



Munno Para PRIMARY SCHOOL

Respect, Responsibility, Success

NEWSLETTER

Term 1, Week 4 2024

*"Develop a passion for learning.
If you do, you will never cease to grow."*
- Anthony J. D'Angelo

Principal's Message

Dear MPPS Community,

This is our first newsletter for 2024. Welcome to our new students and families, particularly those who are experiencing school for the first time. Our new Reception cohort (3 classes) have transitioned remarkably well and they are thriving in their new learning environments.

Welcome to New Teaching Staff

K4 – Clara Booth (Year 3/4)

K6 – Tracey Purdy (Year 3/4)

D2 – Corrina Du (Year 4/5)

D3 – Aasif Ali (Year 5/6)

K7 – Chloe Matz and Matthew Taylor

Health – Meagan Devlin



Site Improvement Plan

Staff have worked collaboratively this year in the development of our 2024 Site Improvement Plan. Our primary goal is to continue embedding and refining our already exemplary practice in the Literacy space.

Paired with this, will be a focus on Numeracy, beginning with exploring the dispositions of our students and staff. From there, we will continue to develop the knowledge, skills, behaviours and dispositions that students need to use mathematics in a wide range of situations. This involves them recognising and understanding the role of mathematics in the world and having the dispositions and capacities to use mathematical knowledge and skills purposefully.

Our two improvement goals are therefore;

Goal 1: Retain and increase the number of students achieving proficiency levels of Strong and Exceeding in NAPLAN Reading

Goal 2: Increase the number of students achieving proficiency levels of Strong and Exceeding in NAPLAN Numeracy

Although we do have NAPLAN attainment as a measure of our wider improvement goals, a key point I would like to highlight is that our real passion lies with ensuring that ALL students make at least 12 months growth in learning for every school year. Through regular tracking and monitoring, teachers are able to identify where each student is at on their learning journey and what their next steps to success are.

External School Review

As part of our continuous school improvement process, we will be involved in an external school review with a Department for Education review team in Week 4 of Term 1. The purpose of external school reviews is to support us to raise achievement, sustain high performance and provide quality assurance to build confidence in public schools.

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Diary Dates

TERM 1:

Monday 26th February – AGM & Governing Council Meeting 3:30pm

Tuesday 27th February – NAPLAN practise test 9am-10am

Friday 8th March – Assembly 2:10pm

Monday 11th March – Public Holiday Adelaide Cup

Wednesday 13th March – NAPLAN starts

Monday 18th March – Pupil Free Day

Monday 25th March – NAPLAN ends

Monday 25th March – Governing Council Meeting 3:30pm

Friday 29th March – Public Holiday Good Friday

Monday 1st April – Public Holiday Easter Monday

Tuesday 2nd April - Friday 5th April – Swimming Week R-5

Tuesday 9th April – Aquatics Year 6 students

Wednesday 10th April – Mini Sports Day

Friday 12th April – Sports Day

Friday 12th April – Last Day of Term 1. Early Dismissal 2pm

TERM 2:

Monday 29th April – First day of Term 2

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)

During the external school review, some students, parents, Governing Council members and staff will be asked to provide information to the review team in a number of ways. These include:

- Group discussions (with students or staff or parents)
- Meetings (Governing Council, staff meeting)
- Visits into classrooms

We appreciate everyone's support and time in helping us with this external school review process.

Newsletters

These will go out via Dojo in Weeks 3, 6 and 9.

Assemblies

Assemblies are held in the gymnasium from 2:10pm on Fridays of Weeks 3, 6 and 9. Class teachers will message families when their class is hosting and invite you to attend and support your child/ren.

Before School

The school yard is not supervised until 8:45am and no-one should be onsite until that time. The gates open just prior to this. Students can go straight to their class and wait for the bell, when the classrooms will be opened by the teacher. Playgrounds are out of bounds for everyone before school.

After School

School finishes at 3pm. Students should be picked up promptly at that time. At 3:15pm when yard duty finishes, any students still at school will be brought to the office and the parent/carer will be contacted.

Late arrivals and Early Pick Ups

A friendly reminder that late arrivals are required to sign in at the front office (from 9am). Please remind students when they come in late to go directly to the front office to obtain a late slip.

When picking your child/ren up early, the parent/carer needs to come to the front office, sign out their child/ren and take the sign out slip to class and give it to the classroom teacher.

Governing Council

Governance in schools and preschools is the responsibility of the Governing Council whose role is directed by the constitution and code of practice. In this model of governance:

- The cooperative role of Governing Council and school staff is emphasised
- Management and governance are clearly separated
- The focus is on improving student learning outcomes
- The broad directions are set and monitored by the Governing Council
- The site leader and staff are responsible for reporting
- Joint areas of accountability are minimised
- Governing Council meetings are held twice a term

The Governing Council AGM will be held on **Monday 26 February at 3:30pm in the Library**. Our first meeting for 2024 will follow immediately after at 4pm.

All are welcome to attend and encouraged to join.

Andrew Castenetto
Principal



Materials & Services 2024

Invoices for M&S 2024 were sent home with your child in Week 3. As per Government subsidies your school fees for 2024 are only \$169.00 per student. Fees can be paid by the following

- QKR
- Direct payment to the schools bank account: BSB: 065189 Account No: 10105406
- In person or by phone

Materials & Services fees and School Card applications must be completed by the end of Term 1, 12/4/2024.

If you would like to make a payment plan please speak to the front office staff as soon as possible.



