



MUNNO PARA PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER WEEK 3, TERM 2

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear MPPS Community,

As we conclude the first three weeks of Term 2, I am pleased to share some positive reflections on the start of this term.

Our students have returned with great enthusiasm and a strong commitment to learning. It has been wonderful to see their high levels of engagement in classrooms and their active involvement in a variety of school activities. The positive attitude and collaborative spirit displayed by both students and staff continue to create a welcoming and productive atmosphere within our school.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all parents and carers for your ongoing support and involvement. Your partnership is essential in helping us provide our students with a nurturing and successful educational experience.

Sports Day

We would like to inform you that our School Sports Day has now been rescheduled to Friday 4th September and are pleased to confirm that Tri-Skills have been rebooked and confirmed for this new date.

We are excited to see students, families and our wider community come together to celebrate the day. Fingers crossed we are treated to some amazing weather so everyone can fully enjoy the event!

Further information regarding timings and event details will be shared closer to the date.

IMPORTANT DATES

King's Birthday Public Holiday
Monday 8/6

Pupil Free Day
Thursday 18/6

Last Day of Term 2
Friday 3/7 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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Emu Crossing

It has been wonderful to see so many families, students and community members already making great use of our new EMU Crossing. The crossing is helping create a safer environment for everyone travelling to and from school, particularly during our busy drop-off and pick-up times.

We would like to sincerely thank our school community for the positive support shown since the crossing was introduced. We also acknowledge and appreciate the many families and community members who advocated for improved safety measures in the area. Your voices and ongoing support played an important role in helping bring this project to life.

A special thank you also goes to our dedicated School Crossing Monitors, who continue to do an outstanding job supporting safe practices before and after school each day.

Pictured are some of our School Crossing Monitors and members of our Governing Council, who have all played a part in supporting safer access for our students and families.



Year 6 High School applications

Emails have gone out to year 6 families to start the process of enrolling your child into high school. If required a hard copy can be provided from the front office. All students have received an envelope with a booklet and information to bring home.

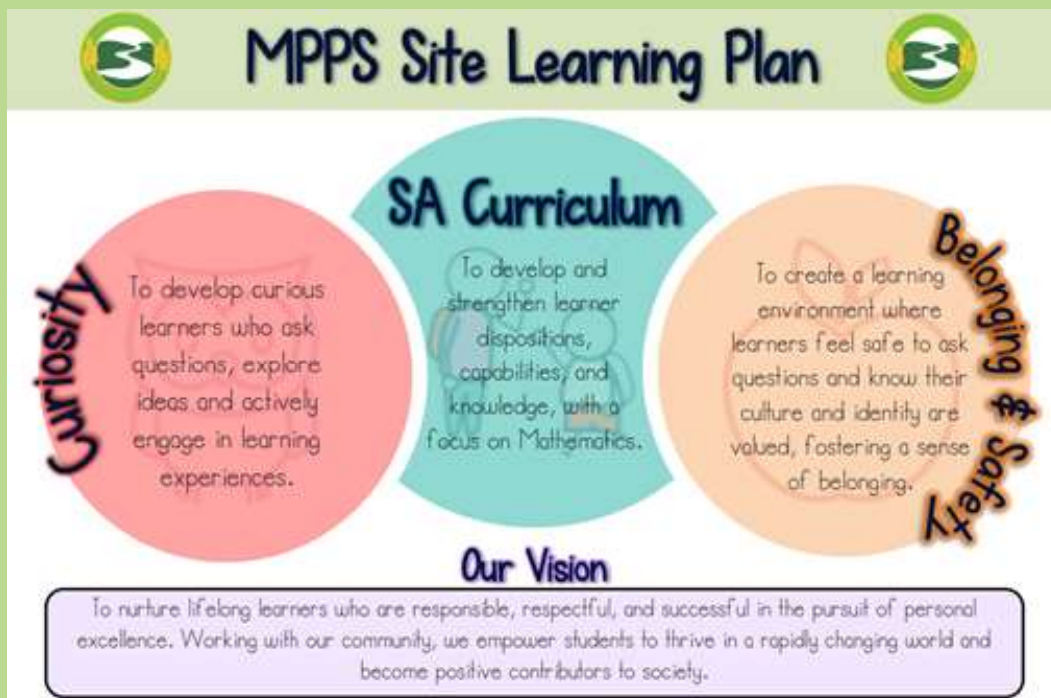
If you need assistance or have any questions, please give us a call on 8254 8322 or drop by our office.

