



MUNNO PARA PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER WEEK 6, TERM 4

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear MPPS Community,

As we move toward the end of Term 4 and the close of the 2025 school year, I want to take a moment to extend my heartfelt thanks to our entire school community. This time of year is always busy, and I truly appreciate the ongoing dedication, professionalism, and care shown by our staff. Your support, encouragement, and partnership make a significant difference in the lives of our students.

I would also like to acknowledge our wonderful students. Their persistence, curiosity, and willingness to embrace new learning opportunities have been inspiring. It has been a joy to see each child's growth—both academically and personally—throughout 2025.

Community Canteen

Our Community Canteen continues to run successfully and has been a wonderful way to strengthen our sense of connection at Munno Para. Thank you to everyone involved — your support and contributions have been key to its success. We are looking forward to seeing what 2026 brings.

Kindy transition

We are thrilled to share that our first two Kindy Transition sessions have been a wonderful success. It has been lovely meeting our new students and families, both those joining us for the first time and those already connected to our school. Our incoming students have shown a fantastic level of engagement, confidence, and curiosity during their visits.

IMPORTANT DATES

End of Year Concert

Wednesday 3/12

Year 6 Graduation

Tuesday 9/12

Last Day of School

Friday 12/12 2pm Dismissal

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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It's clear they are excited for school and already demonstrating the readiness and enthusiasm that will set them up for a positive start to their learning journey next year. We look forward to continuing to build these relationships over the coming weeks and supporting a smooth and joyful transition into school life.

End-of-Year Reports

Teachers are currently finalising end-of-year reports, which reflect each student's learning journey and achievements across the whole year. We hope every student feels proud of the hard work they've put in and the progress they have made throughout 2025.

Year 6 Graduation

A heartfelt congratulations to our Year 6 students who are preparing to graduate from Munno Para Primary School. Their hard work, resilience, and achievements have brought them to this important milestone.

The Year 6 Graduation Ceremony will be held on Tuesday 9 December in the gym. After the ceremony, students will head to Fasta Pasta to enjoy a celebratory meal. We are incredibly proud of them and wish them every success as they begin high school.

End-of-Year Christmas Concert

Our annual Christmas Concert will take place on Wednesday 3 December from 4:00pm to 5:30pm under the COLA. Families are invited to come along, enjoy performances from our classes, and share in the celebration. A sausage sizzle and a small selection of snacks and drinks will be available on the night for purchase.

DfE Strategy for Education

Week 4's pupil-free day provided a valuable opportunity for our staff team to pause, reflect, and celebrate the progress we have made throughout the year. Together, we reviewed the successes across our site learning plan and the positive impact our collective efforts have had on student learning dispositions and self-regulation in 2025.

A key part of the day involved looking ahead to 2026. Staff engaged in thoughtful conversations about the areas of impact within the Department for Education's Strategy for Education that hold the greatest potential impact for our students. These discussions are helping us shape our priorities and identify the approaches that will continue to strengthen teaching and learning at MPPS.

We are currently gathering and reviewing feedback from staff to ensure our direction reflects the needs of our learners and our community. We look forward to sharing our finalised plans with the whole school community once this process is complete.

Thank you once again for your support this year. MPPS is a special place, strengthened by the strong relationships we share between students, families, and staff. I'm looking forward to finishing the year together and celebrating everything our community has accomplished in 2025. Warm regards,



Best Regards,
Andrew Castenetto
Principal

LEGO MINDSTORMS

One of our year six students has recently been learning coding in a robotics setting and shown fantastic engagement with this work.

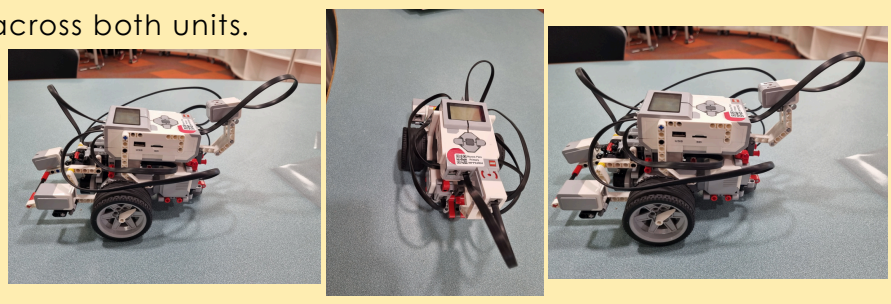
Using Lego Mindstorms, he followed preset instructions to build a multi function vehicle and coded it successfully to achieve the desired outcomes.

