

POSSUM PRESS

NEWS FROM JEN

The warmer weather is on its way! We have had a few days where the sunshine dancing across the playground re-energised us. A quick reminder to all families that we do ask that toys and valuable items are not brought to school. We certainly wouldn't want any very special items to be lost; keeping them at home ensures that the children are able to continue to enjoy them as needed.

SEA*ACT Science Fair

The SEA*ACT Science Fair judging was held last week. We once again have had an amazing presence in the fair showing our strong commitment to science education. A huge congratulations to the many Maribyrnong students who won individual and group awards on the night, overall we received 10 individual and group awards:

Riley G 1st individual - engineering primary

Clara P 2nd individual - physics early childhood

Hugo P 1st individual - physics primary

Aidan B 1st individual - physics primary

Zoe and Luka K-C 1st - physics primary groups

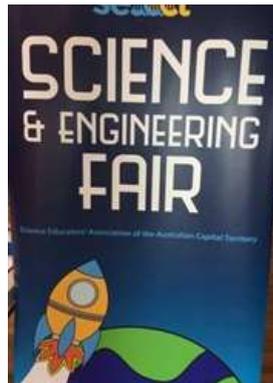
LSU 1st special education group - biology

5/6 highly commended primary group - biology

Willem V-G 2nd individual - chemistry early childhood

Elsa Y highly commended early childhood individual - biology

Olgierd K 2nd individual primary - physics



A huge thank you to our P&C for paying the entry costs for our students, we really appreciate the support! It would be remiss of me not to make special mention of Justine Minchin who has challenged, guided and supported our students in completing their projects.



ACT Biking Championships

Last Friday Mr Warre and Mrs Paunovic accompanied 14 students to compete in the ACT Schools Mountain Biking Championships. The event was held at Mount Stromlo with students competing in a relay style race. I would like to congratulate all students who participated, particularly braving the torrential rain and winds. Mr Warre and Mrs Paunovic were incredibly proud of each student, giving their absolute all to participate and brave the challenges. Thank you also to the families who attended and supported our students on the day. We look forward to competing again next year!



THURSDAY 6 SEPTEMBER: Term 3 Week



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DATES TO REMEMBER

SEPTEMBER

- 7 CEIS: opt-in program
Assembly year K-2 @ 2.00 pm
- 10 Gold Coin - PJ for farmers Day
- 11 P&C Donation Day Preschool M-W
- 13 P&C 7.00 pm in the Library
- 14 P&C Donation Day
Assembly year 3-6 @ 2.00 pm
- 18 Yr 4 Hotel Hotel Excursion
- 21 **Whole School Assembly @ 2.00 pm**
- 22 P&C 80's TRIVIA night!
- 24 Grandfriends Day & Learning
Journey morning
- 26 P&C Disco
- 28 Yr 3 Zoo Excursion
Last Day of term 3!

For the full calendar please visit:

http://www.maribyrnongps.act.edu.au/our_community/calendar

Father's Day

Thank you to our amazing P&C, especially Clare Whittingham and Megan White, for coordinating a wonderful self defence demonstration as part of our Father's Day celebrations. We had a number of families come along on Tuesday and join in the self defence lesson.

End of the day

There have been a number of concerns with children playing after school in the school grounds, out the back of the school hall. The complexity with this is that our out of school hours care program use this space each morning and afternoon as part of their program. At times, there have been inappropriate actions between children in Afters and those in the care of their families. This makes it difficult for our OOSHC program to maintain a clear duty of care. As such, I ask families who are continuing in the school grounds after school, to move away from the back of the hall to allow our OOSHC team to function effectively.

Online Games - Fortnite

Over the past year the rise of online games, such as the game Fortnite: Battle Royale, have started to enter the primary school landscape when previously they have been played by teenagers and young adults. Taking Fortnite as our example, it is a free, third person shooter game that can be played on most consoles, PCs, and mobile devices. Users just need an internet connection to play. Players can play cross platform, which means someone playing on a Windows device can play another person on an Apple device. This game has 125 million players worldwide.

Each round of the game starts with 100 players. Players leap out of a flying bus on to a small island and then fight each other until only one is left from the original 100. Users can form squads or work as a duo. Players are able to collect a variety of weapons of which they can arm themselves as well as collecting resources to strategise and build structures. The game has been compared to a virtual Hunger Games. Fortnite has been given an age minimum of 13 due to frequent, mild violence. While the game is combat focused, no blood is displayed on the screen. It is not rated for primary aged children.