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Updates on Site Learning Plan Work

Staff continue to actively engage with the South Australian Curriculum and Dispositions, incorporating "I Can" statements into their planning. Teachers use the "I Can" statements to support student reflection, goal setting and assessment by helping students identify the learning dispositions they are demonstrating and areas they can continue to develop.

Staff have also been collaborating in various Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) to embed curiosity in learning design through a range of strategies. Part of this work has also encompassed supporting students to feel safe to ask questions, further extending their curiosity about topics.



Pre- Service teachers

We are delighted to welcome our final year pre-service teachers to Munno Para Primary School for a six-week placement in Term 2. This is an exciting opportunity for both the pre-service teachers and our school community.

During their time with us, these aspiring educators will gain valuable hands-on experience, working closely with our staff and students. They will have the chance to apply their learning in a real-world setting, develop their teaching skills, and contribute to our vibrant school environment.

We encourage everyone to extend a warm welcome to our pre-service teachers and support them as they embark on this important phase of their professional journey.

Best Regards,
Andrew Castenetto
Principal



WELCOMING OUR NEW RECEPTION STUDENTS

We are delighted to announce that Munno Para Primary will be hosting transition visits for students who will be starting Reception in Term 3, 2026.

These visits are designed to help our newest learners feel comfortable, make connections, and ease into school life.

Transition Visit Dates:

- Visit 1: Friday 12th June, 9:00am–10:50am
- Visit 2: Friday 19th June, 9:00am–10:50am
- Visit 3: Friday 26th June, 9:00am–11:30am

The transition visits will give children a chance to meet their teachers and classmates and explore our school environment. It's also a great opportunity for us as a school community to get to know these new students and ensure their individual needs are supported.

On the first visit, our school captains will greet families at the front of the school and lead them to M block, where they'll be welcomed by Mr Castenetto (Principal) and myself. The children will then join their classroom for the transition activities.

If you know any families with children starting Reception next term, please let them know about these visits, and encourage them to reach out if they have questions. We look forward to welcoming our new students and working together to make their start at Munno Para Primary a positive experience.

Thanks,
Sarah Mellors
Deputy Principal



PBL FOCUS FOR WEEKS 1,2,3

**Our school
values**

Responsibility



**We are
organised**

Success



**We use
equipment as
intended**

Responsibility



POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING (PBL) UPDATES

As part of our Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) focus, we are working on reducing behaviour incidents in the JP playgrounds, particularly during and just after playtimes.

To support this, we recently created a video for students demonstrating the expected behaviours in the playground and what to do when the bell goes. In addition, the giant games have now been relocated to the area outside M block to encourage positive and inclusive play.

We are also excited to have launched the Y.A.K. (Yard Assistance Kids) initiative. Our YAKs are a group of dedicated Year 5/6 student leaders who support younger students during playtimes. They remind students of playground expectations, help with minor issues like tying shoelaces or taking someone to the office if they fall over, and assist children in finding friends to play with.

The YAK PACK is off to a fantastic start, and we're thrilled to see the positive impact they are having in building a caring and well-mannered playground culture.

Check out the photo below to see some of our YAKs proudly modelling their new YAK uniforms!



We look forward to seeing these initiatives continue to make a positive difference in the JP playgrounds throughout the term.

Thanks,
Mr Hunter
Student Well-being Leader



This term has started with plenty of energy and excitement in PE and school sport!

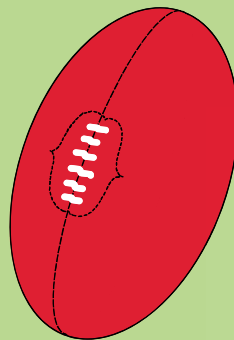
We have kicked off our Auskick sessions with a fantastic turnout, with numerous students joining in along with many supportive parents and teachers enjoying the footy fun. Students have been learning and practising key football skills, including kicking, handpassing, and how to bump and tackle safely. It has been great to see so much enthusiasm, and we are looking forward to continuing Auskick for the rest of the term.

Later this month, some of our Year 5/6 students will be heading to Argana Park to participate in the SAPSASA Netball Carnival. This will be a great opportunity for them to represent our school, showcase their skills, and demonstrate teamwork against students from other schools. Later in the term, another group of selected students will also have the opportunity to attend a Basketball Carnival.

