



NEWSLETTER

11 March 2022

MESSAGE FROM LIZ



Dear parents and carers,

I don't have much to report this week. It's been a busy week, and I for one, am very much looking forward to the long weekend. I hope this stunning weather holds so I can spend some time soaking up the Vitamin D before winter hits. I hope you have some lovely plans too.

We have had 25 positive COVID cases this week, but we're still doing okay, and I know how hard you are supporting us. If you are ever confused about who can come to school, and when, send me an email or give the front office staff a call.

Our first assemblies for the year start next week, and of course they will be remote, but we are still having student awards, and we are still doing Spotto Lotto. I have to first catch up with the last of the 2021 lucky students – cohorting is making this more complicated – I might be doing daily afternoons teas for a while!

Both School Board and the P&C meet next week. All parents are automatically members of the P&C so please keep your eye out for the invitation to join. It will be a remote meeting.

Best wishes for a wonderful weekend,
Liz

SPOTLIGHT ON LEARNING

YEAR 2



The year 2 students have recently started a new History unit 'Comparing Schools - Then and Now'. At the end of week 3 we took a trip back in time to a school in the early 1900s. The teachers all dressed up and carried canes to help give students a clear image of how school was in the past. Teachers lined students up to check the cleanliness of their hands, fingernails, hair and tidiness of their uniform before allowing students to make their way into the classroom.

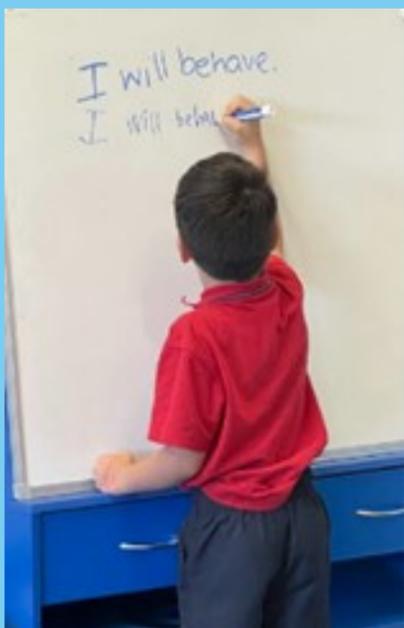


Students learnt and experienced some of the strict rules that applied, how students did their writing on slate or chalkboards and practised counting in time and rapid recall of number facts.

Some of the students decided to join in the character games and behaved as 'naughty' students to have the experience of writing lines, cane on the desk (and pretend cane across the knuckles) as well as wearing the dunce hat with their nose to the wall. Many students asked later in the day to have a turn being the class dunce.



It's okay - it is red pastel



NATIONAL DAY AGAINST BULLYING

Friday March 18 (week 7)
2022 Theme: Kindness Culture

MINI KINDNESS FESTIVAL - ALL WEEK

For National Day of Action Against Bullying, Majura is doing a mini Kindness Festival. In class, students will be participating in lessons about kindness and are encouraged to think about what they can do to be kind to others. Over the week, celebrate acts of kindness with your child and encourage them to look for ways they can show kindness to others. Talk to them about how other people have been kind to them and how this has made them feel.

THE FINAL EVENT - FRIDAY

On Friday 18 March, students across the school will reflect on acts of kindness they have done and received over the week. These reflections will be put up on display in each corridor.



HARMONY DAY 2022



Majura Primary will take part in 'Harmony Day' activities on Monday 21 March.

What is it and why is it important for Australians?

Harmony Day is about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone.

- It's a time to reflect on the importance of respecting each other and our differences
- Our shared Australian values of respect, equality and freedom go beyond our different cultures, and are what makes Australia such a great place to live.

(Taken from the <https://www.harmony.gov.au/> website)

As part of celebrating Harmony Day, Majura students will be able to wear a traditional cultural dress representing their family's culture or orange coloured clothing. *

Traditionally, the colour orange is said to signify social communication and meaningful conversations. The colour is also suggested to represent the freedom of ideas and encouragement of mutual respect.

