



Munno Para

PRIMARY SCHOOL

Respect, Responsibility, Success

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"Maybe Christmas doesn't come from a store. Maybe Christmas perhaps, means a bit more!"
- Dr. Seuss, 'How the Grinch Stole Christmas'

Hello to Everyone,

Dear Families and Carers,

Thank you all for an amazing year. It has been extremely busy but also a very rewarding year. It is wonderful to see how much our young people grow and change in a year. Time does fly when having fun.

School finishes at 2pm on Friday 14th December. Please ensure that your child/ren are picked up by 2pm this Friday. It is unfortunate, that at the end of the year there are always students that have not been picked up at the earlier time. This impacts on staff, who have to stay and wait with students instead of being able to participate in end of year activities with other staff and/or pack up early to spend time with their family. It is often the same students that are left, which is embarrassing for them too.

Reports will go out Thursday. They will have students' full year attendance at school. It is important that students attend school each and every day for their academic learning as well as their social-emotional wellbeing. There are always events that come up, and that is life. It is difficult for young people to maintain school routines and to keep up to date with their school work when not at school regularly. Absenteeism also impacts on friendship groups as students will go off and make friends with other students when someone is away frequently. Repeated and constant lateness also impacts significantly on students' learning as they miss the beginning of the day routines and organisation which causes anxiety.

Research shows that success in learning is directly proportional to regular attendance and participation in education programs. Non-attendance and irregular attendance can be viewed as early indicators of potential disengagement from the education program. There is a correlation between under-achievement in primary school and non-attendance in later years and consequently lack of success in adult life. Absence from school can limit a student's achievement of essential knowledge and skills required for effective participation in work, relationships and families, and active citizenship.

Information was in newsletters late term 3 and in term 4 for class requests. We have made every effort to consider these requests when organising classes for 2019, though we have not considered teacher requests. Classes have now been collated and are in place though they may change depending on student movement over the school holidays.

The Principal and staff make decisions about the number and structures of classes for the forthcoming year. Decisions are made with a view to establishing balanced and equitable class groups that will potentially work well together.



Diary Dates

Tuesday 11th December

Year 7 Graduation 

Wednesday 12th December

School concert

Thursday 13th December

M2,3,4 Little Rockets

Thursday 13th December

School reports go out

Friday 14th December

Last day of Term 4 -

2pm dismissal.



REMINDER:
Friday 14th December
Last day of Term 4
EARLY DISMISSAL
2pm



WISHING ALL FAMILIES A
SAFE AND HAPPY CHRISTMAS!



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The following factors will be taken into account when placing students:

- Behaviour issues
- Peer relationships
- Social maturity
- Gender balance
- Sibling relationships
- Intellectual capabilities
- Physical maturity
- Special abilities/disabilities and needs
- Work and study habits
- Needs of children for whom English is a second language or children from non-English speaking backgrounds
- Other information supplied by parents



We thank those families that let the school know that they will not be returning as this has helped to have the classes in place. We do not know what enrolments we may get over the holidays. As a result of these factors, classes cannot be guaranteed until our day 6 census in week 2 of term 1 2019. The school has made some minor changes but generally have made every effort to keep the same classes and teachers. Class lists will be on display in the windows in D Block from January 21st 2019, but they may change.

Teachers will not be available through Class Dojo over the school holidays. School resumes back on Tuesday 29th January 2019, as the Monday is a public holiday. All staff are back at school the week prior for training and class organisation only.

Front Office Opening Dates for School Fees & Uniforms

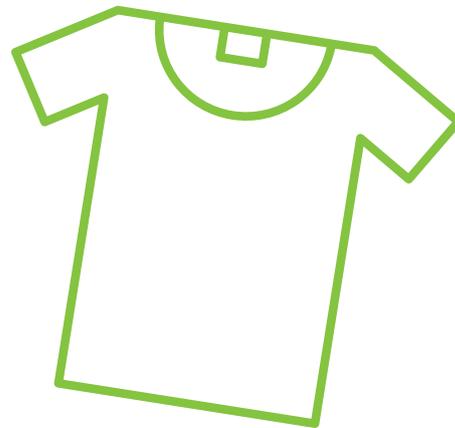
The front office will be opened in week 0 2019 is for school fees and uniforms as follows.

The front office will not be open Thursday and Friday due to whole school training.

Monday	21st January	9-11am 2-4pm
Tuesday	22nd January	9-11am 2-4pm
Wednesday	23rd January	9-11am 2-4pm

School uniform is important because: –

- we know immediately if there are strangers on school grounds
- it encourages student pride in themselves and their school.
- it enhances our public image and identity
- reduces peer pressure
- provides families with a cost effective option for school clothing



Pupil Free Days

The first Monday of Terms 2, 3 and 4 are pupil free days to enable staff involvement in whole school training and planning. **These dates are Monday 29th April 2019, Monday 22nd July 2019 and Monday 14th October 2019. A whole partnership pupil free day will be Friday 8th March 2019.** There will be a number of schools in the Peachey Partnership that will have a pupil free day on that day and all staff will be involved in training. This will be an opportunity for staff from different sites to work together and plan under the direction of the department's Strategic Direction Plan. There will be a school closure day in term 4, date to be confirmed.



