



# POSSUM PRESS

## NEWS FROM JEN

The day has finally come! Tomorrow marks our annual P&C school walkathon. To all of our families who are volunteering tomorrow, looking after a station, walking with our students or helping in the canteen, 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.

### Congratulations Leslie Carr!

Leslie Carr has been selected to participate in the Bush Blitz Live Program. Bush Blitz is Australia's largest nature discovery project - a three-year multimillion dollar partnership to document the plants and animals in hundreds of properties across Australia. Since the program began in 2010 Bush Blitz has discovered about 600 new and undescribed species and has added thousands of species to what is already known - providing baseline scientific data that will help us protect our biodiversity for generations to come. Leslie will head to Cape York in July for 10 days and will Skype live with our students to share her learning. This is a great honour and very well deserved. Our congratulations to Leslie.



### Congratulations Maribyrnong Students!

Last term our students participated in Earth Hour activities on Friday 27 March (week 8 of term 1). Maribyrnong was one of the four top schools to significantly reduce their energy consumption across the ACT. As a result, a special prize pack will be sent to the school for our students to enjoy as part of their science learning experiences. My thanks to Leslie Carr for her coordination of this event and a big congratulations to our students!

### Nationally Consistent Collection of Data (NCCD)

Over the next ten weeks Ministers from every jurisdiction in Australia have again agreed to undertake an annual data collection for students with disability in every school across the country. This data collection aims to give a full picture of the number of students in Australian schools with disability, as defined by the Disability Discrimination Act. The national data collection on students with disability acknowledges the work already undertaken in schools to support students with disability. It assists schools to identify and to support students with disability so they can access and participate in education on the same basis as their peers. We will send home further information to parents and carers of students with disability over the coming weeks; this will include a permission form to allow the data collected to be included in the data collection. Further information can be found at the following link: <http://www.schooldisabilitydatapl.edu.au/>



Thursday 14 May, Term 2 Week 3



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### DATES TO REMEMBER:

MAY  
14 Board 6.00 pm & P&C 7.00 pm  
15 P&C alkathon  
20-22 3/4 Camp Birrigai  
22 Belconnen Cross Country  
Assembly 2.15 pm Kindy Item

For the full 2015 calendar, please visit:  
[http://www.maribyrnongps.act.edu.au/our\\_community/calendar](http://www.maribyrnongps.act.edu.au/our_community/calendar)

## Assessment and Reporting

Our teachers are currently busy preparing to write reports for Semester 1. This is a thorough process which involves ongoing assessment of learning, moderation discussions and the writing of reports. Assessment has changed from the experience many of us had in our school years. At Maribyrnong we have a detailed Assessment Schedule and have selected assessment tools that assess the transfer of learning, not just the mastery of skills. The purpose of any assessment is to know what the learner knows, is demonstrating at that point in time and what they need to know next to take them to higher levels of progression and learning. Our assessment tools utilise individual assessment tasks, 1:1 interviews or tasks and group learning experiences. We use conversations, observations and products to ensure we have a clear picture of our students' achievements. 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.

## Helmets, Bikes and Scooters

It is wonderful to see many of our students riding their bikes or scooters to school each day however it is important that they wear an appropriately fitted helmet. The ACT Helmet Law came into effect in 1992 and applies to riders of all ages. The law requires all riders and their passengers to wear a helmet when travelling on a public street or in a public place. Wearing a helmet a legal requirement as it will protect riders in the event of a mishap. Helmets must be fastened correctly and be the right size for the rider. Please have a chat to your children about this important safety measure.



## Parking

We would also 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 obscure the vision of other drivers, or limit a driver's ability to see children in the car park. There are many places to park including the Gwydir Square shops, the overflow car park at the shops and along Shannon Circuit.

Thank you for your ongoing support,  
Jen.

## HATS OFF IN CANBERRA

### End of May is Hats Off Day in Canberra!

In Canberra, we have already started to witness daily UV levels dive, to what is considered "low" levels (under three), during the morning and afternoon periods. Cancer Council ACT does not generally recommend sun protection behaviour (ie hat wearing and sunscreen application) when UV levels are under three. In Canberra UV levels drop and remain under three, all day, around the June and July period and so the **End of May is Hats Off Day!** In winter, by exposing some skin most days of the week during the lunchtime period (the middle of the day is best because UVB will be present), students and teachers should be able to maintain the bulk of their summer vitamin D. There are groups in the population that are at higher risk of having vitamin D deficiency. To read more about Vitamin D visit Cancer Council ACT's website.

