



# Majura Primary School Newsletter

Term 3 Week 5

23 August 2024

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## Principal's Message

Dear parents and carers,

Our school's Wakakirri team has been invited to perform at the ACT Awards Showcase Night next Monday – a showcase of all the best performances over the course of all performance nights. This is a huge honour, and a big commitment once again from our staff and our year 4 students who have had to decide between a full camp experience or part camp/part Wakakirri. Thank you to those of you who will attend, cheer Majura on, beam with pride and collect your tired children at the end of the show. What a team!

Week 6 is full of camp next week. The year 4s are off to Birrigai from Monday to Wednesday, and the year 5s are going to Kianinny at Tathra. School is going to feel quiet without them, but I wish them a wonderful time full of new experiences. Your homes might feel a bit quiet too!

While I'm talking about camps, please remember that if your finances are tight at the time that the school is requesting excursion/camp/book pack etc money, we can help you. All you have to do is email or phone me, and the school will take care of the finance side, providing you complete all permission notes by the due date. I know it can be embarrassing to ask for help, but I don't ask any questions of you or make any judgements – I've had finance pressures over the years myself, and we don't want your kids to miss out on any school experiences because of money concerns.

Yesterday we started djembe drumming with some year 3-6 students. We have purchased a set of djembes and employed Mohamed, an African Drum Master from Sydney, and a local musician Oake, who has worked with Mohamed before, to work with the students once a week for

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the rest of this term. 60 students arranged in three multi-aged groups were selected by their teachers to trial the program this term, and this is something we're planning on developing over the next few years. Kristy, Doris, Sharee and I will be learning alongside the students and there are a group of staff who have enrolled in a Saturday workshop next month to try to keep up with the kids!

Please remember to take 10-15 minutes to complete this year's School Satisfaction Survey. Your feedback, alongside students and staff helps inform the future directions of our school improvement, so your opinions matter.

I hope you enjoy a lovely sunny weekend.

Warm regards,

Liz



## YEAR 4 BIRRIGAI CAMP

9am Monday 26 August -  
3pm Wednesday 28 August

## WAKAKIRRI STATE FINALS

Monday 26 August

## ICAS ASSESSMENTS

**Mathematics**  
Monday 26 August and  
Friday 30 August

## JUNIOR ASSEMBLY

**Hosted by kinder**

2pm - 2:45pm  
Wednesday 28 August

## YEAR 5 TATHRA CAMP

8am Wednesday 28 August -  
3:40pm Friday 30 August

## WEAR IT PURPLE DAY

**K-6 &  
EoW Preschool**  
Friday 30 August

**BoW Preschool**  
Tuesday 27 August

## YEAR 1 CAMPFIRE ACTIVITY

12pm  
Thursday 5 September

## NATIONAL THREATENED SPECIES DAY

Friday 6 September

## NATIONAL TREE COMPETITION

Entries close  
Friday 6 September

[Entry form](#)

## NORTH GUNGAHLIN ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

**Qualifying students  
in years 2-6**

8:30am-2pm  
Thursday 5 September

## YEAR 6 COMBINED BAND

11:50am - 2:45pm  
Monday 9 September

## SCHOOL SATISFACTION & CLIMATE SURVEY

Closes  
Friday 6 September

*More information  
on page 5*

## YEAR 2 AQUA SAFE

Monday 9 September -  
Friday 13 September

## SENIOR ASSEMBLY

**Hosted by year 4**

2pm - 2:45pm  
Wednesday 11 September

## P&C MEETING

6pm  
Wednesday 11 September

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS SESSION

Wednesday  
11 September

## It's Wear it Purple Day!



## WEAR IT PURPLE DAY

Wear it Purple Day will be held:

- Friday 30 August (K-6 and EoW Preschool)
- Tuesday 27 August (BoW Preschool)

Staff and students can dress in purple or rainbow colours to show their support for rainbow families and young people to feel included, respected, safe and celebrated in our school and community.

## 2025 INTENTIONS

It's that time of year when we are starting to plan for 2025.

If your child (P-5) will NOT be attending Majura Primary next year, please complete a [Leavers Form](#) (for each child). Hard copies can be requested from the front office located at the primary school.

