



MUNNO PARA PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER WEEK 9, TERM 2

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear MPPS Community,

Thank you for being such a vital part of our Munno Para Primary School community. It truly does take a village to raise a child, and your ongoing support makes all the difference in helping our students thrive.

As we head into the Term 2 holidays (and the winter jackets and umbrellas come out in full force), we hope everyone manages to stay warmer than a forgotten playground bench on a frosty morning!

Enjoy the break, take time to rest, and we look forward to seeing everyone refreshed and ready for an exciting Term 3.

Reports

The leadership team has recently reviewed the mid-year reports, which will be sent home next week. We are proud of our students' achievements and grateful to our staff for their dedication in supporting every child's growth.

Thank you also to our families for the important role you play in your child's education. Your support at home makes a significant difference to their learning and wellbeing. If you have any questions about your child's report or would like to discuss their progress, please contact their teacher early next term to arrange a meeting.



IMPORTANT DATES

Movie Night

Tuesday 30/6 in the Gym
Doors open 5:30pm for 6pm start

Last Day of Term 2

Friday 3/7 2pm Dismissal

First Day of Term 3

Monday 20/7

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

We kindly remind all families and visitors to park safely and respectfully around Munno Para Primary School. Please follow all traffic rules, avoid double parking, do not block driveways, and only use designated parking areas.

For everyone's safety, we also ask that you and your children use the Emu Crossing when crossing the road. This helps our students cross safely and keeps traffic flowing smoothly.

A special thank you to our dedicated crossing monitors who support our community each day and help keep everyone safe.



Teaching Staff – Welcome Back and Farewell

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Narelle Warner, who will be joining us from Owen Primary School and taking over from Nicole Mazzone as she begins her maternity leave. We wish Nicole all the very best during this special and exciting time.

Additionally, we warmly welcome Amy Cannon, who will be joining us from Roseworthy Primary School and teaching our new class of mid-year Reception students.

We also say farewell to Mathew Deane, who has taken up an exciting new role at Kaurna Plains School, teaching PE. We thank Mathew for his contribution to our school community and wish him every success in this next chapter.

We're pleased to share that Tameka White will be stepping into Mathew's teaching role. Tameka is already a valued member of our team, and we look forward to her continuing to support our students in this new capacity.

Pop up Café

Our Pop-Up Café continues to be a wonderful success, helping us strengthen connections with our school community. It has been fantastic to see families and community members coming together in a relaxed and welcoming space.

We'd love to encourage everyone to pop in, grab a cuppa, and enjoy a chat. Whether it's a quick visit or a longer catch-up, you are always welcome!

The next Pop Up Café will be held on Thursday 2nd July.



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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.

Canteen

Next term, we will be trialling a new canteen model with community members Kirby and Natalee, offering a small range of hot food items available to order via QKR. If successful, the menu may expand over time.

The trial will run on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. Existing lunch options, including Subway, the Food Truck and over-the-counter sales, will continue as usual.

Further details about ordering, menu and pricing will be shared by the Admin Team during the holidays and in Week 1. Please note the canteen will not operate in Week 1 (Swimming Week), with the trial beginning in Week 2.

We appreciate Kirby and Natalee's support and look forward to seeing the impact of this initiative.

School Improvement Plan & Strategy for Education

Last Thursday, staff at Munno Para Primary School engaged in a dedicated Pupil Free Day, continuing our focused work connected to the Site Learning Plan.

South Australian Curriculum

A significant part of our day was spent deepening our understanding of the South Australian Curriculum. Staff participated in professional learning aimed at strengthening our thinking around Dispositions and Capabilities, and how these can be intentionally incorporated into our learning design.



