



MUNNO PARA PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER WEEK 9, TERM 1

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear MPPS Community,

As we leap into the final few weeks of term 1, I would like to express my gratitude for the collective efforts of our community in supporting our students at MPPS.

Our students have made significant progress, and this is a testament to the dedication of our teachers, staff, and families. Your involvement, whether through volunteering, governing council, attending school events, or supporting learning at home, has made a profound impact.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support. Together, we are developing curious learners who are actively engaged and eager to explore the world around them. We look forward to building on this success in the coming terms.

Pupil free Day/ Dates throughout the year

On the 19th March, we held a Pupil Free Day dedicated to professional development and collaborative engagement among our staff. This day provided an invaluable opportunity to connect and delve deeper into work around our Site Learning Plan.

This year our Pupil Free Days are spread across the year to ensure all classes have equitable access to specialist lessons and to support attendance from part-time staff.

IMPORTANT DATES

Easter EGGStravaganza
Thursday 2/4 2pm Dismissal

Easter Public Holidays
Friday 3/4 and Monday 6/4

Sports Day/Last Day of Term
Friday 10/4

First Day of Term 2
Monday 27/4

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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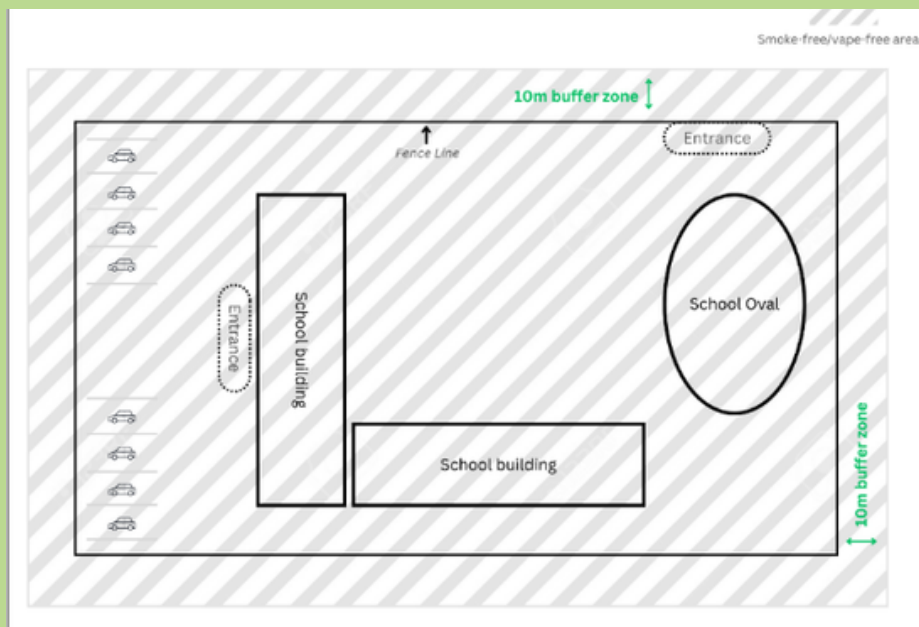
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The PFDs for 2026 are: Thursday 19 March, Thursday 18 June, Friday 19 September and Wednesday 28 October. These are also located on the DOJO Calendar with frequent reminders prior to the date for you.

On these days, students do not attend school. OSHC will be available for families who require it —please ensure to book this in advance.

Smoking and Vape Free zone

This is a friendly reminder that smoking and vaping are banned in all public areas of 'early childhood services' and 'education and children's services' facilities, and within 10 metres of the boundary of these premises. The below diagram outlines where the new smoking and vaping laws apply at a school.



NAPLAN Online

Over the last two weeks our year three and five students participated in NAPLAN. Completing tests in Writing, Reading, Language Conventions, Spelling and Grammar, and Numeracy is no small feat, and their confidence, resilience, and persistence truly shone through. These qualities will serve them well in future endeavours.

To our staff, thanks for your ongoing support and guidance throughout the process which has been instrumental in helping our students succeed.

