



POSSUM PRESS

NEWS FROM JEN



Welcome to the 2019 school year, the school's 40th year of providing learning and teaching experiences for the local community! It has been an absolute pleasure to touch base with so many families over the past week. I would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our families who have recently joined the Maribyrnong community and look forward to getting to know you and your children. I would also like to extend a very warm welcome to all of our educators and students; I have already enjoyed hearing of the many adventures our students and families have had over the past six weeks.

It was wonderful to see so many of you at the Welcome Barbecue on Wednesday night! I hope that you were able to connect with new families and new teachers to the school. I would like to extend my thanks to the staff for their efforts on the night, we always enjoy the opportunity to touch base with families. My thanks also to the P&C for once more supporting this great community event!

Staffing Update

Over the break each family was sent a letter outlining the school staffing structure for the year; this information is also located on the school website under 'Principal's Message'. Staff emails are also provided on this page on the website to assist you with communicating with your child's teacher.

Keeping Up To Date

We understand how important and complex it can be for families to keep up to date with school events throughout the year. To assist you to stay informed, we have a number of key channels that you can access:

- the calendar on the school website which you can sync with your calendar on your mobile devices
- the school FaceBook page 'Maribyrnong Primary School – Kaleen'
- the Skoolbag App which has a calendar that you can also sync with your mobile devices. Some forms are also available through the eForm section of the App, including submitting an absent record or change of details form for the school to process. The App also allows the school to send reminders for events or key information relating to school operations. This App is available for free download
- the school newsletter which is published fortnightly provides a wealth of information about shorter term events and updates which are noteworthy for the fortnight ahead; the newsletter is emailed directly to your registered email address and is also available for download from the school website.

We look forward to continuing to support families to remain informed and involved in our students' lives.



FRIDAY 8 FEBRUARY : T1 W1



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Possum Pantry Canteen

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Communities@Work

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Before and After School Care

Westpac School Bank Account

BSB 032 777 Account 001615

DATES TO REMEMBER

FEBRUARY

8	Assembly year K-2 @2.00 pm
11-14	'Get to know you' Interviews
15	Assembly year 3-6 @ 2.00 pm
20-22	5/6 camp Cooba
22	Whole School Assembly @2.00pm
25	Swimming Carnival
28	6.00pm School Board P&C 7.00 pm Meet in the Library

More dates are under EVENTS on the Skoolbag App or for the full calendar, please visit:

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

Allergies and Nut Aware

Maribyrnong is a Nut Aware School. This means that we ask that no nuts are brought to school, including in sandwich spreads, as a raw snack or within muesli bars etc. We know that families go to great lengths to check ingredients lists to avoid sending products with nuts to school, we greatly appreciate these efforts. We do have a number of children across the school with increased sensitivity to the smell of nuts and contact (rather than ingestion) with any nut based products. As such we ask that if your child has had a nut based spread or product before coming to school, that they wash their hands and face prior to leaving home. These actions significantly reduce the possibility of cross contamination. We do have a number of children with other allergies across the school also, class teachers will be in touch regarding any other foods to be aware of in your child's class. We take allergies very seriously, ensuring all staff are trained in the safe administration of auto injectors. We ensure that all action plans and necessary medications move with the relevant child as they move through the school. For example the supplies are taken to science when the children have their science lessons, and are in the yellow jacket playground bag while children are playing. If you have a child with an allergy, please ensure all action plans are up to date, your contact details are accurate, and all medicines required are on site.



Get to know you interviews

This year we have elected to hold get to know you interviews instead of the information nights. A Learner Profile was sent home (on blue paper) to all families this week. We ask that you reflect on the questions provided, and complete the learner profile for each of your children. You are then invited to return this profile to your child's teacher either by sending it in to school, or making a time to meet with your child's educator next week. The Parent Teacher Online portal has been set up so that you can select from the times available, alternatively you can call the front office to book a time. We look forward to learning more about your children and family over the coming week.

