



MAJURA PRIMARY SCHOOL Newsletter

1 July 2022
Week 10 Term 2

A message from the Principal



Good afternoon Majura community,

Happy holidays to all. I hope you have the opportunity to relax and unwind with your families.

We have had a busy end to a big semester. Our chess team dominated the ACT Interschool Chess Competition - Primary Open North Canberra Gungahlin bringing home first prize, and a very impressive trophy to add to our cabinet. Congratulations to all involved.

This week we celebrated NAIDOC week, recognising this year's theme of Get up! Stand up! Show Up! Our Cultural Integrity team supported staff to engage with activities across curriculum areas. We continue our journey to ensure we are inclusive and supportive of all cultures at Majura, and recognise the ongoing traditions of the Ngunnawal people, and acknowledge First Nations members of our community.

In this week's newsletter you'll see that we are implementing a new student recognition system. This has been developed after significant parent, student and staff feedback. The new system starts from next term; we look forward to the opportunity to recognise our student's achievements.

Recently we have had reports from the community that parking inspectors have been around the school booking people parking on A'Beckett St. near the intersection with Knox St. We understand parking is difficult but wouldn't like to see anyone picking up a nasty ticket.

We wish all the best to Emily Regan who is taking a break from teaching to complete further study. Her work across the school with sustainability and enthusiasm for teaching and learning will be greatly missed.

On a more difficult note, we have faced a significant upturn in the amount of graffiti and vandalism around the school, such as windows being smashed and the school being egged. This has put significant workload on our BSO, Will, and of course impacts student learning due to us having to close areas of the school and move students away from potential harm. On Sunday night the school was broken into, paint thrown around the carpets and walls, student work was destroyed, a few computers were smashed and a fire extinguisher was discharged onto the carpet in the red corridor. As a result we enlisted additional cleaning services and had to shut down a number of rooms. The clean up from this is ongoing. The students and staff, as always, were brilliant and understanding throughout, though obviously they were upset about the damage to their space.

Over the next two weeks if you notice any damage or anything out of the ordinary occurring at the school, please reach out to us via admin_majuraps@ed.act.edu.au email.

Thank you for your ongoing support during another disrupted semester, we look forward to recharging our batteries and seeing you all in Semester 2.

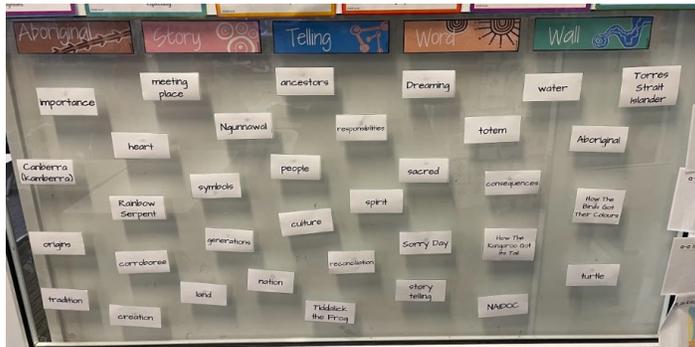
Jacob Bindley,

Deputy Principal

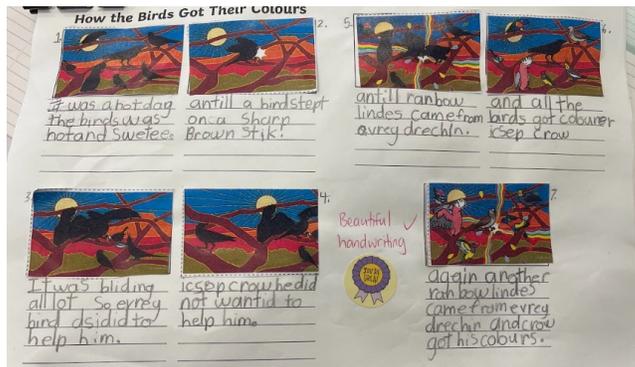


Year 2

For the past two weeks the year 2 students have been engaging in book studies using Aboriginal Dreaming Stories. We began by creating an Aboriginal Story Telling Word Wall.



We began by exploring the story 'How the birds got their colours'. We read and watched the story then did different activities related to the story. One of the activities was a storyboard retell. We had to cut the pictures out, order them and tell the story in our own words. As a challenge, some students had a go at creating an acrostic poem using the word BIRDS to summarise the story. Here are some examples of our work.



The next story we looked at was 'Tiddlick the Frog' We had another go at retelling this story, this time doing our own interpretation of the pictures.



To finish off the week the Bugs created a collaborative colouring representing the Rainbow Serpent.

ACT JUNIOR CHESS LEAGUE

COMPETITION WINNERS!!

These very clever Majura Primary students not only had a blast but were also came in first place at this week's ACT Junior Chess League competition!

