



MAJURA PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Good afternoon Majura community,

This week we have seen the confirmation of many changes to the way which schooling looks for the term ahead – and whilst I will talk about those I'd still like to take a moment to acknowledge some of the wonderful things happening around our school.

Our year 5 classes hosted our senior assembly and not only sang beautifully they presented us with examples of some of the brilliant English and maths work they have been doing in class. Demonstrating their skills in turning simple thoughts into vivid images and getting all of us to do some creative thinking around the formation of 3D shapes.

On the subject of assemblies, I know some students have been worried out about missing out on 'spotto lotto' morning teas. These have not been possible for us to run over the past little while, but we have plans to get them back up and running and will ensure anyone who has had their name drawn out will be invited.

On to the changes to schooling based COVID restrictions.

As I'm sure many of you are aware ACT Education has announced some changes to schools COVID management plans, the details of which were sent home to you in a prior email. One of the major changes (and challenges) we have faced has been placing our school on two separate timetables for cohorting purposes. As of week four we will return to single start and finish times from K-6 – 9:00am to 3:00pm. We will also return to having breaks at the same time for all students, and open up more of the playground to ensure they are still spread out!

Whilst these changes can come into effect from week 3, we have decided to wait until week four (Monday 16 May) to allow timetable changes, and limit impact on events next week like camp, NAPLAN and cross country.

The ACT government is supporting all ACT public schools to hold two staff planning days during term two. Ours will be on Tuesday 24 May (week 5) and Thursday 16 June (Week 8). The dates we have chosen align as best as we could with other local high and primary schools, and cover one for each separate group of preschool students. Where possible, we ask that students do not attend school on these two days.

All ACT schools have been challenged to varying degrees by staffing shortages. We are no different, and have been working through our plans to ensure we are delivering the best schooling experience possible for our students. We have a wonderful team of permanent and relief staff, I thank them for their flexibility.

Congratulations to Ali Gatusso who has stepped into the years 1-3 executive teacher role while Louise and Kim are sharing the Deputy Principal role. Ali brings a wealth of knowledge and enthusiasm to the leadership team. Ali will still be teaching the seahorses two days a week and is joined by Florence Wellfair who recently completed her final placement with us and knows the students well. They will make a great team. Welcome Florence!

Finally, events! Naplan is on next week and will disrupt the timetable for the 3s and 5s slightly, we are very excited to hold cross country on Thursday and hope the weather holds up for us. Most excitingly, year four are off to Birrigai for camp on Monday, returning Wednesday. I am sure it will be a wonderful few days, and personally, as I am there on Monday night, I hope they all sleep well.

Warmest regards,

Jake



SCHOOL FENCE UPDATE

The construction of the new fence around the kitchen garden has been completed this week. This has brightened up the garden area.



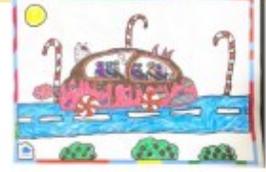
The gates from the original fence have been saved and will be re-erected in the garden as a decorative screen.



Entry procedures and placement of bikes at bike racks may resume as normal as of Monday.



Year 4 participated in the Toyota Dream Car competition this year and created cars that will somehow benefit our lives. The creations they came up with were amazing...



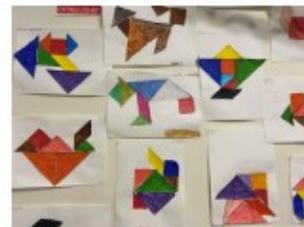
Last year Saskia Barry won a colouring competition to design the look of the ANU solar racing car. In lock down last year she attended, via zoom, the unveiling of the design and attended a solar racing car workshop at the ANU to actually see the car.



Jump rope for heart was fun! We discovered some new tricky moves!



Year 4 Spotlight on Learning



We have been exploring the use of spirals to create different effect and have created tangrams, lanterns for Chinese new year and Pete Cromer birds. Each class has created their own acknowledgement of country and we had a very informative excursion to Parliament House.



WANTED: Parent Helpers for Cross Country!

The sports committee (and the rest of Majura) are extremely pleased to announce that Parents are welcome to attend our upcoming cross country carnival.

ACT Education has relaxed some parts of their covid safe operating plan, including parent involvement in certain school events.

If you are interested and able to assist on the day (Thursday, 12th May), please contact either Louise Johnston, Sam Brunswick or Thembi Zalunardo via the email addresses below.

Looking forward to having a big part of our community celebrating this sporting carnival with us.

Louise.Johnston@ed.act.edu.au

Samuel.Brunswick@ed.act.edu.au

Thembi.Compton@ed.act.edu.au



ACT SWIMMING NEWS



Students Finn Jones, Edelia Cody and Will Batten successfully qualified with their times for the ACT swimming championships this week. COVID cancelled the North and Gungahlin competitions but these successful swimmers did a fantastic job on the day both personally and representing Majura Primary School.

RAPID ANTIGEN TESTS

Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs) are available to all students upon request.

Please contact the Majura Primary School front office staff on 6142 3140 to arrange collection of RATs from the school.

Students who are symptomatic should not attend the school and are encouraged to access testing through an ACT Health testing facility.



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CAMPBELL HIGH SCHOOL

YEAR 7 2023 INFORMATION NIGHT

THURSDAY 19 MAY 2022

SESSION 1: 5-6pm
Majura Primary School and North Ainslie Primary School

SESSION 2: 6-7pm
Campbell Primary School and Ainslie School

15 TRELOAR CRESCENT, CAMPBELL

CANTEEN UPDATE FOR TERM 2

Don't forget orders for the canteen can be done through Flexischools.



PROPOSED DOWNER PUMP TRACK IN-

Hello,

We are a group of Downer residents enthusiastic about more active play options for kids. We want to hear from you about a proposal to create a small pump track - designed for primary aged children (2-12yo) - next to the Melba St playground.

We're consulting with the most affected residents around the site, but we also want to hear from the Downer community more broadly.

We're holding an information and fundraising session on:

Sunday 15th of May 11:00am to 1:00pm at the Downer shops.

There will be sausages and beer so come along. We'd love to hear what you think about the project. We're also still seeking funds so feel free to drop a donation via our GoFundMe page (QR code over page)

Hedda, Dan and Eliza



For more information or to get in touch:



Mail Chimp Newsletter sign-up



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Downer Pump Track



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GoFundMe Page

Wonder Recycling Rewards for schools

TURN BREAD BAGS INTO PLAY EQUIPMENT

Our school is teaming up with Wonder Recycling Rewards to help reduce soft plastic waste in our environment.

By collecting and recycling our soft plastic waste at school, we can protect our environment, oceans and wildlife - and earn new sports equipment for our school!

PLUS, every registered school will go into the draw to WIN a REPLAS Exercise Circuit made from recycled soft plastic!

We are calling on all students, parents and teachers to get collecting!

Visit wonder.com.au to find out more.



MAJURA MARVELS

Has your child participated in any community activities/charities recently that you would like to share with the Majura community to recognise their achievements and activities ?

Majura Primary recognises that while our students spend much time at school, they can and often are also involved in incredibly worthy pursuits outside of school time. Please send a photo or a short paragraph outlining your child's activities/contributions to the community to

admin@majuraps.act.edu.au

Examples should include: community charities, sporting achievements, community organisations– scouts, guides etc.

We look forward to hearing and learning more about our students accomplishments!



UNIFORM SHOP

The uniform shop, including second hand uniforms, is open for trading 8:30-9:30 on Wednesdays. We only take card payment and people can also do online orders.

<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 as the uniform shop on Wednesdays. School uniform items are \$2 a piece.