



MAJURA PRIMARY SCHOOL Newsletter

22 July 2022
Week 1 Term 3

A message from the Principal



Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to semester 2. This week has been full of focus and buzz, both from students and staff. Many of you will already know this from the news but on Tuesday Minister Yvette Berry announced that as part of the 2022-2023 ACT Budget \$39.3 million is being invested in the permanent expansion and modernisation of classrooms and facilities at Majura. This 5 year plan will see better educational facilities for up to 300 additional students. It was great that both School Board representative Penny Edwards and P&C Convenor Dan Rowley were here on Tuesday to represent and speak on behalf of the school community. Penny and Dan have been instrumental in garnering community support and presenting the school's case for expansion to our politicians and the Education Directorate. They have and will continue to work with me to see this project to fruition.



We have had a number of staff changes this term. We have been allocated a new school psychologist, Mimosa Forsyth, who will be here from Monday – Wednesday and can be contacted via the front office. I'll ask her to write something about herself for the next newsletter.

Susanne Armistead has moved to year 5, Emma Marsh has returned from Maternity Leave and is co-teaching with Amanda Dezman in year 4, Kathryn Shaw is co-teaching with Tristan Early in year 2 and is also taking on the part time Sustainably role to replace Emily Regan. Bridget Pearl, a new teacher to Majura is in year 4 and Andrew Millar has taken on the role as Performing Arts teacher. That's a lot of movement at this time of the year and very unusual, but sometimes it happens like that. I really thank those teachers who have been flexible in switching roles and welcome our new staff Mimosa and Bridget.

A message from the Principal

To keep our children safe when making their way to, and from, school please ensure you drive and park safely and legally around our school. Unfortunately, we have seen an increase in unsafe driving during term 2. Access Canberra will be placing variable message signs around our school for the next two weeks to remind drivers to obey the speed zones and park legally. Speed and parking will be monitored during the term by mobile speed vans and licence plate recognition vehicles. A key parking concern is along A'Beckett Street where vehicles have been observed parking too close (within 3 metres) of unbroken lines. Such parking can reduce visibility of our students and motorists to see each other, creating a significant hazard. We welcome Access Canberra's activity around our school as we all work to support student safety. Thanks everyone.

For the rest of this year we are going to move back to fortnightly newsletters. You'll remember that we started weekly newsletters last year when we had constant updates that needed to go home regarding COVID information. You can expect to receive full newsletters in odd weeks this term and even weeks in term 4. On the off weeks, a one page 'Wats-on' will be emailed with dates to remember and notes home.

I hope you have a enjoyable weekend.

Warm regards,

Liz

KITCHEN GARDEN NEWS



NEW VEGETABLE GARDEN TEACHING AREA COMPLETED AND READY FOR STUDENTS TO START USING!

The July school holidays was a busy time in the Majura Primary School Kitchen Garden with the construction of a new vegetable garden teaching area. Majura Primary P&C generously funded the new garden teaching space which features 10 raised vegetable garden beds, brick edging, automated irrigation system, pebble mulch and a timber bench seat.

The large space accommodates an entire class of students with enough seating and space between vegetable beds for students to move around safely with wheelbarrows and garden tools.

It's a busy term coming up getting ready for the Spring/Summer growing season! In garden class, years 3, 4 and 5 students will learn how to:

- plan a vegetable garden – what to plant and when to plant it
- create healthy garden soil ready for planting
- propagate Spring and Summer vegetables as well as a wide variety of insect attracting flowering perennials, annual and herbs
- design a poly-culture vegetable garden bed
- how to make and maintain a garden waste compost, and much more!

A huge thank you to Phillips Landscaping for doing an amazing job with the construction of the garden area and for donating bricks for the edging and palettes for the leaf compost bay.

Philippa Lawrence
Garden specialist



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<https://www.plasticfreejuly.org/>

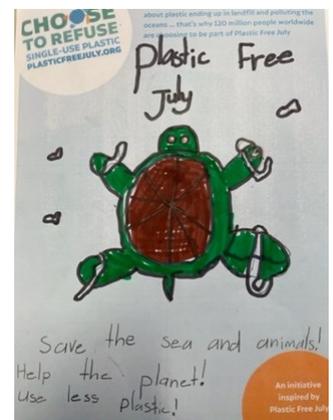
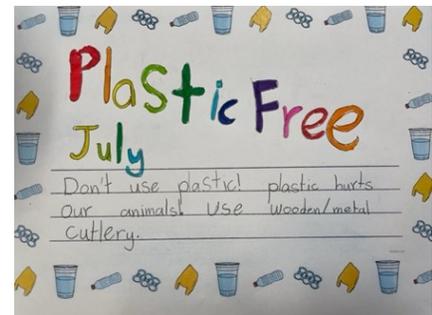
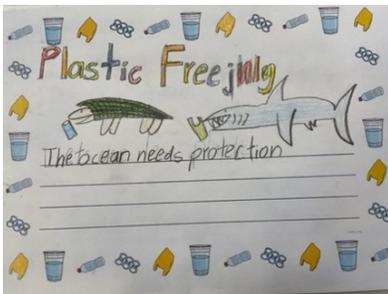
The students in Year 1 have been hard at work this past week acting as graphic designers through creating these posters to promote 'Plastic Free July'.

