards the Scout Hall. While these options require a short walk and a little more time out of the day, they are crucial to keep our community safe. Student safety is a priority for us all and I appreciate your cooperation with keeping our kids safe.

Maribyrnong Babies

We farewelled Amanda Peake who commenced her maternity leave at the end of week 3, I wish her well and look forward to sharing the news of the new arrival in the coming weeks. I am pleased to announce that there will be more Maribyrnong babies in 2016! A huge congratulations to Jessica Lepakshi who will welcome a new baby in February 2016. I will also be taking some leave in term 1 as my husband and I are expecting our second child in January. There will be some changes in the leadership team during this time, I look forward to keeping you up to date next term.

Thank you for your ongoing support!
Jenny.

NUMERACY MYTHBUSTER

Myth # 8 Most children arrive in kindergarten with the basics they need to progress in maths.

While it's true that some children start school with a good understanding of number, many do not. In fact, the variability in children's mathematical knowledge when they first come to school is huge. Even those students who seem to know a lot about number – those who can count, for example – don't always have all of the number knowledge they need to succeed. Many are simply performing by rote, without understanding what counting actually means.

In years gone by there was a belief that children would generally pick up the math they needed through unstructured play – puzzles, games, and songs with a math theme such as Ba Ba Black Sheep. This may surprise many people, but research has demonstrated that children do not learn what they need to know about number through free play activities even when they have a math theme.

Instead connections need to be made! Explicit and intentional teaching at point of need ensures that each child's number sense is built and the formal relationships that exist between concepts are explored.

What could this look like in the classroom?

- Children working in small groups on different learning experiences.
- Teachers adjusting their questioning of students to suit the learning needs of different children.
- Children entering and exiting learning experiences at different points of the lesson.
- Intentional teaching in preschool that allows children to 'trust the count'.

What can you do as a parent to help connect play experiences to conceptual understanding?

- Sing rhymes, read stories, do puzzles with your child because immersing them in math themed concepts will help them once they engage in explicit instruction!
- Talk about maths in action! Knowing how we use maths in real life experiences ensures that children understand the importance of being numerate.

So.....this myth is BUSTED!

Children start school with a range of mathematical abilities and understanding.

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

P&C - POSITION VACANT



The Maribyrnong Primary School P&C Vice President position is currently vacant. Nominations are now invited to fill the Vice President role through to the P&C's Annual General Meeting in February 2016.

The Vice President role includes supporting the President in supporting the management of P&C functions and engagement with the school community. For more information on this role, please email lizswannschool@gmail.com.

To nominate, email your nomination to lizswannschool@gmail.com before 5.00 pm, Friday 4 September 2015. If more than one nomination is received an election for the Vice President position will be held in the next P&C meeting 7.00 pm, Thursday 10 September 2015.

OFFICE NEWS

Please be aware that head lice has been reported from the 3/4 unit. You are advised to examine your child's hair to determine whether or not an infection has occurred.

The ACT Public Health (Infectious and Notifiable Diseases) Regulations require students with head lice to be excluded from school until the day after treatment has commenced.

All members of the family should be examined to ensure that cross contamination has not occurred. All combs, brushes, hats and bed linen should be washed in hot water and preferably, dried in the sun. A follow up treatment within seven or eight days is recommended. All eggs should be removed from the hair with a fine tooth comb.

Please pick up a copy of the Head Lice Fact Sheet from the front office if you require further information. Alternatively you can view this information at <http://www.health.act.gov.au> and access the fact sheet – Head Lice.

MARIBYRNONG PRESCHOOL 2015 TEA TOWEL FUNDRAISER



The limited edition tea towel is **ONLY \$12.50, 2 for \$24.00** or **SAVE** by ordering **5 for \$60.00**. Tea towels can be ordered by using the order form (available at the office) and returning to the school in an envelope clearly marked 'TEA TOWEL ORDER'. Payments can be made by cash or through Flexischools <http://www.flexischools.com.au>

Final orders and payment are due before **FRIDAY 25 September 2015**.