## MYTHS ABOUT NUMERACY

### Myth # 2 There is only one way to teach maths

Teachers use a range of teaching approaches to support the students in their learning process. This is because students need to 'spiral' through a range of concepts as they build their understandings.

These approaches have different levels of teacher support and include:

**Analysing** -The teacher systematically questions to find out what students know or to make the known explicit.

**Modelling** - The teacher shows students what to do and/or how to do it. They instruct, explain and demonstrate the mathematical process or strategy.

**Sharing** - The teacher observes, listens, monitors students as they work, asks questions designed to help them see connections, and/or articulate generalisations.

**Guiding** - The teacher focuses on a specific concept, skill or strategy that students need to learn.

**Extending** - The teacher sets a significant challenge, uses open-ended questions to explore the extent of children's understanding, facilitate generalisations and provide a context for further learning.

**Reflecting/Reviewing** - The teacher orchestrates a recount of what was learned, such as a sharing of ideas and strategies. This typically occurs during whole class share time where learning is made explicit, key strategies are articulated, valued and recorded.

How can you help at home? You can use these approaches too!

- Model how you count out your change at the shops
- Share a cooking experience by taking turns measuring the ingredients
- Encourage them as they create patterns with numbers or objects
- Recount an experience where you used a strategy to work out a problem, for example I had to buy two books and they were \$5 each so I doubled 5.



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

**There are many ways to learn maths....and we do a range of them in each lesson!**

Looking for more information to support your child's literacy or numeracy development?

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## AROUND THE GROUNDS

### School Uniform and School Colour Code

The topic of school uniforms and school colour code can be a complex one, with so many different views to take into consideration. At Maribyrnong, we encourage all of our students to wear school uniform or school colour code and we aim to support families as best we can to achieve this. Each ACT Public School, in conjunction with their School Board, is responsible for developing and implementing a School Dress Standard and Colour Code policy.

There are a number of policies and procedures which guide our practice, including:

- ACT ETD Dress Standards and Colour Codes in Public Schools 2010  
[http://www.det.act.gov.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0018/120537/Dress\\_Standard\\_and\\_Colour\\_Codes\\_in\\_Public\\_Schools\\_2010\\_updated.pdf](http://www.det.act.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0018/120537/Dress_Standard_and_Colour_Codes_in_Public_Schools_2010_updated.pdf)
- ACT ETD Sun Protection Policy 2006  
[http://www.det.act.gov.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0003/19515/sunpro.pdf](http://www.det.act.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0003/19515/sunpro.pdf)
- Maribyrnong UV Protection Procedures  
[http://www.maribyrnongps.act.edu.au/principals\\_message/polices](http://www.maribyrnongps.act.edu.au/principals_message/polices)

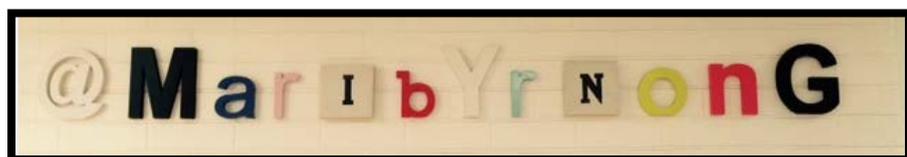
### Why do we prefer school uniforms and colour code?

We consider the following points important in regards to school uniform and colour code:

- Fulfilling our duty of care to ensure that sun protection is provided for students while they are on school premises during school hours or undertaking school activities. School uniform assists us to ensure students wear UV appropriate and protective clothing (i.e. sleeves and a collar).
- Reflecting school community standards in line with occupational health and safety, anti-discrimination and equal opportunity legislation.
- Wearing a uniform or colour code can be a badge of pride and assist students to develop a sense of belonging, ownership and responsibility for their peers, learning and physical environment. This approach to developing a sense of team is important if we are to support each other to learn.
- Reducing the potential impact of peer pressure at school. Having a school uniform or colour code means students don't have to worry about peer pressure when it comes to their clothes. There is less competition about being dressed in the latest trend, which could put financial pressure on families.
- Protecting our students' safety through the identification of visitors to the school which is made easier through the provision of school uniform and colour code.
- Easing the morning rush for families as the expectations regarding uniform and colour code is made clear.

