



What's New at Maimuru?

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Principal's Message

Welcome to Term 4!

At the conclusion of Term 3, it was wonderful to once again celebrate the achievements of our remarkable students and to also take the time to acknowledge and thank our families and community members for their contributions to making our school fantabulous! Our assembly is a highlight at the end of each term, along with enrichment activities involving our parents who graciously lead these activities. Thank you so much Jacinta for teaching us a card game requiring great tact and strategy and one that we will all take back and share with our families. Thank you Eliza for once again tapping into our creativity through fondant decoration making. We send our gratitude in super doses to you all!

Term 4 brings a festive vibrancy that we mostly all adore at this time of year!

Term 4 will continue to grow the positive momentum that has produced impressive student academic growth across K-6, while also enhancing each student's sense of belonging through personalised and unique opportunities. Our school shines in its ability to strengthen student's leadership qualities by encouraging each student to be open in conversation about what matters to them. This is also evident in their ability to speak about their positive experiences along with those that are challenging and that require additional social support.

In preparations for 2026, we will be sending home the Maimuru Public School's Student Profile Form. This is to ensure our school records are current and up to date. It contains your typical family details, permission to publish, Special Religious Education permission and medical details. Sorry for the paperwork!

Please enjoy this edition of our newsletter as we bring you up to date with all things magical about Maimuru Public School!

Miss Benett 😊

Maimuru Public School Newsletter

Term 3 Whole School Assembly

Congratulations to Keith and Liam who conducted the assembly on our last day of Term 2 and to Lexi for her excellent drumming skills.

Principal's Award:

For his humble approach to respectful leadership eg. Joint construction of worm farm and compost tumbler. His growth and application towards maths has resulted in commendable results.



Student Awards:

The assembly leaders choose students who they believe have tried very hard, shown kindness to others or made a unique contribution to our school. Congratulations to the students who were selected.

Lexi: For being a good class mate and caring person

Chloe: For constantly trying and participating

Evie: For being a kind and good person

Ollie: For being a good friend.

Infants Teacher Awards:

Chloe Barr: For applying herself to all areas of school life with positivity and enthusiasm.

Leo White: For his remarkable effort during Geography, including his impressive diorama!

Loki Dodge: For his authentic artworks and artistic flair demonstrated in visual arts.

Evelyn Middleton: For extending herself during ten minute maths frenzy and when learning about 3-digit numbers.

Harlow Smith: For her growth in reading – increasing skills and applying strategies to read learnt and new texts.

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Primary Teacher Awards:

Keith Edgerton: Demonstrating a positive attitude and making pleasing progress in mathematics.

Oliver Perkins: Pleasing progress in visual arts, drawing and creating more challenging images.

Liam Barr: For adding interesting and insightful information to class discussions.

Tora Smith: Excellent progress and achievement in reading.

Zoey White: Continued commitment and application to all learning.

Nathan Barr: Creating and presenting an engaging informative text on marine animals.

Lexi Shoemark: Excellent progress and achievement in mathematics.

Belle Donges-Noordhuis: For her consistent effort and positive approach to learning in all areas.

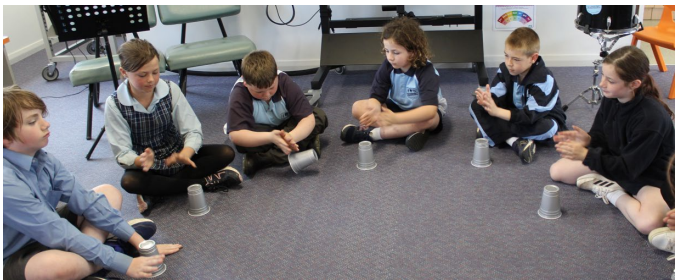
Mathletics Award:

Leo: 1 x bronze and 1 x Silver

Oliver: 1 x bronze



Thank you to our families and friends who attended our Assembly!



Enrichment Day

Thank you to our two wonderful volunteers for their contribution to our end of Term 3 Enrichment Day Activities. Jacinta's card games were a hit with both the students AND staff! Eliza, there were some fabulous results in the cake decorating! Well done everyone!

Also, a shout out to families who contributed to our shared lunch! It is always lovely to stop and have a chat with everyone.





CSP School Photo Day

CSP Photography will be onsite on Thursday, 23 October 2025.

Please ensure your child/ren are in **full school summer uniform**, with clean shoes and socks and hair is neat and tidy. No makeup please.

Please send runners/joggers in school bags as we will be starting tennis for sport on this day.