We look forward to our students taking part in Harmony Day this year. And we hope that by hosting Harmony Day we encourage our students to have a sense of belonging and respect for each other every day.

*Students in traditional dress may like to bring another change of dress to protect their clothing from art activities.

KITCHEN GARDEN



MAJURA KITCHEN GARDEN VOLUNTEERS

Do you have a few spare hours and would like to volunteer in the Majura Primary school kitchen garden?

We are after volunteers for a variety of jobs. You don't need any gardening experience – just a willingness to get your hands dirty and work with other volunteers under direction.

Time: Thursday mornings 9am-11am is a popular time for volunteers

What you need: Working With Vulnerable People (WWVP) card
(apply online – www.accesscanberra.act.gov.au)

Tasks we need help with now:
re-paving • removal of green waste bags x 3 • tidying • weeding

Contact:

Philippa Lawrence (Majura garden educator) philippa.lawrence@ed.act.edu.au
Sarah Bruce (P&C garden representative) sarahbruce@grapevine.com.au

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

We're skipping through the term!

Jump Rope for Heart is well underway and it's great to see so many children out in the playground skipping with smiles on their faces. Majura has already raised \$9,300 and have skipped for a total of 135 hours.



We are still the number one fundraising school in all of Australia!

Keep skipping, fundraising, having fun and practicing those tricks! And don't forget to share your online fundraising page with friends and family to raise money for a great cause!

Still need to sign up online? It's easy just follow this link and enter your details.
www.jumprope.org.au/parents

EARTH HOUR

Saturday 26 March is the time to participate in Earth Hour. Earth hour is an event held annually to encourage everyone to turn off non-essential electrical items and lights. Millions of people across the world show their support for our planet, raising awareness of nature loss and climate change - the two biggest threats facing our one home. For one hour, from 8:30 to 9:30pm you can participate with your family. If this is too late for your family, please feel free to choose an earlier time to participate. Here at Majura Primary School we are participating in this important event from 1:50 – 2:50pm on Friday 25 March.

Earth Hour is more than just an hour for the planet - it's a movement for our future.

Together we can make a difference!

From the year 5 Aurora and Apache Trout.

CHROMEBOOKS

If your child is isolating at home due to Covid-19 and they are well enough to do some school work, we can help you.

Children in year P-2

- Families are directed to access the Education Directorate materials via the learning at home website.
- There is no expectation that teachers will mark or provide feedback on learning completed at home and this learning will not be formally reported upon.

Parents of student in 3-6

- Teachers will plan and teach once, placing an English, mathematics and one other curriculum area lesson in the Google Classroom. Students will have access to the material online and can submit this work for feedback. However, other areas of the curriculum will not be provided.
- Students learning on site will access this material as well as other learning through on campus learning. There is no expectation that teachers will deliver instruction through Google Meet as occurred when all students were learning remotely.
- Wellbeing check-ins will be once a week conducted by a staff member identified at the school.
- If you require a Chromebook from school you may call the front office PH: 6142 3140 to arrange contactless collection. Please remember though, if your child is unwell, they should be investing their energy towards getting better. School work will wait!



COMMUNITY NEWS



COMMBANK MATILDAS V NEW ZEALAND
TUESDAY 12 APRIL, GIO STADIUM, CANBERRA



Australian Women's football team the Commonwealth Bank Matildas will play New Zealand at Canberra's GIO Stadium on 12 April 2022.

The Matildas are a huge inspiration for our aspiring young female athletes in Canberra. \$1 (plus GST) from every ticket will be donated to the women's CP national football program for female footballers with cerebral palsy, acquired brain injury or symptoms from stroke. Ticketing information is available from the official Commonwealth Bank Matildas website. <https://www.matildas.com.au/>

The match will also be broadcast live and free on 10 Bold and simulcast on 10 Play and Paramount+.



COMMUNITY CONVERSATION

Discussions for Families, carers,
school staff and the community

Purpose of the engagement- *we want to:*



Hear your experiences and stories about education for children with disability in ACT public education



Hear what you think could be developed or strengthened to make schools more inclusive for students with disability in the future.



