



# What's New at Maimuru?

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## Principal's Message

Welcome to Week 7!

It has been a pleasure to attend school every day to the sight of our students enjoying school life in general. If you happen to be at school during morning, recess and lunch time, you will hear a variety of tunes playing over our speaker, while our students play vigorously in their chosen activity. From hula-hooping and ribbon twirling, to limbering through the playground equipment, or participating in epic soccer matches, our students are having a good time. And our staff too, if you don't mind 😊

The student's enjoyment on the playing fields is also evident in their engagement in the classrooms. Both Infants and Primary are fully immersed in their learning and are displaying all the attributes that an educator takes great delight in seeing. They are humming along in an exciting fashion, and we are so inspired to be on this learning journey together.

We have many exciting events coming up this term, including a whole-school excursion to Young. We will view a variety of local art exhibitions as part of the Hilltops Off the Beaten Track Art and Cultural Trail. To supplement our History lessons, we will also be visiting significant sites containing historical artefacts and ecofacts, while looking for clues about early colonisation. The date for the excursion also coincides with Harmony Day, so we will have lots of opportunity to consider multiculturalism within our school context and our wider community.

Term 3 is a big one for all of our students to make lasting, lifelong memories. While our Primary students will be heading to Canberra in the last week of Term 3, our Infants have been invited to attend a Canberra excursion with our combined Young Small Schools in Week 2 of Term 3. Excitingly, our Stage 3 students will be attending the Transitions Small School Creative Arts 3-day camp in Murrumbateman also in Week 2 of Term 3.

One of our critical events of the school year, is parent/teacher interviews. We have scheduled Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March for this year's first meetings. The aim of these is to share with you the progress of your child across a variety of areas in their learning and for you to share with us ambitions that you have for your child during their primary schooling. It is a relaxed and open meeting, whereby we can plan together ways that may better assist your child set a few achievable

short-term goals. Then, we will ensure that your child receives tailored support from teachers, our School Learning and Support Officer, and our Learning and Support Team. We envisage that this will have a positive and lasting impact on your child's self-esteem and engagement in school.

Once again, our Canteen volunteers have excelled. Thanks Adam and Jacqui for last Friday's delicious meatball sub with carrot sticks. Friday is certainly very popular amongst students, staff and visitors for appetising lunches!

Last Friday, the P&C held another productive meeting. If you were unable to attend, the team have confirmed that, along with the Cadbury Easter Chocolate Fundraiser, the Bunnings BBQ's and wood raffle, and S&C's raffles would be secured. The team is reaching out to all families to assist where possible. Other topics of discussion surrounded collaboration with our Young Small School's P&Cs, promotional opportunities and strategies to enhance publicity to the school. With such passionate and vigilant members, our school is bound to flourish! Please reach out to your friendly team to learn more.

This week and next week, our courageous Year 3 students will be focused and ready to participate in this year's NAPLAN. Below is the timetable reminder.

YEAR 3 NAPLAN TIMETABLE		
Wednesday, 12 March	Thursday, 13 March	Tuesday, 18 March
11.30am - Writing	9.30am - Reading	9.30am Conventions of Language  11.30am Numeracy

### !STOP THE PRESS!

We have secured the opportunity to lease a 12-seater bus through the Department of Education's Fleet service. Thank you also to Geurie PS for thinking of our small school, and for generously passing on a much loved bus! We are bursting with anticipation as we await its arrival towards the end of Term 1. Surely this calls for a '**bus warming**' party!

Be sure to pencil in your calendar the variety of events and school happenings that we have scheduled so far.

Please reach out to any of our staff if you have any queries, or would like information clarified.

Have a wonderful week 7!

Miss Benett 😊

## Hilltops Off the Beaten Track Art & Cultural Trail - Excursion

Our Art and Cultural Trail Excursion will be held on Friday, 21 March 2025.

We will meet at Young Visitors Centre and do a walking tour of the exhibitions in town.

Please see permission note attached for further details.

Please return notes by Friday, 14 March 2025.

## Primary Excursion - Canberra

This year's Primary excursion to Canberra will be held on Monday, 22 to Wednesday, 24 September. The cost will be \$550.00 (depending how many attend). Activities will include visits to CSIRO, Australian War Memorial and the Institute of Sport – just to name a few.

A 'Commitment to Attend' note was sent home with Primary Students on Thursday.

Please return the 'Commitment to Attend' notes by Friday, 14 March 2025.

## K-2 Excursion - Canberra

In conjunction with YSS our K-2 students' excursion will be a day trip to Canberra.

Activities will include the Reptile Park and to see a show at the Theatre - 'Gruffalo's Child'.

Cost will be approximately \$100.

A note will be sent home later this week with further details and a permission slip to be returned prior to Friday, 14 March.

No payment is required at this time.

## Parent/Teacher Interviews

Parent/Teacher interviews will be held on Wednesday, 19 March 2025.

Please see note attached for further information and to book your timeslot!

## Chocolate Fundraiser

Our P&C will again be holding a fundraiser selling chocolates and/or sweets. Thank you to those who have pledged to sell chocolates for the P&C. We would love if all families to commit to selling at least one box. The funds raised will help fund student extracurricular activities throughout the year. The boxes will arrive on Friday, 21 March and payment will be due by 7 April.

