



MUNNO PARA PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER WEEK 6, TERM 1

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear MPPS Community,

It is hard to believe we have passed the half way point of the term already. And, with a long weekend, Pupil Free Day, NAPLAN, Water Safety, Easter and Sports Day coming up in the second half, it will be school holidays again before we know it.

There is much great learning already occurring inside the classes and it has been my pleasure to be able to visit classes to talk to students about what they are learning and their next steps to achieve their learning goals. Staff are currently working hard to help students understand the 'why' of what they are learning, how it connects with their world and what actions they need to take to be successful.

School Vision

Thank you for your invaluable input in our survey to shape our school vision. Your feedback has been crucial and meant that we refined and shortened the vision statement to make it more concise and meaningful for everyone. The final version has now been endorsed by the governing council. You can see the final version below.

Our Vision

'To nurture lifelong learners who are responsible, respectful, and successful in the pursuit of personal excellence. Working with our community, we empower students to thrive in a rapidly changing world and become positive contributors to society'.

IMPORTANT DATES

Public Holiday

Monday 10/3

Pupil Free Day

Monday 17/3

School Photos

Friday 21/3

R-5 Swimming Week

31-3 to 4/4

Sports Day- 2pm Dismissal

Friday 11/4

Year 6 Aquatics

Monday 28/4

ASSEMBLY

Week 3, 6 and 9
2:10pm in the Gym

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
- 3:00pm** Home time

GATE TIMES

Front Gate:

Open 8:43am Close 9:15am
Open 2:55pm Close 3:15pm

Other Gates:

Open 8:43am Close 9:10am
Open 2:55pm Close 3:10pm



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Parking/Way2Go Program

The Way2Go program is commencing this year and this partnership will help support the construction of an Emu Crossing on Maltarra Road. The Way2Go program is a statewide South Australian program promoting active, safe and green travel for primary school children and families. It is built on a partnership between local councils, school communities and the Department of Infrastructure and Transport (DIT).

This year Chloe Matz (K4) will be our teacher advocate and ambassador for the program. We will be working together to ensure the program rolls out smoothly.

In the meantime, we would like to emphasise the importance of parking safely and following the road rules when picking up your child.

We kindly ask all parents and guardians:

1. Park only in designated areas, and avoid blocking driveways or access points.
2. Follow the directions of school staff and any posted signs.

Your cooperation helps to create a safe environment for our students and the entire school community.

Thank you for helping us keep our school a safe place for everyone.

Breakfast Club

The breakfast club is currently open on Wednesdays and Fridays from 8:30am. Students that are going to breakfast club are asked to ring the doorbell and Admin staff will let them in. If students come onto school grounds before the gates open at 8:40am, they are required to go to breakfast club as there are no staff supervising school grounds.

Playgrounds update

After many setbacks and bumps in the road, we are happy to announce that the JP and UP playground will both be completed ready for the start of term 2. We are very excited to see the community enjoy the new spaces and would like to thank you for your patience.

NAPLAN

What is NAPLAN?

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is a literacy and numeracy assessment that students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 sit each year. It is the only national assessment all Australian students have the opportunity to undertake. As students progress through their school years, it is important to check how well they are learning the essential skills of reading, writing and numeracy.

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How can you support your child?

Students are not expected to study for NAPLAN. You can support your child by reassuring them that NAPLAN is a part of their school program and reminding them to simply do their best. Some explanation of NAPLAN is useful to help students understand and be comfortable with the format of the tests; however, it is not necessary for parents/carers to do this. Teachers will ensure students are familiar with the types of questions in the tests and will provide appropriate support and guidance.

Testing

Testing for this year's NAPLAN commences next week from Wednesday 12 March. NAPLAN coordinators and test administrators have been busy in the background completing training and developing resources for the successful implementation of NAPLAN. Good luck to all our NAPLAN participants this year, we are confident your years of schooling will have prepared you well for this challenge.

Community Breakfast

On Friday 14th February we hosted our community breakfast/acquaintance morning. It was a really fun event and enabled our families, staff and students to strengthen their existing relationships and foster a strong sense of community. Thank you to the amazing volunteers that offered their time, the pancakes were absolutely delicious!

It was also great to see families visiting classes after the breakfast so they could chat with teachers and familiarise themselves with the classroom environment.

