



Munno Para PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER
Term 3, Week 3 2023

"Anyone who has never made a mistake
has never tried anything new."
- Albert Einstein

Principal's Message

Student free day

On Monday 24 July, all staff participated in our pupil free day, which focused on 'Wellbeing through Nurture' and the potential establishment of nurture groups at Munno Para Primary School.



NURTURE: to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something, especially young children or plants, and help him, her, or it to develop.

Nurture groups are in-school, teacher-led psychosocial interventions focused on supporting the social, emotional and behavioural difficulties (SEBD) of children and young people. They are founded on evidence-based practices and offer a short-term, inclusive, targeted intervention that works in the long term.

The staff engaged in professional readings, a presentation from a paediatric nurse, who specialises in mental health and wellbeing and rigorous discussion and questioning around the benefits, challenges and potential outcomes for our students if we were to engage in such a model.

We were able to link it to work we have already been engaging in with regards to the positive behaviour for learning project and the self-regulation project.

The staff at Munno Para Primary School are absolutely committed to supporting our students social and emotional needs as well as their academic needs and the nurture group model has had some outstanding results already in our trial class, which is why we are exploring it further.

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.


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.

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Diary Dates

TERM 3:

Monday 14 August
Governing Council 


Monday 28 August
Book Week Performance Whole School

**Tuesday 29 August –
Monday 4 September**
Book Fair 3pm – 4pm 

Friday 1 September
Book Week Dress Up Parade
9:10am


Monday 11 September
Governing Council

Friday 29 September
Colour Explosion

Friday 29 September
Last day of Term 3 
Early dismissal 2pm

TERM 4:



Monday 16 October
Pupil Free Day

Tuesday 17 October
First day of Term 4 

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)

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.

Aaron McPherson
Principal

1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem much but...

If your child misses...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling that's...
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

How about 10 minutes late a day? Surely that won't affect my child?

Only missing just..	That equals..	Which is...	Over 13 years of schooling that's...
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1 ½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ a year
20 minutes per day	1hour 40minutes per week	Over 2 ½ weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
30 minutes per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years

Every Day Counts - If you want your child to be successful at school then YES, attendance does matter!



World Principals' Day

Friday the 4th August was World Principals' Day. M1 presented Mr McPherson with a giant medal, a card and a box of chocolates. We are lucky to have such a great Principal!



Physical Education

Well done to our students for a fantastic Basketball SAPSASA Carnival at the end of last term. We had girls and boys from our Year 5/6 classes compete. The girls put in a great effort against some tough competition. They tried their hardest and persisted for the whole day. The boys did a fantastic job winning most of their games, showing great team work and only losing in their final game.



It has been great to see the most students yet, sign up for the lunch time basketball competition from D and K block. This is a great chance for students to play a game in a more competitive scenario and to show off their basketball and teamwork skills. Keep up the great work those students in the lunch time competition.

It has been great to see the students getting active around the school for Premier's Be Active Challenge. I've been popping up around the school at lunch time with different sports equipment for students to get their extra minutes in. Keep filling in the forms up to the 28th of August and get them back to your teachers before the 1st of September to get your medal for completing the challenge.

Swimming

In Week 1, M3, M4, M5, M6 and M7 attended lessons at Starplex to learn about water safety and to build their confidence in the pool. The students used life jackets to jump into the deep end, different flotation devices, learned how to safely save someone and worked on putting their faces in the water. More confident students were able to practice diving under water to collect objects and had some 1:1 support to work on their swimming style. The children were amazing on the bus and at the pool.





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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 2023



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Book Week Dress Up 2023 Read, Grow, Inspire

Dress up Parade time: 9:10am



Friday September 1st



BOOK WEEK IN SCHOOLS 2023

LIVE!

In partnership with The Children's Book Council of Australia, visiting schools **LIVE** nation-wide for CBCA Book Week 2023!



perform!
EDUCATION

CBCA Book Week 2023 Overview

Henry and Marley have been friends since they met at kindergarten, a long time ago now. They've been on adventures, shared their hopes and dreams and generally always looked out for each other. But recently something has changed. Henry has started avoiding Marley at school. He's too busy for their usual catch ups on the weekend. He's started dressing differently. In fact - he's not acting like Henry at all. It turns out Henry has started thinking he's **WAY TOO COOL!** for any of that stuff. Marley must embark on an adventure to find out what has made Henry change and how, or even if, she can make things the way they used to be.

