



POSSUM PRESS

NEWS FROM JEN

What a fabulous music scheme concert we enjoyed last night. A big thank you to Jan and Arianne for nurturing the amazing talents of our pianists, guitarists and violinists over the last six months. I would also like to congratulate each of our students who performed, we certainly enjoyed listening to your musical talents!

I would like to wish Astrid all the best as she competes at the Rostrum Quarter Finals tonight at Turner School! I look forward to sharing her successes with you in the next fortnight.

Year 4 Camp to Warrambui

We welcomed 60 campers back on Friday afternoon after a spectacular camp experience. The students engaged in a range of experiences including:

- trying their hand at archery
- aiming to score par or better in Frisbee golf
- orienteering through the bushland
- working together to solve a number of initiatives
- finding various wonders on a treasure map.

Students also participated in a trivia night after dinner and I have it on good authority that we have some students very knowledgeable in the field of science!

Camp is a wonderful opportunity for our students to try out new experiences. It is also a time when the students and educators have the time to connect as a team in a completely different setting to the classroom. We hope you have enjoyed many stories of exciting new experiences that our students participated in!

As you can imagine planning for camp is a process that starts well before the students hop on the bus to their destination. Bookings are made, risk assessments are completed, approvals sought, notes are crafted, lists ticked off and staffing is set in place. My thanks to Emma Wild and Sarah Nockels for their wonderful coordination of this event. My thanks also to Nat, Nick and Jacque for attending across the two days to support our students so well. Thanks team!

Semester One Reports and Parent/Teacher Interviews

Our staff have now completed the formal reporting cycle for semester one. I had the privilege of reading each child's report over the last week and I am incredibly proud of the growth that each individual child has made. Making progress is a very individual road to travel for each child, filled with personalised goals and big and small steps. I can attest to the progress that each child has made over the last six months and commend them for their efforts.

There has been a change to the way reports will be distributed. Previously we informed families reports would be sent home in student bags on Monday 17 June. Our Directorate has asked for all reports to be sent out via email. These emails will be sent on Thursday 20 June as per the new timetable. We are one of the first schools to email all reports, so we thank you in advance for your patience.



THURSDAY 13 JUNE : T2 W7



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DATES TO REMEMBER

JUNE

- 14 Christian Education in Schools(opt-in)
Junior School Assembly @2.00 pm
 - 18 Preschool Incursion- Gudaman/Bimbi
Canberra Reptile Zoo
 - 19 Yr 2 National Gallery of Australia
 - 20 Preschool Incursion – Balbo/Walga
Canberra Reptile Zoo
School Board
P&C 7:00pm
 - 21 K-6 Athletics Carnival – Dickson
Playing Fields- Antil Street
NO Assembly
 - 24-27 Parent Teacher Interviews
 - 28 **Senior** School Assembly @ 2pm
- More dates are under EVENTS on the Skoolbag App or for the full calendar visit:
http://www.maribyrnongps.act.edu.au/our_community/calendar

The reports will arrive in time for parent and teacher interviews in week 9 (Monday 24 June to Thursday 27 June). Families wanting to discuss their child's achievements and progress are welcome to make an appointment through either logging on to the online booking system PTO through the front page of the school website, or by calling the front office.

National Reconciliation Week

Last week we recognised and celebrated two important events in the history of our nation. May 27 marked just over fifty years since the referendum that changed our Constitution to make it possible for the Federal Government to pass legislation specifically for the benefit of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Peoples. June 3 marked the commemoration of the Mabo decision recognising in law the special relationship that Aboriginal and Torres Strait peoples have to their land. The Maribyrnong Community includes several First Nations families. We recognise that our school is on the traditional lands of the Ngunnawal people. We seek to engage all students in reconciliation, respect and recognition of the world's oldest continuous living cultures. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to Joe Hedger for sharing his stories and knowledge as part of our Reconciliation assembly. Joe is a Bundjalung man who is the leader of Indigenous Practice at EY. His generosity to share his perspectives with our community is greatly appreciated.

Budget

This week the ACT Education Directorate announced its budget for the 2019-2020 financial year. Maribyrnong is one of the schools who will receive funding for further development of an accessible toilet for our LSU students. We expect that this work will take place later in the year, into the January holidays. The school will also be jointly funding a project to expand on the existing staff study. This will include a relocation of the staff room and a significant expansion to accommodate our rapidly growing staff. We look forward to keeping you up to date as the work begins.

Parking

I would like to remind all parents and carers who pick up students in the main car park to please travel through the car park slowly and be very mindful of other people in the car park. Please do not park on nature strips or anywhere that could obstruct the vision of other drivers, or limit a driver's ability to see children in the car park. There are many places around the local neighbourhood to park including Shannon Circuit.