School Card – Apply Online

Low-income families who attend government schools can get financial help with school fees (Materials and Services charge) through the School Card scheme.

Who Can Apply?

School Card is available to:

- Families with children aged four years and over who attend school full-time
- Independent full-time students studying Year 10, 11 or 12
- Adult re-entry students who are completing their SACE

How to Apply:

Applications for the 2024 school year are now open. Fill in the correct application form based on your circumstances.

For more information and to apply for School Card online please visit

<https://www.sa.gov.au/topics/education-and-learning/financial-help-scholarships-and-grants/school-card-scheme>



Governing Council AGM

The Governing Council is an important component of the school's decision-making and consultative processes, and it provides an opportunity for parents to be more involved in the school operations and to gain deeper understanding of how the school functions.

Our Governing Council's AGM will take place on **Monday the 26th of February at 3:30pm** in the Munno Para Primary School Library. Please consider nominating, or renominating, for the Governing Council, which has a crucial role in ensuring that the school is meeting the educational needs of the community. Nomination forms are available at the Front Office.

There are multiple openings for new Governing Council members in 2024. If you would like to know more about Governing Council please contact our Governing Council chairperson, Katrina Abrahams via the school.

We invite you to attend:

Munno Para Primary School

Governing Council AGM

Monday 26th February 3:30pm

in the School Library



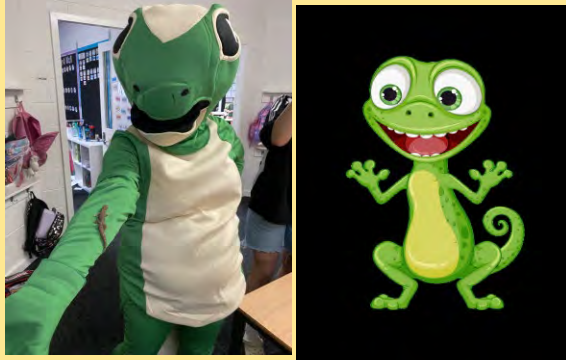
2024 Munno Para Primary School Introducing PBL

What is PBL?

PBL stands for Positive Behaviour for Learning and is a whole-school framework that promotes positive behaviour across and helps schools develop safe and supportive learning environments. In PBL we use lessons to teach students how to make great behaviour choices aligned to the school values Respect, Responsibility and Success.

Meet Ecko the Gecko

Ecko is our mascot and comes to visit classes throughout the year and at school events. Ecko encourages students to make positive behaviour choices and rewards students who are doing the right thing.



Tokens/prizes

Students can collect Ecko tokens and trade them in for an Ecko egg to put into Ecko's nest in the library. Once Ecko's nest is full, the whole school gets to share a reward. Students can also win individual 'money can't buy' Ecko prizes by getting their token drawn out at assembly.



Weekly focus

Each week everyone in the school looks at a common focus. The focus for week 5 is:



Procedures

You may see some signs around the school with some procedures. Some are at the drink taps and in the front office. These explain simply and clearly what the process is for visiting the office or lining up at the drink tap.



Meet the team

The following adults are part of the PBL team.....

Mr Hunter, Mr Keynes, Miss Knowles, Mrs Daff, Miss McKee, Ms Lorenz, Gill, Cindy and April

M7

To start the new year, M7 children have been getting to know each other through play. They have been building cities and zoos, learning how to play UNO and role playing in our pizza shop. It has been great to see them problem solving, playing games with new friends and getting to know new adults.



PE

Hello everyone and welcome back to PE at Munno Para Primary School.

During the year the Junior Primary students will be engaging in a program called 'Move, Learn and Grow.' This is a local program developed by an Occupational Therapist and PE teacher. The program uses evidence-based practise to support students to develop a range of fundamental movement skills. Students will work on developing their fine motor skills, balancing, rhythmical movement and other key fundamental movement skills.

The Upper Primary students will continue to develop key fundamental movement skills of running, jumping and throwing. This is in preparation for Sports Day, where some students will compete in high jump, long jump and sprints.

In Week 11 of this term, students will be participating in Sports Day on Friday. Triskills will be providing many engaging activities for our students. We will also have sprints and other activities on the day. Some students will have the opportunity to earn more points for their Sports Day team during the Mini Sports Day while participating in high jump and long jump.

Back by popular demand, on Tuesdays and Thursday Year 3 to 6 students have the opportunity to play in the lunch time basketball competition. We have 60 students who have signed up for the first term. This will continue during each term with new teams created each term.

SAPSASA events will be happening throughout the year for our Year 5 and 6 students. This is a great opportunity for students to try out different sports against students from other schools. Throughout the year I will provide information to students when they are coming up.

Just some notes about PE:

- Can you please ensure that students have a hat as some lessons and activities are outside. Sunscreen will be provided and encouraged but it is the student's responsibility to apply the sunscreen. Teachers are unable to apply or force students to wear sunscreen if they choose not to. We ask for your support in encouraging your child to use sunscreen.
- Please make sure students have appropriate shoes for activities (such as running and jumping) in PE.
- If students are unable to participate in PE lessons due to sickness or injury can you please send me a message in advance of their lesson.

I'm looking forward to seeing students engage and learn during PE and Health lessons.



Community Notice



Come and try Archery



You don't need
to own a bow
to give it a go!

- GREAT FOR FAMILIES
OR INDIVIDUALS
- SOCIAL SETTING



Come and Try

is a national initiative of the ABA

Email: office@aba.org.au

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or contact your nearest club for details on a

Come and Try day near you.

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