



Munno Para

PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

Term 1, Week 10 2024

"Tell me and I forget, teach me and I may remember, involve me and I learn."

- Benjamin Franklin

Principal's Message

Dear MPPS Community,

As Easter passes us, it reminds me of how quickly our term has flown by. I would like to extend my warmest wishes to you and your families. It is always an opportunity to take the time to appreciate the blessings that surround us - the love of family, the support of friends, and the opportunity for growth and learning.

I hope everyone had a happy Easter filled with fun, laughter, cherished memories and some yummy chocolate!

Pupil Free Day

On the 18 March we had our Pupil Free Day. This was an opportunity for staff to engage in professional development and collaborate with their peers in positive ways. A part of the day was spent on site and the other part was spent at Carisbrooke Park where we had an opportunity to play team building games and work on our problem solving skills.

A great time was had by all. We want to thank families for allowing us the time to further develop our knowledge and strengthen our ties as a staff to ultimately support our students more effectively.

NAPLAN Online

Over the last two weeks our Year 3 and 5 students participated in NAPLAN.

The students completed five tests in; Writing, Reading, Language Conventions, Spelling and Grammar and Numeracy.

I would like to acknowledge and thank each of them for their efforts. I would also like to thank all staff that supported out students in this process.

Sports Day

Our Sports Day is on Friday 12 April. Please remember that school finishes at 2pm on that day.

Learning Blocks

This a friendly message to ask that all families wait until the bell goes at the end of the day, before they enter learning blocks. This avoids congestion in the hallways and ensures students remain focused until the end of the day. Thank you for your support with this.

Parking at MPPS

I am aware that due to the current works on Maltarra Road, parking spaces have been reduced. This is unfortunately beyond our control. Please be mindful to park safely and legally as the council regularly have people monitoring our site. Please also be aware that when dropping off students early, families still have duty of care until 8:45am.

Back Gate

We are still waiting for the works on our back gate to be completed. I am sincerely sorry for any inconvenience caused by this. We are confident this will be rectified and ready to go for Term 2.

Best regards,

Andrew Castenetto, Principal

Diary Dates

TERM 1:

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



Reminder:

Last day of Term 1

Friday 12th April

2:00pm early dismissal

School resumes for Term 2

on Monday 29th April

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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Materials & Services 2024 are now due

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 \$187.00 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 someone in the Front Office ASAP.



Mem Fox Visit

We were lucky enough to have children's author Mem Fox come to MPPS to speak with all the Reception to Year 4 students.

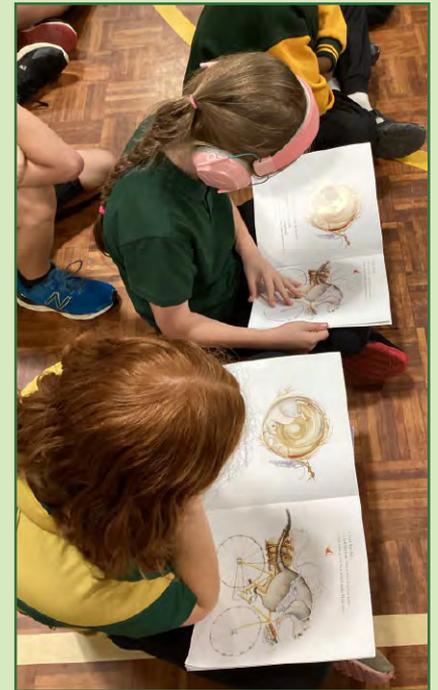
During her visit, Mem read us 5 of her books including *Possum Magic* and *Where is the Green Sheep?*, and spoke to us about her writing and the Premier's Reading Challenge.

Here is what some of our students had to say about the visit:

"I liked how she was really funny. The most fun part was how she read 'Where is the Green Sheep?'" – Dean

"Mem Fox read really well. She was funny a little bit when she ripped up the paper like the way she ripped up her book when she wasn't happy with it." – Charlie

"Mem Fox was very good and the books were very funny. The best book she read was her book that had her name on twice on it. She read 'Possum Magic'. It was very funny when she ripped up the pieces of paper." Brooklyn

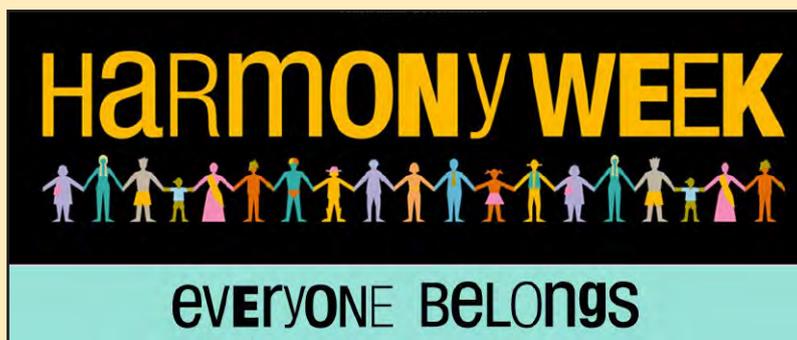


Closing the Gap Excursion

On Thursday March 21st some of the Year 3 – 6 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students went to the Closing the Gap Day at the Wayville Showgrounds. They had an amazing time collecting souvenirs and samples, having a hot lunch provided, and speaking to people from many different services that support community wellbeing and health. The students came home carting bags full of Lego, bouncy balls, hats, footballs, frisbees, and so many pens! They represented the school beautifully and we will definitely be going again next year.

Harmony Week Assembly

Harmony Week is a time to celebrate how multicultural Australia is and to say "everyone belongs." Here at MPPS we are lucky to have students and families from many different cultural backgrounds. On Wednesday 20th March we held a special Harmony Week assembly where we were able to showcase various cultures, and demonstrate the wonderful and rich jewellery, music, clothing, and traditions that these cultures bring with them. A Welcome to Country delivered in Kurna, a dance performance from a few of our Punjabi students, and a drumming performance by Sons of Africa made for a wonderful and exciting afternoon.



Sports Day

In Week 11, we will be holding both our Mini Sports Day on Wednesday 10th April and our main Sports Day on Friday 12th April. Mini Sports Day involves students who have been selected from trials conducted in PE lessons with Mr Barnett to participate in long jump, high jump and distance run. Students accumulate points for their teams on this day. Although not all students will participate on Wednesday, they will all have the opportunity to watch and support their peers during the day.



Whole school Sports Day is on Friday 12th April. As we had last year, Tri-Skills will be part of our Sports Day. Tri-Skills will provide activities during the morning session with the school continuing with the sprints and group events in the afternoon. Some activities involve students participating on trampolines, inflatable devices and gymnastics equipment. In line with our safety management policy, we will require a consent form signed by parents/caregivers for students to participate in these activities

Sports Day will provide the opportunity for all students to participate in sprints for their team. Students can dress in their team colours.

Parents are invited to attend on the main Sports Day on Friday and if their child is participating in Mini Sports Day parents can attend on Wednesday.

PBL Focus

Our PBL focus for Week 10 is:

PBL FOCUS FOR THIS WEEK:



We are fair and inclusive



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Sports Day Special Lunch

Friday 12/4



Order through the QKR app before Wednesday 10/4

\$7

Choice of:

Pie, Pasty or Sausage Roll

&

Fruit Box

Cupcake



Community Notices

ADELAIDE Strikers
HOLIDAY PROGRAMS
Karen Rolton Oval Week 1: Tues 16 & Wed 17 April
Karen Rolton Oval Week 2: Tues 23 & Wed 24 April
****\$65 (includes a participant pack)****
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