### What about student self-expression?

At Maribyrnong, developing creative, self confident, individual learners is important to us. We therefore provide opportunities through special dress up days such as the book week celebrations, non-uniform days and dress like a particular animal for a day. We also strive to provide a variety of experiences through our creative arts program including visual and performing arts.



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## NOTES SENT HOME

- A\_E Reports **OPT-OUT** only
- PRESCHOOL incursion Hatching Chicks \$5.50
- KINDY excursion to Mugga Mugga \$17.00
- 1/2 incursion Reptiles Inc \$5.00
- Chess Competition.

### P&C NOTES:

- ❖ Walkathon- please return your sponsorship form and money asap
- ❖ Scholastic Book Club- new coordinator needed
- ❖ Coordinator Music Scheme Update
- ❖ Red Gum book club brochures available at the front office. Due: Monday 18 May
- ❖ Canteen helper requests

## GLIMMERS, DAZZLERS, SPARKLERS (PRESCHOOL)

The preschoolers have had a very busy start to the term!

They all enjoyed the visit from Kenny Koala where they learnt how to safely cross roads and stay safe whilst travelling in the car. They even got to experience the siren on Kenny's car!



The children were very excited to buy a present for their Mum's over at the big school. We discussed why they love their mum and they all had beautiful answers!

We are now learning all about recycling so they will be able to help with this at home and at school.

This week the classes will take part in the Maribyrnong walkathon. They will visit the park at the shops and play equipment at the school whilst they walk the lap of the school.

We will continue to update you about our wonderful learning experiences at preschool.

Georgia, Ni, Elsa, Kelly, Gaby, Merrie and Sally. ☺

## AURORAS (K and K/1)

The kindergarten and k/1 unit has been buzzing with lots of laughter and learning.

A note was sent home on Tuesday about our upcoming excursion. The children are excited that they are going to go on a bus and be able to see the old houses. In inquiry they have started to compare the past and present by looking at what clothes, transport and houses look like from the past.

As part of our daily 5, children are working on their reading by using whisper phones, masks, stuffed toys and puppets. In writing we are starting to look at writing an information report. Students are enjoying sharing the information they know about animals.

In maths we are learning about days of the week. We have learnt a song about the days of the week to the tune from the Adam's family. Ask your child if they can sing it to you.

We would like to welcome Alex to the Aurora unit. Alex is in her last year of her teaching degree. She will be working closely with the k/1 class. We wish her all the best.

Please remember that children are required to keep their hats on until week 5 this term. Also don't forget it is getting cold so please make sure your child has a jacket with their name on it. If you have lost anything, make sure you check the baskets in our wet areas.

Sarah, Jess, Naomi, Leeanne, Kathleen and Alex.

## NEONS (1/2)

Hi parents and carers,

It feels like winter has come early to Canberra. With the weather being so cold and jumpers and jackets being worn, please ensure your child comes to school with labelled jumpers and jackets. This way if they are misplaced they can easily be returned.

We are looking forward to the walkathon tomorrow. Thanks to those parents and carers of the Neon Unit who are kindly volunteering their time to help out.

Students are asked to bring in a **shoe box or similar sized box** for the Neon Unit's upcoming technology session, whereby students will design, make and appraise an Asian animal's habitat. Students can also bring in any other resources they think would be suitable to create the habitat.

The Neon Unit has enjoyed having Mrs Norris teaching them over the past few weeks and we wish her all the best as she continues her studies. We would now like to welcome Rhianna Byrne to work in the Neon Unit. We are so lucky that so many practising teachers choose our lovely school to carry out their placements.



Amanda, Camille, Kathleen, Keilly, Lucy, Stacey, Aaron and Sonia.

## BEAMERS (3/4)

Hi Everyone!



Suffice it to say that we have a very excited group of pre-campers in the Beamers unit this week. It's funny to overhear the conversations about camp that are taking place. Please remember that if your child needs medication whilst on camp to give it to Miss Apps in the morning in a clearly labelled bag.

We are hosting the assembly in week 6 where we will be showcasing the camp photographs. Assemblies are on Fridays from 2.15 pm and we'd love to see you there!

This Friday morning is walkathon. Please remember to return your sponsor forms to the front office.

We have a growing collection of lost property in a washing basket in the pit. If your child is missing clothing items please feel free to come and check the basket. We've come across quite a few unlabelled items where the name has worn off.