## BOOK WEEK LIBRARY DISPLAY

Our amazing Book Week Library display features the CBCA shortlist books:



## 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.

Unclaimed/unnamed items will be thrown away at the end of term or donated to the uniform shop for 2nd hand sales.

## CANTEEN NOTICE

The canteen is open Tuesday-Friday for over the counter sales (both breaks) \$10 notes and higher will not be accepted.

Online orders can be made via Flexischools. Register via [Flexischools](#) (or Link available on Majura School Web page) alternatively you can download the app.





## 2024 School Satisfaction & Climate Survey

Each year, the ACT Education Directorate surveys all parents and carers, school staff and students in Years 4 to 12 about their experience of public education. The 2024 School Satisfaction & Climate Survey will be available online from 16 August to 6 September. The survey results will help us to continue to make quality informed decisions about how to improve our school. No personal identifying information will be provided to any school or college.

For each child in their family who attends an ACT public school, parents and carers will receive:

- A letter about the student survey outlining the reasons for collection and privacy provision for the data; and
- An email about the parent survey, including a unique link to access the survey. Genuine survey invitation emails will have the title "The 2024 School Satisfaction & Climate Survey is now open!" and will be sent from EDU Surveys & Evaluation with 'from' address [EDUSurveys@act.gov.au](mailto:EDUSurveys@act.gov.au).

If you do not receive the survey invitation, please check your Junk email folder; if it is not there, please contact the Majura Primary School front office on 6142 3140.

The Parents and Carers Survey will be available online in other languages: Arabic, Chinese, Hindi, Korean, Urdu, Vietnamese, Punjabi, Bengali, Spanish, Telugu, French and Italian. Respondents can select their preferred language when they start the survey. A shortened paper-version of the Parents and Carers Survey is also available in the following 5 languages: Dari, Dinka, Farsi, Karen and Mon. These surveys will be available at the front office.

For the results to reflect the opinions of our whole school community, we need as many parents and carers, staff and students as possible to complete the survey. Your feedback is important, and we hope you will take part.

Thank you.

Adam Chad (Executive teacher / Survey coordinator) and Liz Bobos (Principal)

# REPORT A CRIME TO POLICE



Help Protect Majura  
Primary School

**If you see it  
CALL IT!**



Triple Zero  
Emergency, police, fire or  
ambulance



131 444  
For police assistance



1800 333 000  
Crime Stoppers

## Help us create a better Education Directorate website experience

Share your thoughts on the [Education Directorate website](#). This website has general information on education in the ACT and is where you go to enrol in ACT public schools. It is different to your school's website.

Help us create a better website experience by completing a short [5-minute survey](#) before Friday 30 August 2024.



## Reminder: Free Period Products Available at ACT Schools

All ACT public schools are stocked with free period products so students can access them no matter their circumstances. This is part of the ACT Government's commitment to ensuring students feel comfortable and confident within our schools.

Free period products are available at our school's front office. Students can access them at any time by talking to our helpful front office staff.

Sanitary pads are available from the front office and year 4-6 classrooms at Majura primary school, while pads and tampons are available at the front offices of high schools and colleges.

Because menstruation is a fact of life, we believe free access to period products should be too.

To learn more about this equity initiative and other places where free period products are available, please visit: <https://www.act.gov.au/community/women/free-period-products>

## National Child Protection Week – Children's Art Activity Art Entries Open

NAPCAN (National Association for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect) are looking for [artwork](#) to focus on this year's National Children Protection Week (1-7 September) which raises how **every conversation matters**.

NAPCAN is looking for artworks to show what children and young people think about their relationships and the conversations they have with family, friends and community. These will then be used in NAPCAN's campaign (leading up to September) to help show that protecting children is about all of us working together.

For more information and to submit your child's artwork, visit [Art Activity Submission](#).

# Term 3 PARENT WORKSHOPS



## *New dates added!*

*The workshops below are open to parents of children in Years 4-12 with the exception of Connection Conversations which designed for parents and their teens in Years 7-10.*

**Tuesday 27th  
August  
2:30-4:30pm**

### **Boundaries Without Conflict**

Take positive action to address your child's challenging behaviours, learn skills to de-escalated conflict, and make positive changes in your family's interactions.