During lunchtimes this term, a large number of students from Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 have been taking part in a Tower Defence competition. This dodgeball-style game involves students working in teams to knock over a tower of hoops. It has been fantastic to see the enthusiasm, skill development, strategy and teamwork on display. Tower Defence will continue throughout the term.

Well done to all students involved so far. It has been great to see so many students being active, responsible, respectful and resilient through sport!

Jamie Barnett
Health and PE Teacher



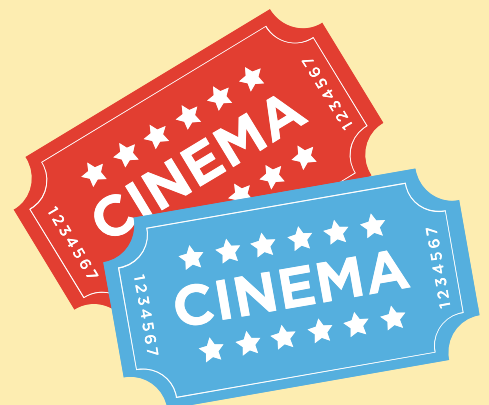
VARIETY SA MOVIE DAY



Last week, 25 of our students had the exciting opportunity to attend a Variety SA screening of the Super Mario Galaxy movie. Our students were fantastic representatives of Munno Para Primary School, displaying our values of respect, responsibility, and success throughout the day. They made new friends and looked out for one another, supporting fellow students and demonstrating positive school spirit.

A big thank you goes to Variety SA for funding both the event and our transport, making this special experience possible for our students. We are grateful for their ongoing support and look forward to more wonderful events in the future!

Thanks,
Mr Hunter
Student Well-being Leader



COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

This morning, our school community came together for a wonderful Community Breakfast, with families, students, and staff enjoying time connecting and sharing in a welcoming start to the day. From pancakes, drinks, games, and activities to the popular coffee van, it was fantastic to see so many people enjoying time together and strengthening the strong sense of community that makes our school so special.

A huge thank you to our volunteers and staff who generously gave their time to help organise and run the morning, as well as the organisations and community groups who joined us and helped make the event so welcoming and enjoyable for everyone. We also sincerely thank our local MP, James Agness, for coming along and lending a hand throughout the morning. Your support and contribution are truly appreciated.



2026 M&S Fees

Reminder to families:

Materials and School fees for 2026 are now overdue.

Please arrange payment as soon as possible or contact the school office if you need assistance.

Statements have been emailed to families during the holidays. Reminders will follow shortly, and final notices will be issued before any debt collection action is taken.

Payment of M&S fees can be paid via the following platforms:

- QKR
- Direct payment to the school's bank account. BSB 065-189, Account No 10105406.
- In person or by phone

Please consider setting up a payment plan. For example, paying \$10 per week would enable fees to be fully paid by the beginning of Term 3.

If you would like to set up a payment plan, please email dl.1482.finance@schools.sa.edu.au or come into the office and speak to Sharon. You can also call us on 8254 8322.

APPLYING FOR A SCHOOL CARD



All types of School Card applications are now online.



You can access the online forms from any device that gets internet, including mobile devices, such as tablets and smart phones, as well as laptops and computers.

Applying online is easy! Simply follow the steps below.

STEP 1

Visit sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard

STEP 2

Select the type of School Card you would like to apply for (for example 'Type A') and follow the prompts.

STEP 3

Complete all mandatory fields.

Please note: you cannot submit your application unless all mandatory fields are complete.

STEP 4

Once you have completed a page click on the 'NEXT' button.

STEP 5

Once you have filled out all pages click the 'SUBMIT' button.

Please note: if you exit the form without clicking 'SUBMIT' your details will be lost.

You can save the form, and return to complete it at another time, by clicking on the 'SAVE' button.



sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard

Did you know your family's income may be low enough to qualify for school card assistance? Check the limits below to see if you're eligible.