The main concern which many cyber safety experts have raised, beyond the violence, is that there can be unmoderated chat between players in the console and PC players versions. This automatically allows users to speak to other players through voice chat and text functions. What this means is that if a players' friends are not online, they can join other squads of completely random people. This means that children, including those at Maribyrnong, are contactable by virtually anyone in the world. This function alone makes the game fairly unsuitable for primary aged children. Recently, UK Police reported that they had to respond to an increased number of cases where children were being groomed.

At Maribyrnong, we have heard many children discussing Fortnite on the playground; those who play and those who want to be seen as playing. This has caused a number of social issues between children and is distracting children from their learning. Some students report playing this game late at night, others talk about how they might play parts of the game in the playground. The media reports that children may become aggressive or extremely upset when asked to stop playing the game in order to engage in regular household expectations such as cleaning up or eating their dinner. Experts are attributing this to many factors, including that a player has to leave the game, there is no save or safety point, thereby letting their squad or 'friends' down.

There is acknowledgement that the ways in which children socialise in 2018 has changed. The online landscape is one of these key changes. Experts such as Dr Michael Carr-Greg recommend that, if families do allow their primary aged children to play the game, that parents and carers play it with them for defined periods of time. Each match takes 20 minutes, so families can take advantage of a 'quick play', using this as a natural point of stopping play. Always use the privacy and parental control settings available to ensure your child's safety. In Fortnite, families can use parental controls that switch off or mute discussions. Families are also encouraged to take devices out of bedrooms and have them in a central location overnight, to avoid children setting alarms to get up in the night and play. We continue to encourage families to speak with their children about their online activity, utilise the parental controls available to them, and consider carefully your child's safety when engaging in online gaming activities.

Thank you for your ongoing support,
Jen.

Tackling Transitions Together

Belconnen Community Service recognises the need for parents to be equipped with resources to support their child's transition from Primary school to High school. Through an informal information session Tackling Transitions Together will provide parents with the resources and tools to confidently support their child and discuss a range of challenging topics. ThinkUKnow, Relationships Australia and Headspace will provide mini presentations on key concerns of online safety and cyberbullying, confidently responding to adolescent children, and understanding social and emotional wellbeing, stress, anxiety and mental health. Parents will have the opportunity to speak with the representatives following the presentations.

The event will be held at Belconnen Community Service Theatre, Swanson Street, Belconnen on Wednesday 19 September from 5:30 – 7:00 pm. Registration for the event can be made via <https://www.trybooking.com/XHJV>
For further information or event details contact Justine.White@bcsact.com.au

Defence life can create a great deal of change in a child's world. Finding ways for children to have a voice and express themselves can be challenging. Finding a pastime, hobby or interest that is not location dependant can have its own benefits.

Art in all different types and forms can satisfy this need. Art can not only provide children with a way of expressing themselves but can also teach them a great deal along the way.

What do children learn from the arts?

- 1. Creativity** – Being able to think on your feet, approach tasks from different perspectives and think 'outside of the box'. Try to create a painting that represents a memory or a feeling. If children have practice thinking creatively, it will come naturally to them now and in the future.
- 2. Confidence** – To express their ideas. Art develops skills in delivering a message, gives children practice stepping out of their comfort zone and allows them to make mistakes and learn from them. It gives children the confidence to express themselves and show their thoughts to an audience if they choose to.
- 3. Problem Solving** – Artistic creations are born through the solving of problems. How do I turn this clay into a sculpture? How do I portray a particular emotion? Without even realising it kids that participate in the arts are consistently being challenged to solve problems. All this practice problem solving develops children's skills in reasoning and understanding.
- 4. Perseverance** – When a child practices art, learns the skills and techniques and doesn't give up, something will be created. In an increasingly competitive world, where people are being asked to continually develop new skills, perseverance is essential to achieving success.
- 5. Focus** – The ability to focus is a key skill developed through art. Keeping a balance between art and life involves a great deal of concentration and focus. Recent research has shown that participation in the arts improves children's abilities to concentrate and focus in other aspects of their lives.
- 6. Non-Verbal Communication** – Through experiences in art, children learn to break things down into parts and reassemble them to create something. They experience different ways of using art to communicate different emotions.
- 7. Receiving Constructive Feedback** – Receiving constructive feedback about a piece of art is a regular part of any artistic venture. Children learn that feedback is part of learning and it is not something to be offended by or to be taken personally. It is something helpful. The goal is the improvement of skills and evaluation is incorporated at every step of the process.
- 8. Collaboration** – Most arts disciplines are collaborative in nature. Through the arts, children practice sharing ideas, and compromising to accomplish a goal. Asking for advice, looking at the work of others and appreciating art in all its forms provide a sense of sharing the process.
- 9. Dedication** – When children get to practice and following through with artistic endeavours that result in a finished product, they learn to associate dedication with a feeling of accomplishment. They practice developing healthy work habits of putting effort into the success of the final piece. In the arts, the reward for dedication is the warm feeling of an audience's appreciation when you show your work, making all your efforts worthwhile.
- 10. Accountability** – When children practice creating something they get used to the idea that their art has an impact on other people. Mistakes are also a regular part of the process of learning and children can begin to see that mistakes happen, acknowledge them, learn from them and move on.