**Tuesday 10th  
September  
2:30-4:30pm**

### **Overcoming Anxious School Refusal**

Take positive action to increase your child's ability to cope with anxiety, learn skills to address their school avoidance, and learn how to communicate without escalating strong emotions.

**Wed 11th  
September  
12:00-2:00pm**

### **Connected Conversations**

During this workshop **parents AND their teens** will explore how thinking styles can impact on communication and learn the critical skill of validation to increase positive communication.

**Wed 18th  
September  
12:30-2:30pm**

### **Addressing Your Child's Anxious Avoidance**

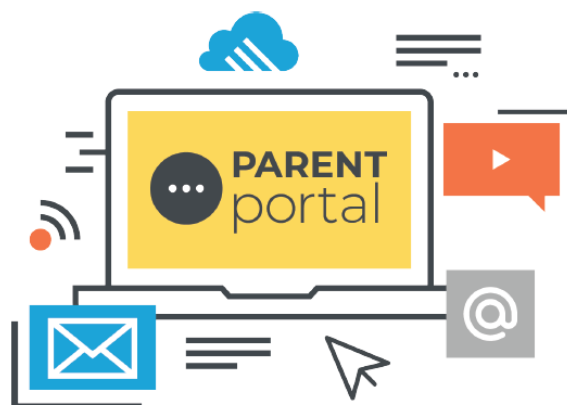
Take positive action to increase your child's ability to cope with anxiety, learn skills to address avoidance and learn how to communicate without escalating strong emotions.

Workshops held at Hedley Beare  
Centre for Teaching and  
Learning in Stirling

Register your interest here







## PARENT PORTAL

Parent Portal is now available. The Portal is a secure online platform used to share student and school information between you and your child's teachers.

We currently have **754** parents currently connected to the portal!  
Please note, Parent Portal App coming soon.

We encourage all parents to connect, to access the benefits of the portal such as:

- make payments through SentralPay
- easy access to notify absences
- book arranged parent-teacher interviews
- receive academic reports
- receive newsletters

Please contact the front office team at [admin@majuraps.act.edu.au](mailto:admin@majuraps.act.edu.au) if you are having any issues logging on to Parent Portal - our team are here to help.

Some reminders about Parent Portal:

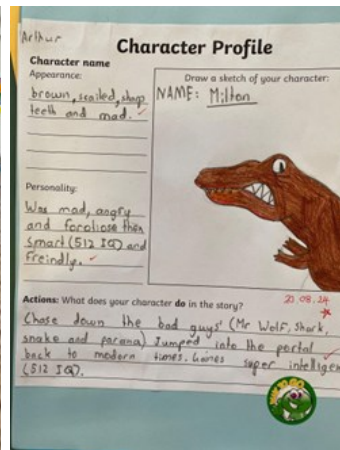
- If you already have a Parent Portal account, use this [Parent Portal access](#) link to start using the great features.
- You can't access Parent Portal directly through the ACT Digital Account website, you need to use the link above.
- When you are logged into Parent Portal, we recommend saving the browser as a favourite or to the homepage on your mobile phone for quick access in the future.
- The website can only be viewed using a web browser on your computer, mobile phone or tablet. An app is not available at this time.
- If you still need to register, you will need an access key and a Parent Portal registration link via email to link your existing account to your child's records. If you haven't received this, please contact the school's front office team for assistance.

Head to our website for all the details: [https://www.majuraps.act.edu.au/parent\\_portal](https://www.majuraps.act.edu.au/parent_portal)

The theme for this year's Book Week is "Reading is Magic." Some magical things have been happening in Year Three this week!