Best Regards,

Andrew Castenetto
Principal



LIZARD LOUNGE

Hi everyone,

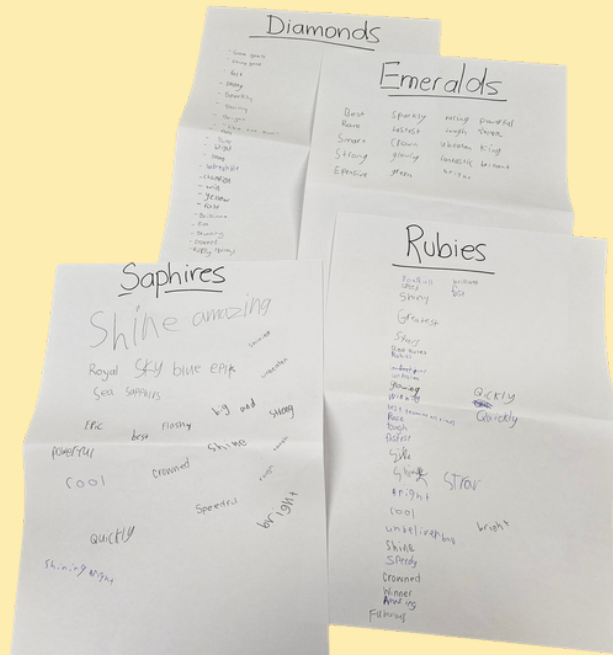
We are the Lizard Lounge Newsletter Subcommittee. We are Ella (School Captain, D4), Maddi (D3 Rep and Sports Captain), Rhyker (K3 Rep), Maya (K4 Rep), and Hailee (K2 Rep).

In 2026, we have three subcommittees to help give information to the community: the Assembly Subcommittee, Newsletter Subcommittee, and Class Dojo Subcommittee.

This term in Lizard Lounge, we have worked on creating new Sports Day chants. We collected word ideas from our classes, then brought them to the Lizard Lounge meeting and used EdChat to put our favourite words together to create chants. We have been practising our chants a lot. On Sports Day, the community will hear the new chants.

Another focus of our meetings has been coming up with ideas to help the school environment. We had ideas like painting sea animals near the drains to remind people not to litter.

Thanks,
The Subcommittee Newsletter



PBL FOCUS FOR WEEKS 7,8,9

**We follow
instructions
of all adults**

Respect



**We ask
permission to
leave the learning
area**

Success



**We
communicate
appropriately to
each other**



Respect



Responsibility



Success



NEW SPORTS DAY CHANTS



**EMERALDS, EMERALDS, SHINING
BRIGHT,
KARDALTA TIMANA, FULL OF
MIGHT!
SPARKLY, SMART, AND RACING
FAST,
BRILLIANT TEAMWORK BUILT TO
LAST!
POWERFUL, GLOWING, WEARING
OUR CROWN,
EMERALDS ARE THE BEST
AROUND!**



**DIAMONDS, DIAMONDS, SHINING
BOLD,
WIRANIRANA, SHINY GOLD!
SPARKLY, BRILLIANT, LIKE THE
SUN,
FLASHING STRONG, WE'RE
NUMBER ONE!
CHAMPION SPIRIT, UNBREAKABLE
AND BRIGHT,
DIAMONDS LEAD WITH ALL OUR
MIGHT!**



**RUBIES, RUBIES, GLOWING
BRIGHT,
MILTHI POWER, SHINING LIGHT!
FAST AND UNBELIEVABLE SPEED,
WINNERS ALWAYS TAKE THE
LEAD!
AMAZING TEAMWORK, UNBEATEN
TOO,
WE'RE THE GREATEST—THROUGH
AND THROUGH!**



**SAPPHIRES, SAPPHIRES,
KARDALTAS OUR COLOUR,
EPIC AND AMAZING, LIKE NO
OTHER!
SPEEDY AND FLASHY, WE LEAD
THE RACE,
MOVING SO QUICKLY, SETTING
THE PACE!
ALWAYS DOING OUR BEST, READY
TO FLY,
SAPPHIRES AIM HIGH, REACHING
THE SKY!**

Get Ready for Sports Week!

We've got an exciting week ahead in Week 11, with not one but two awesome sports events!