Water Safety R-5

Swimming for R5 students will be held at the Starplex Swimming Centre. This starts on Monday 31 March and goes to Friday 4 April. During this week students will travel by bus to and from the centre. Water and Safety is a Department for Education requirement and part of the Health and PE curriculum. A note with key information about swimming including costs will be sent to families soon.

Sports Day/Early Departure

School finishes on Friday 11th April and we will be finishing off with our Sports Day. The day will be a whirl of colour, fun and laughter. Please be advised that as always on the last day of term, school finishes at 2pm.

**Best regards,
Andrew Castenetto
Principal**



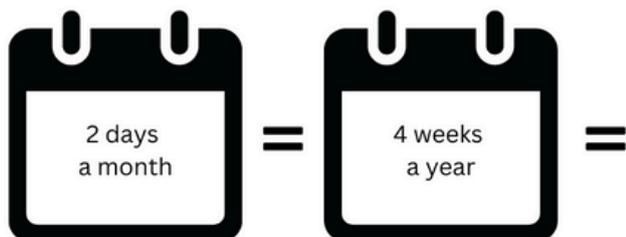
Attendance Matters

every student, on time, every day



Mr Hunter
Student Wellbeing Leader

Absences add up!



MISSING MORE THAN

1 1/2

years of learning by

Year 12

What families can do...

- Be firm, send your child to school every day unless they are sick
- Develop good sleep and morning routines
- Avoid holidays during term time
- Seek help early before your concerns become serious

Each day missed...

- Makes it harder for your child to catch up
- Can lead to lower numeracy and literacy skills
- Can lead to gaps in social skills

Did you know?



2 in 5 MPPS students don't attend school regularly

Schools are here to help

Going to school more often will make a difference

Attendance habits will follow your children into work and life

RAINBOW SHINE DAY

In Week 9, Munno Para Primary School will celebrate neurodiversity and the inclusion of all learners. This aligns with two significant global events:

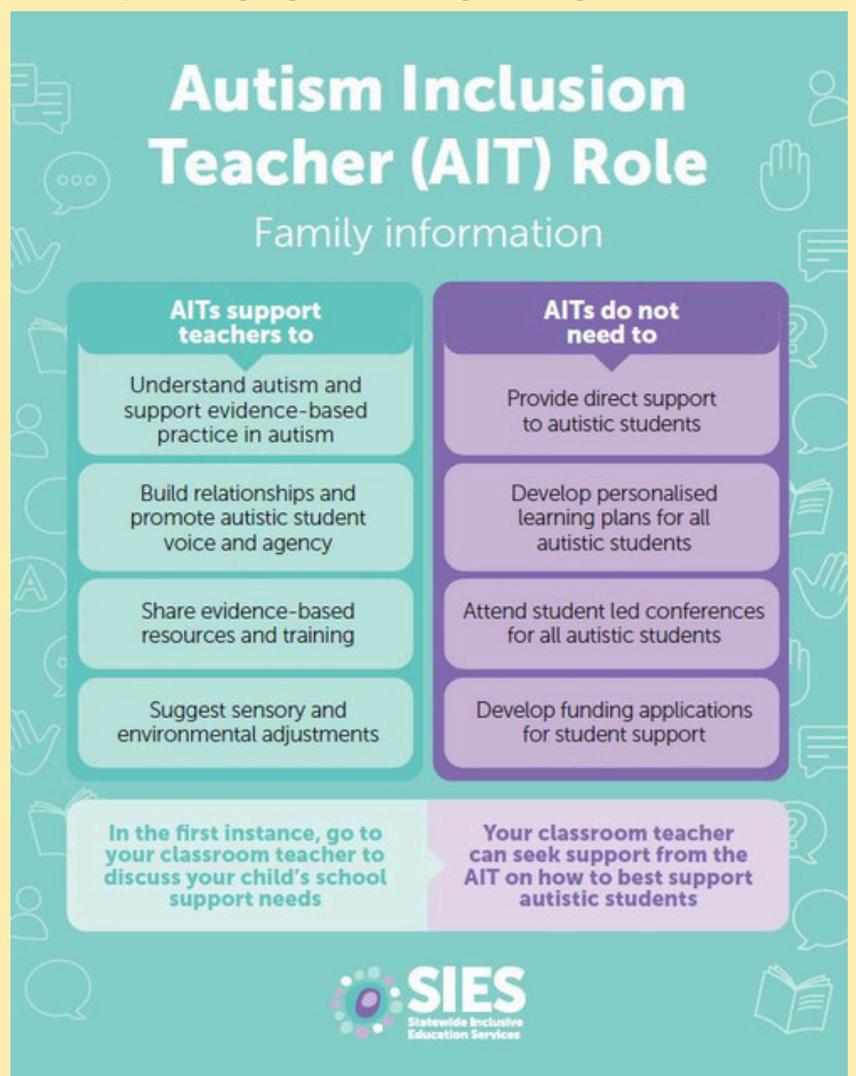
- Neurodiversity Celebration Week: 17th to 23rd March
- World Autism Acceptance Day: 2nd April