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NOTES SENT HOME

- 5/6 Camp **2016** expressions of interest and deposit
- Australian School Climate Measurement Tool Survey
- Reptiles at Preschool 2015
- P&C Preschool Tea Towel Fundraiser

GLIMMERS, DAZZLERS, SPARKLERS (PRESCHOOL)

Can you believe we are already half way through term 3! The last couple of weeks the preschoolers have been very interested in learning about mini beasts. We have been finding many bugs and ants in the outdoor learning environment! We have been busy learning about the lifecycle of caterpillars, how bees make honey and how ants are incredible strong insects!

We had so much fun celebrating Book Week. The children looked fabulous dressed up as characters from lots of different books.



We hope you all have a wonderful week!
Elsa, Ni, Georgia, Kelly, Gabe, Sally and Merrie☺

AURORAS (K and K/1)

Greetings from the Auroras,

As part of our unit of inquiry, we have started to construct our new community in our classroom. The children have built their houses and they have been placed on their chosen block of land. Our next step is to identify the needs of our community and begin construction on services and shops. If you have recycled boxes at home please bring them in to assist with our construction.



In maths this fortnight we have been focusing on two and three dimensional shapes and describing their features. We have created a display of 2D shape people in our pit to demonstrate our knowledge.

During Daily Five rotations this term, we are teaching the students to choose the order that will complete their activities in. We are using display boards and check lists to help them make their choices.

Please remember that now that the weather is starting to get warmer the children need to bring their hats to school.

Thankyou,
Jess, Sarah, Naomi, Leanne and Kathleen.

NEONS (1/2)

The Neon unit continue to be busy Memory Rescuers and have rotated onto their next teacher and subject in our IU. They have been super keen and interested in all the different topics. Make sure you ask you child what they are learning about at the moment.

The classes have also been working on different science experiments for the Science Fair and have helped develop the different posters the classes have created. Many of the students have also been working on a personal project and it has been great hearing about the different hypotheses they are working on.

Book Week was a fantastic success and it was wonderful seeing the children connect with reading and books through the book fair as well as learn more about their favourite books and characters from who they came dressed as last Friday. We had many wonderful costumes and the children enjoyed sharing what they had chosen to come as in a writing piece.

A thank you also to all those students who remembered their speaking task for homework last week. Many of the children shared their favourite memory and brought in something to share from it with the other children.

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

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

BEAMERS (3/4)

Hi Everyone!

This week our students have become convicts – sentenced to sail aboard the First Fleet to Australia. We have started learning about the journey and life in Australia for our early settlers. Our students are so interested in how life was different back then. We have created mind maps in groups of the journey and reflections of early convict life. They are very interesting to read!

We are about to have a ship building technology day and we really need recyclable materials such as cardboard tubes, yoghurt containers, butter dishes etc. We will leave a box in the pit for you to drop things into – we really appreciate your help.

Year four have brought home a camp expression of interest note for next year. If your year four child has not brought one home please see your class teacher.

Hats are back on for the remainder of the year. Please ensure your child has one with their name on it to wear at break and PE times.

If you're missing a jumper we have a stack of them piling up in the pit. Please feel free to go through them for missing items.

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



FIREFLIES (LSU)

Hi everyone,
What a lovely time we all had at our special book week dress up day and assembly last week. Everyone enjoyed the day celebrating our favourite characters and read some beautiful books both new and old throughout the week. Congratulations to Kayleb for getting his first assembly award!



This week we made scones in our cooking class using only four ingredients. Ask your children at home if they can remember what those four ingredients were. We enjoyed them afterwards with some jam and cream. We also had a fabulous time dancing in the snow in our playground! What an exciting adventure! For the first time ever we got to place the snow picture up on our calendar wall.

Over the coming fortnight please remember to mark in your diary if you have an appraisal meeting at the school for your child.

We promote healthy eating in our classroom. Please remember to pack your child a healthy main (eg: sandwich, pasta or rice dish – we are happy to reheat) before adding treats to their lunch boxes.

Have a great weekend!
Lee, Jac and Nicola.



P&C NEWS

The P&C is potentially looking at introducing a new rugby top to our school uniform range. It would be navy blue with a light blue panel down the front right side (see picture) and our school logo on the left chest. It is a 65% Polyester / 35% Cotton blend. The price would be \$27.

What we want to know is would you buy this for you child and do you think they would wear it?

Please contact Clare Whittingham on 0408 252 736 or madden_clare@hotmail.com if you have any further queries or comments.



