



NEWSLETTER

1 April 2022

MESSAGE FROM LIZ



Dear parents and carers,

Despite the change of weather, we have only recorded 10 student positive COVID cases this week. We have however experienced lots of staff away for a variety of reasons, and despite our Staffing Officer's best attempts to employ relief teachers, this has meant some split classes most days. Wherever possible, we split students within the year level to minimise disruption to learning. With winter on its way the Education Directorate is expecting greater staff shortages next term. They have developed a staged matrix for how schools can manage these which will be detailed for principals next week and communicated to parents. It looks very much that school principals will make decisions for their own school context. This may not look like another school's management.

There will be some changes to what schooling for term 2 looks like. Again there is some principal autonomy around these decisions so comparing us to another school is not particularly helpful. All principals will be taking their school context into account when making decisions. Cohorting inside will continue but having the same play times for children for K-6 is being considered. Masks and checking in will continue for now. We can have live assemblies in cohorts (that's easy because we can't fit in the hall together anyway!) but parents can not yet attend. You can continue to make scheduled appointments as required, but you still need to drop your children off at the school boundaries. Lunch time Clubs have been recently added to our roster and these will continue in cohorts next term. Camps can go ahead, and excursions will continue; both require us to prepare COVID safe plans. Our school Cross Country will be held in cohorts in week 3. I'm sure there will be many more updates about schooling to reflect changes in the Canberra community.

I am booked for knee replacement surgery on Thursday of week 1 next term. Jake will be acting principal for at least 6 weeks, and the backfills for the deputy role and the executive teacher will come from within our own staff. Jake will let you know what this will look like.

I was thinking about this time last year - Friday of week 9 was our last day of term. As appealing as that sounds right now, I'm sure I'm not alone in saying I'm grateful that term 4 will only have 10 weeks this year.

Liz



Community Notices

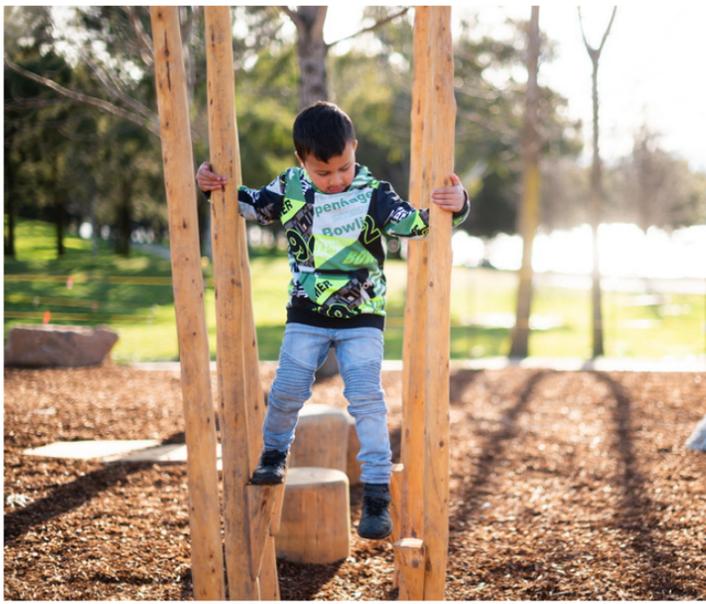


Have your say on Play Space upgrades

Get involved in selecting equipment and amenities you'd like to see for an upgrade to a play space in Ngunnawal, Chisholm, Gordon and Aranda. Have your say on:

- new play equipment including climbing structures, balancing equipment and swings
- new amenities such as bike racks, furniture and shade trees
- safety and accessibility upgrades like lighting, fencing or path improvements
- diverse play elements such as nature play, basketball hoops, fitness equipment and learn to ride tracks to cater to diverse age groups, and all abilities play elements like basket swing.

Provide feedback on YourSay or by emailing the project team at communityengagement@act.gov.au. There's also an opportunity to ask questions on a Q&A public forum on YourSay. Feedback from the community will provide information on the most popular play space equipment and amenities within each suburb to inform the design process. Consultation closes Thursday 5 May 2022.



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-- Do not pick or eat wild mushrooms --

Advice about Death Cap mushrooms

Death cap mushrooms grow in the ACT. They can grow anywhere in our region, at any time.

It is hard to distinguish a death cap mushroom from an edible mushroom, even for experienced collectors.

Do not touch or eat wild mushrooms, and keep children and pets away from them. All parts of the death cap mushroom are poisonous. Cooking, soaking, freezing, peeling or

drying does not make them safe. Eating even a small amount of a death cap mushroom can kill you.