Use your experiences, stories and thoughts to inform the development of an Inclusive Education Strategy for ACT Public Schools.

Invitation to share your stories and experiences:

All sessions will be held online using Zoom.

We are offering a range of days and times to join in, including evening and weekend options.

Some sessions will involve a conversation focus e.g. for parents and carers whose child/ren currently or previously attended a specialist or local area (mainstream) schools.

Conversation Session Times:

TUESDAY
15 March

3.30-5.00 pm
Community conversation

WEDNESDAY
16 March

7.00-8.30 pm
Community conversation

THURSDAY
17 March

9.30-11.00 am
Parents and Carers -
Specialist Primary
School focus

FRIDAY
18 March

9.30-11.00
Parents and Carers -
Specialist Secondary
School focus

MONDAY
21 March

9.30-11.00 am
Parents and Carers-
Local Area Primary &
Secondary school
focus

TUESDAY
22 March

9.30-11.00 AM
Parents and Carers-
Local Area Primary &
Secondary school
focus

WEDNESDAY
23 March

9.30-11.00 am
Community
conversation

SATURDAY
26 March

3.30-5.00 pm
Community
conversation

There are other ways to share your experiences and ideas

If you prefer you can share your story or experiences in another way, for example :

- through a story or short video
- in writing or a picture
- a group submission e.g. from your advocacy group or association
- individual conversation by phone, in person or zoom

Or please let us know about another way you prefer- email inclusive@strategicdevelopment.com.au

Need assistance to participate?

- Our experienced, friendly engagement team are here to help . We can make reasonable adjustment to the process if required – please let us know what you need.
- You are welcome to bring your own support person/s to the discussion if that helps.

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Discussions for Families, carers,
school staff and the community

A community conversation for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families

who have a child or children with disability in
ACT public schools

As part of our **conversation with the ACT community about inclusive education**, we really want to listen to **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families who have a child or children with disability** in an ACT public school (or previously went to an ACT public school).

We are interested in listening to your stories and experiences of ACT Public Schools-

What do ACT Public Schools need to do to be more inclusive for students with disability?

Your input will assist the ACT Education Directorate to develop an
Inclusive Education Strategy.

Strategic Development Group are organising
Online Zoom group conversations

Monday 14 March – 7.00-8.30 pm
OR
Tuesday 15 March – 9.30-11.00 am

Let us know if you would like to join one of these
conversations, please RSVP to
inclusive@strategicdevelopment.com.au
we will send you a Zoom link.

If needed, support is available:

Our experienced, friendly engagement team who have lived experience of disability will facilitate the discussions and are keen to assist you,

Let us know if you need any assistance to participate in a Zoom conversation

Please involve a support person/s if helpful.

If you want to discuss further or have questions send us an email
inclusive@strategicdevelopment.com.au

Let us know if you would like to share your story and experiences in another way, for example:

- TELL US MORE-**
- through story on a short video
 - in writing or a picture
 - smaller group discussion – in person/face to face / via Zoom
 - individual conversation in person or by phone or Zoom
 - or suggest another way –

PUBLIC HEALTH ALERT

Protect against mosquito bites

The ACT Health Directorate has alerted the Canberra and surrounding community to protect themselves against mosquito bites. Japanese encephalitis virus (JEV) has been detected in samples from pigs in commercial pig farms at locations in regional New South Wales, northern Victoria and southern Queensland, indicating the virus is likely circulating in the mosquito population.

The alert includes more information about the symptoms of JEV and a list of simple actions to avoid mosquito bites. Schools may consider sharing a link to the Public Health Alert in their school newsletters: Public Health Alert: <https://health.act.gov.au/public-health-alert/public-health-alert-protect-against-mosquito-bites>

Contact Health Media on 0403 344 080 or healthmedia@act.gov.au

A MESSAGE FROM THE CANTEEN

Staff required:

The canteen has two positions for a Friday between 9-12.30pm.

Must have WWVP card and be vaccinated.

This would be ideal for a parent as it's school hours. If interested please contact debbie@healthy-kids.com.au

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