



LOCKDOWN UPDATE

29 October 2021

MESSAGE FROM LIZ

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a big week we've had! It was so lovely to hear the sounds of children in the playground again! Lots of smiling faces and lots of people (adults and children) ready to get back into the rhythms of school life. It's also been great to see the learning activities so clearly focussed on student wellbeing and connectedness. Outside spaces have been used like rarely, although the wind today wasn't very conducive for learning out of doors.

With restrictions starting to ease, we're hoping to be able to plan for some end of term events, which will be exciting, but some things are still in place. You must not wander across our school grounds or enter the building without prior approval. Several of our staff have had to speak to parents who haven't followed health guidelines this week, and it's been extremely disappointing to hear that there have been some arguments about why parents' presence should be justified. Our staff are not policeman and it gives them no joy to red-redirect a parent, but we are doing everything we can to keep your children safe. Please respect that and support us in our efforts.

We can't wait for our year 3, 4 and 5 students to join us on Monday; have a wonderful weekend everyone,

Warm regards,

Liz Bobos

Principal, Majura Primary School





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SEMESTER 2 STUDENT REPORTS

End of Semester 2 reports are going to look a bit different this year, and you're invited to contribute!

Whilst we acknowledge that the remote learning period has impacted on teachers' original plans for the semester's learning program, it is important that we take this opportunity to reflect on student achievement and engagement at this very unusual time in their lives.

You have been supporting your children with their learning for the past 7/8 weeks and we know that you have observed how they have interacted with the learning materials, how motivated they've been, and what additional things they've been doing in that time. We invite you to write a few sentences about your observations – these can be about learning linked with school or learning experiences just between you and your child. Please be honest and kind. Everyone has done the best they can to manage and we would like comments to be focussed on the children. This is not an opportunity for you to tell us how you felt about the the remote learning period or how challenging it has been – this is about celebrating the strengths and growth of your child.

We are eliminating specific comments about English and maths this semester, and our general comments will be strengths based. In line with student wellbeing being of the utmost importance, teachers will be commenting on all the great skills, knowledge and attributes each student has.

You will be sent an email on Monday 1 November that provides a link to a form for you to write comments on the remote learning period for your child.

This is the first time we have co-constructed student reports and we will really value your input – after all, you have always been your child's very first educator!





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ICAS TESTING DATES

- Maths - Wednesday 3rd November
- Digital Technology - Thursday 4th November
- Spelling - Friday 5th November
- English - Thursday 11th November
- Science - Thursday 18th November



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