Thanks for supporting the P&C.



## Canteen

Adam prepares meat ball subs on Friday.



Please find attached Canteen Order Form for Friday, 14 March – Ham and Salad Wrap + juice/poppa - \$6.00. Bel will be on duty this week. Please return your child/ren's order by Thursday!



## Enrichment Day

Assembly and Enrichment Day activities will be held on the last Friday of Term 1 (11 April). It is always a lovely way to celebrate the efforts and achievements of all students with our families. Please see further information and request for assistance sheet attached to this newsletter. The proposed plan for the day (dependent on the number of parents / families available to run activities) is as follows:

**9:15am -12:00pm:** Normal lessons  
**12:00pm-12:45pm:** Whole School Assembly  
**12:45pm-1:30pm:** Shared Lunch  
**1:30pm-2:15pm:** Enrichment Activity 1  
**2:15pm-3:00pm:** Enrichment Activity 2  
**3:00pm-3:10pm:** Pack up

To contribute to our day, parents are asked to send in food that can be shared by all who are at school for lunch on Friday. Suggestions include party pies/sausage rolls, frankfurts, spring rolls, mini pizzas, cut-up fruit, fairy bread, chips, lollies, biscuits or slices. As we will be sharing food it is particularly important that we maintain safe hygiene practices and that all foods are **free from nuts**. Parents are invited to share what they will be sending on our Closed Facebook group to ensure we have a good variety of items.



## NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is a point in time assessment of literacy and numeracy skills. Each year students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in tests for writing, reading, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.



**NAPLAN will take place from Week 8, Wednesday 12 March to Monday 24 March 2025.**

NAPLAN is just one part of our school learning assessment program and questions are primarily based on knowledge, understanding and skills gained from the prior year of schooling.

If you have any questions about NAPLAN, please contact Miss Benett.

## Happy Birthday

We celebrated Mrs Cox's birthday and enjoyed cake for morning tea!

Happy Birthday Mrs Cox!!!





## YSS Athletics Carnival



The Young Small Schools (YSS) Athletics Carnival will be held on Friday, 28 March 2025 at Gus Smith Oval commencing at 9.00am.

All students from Kindergarten to Year 6 participate in the athletics carnival in a variety of events. For students in Kindergarten and Year One, activities include age races, relays and novelty events. For all other students events include 100m, 200m, 800m, relays, high jump, shot put, long jump and discus. There is also the option to compete in the 1,500m event.

Please complete and return the permission note included with this week's newsletter. There is a lunch order available on the day which needs to be pre-ordered. This will be sent home closer to the date.

The students are to wear their sports uniform and will need to bring their recess, lunch (if not ordering from the canteen) and water bottle. The canteen will be available on the day for the purchase of drinks and snacks.

Parents are most welcome to come along and enjoy a fun day with their children.

Parents will need to organise transport to and from the carnival for their child/children. Attendance is compulsory for all students and will need to be dropped directly to the oval **by 8:45am**. We expect the carnival to end by 3.00pm.

If the carnival needs to be postponed, a message will be placed on the Maimuru closed group on Facebook.

## Library News

With the vouchers we received from Scholastic late last year, along with our accumulated points earned from Book Club purchases, we have ordered a small selection of new books for our Library. We hope the students enjoy the next instalments in some of our series such as 'Bad Guys' and 'Ella' books.

A reminder, if you have any books that you may not need anymore, in good/excellent condition, that you would like to donate to our Library they would be gratefully received. Please drop them to the office.

## Attendance

Attending school every day allows your child to get the most out of their learning and improve their career and life options.

This includes attending school on cold and rainy days, sports days, birthdays.

Regular school attendance can help expand your child's learning and create positive relationships with their peers.

If you require support in getting your child ready and motivated for school, please reach out to us.

## School Times

### BELL TIMES

Commence School	9.15 am
Crunch and Sip	10.15 am
Morning Recess	11.05 am – 11.30 am
Lunch	1.00 pm – 1.45 pm
School Finish Time	3.10 pm

Teachers are on duty at school from **8.45am** each morning. The school enjoys strong links with parents and families and parents/guardians are always welcome to make an appointment, or telephone, with any questions, concerns or issues they wish to discuss.

## Daily Schedule

Each day the students will be engaged with literacy and numeracy learning. In addition, the children will be provided with learning in other key learning areas and extra curriculum activities. Please see the daily schedule below.

