



NEWSLETTER

25 February 2022

MESSAGE FROM LIZ



Dear parents and carers,

I've heard through the grapevine that some parents are worried about the number of notification letters regarding positive COVID cases this week. We're still doing fine for a school of our size – we've had a total of 12 new cases this week from P-6. A couple of those cases were contracted while already in isolation. The date range on some of the letters seems to be of concern for you too – when I am notified of a positive case, one of the questions we need to ask is, if the child is symptomatic, when did the symptoms begin? The infectious period is defined at 2 days before the day when symptoms were first experienced and hence if that date falls during the school week, I'll put a date range on the notification. The date range is not signifying that there were new cases on each of those dates.

If you are concerned, please email or phone me.

Please remember that we offer a drop off and pick up service each day in the Knox Street staff car park. This saves you getting out of the car (great if you have little ones and great for reducing parents on site during COVID restrictions) and supports student safety. I ask that you stop your car on the side closest to Knox Street where the staff stand. We assist children with their bags, ensure their safe passage on footpaths into school and accompany them into the gates if required.

Thank you to all those of you who have taken the opportunity to meet with your child's teacher/s this week. I know how much the teachers value these conversations and the information you share with them about your children. If for some reason you missed this week's opportunity and you would still like to meet your child's teacher, please make contact with them directly to set up a mutually convenient time. Preschool interviews will continue next week.

A special thanks too to the few wonderful parents who have volunteered to pack Rapid Antigen Tests to go home to your children. We so value your time.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Warm regards,

Liz

COVID-19 VACCINATIONS



It's their turn!

There are many benefits of getting your children vaccinated against COVID-19:

- **to protect them** – although children are at lower risk of serious illness, they are not immune from COVID-19.
- **to protect others** – younger people and children experience the highest rates of COVID-19 and are one of the biggest spreaders of the virus. Children who are vaccinated are less likely to pass the virus onto others.
- **Less disruption from school** – being vaccinated will make your child less likely to experience disruption from school, socialising with others and doing other activities they love.

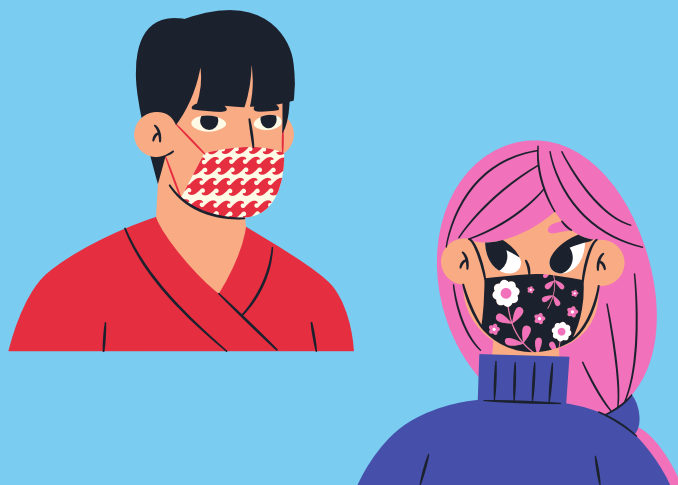
Find out more at:
covid19.act.gov.au/vaccinechildren



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MASKS IN SCHOOLS



Mask rules remain in schools

The mask rules for ACT schools and early childhood settings have not changed. Face masks must continue to be worn by staff and visitors in all indoor spaces at school and early childhood education and care settings.

Students in years 7 to 12 are also required to wear a face mask while in an indoor space at school.

The wearing of masks for primary school students is at the discretion of the student and their parents/carers but is not recommended for children in ECECs, or preschool to year 2.

The measures we have in place, including mask-wearing, are helping to limit the impact of COVID-19 and ensure continuity of learning for our students.

COMMUNITY NEWS

SCHOOL BOARD

On 15 February the School Board met for the first time in 2022. This was the penultimate meeting for one of our parent and teacher representatives. Nominations for the parent representative closed on 21 February 2022. If more than one nomination is received we will have an election to determine the representative.

Among a range of topics, the Board discussed voluntary contributions. While the school receives funding from the ACT Government to cover the basic requirements of the school, additional funding is needed to maintain the high standard of learning at Majura Primary. Each year we ask parents to make a financial contribution to their child's education. This voluntary contribution is a valuable source of funding which assists the school to conduct additional programs and activities and purchase learning materials and school resources that may not otherwise be purchased.

In 2021, 17% of Majura families paid a voluntary contribution. You will shortly receive a letter from the school identifying the voluntary contribution amount for 2022. The Board determines the amounts of Voluntary Contributions requested and we hope all families will be able to make some form of contribution. If you choose not to make a voluntary contribution, your child will still get all the benefits and services provided by the school, as required by the Education Act 2004. Of course, the more voluntary contributions there are, the greater the benefits to all our students.

Penny Edwards
Chair

A MESSAGE FROM THE CANTEEN

Staff required:

The canteen has two positions for a Friday between 9-12.30pm.

Must have WWVP card and be vaccinated.

This would be ideal for a parent as it's school hours. If interested please contact debbie@healthy-kids.com.au

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