These events have been celebrated for many years, aiming to raise awareness, acceptance, and appreciation of neurodiverse individuals.

Throughout Week 9, classes will engage with stories and activities that promote neurodiversity. This will culminate in a '**Rainbow Shine Day**' celebration on Friday, 28th March, where students are invited to wear rainbow casual colours to represent the neurodiversity spectrum. There is no cost associated with wearing rainbow colours.

At MPPS, we are committed to creating an inclusive environment where every student feels valued and supported. As part of my role as Autism Inclusion Teacher (AIT), I promote inclusion and diversity by sharing best practices and resources with our staff through the AIT initiative. For more information about the AIT role, please see the poster below. If you have any questions or would like to chat, you can connect with me by arranging a meeting through the admin team.

Thanks,
Sarah Mellors
Deputy Principal/ AIT



Autism Inclusion Teacher (AIT) Role
Family information

AITs support teachers to	AITs do not need to
Understand autism and support evidence-based practice in autism	Provide direct support to autistic students
Build relationships and promote autistic student voice and agency	Develop personalised learning plans for all autistic students
Share evidence-based resources and training	Attend student led conferences for all autistic students
Suggest sensory and environmental adjustments	Develop funding applications for student support

In the first instance, go to your classroom teacher to discuss your child's school support needs

Your classroom teacher can seek support from the AIT on how to best support autistic students

SIES
Statewide Inclusive Education Services

Munno Para Primary School is
celebrating

NEURODIVERSITY

with our very own

RAINBOW SHINE DAY OF INCLUSION

Friday 28/3 Week 9

We will be celebrating that we are all unique and different
and that we all SHINE in our own way and in our own time

Please come dressed in your favourite
bright colours and join in at our Recess
Disco!

Classes will be engaging in different activities throughout
the week to celebrate diversity and inclusion.

LIZARD LOUNGE

This year, we are introducing our student representative council, known as 'The Lizard Lounge'. The leaders of The Lizard Lounge will collaborate with their classes to conduct regular meetings, ensuring that student voices and ideas are heard and implemented throughout the school.

In Week 5, The Lizard Lounge held its inaugural meeting with Mrs Daff. The leaders participated in activities to get acquainted with one another and learned how to conduct class meetings in their respective classrooms. Later in the year, The Lizard Lounge will expand to include junior primary students, with older students providing mentoring and support.

Stay tuned for more updates from The Lizard Lounge!



Lizard Lounge Leaders:

School Captains- Bella and Alana

D1- Jaeden and Sophia

D2- Lily and Brett

D4- Latrell and Addison

K3- Amaliah and Deklan

K4- Rory and Gurnimrat

K5- Rina and Layla

K6- Tait and Deborah

Did you know that a group of lizards is called a lounge?



PBL FOCUS FOR WEEKS 4,5,6

We follow instructions of all adults

Respect



We ask permission to leave the learning area

Success



We communicate appropriately to each other



OUR WORK IN D2

D2 has been learning about the resilience of First Nations Australians, including the significance of the 1967 Referendum. Through discussions and creative activities, we have deepened our understanding of the endless battles for recognition, rights, and respect. Our classroom display, featuring 'wrinkled hearts,' symbolises the impact of past injustices and the importance of unity, understanding, and reconciliation. We acknowledge and respect this land as always was, always will be, Aboriginal land.



PE NEWS

Well done to all our students for getting back into PE lessons with so much enthusiasm!