He continues to build on his understanding of the variety of features available and is currently exploring how to code pressure, optical and ultrasonic sensors to allow the craft to perform a variety of tasks.

Additionally, he has created his own working robotic car from scratch, which currently is capable of movement and will stop automatically before hitting an object.

He is able to adjust code, correct errors and apply an existing code set to a different vehicle to ensure the same functionality across both units.

Justin (Student Support Officer)



PBL FOCUS FOR WEEKS 1, 2 & 3

**We follow the
school dress
code**

Responsibility



**Review
Lesson**



**We are fair
and we share**

Respect

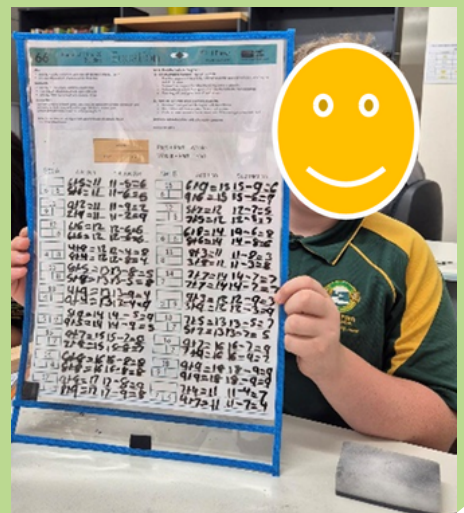
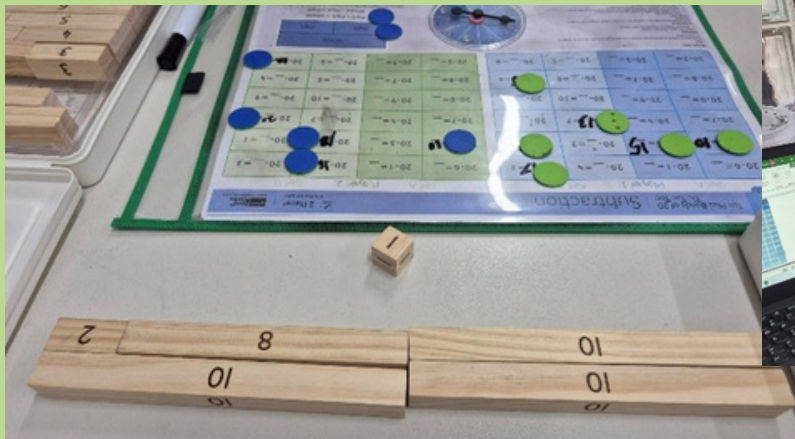


BOND BLOCKS INTERVENTION YEAR 5/6

As of term 3, some of our year 5 and 6 students have been participating in the Bond Blocks intervention program. One of the main skills the program works to build is fluency with addition and subtraction. Students have been taking great pride in their accomplishments within the program and have also demonstrated resilience when working on new skills and concepts.

Below are some photos of students working in their Bond Blocks sessions. If you look closely you might be able to spot the Bond Blocks mascot they created named 'Octi-Blocky'.

Olivia Giersch
Coordinator-Curriculum & Pedagogy



NEWS FROM THE LIZARD LOUNGE

We had a meeting with Lizard Lounge and discussed things to do with the mascots. Then we talked about the house team names.

