



Munno Para

PRIMARY SCHOOL

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"Everyone you will ever meet knows something you don't."
- Bill Nye

Hello to Everyone,

Dear Families and Carers,

Community Fair

We had a fantastic Community Fair on Saturday 2nd June on the school's COLA. We had a number of stall holders, BBQ, great music, a jumping castle, fairy floss and donuts and so much more. It was great to see some of our students selling their wares - they are young entrepreneurs in the making! The fudge was delicious, I had 3 and Mr Hunter enjoyed the jigglely slime. The Community Fair was an idea put together to try and bring all of the services in the area together. It was always going to be difficult and persistence was a must to show that we all meant business. The school has been active participants in all four Community Fairs. The initial group will be having a meeting to discuss the viability and continuity of the Community Fair.

The Munno Para Spring Fair is organised entirely with the school. The next Spring Fair will be **21st October**. It will be great to see as many people as possible there to support our school community.

Nature Garden

The school has started on a Nature Garden outside of the Science Room. It is in the area along the back of A Block and around to M Block. We would like this area to be an investigation area and not just tree stumps concreted into the ground. It will slowly take shape over time as this is being funded through fundraising and the school. As you are aware, the school has received no additional funding for refurbishment or STEM Works. We are also looking at doing up the asphalt area along the front of the school. There are some great ideas but we just for someone to come out and talk to us and to draw up plans, will cost us over \$6500. If anyone knows anyone who works in this area and could help out in some small way, please direct them to me in the front office. We are obtaining costs for individual sections and doing what we can at school to keep costs down as Nature Play areas are expensive.

Reconciliation Week

Next week we are celebrating Reconciliation Week and we have Scott Rathman coming out with his family to work with our students. The students love working with Scott and it is a great day for all. National Reconciliation Week is a time for all Australians to learn about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and histories and to share that knowledge. It is also a time to reflect on the achievements made so far and what can still be done to achieve reconciliation. This year's Reconciliation Week theme is 'Don't Keep History a Mystery-Learn*Share*Grow.* There will be an assembly and our ATSI children will present their video and Acknowledgement to Country.



Aboriginal STEM Conference

We were lucky enough to have 2 students attend the Aboriginal STEM Conference with Mrs Boberic. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander groups have been doing STEM for thousands of years and have a wealth of knowledge to share. It was a fantastic 2 day conference.
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Diary Dates

Monday 11th June
Queen's Birthday
Public Holiday

Tuesday 19th June
Governing Council meeting

Monday 25th June ☆
Canteen Special Lunch Day

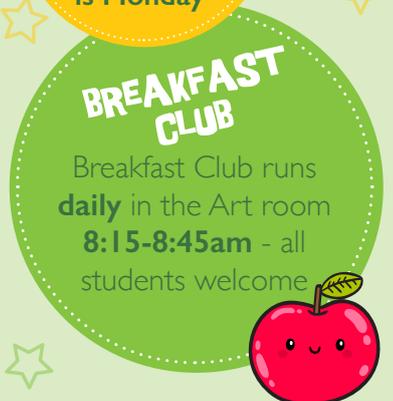
Friday 29th June ☆
School Photo Day

Friday 6th July
Last day of Term 2
Early dismissal - 2pm

8th - 15th July
NAIDOC Week

Monday 23rd July
PUPIL FREE DAY

Tuesday 24th July
School resumes - Term 3



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Principal's Message (continued)

Date Correction

The last newsletter had the incorrect date for the first day back at school. Terms 2, 3 and 4 always have the first Monday as Pupil Free Day. This day is used for whole site training and planning for the term. **The last day of Term 2 is Friday 6th July with a 2pm dismissal. The first day back at school is Tuesday 24th July.**

Future changes to Year 7

There has been talk for many years of the Year 7 students moving to high school. South Australia is the only state in Australia where Year 7 students are still in the primary school. This does make it quite difficult with curriculum planning as there are some subjects that cross over from Year 7 to 8. Teachers have been feeling this pain for a long time. By all reports, 2023 should see all Year 7 students in SA in high school. This is also around the same time that a new B-12 school will be opening in the northern area. Land is still being looked at with a strong indication for the area around Stebonheath Road, closer to Angle Vale. As we receive more information we will pass this on to our community.



