



# Munno Para

## PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Respect, Responsibility, Success*

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*"If you have good thoughts they will shine out of your face like sunbeams and you will always look lovely."*  
- Roald Dahl

### Hello to Everyone,

Dear Families and Carers,

We are now in Week 6 of the last term of school, and we are all extremely busy across the school. There are a number of excursions occurring with classes going to camp, movies, Flip Out and Little Rockets. This is an exciting time for all with the culmination of the year's work celebrated throughout the school. All excursions require a risk assessment which includes student's behaviour. Students participate in offsite excursions when their behaviour at school does not pose a risk. Behaviours of concern are: not following instructions, running off and violence. All excursions have very strict teacher/student ratios and when staff need to focus on students with non-compliant behaviours, other students are at risk. This is all done in a consultative manner with conversations between the school and families.



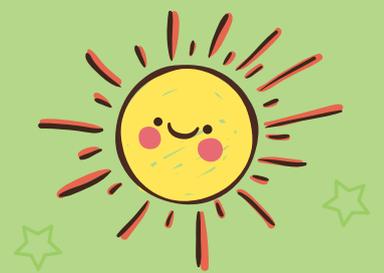
Thank you to the families who have put in their **2019 class requests** which were due last week. We will look at these along with other considerations when planning our 2019 classes. Our decisions are based on educational and social needs of students. We do not consider any requests based on teacher preference. Please be aware that we cannot guarantee class requests. Classes are not guaranteed until after our day 6 census in Term 1 2019. We do not know how many students we will have coming in or leaving. Our budgets are established on the number of children that we have on census day. Students will receive a slip in their reports for their proposed 2019 class placement.

There are some schools with **waiting lists** for families to enrol at their school. There is no guarantee, and often no likelihood that there will be a place for them. If you know of anyone in such a position, please direct them to us and they can fill in an 'Expression of Interest' form and provide proof of address and the child's blue book/birth extract/birth certificate. We can then begin the enrolment process. Families who live in our immediate area are our first priority.

Munno Para Primary School was very fortunate to be selected in a trial for **Brightpath**. The Brightpath Teacher's Ruler comprise calibrated exemplars and performance indicators. Teachers compare their students writing samples against the calibrated exemplars and have descriptors for teachers to use as teaching points. Not all schools have been involved in the trial. It has been a great tool for teachers to discuss where students are at with their writing and what they need to do to move forward. It has been a great tool for staff to work within their teams with the collaboration and assessment of student's writing.



We have been very fortunate in that we have 7 students whose writing sample will be used as exemplars in 2019.



### Diary Dates

See page 4 of this newsletter for a full list of dates and events for the rest of 2018

**REMINDER:**

**Friday 14th  
December**

**Last day of Term 4  
EARLY DISMISSAL  
2pm**

**BREAKFAST  
CLUB**

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



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## Reception 2019

The 2019 Reception children have started the **orientation visits** to primary school. Our Reception teachers and the 2 local kindys have worked together to make this as smooth as possible for all. We value the work that has been established for the continuity of learning for all of the young people coming to 'big school' next year.



## Congratulations!

On Tuesday 20th November I attended the **Peachey Partnership Year 7 Graduation for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students**. It was great to see so many young people graduating and moving onto secondary education. We had 2 wonderful students graduate, Aleah Poole and Kylan Axelby. We wish them the very best with their learning and future endeavours.

## Canteen

The **canteen** has their special lunch on the Thursday of Week 9, 13th December. Notes have been sent out and are available in the Front Office. These will be the only items available in the canteen on that day. The canteen will be closed all of Week 9 as stocktake and cleaning is done in this week in preparation for the following year.

## School Concert

Our **school concert** will be on **Wednesday 12th December 12-2:30pm**. The students are getting very excited about their concert items which will be held in the gym. Students will have a rehearsal in the morning and their performance in the afternoon. Students will be in their classes and will come over in the year level teams and return after their performances. This is so that families can pick up their child/ren from the classroom without any disruption to the concert.



## Transition to high school

The Year 7 students will be attending their **transition days to high school** this term. Each high school has different days, times and events. It is important for families to watch out for notices. This is an opportunity for students to find out about timetables, processes and where everything is. They will meet their home group teacher and other staff. This can be a very anxious time for young people and they may need some extra time to talk to someone to help with this. Kids Help Line is a great place to start 1800 551 800.