Governing Council

If you are interested in joining our **Governing Council**, the AGM will be held on **Tuesday 13th February, Week 3 of Term 1 at 6pm**. This is an opportunity for community members to see how the school operates and to have an input in the school's direction.



Stress & Wellbeing

This time of the year can be very stressful for families and for our young people. The following websites and numbers provide access to services which may be able to help with someone to talk to or direct people to further help if required. Please remember to always look after yourselves.

For some students, holidays are a time of worry and concern. School holidays can be a particularly difficult time for some students, as they often are out of contact with their usual supports, especially those with mental health or social difficulties. The following information may be helpful.

IMPORTANT WEBSITES

- Kids Helpline www.kidshelp.com.au
- ThinkUKnow the Australian Federal Police internet safety program www.thinkuknow.org.au

Phone Counselling

Kids Helpline 1800 55 1800

Headspace 1800 650 890

Beyond Blue 1300 22 4636

Online Counselling

www.kidshelp.com.au

www.headspace.org.au



Nut Awareness School Reminder

A reminder for end of year celebrations but also for 2019, that we are a Nut Awareness school and request that no nuts come to school, including Nutella. We have a number of students with nut allergies and more students enrolling in 2019. Nutella does contain nuts and students with anaphylaxis will have a reaction, some quite severe. Classes with students with allergies need to be extra vigilant, as the air can carry particles which can affect students with nut allergies.



Look out for our school during the holidays

It is sad to see schools that are affected by damage during the school holidays. We are fortunate with an OSHC onsite and the high fences, which has helped reduce the risk significantly. However, there have been times when our oval areas have been significantly damaged.

Please help look after our school during the holidays. If you notice anything suspicious please contact the Police on **131 444**. Thank you.

Police 131 444
Save 000 for emergencies



Year 7 Graduation

Our Year 7 students graduate on **Tuesday 11th December**. The graduation will start at 6pm, with all graduates meeting in K2. Families and guests are to be seated in the gym. The ceremony will begin at 6:15pm, when all graduates enter the gymnasium. Graduates must wear something neat, casual and appropriate for a school event. Following the formalities of the presentation, graduates have requested to stay at school for dinner and a celebration afterwards. This will all be in the gym. The evening will conclude at 9pm.



All graduates are to be collected at that time. Congratulations to the class of 2018. We wish you all the very best at high school and in your future endeavours.

School Concert

The school concert will be on **Wednesday 12th December** in the gym. All students will be in their classrooms after lunch play. The concert will begin at 12pm. Students can be collected from their classroom at the end of the concert. Areas in the gym are marked off as we have students doing a variety of performances. This is a safety precaution for all involved. Although it may be tempting to take your child home after they have performed, this does not value the input and hard work that all of the other students across the school have invested in their performance. The concert is great fun and very exciting. Please remember to be courteous and respectful during the concert. Everyone performing is someone's child, grandchild, niece, nephew etc. and they all deserve to be listened to and watched. A little extra time to support all of the school is greatly appreciated. School will be dismissed as normal at 3pm on Wednesday.

REMINDER: The Department for Education Photography Policy states photos should not be taken that identify other students, without consent. Please remember this when uploading photos to the internet as we have a number of families with complex situations that they are dealing with privacy.

Thank you's

A school such as Munno Para operates with an enormous amount of goodwill from everyone. A huge thank you to all of the staff, both teaching and ancillary, for their commitment to all students and striving for them to achieve their very best. This staff put in many, many hours of their time for the students and community. Events such as Breakfast Club, Active After School, Movie Nights, Children's Uni, School Fair and Community Markets SAPSASA, trainings and discos-all happen because of the extra time that staff are prepared to put in. In many schools these events occur during school hours.



Thank you to Governing Council for your time and effort making decisions for our school. If you would like to be part of that process, or know a little more, the **AGM will be on Tuesday 13th February at 6pm**. This will be after the **Acquaintance Night** which will be from 5:00pm. The AGM is open to all members of the community. The meeting will run for approximately 30 minutes. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Governing Council play an important part in all schools. If you are interested, please contact me at school and/or watch out for notes early in 2019. It is not hard and does not need any additional qualifications, just your passion and commitment to our school.

Materials and Services Fee for 2019

The Materials and Services fee for 2019 will be \$241. If you believe you are legible for School Card, please complete the necessary paperwork in 2019. This will be available from the front office. Payment options for fees can be arranged with our Business Manager, Clare Macdonald. This is a preferred option, rather than sending to the debt collectors if there is difficulties making payment.



Kind regards,

Belinda Kopania, Principal