If you think you may have eaten a death cap mushroom, urgently seek medical attention at a

hospital emergency department. Do not wait for symptoms to occur. The chances of survival

increase where treatment is started early.

Take any remaining mushroom to the hospital for identification.

If you think a death cap mushroom may be growing in a public area, report it to Access

Canberra on 13 22 81.

If you are concerned about wild mushrooms growing at your home, remove them using gloves

or a tool and dispose of them with your household rubbish.

Find more information on death cap mushrooms (including some translated resources) at

<https://health.act.gov.au/about-our-health-sy.../.../fact-sheets>



Majura Kitchen Garden

The Kitchen Garden volunteers are very excited to announce our very 1st Autumn Plant Sale!

We are passionate about plants and love sharing that passion with as many people as possible. We also want to raise some vital funds for our Majura Kitchen Garden.

We will have indoor, succulent, native and exotic plants available for sale. Numbers will be limited, so better get in quick!

You can have a browse by visiting our newly established website at <https://majurapandc.square.site/majura-kitchen-garden>

Orders will be open from Monday 28 March until Monday 25 April 2022

(or when all the stock is sold!)

Pickup: In week 1 of term 2 (details TBC)

To avoid disappointment, order quickly as stock is limited & you might miss out.

Thank you for supporting our Majura 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

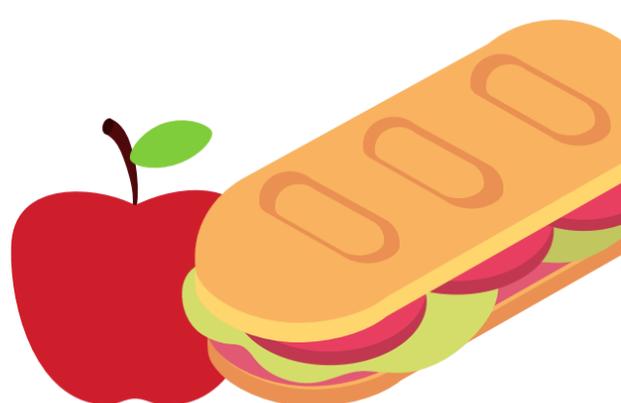
Contact:

Philippa Lawrence (Majura garden educator) philippa.lawrence@ed.act.edu.au

Sarah Bruce (P&C garden representative) sarahbruce@grapevine.com.au



Canteen News



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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COMMUNITY NEWS

A MESSAGE FROM THE CANTEEN

Majura Primary Term 2 2022
Coding & Robotics Program
AfterSchool Classes



Registration
Open Now !

Free trial classes after
school in the library

Every Monday
3.15 - 4.15 pm
for years 1- 6

Learn more, follow us
on [facebook](#) and
register online at:

Benefits of Coding for Kids:

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COVID-19 information

Dont forget to report positive rapid antigen test results to ACT Health

Thank you to all those parents and carers who have been following the health advice and reporting to schools when their child has attended school during their infectious period for COVID-19.

Please be reminded that all positive rapid antigen test result must also be reported to ACT Health via the online form at www.covid19.act.gov.au/RAT-positive

This advice applies to everyone in our community. REMEMBER:

If you cant complete the form or youre having trouble, you can call 5124 6500 between 8am and 6pm and ACT Health will help you.

Reporting your positive result is important. It helps us track the spread of COVID-19 in the ACT and it means we can help you access support you may need.

More information on what to do if your child tests positive is available on our page.

www.covid19.act.gov.au/covid-positive

Don't forget!
You must report your
positive RAT



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Stay COVID Smart
Go to covid19.act.gov.au



Last Friday many of our Majura students took part in National Ride 2 School Day by riding their bikes to school and experiencing all the good health benefits of riding.

Students who were about to embark on their trip home were offered some healthy snacks of popcorn and fruit to 'fuel' their bodies.

These students were also given the opportunity to take part in a competition in which they have been asked to decorate a bike helmet with all the benefits of bike riding. Emily Regan (Junior Sustainability teacher and bike enthusiast) and Bruce Goodfellow (Year 5 teacher and bike enthusiast) will judge the junior and senior school entries.

We would like to sincerely thank Andy from Watson Supa Barn Express for so generously supporting this initiative. All the bananas, apples and popcorn offered to and enjoyed by the students were supplied by Andy and Watson Supa barn Express. Thanks to Will Huxley for his help in transporting the food items to the school and to Philippa Lawrence for her help in serving the fruit.