A massive shout out to the staff and parents of Majura Primary School that were able to put their hand up and help this amazing team come together at the last minute.



Congratulations Majura!



KITCHEN GARDEN NEWS



Cid Riley from Global Worming carefully relocating the tens of thousands of composting worms to their new worm farm location within the Kitchen Garden.

Worm Farm relocation to make way for new vegetable garden teaching area

The Majura Primary School worm farm was relocated to a different area in the Kitchen Garden this week to make way for the exciting, new vegetable teaching area. Majura Primary P&C is kindly

funding the new garden teaching space which will feature 10 raised vegetable garden beds, an irrigation system, mulch and a 10 metre timber bench seat. When complete, the space will accommodate a class of up to 25 students with enough seating and space between vegetable beds for students to garden safely. The 10 garden beds means there will be enough area to grow a substantial amount of produce for the kitchen program and to also teach students about crop rotation, seasonal planting, soil improvement and much, much more! The project is due for completion during the July school holidays.



Sugar-loaf cabbage and Chinese cabbage - planted, grown and harvested by the Year 5 students.



Year 5 students harvesting the produce.



The chicken clean-up crew! The girls were in heaven cleaning up the freshly harvested beds.

Winter vegetable harvest time!

The theme in the Majura Primary Kitchen Garden for the Year 5's in term 1 was "Growing an Abundant Winter Vegetable Garden". In garden class, the Year 5 classes planted vegetable seeds and seedlings, learnt about succession planting, what crops to plant and when in order to grow an abundant array of Winter vegetables. The twenty-first of June (which was also the Winter Solstice) was harvest day! Jess Sklenar's Year 5 class had the lucky job of harvesting the Chinese Cabbage, Sugar-loaf Cabbage, English Spinach, Tatsoi, Bok-choi and Broccoli. Good work Year 5's!!

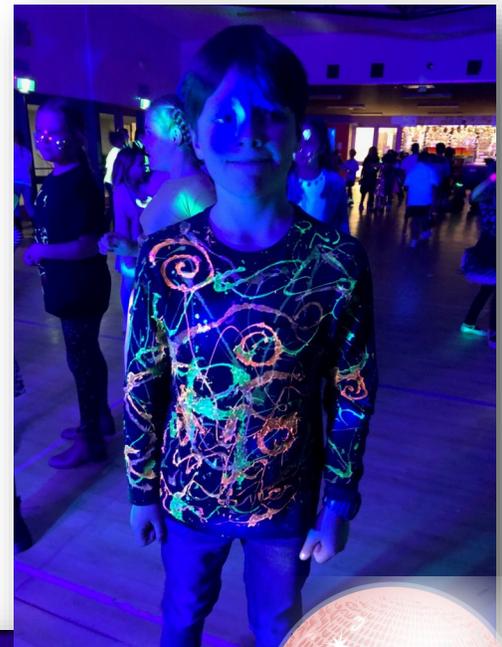
DARK DISCO 2022

What a successful dark disco we had!

Not only did the kids have a great time, they were also really well behaved!

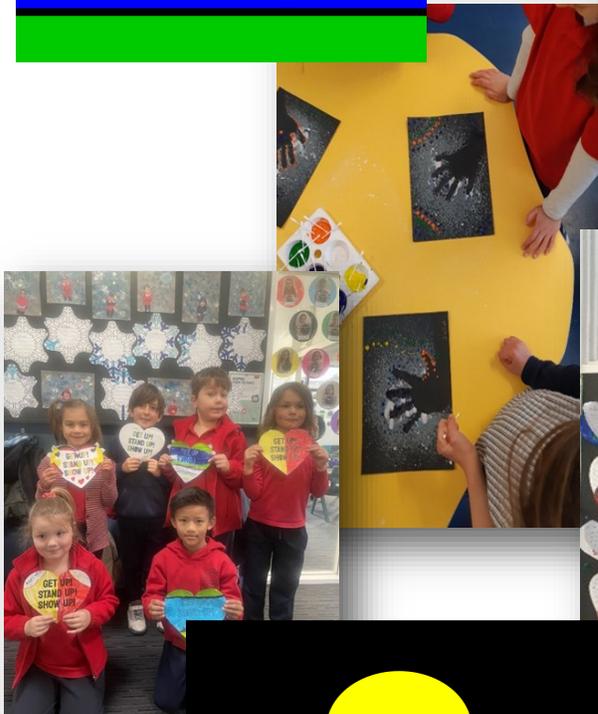
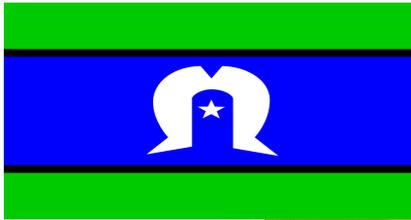
The process of buying the tickets through the uniform shop we found to work really well and made the checking in and out on the night efficient.

What a great night had by all!



