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MESSAGE FROM LIZ



Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to the 2022 school year, and welcome particularly to the many new families who have joined our community for the first time. When I wished you a happy festive season at the end of last year, I certainly didn't foresee the huge change in the health of the ACT community, or the impact that would have on normal school operations to start the school year. I'm so happy to say, that despite these challenges, we have had a wonderful start to our year of learning. Last week staff came together (and by together, I mean in teaching teams within their classrooms) for a week of PL which they did remotely. Having the students return this week has brought joy to us all. The children are learning about their new teachers and peers, and working together to build their classroom culture. Despite them being full of enthusiasm, there are many tired faces around school today, so I hope everyone gets a chance to recharge their batteries over the weekend.

Some wonderful new staff have joined us this year - we welcome Debbie Kopczynski and Dana Rakic in the preschool, Jen Hunt, Nina Bowles, Dawn Hallett and Phoebe Gilligan K-6 teachers, Adrienne Tranter our Business Manager and Will Prowse who is our new BSO. I know you'll get to know them in the coming weeks.

Thank you to those of you who have collected your Rapid Antigen Tests in our drive through contactless distribution service. It was great to see so many parents and have a brief chat (I get in trouble from Jake if I talk too long!). We are in the process of determining how to get the RATs to those parents who have been unable to come; more information about this will come out today for those families. We've had a couple of queries about why we haven't sent the tests home in the children's school bags. Children from years P-10 are not permitted to take that responsibility, even though it looks on the surface as a simpler option.

Now that children are settled into school, I need to remind you that parents are not permitted on school grounds unless they are picking up or delivering their child during school hours, or if you have a scheduled appointment. The boundary on the oval side is the row of Koppers logs, and the other sides of the school boundary are signified by the footpaths. If you need to bring your child to the classroom because of a specific reason, please let me know so I can grant you an exemption. Sometimes in the morning we can see that a child is having real difficulty separating for their parent and we might invite you to take your child to the class - this is perfectly okay. Dogs of course are not permitted on any public school ground.

Have a wonderful weekend,
Warm regards,
Liz

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P&C

Welcome back to school and 2022! Welcome to all the new families to Majura, this is a great school with a great community spirit and one we know you'll love being a part of.

So... want to get involved in the P&C and meet a great bunch of people? Come along to the P&C AGM that will be held at 6pm on Wednesday, 16 February 2022. It will likely be on zoom, keep an eye on the P&C Facebook page for details or RSVP to majuraparentsandcitizens@gmail.com Please feel free to come along even if it's just to learn more about what's going on with the P&C.

We have some exciting news to share on our work to ensure that the school has enough classrooms to meet anticipated enrolments over the next 8 years. Late last year Penny Edwards (School Board Chair) and I were able to meet with each Kurrajong MLA to advocate for our school's needs. We also secured a meeting with Minister Berry to raise our concerns. We appreciated them all giving us their time to advocate on behalf of our community.

A few days before the end of term 4 we received a letter from Minister Berry letting us know that the Directorate will work with local communities to undertake master planning and detailed design work for a permanent expansion of capacity at Majura.

Any actual work to expand capacity is subject to future government decisions. We do not expect expanded capacity to be in place until the beginning of the 2024 school year. We are very pleased to have secured this commitment from government.

Penny, Liz and I have been working closely to advocate for the needs of our school. Everything we are asking for has been identified in close consultation with Liz to get a clear understanding of what the school needs most urgently. We have confirmation of further meetings with the Directorate to progress the feasibility study and will keep you updated as plans develop.

Thank you to the whole P&C and Majura Primary teams for their work and support and a shout out to the Watson Community Association for the information and support they were able to offer us. This really is just the beginning of ensuring our schools future needs are secured, but this is very exciting news.

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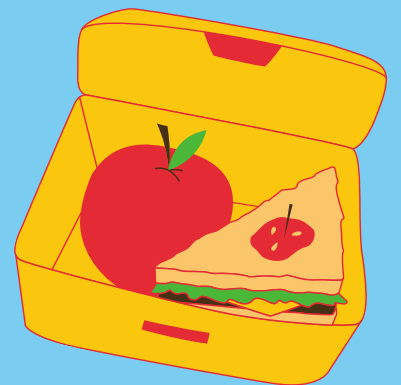


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Flexi-schools has been updated with our 2022 classes. When placing an order, you'll be prompted to change your child's year level and class. Updating these details will help the canteen staff allocate your child's food to the correct class.

Please Note: There will be no over the counter orders until further notice.