Keep on enjoying your bike riding Majura students!

Sustainability News



Sustainability Schemes at Majura for our families to involve themselves in



Majura Primary School is a part of the 'Return-It Express' initiative and we have an operating account. Here are the steps you need to take when returning containers.

Step 1: Collect any containers which are:

- Between 150mL - 3L in size
- Glass, plastic, aluminium, steel or liquid paperboard (cartons)
- Empty and in a reusable condition
- A container that you paid a deposit on in the ACT will be eligible

Step 2: Take them to the Express drop off point at:

Vinnies Express Drop Off
1/9 Woolley St
Dickson, ACT 2602
02 6280 8538

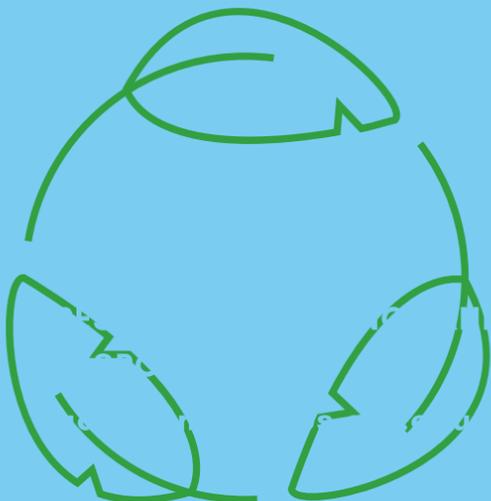
Step 3: Enter the following details:

- School's phone number (0261423140) to activate our school account
- The number of bags you are dropping off

Step 4: Place the bags at the designated space within the store. Please note: bags holding your containers need to be clear in colour.

While recycling your containers you will also be earning the school funds which can be put back into our sustainable initiatives across the school.

Our school is again taking part in the Wonder Recycling Rewards program as per below. We are awaiting the arrival of our cardboard boxes to collect bread bags and bread tags in. In the meantime, some boxes will be placed in the front foyer for you to place bread bags and bread tags in.





FREE HOLIDAY ENTERTAINMENT @ LIBRARIES ACT April 2022

FOR THE KIDS

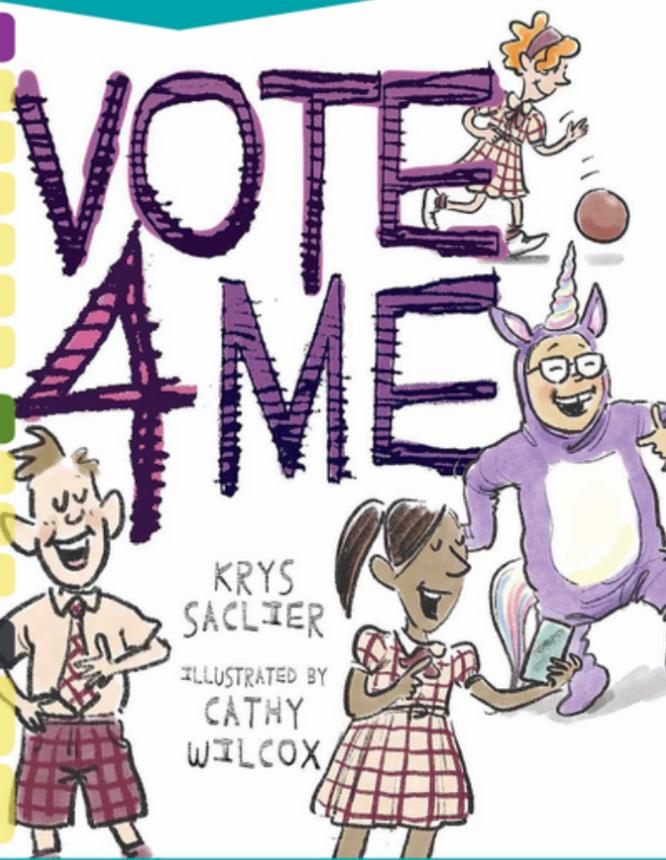
- Special Story Times
- Holiday Giggle & Wiggles
- Popcorn, PJs & movies
- Space & science fun
- Paper pilots & bus stop makers
- Native animals pick up pack

FOR PARENTS & CARERS

- Seated Yoga
- Using & Assessing First Readers
- Look Who's Talking workshop

WHAT ELSE IS ON?

