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NEWS FROM JEN

THURSDAY 24 NOVEMBER: Term 4 Week 7

Wonderful week seven has arrived. Over the past fortnight we have enjoyed a plethora of learning experiences. Kindergarten 2017 transitions have been enjoyed by our preschoolers and senior buddies, Remembrance Day was commemorated with two minutes of silence across the school and the whole school transition session held on Wednesday was a wonderful experience for all children. With wheels day, the concert and the year 5/6 day out and graduation still ahead, there is still so much to come.

Kindergarten 2017 Information Session

It was wonderful to see so many families attend the Kindergarten Information Session last Wednesday. Many questions were asked and information was shared regarding preparing your child for kindergarten, the frameworks we use to structure our teaching and much more. It was great to have the 2017 kindergarten team present, with other information shared by our uniform coordinator Clare Whittingham and our school banking contact officer Susan. If you were unable to attend the session please drop in to the front office to collect a copy of the information pack that was given out on the night.

Preschool Concert and Lunch

Our annual preschool concert is fast approach with Wednesday 30 November just around the corner. A reminder that the concert will be held between 11.20 am and 12.00 pm, starting in the school hall. Families are welcome to come to a combined picnic lunch at the preschool after the concert and enjoy a lunch outside with other preschool families. This event is not to be missed!



Community Kindness

This week we were excited to launch the **Maribyrnong Giving Tree**. This holiday season we are hoping to show our concern for others by collecting items to donate to charity. The tree is located in the front office foyer and non-perishable, un-wrapped items can be placed under the tree. A variety of charities will be supported by your donations.



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DATES TO REMEMBER

NOVEMBER

- 25 CEIS
- 30 Preschool Concert 11.20 am

DECEMBER

- 1 Board 6.00 pm
P&C 7.00 pm Library
- 2 Wheels Day K-6
Assembly 2.15 pm
- 12 School Concert Day ☺
12.00pm and 6.00pm
- 13 Year 5/6 Day Out
- 14 Year 6 Dinner and Disco
- 16 Graduation Assembly at 9.15am
Last day of term!



Concert

With only a few weeks until the school concert, rehearsals are underway. This is a very exciting time in our school and brings much enjoyment to our community. Choreography is being mapped out, costumes sewn and scripts rehearsed. All of these tasks are being done at school, so what can you do at home? There are two areas you can focus on. Firstly allow your child to be excited, talk about their routine with them and reassure them of how we work together to achieve a great concert. The second task is for you to consider how you will travel to the concert. With so many families attending both the matinee and night concert it is imperative that we adhere to the road rules and parking regulations. As a school who values all members of our community it is of paramount importance that carefully considered choices are made by us all. Parking options include utilising the shop car park, the overflow car park, Shannon Circuit, walking to the event, riding your bike or carpooling with others. By working together we can enjoy this event and celebrate our wonderful learning community.

SRC Wheels Day

Our SRC Wheels Day is fast approaching. All children are invited to participate in the Wheels Day by bringing along a bike or scooter or wheeled toys such as cars and trucks. Children are asked to wear the safety gear relevant to their activity and are also welcome to wear bright coloured clothes and closed in shoes for the day. Our SRC will coordinate a variety of obstacle courses, games and prizes for the children. If you have any questions or concerns please see your child's teacher or the front office.

Please note we are unable to accommodate roller skates or skateboards.

Congratulations

Congratulations Science Enrichment Students

12 students travelled to UC Lake Ginninderra College last week to participate in the solar cooker competition. Our children achieved outstanding results, winning the overall competition and achieving many individual awards. I would like to extend my congratulations to our students and acknowledge their outstanding results. Thank you to Leslie Carr and our other volunteers on the day!

Smoke-Free Public Places

In August this year the ACT Government amended the Smoke-Free Public Places Act to prohibit smoking within 10 metres of any ACT Government playground equipment, such as that near the Kaleen shops. For the safety of children or anyone else in the area, parents and carers are requested to observe this regulation, and to report any instances of smoking in the area to Access Canberra on 132 281. Parents and carers are also reminded that smoking is prohibited anywhere on school grounds (including the carparks), and within 10 metres of other entrances and fences.

