

Majura Primary School Newsletter

Term 1 Week 3

16 February 2024

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Principal's Message

Dear parents and carers,

I believe Watson and neighbouring areas have been hit hard by acts of vandalism over the past weeks and the school is no exception. We've had several windows smashed, locks jimmied, items thrown around the school, and even some inside play and eating. I appreciate how vigilant you are around the school on the weekends and in the evenings and encourage you to continue to contact the police or notify us if you are concerned. The cost of item replacement and cleanup is coming out of money we would much rather be spending on your children or long-term improvements to building and facilities.

Teachers are letting me know there has been an increase in toys being brought to school and that they are causing distractions to learning. We discourage children from bringing their personal items to school as we are not responsible for loss or damage, and some items are particularly appealing to others! If your child would like to bring something for their morning news, we ask that they keep the item with the teacher before and after news, for safe keeping. If your child is supported to be a successful learner with a fidget toy, that should be negotiated with the class teacher, and may be recorded as an adjustment in the child's Individual Learning Plan.

To date 84% of parents have paid for Seesaw access which is just fantastic! Seesaw is an application that allows children to post their work with you so that you have a window into what's happening here for them at school, and an opportunity for a conversation starter at the end of a school day. If your children are anything like mine, their typical responses to "What did you do at school today?" is "nothing", or they tell you what they did at play time.

Principal's Message continued on page 2...

Opening a conversation with "I can see you've been learning about Federation (replace with the relevant content/skills) is likely to elicit a more satisfying and informative response. Seesaw is not a communication tool between teacher and parent. Remember that if you need financial support for the book packs which includes Seesaw, you just need to email me or give me a quick call.

Before and particularly after school is becoming dangerous and very concerning to staff on duty at the entrance to the Knox St carpark. We have staff at the entrance to assist with the flow of traffic of both vehicles and students. Pedestrians have right of way crossing the entrance to the car park, but we are aware that traffic can get very clogged at this space, and if cars have to wait a long time to allow students to pass, then traffic jams occur which produces additional risks. Sometimes staff will ask students and other pedestrians to wait to allow the flow of traffic. Please be aware though that if you are driving, it is your responsibility to watch for people walking or on foot. Primary school aged children have not developed the neurological pathways to determine risk in all scenarios, so you should expect them to not be watching you! Please also remember that staff on duty in that area are there specifically to keep children safe, so please follow their instructions respectfully.

Our school is soon to go through a review process where progress against our improvement priorities is assessed, first by us and then by principal colleagues. There will be a request for parents to come and speak to the reviewers so look out for that opportunity. It is only through honest feedback that we can continue to improve.

I hope you enjoy a lovely weekend.

Warm regards

Liz

JUNIOR ASSEMBLY

Hosted by year 2

2pm-2:45pm

Wednesday 21 February

School Board Nominations Close

Monday 19 February

EAL/D COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS MORNING TEA

EAL/D families

9am-9:45am

Thursday 22 February

GETTING TO KNOW YOU INTERVIEWS

**Interviews continue for
preschool & year 5**

Monday 19 February—
Friday 23 February

YEAR 6 CAMP COOBA

8:00am Monday 26 February –
3:30pm Wednesday 28 February

SCHOOL PHOTOS

BoW Preschool

Tuesday 2 April

Primary School (K-6)

Thursday 4 April

EoW Preschool & catch ups

Friday 5 April

More information to come.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Years 2-6

9:05am-2:15pm

Monday 4 March

Permission & payment due by
no later than
Friday 23 February

P&C AGM

Wednesday 13 March

SCHOOL NOTICES

LOST PROPERTY

Is your child missing uniform, lunch box or drink bottle?

Please check lost property for any lost items. Lost property is located next to the uniform shop at the front of the school. Any unclaimed items will be thrown away or given to the uniform shop for second hand sales.

CANTEEN NOTICE

The canteen is open every week Tuesday - Friday for over the counter sales (both breaks) and online via [Flexischools](https://flexischools.com.au). The Canteen caters for students from Kindergarten to year 6.

For online orders please register on [Flexischools](https://flexischools.com.au) (there is a link on the Majura School Web page) or alternatively you can download the app.

Christian Education in Schools (CEIS)

If you would like your child/ren to participate in CEIS sessions at school, please complete the permission note (available on our [website](https://www.ceis.org.au)).

If you have completed the permission note in the past, you do not need to complete it again.