**Monday:** Visual Arts, Peer Support

**Tuesday:** History, Peer Support

**Wednesday:** Music, Scripture, Grow Your Mind

**Thursday:** Science

**Friday:** Sport and Library

## Dates to Remember

### Term 1, 2025

<b>Week 7 &amp; 8</b>	NAPLAN
<b>Week 8</b> 21 Mar	Harmony Day & Arts Excursion
<b>Week 9</b> 24 Mar	Welcome Mrs Fitzgerald
28 Mar	Athletics Carnival
<b>Week 10</b> 11 Apr	Enrichment Day
	Last day of Term 1
<b>Easter Dates:</b>	
18 April	Good Friday
21 April	Easter Monday
25 April	ANZAC Day

## Term 2, 2025

<b>Week 1</b>	28 Apr	SDD for Staff @ Caragabul PS
	29 April	SDD for Staff
	30 April	Students Return to School
<b>Week 4</b>		Book Fair
	2 May	Cross Country
	5 May	Farewell Mrs Fitzgerald
<b>Week 7</b>	9 June	Public Holiday
<b>Week 10</b>	4 July	Last day of term

## P&C Meeting

Our next P&C Meeting:

Friday, 4 April 2025  
Commencing 3.40pm  
All welcome!

## Reminders

Please note/return the following to school as soon as possible:

- Stewart House donations
- Athletics Carnival Permission Note
- Parent / Teacher Interviews Note
- Primary Excursion - Commitment to Attend
- Canteen Lunch Orders return by **Thursday**

## STEWART HOUSE CHARITY DRIVE

Stewart House provides essential medical care, confidence-building activities, and a supportive environment where public school children in need can reset, thrive, and embrace a brighter future.



**Envelopes must be returned to enter the draw!**

**Draw: Friday, 23 May 2025**

### Important:

Online payments ARE NOT an automatic entry into the draw.

Please return your envelope(s) to your school with a receipt number (if paying online) for entry in the draw.



## Add a splash of rainbow

Wow your kids by making everyday lunchboxes fun, colourful and appealing. Lots of colour means lots of different vitamins and minerals.

Swap out cupcakes or lollies and swap in:

- Grapes or berries – sweet, shiny and juicy!
- Rainbow vegetable sticks – try carrot, green beans and capsicum
- Our rainbow recipes – Lunchbox rainbow noodles, rainbow vegetable kebabs or fried rice salad for a colourful vegetable hit!



Find the recipes on the SWAP IT website [www.swapit.net.au/recipes](http://www.swapit.net.au/recipes)

## Community Announcements



## Circle of Security PARENTING SERIES

**Presented by:** Jenny Spring  
Parenting & Support Worker  
Family Support Service

**Location:** Hilltops Community Hub  
2c Campbell St Young

**Time:** 10am-12.30pm

**Cost:** Free

**Who should attend:** Parents/carers of young children

**How to register:** Call the Hub on 6382 6328  
Jenny's mobile: 0429 886 697  
Email: [jenny.s@younginc.org.au](mailto:jenny.s@younginc.org.au)

**Register by:** Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March

**Bookings are essential, as spaces are limited.  
No child minding available**

**Dates:** Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2025  
Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2025  
Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025

**Please note there is no session  
on the 25<sup>th</sup> March**

**Attendance at all sessions  
is required to complete  
the program**

### Learning objectives of the training:

- Understand your child's emotional world by learning to read the emotional needs
- Support your child's ability to successfully manage emotions
- Enhance the development of your child's self esteem
- Honor your innate wisdom and desire for your child to be secure







# YOUNG HIGH SCHOOL

OPEN AFTERNOON 12TH MARCH 2025

3.30PM-5.30PM

Whether you're a future student, parent, or community member, we'd love to see you there!



☎ 02 6382 1166

🌐 <https://young-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/>

📍 Campbell Street, Young NSW 2594

Take a student-led tour, meet our dedicated staff, and explore the fantastic opportunities our school has to offer.

Enjoy a sausage sizzle, engage in fun activities, and experience the vibrant YHS community.



## BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

ASPIRE OSHC provide high quality care and education to school aged children at Young Public School. The service is also available for children attending other schools aged from 5-12 years. We aim to provide a fun and creative age appropriate program based on the 'My Time, Our Place' National Framework for school aged children.

### SESSION TIMES

Monday to Friday

**Before School Care**  
7:00am to 9:00am

**After School Care**  
3:00pm to 6:00pm

**Vacation Care**  
7:00am - 6:00pm

### CONTACT DETAILS

To enrol and make a booking please visit our website [aspire-oshc.com.au](http://aspire-oshc.com.au)  
Have a question? or request a parent handbook, please contact Young's program manager **Teresa**  
[young@aspire-oshc.com.au](mailto:young@aspire-oshc.com.au)  
☎ 0275 569 108

### TRANSPORTATION BUS SERVICE AVAILABLE



## GymAbility

GymAbility is our gymnastic class made for all abilities and ages.

GymAbility aims to support participants of all ages and abilities to enjoy movement and mobility. We aim to encourage balance, fine and gross motor skills as well as basic gymnastics for those in the community requiring extra assistance. It is a great way to promote fitness and friendship in a small group setting. GymAbility focuses on each participant's needs to create activities that celebrate what each individual can achieve. As this is a tailored class, family members/carers may be encouraged to join in.

### Thursdays

Age group 16+ - 2:00pm - 3:00pm

Age group 5 - 15 years - 3:30pm - 4:30pm

### Fridays

Age group 3 - 5 years - 11:45am - 12:30pm



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## Woolworths Net Set Go Juniors & Inters Comp 2025 REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

### Monday March 17



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