School Information Booklet

The school is currently updating its' Information Booklet and will send a copy home for each family. It will have relevant, key information on whole school policies and procedures.

Class Dojo

Class Dojo is a great tool for families to keep in touch with class teachers and to pass on messages. Teachers however, are not available 24/7 to answer messages or to follow up concerns. Teachers have families and commitments outside of school and as much as they will support their students and families, they are entitled to their personal time..



School arrival time - 8:45am

Just a quick reminder that students should not be at school before 8:45am. If they need to be, they should be booked in at OSHC or alternatively they can go to the Breakfast Club which is open from 8:15am. Yard duty does not start until that time. There are some students arriving well before this time and causing mischief in the mornings, including playing chicken with cars and using inappropriate language. Leadership will be monitoring this and may need to put in mandatory reports for children who have been left unattended. Student safety is a priority for all.

Student Reports

This year we have made some changes with our student reports. Teachers spend a huge amount of time putting the reports together. After discussing this further, teachers were concerned that some of the language used was not family friendly and believe that interviews with families to discuss reports will bring greater clarity and an opportunity to ask questions. Reports will therefore be condensed and coupled with the opportunity for interviews to provide more information. Interviews will be early in Term 3 with more information to come from class teachers. Students that are not functioning at their year level in specialist classes will have the opportunity to discuss this with specialist teachers if required.



Year 1 Teachers - Phonics assessment training

Our Year 1 teachers will be involved in the Phonics assessment training. All Year 1 students in government schools will be assessed and the data collated and used for future planning and preparation. We will share more information when it becomes available.

Canteen Special Lunch Day Monday 25th June

The canteen is having its' special lunch day on June 25th with a FIFA World Cup theme. Notes have been sent home and spare order forms can be picked up from the canteen or front office. No late orders will be accepted after the cut off date due to the ordering of items and organisation necessary. There is a colouring in competition for all students who order with the chance to win a lunch combo. Come on Socceroos!



Principal's Message (continued)

Visitor register

The front office has established a system for all visitors to the school. All visitors must register at the front office so that we are aware of who is onsite and where. Family members who are just dropping off lunches, come to the office and collect a yellow badge, drop off the lunches then come to the office to return the badge and we open the gates. Visitors who are here longer, maybe listening to reading or helping in the library or canteen, come to the office and sign in, collect the orange badge and proceed to where you need to go. When finished, come to the office to sign out and drop off the badge and the gate is opened.

Gate

When waiting for the gate to open, it will only need to be pressed once. The buzzer is heard in the office, it just may be that people are on the phone or not at the front desk to open the gate. Pressing 2/3 times will not get it opened any quicker. A Dojo and Facebook message has gone out in regards to adults arriving at school early and pressing the buzzer to come in, or coming in when someone else has entered or is leaving. This is not appropriate and adults need to be waiting as it causes disruptions to classes when there are adults at windows and doors when classes are still working.

Governing Council

We still have positions available on the Governing Council for interested people. Governing Council is an opportunity to understand how and why the school operates as it does. If you have great ideas and passion for the school, Governing Council is the place to be.

The next Governing Council meeting is 19th June 3:30-5pm in the library. Please see Leadership or Governing Council members for further information.