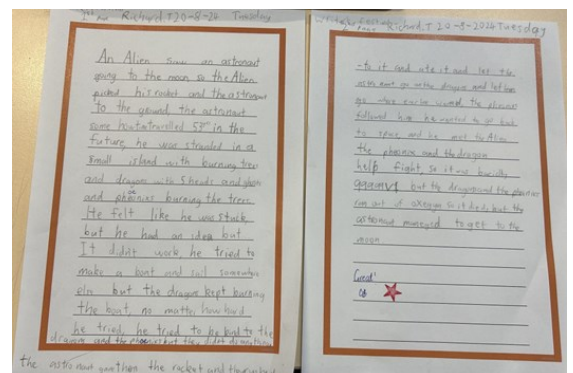
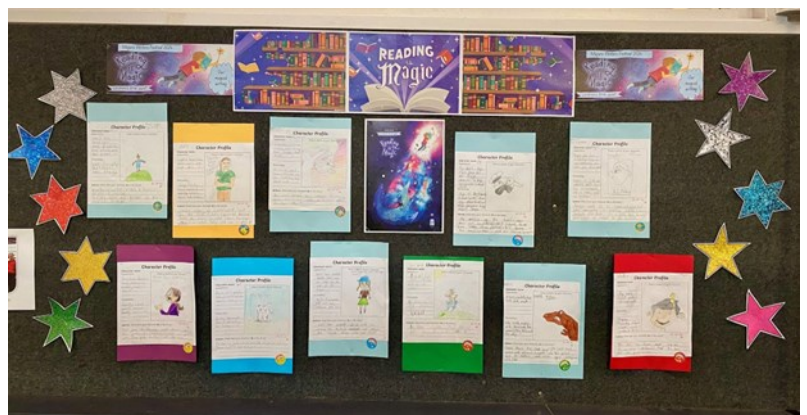
**Book Week dress up and parade**

On Tuesday morning we all met on the basketball courts for a fantastic Book Week Parade. The students in year 3 had a wonderful time dressing up and then parading their book character costumes in front of the whole school. Even the year three teachers enjoyed dressing up as the rainbow fairies!



**Writers' Festival**

During Book Week, Majura Primary participates in the Writers' Festival. Every day at 10:00 o'clock, music is played over the school speakers to signal the start of the festival. Using visual prompts, story starters, or chosen books, students are encouraged to write amazing, creative stories during the time period. Writers' Festival promotes the love of reading and writing for all our students.



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Year three students have been enjoying using the daily prompts to create magical and mystical stories, and some have been publishing their work onto their chromebooks.



## Multiplication

Year Three has been learning and practising their times tables. The Stack of Alpacas has been enjoying mastering their 2s, 4s, 5s, and 10s using multiplication squares. They are completing their squares during timed increments and are dedicated to beating their previous times every day.





# KITCHEN GARDEN NEWS



## It's seed sowing time!

Year 4 students have been diving into their lessons on garden pest insects, conducting an insect audit in the garden. With the overnight temperatures rising and some warmer days, we're starting to see more insects hatching. So far, we've discovered green peach aphids on the kale, harlequin bugs on the silverbeet, and a cabbage white butterfly in the veggio patch.

Meanwhile, Year 3 and Year 5 students have been working on their class composts. This fortnight has been their last chance to feed the compost, adjust the moisture balance, and check for any decomposing critters. The composts are beginning to generate heat as they break down, with slaters and worms moving in to do their crucial work. Some of the classes have also had some 'clay play' – a chance to use their imagination to make and play with clay soil – messy but so much fun!

Our dedicated Thursday morning garden volunteers—Nicola, Sarah B., Sarah K., Jess, and Joan—have sown the first summer vegetable seeds: capsicum, chilli, and eggplant. The seeds are placed on heat mats to maintain a soil temperature of 30 degrees for optimal germination. Students have also started sowing flower seeds, including zinnia and cosmos.

As the garden comes to life and the warmth of spring approaches, we can't wait to see the fruits of our labor and the colourful blooms that will soon fill our garden beds.

Philippa Lawrence  
Garden Specialist, [philippa.lawrence@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:philippa.lawrence@ed.act.edu.au)



## Everybody 'say cheese'

We have made the 'Greatest of All Time' toasty. Students have been making herb and garlic butter, spreading, filling, and flipping their toasties. It has been a hit for pretty much everyone.

We have also been testing the stretch of the cheese, to see how stretchy and melty our very own handmade mozzarella is. It has been great to see students following the recipe accurately and watching the process of the cheese turning from milk to fresh mozzarella balls. Students have found it fascinating and extremely delicious.

