

# Majura Primary School Newsletter

Term 3 Week 1

21 July 2023

## Principal's Message

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I hope you enjoyed not having to organise your kids for school these last two weeks and that you managed to have some special time with them. I know many of you have to continue working while school holidays are on, so I'm sure that for those of you, you're happy term 3 has begun. We're all happy too, having had some time to recharge our batteries. My time in Vietnam was wonderful -very relaxing and very hot!

We've noticed that some parents are chaining their children's bikes on the outside of the kindergarten fence. That's okay, but just in case you don't know there is a secure bike shelter for student bikes on Knox Street. It is within the school grounds and is locked during the day so we can pretty much guarantee their safety. All students, no matter their age, are welcome to store their bikes in the shelter. We do know that particularly in the good weather the bike shed, although large, is not large enough for all of the student bikes, so we are planning for two bike shelters, in different areas of the school, in the expansion works.

Speaking of the expansion/modernisation work...I have no update. We are still waiting to see the master plan and I am getting restless. I'm sure you are too! I've been in contact with Infrastructure and Capital Works again. I'll keep you, the School Board and the P&C updated when I have new information of course.

In week 3 I will be away from the school from Monday to Thursday as I will be a principal representative on another school's School Improvement Review. All schools are reviewed every five years to assess how well they are doing in meeting their strategic priorities and to assist them to set the new priorities for the next 5-year period.

*Principal's message continued on page 2...*

Majura will be reviewed in 2024. You can read our 2020-2024 Improvement Plan on the school's website or by clicking here [https://www.cms1.ed.act.edu.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0007/471841/Majura\\_Improvement\\_Plan\\_2020\\_-2024.pdf](https://www.cms1.ed.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0007/471841/Majura_Improvement_Plan_2020_-2024.pdf)

You can look forward to Jake's writing in the week 3 newsletter.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Warm regards,  
Liz

Extra: I am excited to share with you that we are in the process of renewing the values, mission and vision of Majura Primary to represent our community. This will involve input from students, parents and the staff to make sure that all parts of the Majura community are represented. Kim Barnett and I will be providing regular updates on the process and how you can be involved via the newsletter and other school communication.

Kind regards,  
Jake



## CIRCUS QUIRKUS

### Small Group Program

9:45am-12:30pm

Monday 24 July

## 100 DAYS OF KINDERGARTEN

**Kinder**

Tuesday 25 July

## SUE GEH CUP BASKETBALL

**Year 5/6 Girls**

8:45am-2:45pm

Wednesday 26 July

## SENIOR ASSEMBLY

**Years 3-6**

2pm-2:45pm

Wednesday 26 July

## NATIONAL TREE DAY

Friday 28 July

## WAKAKIRRI

**Years 4/5/6**

1:45pm-8:45pm

Tuesday 1 August

## YEAR 6 MARKET DAY

Friday 4 August

## DOG SAFETY EDUCATION PROGRAM

**Tuesday 8 August**

9:30am - Preschool (Beginning of week)

10:30am - Kinder

**Friday 11 August**

End of week Preschool (9:30am)

Year 1 (10:30am)

## ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

**Years 2-6**

9:15am-2:30pm

Tuesday 8 August

## CHIEF MINISTER'S READING CHALLENGE

Ends Friday 11 August

## ANNUAL SCIENCE FAIR

Friday 18 August

## AQUA SAFE PROGRAM

**Year 2**

Monday 4 September -

Friday 8 September

## SCHOOL NOTICES

### LOST PROPERTY

Lost property is now located in a chest outside the P&C uniform shop.

This area will be open **7:30am-9:00am** and **3:00pm-3:30pm** on **weekdays**. **Please keep this area tidy when searching for lost property.**

**ICAS COMPETITION 2023**

We are delighted to inform you that Majura Primary School will be offering the ICAS competitions this year. The online academic competition is designed to assess students' higher order thinking and problem-solving skills in English, mathematics, science, writing, spelling and digital technology.

If you would like to register your child for one or more of the assessments please register and pay on the parent portal. Please note that registrations and payments are due by **31 July 2023**.

Shop now portal access link: <https://shop.icasassessments.com/pages/pps>

Portal access code: **HEE191**

For more information click [here](#).

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# SCIENCE & ENGINEERING FAIR



14–18 August  
Week 5

**Get excited young Majura scientists!**

This year, science week will run from **14–18 August** (week 5, term 3). There will be science activities conducted and run in each class throughout the week, culminating in our **Annual Science Fair on Friday 18 August**.

If you would like to enter the science fair, bring your item/exhibit/study/demonstration on Friday morning to the library (drop-off between 8.15am–9am).

