



# Majura Primary School Newsletter

Term 3 Week 1

26 July 2024

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## Principal's Message

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to semester 2 of our year of learning. I hope your children had a good break from school and are starting the term refreshed. I know many of you managed to wangle some time off too which must have been great. I loved chatting to the kids on Tuesday morning, hearing about their holidays and seeing their excited faces to be back at school.

Term 3 is a big term both from an academic and an activities perspective. Being an AFL fan, I have shared with staff the notion that term 3 (like the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of a game of footy) is the term where we can make big wins (the premiership quarter). I know that we may experience some interruptions to this – people get sick or are injured and family concerns override the focus on work, but it is certainly our intention to aim high and get 'stuck in'.

We do have a busy term activity-wise, with the Athletics Carnival, year 4 and 6 camps, year 6 Market Day and Wakakirri all coming up. Next week we have Learning Conversations which we hope to have 100% attendance from students and their families. This year parents were required to book for these conversations on the Parent Portal; we will continue to use this function of the Parent Portal, so if you have not yet joined, please do so. Remember that our beautiful front office staff can help you with this if it's a bit much. Bookings though the portal for next week's Learning Conversations have closed now, so if you have not yet made a time, then please email your child's teacher directly. All teacher email addresses are on the school website. Learning Conversations require your child's presence; they are the learner and will be ready to share with you what they have been learning, what they are proud of and their goals for the rest of the year. If there is a sensitive matter you would like to discuss with your child's

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teacher, please make an alternative meeting time; Learning Conversations are not times for adult-to-adult conversation.

If you have not been on the school website lately, you may not have noticed that both the 2023 Annual School Board Report and the External School Review Report 2024 are now on the school website for your reading pleasure. I am happy to respond to any queries you may have about these two documents. Based on the findings of the external review and our own ongoing self-assessment, we are currently in the process of writing the Strategic Plan for 2025-2027.

Next Wednesday at 6pm there will be an update on the building and expansion works. The P&C has been advertising it through their channels but in case you missed it, all parents are welcome to attend. It will be here at school in the library.

Warm regards,

Liz



## LEARNING CONVERSATIONS

Monday 29 July-Friday 2 August

If you have not yet booked a Learning Conversation, please email your child's teacher directly to make a booking.

## WAKAKIRRI

Tuesday 30 July  
12:30pm - 8:45pm

## P&C MEETING

Wednesday 31 July  
6pm

## SENIOR ASSEMBLY

Hosted by year 6

Wednesday 31 July  
2pm - 2:45pm

## ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Years 2-6

Tuesday  
6 August

## KINDER HEALTH CHECKS

Monday 5 August -  
Wednesday 7 August

## MARKET DAY

Thursday  
8 August

## SUE GEH CUP BASKETBALL

8:15am—2:45pm  
Tuesday 13 August

## EAL/D COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

9am - 9:45am  
Thursday  
15 August

## JUNIOR ASSEMBLY

Hosted by year 1

Wednesday 14 August  
2pm - 2:45pm

## P&C TRIVIA NIGHT

Friday 16 August 7pm

@ Ainslie Footy Club

## YEAR 5 TATHRA CAMP

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

## JAMIE PEARLMAN CUP BASKETBALL

8:15am—2:30pm  
Wednesday 21 August

## YEAR 4 BIRRIGAI CAMP

9am Monday 26 August -  
3pm Wednesday 28 August

## ICAS ASSESSMENTS

See page 5

## NATIONAL THREATENED SPECIES DAY

Friday 6 September

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS SESSION

Wednesday 11  
September

# SCHOOL NOTICES

## 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 every week Tuesday-Friday for over the counter sales (both breaks) and online via [Flexischools](#).

For online orders please register on [Flexischools](#) (there is a link on the Majura School Web page) or alternatively you can download the app.

# 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



### What is ICAS?

ICAS is an online academic competition that gives students the opportunity to challenge their higher order thinking and problem-solving skills in English, Mathematics, Science, Writing, Spelling Bee, and Digital Technologies.

ICAS results are in-depth and meaningful, and ICAS evaluates student performance against other competition entrants across the state and nation. The data reveals student strengths and weaknesses and can help you recognise and support your child's academic journey.

Learn more about ICAS [here](https://www.icasassessments.com/products-icas/) : ( <https://www.icasassessments.com/products-icas/> ).

### ICAS results and certificate

Every student who participates is celebrated and recognised with a printed certificate in each subject area, and an online results report to track development each year. Top performers are eligible for one of the highly coveted ICAS medals.

