



MUNNO PARA PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER WEEK 9, TERM 3

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear MPPS Community,

As we near the end of Term 2, I want to personally thank each of you for your incredible support. Watching our students learn and grow this term has been a joy. Their hard work, resilience, and enthusiasm make us so proud, and it's clear that your encouragement at home plays a big part in their success. Thank you for being such an important part of our community. I'm excited to continue this journey with you all in Term 3.

Reports

I would like to acknowledge the Munno Para Primary School community—staff, students, and families—for their commitment to and support of high-quality, targeted teaching and learning in the first half of the year.

Over the last week, the leadership team has reviewed the mid-year student reports, which will be sent home next week. We feel a genuine sense of pride in our students and their accomplishments. Our staff can also be proud of their role in providing your children with opportunities to achieve their goals.

As parents and carers, your role in your child's learning is invaluable, and I thank you for your support. Family involvement is crucial to a child's success at school. From listening to them read each night to ensuring they arrive at school on time, your efforts are appreciated and worthwhile.

When we all contribute to a child's educational journey, we can be confident they will leave school as responsible, successful lifelong learners who value diversity, respect,

IMPORTANT DATES

Early Dismissal

Friday 4/7 @ 2pm

Community Breakfast

Friday 8/8

Book Fair

26/8 to 1/9

Book Week Parade

Friday 29/8

Pupil Free Day

Monday 8/9

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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inclusion, and pursue excellence in whatever they choose to do and be.

If you have any questions or need clarification from your child's mid-term reports and would like a face-to-face meeting, please arrange a time to meet with the relevant teacher early next term. They are best placed to discuss your student's academic, social, and emotional progress and provide strategies to support their learning at home.

Teaching Staff – Welcome Back and Farewell

I would like to officially welcome back Lydia Singlehurst, who will be returning two days a week as a JP Health teacher and support for mid-year receptions.

Claire Gregory has been offered the opportunity to continue her role at Klemzig Primary and will not be returning to MPPS as our Auslan teacher. While she will certainly be missed in our school community, we are thrilled for Claire as she takes this exciting step in her career. We wish Claire all the best and know she will do wonderfully at Klemzig.

In light of this change, we are delighted to welcome Jane Woodward, who will be taking over the Auslan role for Terms 3 and 4. Jane has already built strong connections with our students, and we are excited to see these relationships grow even further in her new role for the rest of the year.

Pre-Service Teachers

Thank you to our amazing pre-service teachers who worked at MPPS this term. We trust the knowledge and experience they have gained will serve them well in their education careers. I also extend my gratitude to our mentor teachers, whose guidance and support have equipped the pre-service teachers with valuable skills for their teaching journey.

School Improvement Plan & Strategy for Education

At the Pupil Free day on Friday, our staff reviewed our Site Learning Plan and engaged in a collaborative process to track and monitor progress we have made against our goals. We also reviewed our wellbeing data through the lens of our Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) framework, which is being used to inform our next steps in this space.

Finally, we focused on the South Australian Curriculum, specifically exploring the Maths disposition 'resourceful'.

Being resourceful means that a student can:

- Use what they know and what's available to solve problems or complete tasks.
- Show initiative, creativity, and persistence when they face challenges.
- Seek help or new strategies when needed, rather than giving up.

We look forward to our learners being resourceful and using initiative, creativity, and persistence to solve problems, try different strategies, and seek help when needed.

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Community Canteen

Join us for a fun pop-up BBQ outside the community canteen on Thursday of Week 10 from 3 pm. Enjoy a free sausage sizzle and connect with others in a relaxed, family-friendly setting.

Next term, the community canteen will be running fortnightly in Weeks 2, 4, 6, 8, and 10. They will continue to offer drink and food options for our families as well as activities for the kids. Please be aware that children must be accompanied by an adult to attend the Community Canteen.

Best Regards,
Andrew Castenetto
Principal



NEWS FROM THE LIZARD LOUNGE

This term the Lizard Lounge representatives have been collecting student voice about our two new playgrounds. As a group, the Lizard Lounge came up with some questions to survey the classes. These included questions such as 'Do you like the new playground?' and 'Do you think the new playground needs any extra rules?'.

After surveying all the classes, the information was collated and our Lizard Lounge representatives decided that we needed a PBL Non-Classroom procedure (NCP) created to explain how to safely use the hammock swing at the UP Playground. Layla and Rina from K6 are currently working on the NCP and this will be shared with classes once complete.