(Information taken from an article by Lisa Phillips/
Valerie Strauss /Katherine Frey/The Washington
Post January 22, 2013)

Jackie Sampson – Defence School Transition Aide.



Keep connected to news:

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



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



- The **Maribrnong website** <http://www.maribrnongps.act.edu.au/home>
- P&C Class Carers (CC) for K-6.** This is an opt-in method of communication. Email your name, children names and teacher/year level to our CC coordinator Lauren laurennewman_13@yahoo.com.au and she will forward your details to the CC or you can complete the eForm on the Skoolbag App.

NOTES SENT / EMAILED HOME

- Year 4 camp payments and Care Monkey Permission note
- Year 5 and 6 in 2019** Camp Cooba- Expression of Interest and \$50 deposit.
- P&C Donation Day information
- Year 3 National Zoo & Aquarium excursion
- Year 4 Hotel Hotel Excursion

Lights on Learning!

Focusing on Year One

We have had a busy and exciting time in the unit this term. During our writing lessons we have been learning about how to inquire through questionnaires. We have also been learning how to write to socialise through letters, invitations and cards.

This term, year one has begun learning how to use Chromebooks. We have been learning how to sign into our accounts, create a Google document, change the font size, styles and colour. We have also been practicing our typing skills by exploring typing games.

In visual arts, students have been learning about popular art works and styles of the decades we have been learning about in Storyline. We have explored artworks like Jackson Pollock's Blue Poles, the popular flamingos from the 80's and the bright and bold styles of the 90's.



In number groups we have been learning about place value and subtraction strategies. Students have been using MAB blocks, ten frames and number lines to make to assist with subtracting numbers.

In space and measurement students have been learning about length, capacity and mass. We have enjoyed measuring different items around our classroom.

In position and movement we went on a treasure hunt through the play equipment and practiced using our positional language to make a map.

This term's Storyline unit, 'A Window Through Time', has focused on fashion, schooling, families, technology, transport, toys and games throughout the decades. We have been enjoying comparing items from the past to those of today and describing how things have changed. We have found it very interesting that some of the toys and games that were popular in the past are still popular today.



We still have a growing collection of lost property which is currently in the wet area of 1AA. Please ensure that your children's names are on their items so they can be returned to them if they are lost.

Thank you for your support this term with your assistance for our Storyline unit. We look forward to seeing you during the Learning Journey.

Sarah, Peter, Alex, Jane, Emma and Amy.

Lights on Learning!

Focusing on 5/6

During our term 3 Storyline unit, 'Start Something That Matters' the students have been learning about businesses that incorporate 'giving' into their model. In groups, students have established their own socially conscious organisations which give to those in need or help protect our environment. We are looking forward to sharing these with you during our Start Something That Matters expo in week 10. Also during our Storyline unit we have been watching the 'War on Waste'. This has led the students into thinking about ways in which we can help our environment and community. We have been collecting plastic bottles, cans, etc that we are able to recycle for 10c. The money raised is being donated to the farmers drought relief.

This term the very first Maribyrnong Primary Tournament of the Minds team competed at Campbell High School against schools across the ACT. Their challenge was to write and perform a musical to appeal to all ages. They had 5 weeks in which to write their script, learn their songs, dances, create artwork and costumes. As well as learn all their lines and rehearse. Congratulations to all the students involved. Your commitment and determination will be celebrated with a pizza party reward.



In week 3 we had three teams from 5/6 attend the North Canberra Oztag Gala Day. It was fabulous to see the children excel through teamwork and sportsmanship and develop new skills. Everyone who attended represented Maribyrnong proudly and upheld our school values. Congratulations!