### How to participate in ICAS

If you wish for your child to participate in ICAS this year, please go to the Parent Portal to sign up to your chosen subject areas using the link and code below.

Registration for all subject areas closes on **Monday 29 July at 11:59pm.**

<b>Sign up here</b>	<a href="https://shop.icasassessments.com/pages/">https://shop.icasassessments.com/pages/</a>
<b>Access code</b>	NIP324

This year, our students can elect to sit the following assessments:

Subject	Sitting Date
Digital Technologies	5-9 Aug
Writing	5-9 Aug
English	12-16 Aug
Science	19-23 Aug
Spelling Bee	19-23 Aug
Mathematics	26-30Aug

After payment is made via the Parent Payment System, you will receive an order confirmation email, keep this for your records. Please note, we cannot facilitate refunds or make alterations as all money is paid directly to ICAS Assessments.

Read the terms and conditions [here](https://www.icasassessments.com/wpcontentuploads/2023/03/2023_ICAS_Assessments_Parents_PPS_TsCs_P2023V02-1.pdf) : ( [https://www.icasassessments.com/wpcontentuploads/2023/03/2023\\_ICAS\\_Assessments\\_Parents\\_PPS\\_TsCs\\_P2023V02-1.pdf](https://www.icasassessments.com/wpcontentuploads/2023/03/2023_ICAS_Assessments_Parents_PPS_TsCs_P2023V02-1.pdf) ).

### Privacy collection statement

You can view the full privacy policy at <https://www.janison.com/privacy-policy/>



## ACT Public Education Awards

- 2024 -

### 2024 Public Education Awards Nominations open now!

The ACT Public Education Awards celebrate excellence and recognise high performing school leaders, teachers, school support staff, allied health professionals and volunteers in our public schools and the Education Support Office.

We encourage all members of the school community to take the time to acknowledge the incredible work happening in our schools.

To learn more visit [www.education.act.gov.au/about-us/act-public-](http://www.education.act.gov.au/about-us/act-public-)

### Supporting student safety

As school re-commences for term 3, we are reminding parents and carers to please drive and park safely and legally, at and around school grounds.

We all have an important role to play in supporting road safety. Access Canberra has notified us that mobile speed and parking vans will be in operation to support our students' safety.

These enforcement teams play a critical role in supporting our students get to and from school safely and we thank them for their ongoing support.

In addition to sticking to the speed limit, please remember to park safely – including not parking across pedestrian crossings, in no stopping zones, on corners, verges and double parking.

Unsafe and illegal parking can reduce visibility of our students and motorists to see each other, creating a significant hazard when students cross the road. Let's work together to keep our kids safe.





**Winter Walk to School Week  
5 – 9 August 2024**

Are you prepared for the upcoming Winter Walk to School Week?

Winter Walk to School Week is from 5 to 9 August 2024. It is an opportunity for the Canberra school community to encourage walking, riding, scooting or skating to school even in the colder months of winter.

Make sure they’ve got their winter puffer jacket, gloves and a beanie before they pound the pavement.

Whether their walking, riding, or scooting to school let’s continue to venture outside in the cooler months.

To read more and get involved, visit [Winter Walk to School Week 5-9 August - Transport Canberra](#).

**Parent & Carer  
Online Safety  
Webinars - 2024**



**Help your family be more confident and safe online by:**

- understanding online safety and risks young people face,
- learning strategies to prevent and respond to online issues,
- supporting your child to be safe online, and
- knowing where to go for further support.

**Multiple webinars per term.**

**Afternoon and evening times available.**

**All RSVP's receive video content and resources.**



**SCAN THE QR CODE OR  
TYPE THE LINK BELOW  
INTO YOUR BROWSER**

[bit.ly/2024\\_OnlineSafetyWebinar\\_RSVP](https://bit.ly/2024_OnlineSafetyWebinar_RSVP)



**Online Safety – New Parent and Carer webinars and on-demand videos**

In term 3, the Online Safety Education team will be delivering a new live webinar for parents and carers – *From AI to Age Verification: Essential Online Safety Updates*. This webinar is designed to help families be aware of the latest trends and issues in online safety and how they can take positive steps to keep their children and young people safe. In addition to the live webinars, the team has recorded and made available the webinars from semester 1, including a series of short videos about important and emerging online safety issues and resources.

[Live Webinar - RSVP](#)  
[On-demand videos](#)



## Free Pop-up influenza vaccination clinics for children aged 6 months to under 5 years

Clinics will be held on select dates during July at these locations.

