

Majura Primary School Newsletter

Term 1 Week 1

2 February 2024

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Principal's Message

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to a new year of learning at Majura. I hope that however you chose to spend it, you had a wonderful summer break and managed to recharge your batteries. I certainly did. It was lovely to welcome our new students on Tuesday; two classes of new preschoolers and 42 students from kindergarten to year 6. The kids had a great start to Majura. And then on Wednesday the primary site was full of all our returning students – there was so much excitement in the air and lots of conversation about holidays and what they were looking forward to at school this year. There were definitely some nerves too; they don't seem to go away on day one even for the staff!

We have welcomed some wonderful new teachers this year; they are enthusiastic, they are full of positivity, and they too have made a great start at Majura. Every year teachers name their classes following the UN's International Year. This year was a bit of a challenge, 'International Year of Camelids', so we had to think creatively about all things related. There is a up to date list of all staff and their class names on our school website.

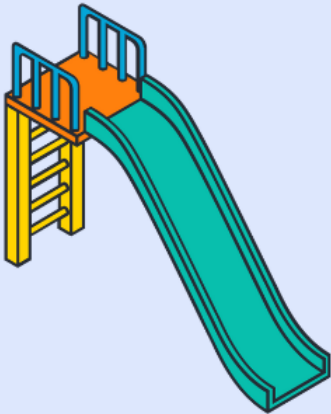
https://www.majuraps.act.edu.au/our_classes

For new families (and as a reminder to the returning ones), we offer a drop off and pick up service every day in the car park on Knox Street. In the morning from 8:40am there will be two staff members to open car doors, welcome children and direct them to the school building. You do not need to turn off your engines, and you certainly don't need to get out of your car, but we do ask you to come to a complete stop before we come to the car. In the afternoon, children stay with staff under (or sometimes in) the trees near Knox Street and the carpark, and we wait for you to drive up, and stop so we can assist your child to get in your car. We offer

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this service to assist you in your busy days because we understand how limited car parking is around the school at drop off and pick up times.

Greeting children and families in the mornings and then wishing you happy weekend on Friday afternoons is a real highlight of my week.



As another reminder, or as some new information about our school, we have two pieces of playground equipment, one in the playground attached to the blue corridor building and one in the Irvine Street playground. They are out of bounds before school even if you are with them. In the afternoons, children may use the equipment after they have been handed into your care and you are with them.

Our year 6 students are off to Camp Cooba in week 5 this term; that will be a great team building opportunity for them! We really want all the children to experience camp, so if finances are tight and you need help, please reach out to me at liz.bobos@ed.act.edu.au . I don't interrogate you or make judgements I promise (we've all been there), but we have money set aside to ensure all our students are able to take part in whatever we have planned. That goes for any student from preschool to year 6.

I hope you have a lovely weekend – I'm off to the National Gallery to see the Emily Kam Ngwarray exhibition and last week I saw the Ancient Egyptian exhibition at the National Museum – my grandsons really enjoyed that!

Warm regards,

Liz

YEAR 6 CAMP COOBA

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

Payment can be made on [Quickweb](#)
via the website.

Payment is due by **2 February 2024**.

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.

SAVE THE DATE

*Swimming
Carnival*



Monday 4 March
Years 2-6
Cost: \$20

SENIOR ASSEMBLY

Year 3-6
2pm - 2:45pm
Wednesday 7 February

KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION SESSION

4:30pm or 5:30pm
Thursday 8 February

SCHOOL NOTICES

Voluntary Contributions

A note has gone home today about voluntary contributions.

Included in this note are subject contribution details for the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program (years 3-5).

More information can be found on our [website](#).