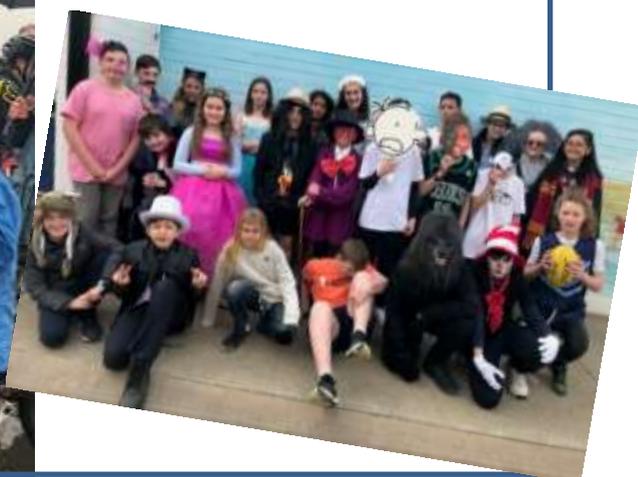
At Maribyrnong we are lucky enough to have a school bike program. This year was the first year that our school entered teams into the ACT Mountain bike championships. The event was held on August 31, at Mt Stromlo. We had 13 students from years 5/6 attend on the day. The students performed beyond all expectations in wet and freezing-cold conditions. A big congratulations goes out to these students for their determination and resilience. A special thank you to Mr Warre for his organisation in the lead up to the event and on the day. Also, a big thank you to all our wonderful parents who helped keep the children as warm and dry as possible.

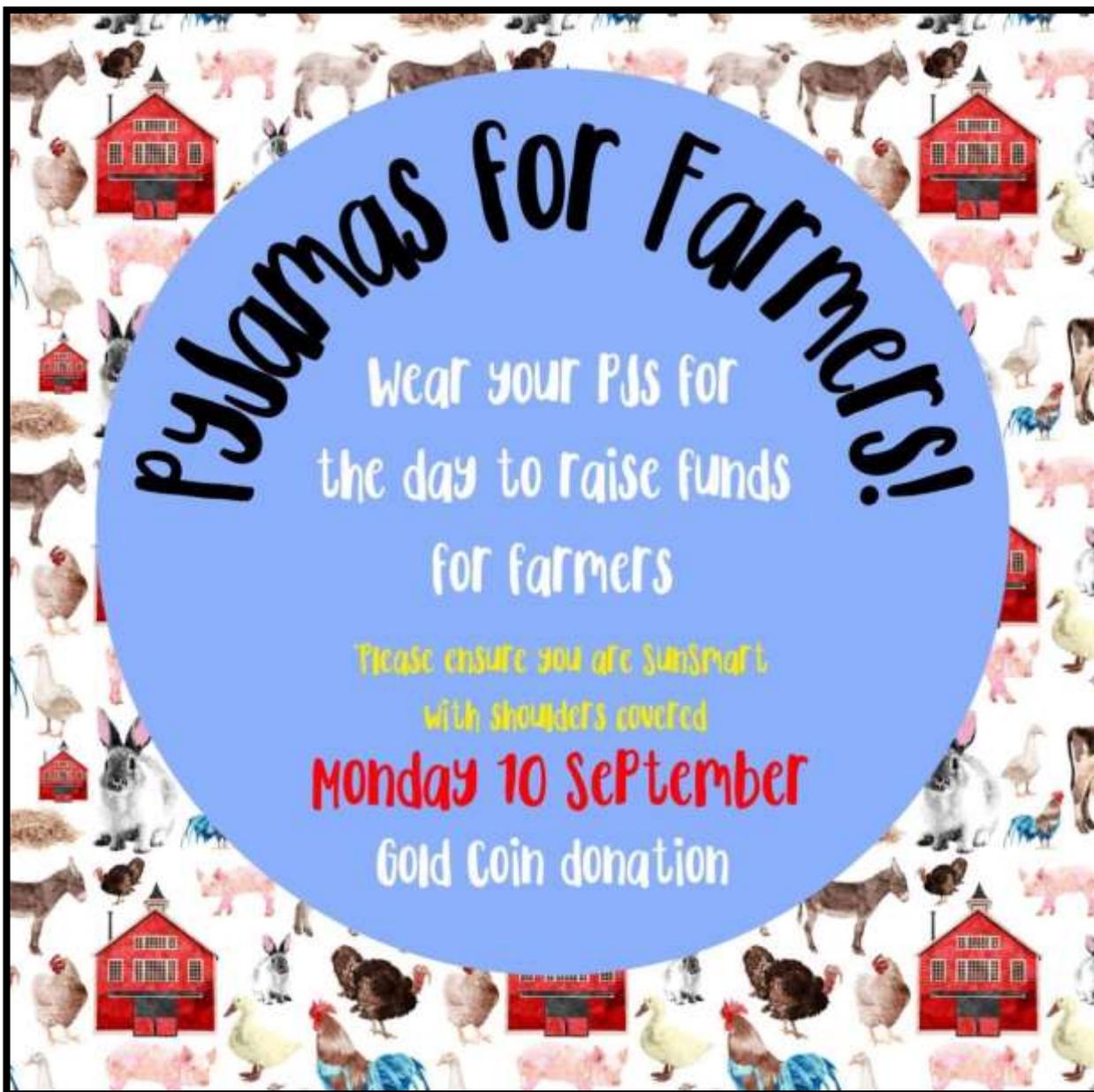
Book Week was a massive success and the range of costumes was once again a demonstration of the creativity of our community.