Nut Aware School

A reminder to all families that Maribyrnong Primary is committed to being a nut aware school. We have a number of children attending school who are highly allergic to the protein in most nuts. For most people the diagnosis of nut allergy is life-long. The only current treatment for nut allergies is total dietary avoidance. We understand that it can be challenging to avoid nuts as many nut products commercially available use nuts as ingredients.

So why is it so important to be nut aware?

- On average, there are two children fighting food allergies in every classroom.
- Every three minutes, someone enters an Emergency room due to a food-allergy reaction.
- Food allergies can cause hives. They can also be fatal. Food allergy reactions can range from an irritating rash to life-threatening anaphylaxis.

Here's how you can talk to your children to support their friends:

1. Don't bring nuts to school. At all. Ever. This means no sandwiches, muesli bars, treats or other food that contain nuts.
2. Be a label detective! Food labels have super-tiny print and it can be tricky to read the fine print!
3. If a friend shares that they have a food allergy, encourage your child to take note. Listen carefully and ask how they can help to support them.
4. If your child has a food allergy, encourage them to be open about this and share the information with their friends. It's important that we support each other to stay healthy.
5. What if someone accidentally bring nuts to school? We will phone the family and offer a gentle reminder. An alternate lunch will be requested and if possible, provided.

Why should your family follow the nut-aware guidelines?

You are helping other children and families to stay healthy. If your child has a food allergy or a child in their class does, you are helping to create a safer environment for us all. It's helping practice being supportive, safe and including others. When we are happy to help other kids, we are building a stronger school community.

Thank you for your ongoing support!

Jen

DEFENCE SCHOOL MENTOR (DSM) NEWS

This week I have compiled a list of resources and courses that you may like to take a look at.

Australian Childhood Foundation Resources -

<https://professionals.childhood.org.au/resources/>

- **Building parenting confidence - Bringing Up Great Kids:**
<https://professionals.childhood.org.au/bringing-up-great-kids/>
- **BRAVE Program:**
- This online program providing **parents and caregivers** of young children with information and skills to help their child overcome fears and anxiety.
- Teens (12 – 17 years) - <https://brave4you.psy.uq.edu.au/teen-program>
- Young Child (3 – 7 years)- <https://brave4you.psy.uq.edu.au/preschool-program>
- Child (8 – 12 years) - <https://brave4you.psy.uq.edu.au/child-program>

Open Arms (Veterans & Families Counselling)

- **Doing Anger Differently - 2 day workshop, consecutive**
Thursday – 20th & 27th June – Canberra
This program will help you to better understand anger and manage it more effectively so that it doesn't have a negative impact on your own or others' lives.
- **Managing your Pain - 2 day workshop**
Monday - 4th & Monday 11th Nov - Canberra
This program will help you learn about pain and teaches you strategies and skills for effective pain management.
- **Recovery from Trauma - 2 day workshop, consecutive**
Tuesdays 17th & Wednesday 18th Sep - Canberra
This program will help you understand the possible impact of trauma and teaches you strategies and skills to help you to manage its impact on you and your family.
- **Parenting Workshop (Tuning into Kids) 3 hr sessions, 6 weeks**
Thursdays 6th June till 11th July – Canberra
Parenting programs help you to build a strong and positive relationship between parents and their children.
- **Mental Health First Aid - 2 day workshop**
Tuesday 3rd & Wednesday 4th September – Canberra
Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) workshops teach practical skills for helping a family member, friend, co-worker or other person who is experiencing mental health problems.
- **Understanding Anxiety - 2 day workshop**
Tuesday 15th & Wednesday 16th Oct – Canberra
This program will help you to understand anxiety and teaches you strategies and skills to reduce anxiety and the associated stress.
- **Stepping Out - 2 day workshop**
Thursday 28th & Friday 29th Nov – Canberra
This program will give you, and your partner, information and skills to manage and adjust when transitioning from the ADF to civilian life.

To register for an **Open Arms** program call 1800 011 046 or

OpenArms.gov.au

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OpenArms.gov.au

Jackie Sampson – Defence School Mentor

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Our annual athletics carnival is scheduled for Friday 21 June. We still need a few volunteers to come and assist on the day with time keeping, raking the long jump pit, and recording results. If you can assist please get in touch with our coordinator Stacey Howard.

Stacey.howard@ed.act.edu.au



MINI FETE

The year 6 mini fete is scheduled for Tuesday 2 July. We ask that all 5/6 students bring a slice, biscuits, muffins or something else delicious to sell.

There will be a variety of games, foods and activities for all children to enjoy on the day.

All money raised goes towards funding the year 6 graduation events!