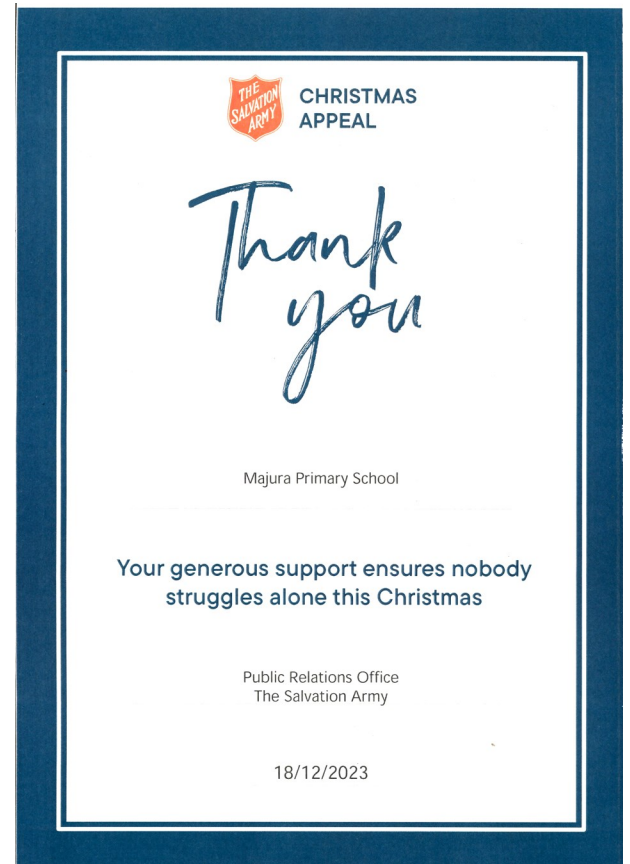
Lost Property—is your child missing uniform, lunch box or drink bottle?

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.

Christmas Giving Tree - Thank you

We would like to thank our community again for their generous donations to our Christmas giving tree last year.

The Salvation Army have provided our school with this certificate.



ACT SCHOOL NOTICES

Supporting student safety - mobile speed and parking vans

As school re-commences for term 1, we are reminding parents and carers to please drive and park safely and legally, at and around school grounds.

Access Canberra has notified us that mobile speed and parking vans will be in operation. These enforcement teams play a critical role in supporting our students get to and from school safely and we thank them for their ongoing support.

In addition to sticking to the speed limit, please remember to park safely – including not parking across pedestrian crossings, in no stopping zones, on corners, verges and double parking. Unsafe and illegal parking can reduce visibility of our students and motorists to see each other, creating a significant hazard when students cross the road.

We all have an important role to play in supporting road safety. Let's work together to keep our kids safe.



Get planning for 2024 with upcoming student-free days

From 2024, there will be 4 student-free days for ACT public schools. These are the first day of each school term:

- Term 1, Monday 29 January 2024
- Term 2, Monday 29 April 2024
- Term 3, Monday 22 July 2024
- Term 4, Monday 14 October 2024.



We use student-free days for staff development, enabling us to plan in a student-free environment. Student-free planning days have been expanded from 1 to 4 days from 2024 as part of our new Teaching Staff Enterprise Agreement which prioritises better teacher workloads for educational leadership, teaching and learning.

For all school term dates, visit the Term Dates page:
https://www.education.act.gov.au/public-school-life/term_dates_and_public_holidays



City Hill Ideas Exhibition

How would you transform City Hill park to become a vibrant natural hub in the city centre?

City Hill park is over 4 hectares of open space in the heart of Canberra's City Centre. It is time to consider how City Hill park could be enhanced for residents and visitors alike.

From 13 Feb to 25 March 2024, we will be asking for ideas on the future of City Hill park.

Schools and tertiary educational settings are encouraged to take part. This is an opportunity for students to develop skills in place making, people-centered design and landscape design. The City Hill 'Ideas Brief' will make it easy to draw or describe ideas.

The ideas will be displayed at a public exhibition. There will also be events such as the 'Discover City Hill Day'.





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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ASSEMBLIES

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 7 February. This will be a senior assembly hosted by year 3.

Term 1 assembly schedule:

- Senior assembly (hosted by year 3) - 7 February (week 2)
- 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)



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>

www.freerangerskids.com ph: 0 4 0 5 4 6 7 1 7 3

Book Free Rangers [here](#).

After School Coding & Robotics @ Majura Primary

For Term 1 2024
register online or
book FREE
Trial Class



Book online at
ozcodeacademy.com
or email
info@ozcodeacademy.com

All levels from
beginner to
advance

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TERM AND HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

ONSITE After-school, structured drawing & art classes at Majura School, 3 - 5 pm, Tuesdays for K*-Yr 6. **We meet kids onsite and walk them to the Scout apti.** Not sure? A once-off paid Trial class is available. *Kindy kids must trial first.

Our Award-winning, structured classes build **creative confidence**: learn techniques and skills in drawing, cartooning, anime, painting, sculpting, collage, and more.

We provide fun, supportive environment: "There are no mistakes or flops in art, only flopportunities!"

Fee: \$43.05 per session, payable by term. Includes all materials, supervision during afternoon tea before the class and a light snack.

BOOK NOW!

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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 –17 yrs.

Local guide units meet once a week at the Guide Hall in Clianthus St, O'Connor.

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

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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.



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