Siobhan Palmer, Kitchen Specialist  
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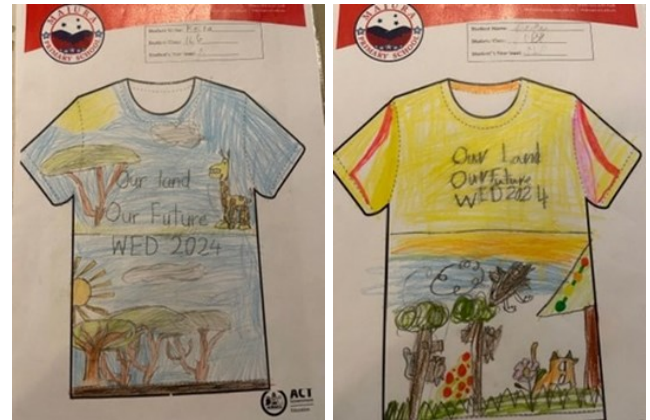




## World Environment Day Winners

While there could only be 12 students receiving prizes for their outstanding designs, the real winner is the earth as shown by the huge number of highly impressive entries reflecting care and commitment. Congratulations to all participating students and thank you to Liz for judging the entries. You can see the finalist entries displayed outside the Kitchen dining room.

### Year 1 - Keita and Fefe



### Year 2 - Griffin and Jamie



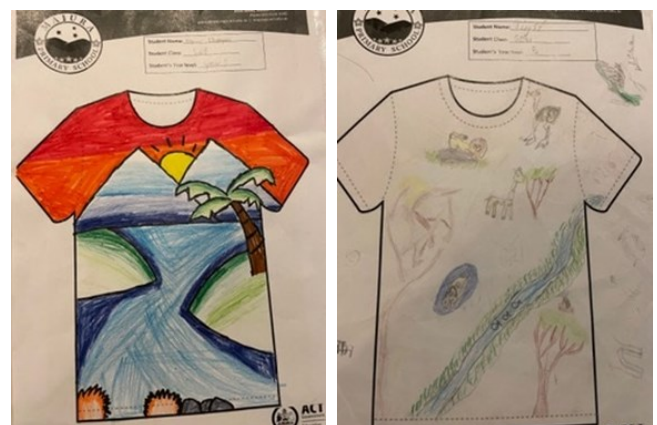
### Year 3 - Merry and Ayla



### Year 4 - Oscar and Ava



### Year 5 - Eleanor and Jigsel



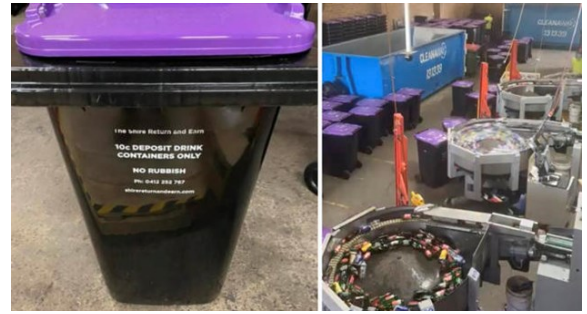
### Year 6 - Ben, Elijah and Arthur





## 10 cent recycling bins

Majura has introduced a purple-lidded bin to help broaden our recycling initiatives. Students will find the bin in the school courtyard alongside the canteen to maximise the drink containers which are purchased by students through the canteen. We are exploring the possibility of introducing a smaller purple bin into each class as another collection point.



10 cent recycling means for every container correctly placed in the bins, the school earns 10 cents which can be redirected back into our school programs.

So please take a moment to look at this sign with your child and to know what containers can go into this bin. Last week 263 containers were collected which means the school has already earned \$26.30! Let's aim to get more 10 cent recycling containers next week!



## National Tree Day Competition

An outline for this competition was sent to all K-6 parents recently.

Students can place their competition entry in the entry box (located at the front foyer) right up to the closing date – **Friday 6 September**. Prizes will be a living lucky bamboo tree for students to nurture. Extra entry forms can also be found in the entry box. Thank you to all the students who have already entered and good luck!

NATIONAL TREE DAY | 28 JULY  
SCHOOLS TREE DAY | 26 JULY



## 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.

### Term 3 Assembly Roster

- 28 August (week 6) - Junior assembly hosted by kindergarten
- 11 September (week 8) - Senior assembly hosted by year 4
- 25 September (week 10) - Senior assembly hosted by year 5



Congratulations to the recipients of principal awards at the week 4 Junior Assembly!