It will be an open competition based purely on which science area interests you as a young scientist. Judging will be split throughout the day and commence at lunch time (1st break) then at recess (2nd break) and continue into the last session of the day (if required, depending on the number of entries).

Last year entries ranged from 'studies into the eating habits of guinea pigs', 'erupting volcanoes', 'new hearing implements', 'a new type of goo' and we even had an amazing new type of 'wing' designed. There will be various prizes awarded on the day.

**MAJURA PRIMARY CANTEEN**

Please be advised that the Canteen cannot accept notes **over \$10** from students for over the counter sales.

Ordering through [Flexischools](#) is the preferred option for lunches.





## 2024 SCHOOL YEAR ENROLMENT REMINDER

Have you remembered to enrol for the 2024 school year?

Enrolments are open for students from preschool through to year 12.

Going local leads to great things – apply online at <https://bit.ly/3Zqhoj9>

Need help or have a question? Call the Enrolments Helpline on 6205 5429 or email [education.enrolment@act.gov.au](mailto:education.enrolment@act.gov.au).

**Please note:** K-6 students who are **currently enrolled** at Majura Primary **do not** need to re-enrol for 2024.

Current Preschool students who **live in area** and intend to start kinder at Majura Primary in 2024 **do not** need to enrol.

## CHIEF MINISTER'S READING CHALLENGE

The Chief Minister's Reading Challenge finishes on **11 August**. Students are required to give their completed reading records to **Melissa in the Library by 11/08/2023** for verification. Students who are still completing the reading requirements are encouraged to speak to their teacher or school librarian for assistance and book recommendations.

Still, looking for great reads? Check out the recent work of some of our CMRC Ambassadors.

*Kid President Totally Rules?* Jack Heath's newest book is a story written with humour and wit that will take you on a wonderful journey into the life of *Jaxxon*, the first-ever KID PRESIDENT.

Tania McCartney's latest work *Wildlife Compendium of the World* is now available. Be enchanted by stunning illustrations as you learn more about amphibians, reptiles, monotremes and pilosa.

Delve into historical fiction with Stephanie Owen Reeder's *Heritage Heroes* collection and read inspiring stories about remarkable children from Australia's past.

If you enjoy an upbeat bop-a-long to rap-like poetry, look out for Harry Laing's latest book *RapperBee*.



## LEARNING CONVERSATIONS (All students P-6)

Learning Conversation are continuing to take place in week 2.

If you missed out on making a booking, please contact your child's teacher directly.

A **location guide** for Learning Conversations can be found on the front office notice board.

## COVID & INFLUENZA NOTICES

**Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs) are still available.  
Please collect from the school front office.**

To help stop the spread of COVID-19 in our school, we are encouraging and implementing the following measures:

- Students who are COVID-19 positive or displaying symptoms (including a runny nose, sore throat, cough, fever) should test and must not attend school while unwell.
- If your student is COVID-positive let us know.
- Practise good hand and respiratory hygiene.
- Keep up to date with vaccinations.
- Distance where possible.

For the latest COVID-19 advice please visit the [ACT's COVID-19 website](https://www.act.gov.au/health/act-19).



### Stop influenza before it hits

It's important to vaccinate your child - they're at a higher risk of serious complications if they get sick and also more likely to spread it to others.

The best way to help protect you and your family this winter is to get the flu vaccine.

**Get your flu vaccine at:**

- ▶ your GP
- ▶ Early Childhood Immunisation Clinics at ACT Government Community Health Centres (free for children aged six months to under five years)
- ▶ pharmacies that provide flu vaccination services (for anyone 5 years and older)

**Help fight the spread of illness this winter.**

Stay home if you're sick, wash your hands regularly, wear a face mask when you can't distance from others and get tested if you have any COVID symptoms.

For more information talk to your health care professional and visit [health.act.gov.au/flu](https://health.act.gov.au/flu)

## PARENT & CARER ONLINE SAFETY WEBINARS

Throughout the year the ACT Education Directorate eSafety Education team offer free parent and carer information webinars about supporting children with online safety.

These webinars look at understanding the current eSafety issues experienced by our young people, supporting children and teens to be safe online, resources for responding to online issues, and where to go for further support.

In Semester 2, new webinars will be delivered live, with additional recorded eSafety parent and carer videos available online for registered ACT public school families.

## Parent & Carer Online Safety Webinars - 2023

### Help your family be more confident and safe online

All parents and carers of an ACT public school student are invited to attend an online safety (eSafety) information session designed to develop your knowledge and skills in supporting your child with digital technologies. This webinar will look at understanding the current eSafety issues children and young people are experiencing, how to support your child to be safe online, resources for preventing and responding to online issues, and where to go for further support.

Families are invited to attend one or more of the following sessions held online from 6.00-7.00pm:

New recorded content available now!