NAIDOC WEEK CELEBRATIONS

NAIDOC week is being celebrated in the first week of the holidays 3 July-10 July 2022. We have been talking about and acknowledging NAIDOC Week during week 10. This year's theme is Get up! Stand up! Show up! Students have been engaging in stories, artworks and discussions about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures. Here are some pictures of Majura students engaging in these activities.



Resilience in Kids

Please find below a video link you may like to view with your child to help them understand what resilience is and how it can be developed.

We hope you have found the items we have included for you and your child's wellbeing this term useful and we look forward to sharing more information connected to the national days we will be observing across the school to help promote wellbeing in term 3.

Please look out in the newsletter for information regarding the competition for students to take part in preparing certificate designs for school student awards.

Resilience in Kids Created by First to Draw

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



KINDY ENROLMENTS FOR 2023

Students that are currently enrolled at **Majura Preschool** and live in area that wish to continue on the Majura Primary School in 2023 will not need to re-enrol into the school.



DATES TO REMEMBER

MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!

- Term 2 ends- 1 July
- Term 3 Starts- 18 July
- 26 July- Athletics Carnival 9:00-2:00 Year 2-6
 - NAIDOC Week 3-10 July
 - Pupil Free Day 5 August
 - Majura Trivia night- 5 August
 - Wear it Purple Day- 26 August
 - RUOK? Day- 8 September
 - Pupil Free Day 9 September
- Year 6 Camp- 13,14,15 September
- Year 3 Day Camp- 23 September
- Term 3 ends- 23 September

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.



WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY POSTER COMPETITION

It's competition time!

We have ordered some great prizes from Australian Geographic and know from the entries we have received in the past that there are many talented student artists at Majura Primary so we would love our students to make the judging super challenging! The entry box for completed entries to be placed in is located in the school's front foyer.

For any families that missed the link for the World Environment Day Poster competition, please click on the link below!

https://www.majuraps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0003/545682/T_shirt_Design_Template.pdf

https://www.majuraps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0010/545680/World_Environment_day_Poster_Competition_note_for_K-6_families.pdf



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YEAR 2 BUGS



Year 2 Bugs had an amazing pre-service teacher with them and to celebrate her last day we had a green party.

(Her favourite colour).

Wouldn't you agree that these two students went next level with their dressing up ?

CLARIFICATION OVER ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Communication came from the school yesterday regarding the junior Athletics Carnival being held here at Majura on the **26th of July**.

Unfortunately, there was some information included that has confused parents and students.

ALL students in year 2 are expected to attend the AIS athletics carnival as per the permission note sent home a few weeks ago.

Students in year 2 who are 7 years old will still compete at the carnival against their peers, but due to ACT school sports policy for advancing to regional and state representative carnivals their results will not be recorded. For the 7 year old students, this is a great opportunity to come along to their first school carnival and participate in all activities and events with their peers.

If parents of year 2 students decide they do not want their child to participate in the AIS athletics carnival, they can keep their child home for the day or they will participate in the junior activities at school with the kindergarten and year 1 students.



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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



COMMUNITY NOTICES

 every child deserves a safe start,
every family deserves dignity

DONATIONS NEEDED!

We need your help to meet demand for great quality clothing for *primary and high school aged children* - particularly winter items! If your child has outgrown clothing from size 5 - youth 16, we will gratefully accept it!

WE ALSO ACCEPT:

- Children's clothing from birth to youth size 16
- Linen for bassinets, cots and single beds, towels
- Cots, Prams, Car-seats, baby-gates, certain bassinets
- Children's books and toys
- School backpacks/craft supplies
- Nappies and wipes
- Much more

Like our Facebook page for weekly updates of our most needed items:
facebook.com/roundaboutcanb

WWW.ROUNDABOUTCANBERRA.ORG

What condition?
Please ensure items are in great pre-loved condition and have been freshly laundered and/or cleaned.

Volunteering
We have opportunities for volunteers to sort, clean, safety check and repair donations. We are also always grateful for assistance with grants, admin and transportation. For further information email volunteer@roundaboutcanberra.org

READY FOR SCHOOL

SUPPORTING PRESCHOOL CHILDREN'S LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT

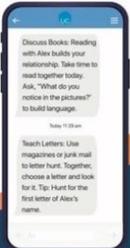
Research Project UNIVERSITY OF CANBERRA

JOIN THE STUDY

Be part of a study exploring how text messages can help families support their preschool child's learning and development.

- ✓ Preschool families will receive three text messages a week for 18 weeks with simple ideas and activities during Terms 3 & 4.
- ✓ All families will be asked to complete a brief online survey at the beginning and end of the project.
- ✓ The project is led by a multidisciplinary team from the Faculties of Education and Health.
- ✓ Sign up for the study closes Friday 15th of July.

FOR THE INFORMATION SHEET & CONSENT FORM



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