- Kambah
- Garrahan
- Kaleen
- Farrer
- Taylor

Walk-ins are welcome but we recommend you make a booking.



View the full list of clinics at [www.act.gov.au](http://www.act.gov.au) and search 'Pop-up clinics'.



## Free Influenza vaccinations for children aged 6 months to under 5 years – New locations available

The ACT Government has been running pop-up influenza vaccination clinics around Canberra since June 2024, for children aged 6 months to under 5 years. The annual influenza vaccine is government-funded under the National Immunisation Program (NIP) and is recommended for children aged 6 months to under 5 years.

New locations for July have now been added. View the full list of clinics at [Pop-up influenza vaccination clinics](#).

To book, call the Central Health Intake line on 02 5124 9977 from 8:00am to 5:00pm, Monday to Friday. Walk-ins are also welcome.

7 Weeks, Term 3, 2024  
 Wednesdays 12:30 - 2:30am  
 Hedley Beare Centre for Teaching and Learning  
 Fremantle Dr. Stirling



## Addressing Your Child's Anxious Avoidance

### WHAT IS THE ADDRESSING YOUR CHILD'S ANXIOUS AVOIDANCE PARENTING PROGRAM?

Addressing Your Child's Anxious Avoidance is a group parenting program facilitated by the School Psychology Service aimed at helping parents/carers increase their child's ability to cope with anxiety and decrease anxious avoidance. During the program parents/carers will develop a clear plan to address their child's anxious behaviours, recruit and engage supporters, and explore how to communicate without promoting escalation.

### WHAT DOES THE GROUP INVOLVE?

Addressing Your Child's Anxious Avoidance is a multi-week program with each session running for two hours. Each group will have approximately 15 participating families (one or both parents/carers) and is facilitated by two school psychologists. Activities are based on the Non-Violent Resistance evidence-based therapeutic approach. It includes whole and small group activities and take home tasks are set for between sessions. Children do not attend the sessions with parents/carers.

### ARE THERE ANY RISKS FOR PARTICIPANTS?

It's possible that when participants start to use the strategies taught in the program, they or their child may initially experience a higher level of distress as anxious behaviours are addressed. However, as participants continue learning and practicing a wider range of strategies, these are likely to reduce.

### HOW WILL INFORMATION BE KEPT AND SHARED?

Information shared within the group is confidential and is not shared outside of the group. Should facilitators become concerned about a child's safety or well-being external agencies will be notified. Where appropriate, the facilitators will endeavour to assist families to identify the appropriate next steps in gaining support.

At the beginning and end of the program participants will be asked to complete short questionnaires. This data is used to evaluate the effectiveness of the program and to get an understanding of how participants are travelling. File notes regarding parent/carer involvement in the program will be recorded, stored securely, and will be placed on an electronic student School Psychology file.

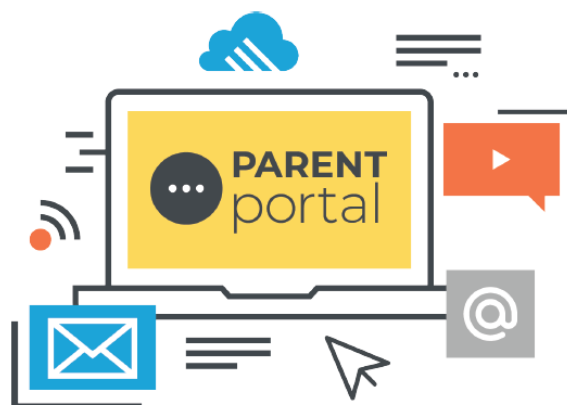
## ADDRESSING YOUR CHILD'S ANXIOUS AVOIDANCE

### Parenting Program

- TAKE POSITIVE ACTION TO INCREASE YOUR CHILD'S ABILITY TO COPE WITH ANXIETY
- LEARN SKILLS TO ADDRESS YOUR CHILD'S ANXIOUS AVOIDANCE
- LEARN ABOUT THE ESCALATION CYCLE AND HOW TO AVOID ENGAGING WITH IT







## 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 696 parents currently connected to the portal!

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)

# TRIVIA NIGHT

SILENT AUCTIONS



RAFFLE



7pm Friday 16th August at  
Ainslie football club

\$350 for tables of 10

Tickets available at: [https://  
majurapandc.square.site](https://majurapandc.square.site)

Dinner provided, drinks available for purchase.  
Come dressed up as what you wanted to be when you grew  
up.