## End of year reports and last day early dismissal

**End of year reports** will go home on **Thursday 13th December** and **school will finish on Friday 14th December at 2pm**.

**School will resume back for 2019 on Tuesday 29th January**. Class lists will be up in the windows of D Block, which will be current at that time but may change. 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 yet to be confirmed, although it is unlikely they will change.



## Materials and Services Fee for 2019

The proposed **Materials and Services fee for 2019** will be \$241. Please see Clare Macdonald in the Front Office for further information and any school card information.

## Benches

Our **beautiful benches** have arrived and are located out the front office. They look terrific and a huge thank you to the fundraising group. Students and families can use these before school, families can use them when waiting for students at the end of the day and the Year 6/7 students will use it as an area to sit and chat at break times.



## Governing Council

If you are interested in joining our **Governing Council**, the AGM will be early in **Term 1 2019**. The time will be confirmed in the new year. This is an opportunity for community members to see how the school operates and to have an input in the school's direction.

### Governing Councils:

- **Set Broad Direction** (In conjunction with the site leader)

The Governing Council identifies and incorporates, where possible, student, parent and community input and values into the broad direction of the school. The principal or director brings the staff perspective to these undertakings. The broad direction may include a future vision, a statement of purpose and a set of values that clearly focus on improving student learning.

- **Develop Broad Directional Policy**

The Governing Council develops broad policy statements that facilitate the achievement of the school vision and broad direction.

- **Initiate and Approve Recommendations and Strategies**

All recommendations must conform to government policy, industrial agreements, DECD policy and direction and site decision making structures.



## Being a positive role model

**Be a positive role model** by demonstrating respectful and responsible behaviours when communicating with and about your child's school online.

A few years ago parents discussed concerns or issues with friends at the school gate. Today, with the internet, mobile phones and social media, discussions between you and your friends can reach a far wider audience than ever before. Social media can provide an enjoyable way to socialise online and keep you connected with what is going on in your school community. While these technologies can be great for sharing ideas and keeping in touch, don't forget that comments about your school community can have greater impact than expected and can have very real consequences. Schools are not in a position to make comment or to respond to often inappropriate or misleading comments that can be made when someone is not happy. Social media platforms can be used by people anonymously or with fake profiles, with little in the way of verification. Bullies on the Internet do not have to use their real names or pictures online. Instead, they use screen names and avatars providing anonymity from who they are and hence their no way of verifying the authenticity of their comments.

As a parent and carer, you are your child's first role model when it comes to online behaviour. Make sure your online conduct demonstrates how they can use social media respectfully and safely. There are also legal implications around what people are able to post and share about others. The idea of privacy in the online world can be confusing but essentially posting or sharing personal information about another person online requires consent.



Kind regards,

**Belinda Kopania, Principal**

## Dates and events for the rest of 2018

**Monday 26th November** One of the Premier's Reading Challenge ambassadors, Rebecca Morse will be meeting with some of the PRC champions.

**Thursday 29th November** Possible industrial action. More information will be made available once known. If the action does continue, the school will work with the Education Director to determine whether adequate standards of child/student safety and welfare can be provided. This may mean a modified program on that day or a school closure, depending on the number of AEU members not present at school.

**Thursday 29th November** Kick Start for Kids Breakfast. Selected students have the relevant information for this. Kick Start support over 500 schools with breakfasts for students in need. Mr Hunter will have further information for families involved. 

**Friday 30th November** Flip Out for A2, A3 and A4. All classes have received information and cut-off date for payment is **Friday 23rd November**.

**Saturday 1st December** Community Fair held in the COLA 9-12pm. A huge array of gifts and activities will be on throughout the Market with a great opportunity to do some Christmas Shopping.

**Monday 3rd December** Students at Bright Path Exhibition at Flinders Street Adelaide.

**Monday 3rd to Wednesday 5th December** Year 6/7 camp. Information has been sent out by classes. 

**Thursday 6th December** M1 and M5 Salisbury Cinemas. Cut-off date for payment is **29th November**.

**Friday 7th December** Inflatable World for K Block. Cut-off date for payment is **5th December**.

**Tuesday 11th December** Year 7 Graduation 6-8:30pm. Class teachers have sent out all information.

**Wednesday 12th December** School concert. 

**Thursday 13th December** M2,3,4 Little Rockets. Payment is due by **10th December**. 

**Thursday 13th December** School reports go out.

**Friday 14th December** Last day of Term 4 - **2pm dismissal**.

