

POSSUM PRESS



NEWS FROM JEN

The walkathon is only one sleep away! To all of our families who are volunteering tomorrow by walking with our students 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.

Earth Hour Award

Last term Maribyrnong Primary participated in Earth Hour activities, reducing our energy consumption by engaging in activities which do not require any form of electricity. Many families also participated in Earth Hour. I am proud to announce that we have won an Actsmart Schools Earth Hour Award. The prize ceremony will be held on 18 May at the Legislative Assembly. We look forward to sharing the exciting news with you next week!



Staffing Update

I would like to offer my congratulations to Lee and her husband Nathan who will welcome Baby Brown towards the end of October this year. It is anticipated that Lee will finish at the end of term 3. We will let you know the staffing arrangements when they come to hand.

Additionally, Stacey Hodgson will remain on leave for the rest of the year. Taryn will continue teaching the Wallaroo preschool group for the year and Karina Harris will continue in the science specialist role. Should you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thank you P&C

A big thank you to our P&C for another wonderful Mother's Day Stall this year! I do hope you enjoyed the goodies that your children brought home.



Thank you also to Rouvaye and Zoe for organising the muffin and milk celebration for our year 3 and 5 students this week.



THURSDAY 11 May : Term 2 Week 3



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DATES TO REMEMBER

MAY

- 11 6.00 pm Board
- 11 7.00 pm P&C in the Library
- 12 P&C Walkathon
- 19 Assembly 2.15 pm- Kindy item
- 29 HATS OFF for winter!
- 31 Warrambui year 4 depart for overnight stay

JUNE

- 1 Warrambui year 3 depart for overnight stay and year 4 return
- 2 Warrambui year 3 return. Assembly at 2.15pm
- 7 Music Scheme Concert 6.00 pm
- 9 Christian Education in Schools.
- 12 Public Holiday.

Public Education Week

Public Education Week runs from 22-28 May. This week allows us to celebrate the outstanding work that educators, students, parents, directorate staff and the broader community do in our public schools. Maribyrnong Primary is a great school that enjoys a high level of community involvement. We highly value the role that all parents and carers have in their child's education and will continue to work together with you to ensure we provide students with a quality education. This is a special time where we welcome you to contact our amazing educators and let them know how much you appreciate them. Pop by and share your child's successes, let them know about why you appreciate their hard work, drop them an email to say thank you; they would love to hear from you!

Community Consultation

Last week I met with two representatives from Purdon Planning. They have been engaged by the ACT Government to review the landscaping around the shops in Gwydir Square. The 'Kaleen Local Centre' Investigation has been underway for the past month and is expected to run for another two months. During this time, they are looking to engage with many community stakeholders regarding what is working in the space and what could be improved. The team will also age in consultation with the community. Feedback can be sent through to me e welcome to provide feedback through the P&C.



Front Building Update

During stand down, work commenced in the front building, with the majority of the space being cleared out! The painters were on site last week and this week, making good progress throughout the classrooms. The bathrooms were completely gutted last week and the work to commence.



Preparation Room Update

During stand down, substantial work was completed in the teacher preparation space. The space was completely gutted, new cabinetry was installed and the space was painted. We are waiting on the flooring to go in, and then the space will be complete! A big thank you to Lindsay Gilchrist for his painting work!

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Jen

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www.kaleenhs.act.edu.au

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6.00pm-8.00pm

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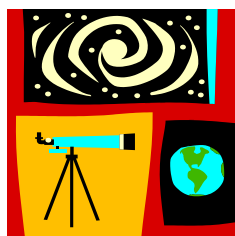
DSTA NEWS FROM JACKIE

National Families Week at Questacon The DCO Canberra National Families Week event for all serving ADF members and families to be held on Sunday 21 May at Questacon. Reminder that RSVP is essential with the number of adults and children (please include children's ages) to dco.canberra@defence.gov.au by COB 15 May.

ADF Family Health Program Dependants of permanent ADF members and dependants of Reservists on Continuous Full-Time Service (CFTS) can register for the program. Each family member can receive financial assistance to help with GP visits and specialist medical care. To register and find out more follow the link <http://adffamilyhealth.com/>

Kookaburra Kids Is for Defence kids, aged 8-18years, of serving and ex-serving ADF members. The program targets children who have a parent with a mental illness as a result of military service and offers support to them through the provision of camps and activity days. The Kookaburra Kids program has recently commenced in the Canberra region. To find out more about how to refer a child, follow the link <https://kookaburrakids.org.au/refer-a-child/>

Mount Stromlo Public Astronomy Nights Are a great opportunity to see the rings of Saturn, the craters of the moon as well as beautiful star clusters and nebulae. On the night, attendees will be taken on a 'tour of the universe' with talks by astronomers from Mt. Stromlo Observatory and observations on several telescopes. Follow the link for more information, <http://rsaa.anu.edu.au/news-events/mount-stromlo-public-astronomy-nights>



Have a great week!