Sarah Mellors and Penny Daff



PBL FOCUS FOR WEEKS 7,8,9

**We are kind,
welcoming
and helpful**

Respect



We are honest

Success



**We give others
personal space**

Respect



P.E NEWS

Congratulations to all the students who have participated in Auskick this term! Next week will be our final session, during which we will present medals to the students. We extend our gratitude to the dedicated parents, teachers, and SSOs whose support has been instrumental in making this program an enjoyable experience for the students.

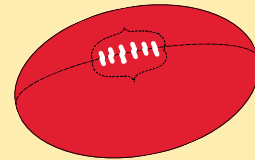
Meanwhile, our lunchtime Tower Defence activity continues to attract great numbers of students from both K Block and D Block. This game builds on teamwork, strategy, and decision-making, all of which support skills developed through our Physical Education program. It has been wonderful to see students working together and enjoying this unique challenge. We look forward to continuing this activity next term.

Next term, we will be launching our Premiers Be Active Challenge. Keep an eye out for more information to be sent out in Term 3.

The Year 5 and 6 students have been training hard, gearing up for the SAPSASA basketball next week. We are extremely excited about this event.

Thank you to everyone for your continued support and enthusiasm as we strive to provide enriching experiences for our students both on and off the court.

Thanks,
Mr. Barnett
PE Teacher



A2 WORK

In A2, we have been learning about reconciliation. The students listened to the story 'Somebody's Land' and then created a Rainbow Lorikeet. Students have also been learning about the Aboriginal flag and what reconciliation means. Here are their finished projects.



MATHEMATICS DISPOSITIONS

Throughout Terms 1 and 2 staff and students have been working towards building positive dispositions when working in Mathematics. This directly aligns to Goal 1 within our Site Learning Plan. The three dispositions we are working on are 'resilient', 'resourceful' and 'reflective' from the new SA Curriculum in the area of Mathematics.

Staff have engaged in PD sessions with a focus on 'resilient' and 'resourceful' and have been intentionally planning some tasks that support students to practice these dispositions and build their understanding of how they can demonstrate these dispositions when working in Maths lessons.

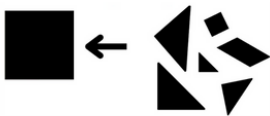
Students have engaged in a range of engaging activities that promote their use of the Maths dispositions. They have been able to challenge themselves, try a range of strategies, work collaboratively with their peers and share their different ways of thinking. We are about to begin a learning sprint in classes that will involve students exploring the different ways they can be resourceful when working in Maths, so there will be lots of exciting learning continuing to happen.

Olivia Giersch
Coordinator-Curriculum & Pedagogy



Learning Challenge 5:

Tangram Square



RESOURCEFUL			
WHAT CAN I USE TO HELP ME?			
THINGS	STRATEGIES		
Measuring tools	Draw it		
Digital tools like calculators, tablets or laptops	Make a model		
Blocks	Put it out		
Counters	Make a table		
Scrap paper	Find a pattern		
Scissors, glue	Solve an easier problem		
Something else?	Guess and check		
PEOPLE	KNOWLEDGE		
Me	What do I already know?		
Friends	Have I solved something similar before?		
Other years	What's the main topic and what have we learnt so far?		
SDGs	Is there anything in my maths books that could help?		
See 3 before me?	Can I try 'see 3 before me'?		



TALENT SHOW

APPLICATION
FORMS DUE BY
THE END OF
TERM 2

COLLECT A FORM
FROM THE FRONT
OFFICE TODAY

ALL TALENTS
WELCOME

PYJAMA DAY



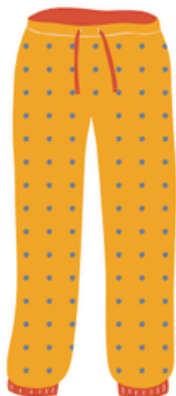
FRIDAY

4th

JULY



**To head into the school holidays
with comfort all students are
invited to wear their pyjamas to
school on Friday of Week 10.**





CHILD & FAMILY WELLBEING

JULY

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

JOHN MCVEITY CENTRE & THE PRECINCT

Sessions & events located at:
John McVeity Centre
182 Peachey Road, Smithfield Plains
or
The Precinct
112 Coventry Road, Smithfield Plains
For more information:
Email: jmc@playford.sa.gov.au
Phone: 8480 0100

MAGGIE MOO

Tuesday
8th July 2025
John McVeity Centre
Sing & dance along to the Moo Music songs with Michelle.
Ages: birth - 18 months | 9am & 18 months - 4 years | 10am.

FREE

No bookings required.

