



Munno Para PRIMARY SCHOOL

Respect, Responsibility, Success

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“Once you learn to read, you will be forever free.”
- Frederick Douglass

Hello to Everyone,

Dear families and carers,

It is hard to believe that we are over half way through the term. We are in the process of finalising our information brochure, which will have a myriad of information. This will save having to repeat this information in the newsletters.

Friday March 9th was a Partnership Pupil Free day. All schools in the Peachey Partnership came together. The focus for the day was ‘Transforming Tasks.’ This involves staff asking questions in different ways to have more students actively engaged in their learning. It was a positive day for all with speakers from head office coming and sharing DECD’s focus and direction.

Saturday 17th March is Election Day and the school gym is open for voting. A BBQ will be available during the day. Thank you to Judith for organising this.

Sandra Watherston has been managing the **canteen** with some assistance from Governing Council members, whilst they looked at some alternate directions for the canteen. One of these was the possibility of outsourcing the canteen to a private provider. Upon further investigation, this was not possible as they required the school to have 500+ students. Governing Council will meet in Week 8 to determine the future direction of the canteen.

The Fundraising Group have begun their annual **Easter Raffle**. Donations would be greatly appreciated and can be dropped off at the front office. Raffle tickets have been sent home. All money raised goes to the school. We are looking at building a nature play area as well as additional seating around the school.

We have started a small **indigenous food trail** as well as some raised garden beds to investigate habitats and plants in Science. We will be extending this area from around A Block and along the back area. The area will include indigenous plants as well as medicinal plants and how plants have evolved.

At MPPS we talk about **high expectations**. We want our students to have a go and to try their best, with their learning as well as their behaviour. All of our students deserve the best. Our staff work exceptionally hard with their planning, collaboration, assessment and moderation for our students to have the best teaching and learning possible. When students interfere with the rights of others to learn and of teachers to teach, this is when the school will follow their behaviour code. This may include Focus Room, take homes, suspensions and exclusion. These options are not made easily as we make many accommodations for our students, but ultimately all students deserve to learn in a safe environment.

In 2017 MPPS was involved in an orientation project with MP Kindy and Smithfield Kindy. Part of that project was to look at how our school operated with **transition from kindy to school**. We made a number of changes to our orientation visits and will continue to work with both kindy’s throughout the year. This will include visits to the kindy from staff and a group of students as well as the kindy visiting the school and working alongside our staff at school.
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HELLO!



Diary Dates

Saturday 17 March

Election Day
(School gym open for voting) ☆

Friday 30 March

PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Good Friday

Monday 2 April

PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Easter Monday

Week 10 (3-6 April)

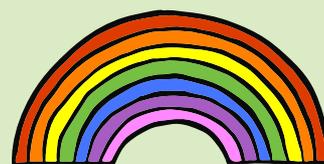
R-5 Swimming at Starplex
(Please note: the canteen will be closed during Swimming week)

Wednesday 11th April ☆

Mini Sports Day

Friday 13th April ☆
Sports Day

Last day of Term 1



BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club runs **daily** in the Art room
8:15-8:45am - all students welcome



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Principal's Message (continued)

Students that were involved in this process last year, have settled well into the school's routines and procedures.

Many of the **high schools** will have **Open Nights** coming up towards the end of this term and early Term 2. If you are interested in your child attending these high schools, this is a great time to visit. Visiting during the Open Nights gives you a chance to have a good look and to ask the necessary questions.

Swimming notes have been sent home. **Swimming will be in Week 10 at Starplex** for all R-5 students. The school subsidises the cost of transport to help encourage all students to go. Swimming is an important skill to have in Australia, especially with our beaches and so many homes with pools. Students with medical plans will need to have a current and updated plan along with current medication. Starplex will not allow any students in the pool if they do not have current plans and/or medication.

(Please note: the canteen will be closed during Swimming week due to the number of students out of the school throughout the day.)



**Update
Medical
Plans**



Medical plans are also relevant for school. Each year parents/carers are to provide current medication and a current **medical plan** from their local GP. Students with declared medical conditions that do not have current medication or medical plans cannot attend excursions as staff require this information, especially if offsite.

All schools are required to have regular offsite **evacuations** as well as **invacuations**. There is an emergency plan that all sites complete each year. The school's evacuation point is the COLA area. Staff have their plan that they all work through. Student's safety is our first priority. Our offsite evacuation point is the car park at the corner of Karri Street and Maltarra Road. Onsite we have the library and the gym. Students move to the nearest to the nearest building. All rooms have the necessary information for the safety and wellbeing of all. It is an unfortunate sign of our times that these processes need to be rehearsed but our students and staff are amazing and they are done with the least amount of stress for all. There have been times when we have had to use these as requested by SAPOL.

Our **Acquaintance Night** was a lot of fun with a large number of friends and families visiting classes across the school. It was great to see so many people visiting the school.

Just a reminder that any students that are at school before **8:45am** that are not with their parent/carer, will need to wait at the front office area behind the white line. The only exception to this is students that are going to breakfast club, where they will stay until the bell goes at 8:45am.

There are no staff on yard duty until 8:45am and this is a duty of care issue.

School starts at 8:50am and finishes at 3pm. Between 9 and 11am we have around 40 interruptions. Many of these are students that are late and have missed their morning sessions. It is also disruptive to the front office which stops them from completing their tasks for the day.

Yours sincerely,

Belinda Kopania, Principal



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or yourself.
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