Before School Supervision

Before school supervision commences at 8.45 am when a school staff member commences playground duty; generally you can expect to see me or another executive on duty. We encourage students to have a calm and quiet start to the morning and therefore do not permit running games or ball games before school. When students arrive they should wait in the area where their class lines up each morning to ensure they are in the supervised playground areas. Students riding to school each day should lock their bikes up and move to their designated class area. If you need to leave your child at school earlier than this, we ask that you enrol them in the Communities@Work morning program where they are given breakfast and supervised until 9.00 am. Enrolment forms for the Communities@Work are available from the website <https://commsatwork.org/services/children/out-of-school-hours-care/>

Sign In/Out Book

Each year we revisit procedures to ensure we are following the appropriate guidelines. If a child arrives late, (more than 5 minutes after the bell) or needs to leave early during the school day, parents and carers are requested to go to the front office first. A member of staff will then assist you to sign the Student Sign In / Out Book which is located on the counter at the office. A member of staff will then collect your child from the classroom. If you are returning your child to school after an appointment, please accompany your child to the front office and sign them in via the Student Sign In / Out Book. This process ensures that the school is aware of any adults who are on the premises at any given time. We thank you for your cooperation in these matters.

Student Attendance

As part of the ACT Education Act it is our responsibility to ensure students attend school on a regular basis. If your child is absent from school please ensure that you inform the school as soon as possible. There are a number of options available including completing the absence form on the school App, a phone call to the front office, an email to either your child's teacher or by sending a letter with your child when they return.

Student Injury - Insurance and Ambulance Transport

The ACT Education Directorate does not provide any insurance cover for injury, disease or illness to students resulting from school activities or school-organised excursions. Claims for compensation are met where there is a legal liability to do so. Liability is not automatic and depends on the circumstances in which any injury, disease or illness was sustained.

As there is no automatic insurance cover for personal injury if your child is injured at school or during a school organised activity/excursion, you should therefore consider whether taking out personal insurance cover for your child is warranted. This insurance might cover contingencies including medical/hospital expenses, ambulance transport outside the ACT, and cancellation of transport/accommodation or loss of/damage to luggage. The ACT Ambulance Service provides free ambulance transport for students who are injured or suddenly become ill at school or during an approved school organised activity within the ACT.

Working with Vulnerable People – Volunteers in Schools

We will continue to implement a volunteers and visitors sign in process at the front office. When you visit or volunteer at school, please make sure that you check carefully that you are signing into the correct folder. For those who hold a Working with Vulnerable People Card (WWVP), please make sure you have this card on you and that your number is recorded next to your signature. For volunteers and visitors without this card, you will need to sign into the non-registered folder. If you are a regular volunteer, that is volunteering more than 7 hours in a semester, you must have a WWVP card. If you exceed these hours you are in breach of the Working with Vulnerable People (Background Checking) Act 2011 which commenced on 8 November 2012. This also puts the school at risk of breaching the act and being fined. We certainly appreciate all of our volunteers and your support in this matter is appreciated to ensure we are keeping all of our students safe. If you have any questions around the registration process, you can call Canberra Connect on 13 22 81. For more information:

<https://www.accesscanberra.act.gov.au/>

Parking

A general reminder about parking and safety within our community. We understand that car parks are at a premium around 9.00 am and 3.00 pm daily. It is crucial that we continue to work together for the safety of our children. The bus zone is accessed each morning and afternoon by four buses, two of which are mini buses for special needs transport bus and the other two are coach sized buses transporting children to Hall and Sutton. It is crucial that the bus zone remains free of cars so that our children are able to safely access these buses. There is ample parking down Shannon Circuit and the gate from the playground to Shannon Circuit is open morning and afternoon for your convenience. There is also parking at Gwydir Square and towards the Scout Hall. While these options require a short walk and a little more time out of the day, they are crucial to keep our community safe. Student safety is a priority for us all and I appreciate your cooperation with keeping our kids safe. I encourage families to be aware of safe parking options and to avoid parking illegally on the grassed area between the shops and the school.