Jackie Sampson - Defence School Transition Aide.

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P&C Give an Hour of Power



P&C Walkathon is happening on Friday 12 May!

This is a fantastic whole community event where all classes seek sponsorship and then complete a walk with their class group through our beautiful suburb.

All money raised comes directly back to the school to support the purchase of resources and support programs within our school. Information about this school event has been sent home with students.

Want to give an hour and be involved?

This year we are looking for parents to walk with class groups. What better way to give an hour to your school than by going for a walk! As always we will require all volunteers to sign in and provide their Working With Vulnerable People (WWVP) card if they have one.

The **P&C Walkathon** is a brilliant way to grab some exercise, participate and give an hour to support our school.

Will this be your hour of power?

SPEAKING & LISTENING MYTHBUSTER

Myth # 7 There is only one way we talk to others

In the last newsletter we looked into the different social purposes of language, specifically using the way Halliday organised the communication functions. We identified the first three functions and now we will look at the last four functions.

Function	This sort of language helps us to:
Regulatory: 'Do as I tell you.' <i>Controlling the behaviour and feelings of others.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Give information or correct factual information Persuade others Give specific logical instructions in a variety of contexts for different audiences
Representational: 'I've got something to tell you.' <i>Communicating information, descriptions, expressing propositions.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tell about the real world Express a proposition Report about things using description or narrative Convey messages
Heuristic: 'Tell me why?' <i>Seeking and testing knowledge.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use a range of questions Respond to questions appropriately Select the most effective type of question to get the required information Express and find out intellectual ideas Hypothesise and experiment
Imaginative: 'Let's pretend.' <i>Creating new worlds, making up stories and poems.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Perform Recite Puppetry



So.....this myth is BUSTED!

Children and adults speak with a range of social purposes in mind. Each social purpose has a specific function.

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 SCHOOL BANKING

Wednesday mornings from 8:45 am in the canteen.



KIDSMATTER UNPACKED

Belonging

All children need to feel that school is a safe place where people will care about them, where their needs for support, respect and friendship will be met, and where they will be able to get help to work out problems. When these needs are met children develop a sense of belonging at school. Belonging is very important for children's mental health and wellbeing. Children who feel that they belong at school are happier, more relaxed and have fewer behavioural problems than other students. They are also more motivated to learn and be more successful with their school work. Research into children's mental health has found that a sense of belonging and connectedness at school helps to protect children against mental health difficulties and improves their learning.

As part of KidsMatter Primary, Maribyrnong has looked closely at ways we can continue to build strong positive relationships with all students and families. This includes things like:

- making the school environment welcoming for all students and families
- encouraging connections between teachers, their students and their families
- offering many ways to communicate (Skoolbag App, newsletter, FaceBook, emails, meetings)
- focussing on child and family strengths
- listening to feedback on what we are doing well and what could be strengthened
- making sure that our Relationships Policy, regarding safety, welfare and discipline, is clearly communicated and supports a sense of belonging for children and families.

Parents and carers can work with us to help create a bridge between home and school. When the adults responsible for children take a positive interest in what happens at school it helps children feel at home. It also makes it easier to pick up any problems early when they are easiest to resolve. This includes:

- finding out about the school and what your child is learning
- participate in information sessions
- where possible attend school events. This is a great time to see what happens in the senior years or reminisce over the junior years!
- make time to listen to your child tell you about what he or she is doing at school
- let your child's teacher know if he/she is having difficulties and discuss what kinds of things you can do at home and school to help
- read the newsletters to get a sense of whole school happenings. Your expertise and experience may be needed!
- volunteer to help out. Give an 'hour, an hour of power' where you help out at the school and allow your child to see you working with us!

What would you like to know about KidsMatter? Send your questions to [Jantiena.batt@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:jantiena.batt@ed.act.edu.au) and it will be answered in the next KidsMatter Update.

Lights on Learning!

Focusing on Kindergarten

Kindergarten is up to their 61st day at school today! We are very excited to be getting closer to our 100 day party! The students have settled back into school after returning from the holidays and are ready to learn to start another exciting term...

This term we have begun reading groups and are learning to work independently. During this time, students work on their own task whilst the teacher takes a small group for a reading lesson.

Each fortnight we begin reading a new big book and focus on reading and writing activities. We are learning about capital and lower case letters, spaces between words, punctuation and story structures.

On Fridays we have enjoyed many Mystery Readers visiting our classroom. Mums, Dads, teachers and also Nannas have volunteered to read to the children and we love it! The kinder kids are very excited to see who may pop around the corner each Friday morning. Who will it be this week??



During term 2 we will be learning about a unit on water. This includes the water cycle, the importance of water, water conservation, storage and pollution. We have already conducted many exciting experiments and hands on activities. Ask your child about where rain comes from!

