



Majura Primary School Newsletter

Week 1 Term 1

3 February 2023

Principal's Message

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Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to the 2023 school year. I hope that you had a lovely Christmas and New Year period, and that however you spent it, you had some time to recharge your batteries.

I was in Europe for 4 weeks where I experienced a couple of bouts of sickness and Canberra-cold weather, so I can't say I had the best time. To all the parents who listened to me whinging about the cold and promised me a white Christmas – you lied! Many countries in Europe experienced their hottest temperatures ever this January. Go figure! I did have a great holiday despite all this complaining and returned to school very excited for the new year.

In O Week we welcomed all of our new teachers and spent three days together upskilling ourselves and setting goals for the year.

One of the professional learning activities we did in O Week was a Walk on Country On Mt Majura with Ngunnawal man Tyrone Bell. We listened to stories that exemplified the significance of place to First Nations people and learned traditional uses of many of the plants growing there. One of our continuing goals for this year is to incorporate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspectives in our learning and teaching programs, so this was a great beginning.



We welcome the following new staff to the Majura community:

Manda Kresic (kindergarten teacher)

Amy Xu (year 1 teacher)

Sharee Harrild (Small Group Program teacher)

Megan Mears (year 2 teacher)

Isabela Gorringer (year 2 teacher)

Alannah Hodge (year 3 teacher)

Mary Holmes (year 4 teacher)

Steve Vukelic (year 5 teacher)

Karen Spence (year 5 teacher)

Albert Palazzo (year 5 teacher)

Maree Fawke (Performing Arts teacher)

Lee-Ann Grunwald (Sustainability teacher)

Rozlyn Mitchell (Executive teacher P/K)

Adam Chad (Executive teacher Specialist team leader)

Troy Erland (Building Services Officer)

Our new staff have fitted in beautifully and we love having them as part of our team. I'm sure you'll all get to know them soon. Please look out for information next week on how to book your 'getting to know you' interviews in week 3.

We had a great start to the school year with our new students starting on Monday and our returning students starting on Tuesday. Children were very happy to be back with their friends especially, but it's incredible to see them all focussed on their learning already. Whenever you have a question or query about your child, your first point of call is always the class teacher. If you require additional information or support, please make contact with executive team leader for your child's year level. Email is probably the best form of communication in the first instance.

Preschool and kindergarten -Roz Mitchell rozlyn.mitchell@ed.act.edu.au

Year 1 and year 2 – Ali Gattuso ali.gattuso@ed.act.edu.au

Year 3 and year 4 -Louise Johnston louise.johnston@ed.act.edu.au

Year 5 and year 6 – Kim Barnett kim.barnett@ed.act.edu.au

Music, Performing Arts, Sustainability and EAL/D – Adam Chad adam.chad@ed.act.edu.au

We have two parent vacancies on the School Board coming up to start term 2. The School Board oversees the governance of the school (school improvement, budget and compliance). If this is of interest to you, please look out for information in this newsletter about how to nominate. The School Board meets twice a term in weeks 3 and 7 from 5:30 -7:00pm.

Warm regards,

Liz

YEAR 6 CAMP 20-22 FEB (WEEK 4)

Reminders were sent to families along with the notes required.
Notes are available via school website and paper copies available from the front office.

**PRESCHOOL TEDDY
BEAR PICNIC**

**8 FEBRUARY 4-6PM
(WEEK 2)**

**SWIMMING CARNIVAL
6 MARCH (WEEK 6)****SCHOOL PHOTOS
7-9 MARCH
(WEEK 6)****Bookpack Payment Reminder**

Thank you to all Parents and Carers who have paid for the 2023 Bookpacks through the Maxim Parent Portal. This Portal has now closed.

If you missed the deadline to pay directly to Maxim, payments can now be made using the following methods:

- Via the Majura Primary School Quickweb Payment website:
(<https://www.majuraps.act.edu.au/payment>) using the details below
- EFTPOS/credit card at the school office from 24 January.

Price List for Bookpacks

Preschool - \$28.47

Kindergarten - \$64.52

Special Group Program (LSU) - \$106.92

Year 1 - \$50.99

Year 2 - \$80.37

Year 3 – \$63.32

Year 4 - \$65.69

Year 5 – \$61.23

Year 6 – \$80.50

Staying COVID Smart in 2023

Being Covid Smart remains a priority for all ACT public schools in 2023.

Students, staff and visitors are reminded to:

- Stay home if unwell and get tested for COVID-19
- Stay up to date with your vaccinations
- Practise good hand and respiratory hygiene
- Physically distance from others when in public places

Individual schools may implement additional measures to manage COVID-19 if deemed necessary in a particular setting. Any changes will be communicated to parents and carers.

If your child has COVID-19, you must let the school know. We recommend keeping your child home for at least five days.

RATs are again available from the school for students in term 1 from the front office.

You can read more about how we are being COVID Smart in ACT public schools at <https://www.education.act.gov.au/public-school-life/covid-school-arrangements>

Safe parking around schools

The start of the school year is a particularly busy time in our school carparks and surrounding streets. It's important that we park safely and legally to support the safety of students.

Parking on a footpath, nature strip, or roadside verge can:

- Cause safety risks for pedestrians as they are less visible to oncoming cars
- Increase the risk for vulnerable members of our community like children, people who are visually impaired, and those using a wheelchair or pram
- Restrict the line of sight for other road users
- Restrict access for emergency services vehicles.