Thank you for your ongoing support.
Jen.

** WEEK 10 EVENTS IN TERM 4 **

MONDAY 12 DECEMBER	TUESDAY 13 DECEMBER	WEDNESDAY 14 DECEMBER	THURSDAY 15 DECEMBER	FRIDAY 16 DECEMBER
 <p>School Concert K-6 12.00 pm and repeat performance at 6.00 pm</p>	 <p>Year 5/6 Day Out: Fun day at Hoyts and Lazer Tag.</p>	 <p>Year 6 Dinner and Disco Celebration. Years 3 to 5 are welcome to attend the disco.</p>	 <p>Regular school day ☺ Last canteen day 2016.</p>	 <p>Year 6 Graduation Assembly at 9.15 am. School ends at 3.00 pm.</p>

Remembrance Day

We were so very proud of the respectful and thoughtful way Remembrance Day was acknowledged here at Maribyrnong. Students were involved in lowering and raising the flag, laying a wreath made of poppies that the students had created at the Tuesday craft club and reading parts of the service including a poem by Moina Michael and The Ode of Remembrance. Taking time to reflect on the sacrifice made servicemen and women who gave their lives in war, conflict and peace operations is essential to understanding the meaning of Remembrance Day.

Here are a couple of events that you might be interested in:

National Archives of Australia Please find attached the NAA's flyer of events being held in November. In particular you might be interested in viewing the exhibition titled **Iconic Australian Houses**, which looks at 30 of the most important Australian homes of the past 60 years, through a range of artistic mediums. This is a free exhibition starting on the 25 November and running until the 13 March 2017. Follow the link to find out more about the NAA. <http://naa.gov.au/>

Sunset Cinema Canberra at the Botanic Gardens Sit back and relax in a bean bag (or take your own chair) to enjoy the Canberra twilight watching flicks with friends & family. There will also be food and drinks on sale. The Sunset Cinema runs from the 11 November to the 17 December, to view the program or to find out more, follow the link <http://www.sunsetcinema.com.au/canberra>

Jackie Sampson – Defence School Transition Aide.

P&C 'GIVE AN HOUR'

This week in P&C Give an Hour we are going to look at gardening.

Our school has lots of lovely spaces that all require a little bit of work to keep them looking beautiful. If you like spending time in the garden perhaps you might like to give an hour helping to keep Maribyrnong looking great.

With the warmer weather lots of weeds have started to poke their way out of the soil. If you have five or ten minutes before or after dropping off or picking up children, bring along your hat, sunscreen and a pair of gloves, sign in at the front office as a volunteer and start making a difference. If you are particularly handy in the garden you might like to come in and discuss adding some plants to our school environment. We even sometimes need jobs done like moving mulch.

If any of these jobs sound like you, then come in and see us! Gardening is just one other simple way to give an hour to your school.

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Lights on Learning!

Focusing on 5/6 Team A.S.P.I.R.E.

With the end of term fast approaching, we would like to inform you of some important dates for families to be aware of:



- **Maribyrnong school concert:** *Monday 12 December* (12.00 session and 6.00 pm sessions. Students are required to be at school by 5.00 pm).
- **Year 5/6 Day out:** *Tuesday 13 December* (could all notes please be returned ASAP).
- **Year 6 Graduation dinner:** *Wednesday 14 December* (5.30 pm at Maribyrnong Primary. Please meet at the 5/6 unit. Please note the dinner is for year six students only).
- **Graduation disco:** *Wednesday 14 December* (7.00 pm to 8.30 pm. Years 3 to 6 are invited to attend the graduation disco in the school hall).
- **Graduation assembly:** *Friday 16 December* (9.15 am in the school hall. Parents of year 6 are invited to attend a morning tea afterwards).

We look forward to seeing you and your children at these exciting events.

We have begun our Personal Development unit. Topics covered will include: conception and birth, personal hygiene and the major focus will be on puberty. We will also cover relevant issues such as positive body and self-image.

Discussions are the basis of our PD program, and we find that the students are engaged and interested in the topics discussed. For some students, they may feel more comfortable saving questions for home, so this is a great opportunity for you to have some discussions with your child on matters that go beyond what we will be covering in classes.