On Friday 19 May our kindergarten students will be presenting at assembly. We would love for you to join us in the hall at 2.00 pm.

Camille, Tegan and Alex.



We have begun to learn our numbers to 20. This includes reading, writing, ordering, grouping and adding these numbers.

The children are very excited to begin addition problems and using the plus and equal signs. Ask your child a simple addition problem at home and see what they can do!

This week we are focusing on patterns including shape, colour and numbers patterns. We are creating interesting pattern pictures and artworks.



Lights on Learning!

Focusing on LSUA Uluru

Hoping you're all having a cosy Canberra chilly season, because the team over in the LSUA certainly have been! We have had a busy term so far, plenty of work balanced with play as we explore the most efficient mathematical addition rules and quirky grammar conventions.

In our literacy sessions the students have been focusing on grammar and spelling conventions and how they relate to both written and spoken language.

Two of our students are participating in the Minilit program and are achieving amazing results!

All of the students have been working hard on speaking in the correct tense and enunciating each word correctly so that everyone can understand what we are communicating.

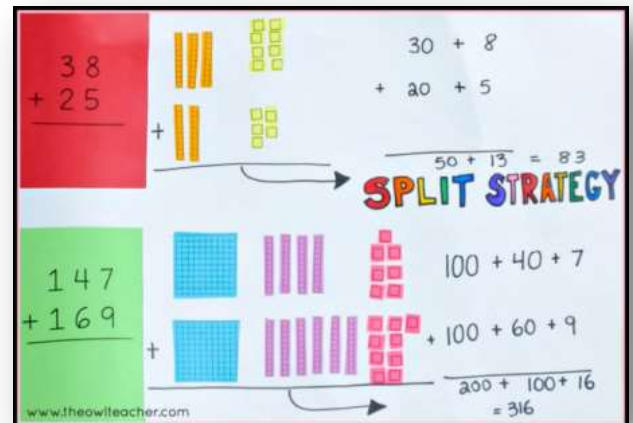
For our ICT skills sessions the students have been focusing on increasing the number of words they can type per minute using an online program named Typing Cat. All the students are recording their words per minute (wpm) scores on the board to try for their own personal best each session.



In our art sessions the students have been marvelling at the wonderful colours of a Canberra autumn. The students have made an excellent effort to capture this feeling this by creating rubbings of various autumn leaves being blown around in a blue cloudy sky. I think they've done a wonderful job!

Have a great week everyone!

Chris and Sally.



In our numeracy sessions, the students have been working on the most efficient way to add two digit numbers. We have tested out the jump strategy and the split strategy and have combined them with the more familiar counting on strategy. The students have been discussing how they can modify the way they add two digit numbers together to make the process both more accurate and more efficient.



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KEEP CONNECTED

- Download the **Skoolbag-Maribyrnong Primary App** to keep up to date with news, alerts, complete absence or excursion notes.



- Like us on **FACEBOOK** for updates: Maribyrnong Primary School-Kaleen



- The Maribyrnong website and full calendar: http://www.maribyrnongps.act.edu.au/our_community/calendar

Guitar Club

Tuesdays during B1 (30 min) **in the** 5/6 unit with Mr Deane. No cost but bring your guitar if you have one. Students from all grades (K to 6) are welcome with any level of experience.



POSSUM CAFE NEWS

Week 4 Term 2	Wednesday 17 May	Thursday 18 May	Friday 19 May
9.00 am - 1.30 pm			
9.00 am – 12 pm	Kim		
11.00 am – 1.30 pm		Nicole	Jaymee
Week 5 Term 2	Wednesday 24 May	Thursday 25 May	Friday 26 May
9.00 am - 1.30 pm			Jane
9.00 am – 12 pm	Kim	Maryanne	
11.00 am – 1.30 pm			Jaymee

If you are available to help in the canteen, or if you would like to be included on future canteen rosters please see **Rouvaye or Zoe** in the canteen or call on 62415974 or 041784009, or email Zoe on zoefellows123@gmail.com. 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.

Rouvaye and Zoe.

2017/2018 ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

Support Maribyrnong by purchasing your 2017/2018 Entertainment Book for loads of entertainment ideas and discounts:

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

20% of every membership sold contributes to our School. Help us achieve our goal by sharing this link with your Friends and Family. Thanks for your support!

NOTES SENT OR EMAILED HOME

- 2017 Walkathon- return your sponsorship forms and money
- 5/6 Old Parliament House \$8.00

Camp Warrambui: Cost \$227

- Year 4 from Wednesday 31 May to Thursday 1 June
- Year 3 from Thursday 1 to Friday 2 June

Notes and payments are required asap.

HEAD LICE

We have been notified of a case of Head Lice in the school. You are advised to examine your child's hair to determine whether or not an infection has occurred.

For more information visit

<http://www.health.act.gov.au>

and access the fact sheet – Head Lice.