



Munno Para PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER
Term 3, Week 4 2022

"Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn."
- Benjamin Franklin

Principal's Message

Dear families,

Student Free Day

On Monday 25 June, all staff participated in professional development, targeted at and relevant to their roles in the school.

Ryan Hunter and Jemma Lorenz presented the 'Effective Classroom Management Program' to our SSOs. Feedback was very positive as staff were appreciative of the opportunity to ask questions about their roles in the classroom and be provided with clear answers that clarified any queries, particularly for our new staff.

The teachers actively participated in a session run by Kate Marshall from the Literacy Guarantee Unit, about ensuring no students are left behind when it comes to learning to read. Acknowledging that for some students, learning to read is one of the most challenging skills they encounter at school. So, how do we as educators make sure that we are providing early and targeted support for those students.

The rest of the day, teachers worked in their respective teams; junior primary teachers continued to work with Kate and primary teachers worked with our Curriculum Lead, Sheree Wingard.

All of this work continues to build on and strengthen our practices in the effective teaching of reading and we are constantly referring to the Challenge of Practice in the Site Improvement Plan as our guide and measure of our progress in this space.

The Challenge of Practice is;

"If we design reading instruction that explicitly teaches all elements of reading comprehension that effective readers use across all text types, we will retain and increase the number of students achieving SEA and Higher Bands in NAPLAN reading."

Thank you once again to the staff for their continued commitment to improving and strengthening their practice, to ensure our students are receiving high level instruction and support with learning.

Interviews

It was great to see so many families taking the opportunity to have interviews with teachers. These are great opportunities to get clarity with the end of term report and to check in with your child's teacher. Interviews also give families opportunities to share information about their child and to find out more about their academic, emotional and social development at school. If you don't have any particular concerns, you might wonder whether it's worth going to parent-teacher interviews but please be mindful that attending these interviews is an important way to demonstrate to your child that you're interested in their learning and what happens to them at school. Of course, if you do have concerns, it's a chance for you to raise them with your child's teacher if you haven't done so already. Remember that you can make a time to talk with class teachers anytime you have concerns or information that you would like to pass on.

Attendance

Students arriving late and getting picked up early has an impact on their learning. There will always be emergencies and events to consider, but regular lateness does add up. We are including this table, which demonstrates this clearly. (see table on next page).

Diary Dates

Friday 19 August ☆
Friday Footy Feast
Pancake Breakfast 8:00-8:45am
Gold coin donation

Monday 29 August
Students bring Science Fair projects in to school 

29 August - 2nd September (Week 6)
Science Fair projects will be displayed in the Art Room

31 August - 5 September
Scholastic Book Fair 
3pm-4pm

Friday 2 September
Book Week Dress Up ☆

30 September
Premier's Be Active Challenge concludes
Last day of Term 3 ☆

Assembly

Week 3, 6 and 9

Bell Times

8:45am Teacher on duty in the yard
8:50am School day begins
10:50am Lunch play
11:20am End lunch play
1:00pm Recess play
1:20pm End recess play ☆
3pm Home time ☆



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Principal's Message (continued)

When your child misses just...	That equals...	Which is...	And therefore from Kindy to Year 12, that is...
10 minutes a day	50 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 1 and ½ weeks per year	Nearly half a school year
20 minutes a day	100 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 3 weeks per year	Nearly a year of school
30 minutes a day	150 minutes (half a day) of learning each week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 and ½ years of learning
60 minutes a day	A whole day of learning each week	8 weeks per year or nearly a full term a year	Over 2 ½ years of learning

OSHC

During the holidays and week one this term, the OSHC building received a much needed makeover. Thank you for your flexibility and understanding whilst this work was undertaken and thank you to Happy Haven for providing alternative vacation care locations during the holidays. The end result looks fantastic.

Uniforms

May I please remind everyone that students are expected to follow the school's dress code policy. It is really important that when students attend school, they can be identified as Munno Para PS school students. I have attached the most up to date policy for your information.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

If you have any queries or questions, please speak with your child's teacher in the first instance.

M Block Works

You have all no doubt noticed the significant construction works happening around M Block, since the end of last term. This work has been a long time coming. I apologise for any inconvenience this has caused during drop-off and pick-up. The expected timeline of completion is the end of this term, provided all goes to plan.

Once the outside work is completed, we will proceed with the makeover of the interior.

PAT testing and Phonics Screen Check

This term, students in Years 1 – 6, will again participate in the Progressive Achievement Testing (PAT) in Reading and Numeracy. The PAT tests provide schools with data about their students learning in the areas of reading (particularly comprehension) and numeracy. PAT testing occurs every year, and so provides schools with an opportunity to measure student growth, by comparing the most recent data with the data from the year before. We then use the same data to set growth targets for all students. We also spend time analysing the data to identify any patterns that may emerge and use that information to inform our planning, teaching and improvement agenda.