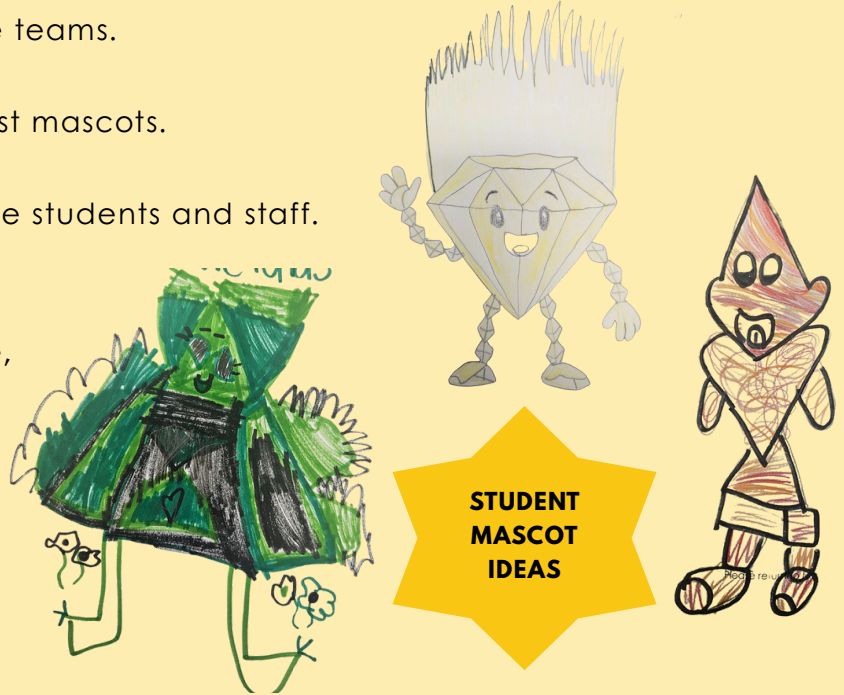
We had a class meeting and we shared mascot ideas. Then we shared how some people made theirs.

The Lizard Lounge have sorted the mascot ideas and picked out the best ones. The mascot ideas we chose were mostly related to the house teams.

We met in class and then we chose the best mascots.

Please see the new mascots as voted by the students and staff.

Thanks from the Newsletter Sub Committee,
Caitlin, Spencer, Rory and Rina



THESE MASCOTS WON THE VOTE WITH 140 STUDENT VOTES!





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END OF YEAR CONCERT

2025

**SAUSAGE SIZZLE,
DRINKS AND
ICEBLOCKS
AVAILABLE FROM
3PM -5PM**

**CHRISTMAS RAFFLE
TO BE DRAWN
DURING THE
CONCERT**



**WEDNESDAY
3RD OF
DECEMBER**

**4:00-5:30PM
ON THE
COLA**



Munno Para Primary School - 1482		
Notice of Materials and Services Charges for 2026		
Notice of Charges for Reception - Year 6		
HEADING	ITEMS AND SERVICES	COST (\$)
Printed and electronic materials related to the educational program and which are provided for the student	Workbooks	\$50.00
	Text Book Hire / E-Book Access	\$10.00
	Photocopied Material	\$30.00
	SUBTOTAL (ZPREM)	\$90.00
Stationery items that are provided for the student	Stationery Items	\$70.00
	Other [please Specify]	\$0.00
	Other [please Specify]	\$0.00
	SUBTOTAL (ZSTAT)	\$70.00
Materials and Services that are provided by the school for the student to consume or use the materials or take ownership of a finished article produced by the student with the materials	Access to Student Information Technology	\$36.00
	Access to Machinery	\$0.00
	Access to Equipment	\$50.00
	Curriculum/Subject Supplies and Services	\$30.00
	Other [please Specify]	\$0.00
	Other [please Specify]	\$0.00
	SUBTOTAL (ZACMS)	\$116.00
Materials for inclusion in the school library and to enable use by the student	Library resources including access to borrowing library resources	\$30.00
	SUBTOTAL (ZACLI)	\$30.00
Total Materials and Services Charge (excluding Subject Charges)		\$306.00

These subject charges are in addition to the Materials and Services Charge above for those students undertaking the following subjects.

Subject Description	Cost (\$)
	\$0.00
	\$0.00
	\$0.00
	\$0.00
	\$0.00

Material and Services Charge 2026

Parents and caregivers are invited to Governing Council meeting to be part of the discussion on Material and Services Charge for 2026 as per the attached notice. The Material and Services charge is set at \$306.00 for 2026 which is the standard amount for 2026.

The Governing Council meeting will be held at 4PM on 24th of November 2025. There will be a rebate of \$200.00 towards Material and Services Charge in 2026.