



Majura Primary School Newsletter

Week 3 Term 1

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Principal's Message

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Dear parents and carers,

We've had a busy week with both the School Board and P&C having their first meetings for the year. The P&C held its AGM last night and we have a new committee full of wonderful parent volunteers. Please don't be afraid to attend a meeting – as a parent of a Majura student you are automatically a member of the P&C and are welcome at any meeting (Wednesdays week 3 and 7 from 6:00pm-7:30pm). If being on the committee is not your thing but you would like to contribute in some way, you can always offer to assist one of the many fundraising activities designed to bring the community together. It would be great if we had some regular representation from the preschool parent group too! There will be one more meeting for the current School Board; they will finish their term at the end of term one. We farewell Penny Edwards, Peter Young and Bruce Goodfellow who have served on the Board for two years. Board nominations for the next two year period are currently open – it would be great to see lots of interested people, so if this is something that floats your boat, please complete the nomination form found on our school website or by following this link.

https://www.majuraps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0007/557359/School-Board-Election-Nomination-Form_2023.pdf

I want to assure you that parents are welcome at school now that COVID restrictions have been lifted. You still need to sign in as a visitor and if you volunteer more than 7 times within the school year, you need to have and present to the front office team a Working with Vulnerable People card. For the past two assemblies there have been inquiries as to whether parents can attend. The answer is yes, but please be mindful that we have very limited space in the hall. For senior assemblies, the year 6s sit on chairs which take up a lot of room. We have our first junior assembly next Wednesday so we'll know then how much space there will be for parents once all the classes are seated. You may have to stand!

The Kitchen Garden welcomes volunteers at any time during the week. There is a small existing group who meet every Thursday morning at about 9:15-10:30am and they very much enjoy their time catching up and drinking coffee while working in the garden. The focus for garden volunteers in the latter part of the year is preparing for our annual tomato sale. You would be warmly welcomed into that group, but I want to assure you that if you have time and an interest in helping out, Philippa, our garden specialist, will be able to accommodate you at another time.

I've spoken to some new parents in the last couple of weeks but to remind you all; we offer a drop off and pick up service every morning and afternoon in the Knox Street staff car park. Please drive around to the Knox side, stay in your car, and wait for a staff member to help your child in or out of the car and guide them towards the building. This saves you finding a car park space near the school, and time and effort in getting your younger children out of the car. Please DO NOT stop on the building side of the car park and have your child alight from the car in the middle of the car park; this increases the risk to the child. Please STAY in your car so as to allow a flow of traffic. There are four car spaces with witches' hats in them – please don't move the witches' hats so you can park there – these are to provide room for cars needing to get past other cars still waiting for children.

I hope you enjoy this upcoming hot weekend – stay cool folks!

Warm regards,

Liz

YEAR 6 CAMP 20-22 FEB (WEEK 4)

**SWIMMING CARNIVAL
6 MARCH (WEEK 6)**

**SCHOOL PHOTOS
7-9 MARCH (WEEK 6)**

**NEXT ASSEMBLY: YEAR 2 (JUNIOR ASSEMBLY)
WEDNESDAY 22 FEBRUARY (WEEK 4)**

More information about assemblies is on page 14

COMMUNITY NOTICE

Hi families, a scooter was found on the oval last year. If you lost a scooter could you please leave a description of it and your contact details with the front office.



YEAR 6 SPOTLIGHT ON LEARNING



YEAR 6 (SO FAR) BY CHELSEA

This year we have been learning about integers in maths. An integer is a full number and it has no decimals.

We have also written a speech about how we would be great for the school parliament. There are 11 places in the school parliament these roles are the roles: Sport minister, Communication minister, Environmental minister, Fund-raising minister, Arts minister, The clerk

We are also going to camp in a week's time. The camp we are going to is called cooba summer camp. Some of the activities we will be doing are: a mud run, dirt bike riding and the giant swing
Those are three of the wonderful things we are going to do as well as many

At the start of the year we also made small clay portraits of ourselves. The few challenges we had to overcome were making brown. There was no brown clay so a lot of people mixed all of the colours to make a wonderful brown.

We have also written our own acknowledgment of the country to go with our painting of our dream place including Bondi beach, Uluru people's front and back yards and more.



KITCHEN GARDEN NEWS



Yr 4 students learning all about the composting worms in a "Worm Talk" with Global Worming.



Students in garden have been tasting the fennel flowers.



Yr 3 students tasting fennel flowers - not everyone loved the strong aniseed flavour!