CEIS sessions at Majura

- Wednesday 20 Mar
- Wednesday 19 Jun
- Wednesday 11 Sept
- Wednesday 4 Dec



Christian Education In Schools

Christian Education is available as a curriculum option at your child's school because parents have requested it. This is based on provisions in the Education Act 2004. The Christian Education In Schools (CEIS) project provides a coordinated service to fulfil such requests. This service includes four modern and interactive sessions each year (one per term and varied each year), prepared professionally and delivered by trained and endorsed volunteers. The one-hour sessions are designed for groups of students to discuss and explore the topics outlined in the image.

Parent permission is essential for children to participate in CEIS. Please use the section below if you would like to request this for your child. Requests remain in effect while your child is at their school, but can be changed by contacting the front office. Each CEIS session will be advertised in the school newsletter. For further information please contact your school or visit www.ceis.org.au.

Kind regards,
Karen Baron
CEIS Coordinator

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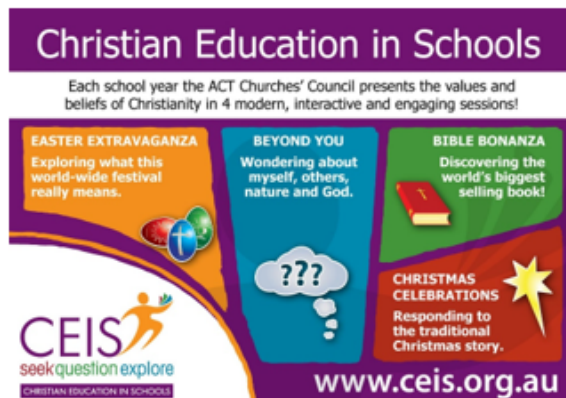
☐ YES, I request that my child/ren listed below participate in the CEIS sessions offered at school.

CHILD: _____ Class: _____

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Parent/Carer signature _____ Date _____



Free parent & carer online safety (eSafety) information webinars - preschool-year 12

The Online Safety Education team are committed to supporting school communities to develop their online safety skills and knowledge. The team aim to increase the number of safe and positive online experiences students have and reduce the number of online safety incidents that impact on learning environments.

There are multiple webinars running each term with both afternoon and evening times available that will help your family be more confident and safer online by:

- understanding online safety and risks young people face
- learning strategies to prevent and respond to online issues
- supporting your child to be safe online
- knowing where to go for further support.

Register for the Parent & Carer Online Safety Webinars – 2024 online at https://bit.ly/2024_OnlineSafetyWebinar_RSVP

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All RSVP's receive video content and resources.

SCAN THE QR CODE OR
TYPE THE LINK BELOW
INTO YOUR BROWSER

bit.ly/2024_OnlineSafetyWebinar_RSVP

ACT Government Education

ACT Children and Young People Commissioner Rights in ACTION! February newsletter

The [February 2024 Rights in ACTION edition](#) is about children and young people's right to education. This month's newsletter looks at what the right to education means and which laws protect it. It shares the story about Malala's fight for girls to go to school and how to celebrate your own progress by creating a learning time capsule.

Children and young people can send contributions for future editions in any format they like about anything they want. They can also send messages to the ACT Children and Young People Commissioner on Instagram @actkids_CYPC, call on 02 6205 2222, send an email to actkids@act.gov.au or go to Young Thinker Forum to upload files.

Bus Safety Week 2024: Safety never goes out of style!

"What's this coming along the road? It's a bus it's a bus... it's a school bus!"

This week is Bus Safety Week 2024, and we are going back in time to 1989 with the original [Bus Safe Rap](#) because safety never goes out of style. Bus Safety Week is an opportunity to remind students of the importance of safe behaviours when on and around buses, bus stops and interchanges.

Brush up on your safety skills and see if you can do the Bus Safe Rap:

- Signal the driver: Always signal the driver a safe distance from the curb by raising your arm – and giving the driver plenty of notice.
- Wait safely: Wait until the bus has left before you cross. Never walk in front of a bus, as other road users may not see you.
- Respect bus stops: Bus stops and interchanges aren't playgrounds. Avoid running or playing ball games while waiting for a bus.
- Stay alert: Put your phone away and turn the music down when moving around bus interchanges and crossing roads.

Let's showcase our commitment to safety as a community, from the bus stop to crossing the road, make safety your daily jam.

Visit Transport Canberra's [travel safely to school webpage](#) for resources and information to make sure all students have a safe journey to and from school.

P&C NEWS

We had our first P&C meeting for the year on Wednesday night!