We have been busy compiling the content for student portfolios this second semester but a number of student portfolios have yet to be returned to school. We ask that students return these to school ASAP so that they can be filled with the newer content and sent home at the end of the year.

Our thanks to everyone for their support this year. We have once again been blessed to work with a wonderful group of students and wish our departing year x students the best of luck as they begin high school in 2017.

Shane, Emma, Mel and Nicola.

Lights on Learning!

Focusing on the Library!

BRING BACK BOOKS

Yes, it is that time of the year again. The Great School Library Book Hunt has begun! Please have a good look at home and return any school library books. Regular Library borrowing has ceased for the year and all books are due back by the end of next week. If your child has lost their Library book please come and see me so we can discuss replacement options.

A couple of interesting statistics for you: this year we have received **2626** new books into the Library and there have been **8689** loans.

Once again this year, all students at the school completed the Chief Minister's Reading Challenge. I will be attending the award ceremony next week with three of our year six students to receive our prize.

As the year draws to a close I would like to thank all the parents who spent time helping in Library this year, especially those who braved the world of contacting books.



Summer Reading

TOP 5 REASONS WHY BOOKS MAKE GREAT GIFTS

1. NO SMALL PIECES.
2. They do not require assembly or batteries.
3. They are educational and promote literacy!
4. Easy to wrap and mail!
5. They don't go out of style!

We have decided to trial holiday borrowing over the summer holidays this year. If your child is definitely returning to Maribyrnong Primary next year they may borrow books for the holidays in week 10. I would ask that Library books don't go away on holidays though. There is nothing worse than realising you have to tell Ms Pownall that you have left your school library book on a train, in a hotel, at the beach or that it was damaged because it went swimming in the pool.

Students in year five this year may borrow from the year six only section for the summer holidays with a letter of permission from a parent or carer.

Chill out with a cool book this summer!

Keilly.

MARIBYRNONG VOLLEYBALL TEAM

This term the Maribyrnong Volleyball Team has been invited to play an exhibition game during the Canberra Heat's Australian Volleyball League home round this weekend. The children are excited to have the opportunity to play this Sunday between the Heat men and women's matches and it would be wonderful to see some local support for the Maribyrnong children and Canberra heat men and women's teams.

When: Saturday 26 and Sunday 27 November

Canberra Heat men play at 2.00 pm on the 26 and 12.00 pm on the 27

Canberra Heat women play at 4.00 pm on the 26 and 2.0 pm on the 27

Where: AIS Volleyball Courts (entry via the AIS Swimming Pool)

Cost: Gold coin

See you there!

Rachel Uren

NOTES SENT/EMAILED HOME

- 5/6 Day Out Excursion on Tuesday 13 December
 - 2017** Book Pack and Voluntary Contribution payments are now welcome
- Please check your inbox for notes specific to your child's unit and check Facebook and the Skoolbag App**

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

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS



**Noah's Ark 3 year old Playschool at Giralang Community House.
1 Hirst Place Giralang.
ENROLLING NOW FOR 2017**

Playschool

A licensed pre-preschool program for 3 year olds which aims to prepare children for the transition to formal schooling. The program fosters social, physical, cognitive and emotional development through a play-based program delivered by early childhood educators.

Sessions Monday, Tuesday and or Thursday

9.30am - 1.30 pm or 9.30 am – 2.30 pm

Cost per School Term: \$440.00 for 9.30 am – 1.30 pm and

\$550.00 for 9.30 am – 2.30 pm

Places are Limited.

For more information please contact Jan Brennan on 62871117

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2017 IMPORTANT DATES

MONDAY 30 JANUARY:

DAY 1 FOR KINDY at 9.00 am & PRESCHOOL (Mon-Wed groups) starting at 8.45 am

TUESDAY 31 JANUARY:

DAY 1 FOR YEAR 1 TO 6 starting at 9.00 am

WEDNESDAY 1 FEBRUARY:

DAY 1 FOR PRESCHOOL (Wed-Fri groups) starting at 12.00 pm

WEDNESDAY 1 FEBRUARY AT 5.00 pm

Whole school welcome BBQ!