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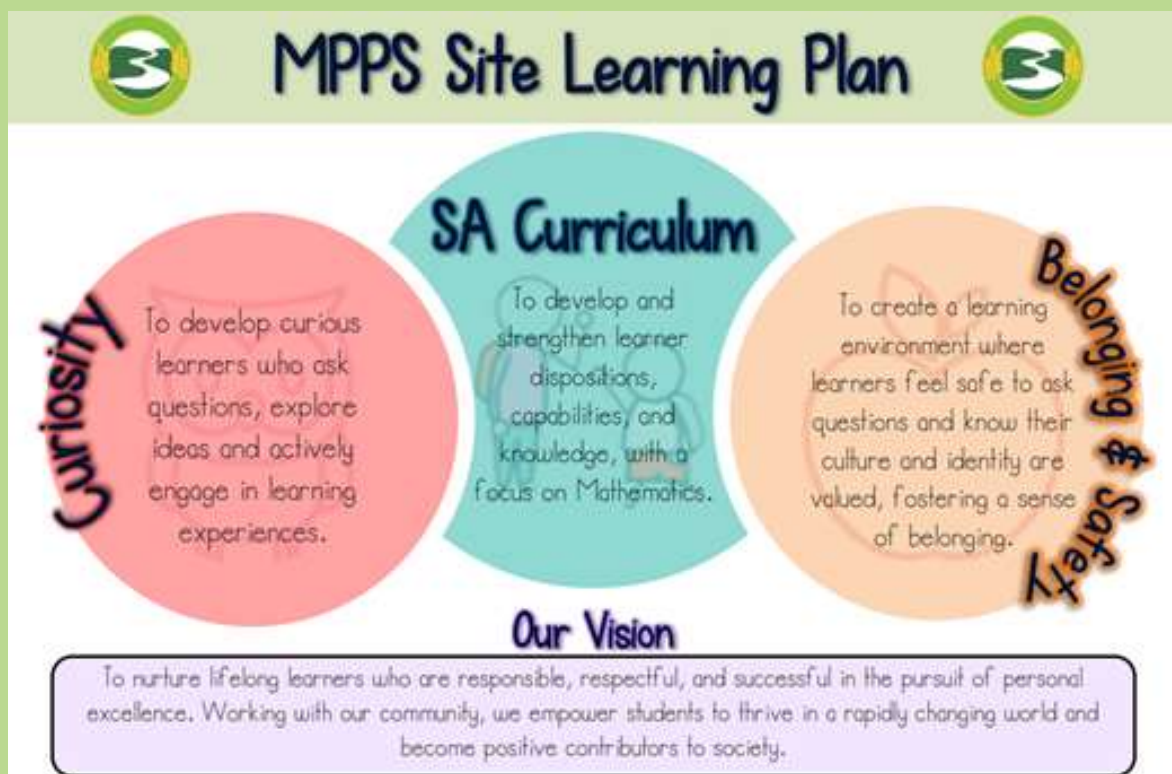


New Benches

We are incredibly grateful for the generous support of the Playford Alive Initiatives Fund in helping bring our new Community Benches to life under our COLA.

These benches will provide a welcoming space for families to connect, chat, and build relationships while waiting for school pick-up. By creating opportunities for conversation and connection, we're strengthening our sense of community and making our school an even more welcoming place for everyone.

Thank you for investing in projects that bring people together and support stronger, more connected communities. We can't wait to see our families enjoying this new space!



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Curiosity

Staff also had the opportunity to share and celebrate successes around developing curiosity, reflecting on practical strategies that encourage student engagement. Next term, we will delve further into the Curiosity Framework, building an even stronger understanding of how to intentionally embed curiosity into our teaching, with the goal of increasing student engagement and ownership in learning.

Belonging and Safety

Looking ahead, we are excited that next term Mrs Shields and Aunty Glenice will be working alongside students in classrooms to further explore student Culture and Identity. This work supports our ongoing commitment to fostering belonging and safety for every student at Munno Para Primary School.

We appreciate the ongoing support of our community as our staff undertake this important professional development, all with the aim of providing the best possible learning experiences for our students.

Andrew Castenetto
Principal



Why every day counts

Education is essential for the growth and development of children and young people and their learning, wellbeing and future life outcomes.

When your child misses



1 Day a fortnight

=

they miss weeks per year



20 Days a year

=

and years over their school life



Over **1** year missed



1 Day a week

=



40 Days a year

=



Over **2.5** years missed



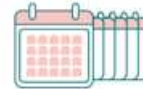
2 Days a week

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80 Days a year

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Over **5.5** years missed

PE

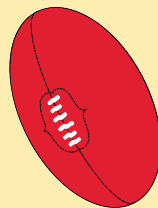
Congratulations to all students who have participated in Auskick this term. Next week will be our final session, where students will be presented with their medals. We would like to thank the dedicated parents, teachers and SSOs whose support has helped make the program such an enjoyable experience for students.

We are excited to announce that our popular lunchtime Tower Defence activity will be returning in Term 3. Open to students from both K Block and D Block, this game encourages teamwork, strategy and decision-making while reinforcing skills developed through our Physical Education program. We look forward to welcoming students back for another fun and engaging term of Tower Defence.