NRL CLINIC

Tuesday
8th July 2025
10am - 12pm
John McVeity Centre
Come & Try Rugby at this fun, action-packed session!
Ages: 8 - 12 years.

FREE

Bookings via leaguestars.com



WORM FARMING

Tuesday
8th July 2025
10:30am - 11:30am
The Precinct
Dig in & discover the wriggly world beneath our feet by building a worm farm!
Ages: 8 - 12 years.

\$5

Bookings via Eventbrite

NAIDOC IN THE NORTH

Wednesday
9th July 2025
10am - 2pm | John McVeity Centre
Connecting and celebrating culture, sharing, education and providing opportunities to our community in one accessible and safe place.
Ages: All ages

FREE

Bookings via Eventbrite



CHEFS CLUB

Thursday
10th July 2025
Multiple sessions
John McVeity Centre
Designed for kids to explore their creativity in the kitchen in a safe & fun way!
Ages: 5 - 12 years

\$5

Bookings via Eventbrite

PICASSO ON WHEELS

Thursday
10th July 2025
10:30am - 12:30pm
The Precinct
Let young artists explore their creativity with the team from Picasso on Wheels.
Ages: 5 - 12 years

\$10

Bookings via Eventbrite

COME & TRY DANCE

Thursday
10th July 2025
Multiple sessions
John McVeity Centre
Flip, roll, and build strength in this fun acro dance session!
Ages: 5 - 14+ years

\$5

Bookings via Eventbrite

Thursday
17th July 2025
Multiple sessions
John McVeity Centre
Dance it out with high-energy hip hop moves and fun beats!
Ages: 5 - 14+ years

\$5

Bookings via Eventbrite

PLAY GYM

Friday
11th July 2025
9:30am - 10:30am
John McVeity Centre
Join us with your littles to climb, run, crawl, ride, dance & jump around Play Gym!
Ages: 6 months - 5 years

\$7

No bookings required.

WINTER WONDERLAND MARKET

Saturday 12th July 2025
3pm - 6:30pm | John McVeity Centre
Browse 30+ stalls from local businesses! Plus, lots of activities for the kids!
FREE ENTRY

TOY SWAP

Saturday 12th July 2025
4pm - 5pm | John McVeity Centre
Pass on & swap pre-loved toys your children have outgrown!
FREE Bookings via Eventbrite

MOVIE NIGHT

Saturday 12th July 2025
Movie Starts: 6:15pm | John McVeity Centre
Family movie screening of our winter adventure, Smallfoot for all ages!
FREE Bookings via Eventbrite

FUTSAL CLINIC

Monday
14th July 2025
9am - 11:30am
John McVeity Centre
Kickstart your futsal skills with former Futsalroo - Chris Higgins.
Ages: 5 - 12 years

\$7

Bookings via Eventbrite

GROW YOUR OWN SOUP GARDEN

Monday
14th July 2025
12:30pm - 2pm
The Precinct
Learn how to make the most a garden to grow fresh veggies perfect for hearty winter soups!
Ages: All ages

\$5

Bookings via Eventbrite

LIL' MOVERS

Wednesday
16th July 2025
9:30am - 10:30am
John McVeity Centre
Explore your little ones motor skills through play!
Ages: 0 - 2 years

\$7

No bookings required

MUDDY PLAY

Thursday
17th July 2025
10:30am - 1:30pm
The Precinct
Get hands-on and dirty with Nature Play SA!
Ages: 2+ years

FREE

Bookings via Playford Library



INFLATABLES DAY

Friday
18th July 2025
Multiple sessions
John McVeity Centre
Bounce around the courts on lots of jumping castles and inflatables.
Ages: 3 - 15 years

\$5

Bookings via Eventbrite

PICKLEBALL

Saturday
5th, 12th & 19th July 2025
9:30am - 11:30am | John McVeity Centre
Drop in for a hit & challenge your friends to a game or two of Pickleball!
Ages: All ages
\$5 per person
No bookings required

SENSORY MAGIC

Monday
7th & 14th April 2025
10am - 11am | John McVeity Centre
Unlock a world of wonder and discovery for your child through play with Sensory Magic with Ebony!
Ages: 2- 8 years
\$5 Bookings via Eventbrite

CASUAL COURTS

John McVeity Centre
Come in and shoot some hoops!
Check JMC Facebook for available times.
\$5 per person
No bookings required



BOOK VIA
eventbrite

For all programs requiring bookings head to our
Eventbrite page to register
(Unless specified differently above).
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Visit our Facebook 'John McVeity Centre' for more info!

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