A reminder also that the Children's Crossing is in effect now that school has returned. The crossing is a part-time crossings which operates just before and just after school hours, as well as other times such as school excursions and lunch times. They are highlighted by red flags with the words 'children crossing' on them. When the flags are displayed you must slow down and stop before the stop line if a pedestrian or cyclist (adult or child) is on or entering the crossing. You must not proceed until all pedestrians have left the crossing. You must not stop on or within 20 metres before or 10 metres after a children's crossing. Pedestrians are not to wave cars through, this opens up risks for all parties involved.

We have two sets of bike racks located at the southern end of the senior building (the building end facing Shannon Cct) and on the Eastern end of the main administration building. Many of our students from year three to six and also kindergarten students may like to use these bike racks given the proximity to their classrooms. We are also in the process of installing more bike racks in the coming weeks in conjunction with Transport Canberra.

Thank you for your ongoing support!

Jen.


Safe School Travel in the ACT – Information Sheet 8

Safety and children's crossings


Ensure that your child always uses the children's crossing – it is the safest point of entry to the school.

Where there is a Children's Crossing:

- Drivers must stop at the white line if pedestrians are waiting to cross or are crossing, when the 'CHILDREN CROSSING' flags are displayed. Drivers must remain stationary until the crossing is completely clear of pedestrians.
- Drivers need to know that a children's crossing is a part-time crossing which is in operation at any time the crossing flags are in place. It operates whenever any pedestrians are using the crossing. This could be the start and finish of school days, during lunchtimes, or for excursions.
- Schools or the operators of these crossings should ensure that flags are



always removed when the crossing is not in use to reduce confusion for, or disrespect by, motorists.





Hello Everyone!

My name is Jackie Sampson and I am the Defence School Mentor (DSM) for Maribyrnong Primary School. I provide support to the defence families who are a part of our school community. Maribyrnong recognises that many defence families benefit from additional support due to service postings or a family member being deployed.

What can a DSM do?

- Welcoming new families and students to our school
- Support defence students to create friendships
- Support defence students in class
- Create links to Defence Community Organisation (DCO) for additional support
- Provide information to defence families through newsletters and direct contact
- Support defence students at times of deployment / postings
- Farewell defence families when they leave our school and support them in their transition to a new school

I can be contacted via email or through the front office here at school. I will be available at school on Tuesdays from 9.00 am – 3.00 pm and Fridays from 9.00 am – 12.00 pm.

First Friday Coffee Club

Come along and join us on the first Friday of each month (excluding public and school holidays) for a cuppa and a chat starting at 9.15am at U & Co Café at Gwydir Square Kaleen (The shops near the school's front gates). All welcome!

Possum Partners

Meet each Friday at 9.15 am (unless it is First Friday Coffee Club) to assist the school with things like covering books, laminating, making class sets of materials for the students and assisting to put up displays. All welcome!

Defence School Mentor (DSM) Open Evening

As part of the "Getting to know you" interviews scheduled for next week, I will be available in the **library from 3.00 pm onwards on Wednesday 13 February** if any defence family would like to drop in and see me. There is no need to book a time. If you have time before or after interviews and you would like to say hello it would be lovely to meet you.

If you have an interview on another day and are unable to drop in I can be contacted here at school from 8.30 am-3.30 pm on a Tuesday or 8.30 am-12.00 pm on a Friday.

Alternately you can contact me via email on

jacqueline.sampson@ed.act.edu.au

Jackie Sampson – Defence School Mentor (DSM)



- ✓ Through your App store download the **Skoolbag App - Maribyrnong Primary** to keep up to date with news, alerts, complete absence or excursion notes.



- ✓ **The Maribyrnong website**

<http://www.maribyrnongps.act.edu.au/home>

So much useful information including the full year calendar, school payments, uniforms and important links for information.



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



A great way to check what's '**On the calendar this week**' and general school updates as they happen.