Hats Off in June and July!

As we are a Sunsmart school, we follow the Cancer Council's recommendations for sun exposure, when UV levels are under 3 there is a low risk of potential UV skin damage. In Canberra UV levels drop and remain under 3 all day in June and July, so it is **Hats Off** in these months!

Lights on Learning!

Focusing on the Galu Unit

We have had a very busy term two so far! We have danced with Anna, worked with Bee Bots, designed and created hats for our technology day and made loads of artworks.



We have continued with differentiated grouping within class groups for maths, reading and spelling. These groups are designed to target students learning needs and as a result of assessment there have been small changes to these groupings.

Reading groups are focusing on building strategies for reading comprehension, phrasing and fluency. We are all reading chapter stories, and some groups are delving into novel study activities.

We have been learning how to observe artworks and respond using our senses, feelings and perspective. Artworks include our own pieces, and those of more famous artists. We've thought about our first impressions, the most interesting feature, how it makes us feel and the media and techniques used.



Students have been enjoying number groups. So far, we have explored addition and subtraction strategies and calculated totals of money. Next, we are turning our attention to building efficient multiplication and division strategies.

In space, shape and measurement so far, we have been focusing on location and transformations and are currently working on collecting and representing data.

In inquiry, we've explored the big question 'why do people make artworks?' through making a wide range of our own and sharing them with each other. We have made collages, sculpture, dabbled in paint and printing. Find out more at our upcoming assembly!

Important Days

2AL (Ms Ashworth & Ms Lisacek)

Tuesday – Music, Science

Friday - Library

2KH (Ms Hajdu)

Monday- Music

Tuesday – Science, PE, Library

2SH (Ms Howard)

Tuesday - Library, Music Science



14 June – 2AL Assembly

19 June – Year 2 Excursion to NGA

21 June – School Athletics Carnival

24 – 27 June - Interviews

Michelle, Kathy Stacey and Lyn

Lights on Learning!

Focusing on Science

Science Fair Projects Begin!



Does your child wish to conduct a Science Fair project? The inaugural Maribyrnong Science Fair will be held early in term three, where we showcase all of our students' projects. So now is the time to save up those glass jars, keep that mould growing in the corner, or find the measuring tape, so that your child can run a project of their very own. All projects are judged by a panel of parent and teacher experts, with select projects entered into the Science Educators Association of ACT (SEA*ACT) Science Fair. Entry forms and detailed information on how to conduct a science fair project will be available from Mrs Mac or the front office.



Sustainability news

Good news! Since their launch in week three, the new outdoor 10c recycling bins are being used properly and have delivered a steady income of about \$10 per week (that's 100 bottles, containers or cans recycled per week which otherwise went to landfill). The compost is looking (and smelling) much better after students began adding a handful of autumn leaves with every bucket of fruit scraps. Stay tuned for a working bee to use the compost in our gardens and convert two of the garden beds into 'wicking beds'.

Mrs Mac

COMMUNITY READING MORNINGS



We are looking for parent volunteers to come in and support the **library before school on Friday mornings from 8.30 am until 8.55 am starting on 31 May** through reading with children, engaging in conversations with students using rich language and questioning, returning books to the correct place and ensuring that the library is left in an immaculate condition at the end of the session. Any parent or carer who would like to volunteer their time can do so by adding their name to a roster that will be available outside the library external door or they can email me directly with their availability.

Niomi

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P&C NEWS

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.

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

NEXT MEETING:
Thursday 20 June 7.00 pm

Chris Watkins- President
Ros Riddle- Vice President
Zoe Mansfield- Secretary

POSSUM CAFÉ

maribyrnongprimarycanteen@gmail.com



Volunteers are needed on Wednesday to Friday. The sign up sheets are now located near the front office. Please consider helping for an hour or two, weekly, monthly or whatever 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!

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



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.

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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.

NOTES & EMAILS

- ☒ K-6 Athletics Carnival.
\$9 per student. Permission note and payment required by Tuesday 18 June.
 - ☒ OPT IN - 3-6 Maths competition – enrolment and payment by 14 June.(tomorrow)
 - Overdue**
 - ☒ Yr 2- National Gallery of Australia. Permission note and payment required.
 - ☒ Preschool Incursion- Canberra Reptile Zoo incursion
- 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.

Possum Play @ Maribyrnong

a 'stay and play' playgroup for our community

Every Friday

9.30-10.30am

for 3 year olds
and their siblings



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SkoolBag

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Purchase the 2019-2020
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Are you looking for amazing savings
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Please notify Before and After
Hours Care if your child is not
attending their booking.



Let's stick together
with Earn & Learn

1 May to 25 June 2019

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