They have learned about the initiative of 'Plastic Free July' which is a global initiative in which homes, businesses and schools attempt to use less plastic in their day to day lives.

In class the students learned about the concept of 'single use plastic' items. This fits in with their Science focus this term on everyday materials, their uses and what items can be better used in their place. They also looked at the impact of plastic in our oceans.

As a school we will be looking at ways to avoid sending our plastic to landfill this term. In the meantime, the video below will explain 'Plastic Free July'. Well done to our Year 1's for their excellent efforts with their posters!

<https://video.link/w/SOqyd>



SPOTLIGHT ON LEARNING

Year 3

Welcome back to term 3!

Year 3 has had a wonderful week back with a buzz of activity murmuring through the red corridor. We are all very excited to continue our learning from where we left off last term.



In the second half of last term we started to learn about how the Sun heats Earth and why Antarctica is so cold. More specifically to discover how penguins survive in harsh climates . As part of this unit, classes created artworks depicting the solar system, singular planets, or our Sun. Additionally, students created models to show how the Sun, Earth and Moon orbit each other - these have been a wonderful tool for visualising how the Sun's heat is dispersed across the globe.



In mathematics, students have been learning all about mapping and grid reference systems. We have learnt how to use coordinates to locate landmarks or to describe locations. Other students from the school have had a wonderful time watching year 3 students 'direct' each other through the corridors or playgrounds using specific directional language. This specific language is necessary for mapping and allows us to clearly describe directions and locations without adding any confusion.

Students also created treasure maps for their peers to practice naming coordinates and locating landmarks on a map with.

We are all hoping this unit leads to a student finding some real treasure (and sharing it of course)!



MAJURA MARVELS

A marvellous Majura student has actively been involved in an incredibly worthy pursuit outside of school time.

Year 4 student Emily Hayes has been getting her knees up over the last two terms in Irish Dance lessons. She loves the classes, music and practicing at home. Soon after starting lessons, Emily participated in her first Canberra wide competition and was delighted to win all her events in the Novice section. Emily's dancing has also helped to connect with friends and stay in touch with her grandparents, who look forward to video updates and facetime chats.



MAJURA MARVELS

During June Majura's newest speedcubers attended their first World Cube Association (WCA) competition in Orange. Aiden Young and Jack Thorn drove to the central west town with their families to take part in official competition. The two Featherstars from year 4 have been learning Rubik's cube since Term 1, as part of their Passion Project. They both soon discovered that the passion did indeed run deep, and it was fun to solve cubes and solve them fast. They have studied different finger tricks and memorized algorithms to become faster and faster. They have both also discovered a world of cubing, beyond the original 3 x 3 design. The boys have learned and have now competed in 2 x 2, 4 x 4, skewb and pyraminx! To discover more, Aiden and Jack recommend learning at your own pace and get advice from both friends and their favourite youtuber, Jperm.

Aiden and Jack soon discovered that being WCA members requires them to both judge and participate in competition. The atmosphere of the day was relaxed and friendly, with many helpers learning from one another about the speedcubing world. Jack and Aiden both recorded fantastic times for each competition, setting personal bests that can now be used to set sights on the next competition! Aiden's time for 3 x 3 was 31.67 seconds, both were under 9 seconds for 2x2, Jack scored 8.73 for the Pyraminx!



DATES TO REMEMBER

- Athletics Carnival: 26 July (Year 2-6 AIS) (P-1 School)
- NAIDOC Week 3-10 July
- Hats back on: 1 August
- Wakakirri Dance Group: 3 August
- Staff planning day (Pupil Free): 5 August
- Majura Trivia night: 5 August
- ICAS (writing): 8 August
- Basket ball—Jamie Pearlman Cup: 9 August
- ICAS (digital tech): 10 August
- ICAS (English): 15 August
- ICAS (science): 22 August
- ICAS (spelling): 24 August
- Wear it Purple Day: 26 August
- ICAS (Maths): 29 August
- RUOK? Day: 8 September
- Staff planning day (Pupil Free): 9 September
- Year 6 Camp: 13,14,15 September
- Year 3 Day Camp: 23 September

*MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!*



UNIFORM SHOP

The uniform shop is open 8:30-9:30am
every Wednesday

New and second hand uniforms available

EFTPOS payment and online orders only

<https://jurapandc.square.site/s/order>



If you have any donations of second hand uniforms
please ask your child to take it to the front office or bring in straight to us
at the uniform shop on Wednesdays.



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Open Wednesdays to Fridays.

Lunch orders should be ordered via

[FLEXISCHOOLS](#)

Along with our online lunch orders, we'll be open for over the counter sales at recess/lunch. We will be selling food starting from 80cents to \$3.30

Some of the great things available are ice creams, canteen made slices/cookies, drinks, warm milo lots more.

Flexischools link is also available on the school's website



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