SCHOOL CARD ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Number of dependent children	Combined gross family income limit for the 2024-25 financial year	Gross weekly school card income limit
1	\$75,524	\$1,452
2	\$76,873	\$1,478
3	\$78,222	\$1,504
4	\$79,571	\$1,530
5	\$80,920	\$1,556
Each additional dependent child	\$1,349	\$26





TOILETS →

DEC DISABILITY EVENTS COMMUNITY

NORTHERN ADELAIDE DISABILITY EXPO



Wednesday

10th June 2026

10 am - 1 pm



Gawler & Barossa Jockey Club

Barnet Road, Evanston



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the first 200 people thanks to
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6 Helpful Tips for School Zones

As parents and caregivers, we have a great responsibility to ensure children stay safe in school zones. We also play a key role in educating children about road safety.

Here are 6 helpful tips for safety in school zones.

- 1** Consider alternative transport modes to reduce the number of vehicles in school zones.
- 2** Allow enough time to take your child to the school gate safely and without rushing.
- 3** Always observe parking signs and speed limits in and around school zones. They are designed to keep your child safe.
- 4** Talk about traffic safety with your child. Identify and discuss places where it is safe to get out of the car and to cross the road.
- 5** Teach your child how to cross the road using the 'stop, look, listen and think' process – stop at the kerb, look and listen for traffic and then decide whether it is safe to cross.
- 6** Park a few streets away and walk your child to school to reduce congestion and improve safety. This is also good exercise and helps teach your child road safety rules.

For further information please contact
City of Playford

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playford@playford.sa.gov.au

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Parking safely around schools



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We all know parking and traffic around school can be frustrating but going against the road rules places not only your child's life at risk, but those of others. Tragedies can occur if care is not taken to abide by these rules.

Common Parking Restrictions



No Parking Signs

You may use this area for drop off and pick up only, for a maximum of 2 minutes. You must not queue or wait here. The driver must remain with the vehicle.

Kiss and Drop Zones

are generally near the school gates and are designated by 'No Parking' signs.

Here are some key reminders when entering a Kiss and Drop Zone:

Follow the rules of 'No Parking' signs

Be mindful of others who are also dropping off their children

Keep an eye out for children crossing the road when exiting the Kiss and Drop Zone

Be mindful that queuing for the Kiss and Drop zone may result in other breaches to the road rules

If your child is unable to enter/exit the vehicle and enter the school independently, consider parking and walking your child in



No Stopping Signs/ Yellow Lines

Both No Stopping Signs and Yellow Lines mean the same thing. There might be one or the other or both. Drivers must not stop on a length of road to which this restriction applies, even if you are stopping for a short period to pick up a child. Stopping here may cause a traffic hazard as well as congestion. You cannot stop near a school crossing, always follow the signs and yellow lines.



Bus Zone Signs

You must not stop within a bus zone at any time. This zone is only available to public buses. If there are no signs, you are not allowed to stop within 20 metres of the approach to a bus stop or within 10 metres of the departure side.

Double Parking

Drivers must not stop next to a vehicle already stopped or parked at the kerb at any time.

This practice is illegal and creates dangerous situations for traffic flow and for pedestrians crossing a road.



Example of cars double parked in a school zone.

Pop-Up Cafe

Please join us today from 3pm near
the canteen we will be celebrating
mum

butter Chicken

fried rice

mini muffins

fruit boxes

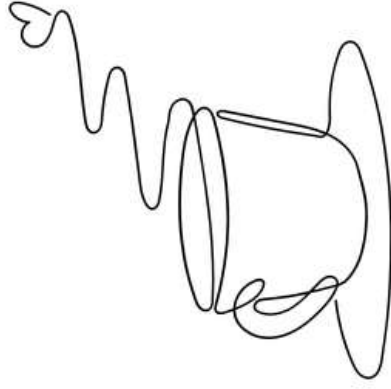
hot chocolate

coffee



MOTHER'S
DAY

Activities include:
make a card for mum



lego

purchase a gift for

mum for \$2-\$5

ball games



Children to be accompanied by a adult

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Pop-Up Cafe

Join us from 3pm by the school
Canteen for:

Food &
Drinks

Kid's
activities

Chats &
Company

Thursday

7th May

21st May

4th June

18th June

2nd July



Community Connections
and resources

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YMCA OSHC REGIONS

A NEW BEGINNING

We're excited to introduce a **new approach** to child and youth development across our regions, focused on **shared values, equal importance**, and **positive identity**.

This initiative creates **clear, aspirational connections** that are easy to understand and share, strengthening consistency across all YMCA communities while supporting **meaningful growth** for every child and young person.

INSPIRE



*Sparking curiosity, creativity,
and passion for learning*