- ✓ **P&C Class Carers (CC) for K-6.**

Look out for more information coming soon and sign up to connect to your class families.

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Ph: 0405 124 312



Please notify Before and After Hours Care if your child is not attending their booking.

Lights on Learning!

Meet the teams!

Gudaman (Turtle), Balbo (Kangaroo rat), Walga (Hawk) & Bimbi (Bird)
Preschool- Merrin, Taryn, Nicola, Stacey and Kelly.



Galu (Crane) Year 2- Stacey, Michell and Kathy.



Mulanggang (Platypus) Year 4- Emma, Nat and Sarah.



Gang Gang (Cockatoo) Kindergarten- Kacey, Alison, Tanya and Jacinta.



Binit-Binit (Night Owl) Year 1- Fiona, Michaela, Karolyn, Alex and Jane.



Dyara (Bower Bird) Year 3- Peter, Joanne, Leeanne and Amy.



Bunduluk (Rosella) & Giliruk (Peewee) Year 5/6- Nicole, Henry, Sarah, Justine, Jacinta and Rebecca.



*Photos may not show all staff- if not present on the day.

Lights on Learning!

Meet the teams!

Burrai (Wallaby) LSU- Symone, Nick and Jacque.



Murrung (Lizard) LSUA- Chris and Sally.



BSO- Glen.

Front Office- Ros, Emily and Leanne.



Music- Rowena, Library- Ingrid,
Nummerak (Wattle) Science- Nicole.



2019 SCHOOL BOARD NOMINATIONS

If you're keen to contribute to the governance of Maribyrnong Primary School, you should consider nominating for a position on the school board in 2019. No prior experience is necessary.

The following positions will be vacant from Monday 1 April 2019.

- 2 staff member position
- 1 parent and citizen member positions

Nominations will open at 11:00 am on Monday 4 February 2019.

Nomination forms will be available from that date at the front office (9.00 am to 3.00 pm, Monday to Friday), or you can request one be emailed to you. Nominations must be submitted to the front office between **11.00 am, Monday 4 February 2019** and **11.00 am, Monday 18 February 2019**.

You can submit your nomination by:

- hand delivery to the front office
- email leanne.rankine@ed.act.edu.au
- mail to ARO, c/- Maribyrnong Primary School

For more information, contact the Assistant Returning Officer, Leanne Rankine on 6142 0570 or via email address above.

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FRONT OFFICE NEWS

Welcome to the 2019 school year!

2019 PAYMENTS

Book Packs for 2019 remain at \$50.00 per child from preschool to year six
(the school matches your contribution dollar for dollar).

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

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

Leanne, Ros and Emily.

NOTES SENT / EMAILED HOME

- ☒ 5 /6 Camp Cooba- return notes asap
- ☒ 5/6 Shirt Note P&C
- ☒ New Canteen Menu for 2019
- ☒ 'Get to Know You' Teacher Interview Bookings & Learner Profile

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.



PRELOVED

THE JOY OF SECOND HAND

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.

Need new Maribyrnong 'logo' school uniforms?

They can be purchased at...

WORKIN' GEAR SCHOOLS

2 Luke Street, Holt ACT 2615
Open 8.30 am to 5.00 pm Monday-Friday and 9.00 am to 4.00 pm Saturday.

<http://workingearschools.com.au/uniforms/>

SCHOOL BANKING

Meet Megan on Wednesday mornings in the canteen from 8.30 to 9.00 am.

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



POSSUM CAFÉ CANTEN

The new canteen Menu for 2019 has been emailed and sent home this week.

If you would like to volunteer this year, you can either let the Rouvaye and Andrew know in person, or email maribyrnongprimarycanteen@gmail.com
We would love to hear from you!



The first P&C meeting this year will be held in the library on **Thursday 28 February** at 7.00 pm.
All welcome!