Next term, we will also be launching the Premier's Be Active Challenge. More information will be shared in Term 3.

Our Year 5 and 6 students have been training hard in preparation for the SAPSASA Basketball Carnival next week. We are very excited for this event and wish all students involved the very best of luck.

Jamie Barnett
Health and PE Teacher



A MESSAGE FROM THE LIZARD LOUNGE

This term in Lizard Lounge, we've been discussing changing the names of our school blocks. Right now, our buildings are named after Japanese colours, like K Block for "Kiirō" (yellow). We thought it would be great to use the names of native trees from around our school instead.

We walked around the school to find native trees, with class reps and school captains as our guides. Each class then made a shortlist of their favourite names.

Next term, everyone will get to vote on the new names, and we'll announce the results to the whole community.

We're excited to see what everyone chooses!

Thanks,
The Newsletter Subcommittee



CELEBRATING OUR NEW ECKO GECKO ARTWORK

We are excited to share that our Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) mascot, Ecko Gecko, has been brought to life through a vibrant new artwork. This special piece was designed by parent Janee Paech, whose creativity and talent have truly captured the spirit of our school community.

The Ecko Gecko artwork is now proudly displayed in the school office for everyone to enjoy. We extend our sincere thanks to Janee for her time and generous contribution, which will help inspire our students and celebrate our shared values.

Thank you, Janee!



PBL FOCUS FOR WEEKS 7,8,9

We are kind,
welcoming
and helpful

Respect



We are honest

Success



We give others
personal space

Respect



Respect



Responsibility



Success



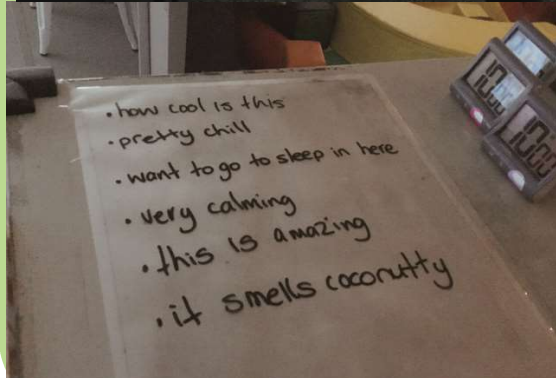
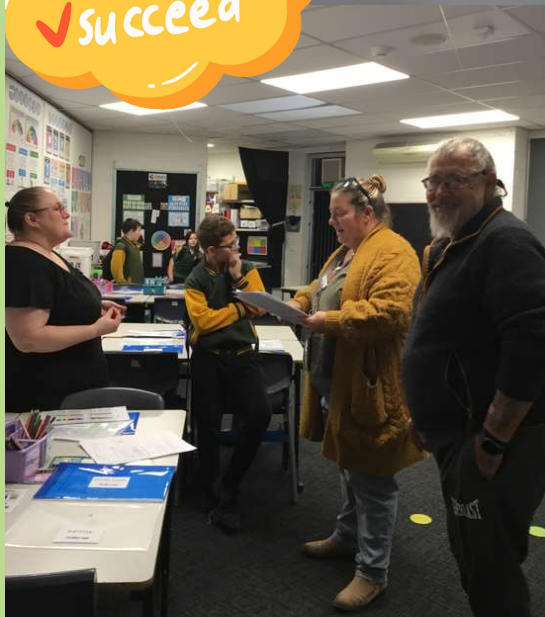
STUDENT SUCCESS SHOWCASE

Last week, we held our Student Success Showcase for Term 2. It was wonderful to see so many families joining us to celebrate our students' achievements. This event provided a valuable opportunity for students to share work they are proud of, and for teachers and families to connect and discuss student learning together.

Thank you to all the families who attended and supported our students. Your involvement makes a significant difference and helps create a strong sense of community at Munno Para Primary School.



**Never
STOP
Learning**



LEARNING ON COUNTRY



Hi Munno Para Community,

I recently completed my third-year teaching placement at Fregon Anangu School in the APY Lands, spending just under six weeks in Tinka Class (Years 3–5).

This experience reinforced for me the importance of building strong relationships and recognising the vital role that community plays in supporting student learning and wellbeing. I was privileged to learn alongside students, families, Anangu educators and staff who demonstrated the value of working collaboratively and respectfully within a culturally rich community.