This year we are asking all families to consider donating 1-2 hours of their time to help the school. We are always looking for help with fundraisers and working bees, we will advertise when we need you so please try and make the time.

Coming soon to the kitchen garden will be two new paella pans so the kids can cook up a storm outside in the garden. We are also sourcing solutions to replace the planting tables in the garden to provide a better surface for learning activities.

The preschool welcome BBQ is coming in the next few weeks, further information will be sent out shortly.

We will also be sending out some information on how you can participate in the bulb fundraiser.

On 13 March 2024 the P&C will hold our AGM followed by our regular meeting. We will have snacks and we need some more people to help us continue to deliver for the school.

All the positions are available for nomination (nomination is by self nomination) but we are particularly hoping for nominees for the following:

- o Secretary
- o Fundraising Co-ordinator
- o Assistant Treasurer
- o Assistant Convenor

If you would like to join us please email majuraparentsandcitizens@gmail.com.

KITCHEN GARDEN NEWS



VOLUNTEER IN THE KITCHEN OR GARDEN

Welcome to a new year of the Majura Primary **Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program**. Siobhan and Philippa are very excited to start cooking and gardening with the students!

We would love to have more volunteers to help in your child's kitchen or garden class, or to do gardening at a time that suits you.

Contact either Siobhan or Philippa to have a chat about how and when you can volunteer.

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Siobhan Palmer
Kitchen Specialist
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KITCHEN GARDEN NEWS



Harvesting, seed saving and new beginnings

Garden lessons are under way and what an exciting start to the year it has been!

We have been **harvesting our Summer produce** – tomatoes, capsicum, eggplant, cucumbers, basil, pears, granny smith apples and the ever-popular cucamelons. It is such a pleasure to see the students harvesting and eating the produce they worked so hard to grow last year.

Year 5 students have been **saving seeds** from tomatoes, capsicums, cucumbers, and the Everlasting Daisies. If you haven't seen the amazing sunflowers in the kitchen garden, do come and see them – they are stunning! Students have been collecting seeds from the sunflowers to replant in Spring this year.

We have had a few new volunteers in the garden which is fantastic. We would love even more helpers, so please email Philippa or Siobhan if you are interested in helping in the kitchen or garden

Philippa Lawrence, Garden Specialist
philippa.lawrence@ed.act.edu.au



Making beautiful flower bouquets with 4LC.



Year 5 students have been collecting seeds from the Everlasting Daisies.

Chinese New Year in the Majura Kitchen

Welcome back to some practised cooks and gardeners and a really big welcome to the year 3 classes who have enjoyed their first kitchen classth is last fortnight. In the kitchen over the last 2 weeks, students have been cooking up a Chinese feast, inspired by the Chinese New Year celebrations. We have

been rolling cong you bing (spring onion pancakes) and making smashed cucumber salad. It has been such fun to shape our dough into beautiful snails and then to roll it really thin again, as well as cracking the cucumber with a rolling pin to make the

dressing stick to the fresh garden goodness.

I am really looking forward to bringing the fruitful garden produce into the kitchen and creating delicious food with the Majura Primary students and have some wonderful ideas in mind.

See you in the kitchen!

Siobhan Palmer, Kitchen Specialist

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SUSTAINABILITY UPDATES

With the school year well and truly underway, there are some terrific opportunities for students to get involved in looking after their planet.

Schools Clean Up Day – Friday 1 March

Both the preschool and primary school are registered sites for Schools Clean Up Day. Beginning of the week preschool groups will take part on **Monday 26 February** while the end of week groups will conduct their clean up on **Friday 1 March**. Any interested families can look at the Clean Up Australia website to see which local sites are registered to take part with the rest of the nation on **Sunday 3 March**.



<https://www.cleanup.org.au/cleanupaustaliaday>

Earth Hour for Schools – Friday 22 March

On this day, and throughout this week, students will be exploring energy conservation and its importance and as a school. We will be turning off as many forms of power as possible for an hour, just like the worldwide Earth Hour initiative, which is held on **Saturday 23 March**.



National Ride to School Day – Friday 22 March

On this day we will celebrate the huge number of students at Majura who ride to school and enjoy the many health benefits as a result. Students in junior school classes will also examine the environmental benefits of riding a bike.



Helping your child transition into their new school year A Wellbeing Newsletter Item

Here are a few practical strategies you may like to adopt to help ease your child and yourself into the brand-new school year.