We still have a number of student portfolios that are yet to be returned. We require these so that the work from this term can be added.

The 5/6 teaching team would like to thank parents/carers for their continued support so far this year and hope to see you during Learning Journey!

Emma, Jasmine, Mia, Emily, Sarah and Justine.





FRONT OFFICE NEWS

2018 BOOK PACK AND VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION PAYMENTS

Number of Children at School	BOOK PACK	School Based Consumables	Library Trust Fund (Tax Deductible)	Total Contribution (Fee Code VCBP18)
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

Book Packs for 2018 are \$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>

Not sure what payments you have made?? We are happy to check for you.

Leanne and Ros.



Hi everyone,

TRIVIA NIGHT

It's true I do love the 80's!!! What a great opportunity to meet other people in the Maribyrnong community. Only 2 weeks to go!! I have heard the Comms@Work team are busy studying... others have lived through the decade and will rely on memory. Register now and join us for a fun night.

TWILIGHT FAIR

Thank you to those who have clicked on the link already! Twilight Fair will be here before we know it... so SIGN UP NOW. Get in early and get your pick of times and stalls! Click on this link <http://signup.com/go/qSHNLKw>

It's Easy - you will NOT need to register an account or keep a password on SignUp.com. We suggest you sign up using your email address rather than using Facebook or another accounts. Note: SignUp.com does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact the front office and complete a form to sign you up manually.

DON'T FORGET DONATION DAY FOR THE TWILIGHT FAIR

M-W Preschool on Tuesday 11 and Friday 14 September for Pre(W-F) to year 6

The community can donate items to be used to make themed silent auction baskets.

Preschool Mon - Wed	Chocolate basket
Preschool Wed - Fri	Family Fun Basket
Kinder	Fun & Games Basket
Year 1	Gardening Basket
Year 2	Book Basket
Year 3	Arts & Crafts Basket
Year 4	Coffee, Tea & Treats Basket
Year 5/6	Cooking & Baking Basket

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

Have a great week,
Ros R.

*The Possum Pantry
Canteen*



Thank you to our canteen staff and helpers for all you do each week!! Most days Rouvaye and Andrew have orders of between 70 to over 100 to have ready by B1 at 11.10 am. Talk about the Masterchef Pressure Test!! That is more chicken nuggets and potato gems than you realize. They get a few volunteers but some days have none, and this is where we need your help! Consider an hour or two, from Wednesday to Friday. Your children/grandchildren will love it! Contact Rouvaye or Andrew in the canteen or call on 6241 5974 for more information and if you are available to help in the canteen.



The canteen is also happy to notify that straws will no longer be issued with every drink, they will be provided when requested. This is great for the environment!

A special lunch is planned for Thursday week 10. The note will be out soon. Consider how you can help on this day.



**SCHOOL BANKING is on
Wednesday mornings in the
canteen 8.30 to 9.00 am!**

To explore more about School Banking
www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking



**The Preloved uniform shop is now
open every FRIDAY morning
from 8.30 am until 9.15 am.**

Hats can be purchased through the
canteen Wednesday to Friday or
through Flexischools.