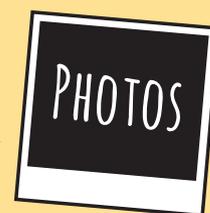


NDIS Support

At MPPS we have a number of students who are NDIS-supported. It is fantastic that our young people are receiving additional support. All Department for Education workers have a duty of care and supervision of children and young people during the provision of support from a non-department provider is critical. All children and young people should be supervised and in line of sight of department personnel at all times. With our increasing numbers and complexities across the school, all of our previous spare rooms are used either for learning areas or classrooms. The only room that we can ensure line of sight and not cause disruption to learning programs across the school, is the front office meeting room. This means that leadership then cannot use the room for important meetings they have during the day. A 'Record of decision making process regarding provision of service to children and young people by non-DECD service providers in DECD preschools, schools and education programs' states if after completion of this document does not meet the criteria, the site leader may not give permission to allow external services to provide support to students at the school or preschool. However, the school is always happy to meet with outside services to share information, plan student goals or to update NEPs. Any further clarification please contact Pauline Huckstepp.

School Photo Day

This year the school photos will be **Friday 29th June, Week 9**. Named individual envelopes have been sent home recently. If your child/ren does not bring an envelope home, please see the front office who will issue you with a replacement. Family photos will be available on a separate envelope which you can collect from the front office. Please Note: Please put correct money into the envelopes and return to school on the day of the photos. The front office does not have any responsibility for the collection of the envelopes. If you need change on the day please see the photographers.



QKR app

Did you know that school fees, uniforms and excursions can also be paid for through the QKR system as well as Canteen lunches. Have you tried it yet? Why not have a try yourself? Download the App and register your family today. You will love the convenience of QKR for all your school payments.



School Uniform

A reminder that school uniform must be worn by all students every day. It gives the students a sense of pride and belonging and reflects our school values.

School Parking

Please remember to take care when parking around the school grounds. Parents have raised complaints about parking fines they have received. At all times obey the speed restrictions and parking areas and be alert for students exiting the school. Please help us to keep our students safe at all times.

Principal's Message (continued)

Medication in Schools DECD Policy

Medication should not be accepted by staff without a Medication Authority. The instructions must match those on the pharmacy label of the container. Students with medical needs must provide the school with an appropriate Care Plan (ie Asthma Care Plan) Medication Authority Medication in the box it was dispensed in with the pharmacy label affixed. There are no exceptions. It is the parents responsibility to provide the above to the school. DECD forms are available from the front office and the schools website. Taking your child to the doctors in this winter season is a great opportunity to update plans. You don't have to wait for them to expire before getting another. Please ensure the doctor issues a Health Plan and a Medication Authority to be compliant. **MEDICATION CANNOT BE KEPT IN THE CLASSROOM, STUDENTS POCKETS OR BAGS.**



School Banking Day

School Banking Day is Mondays. School Banking is off to a great start with an amazing amount of students banking. We have some great rewards on offer this term. Once you have collected 10 tokens, you can choose between sparkle glitter pens or a glow light. Before sending your child/ren's deposit books to school, please ensure that you have filled in the deposit slip as this is very time consuming for the Volunteer Banking Co-ordinator. Please note that we cannot check bank balances or keep track on balances in the bank book. If you required this information, please contact your local Commonwealth Bank.



From the Finance Office

Material & Service Fees: The M&S Fees for 2018 ARE NOW OVERDUE. If you think you may qualify for the School Card, please fill in the application form and send back to the Admin Office ASAP or you can now apply online. REMEMBER: School Card Applications must be lodged every year and at every school your children attends or you will not qualify and will be liable for the M&S Fees. Please note debt recovery proceedings will commence at the end of Term 2 2018.

National Simultaneous Storytime

Our school participated in Australian Library and Information Association in a fun activity for National Simultaneous Storytime 2018. Many of our classes read 'The Cow Tripped Over the Moon' at 11am on Wednesday the 23rd on May. Story Box Library provided an online video story for the Year 3-7's and picture books for the Reception to Year 2 classes. This story is read at the same time in many places around the country with the aim to promote the value of reading and literacy.



Long weekend

Monday 11th June is a Public Holiday and the school and OSHC will be closed.

Wishing you all a great weekend.

Kind regards,

Belinda Kopania
Principal

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