YHS Orientation Days

Year 6 students will be attending two orientation days at Young High School on Wednesday, 19 and Thursday, 20 November 2025 to be introduced to procedures and experiences of high school. Friendly reminder to Year 6 parents to return note before 6 November please.

Term 4 Sport - Change of Day

Please note that sport will be held on Thursdays in Term 4. Col Maher will be visiting us to teach us the fundamentals of **tennis**!

Students are to wear sports uniforms on Thursdays.
(except next week for photo day).

October Cyber Security Awareness Month

This year's theme is '**Building our cyber safe culture**'. It's a perfect time for us to remember that cyber security is everyone's responsibility.

I strongly encourage you to take the following simple, practical steps at work and home:

- **Always [use strong passwords](#)** and, where possible, **set up [multi-factor authentication](#)** (MFA). MFA provides a crucial second layer of protection, keeping your accounts safe even if your password is breached.
- **Stay vigilant against scams.** We're seeing a continued rise in the use of [infostealer malware](#), which silently steals an individual's credentials and personal information.
- **[Update your software](#).** Enabling auto-updates across all internet-connected devices is critical to keeping yourself secure online. Do not select 'Remind me later'.

High Potential & Gifted Education

At our school, every learner's potential is our priority. We foster a culture of high expectations and equity in excellence, ensuring every student, regardless of background, has the opportunity to develop their potential.

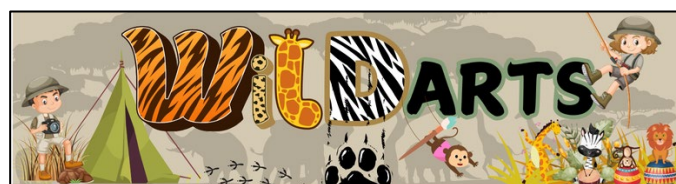
Our school offers a range of opportunities across the 4 domains of potential: creative, intellectual, physical and social-emotional. Some examples of our offerings include:

- Creative Arts Camp
- ICAS competition
- PSSA sport and talent identification
- GRIP Leadership
- Student Representative Council

Our offerings engage and challenge every student, including a strong focus on talent development for high potential and gifted learners.

You can learn more about high potential and gifted education at our school, and how we find high potential and support talent development on our website.

Creative Arts Camp



Pack your safari hats and sharpen your sense of adventure — in 2026, the **Transitions Small Schools Creative Arts Camp** is **swapping the sea for the savannah!**

We're heading to **Taronga Western Plains Zoo** for **WILDarts 2026**, where creativity will be let off the leash and imaginations will run wild. Students will explore a menagerie of artistic experiences — from *roar-some* performances to *wildly* wonderful artworks — and even bed down under the stars for the legendary **Zoo Snooze Experience**.

In 2025, almost **200 students from 46 small schools** have made a splash in our **ARTlantis - Underwater Adventures** at Warrambui. Diving headfirst into dance, drama, circus, art, musical theatre, percussion and film-making all while building friendships, confidence, and skills to help them thrive in high school. That's the heart of *Transitions* — giving Year 5 and 6 students from small schools a powerful, positive step towards high school. Over three days, they work alongside a larger and more diverse peer group, step outside their comfort zones, and develop independence, resilience, and teamwork — all while expressing themselves creatively in an inclusive and inspiring environment.

2026 Camp date options

- **Camp 1:** Wednesday 22 – Friday 24 July 2026 (Term 3, Week 1)
- **Camp 2:** Tuesday 28 – Thursday 30 July 2026 (Term 3, Week 2)

Canteen

We have a full timetable of volunteers for Friday lunches for Term 4. We look forward to a new season of yummy meals on the menu!

Thank you Eliza/Louis for catering this Friday.

Next Friday Adam has Prawn or Chicken Salad Rolls on the menu!

As always, for catering purposes, please return canteen orders by Thursday morning!

Enrolments Open for 2026



If you or anyone you know has a child starting Kindergarten next year, Maimuru Public School is now accepting enrolments. The beautiful small school offers a warm, welcoming environment where every child is truly known and valued.

Maimuru Public School stands out because of its close-knit community feel. The smaller class sizes mean that each student receives personalised attention, helping them to thrive both academically and socially. The teachers are dedicated & caring, fostering a love of learning in a supportive setting.

What makes Maimuru special is not just its size, but the genuine connection between staff, students, and families. It's a place where children feel safe, supported, and inspired to do their best. Plus, the school offers unique opportunities tailored to the needs of its young learners, ensuring a strong foundation for their educational journey.