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our year 3 students who have completed NAPLAN this week. Well done!

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

## FIREFLIES (LSU)

Hi everyone,

Well the weather is very cold now so please remember to make sure your children have jumpers on their bodies and socks on their feet when they come to school.

This term our younger students have been enjoying their pre-school playground sessions and using the obstacle course to focus on their core strength and gross motor skills! It's been so much fun and we've made lots of gains on the equipment over there including pedalling and moving ourselves around on the bikes.



We also have started a wonderful Friday program with the LSUA where we get the chance to regroup and have some social time during Art and PE lessons with some other children.

Things to remember:

- This Friday we have our school walkathon
- Our students in year 3 will have their day trip to camp next week.

Have a great weekend!  
Lee and Jacque.



## SUPERNOVAS (5/6)

The 5/6 students have been studying democracy and exploring the principles and values that underline the rights of all individuals for a free and fair vote. As students develop an understanding of the different levels of government in Australia they will form unit parties. As part of the unit we are looking at forming 3 unit parties, where the students will have their say and right to vote. Watch this space to find our unit prime minister!



The year 5/6 ukulele program started on Tuesday this week. Due to the high number of students wanting to participate, some students have missed out for this term, however, they will have an opportunity next term. The students spent the lesson learning how to tune their ukulele.

### Reminders

- Walkathon Friday, please return your sponsorship money asap and wear sensible shoes
- 5/6SD has started the bike program



Thank you from the 5/6 team,  
Shane, Elissa, Sarah, Emma and Justine.

## OPEN NIGHT



**Open Night**  
Wednesday 20th May  
5:30pm - 7:30pm

### University of Canberra High School

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- Small class sizes
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## GLOW WORMS (LSUA)

The Glow Worms have been enjoying the inventions unit of work. We have been researching different inventions and finding out why certain things were invented. Some things we have researched include Lego, Minecraft, My Little Pony, and garbage trucks. We look forward to designing, making and appraising our own inventions.



We have been working on our individual learning goals in Literacy and Numeracy. We are learning about sketching and textures in Art and have been covering fundamental motor skills in PE.

Maribyrnong P&C walkathon is happening this Friday! Please make sure to bring water bottles, hats and jackets.

Virginia, Nicola and Kathleen.

## POSSUM PANTRY ROSTER

Week 4 Term 1	Wednesday 20 May	Thursday 21 May	Friday 22 May
9.00 am - 2.30 pm			Sharon F Kerry
9.00 am - 12 noon	Kim	Wendy Kerry	
12.00pm - 3.00 pm		Emma	
Week 5 Term 2	Wednesday 27 May	Thursday 28 May	Friday 29 May
9.00 am - 2.30 pm			Kerry
9.00 am - 12 noon	Kim	Kerry	
12.00 pm- 3.00 pm		Emma	

The canteen has been getting busier and we would love to get some more volunteers, if you are available to help in the canteen on any of the shifts not yet covered, or if you would like to be included on future canteen rosters please see Bec or Rouvaye in the canteen or call them 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.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

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## P&C NEWS



### Our Walkathon is on Friday 15 May !

If you would still like to volunteer on the day, just join us at 9.00 am in the Cateen. Please return sponsorship forms and money asap. Prizes awarded at Assembly 22 May.



### FAMILY PORTRAIT FUNDRAISER

This is a great opportunity to receive a Family Portrait or Family Pet Photo for only \$30. The whole \$30 will be given to the school. Spots are filling up and if you would like to book a time please contact Jeanette Krah on 0434862410 or e-mail [jeanettekrah@yahoo.com.au](mailto:jeanettekrah@yahoo.com.au). For further information on packages please contact Ladina on 0438198147 or [hello@ladinaphotography.com.au](mailto:hello@ladinaphotography.com.au)



### SCHOOL BANKING

School Banking is in the Library every Friday from 8:45 - 9.00 am. There is still time to do 25 deposits this year to be eligible for the Family Holiday to Disneyland!!! School Banking rewards will be presented at assembly in coming weeks. Many thanks, Jeanette Krah.

## FRONT OFFICE NEWS



The office has been notified of Hand, Foot and Mouth in the school. Please check with your health professional if you suspect your child has any symptoms. Thank you.



Please remember when paying by internet banking to reference your child and what the payment is for.