- Woden Library Open Day
20 April | Woden
- Mamie Story Walk
3 April - 8 May | Haig Park, Braddon



www.library.act.gov.au | 6205 9000

Adults must stay with their children during programs.
All programs are free to attend. Bookings are required.



Visit our website to see
What's On & book now:
bit.ly/WhatsOnAtTheLibrary

FOR THE KIDS

Popcorn & PJs - Kids' movies at the Library

14 April, 2pm | Woden - *Thumbelina*
22 April, 6pm | Dickson - *Fantasia*

Put on your PJs (or your favourite onesie), grab your pillow and bring some snacks because we're off to the movies!

Pom Pom Planets | 10.30am (unless indicated otherwise)

11 April | Woden
13 April | Kippax
19 April | Dickson
20 April, 3pm | Woden
21 April | Tuggeranong

Do you love space, planets, pom poms? Learn about the planets in our solar system by creating pom pom planets

Solar Ovens | 10.30am

11 April | Belconnen
12 April | Tuggeranong
19 April | Woden
20 April | Gungahlin

Learn how Aboriginal Australians cooked without gas and electricity and make your own solar oven.

Planetary Landing | 10.30am (unless indicated otherwise)

12 April | Dickson
13 April | Gungahlin
20 April, 1pm | Woden
21 April | Kippax
22 April | Tuggeranong

Consider the challenges of landing a space probe and design a planetary landing craft using household materials.

Paper Pilots | 2pm

Level up your paper plane making skills and learn how to make paper planes designed by the Australian Air Force.

Location	Beginner 6-8 years	Intermediate 8-12 years	Advanced 10+ years
Dickson	12 April	19 April	
Gungahlin	3 April	11 April	12 April
Belconnen	19 April	13 April	11 April
Tuggeranong	11 April	12 April	19 April
Woden		20 April	13 April

Questacon Hands-on Exhibits | Opening hours

1-30 April | Belconnen

Confuse your brain with mirrors, check out your Jupiter weight and conquer even the most confusing mazes with Questacon.

Pick Up Packs (available while stocks last)

Learn about Canberra's native animals with a take home pack from the following branches. Collect all four:

- Gang Gang (Woden)
- Sulphur Crested Cockatoo (Tuggeranong)
- Bogong Moth (Dickson)
- Wombbat (Gungahlin)

Make your own iconic Canberra bus stop

During the holidays, stop by any of our library branches (or come by bus) to make and decorate your own bus stop.

For parents & carers

Seated Yoga | 12pm

20 April | Woden

Using and Assessing First Readers | 11am

11 April | Woden
21 April | Dickson

Look Who's Talking workshop | 3pm

13 April | Woden - *Building Vocabulary*
20 April | Woden - *Positive Language*

Special Holiday Story Times / Giggle & Wiggles

Story Time Holiday Edition | 10.15am

9, 11, 14 & 21 April | Dickson
9, 12, 19 & 22 April | Gungahlin
9, 13 & 20 April | Woden
11 April | Tuggeranong
13 & 20 April | Belconnen

Join us for stories, rhymes and songs for kids aged 3-5, that'll help kids with listening, language and pre-reading skills.

Our Bush Capital - Story Time & craft | 11.15am

9 April | Woden
11 April | Gungahlin
19 April | Tuggeranong
22 April | Dickson

Enjoy this illustrated picture book about the joy of exploring Canberra from local author Samantha Tidy.

Story Time at Kippax with special guests

from Questacon | 10.15am
12 & 19 April | Kippax

Get ready for a fun-filled science story followed by an exclusive preview of science kits from Questacon guests.

Vote 4 Me - Story Time & Craft | 11am & 1.30pm

20 April | Woden
21 April | Dickson
22 April | Gungahlin

The federal election is coming. Find out all about voting with author and educator, Kryz Saclier and a fun election role play.

Sensory Story Time | 10.30am

22 April | Woden

Explore and engage the seven senses with a story time aimed at those living with autism or sensory challenges.

Spanish Bilingual Giggle & Wiggle | 2pm

10 April | Belconnen

All the joy of our popular Giggle & Wiggles for babies/toddlers aged 0-2, but with a fabulous Spanish twist.

Giggle & Wiggle Holiday Edition | 11.15am

11 April | Dickson
12 & 19 April | Gungahlin
13 & 20 April | Tuggeranong
14 & 21 April | Belconnen
14 & 21 April | Woden
22 April | Kippax

Giggle the holidays away with your babies/toddlers aged 0-2. Book and sing the day away with songs, dance and rhymes.