The phonics screen check is a Department wide test for all students in year 1. It is a short, simple assessment that tells teachers how students are progressing in phonics. It takes only 5–7 minutes and is carried out by classroom teachers with each student individually. Teachers then analyse the results and, if necessary, plan for any additional support that students might require. Given that the explicit teaching of phonics has been an improvement priority in the junior primary at Munno Para PS for the past two years, I am really excited to see how the students go in the assessment.

Aaron McPherson

Principal

Early Departures

As of Week 4, all students leaving before 3pm will need to be collected from their classroom by a parent/guardian with an early departure slip. Please ensure that you sign your child out from the front office and collect an early departure slip before going to the classroom. Thanks in advance.

The Administration Team

Physical Education

Well done to our students for a fantastic SAPSASA Basketball Carnival at the end of last term. We had girls and boys from our Year 4/5/6 classes compete. We won a few games and lost a couple but the students represented our school in a positive and respectful manner and had a fantastic day.

On Monday last week we had Auskick start for the term. We had a fantastic turn out of students with their parents! Students started learning how to kick, handpass and had a chance to practice their bumping. We are all looking forward to the sessions during the rest of the term.

Don't forget Premier's Be Active Challenge has started. Keep ticking off all the exercise that you do during the next few weeks. When the challenge has finished, please return your forms to your teacher or the front office.





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SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY (amended Feb 2022)

Wearing of the Munno Para Primary School uniform is compulsory for all students in Reception through to Year 6. School uniform is important because:

- we know immediately if there are strangers on campus
- 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

By attending this school, students are agreeing to wear school uniform, and parents are agreeing to ensure that their students have access to the school uniform.

SCHOOL SHOES For health and safety reasons students are required to wear sneakers, sport shoes or closed in shoes at all times.

HATS At MPPS we value sun safe practices. 'No hat no play' policy is enforced all year. Students are required to wear a Munno Para Primary School hat when:

- They are playing outside
- They participate in any outside lessons
- They are on excursions which are held outdoors

Students without a hat or who choose not to wear a hat will be directed by our staff to move into a shaded area. **Hats are not to be worn inside any of our school buildings.**

JEWELLERY Whilst many students wear jewellery outside of school, many types of jewellery can pose a safety hazard within the day to day school activities.

Jewellery that is permitted include:

- Small sleeper earrings, although we recommend studs as an alternative as little fingers can get caught in sleepers resulting in earlobes being torn
- Small stud earrings
- A watch

All other jewellery is not to be worn at school. Students who do so will be asked to remove it and place it in their school bags. Some students may have significant religious, cultural or medical requirements where it is important to wear certain items. If this applies to you please arrange a time to discuss this with one of the leadership team members.

HAIR that is below the collar needs to be tied back. This can assist in the prevention of and transmission of head lice. It is also a safety issue with students involved in physical activities throughout the day.

MAKE UP is not permitted, students wearing make-up will be asked to remove it. No coloured nail polish is permitted

PROCESS FOR STUDENTS NOT WEARING SCHOOL UNIFORM

1. Reminder (in class)
2. Incorrect Uniform notice sent home (in class)
3. Student spoken to by leadership in office and phone call will be made home regarding the correct uniform being brought to school (leadership – Students not allowed to play on oval)

*** Students who do not regularly wear school uniform will not be considered for off-site excursions.**

RECEPTION TO YEAR 6

- Green and yellow collared shirts with the Munno Para Primary School Logo
- The only acceptable alternative is plain bottle green collared shirts
- Plain black shorts, skirts or shorts (mid-length or longer) or plain long black pants (no stripes or patterns)
- No denim





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- Green and white gingham summer dress, mid-length or longer
- Plain bottle green or black long sleeved top to be worn *under* school T shirt
- Green and Yellow Munno Para School Jacket or plain bottle green jacket
- Shoes: enclosed shoes such as sneakers / joggers / flat, closed in sandals
- Hat: Munno Para Primary School bucket / wide brimmed hat, plain black or green hat – no caps or logos

Year 6 only in addition to the items above

- Year 6 seniors collared shirt.

Examples:



The following information is from DFE 'School Uniform Procedures'.

4.1 Legislation

Pursuant to Regulation 86 of the *Education Regulations 2012* the school council of a school may—

- (a) In accordance with any administrative instructions issued by the Minister as described above; and
- (b) After consulting with parents and students of the school in accordance with any administrative instructions issued by the Minister as described above and having regard to their views, may determine a dress code for the school.

