



Munno Para

PRIMARY SCHOOL

Respect, Responsibility, Success

NEWSLETTER
Term 3, Week 6 2023

"If you only read the books that everyone else is reading, you can only think what everyone else is thinking."
- Haruki Murakami

Principal's Message

SSO Week

Last week we celebrated the outstanding work of our SSOs as part of SSO Week. Our SSOs contribute to all areas of the school; from office administration and ICT support to supporting students with their learning and nurturing those who sometimes just need a little TLC. SSOs are an integral part of the school community and I would like to thank the teachers and students for demonstrating their gratitude throughout the week.

Class Placements for 2024

As the term draws closer to the end, we are starting to look at and plan for 2024. Time is required for the planning and consideration for class placements. When placing students in classes for the following year, parents / carers need to be aware that due to fluctuating student numbers (particularly over the Christmas break) we are unable to guarantee class placements until our census day which is in Week 2 of Term 1 the following year. We cannot stress enough that if you have any preference, please put it in writing as once we have placed students in classes it is very difficult to make any changes. Please be aware that if you put in a request you need to state your reasons for the request and we only consider requests based on educational and social/wellbeing needs. We do not consider requests based on teacher preference. All requests should be addressed the following way:

To the Principal Class Placements Private and Confidential

All requests need to be received by Friday Week 10 of Term 3.

Reception Enrolments for 2024

We are now taking enrolments for Reception for 2023. Please come into the office to fill out an Expression of Interest form to ensure you are on our list. Principal tours can be arranged by ringing the front office and booking in a time. Information has been sent to our local pre-schools and to families who have already completed the Expression of Interest form.

Phonics Screen Check Data

Each year, students in Year 1 participate in the Department's Phonics Screen Check assessment. The data obtained from that assessment, informs schools and teachers where the students are at in terms of their development in phonics and where the teaching and intervention (if required) needs to be targeted to meet the needs of each individual student. At Munno Para PS, since 2020 we have had a particular focus as part of our Site Improvement Plan work on strengthening our teaching of phonics and phonological awareness in the Junior Primary. This year, the students have performed exceptionally well again. I would like to formally acknowledge and congratulate all our Year 1 students on an outstanding effort and to our junior primary teachers and SSOs who continue to strengthen and improve their knowledge and skills so they can give our students to best opportunities for success. Finally, thank you to our families who have supported their child's education by reading with them at home, practising their sight and tricky words and working with us as we strive for growth for every child in every class.

Uniforms

As the weather begins to warm up can I please remind all families of our school dress code expectations. It is important that all students adhere to the policy so they can be identified as students of Munno Para PS. This is particularly important when they are playing on the oval during recess and lunch.

I appreciate during the winter months it is difficult to get uniforms cleaned and dry in time and therefore some students have been wearing their 'casual' jumpers and hoodies under their school top.


It is the responsibility of everyone to ensure our children are following the policy and representing our school with pride.

If you have any concerns or need clarification with the policy, please don't hesitate to contact the school on 8254 8322.


Aaron McPherson
Principal

Diary Dates

TERM 3:

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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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 is 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



Book Week Dress Up



Book Week Performance



Community Notices

GET A REAL KICK OUT OF THE NEXT SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

WITH
LITTLE NINJAS



Are you looking for something new and exciting to include in your next school holiday timetable? Well look no further, **LITTLE NINJAS Vacation Care program** is the program your children will love!

At Next Gen we work within many schools on a daily basis, running a range of programs based on anti-bullying, stranger danger and basic self-defence. Throughout the school holidays we run a unique, fun and dynamic program inclusive to every child's needs for Vacation Care groups around the state.

We visit you with a range of fun equipment and different training aids to bring to life the Martial Art studio experience without even leaving your school grounds! We then guide the children through a fun and interactive session of games, team building exercises, safety and self-defence drills that will have them learning and laughing the whole time.

Our **LITTLE NINJAS** Vacation Care program runs at 45 minutes for each session with an accredited black belt instructor who has an extensive background working with children of all capabilities and learning entry levels. This program is a progressive course with several different modules available, which means you can include **LITTLE NINJAS** in your timetable every school holiday and still guarantee the same excitement.

The course investment is at a low \$10+GST per child, with a minimum charge of 20 children. We are currently taking bookings and invite you to join us in the excitement!!! For any further information or to place a booking, please do not hesitate to call 1300 656 065.

We look forward to kicking with you soon!



FREE Parent Workshop

Understanding reading difficulties - Why some children struggle and how to help

- Develop an understanding of reading difficulties, including dyslexia
- Develop a practical understanding of the associated characteristics and difficulties
- Explore ways to support your child

This 2 hour workshop is a great first step to gaining a better understanding of reading difficulties and practical strategies that can help your child.

Monday 20 of November, 12:30pm-2:30pm



Playford Primary School



BOOK ONLINE at:
speldsa.org.au/regional-parent-workshops

Thank you to the Department for Education for supporting this initiative.



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SCHOOL BASED

GIRLS

SOCCER CLINICS

COVE FC are pleased to announce School Based Girls Soccer Clinics to Primary and High School female students.

Working off the enormous interest in female soccer from the FIFA Women's World Cup, students will have fun, get fit and learn or improve on their football skills.

These free soccer clinics run by the Female Football Coordinator & Coach's at COVE FC, are free, fun and engaging and cater for all year levels from Year 1 up to Year 10.

In school sessions (approx 50min per session)

After school session (60min session)



Register your interest now
simon.wilson327@schools.sa.edu.au





NEW TERM PROGRAM

BOYS NETBALL

MONDAY AFTERNOONS from 3.50pm

STARTS Term 4: MONDAY 16 October, 2023

AGE GROUP: 11 – 15 YEARS
\$90 PER PLAYER (9 WEEK TERM)

Games held on Mondays with the opportunity to train as a squad

- Develop skills in team work & Quick thinking
- Leading/movements
- HIT fitness

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REGISTER ONLINE: www.starplex.com.au




SUMMER SEASON

JUNIORS NETBALL

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS from 4.30pm

SEASON STARTS: WEDNESDAY 18 October, 2023

AGE GROUP: 10 – 16 YEARS (boys can play up to U/13's)

\$64 Team Nomination Fee - SPACES LIMITED

Season held during Term 4, 2023 & Term 1, 2024

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GAWLER NETBALL SUMMER

JUNIOR GIRLS (7-17 years)
THURSDAY EVENINGS

Commencing October 2023

Club, Team, & Individual registrations welcome

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GAWLER AND DISTRICT NETBALL ASSOCIATION



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THURSDAY EVENINGS


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GAWLER AND DISTRICT NETBALL ASSOCIATION



STARplex at Trinity College

NETBALL HOLIDAY CLINIC

FRIDAY 6 & MONDAY 9 OCTOBER

9.00am - 12noon

8-12 YRS
LITTLE/JUNIOR NETTAS

1 DAY / 3 SKILLS

- ATTACK
- DEFENCE
- SHOOTING

Price:
1 Session \$45^{pp}
2 Sessions \$80^{pp}

Individual skill development
indoor courts, airconditioned,
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