Keep drop off and pick up times consistent:

Letting your child know who will drop them off and pick them up, and roughly what time, helps them feel more comfortable and ease, particularly if your child is anxious.

Organise your morning routines the night before.

Having your child organise their clothes and preparing their lunch the night before makes the morning time run much more smoothly for all.

Provide downtime on the conclusion of their school day.

Students are working hard during their school day. In which case, it is important to give them space and time to regain their energy levels. A half hour may be required to provide space for your child before commencing your routines for the rest of the day.

Being responsive to your child's needs during the settling in stage.

Knowing the energy levels involved for students in experiencing a normal school day, don't be surprised if your child takes considerable time to respond to instructions. They may also be reluctant to discuss the events of their day because of their energy levels. At the same time, if your child is excited about a particular event, you can be assured it was important to them. In which case they really would value sharing it with you.

These are tips taken from the Australian parenting website - <https://raisingchildren.net.au/>

SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

Assemblies are held every fortnight between 2:00pm - 2:45pm on Wednesdays and alternate between Juniors (P-2) and Seniors (3-6).

Parents and carers are welcome to attend school assemblies and are encouraged to access the hall via Irvine street.

The next assembly will be held on 21 February. This will be a junior assembly hosted by year 2.

Term 1 assembly schedule:

- Junior assembly (hosted by year 2) - 21 February (week 4)
- Senior assembly (hosted by year 4) - 6 March (week 6)
- Junior assembly (hosted by year 1) - 20 March (week 8)
- Senior assembly (hosted by year 5) - 3 April (week 10)



Congratulations to the recipients of principal awards
at the week 2 senior assembly!



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From 3.15pm to 4.30pm

Program starting on the 15th of Feb 24

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All levels from
beginner to
advance

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Free Rangers - Kids Who Can

Majura Primary School, Fridays, 3pm to 6pm
Nature play - we pick the kids up from school and go adventuring

Cooking over the campfire
Climbing trees
Building with ropes, sticks and old sheets
Walking the dogs
Exploring the local green spaces
Growing veggies to cook over the campfire

But mostly... just getting mucky and relaxed outdoors in the fresh air!



Enrol at:
<https://enrolmy.com/free-rangers>

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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 8:40am, starting on 13 February 2024.

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 for an enrolment form. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.

To enrol in chess classes contact:
office.sydneyacademy@gmail.com

UNI-NORTHS OWLS J.R.U

COME & GIVE RUGBY UNION A TRY THIS SEASON




JOIN THE TEAM:
The Uni-Norths Owls are currently recruiting players of ALL AGES and ALL GENDERS for the 2024 season.

WHY PLAY RUGBY?:
Rugby is an AWESOME sport and a great way to have FUN and FITNESS while you make new FRIENDS.

WHEN IS THE RUGBY SEASON?:
The ACT Junior Rugby Union season runs from MAY to SEPTEMBER with GAMES on SATURDAY MORNINGS.

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Be prepared for a new adventure! Join Scouts

No other organisation offers such a diverse variety of activities and experiences across such a broad age range.

Youth members from 6 - 25 years old and volunteers from 18+ years old can join at any stage of Scouting. Scouts participate in youth-led programs that encourage them to grow through adventure by experiencing new challenges, making new friends, building confidence, taking responsibility for themselves, and being provided with opportunities to explore their own abilities and interests.

Well Station Scout Group, located at Melba Street, Downer is welcoming children at all levels.
For more information about Scouts see: <https://www.scoutsact.com.au/>
To enquire about Well Station Scouts, email: groupleader.wellstation@scoutsact.com.au

 Joey Scouts	 Cub Scouts	 Scouts	 Venturers Scouts
Joey Scouts (ages 5 to 8) Mondays 6 to 7pm	Cub Scouts (8 to 11 years) Jumbuck Unit - Tuesdays Merino Unit - Wednesdays 6.30 to 8pm	Scouts (11 to 15 years) Thursday 6.30 to 8.30pm	Venturers (15-18 years) Tuesday 7.30 - 9.30 pm

GIRL GUIDES

All Girls are invited to visit their local Guide units 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 Cresnet, Ainslie and Clianthus St, O'Connor.

To find out more, go to www.girlguides-nswactnt.org.au

School contacts

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Majura Primary School is registered as a SunSmart School.

Hats on

Please remember to wear your hat, apply sunscreen and play in the shade.

If a student forgets their hat they may borrow one from their teacher.



MAJURA PRIMARY SCHOOL

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