Trivia points on offer for best dressed  
Proceeds go to MAJURA P&C





Welcome to Term 3!!

Here is an insight to what we have been doing in our year 2 classrooms.



## Sound

For our science unit we explored the elements of sound in our everyday lives. Being able to see, feel and express how we hear sound was a very engaging way of identifying sound in our lives. Students made music boxes where they could adjust the rubber bands, the size of the box and the strength of plucking the bands to hear different sounds and see different vibrations.



We then were able to listen to different sounds in everyday life such as: a car horn, waterfall, school bell and vibration, and drew what they thought the sound looked like in their minds. As you can see this turned into some beautiful artwork.



## School Values

With the introduction of the new school values, year 2 has been exploring what it means to apply these in our everyday interactions.

To demonstrate collaboration the students participated in STEM activities which required higher order thinking, cooperation and communication to successfully complete the tasks in their groups. Each student held onto a string attached to a rubber band that they needed to manipulate to pick up and put down cups into a tower.







We further explored the value of respect by looking into different ways we can describe our friends by using our vocabulary wheel with words such as thoughtful, competitive, bright and friendly.

We then sat in a circle, wrote our names on post-it notes, put them into a hat and drew out one of our classmates' names. We then made a bracelet with one word to describe what type of friend they are and presented it to them once completed.

## 100 DAYS KINDER CELEBRATION

Kindergarten celebrated 100 days of school by engaging with a range of activities focused on 100. This included threading 100 beads on a necklace, using 100 blocks in a build and placing 100 decorations on a crown. Kindergarten then finished the day with a party!

We would like to thank the P&C for the beautiful decorations, they really added to the feeling of celebration and what would a party be without music and bubbles!

Thank you also to all the families that supported the collection of 100 objects, shared the joy with your children and came along to join our celebration in the afternoon.

Looking towards the next 100 days.







Clem in year 4 competed at the Interschool snowsport championships this week.

He skied really well and proudly represented Majura, competing against other skiers from schools in the ACT and regional NSW.

In the Alpine Slalom event Clem placed 22nd out of 71 and in the Ski Cross event he placed 26th out of 64.



## ASSEMBLIES

### 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

- 31 July (week 2) - Senior assembly hosted by year 6 - **new date**
- 14 August (week 4) - Junior assembly hosted by year 1
- 28 August (week 6) - Junior assembly hosted by kindergarten - **new date**
- 11 September (week 8) - Senior assembly hosted by year 4 - **new date**
- 25 September (week 10) - Senior assembly hosted by year 5 - **new date**



## 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

[info@ozcodeacademy.com](mailto:info@ozcodeacademy.com) or visit  
<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 PRODUCTION—MATILDA JR THE MUSICAL**

Next week Campbell High School students are staging their school production MATILDA Jr The Musical. We encourage everyone to come and see this exciting show. You can get your free tickets at the links provided.

***Sometimes You Have to Be a Little Bit Naughty if You Want to Change Your Story.***

Roald Dahl's *Matilda The Musical JR.* is adapted from the full-length musical which was based on the book by Roald Dahl, and features a book by Dennis Kelly and music and lyrics by Tim Minchin. The show opened on the West End in 2011 and made its Broadway premiere in 2013. The musical earned seven Olivier Awards, including "Best New Musical," and five Tony awards, including The Tony for "Best Book of a Musical."

Matilda, a little girl with astonishing wit, intelligence and psychokinetic powers, lives with cruel parents who find her to be a nuisance, a lousy little worm, and a bore. When Matilda enters her first term at school, she captures the attention of Miss Honey, a kind teacher, and the two form a wonderful friendship. Unfortunately, the school is ruled by a tempestuous and mean headmistress named Miss Trunchbull, who hates children and delivers cruel and unjust punishments to all her charges. Matilda is determined to change her story, but will her cleverness and courage be enough to withstand the reign of Miss Trunchbull?

There are 3 performances all starting at 7pm. The show goes for a little over an hour. I put 9pm finish to be safe but it should only go until 8:15-8:30 approx.

- Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> July
- Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> Aug
- Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> Aug

For Tickets: <https://events.humanitix.com/campbell-high-school-production-matilda-jr>

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Majura Primary School is registered as a SunSmart School.

**Hats off during June & July**

However you may need a beanie to keep your head warm until 1 August when we have hats back on.

**MAJURA PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**Respect Collaboration Resilience  
Integrity Inclusivity**

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