Mini Sports Day

These special days are for students who have qualified through PE trials with Mr. Barnett. They'll be competing in long jump, high jump, and distance running, earning points for themselves and their team. While not everyone will be competing, all students will have the chance to cheer on their classmates and be part of the action!

Sports Day – Friday, 10th April

Our whole-school Sports Day is set to be a fun-filled day of competition, teamwork, and school spirit! In the morning, Tri-Skills will run a variety of activities before we move into sprints and group events in the afternoon. Division 1 races will also take place, with students competing for year-level championships.

Important Reminder!

To take part in all the Tri-Skills activities, students must have their consent forms returned. Please make sure forms are signed and sent back as soon as possible so no one misses out on the fun!

Get involved!

Dress in your team colours to show your spirit!

Parents are welcome to join us on Friday for the main Sports Day, and if your child is competing in Mini Sports Day, you're welcome to come along on either day.

Important Info:

- Adult toilets will be available at the gym—just ask a staff member if you need directions.
- We follow the Junior Sports Policy and ask everyone to support our school values: Respect, Responsibility, and Success.
- Most importantly—let's make it a fun and positive day for everyone!

We can't wait to see the energy, enthusiasm, and sportsmanship from all our students. Let's make this Sports Week the best one yet!

Jamie Barnett
Health and PE Teacher





WHY IS SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IMPORTANT?

ABSENCES ADD UP! ✨

2 days absent a month
= 4 weeks a year!

By year 12 this equals
1 ½ years of learning!



DID YOU KNOW

Munno Para Primary School's overall attendance rate has gone down every year for the least 3 years...

1 in 5 MPPS students
don't attend school
regularly



EACH DAY MISSED

- Puts your child behind and makes it harder for them to catch up
- Can lead to lower achievement in reading, writing and numeracy
- Can lead to gaps in learning and connections to friends
- Makes school completion less likely



WHAT FAMILIES CAN DO ✨

- Be firm: send your child to school every day unless they are sick
- Develop good sleep and morning routines
- Schedule appointments outside of school hours
- Make a time to meet your child's teacher if you have any concerns ✨

TERM 1 WEEK 9 HIGHEST CLASS ATTENDANCE ✨

Congratulations to K3 who
had the highest attendance
in Term 1 Week 9 at 92.29%



IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO IMPROVE ATTENDANCE

- Going to school more often will make a difference
- Attendance habits will follow your child into work and life



AUSKICK

We're excited to once again host the Munno Para PS Auskick Centre! Auskick is a fantastic way for children to build confidence, develop fundamental movement skills and enjoy learning the game of AFL in a fun and supportive environment.

Sessions run on Mondays from 3:15pm – 4:00pm. Please see the flyer for registration details and information about using the ORSR Sports Voucher.

Important Supervision Reminder:

Children participating in Auskick must be supervised by a parent or caregiver. From 3:00pm to 3:15pm, school staff and Auskick staff will be setting up for the session and will not be providing direct supervision. We appreciate your support in ensuring students are supervised during this time.

We look forward to seeing lots of students involved and enjoying the fun!



nab AFL Auskick

GOOD CLEAN FUN

[PLAY.AFL/AUSKICK](https://play.afl.com.au/auskick)

MUNNO PARA PS AUSKICK CENTRE

Starts Monday 4th of May
3:15pm - 4pm

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SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER
FOR FREE WITH THE ORSR
SPORTS VOUCHER



ALL GIRLS GROUPS AVAILABLE

ALL PARTICIPANTS RECIEVE



AFL Superkick

ANYBUDDY CAN PLAY

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**Karate Builds More Than Skill
It Builds Character**

JINDOKAI SHOTOKAN KARATE-DO



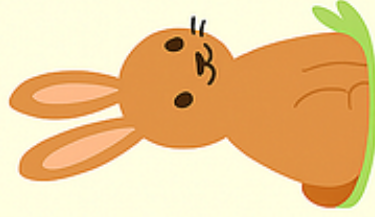
EASTER EGSTRAVAGANZA

Thursday, 2 April

- Easter egg hunt
- Temporary Easter tattoos
- Casual or Easter-themed clothing may be worn

**Don't forget:
2:00 dismissal**

- Colouring, basket making, and craft activities



If you do not want your child to participate, please let your child's teacher know.