Secateurs, cabbages and wonderful worms

Students have been busy in the garden this fortnight! The Yr 3's have been learning the rules of the garden, how to use a pair of secateurs safely, and have been chopping up 'ingredients' for the new compost bay. The Yr 4's have been clearing vegetable beds of spent broccoli and kale, fertilising the Summer vegetables, and potting-on 120 Chinese Cabbage seedlings. The Yr 5's have been planting coriander seeds, and weeding and mulching garden beds. The wet and cool weather last Spring has meant the Summer produce is ripening a bit later in the season so we are just now starting to have ripe tomatoes, cucumbers and zucchini. We also have a good crop of eggplant, beetroot and leeks ready to harvest for next fortnight's kitchen classes - yummy!

Thank you to Daniel from ACT Shade Sails for replacing at no cost a damaged shade sail in the garden. Thank you ACT Shade Sails!

Hand-pulled noodles and green bean stir-fry

Students have had a ball making the hand-pulled noodles and green-bean, spring onion and omelette stir-fry in kitchen class with Siobhan. The recipe is available on your child's **Kitchen Google Classroom**.

Volunteer in the garden or kitchen

The **Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program** was developed by Stephanie Alexander to include parent helpers during cooking and gardening classes. If you would like to volunteer in the garden or kitchen, either during your child's class, or at another time, contact Philippa or Siobhan on the email below.

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Yr 3 students carefully cracking eggs from the chooks for our green bean and omelette stir-fry.



Thank you to Daniel from ACT Shade Sails who replaced a damaged shade sail in the kitchen garden for no cost.



Yr 3 students making the hand-pulled noodles - so much fun!



NAPLAN testing will occur in our school between 15 and 27 March 2023.

Education ministers agreed that NAPLAN would move to Term One from 2023. This will mean results will be available to education authorities earlier in the year to inform school and system teaching and learning programs and will assist teachers to better determine support students need for the coming year.

NAPLAN Online is a more engaging assessment that adjusts questions to each student's achievement level.

NAPLAN provides valuable information to schools and parents about literacy and numeracy achievement. It supports school improvement processes by enabling teachers to monitor student progress over time and to identify areas of strength and development.

All eligible students are encouraged and supported to participate in NAPLAN testing. Visit www.nap.edu.au to see interactive versions of the test and for more information.

Sustainability News



Clean Up Australia Schools Day:

This will be Majura Primary School's first whole school event for this year. It will take place on Tuesday 28 February at the Preschool and Friday 3 March at the main school site and again at the pre-school.

Students in their classes will be involved in cleaning our outdoor spaces at an allocated time within a specific part of the playground. We would appreciate students bringing in as many pairs of gardening gloves possible to assist with the clean up and avoid plastic glove usage.



Soft Plastic alternatives:

At this point, owing to the continuing closure of the REDcycle soft plastic recycling program, we are unable to recycle soft plastic wrappings brought in with student lunches. We do have plans for finding ways of purposefully reusing these soft plastics in the very near future. In the meantime, if families could use reusable containers and nude food (fruit which has its own natural wrapping) wherever possible, we would be extremely grateful.

Below are some other ideas provided by **Sustainable Schools ACT** to minimise the amount of waste we are currently creating:

❑ **Refuse!** The #1 thing that we as consumers can do to eliminate soft plastics is to refuse to purchase them in the first place.

Invest in reusable containers and buy in bulk so that you aren't using individual packaging. Consider products that don't include any plastics. Buying loose fruit and vegetables rather than pre-packaged is a good start, or invest in reusable mesh bags. Shop at farmers markets and stores where you can fill your own reusable containers.

❑ **Closing or tying off** your separate smaller bag before adding it to your normal rubbish bag secures these plastics from becoming litter and ending up in our streets, parks, or waterways.

❑ **Keep up** your good habits of separating soft plastics for when REDcycle, or something similar, is back up and running.

Want more information? Check out the ACT Government Waste Sorted webpage and the Container Deposit Scheme webpage.



'Return it' Container Scheme

WELCOME, MAJURA PRIMARY SCHOOL!

Even over the summer school break, we had a number of families continuing to return containers for recycling and crediting the school's operating account when doing so which is fabulous! Thank you so much! These funds can be seen and are being redirected in turn back into the school's Sustainability programs. We really appreciate your support and for setting this great recycling example to your children in the process!

For those parents who may be unaware of the process, 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.**

Drain Art Competition for Students in Year 5 and 6

Immediately below you will find a handout outlining information regarding this exciting competition that your child may be interested in. Entries close on 6 April. Participation will put students in the running for prizes across four categories and year levels, a Minister's prize for one overall winner, and opportunities to see their artworks installed in public or online. Best of luck Senior Majura students!