	Primary	Secondary
Term 3	1/8 or 31/8	3/8 or 29/8
Term 4	17/10, 14/11 or 16/11	19/10, 14/11 or 16/11



[bit.ly/3TyRaZx](https://bit.ly/3TyRaZx)

Scan the QR Code or type in the web address for more information, to register for one or more parent and carer online safety webinars, and to get access to recorded content.



## TRANSITION INFORMATION SESSIONS—STUDENTS WITH DISABILITY, DEVELOPMENTAL DELAY AND DIVERSE LEARNING NEEDS

The ACT Education Directorate is holding an online information session for families with children and young people with development delay, diverse learning needs and disability who are transitioning to a new school in 2024.

The session focuses on how parents and carers can plan for and support their child's transition. It will cover transitions through preschool, primary school, high school and college.

This session will be held online on Thursday 27 July 2023 from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

For more information including registration, families can email [EDUCommunityPartner@act.gov.au](mailto:EDUCommunityPartner@act.gov.au) with the school year their child will be entering in 2024.

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## Learn English and computer skills for FREE\*

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Lina Mrad,  
Navitas AMEP Student






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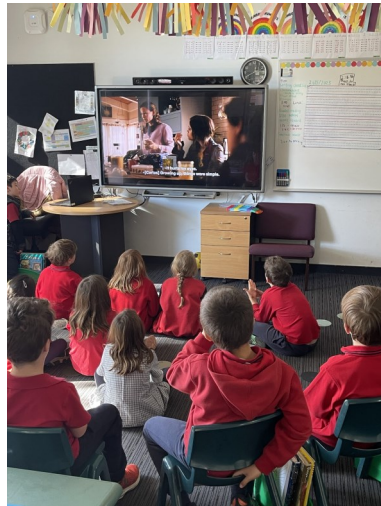
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At the end of term 2, the year 2 students filled their MMM jar for the second time.

Our first celebration was a movie afternoon and our second celebration was a pyjama day.

Well done year 2 on displaying our school values so consistently.



This term we have started a PE unit focused on developing our throwing and catching skills through repeated practise and in games.



Year 2 have also started a unit of work about geography this term. We will be learning about the continents and how different places are similar and different. We look forward to learning about lots of different cultures and sharing our discoveries through presentations for our peers and Seesaw posts for our families.

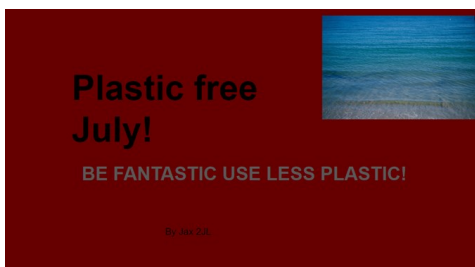
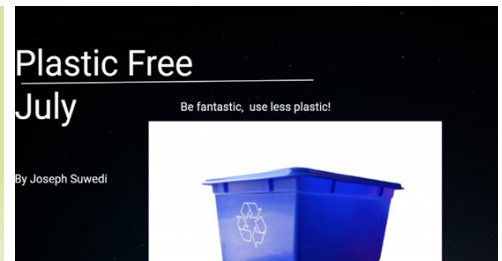


## 'PLASTIC FREE JULY'

Students in many of the junior school have been learning about this terrific Australian born initiative (beginning in 2011) which has now spread around the world. 'Plastic Free July' is designed to encourage individuals and businesses to reflect upon our reliance on single use plastic and encourage use of other alternatives.



In 2JL, the students recently developed their ICT skills creating a Google slide to share the Plastic Free message complete with accompanying image and persuasive message. Well done 2JL for passing this important message on!





### WONDER BREAD UPDATE FROM THE ENVIRONMENT ACTION GROUP

We're proud to announce that we have counted 245 bags which have been brought in! (Thank you also to Dinuri in the SGP for doing the all-important counting for us!)



Thank you for all your efforts and cooperation with this program. We need to share with you that the bread program is ending on the **4th of August** so please bring your final bags in before the end of July.

**Matilda, Elsie, Alison and Yaya - Year 3 reps**

## ASSEMBLIES

### SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

Parents and carers are now welcome to attend school assemblies. To attend assemblies, please **enter the hall through the doors on Irvine Street** and not through the front office. Seating for parents is at the back of the hall behind the students.

Assemblies are held every fortnight at 2:00pm - 2:45pm on Wednesdays and alternate between Juniors and Seniors.

### ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE FOR TERM 3

- Week 2 (26 July) - Senior Assembly (hosted by Student Parliament)
- Week 4 (9 August) - Senior Assembly (hosted by year 4)
- Week 6 (23 August) - Junior Assembly (hosted by year 2)
- Week 8 (6 September) - Senior Assembly (hosted by year 3)
- Week 9 (13 September) - Junior Assembly (hosted by year 1)





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# SENIOR DARK DISCO

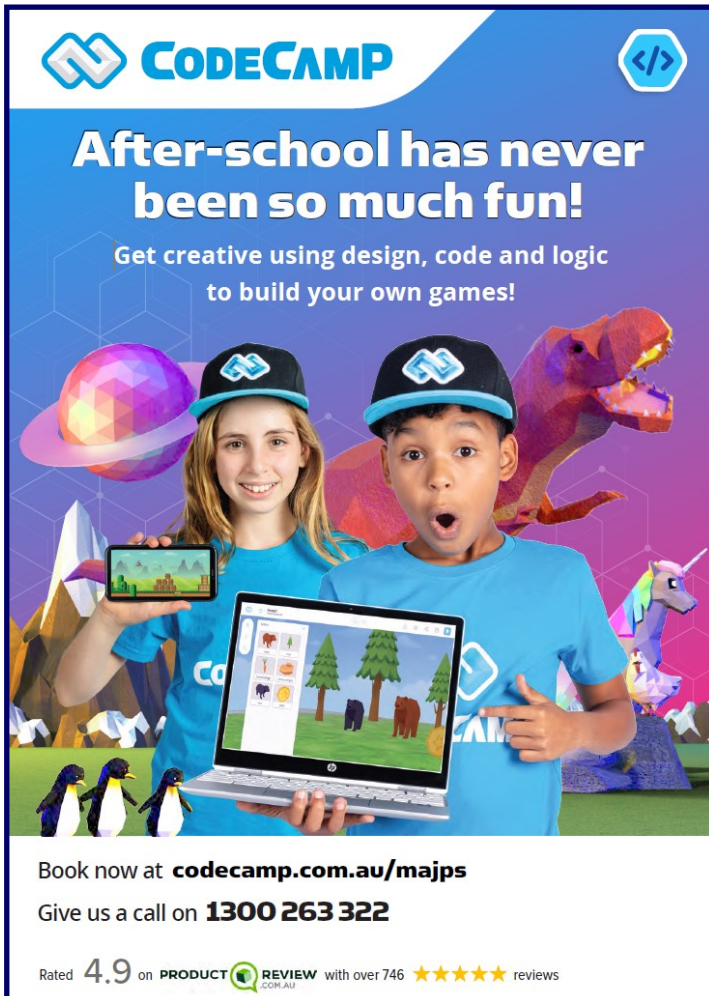
FRIDAY 4TH AUGUST

TICKETS \$10 EACH  
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YRs 3 & 4 6:00 - 7:15 PM

YRs 5 & 6 7:30 - 9:00 PM





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## FREE RANGERS TERM 3 PROGRAM

Fridays 3pm-6pm

Majura Scout Hall.

We collect the kids from school.

Cooking over the campfire, climbing trees, building with ropes, woodworking, walking the dogs, exploring the bush and local green spaces!

Mostly just getting mucky and relaxed outdoors in the fresh air!

[Enrol](#) in any number of days.

Danielle

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[www.freerangerskids.com](http://www.freerangerskids.com)

## GIRL GUIDES

**ALL GIRLS** are invited to visit their local guide unit and find out what guides get up to.

**Guides have FUN** indoors and outdoors, learn new skills and make new friends.

Guides is for girls aged 5 –18 yrs.

Local guide units meet once a week at the Guide halls in Lister Cres, Ainslie and Clianthus St, O'Connor.

To find out more, go to:

<https://www.girlguides-nswactnt.org.au/>

or [https://](https://www.northcanberragirlguides.com/)

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Level 1 30A George St, Burwood 2134  
Office: (02) 9745 1170

## CHESS!!

Learn to be a chess champion! Coaching for students at Majura Primary School (ACT) is held on Tuesdays from 8:00am to 8:55am, starting on 18 July 2023.

Learning and playing chess helps children develop their logical thinking and problem solving skills, improves their concentration and focus, while also being a great source of enjoyment. Activities include group lessons on a demonstration chess board or interactive whiteboard, puzzle solving and fun practice games.

Students earn merit awards by making checkmates, or by displaying skills and positive qualities, which all good chess players strive to develop.

Each student in the Chess program will also receive access to Chess Squad <https://www.chesssquad.com/> which is an online teaching/playing platform.

If your child is interested in taking part in the class, please email [office.sydneyacademy@gmail.com](mailto:office.sydneyacademy@gmail.com) for an enrolment form. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.

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Majura Primary School is registered as a SunSmart School.

As the weather cools down still remember to keep safe in the sun.

Wear your hat, apply sunscreen, play in the shade.



**RESPECT, EXCELLENCE AND RESPONSIBILITY**  
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