SUPERNOVAS (5/6)

What a fantastic variety of book week characters we had turn up in the 5/6 unit. A huge thankyou to all the students and parents that contributed to such a successful day.

While it is only August, the year 5/6 camp will be upon us very shortly. With this in mind, we plan to send out expression of interest notes this week. Next year the camp will be in Tathra and will be held on 7 – 9 March 2016.

As part of our Storyline Unit, students have written to the embassy of their chosen country and we are pleased to announce that we have had a number of very positive responses.

It has been great to see so many of our 5/6 leaders wearing school uniform. We still have a number of jumpers piling up in our lost property basket without names. We go through this basket regularly in 5/6 and return any jumpers that have a student name written on it.

The P&C floated an expression of interest on a rugby style jumper as an option on Facebook and it looks fantastic and received a very positive response. A note was sent out this week with further details.

A reminder that talent quest auditions are fast approaching so time for students to practice their act.



Emma, Shane, Elissa, Sarah and Justine.

GLOW WORMS (LSUA)

The Glow Worms have been very busy working on their literacy skills. We have been identifying plurals and adjectives in stories and building sentences and descriptions.

The Glow Worms have all put entries into this year's Science Fair. Congratulations to Patrick for winning a 1st prize, Shahbaz has a 2nd prize and Toby achieving a highly commended for their sections in the Science Fair!

We have been identifying coins and notes in our money focus. The students will be given an 'allowance' and will shopping from catalogues later in the week.



We decided to investigate texture and colour to create these lovely beach scenes.

The Glow Worms have been enjoying the glimpses of sunshine. Virginia, Kathleen, Sally and Michelle.

EXCITING NEWS AT UCHSK

UC High School Kaleen are excited to offer our school community an exclusive opportunity to have fresh fruit and vegetables delivered to your door – straight from the local farmers via the Southside Farmers Market! With the support of ACT Health and in partnership with UC, UC High School Kaleen has been lucky to be chosen to develop a pilot project looking at healthy eating habits in schools. The opportunity to be involved is now being extended to public primary schools in our community.



Large fruit and vegetable box

Suitable for a small family. Filled with farm-fresh fruit and vegetables, and a selection of recipes. The contents of these boxes will change weekly, but will contain approximately: 20 pieces of fruit (from a selection of seasonal fruit) A broad selection of vegetables (including mushrooms, capsicum, onions, pumpkin, cauliflower, salad greens, spinach and more).

\$50.00 Order



Small fruit and vegetable box

Suitable for a large eater or couple, filled with farm-fresh produce and a selection of recipes. This is a small box of fruit and vegetables containing... 10 pieces of fruit A range of vegetables

\$30.00 Order

THE BOX SCHEME

5-WEEK TRIAL STARTS 23RD OF AUGUST (EXCLUSIVE TO KALEEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS)

Do you find making fresh, healthy meals for your family each week is more of a chore than a pleasure?

Do you want to support your local farmers but can't find the time to shop at your local farmers' market?

IF YES, THEN THE BOX SCHEME IS FOR YOU!!



FEED YOUR FAMILY FRESH, LOCAL FOOD!

Delicious seasonal fruit and vegetables are delivered to your home on Sunday afternoons.

The 5 week trial period offers 2 box sizes (\$30 and \$50) and represents real value for money.

Each box comes with delicious and healthy recipes including school lunch ideas for the kids!

All food is freshly picked for your box. The fruit and vegetables are delicious and you will be amazed by how long they last!

Your purchase helps support local growers and your community.

FOR FURTHER DETAILS PLEASE CONTACT:

SOUTHSIDE FARMERS MARKET

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COMMUNITY NEWS

POSITION AVAILABLE KALEEN CUBBYHOUSE



Are any mums interested in part time work at the Kaleen Cubbyhouse?

We offer school hours and school holidays off, a flexible commencement date and above award wages! Please contact Denise on 0423253399 for more info.

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.



Thank you for collecting the Earn & Learn stickers when you shop at Woolworths.

Our collection box is at the front office.

POSSUM PANTRY ROSTER

Week 6 Term 3	Wednesday 26 August	Thursday 27 August	Friday 28 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 7 Term 3	Wednesday 2 September	Thursday 3 September	Friday 4 September
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 Rouvay 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.

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