To download the full details and entry form, click on this link:

<https://www.environment.act.gov.au/water/act-healthy-waterways/h2ok-keeping-our-waterways-healthy/for-schools/h2ok-drainart-project>



KEEPING OUR WATERWAYS HEALTHY

2023 DrainART Competition

Help keep ACT waterways healthy

Do you care about the environment and wildlife? Do you love to paint, draw or create digital art? If so, we have an exciting opportunity for you!

The ACT Government DrainART Competition is all about showcasing the simple and effective actions everyday Canberrans can take to help improve water quality in the ACT.

Create an artwork that educates and inspires. Paintings, drawings, digital images and videos are accepted. Be an ACT waterway champion in your own creative way!



Participation will give you the chance to win a prize voucher worth up to \$150, or a special Minister's prize worth \$300.

The competition is open to students from Year 5 to Year 12. Entries will be accepted until Thursday 6 April 2023.

ONLY RAIN DOWN THE STORMWATER DRAIN

Artwork by Sophie Holloway – Year 10 DrainART Competition 2017

School Board Report

Andrew Conley, School Board Deputy Chair

The School Board held its penultimate meeting for this term on Tuesday 14 February. At that meeting, we learned that three board members were retiring at the end of their two-year terms:

- **Penny** was instrumental in campaigning for the school modernisation project, as well as being the Board Chair in the first year of her term. Penny has graciously agreed to remain on the Board's subcommittee regarding the project.
- **Pete** was the Board Chair this last year, and took the Board's finance and risk subcommittee from an idea to a well-functioning body providing important advice to the Board and to our Principal, Liz. Pete has also graciously agreed to remain on the finance and risk subcommittee.
- **Bruce** has represented the views of teachers and the interests of students on the Board with cheer and calm.

The Board passed the following resolution of thanks:

The Board records its thanks to Penny Edwards, Peter Young and Bruce Goodfellow for their outstanding service to the Majura Primary School community as members of the School Board over the last two years.

Welcome to 2023!

We are looking forward to sharing all of our sporting news, achievements and events with you throughout the year.

The last few years have been tough for everyone, especially those who participate in team or individual sports. COVID changed the landscape considerably and many adjustments needed to be made. Thankfully, some of the adjustments were positive and allowed us to have a really good look at our processes here at Majura. One thing we are going to change this year is the selection of house captains.

Throughout my time and for many years at Majura, year 5s have had the opportunity to be 'year 5 helpers'. From this year, we will be voting in year 6 captains (2 per house) as well as year 6 vice captains (2 per house). Reviewing the process highlighted the fact that the year 5s were not called upon to assist the captains, nor did they have any jobs to complete throughout the year. Having both representatives from year 6 allows easy collaboration with the Student Parliament, as well as another opportunity for our school leaders to lead.

Voting will take place in the next few weeks, in time for our upcoming swimming carnival. If your child/ren is interested, they can present a short speech to their house group before the voting commences. Speeches should include how they will be a good leader, help promote spirit amongst the house group, support students, encourage participation and assist teachers at sporting events.

Looking forward to tackling the year with you all,

Sam Brunswick



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Majura Scout Hall

Term 1 Membership +
t-shirt: **\$220**

CONTACT KEIRAN DECK: 0403 881 332
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Why not give Rugby a 'try' in 2023



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or email:

info@owlsrugbyjuniors.com.au



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GIANTS AT AINSLIE FC

Junior Training w Giants Players

Thu 23/02, Reid Oval, 6:00 - 7:00

Have a kick with AFL superstars followed by a meet and greet!

New players from 5 - 17 y/o welcome

Ainslie Junior Open Day

Sat 25/02, Alan Ray Oval, 10:00 - 1:00

Occurring alongside Giants intra-club match & Fan Day

Register for the 2023 footy season, get info, buy Ainslie merch, get a physio screening, and watch some great footy!



Canteen News- now opening Tuesdays!

Starting from February 14, the canteen will also be open on Tuesdays! Log in to Flexschools to place your orders for Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Counter sales are also available at lunch and recess on these days, sushi available Fridays.

Sushi is now available to order on Fridays only. Orders for sushi must be placed by 8am on Thursday.

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.





Congratulations to the winners of
Principal's Awards in Week 2

School Assemblies

Parents and Carers are now welcome to attend school assemblies. To attend assemblies, please enter the hall through the doors on Irvine Street and not through the front office.

Assemblies are held every fortnight on Wednesdays and alternate between Juniors and Seniors

Assembly Schedule for Term 1:

Week 4: Year 2 (Junior Assembly)

Week 6: Year 4 (Senior Assembly)

Week 8: Year 1 (Junior Assembly)

Week 10: Whole School

School contacts

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Majura Primary School is registered as a SunSmart School.

As the weather warms up keep safe in the sun.

Wear your hat, apply sunscreen, play in the shade.



RESPECT, EXCELLENCE AND RESPONSIBILITY

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