4.2 School Dress Code

A school dress code is the documented standards of what is acceptable in relation to the clothing worn by students at the school.

A school dress code can be applied to all students of the school or a specific section of the student body, and can include a range of clothing for students, which can be in form of a school uniform, colour code or mix and match clothing.

4.9 Enforcement and Non-Compliance

The head teacher will enforce the dress code of the school and may take appropriate disciplinary action in relation to wilful and persistent breach of that dress code.

Policy ratified by staff.
Endorsed by Governing Council
Date: Feb 2022
Review date: October 2022



STEM Competition

Congratulations to Daniella Chuckwulobe 2022 STEM Reading and Design Challenge Competition - Runner up to the best individual entry in the R-2 category.

Daniella created a picture of the South Australian Spotted Marsh Frog after reading Steve Parish's book about "Frogs", during Science lessons. Well done!



National Science Week

Worming Around

All students at Munno Para Primary School will participate in setting up and managing worm farms at our school.

It will provide the kids with an understanding to the connection between living things and the value of the role that all living things have (even the crawly and slimy ones).

Students will look beneath the ground's surface and discover what is happening below.

During Science lessons students will appreciate an earthworms ability to recycle our waste and transform it into a natural fertiliser. The worm farms will become part of our garden projects to help maintain and support a variety of gardens in our school.

With students and the support of our community, building a worm farm will contribute to diverting organic waste from landfill and into a worm farm. It will be great for the school gardens and for our planet. Worms can turn garden waste into rich fertiliser.

national science week

Worming Around

- Monday 15 Aug - Friday 19 Aug
- 12:00pm - 12:00pm (ACST)
- Munno Para Primary School
Maltarra Road, Munno Para SA 5115, Australia



How will you science this National Science Week?



national science week
13-21 AUGUST 2022
scienceweek.net.au #scienceweek



2022 Science Fair



As part of our participation during National Science Week all students are welcome to participate in Munno Para's Science Fair

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Categories for projects include ;

1. Models
2. Experiments
3. Posters

The emphasis is on enjoying and learning about Science.

Bring your project to school on Monday, Week 6.

Meet Mrs Daff in A Block with your project.

All projects will go on display during week 6 in the Art Room.

They will need to have clear labels with student's name and room number.

Students need to work on their projects at home.

If you have any questions or concerns please come and see me in A1, the Science Room.

Regards Mrs Daff

Scholastic Book Fair

Dear parents and families,

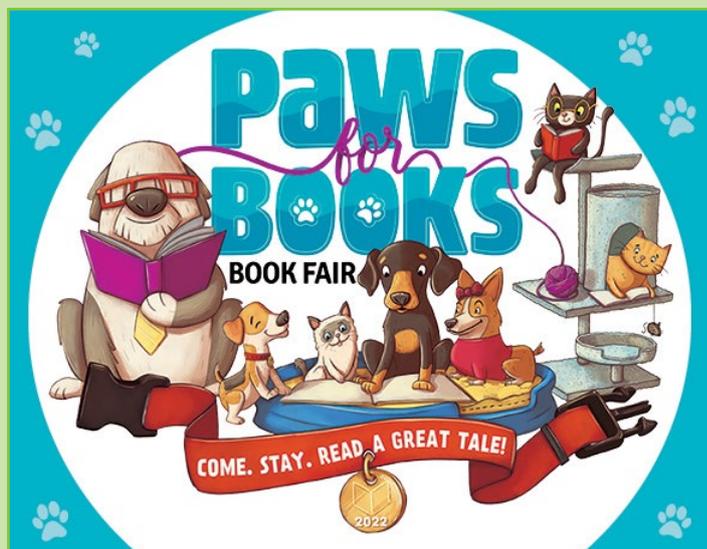
Our school is hosting a Scholastic Book Fair on 31/8 to 5/9 at 3pm-4pm.

You and your child will have the opportunity to explore a huge range of affordable books featuring characters and subjects kids love and want to read about. From newly released books and best sellers to award-winning titles and perennial favourites.

This is also a great way for you to learn about, and discuss your child's interests and every book sold benefits our school, adding resources to our library and classrooms.

Scholastic Book Fairs help us show students the wonder of reading. After all, when kids choose their own books, they will be more excited to read, and they will naturally read more!

SCHOLASTIC  Book Fairs



Friday Footy

Feast

Friday 19th of August

8:00am-8:45am

In front of the library

For the whole family!!



Pancake Breakfast!



Wear your favourite
teams' colour.

Gold Coin Donation going towards
lunch time activities.

Book Week Dress Up

Friday September 2nd