Parking on nature strips can also damage trees, footpaths, gutters and underground pipes and cables. Please also remember not to park across driveways or block neighbouring residents' properties.

As students return to school remember to slow down and stick to the 40 km/h limit around our schools between 8am and 4pm.

Parking inspectors regularly patrol school zones to support safe parking and keep students safe.

If you cannot find a car park in our school car parks, we suggest parking a little further away and walking or riding the rest of the way— it's a quick and easy way to get in some exercise too.

Let's all work together to keep our kids and community safe!

More information about travelling safely to school is available on the [Transport ACT website](#).

Majura Primary School Board elections will be held during term 1, 2023.

If you are interested in contributing to the school, please consider nominating for a position on the school board.

Nominations will commence Monday 6 February, and close Monday 20 February 2023.

Nomination forms will be available from the front office or on the school website by clicking the link on the 'School Board' page.

School	Position	Term Conclusion
Majura Primary School	Appointed Member	VACANT
Majura Primary School	Parent Member	VACANT
Majura Primary School	Parent Member	VACANT
Majura Primary School	Staff Member	VACANT

Invitation from the P&C—any questions email majuraparentsandcitizens@gmail.com



TEDDY BEAR PICNIC

**8 FEBRUARY
4-6
PRESCHOOL
PLAYGROUND
BRING A PIECE OF FRUIT
AND A TEDDY BEAR!**



SYDNEY
ACADEMY OF CHESS

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 7 February 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.

If your child is interested in taking part, you can collect an enrolment form from the school office, or email enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au for a copy. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.



KITCHEN GARDEN NEWS



Stephanie Alexander
KITCHEN GARDEN
PROGRAM
Learning. Growing. Nourishing. Thriving.



Our new picnic tables will provide much needed garden seating for students and staff.



Welcome to Kitchen Garden 2023!

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!

The garden has had some changes during the holiday break. We took delivery of four beautiful **timber picnic benches** paid for with funds raised from the P&C November Seedling Sale.

The raised vegetable garden beds and Community Garden have survived the Summer really well providing lots of **purple climbing beans, green beans, golden zucchini, lebanese cucumber, herbs, beetroot, spaghetti squash** and a few **tomatoes** (it hasn't been a great season for tomatoes has it?!). **Thank you** to the team of parent volunteers who signed up and visited the garden to look after the chickens and garden over the holiday break.

The garden has two new **green waste bays** to add to the gardens' sustainable waste processing system. The green waste bays will be for composting garden prunings, non-invasive weeds, lawn clippings and leaves. Students will learn all about making and using compost in the garden.



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Kitchen kicks off with making hand-pulled noodles

Siobhan has an exciting and fun first lesson for kitchen students - **noodles with green beans and omlette** (the hand pulled noodles made from scratch). The beans and spring onions will be harvested from the school kitchen garden - so fresh and tasty! The recipe will be available on your child's **Kitchen Google Classroom** in week 2. It should be a lot of fun and delicious.

Volunteer in the garden or kitchen

The **Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program** was developed by Stephanie Alexander to include parent helpers during cooking and gardening classes. If you would like to volunteer in the garden or kitchen, either during your child's class, or at another time, contact Philippa or Siobhan on the email below.

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

Siobhan Palmer
Kitchen Specialist
siobhan.palmer@ed.act.edu.au





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

Christian Education in Schools

Each school year the ACT Churches' Council presents the values and beliefs of Christianity in 4 modern, interactive and engaging sessions!

EASTER EXTRAVAGANZA
Exploring what this world-wide festival really means.

BEYOND YOU
Wondering about myself, others, nature and God.

BIBLE BONANZA
Discovering the world's biggest selling book!

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS
Responding to the traditional Christmas story.

www.ceis.org.au

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PLEASE RETURN THIS SECTION TO THE SCHOOL FRONT OFFICE

☐ 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 _____

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Term 1 2023

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Group 1

Bricks Challenge

Kindergarten to Year 2

Group 2

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Year 3 to Year 6

Majura Primary School

Every Thursday

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Starting on the 9th Feb 23

From 3.15pm to 4.30pm

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Looking for work in 2023! - Position Vacant

The canteen is looking for someone to work in the Canteen Fridays this year. If you are interested in working school hours on a Friday and would like to be paid for it please contact debbie@healthy-kids.com.au for further information. Or pop in and say hi to Irene in the Canteen Wednesday, Thursday or Friday.

Canteen Updates

- Please change the class code for your child on Flexischools - doesn't need the class name e.g. 'Rye' just '6PG'
- The canteen is now open for counter service at both lunch and recess
- Sushi can be ordered as of Friday 10 February. Orders for sushi must be placed by Wednesday night.

School contacts

Front office and school absences - P: 61423140

E: admin@majuraps.act.edu.au

Liz Bobos - Principal E: Liz.Bobos@ed.act.edu.au

Jacob Bindley - Deputy Principal E: Jacob.Bindley@ed.act.edu.au



Majura Primary School is registered as a SunSmart School.

As the weather warms up keep safe in the sun.

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



RESPECT, EXCELLENCE AND RESPONSIBILITY

admin@majuraps.act.edu.au