P&C DISCO IN WEEK 10:

The Disco is for K to 6 is on Wednesday 26 September. It is going to be different this term so watch out for the details soon. We will need help on the night to make it work so save the date now!

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COMMUNITY NEWS

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

Support Maribyrnong by purchasing the 2018/2019 Entertainment Book (20% of every membership sold contributes to our School). Help us achieve our goal by sharing this link with your Friends and Family.

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

For more information, contact Leanne on 6142 0570 or leanne.rankine@ed.act.edu.au Thanks for your support!

Communities@Work

Ph: 0405 124 312



Please notify After Hours care if your child is not attending their booking.

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SkoolBag

Don't forget to download our school's SkoolBag app to ensure that you are kept in the loop on:

- * School newsletters
- * Notices
- * Events
- * Cancellations
- * Reminders
- * ...and more!

INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

Just download the "SkoolBag" app on your phone, open the app and add our school!

Tickets are now on sale! Group or individual tickets available to purchase.
Please label an envelope with your details and leave at the front office for the P&C.
Cash only 😊

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TRIVIA NIGHT

22 SEPTEMBER 2018

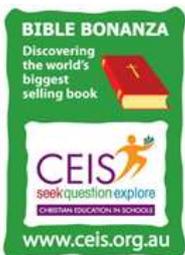
BELCONNEN LABOUR CLUB- FRED DAILY ROOM

6.30PM FOR 7PM START

\$15 A TICKET,
AVAILABLE FROM
THE SCHOOL
FRONT OFFICE

CEIS TERM 3 SESSION

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS



Term 3 – Bible Bonanza

Friday 7 September

This term we will creatively reflect on some rescue stories in the Bible and in doing so discover more about the 'one big rescue story'.

Only students with permission will attend.

Christian Education In Schools (CEIS) occurs if parents request it for their children, under ACT legislation. Sessions are coordinated by CEIS, using approved resources and volunteers. If you wish to add your child to the current attendance list, please contact the front office or visit to www.ceis.org.au/yes

PLAYGROUP

Possum Play @ Maribyrnong

a 'stay and play' playgroup for our community

Every Friday

9.30-10.30am

for 3 year olds
and their siblings



Curiosity

Creativity

Community Connections



Have fun at Corroboree Little Athletics!

Come and Try + Information Day:

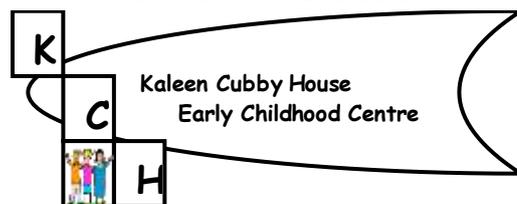
Sunday 9th September 10am–12pm
Dickson Playing Fields
Hawdon Pl and Antill St, Dickson

Season starts Saturday 20 October

Corroboree welcomes Children from all backgrounds and Children with physical or mental disabilities.

Register online at: www.corroboreeja.com
Ph: 0450 928 448 (Garry—President)

POSITION VACANT



Permanent part time position vacant for a Cert III qualified Educator at Kaleen Cubby House. We are looking for someone who is available for 8.00 am starts and/or 4.00 pm finishes to join our friendly, close-knit team. Opening hours during the school holidays will be varied so you will be able to have time off with your own children during their breaks. If you are interested in finding out more or applying for the position please contact Bec on 6241 5032 or email kaleencubbyhouse@grapevine.net.au

Western District Junior Cricket Club



REGISTER NOW to play Junior Cricket this summer with Wests.

If you are a boy or girl aged 5–14 we have a team for you.

Parents – Cricket doesn't take as long as you may think!

Junior Blaster (5–7 year olds) – 1 hour session

Master Blaster (7–10 year olds) – 2 hour game

Junior Competition (10–14 year olds) – 2–3 hour game

To register, or find out more, go to playcricket.com.au and search for 'Western District Junior Cricket Club', or go to www.westsjuniors.act.cricket.com.au

At Wests we are committed to developing our players, developing a passion for the game and having fun in a friendly and positive community environment.



Come join us at the next Maribyrnong P&C meeting
IN THE LIBRARY
on Thursday 13 September at 7.00 pm.

Communities@Work

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

The October School Holiday Programs are now listed on the Communities@Work website.

Enrolments are now open.

Please contact Children's Services Enrolments Team (CSET) 1300 212 273 or enrol via

<https://commsatwork.org/services/children/?category=school-holiday-programs#services>