## Young Engineers Robotics LAB

Term 3 2024  
*Enrol Now*



**Group 1**  
**Bricks Challenge**  
Kindergarten to Year 2  
Fees \$269  
9 Weeks Program

**Group 2**  
**Engineering+Robotics**  
Year 3 to Year 6  
Fees \$279  
9 Weeks Program



**Majura Primary School**  
Every Thursday  
Weekly Classes  
From 3.15pm to 4.30pm

Follow the booking link below and look for your school  
<https://aus.iclasspro.com/portal/yecbr/booking>

Payment is online and will be calculated automatically at the checkout on pro-rata basis.

Contact us:  
0490808138

canberra@young-engineers.com.au  
www.young-engineers.com.au



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## MAJURA PRIMARY AFTER SCHOOL CODING & ROBOTICS PROGRAM FREE TRIAL OPEN NOW FOR TERM 3 ENROLLMENT

- Equip your child with critical future skills
- Classes conducted in a safe, fun and supportive environment
- Delivered by experienced instructors
- No prior knowledge expected
- Learn at own pace
- Beginner to advanced levels



CONTACT US FOR  
A FREE TRIAL  
CLASS

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<https://ozcodeacademy.com/> to book



## GIRL GUIDES

ALL GIRLS are invited to visit their local guide unit and find out what guides get up to.

GUIDES  
AUSTRALIA  
NSW & ACT

Guides have **FUN** indoors and outdoors, learn new skills and make new friends.

Guides is for girls aged 5 –18 yrs.

Local guide units meet once a week at the Guide halls in Lister Cres, Ainslie and Clianthus St, O'Connor.

To find out more, go to:

<https://www.girlguides-nswactnt.org.au/>

or <https://www.northcanberragirlguides.com/>



SYDNEY  
ACADEMY OF CHESS

Level 1 30A George St, Burwood 2134  
Office: (02) 9745 1170

## CHESS!!

Learn to be a chess champion! Coaching for students at Majura Primary School (ACT) is held on Tuesdays from 8:00am to 8:40am, starting on 23 July 2024.

Learning and playing chess helps children develop their logical thinking and problem solving skills, improves their concentration and focus, while also being a great source of enjoyment. Activities include group lessons on a demonstration chess board or interactive whiteboard, puzzle solving and fun practice games.

Students earn merit awards by making checkmates, or by displaying skills and positive qualities, which all good chess players strive to develop.

Each student in the Chess program will also receive access to Chess Squad <https://www.chesssquad.com/> which is an online teaching/playing platform.

If your child is interested in taking part in the class, please email [office.sydneycademy@gmail.com](mailto:office.sydneycademy@gmail.com) for an enrolment form. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.

## CAMPBELL HIGH SCHOOL BAND PROGRAM

Dear Potential Campbell High School Parents and Carers,

We are currently exploring how we can provide our students with opportunities to engage in the Band program while also allowing our Band students to fully participate in our electives program, particularly in the Arts and Tech area.

Current planning is leaning towards a model where students would miss one lesson from each of their other classes during a two-week teaching cycle. This adjustment will not result in any academic penalties for the students, and students will be given consideration and support for any lessons missed. Students would be assessed in addition to their electives, though we would ensure the workload remains manageable. We believe this approach will also help us grow and strengthen our program.

We are committed to ensuring students' academic progress remains on track while they pursue their musical interests and talents. Another option could be moving Band lessons to before or after regular school hours, e.g., 8 am-9 am or 3 pm-4 pm, though this could impact students' extracurricular activities and family time.

We understand this potential change may raise questions or concerns and value your input. We have attached a [survey](#) for you to provide feedback, though I am happy to chat via email or phone if you would prefer.

Thank you for your continued support of our Band program and school community.

Please feel free to contact us with any feedback or queries. Your thoughts are important to us as we strive to make the best possible decisions for our students.

Jennifer Nott  
a/g Deputy Principal Teaching and Learning  
Campbell High School

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Jacob Bindley - Deputy Principal E: Jacob.Bindley@ed.act.edu.au



### Hats on for summer!

As at 1 August please remember to bring your hat to wear at school, apply sunscreen and play in the shade. If a student forgets their hat they may borrow one from their teacher.

Majura Primary School is registered as a SunSmart School.



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**Respect Collaboration Resilience  
Integrity Inclusivity**

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