Could the answers lie in the books they used to love to share?!

WAY TOO COOL! is a new educational musical created to celebrate **CBCA Book Week 2023** and celebrate its theme (announced soon!). It is a highly interactive musical adventure that explores situations that every audience member, regardless of their age or background, will be able to relate to.

At its heart **WAY TOO COOL!** is a celebration of the way books and the **2023 CBCA Shortlist** can inspire every individual on their journey of personal growth and development. It is also a journey that leads the characters **and your students** through the twists and turns of mapping out a way to solve their differences using empathy, kindness and a strong sense of humour.

What a unique and incredible way to make books come alive! 19yrs as a teacher I have never seen anything like this! Thankyou

- Chatswood Public School, Chatswood, NSW, 2022

I love how the performance acknowledged the Country that we are on. I also love how the themes of the books were interwoven and how after one story ends the other starts! This just gives students so much inspiration to write narratives.

- Oatlands Primary School, Narre Warren North, VIC, 2022

The way the script incorporates many books is amazing and this has left my students wanting to read the books more and see what else they can find out.

- Faith Lutheran College, Tanunda, SA, 2022

Quick Information 2023

CBCA Book Week dates:
Sat 19th Aug - Sat 26th Aug 2023

Term 3 LIVE Tour Dates:
Mon 31st Jul - Fri 8th Sep 2023

Available:
NSW, VIC, QLD, SA, WA, ACT

Duration:
Junior - 40 mins + discussion time
General/Senior - 50 mins + discussion time

Suitability:
Junior version - Grades P-2
General version - Grades Mixed
Senior version - Grades 5-6

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Community Notice

Rollabellas Roller Derby League

We have a 10 week Beginners Program to learn how to play roller derby coming up at Gawler Sports and Community Centre.

Information Night:

Tuesday, 26th September 2023 - 7.45pm - 9pm

10 Week Beginners Program:

Tuesday, 10th October - Thursday, 14th December 2023

We are in the process of building our juniors team here in the North. We are a mixed gender league and we are recruiting juniors from 8 to 17 years. We also have senior skaters 18yrs+ if there happened to be any staff/parents/guardians/volunteers interested.



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- 7:45pm - 9:30pm

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Community Notices

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or your children's
education



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What can the \$500 be used for?

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|  Laptops & tablets |  Lessons & activities |
|  Uniforms & shoes |  Books & supplies |
|  Vocational education |  Camps & excursions |

To join Saver Plus, you must meet all of the below criteria:

- Be 18 years or over
- Have a child at school or attend vocational education yourself
- Have regular income from paid employment (you or your partner)
- Have a current Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card
- Be in receipt of an eligible Commonwealth social security benefit, allowance or payment*

*Many Centrelink payments are eligible

Saver Plus is an initiative of the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ, delivered in partnership with Berry Street and The Smith Family. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Social Services.

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Turrumurra Recreation Centre, 1000 Lower NE Rd 6.30 pm
Salisbury East Community Centre, 28 Smith Rd 6.30pm |
| Tuesday | Greenwith Community Centre, The Golden Way 6.30 pm |
| Wednesday | Modbury West Community Hall, Capulet Crescent 6 pm |
| Thursday | Golden Grove PS, 140 Bicentennial Dr 7 pm |

Access to all of the above Centres at no extra charge!

- Children can start at the age of 5+
- Self defence and anti-bullying program
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Fri 8 Sep 5.45pm

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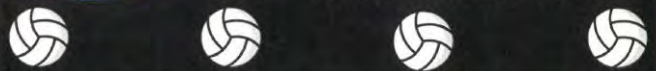


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SAPPHIRES NETBALL CLUB 2023/24 SUMMER SEASON TRIALS ARGANA PARK



REGISTRATION & UNIFORM

14th & 21st August 6:30pm-7:45pm

Under the verandah near the toilet block/club rooms

TRIAL DATES



1st trial- 28th August
2nd trial- 4th September
3rd trial- 11th September

Juniors- 6:30pm to 7:45pm	Courts
Seniors- 7:45pm to 8:45pm	9, 10, 11, 12

A \$20 deposit required at the time of registration.
Season & PlayHQ fee's apply.

Players are required to attend at least 2 of the trial dates, to be placed into a team. Please arrive 15 minutes before, to allow enough time to check-in. For any enquires, Please contact Jorden on 0432203116