Lately, we've been preparing for our Sports Day tabloid events, as well as recording sprint times, long jump, and high jump results for Mini Sports Day. We are looking forward to Sports Day at the end of the term

In other news, students from K Block and D Block have been taking part in our Lunchtime Basketball Competition. It's been fantastic to see such great sportsmanship on display, and everyone is really enjoying the games.

Some quick reminders:

All students must wear a hat for outdoor PE lessons.

If your child is injured or unable to participate, please let me know via ClassDojo or a written note.

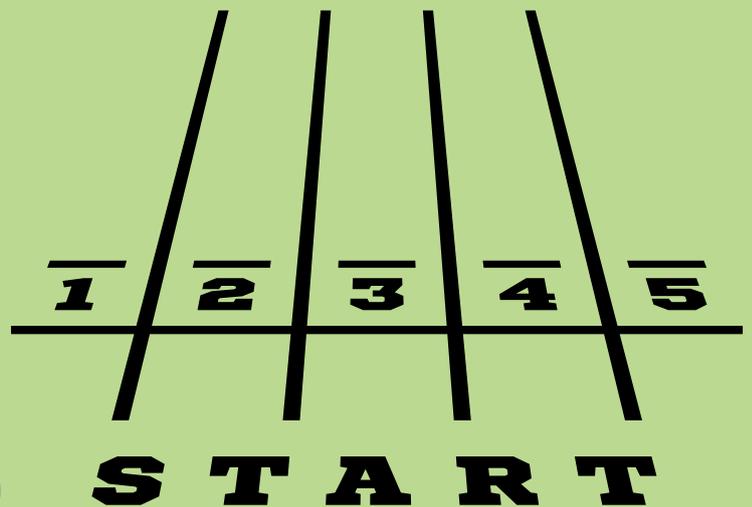
Can you ensure that students have appropriate foot wear for PE lessons.



Lastly, a special note for our Year 5 and Year 6 students—keep an eye on ClassDojo for updates on SAPSASA district sports trials throughout the year. These trials take place after school at various locations. If you're interested, come and see me for more details.

Looking forward to another great term of PE!

Thanks,
Mr. Barnett (PE Teacher)





COMING
soon



**SAPSASA SPORTS TRIALS
NORTHERN METRO ZONE**

Boys Netball

Girls Cricket

Hockey - Boys, Girls & Mixed

**For students at affiliated schools in the
Para, Playford, Port, Salisbury East and Tea Tree Gully Districts.**

Register your interest NOW via the QR code above.

Respect



Responsibility



Success





PRIMARY

SCHOOL

COMPETITION

COME'N'TRY

The BVHA is holding a Primary Schools Hockey competition Monday nights over 4 weeks for students in years 4,5 & 6. It's a great opportunity to get classmates together and form a team for a fun 7 a side game of modified hockey.

Don't play hockey? That's OK!

BVHA has equipment you can borrow and there will be an 'introduction to hockey' session 4pm 17th March before the first game.

Not sure if your Primary School has a team?

Register to play and we will place you in your school team or
A combined small school's team.

START DATE

17TH MARCH

4:30PM

AT STOCKWELL HOCKEY TURF

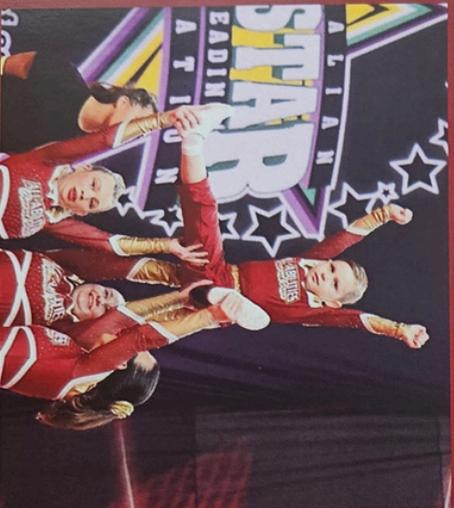
FOR MORE INFORMATION OR
REGISTER YOUR PRIMARY
SCHOOL TEAM

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All Abilities Cheer and Dance is dedicated to bringing together people of all ages with disabilities, to express themselves through the fun and creative world of cheerleading and dance!



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WHEELCHAIR DANCING

Our Music & Movement class is a great way for physical therapy to be incorporated in a fun and musical environment!



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