DROP OFF YOUR CONTAINERS



AND HELP US **RAISE FUNDS**

Container Deposit Scheme fundraising for Maribyrnong

You can help by collecting and returning eligible, empty beverage containers to return points. The P&C will receive a 10 cent refund for each container. It's a great way to get involved in recycling, help reduce litter and raise money for the P&C.

Consider donating a bag of cans & bottles to Maribyrnong next time you go to recycle.

How do I return containers at an express return point for Maribyrnong?*

1. Before coming to the return point, place your eligible containers into durable slightly see-through bags, like the regular kitchen tidy bags you can buy from the shops (these bags will also be recycled).
2. At the express return point, use the touchscreen and login to the Maribyrnong P&C account using the school's phone number **02 6142 0570**.
3. Choose your refund type '**electronic refund**'
4. The machine will print out barcoded label(s) – **stick these on your bags**.
5. Hand your bags to the store attendant.
6. Within a few business days a refund will be issued to the P&C bank account.

To find out more about the scheme and see which containers are eligible, visit www.actcds.com.au

* Please do not bring containers into the school. Return points for P&C fundraising can be found on the Container Deposit Scheme website, with the closest being Vinnies in Belconnen, Dickson and Mitchell.

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

Possum Play @ Maribyrnong
 a 'stay and play' playgroup for our community
Every Friday from week 3
9.30-10.30am
 for 3 year olds



Curiosity Creativity Community Connections



Play Rugby in 2019
 U7s to U18s - Boys / Girls
 Southwell Park, Lyneham

Training starts in March!
Registrations online

For more information and to register
www.owlsrugbyjuniors.com.au
 or
 Uni-Norths Juniors Rugby Union Club
 Any queries please email
info@owlsrugbyjuniors.com.au

Lifeline Canberra Bookfair

Come & join us at our EPIC February Bookfair!
 Featuring books & so much more...

- textbooks
- puzzles, console & board games
- computer software & games
- lego, war gaming, models & miniatures
- magazines, pamphlets & comics
- maps & atlases
- collectables & rare books
- cd's, records & sheet music
- talking books
- DVD's & blu-ray
- calendars & postcards
- note books & diaries
- bookmarks, posters & prints
- stamps & trading cards
- sets & encyclopaedias

Friday 8 Feb	9am - 6pm
Saturday 9 Feb	9am - 5pm
Sunday 10 Feb	10am - 4pm

Exhibition Park in Canberra
 Coorong & Budawang Pavilions

Saturday is Family Day with fun activities for the kids

Gold coin donation entry



WODEN VALLEY YOUTH CHOIR

Woden Valley Youth Choir has provided a music education to hundreds of ACT and Queanbeyan schoolchildren for 50 years, since February 1969. WVYC offers a dynamic choral programme for young people aged 8 to 21 and we are proud to provide so many positive benefits to our members: the value of learning to sing with confidence, positive self-esteem, and performance skills, which will hold them in good stead for the rest of their lives.

AUDITIONS

Auditions for young people from year 3 to university age wishing to join the choir in 2019 will be held on Saturday 23 February. We have a small number of vacancies in our two primary aged choirs and about a dozen places in our high school/university age treble voice choir and our new choir "Centauri Voices" for young men with changing/changed voices. For more information please go to <http://wvyc.org.au> and download an application form or email info.wvyc@gmail.com or phone 1300 599 655

ROTARY CLUB OF HALL INDIGENOUS SCHOLARSHIP

WVYC is pleased to announce that scholarship(s) to the value of \$1,000 have been generously provided by the Rotary Club of Hall to enable indigenous Canberran young people to have access to the choir. For more information contact info.wvyc@gmail.com

Girl Guides NSW & ACT

The Kaleen-Giralang area has vacancies for girls and women that meet in Kaleen on Wednesdays during school term starting on 13 February 2019:

5-10 years: 6 – 7.30 pm

11-14 years: 6 – 8 pm

14-18 years: 6.30 – 8.30 pm f

Daughters and Mums are very welcome!

For further information and inquiries please contact:

Bev on 0417485737.