If you want a nurturing and enriching start to your child's schooling, I highly recommend considering Maimuru Public School. Please spread the word to anyone who might be interested!

For enrolment information, please contact the school directly.

P&C Meeting

Our next P&C Meeting:

Friday, 24 October 2025

Please refer to the P&C's closed Facebook page for updates

All welcome!

Birthday

Happy Birthday Harlow



Sun Safety Reminder

As the warmer months approach, we kindly remind you to help keep our students sun safe during school hours. Please ensure your child

- Wears a wide-brimmed hat every day – we keep these at school!
- Applies sunscreen before arriving at school
- Brings a water bottle to stay hydrated
- Wears school uniform which is sun-protective (sleeves/shoulders covered and collars)

We have a supply of sunscreen at school for re-application during school hours.

Let's work together to protect our children from harmful UV rays and promote healthy sun habits!

Photo Gallery

Primary Canberra Excursion

Our Primary students loved their 3 day trip to Canberra! They engaged in hands-on educational experiences and demonstrated great courage and resilience during their stay away from home for 2 nights.

Thank you to Mrs Carroll for your dedication to our students on this trip!







HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Full PREFERential Voting					
SEAL # 1480978					
Candidates	1st count	Transfer vote	2nd count	Transfer vote	3rd count
PEACH	6	2	8	3	11
APPLE	3				
BANANA	3	1	4		
ORANGE	7	0	7	1	8
Total FORMAL votes	19	3	19	4	19
Informal votes	3				
TOTAL VOTES	22				10+



K-2 Adventure Excursion

K-2 had an adventure of their own – visiting Quamby Park Zoo, Young Museum and Young Library along with a picnic in the park!







Science - Progress Report

As you will remember, our students have been exploring **The Secret Life of Seeds: From Dormancy to Delicious!**

In their Science lessons with Mr Walton, students have been learning about the life cycle of a plant and investigating how seeds grow. Seeds require warmth, water and light to germinate and develop. We are excited to report that our seeds are growing nicely.

Students have enjoyed hands-on activities such as planting seeds, monitoring their progress, and discussing the factors that influence growth. These experiences are helping students understand key scientific concepts related to plant development. We look forward to continuing our exploration and seeing how our plants progress in coming weeks.

See our pictures showing our progress thus far.



Grab & go snacks

Everyday snacks are an important part of the lunchbox.

Keep snacks bite-size and easy to eat so your kids can have lots of time to play! Here are a few ideas:

- Choose snack sized vegetables that are ready to eat like baby cucumbers, snow peas and cherry tomatoes
- Choose everyday snacks that are easy to eat like wholegrain crackers, air popped popcorn, cut up fruit or reduced-fat yoghurt tubs/pouches
- Some kids may be put off by foods that are squashed. Store easily squished items like strawberries and grapes in containers. Remember to make sure the lids are easy to open!

Cherry tomatoes

Snow peas

Reduced-fat yoghurt

Air popped popcorn

Fruit cup in natural juice

Dates to Remember

Term 4, 2025		
Week 2	Thurs, 23 Oct	School Photos
		Sport - Tennis
Week 3	Thurs, 30 Oct	Sport - Tennis
	Fri, 31 Oct	Phillip's Shield
Week 4	Thurs, 6 Nov	Sport - Tennis
Week 5	Thurs, 13 Nov	Sport - Tennis
Week 6	Wed, 19 & Thurs 20 Nov	YHS Orientation Days
	Thurs 20 Nov	Sport - Tennis
Week 7	Thurs 27 Nov	Sport - Tennis
	Fri, 28 Nov	Year 6 Assembly
Week 8	Mon-Fri	Intensive Swimming
Week 9	Mon-Fri	Intensive Simming
	Thurs, 11 Dec	EOY Presentation Night
Week 10	Tues, 16 Dec	Wombat Fun Day
	Fri, 19 Dec	Students last day

Term 1, 2026		
Week 1	Tues, 27 Jan to Fri, 30 Jan	Staff Development Days
Week 2	Mon, 2 Feb	Students return
Week 3	Thurs, 12 Feb	YSS Swimming Carnival
Week TBC	TBC	YSS Athletics Carnival
Week 4		
Week 5	Fri, 27 Feb	Zone Swimming Carnival
Week 7&8		Naplan
Week 9		
Week 10	Thurs, 2 Apr	Students last day of term

*See also school calendar in School Bytes