In class bilingual education

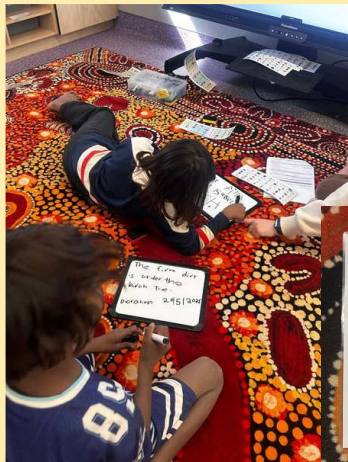
My placement also deepened my understanding of trauma-informed practice. I observed how predictable routines, positive relationships, high expectations and flexible approaches to learning help students feel safe, connected and ready to engage. It highlighted the importance of seeing behaviour as communication and responding with empathy, patience and understanding.

I am incredibly grateful for the opportunity to learn from the Fregon community. It was a truly memorable experience that has strengthened my commitment to creating inclusive, culturally responsive and trauma-informed learning environments for all students.

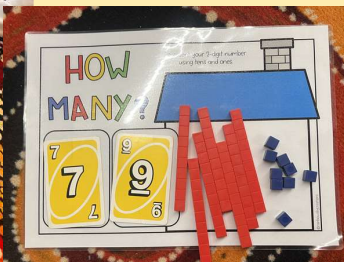
Here are just a few snapshots of the incredible experience.

NGANAKU TJINA? ANSWERS

Animal print	Pitjantjatjara	English
	Kajayaku tjina	Emu
	Liruku tjina	Snake
	Kamulaku tjina	Camel
	Ngintakaku tjina	Lizard or Goanna
	Maluku tjina	Kangaroo
	Papaku tjina	Dingo
	Tjitjiku tjina	Human



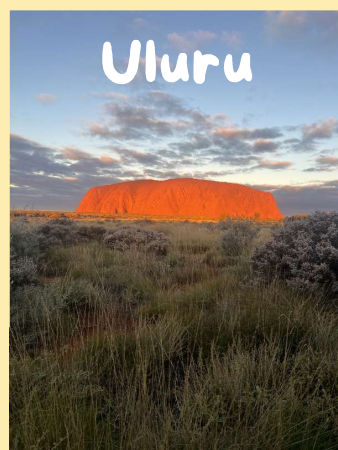
In class learning



Tameka White



Learning on Country



PBL IN ACTION

My We are kind - kindness clouds



K2 We communicate appropriately to each other – practising speaking to each other appropriately during tasks



M2 We are kind welcoming and helpful – crumpled heart activity



K6 We use personal space - practicing respectful conversations at a good distance



A4 We use personal space - using hula hoops to keep a good distance



Respect



Responsibility



Success



MATERIALS AND SERVICES FEES

Overdue Materials and School Fees -2026

Urgent reminder: Materials and school fees are now overdue. Immediate payment is required. Families with outstanding balances will receive email reminders in the school holidays. If payment is not received following these reminders, final notices will be issued. Please note that failure to pay after the final notice may result in debt collection action, in accordance with Department for Education policy.

If you require support with payment or need assistance, please contact the school office immediately.

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

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

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.

OVERDUE

U10 & U12
Come & Try...
District Basketball

LIONS
CENTRAL DISTRICTS BASKETBALL

19 73

ATHLETIC

walker

🔥 COME & TRY BASKETBALL – JOIN THE LIONS! 🔥

Looking for something active, exciting, and confidence-building for your kids? This is their moment!

The Central Districts Basketball Club is opening the doors for young athletes to experience the thrill of basketball 🏀

📅 **WHEN:** Sunday, June 28

👥 **WHO:** Under 10 & Under 12 boys & girls

Under 10's are born 2017 / 2018 / 2019

Under 12's are born 2015 / 2016

🏀 **WHAT:** Come & Try Training Session

Registration link Below.

🌟 Why Basketball?

- ✓ One of Australia's fastest growing sports
- ✓ Builds teamwork, confidence & coordination
- ✓ Keeps kids active and engaged
- ✓ A fun, inclusive environment for all skill levels

🌟 What Your Kids Will Experience:

- 🏀 Fun games & skill drills
- 🏀 Learn the basics in a supportive setting
- 🏀 Meet our passionate coaches
- 🏀 Make new friends and be part of a team

👤 No experience needed!

Just bring a ball if you have one, a drink bottle, and plenty of energy!

👨👩👧👦 **Parents** – this is a fantastic opportunity to introduce your kids to a sport that develops skills for life, both on and off the court.

🏆 **Join the pride.** Feel the energy. Start the journey.

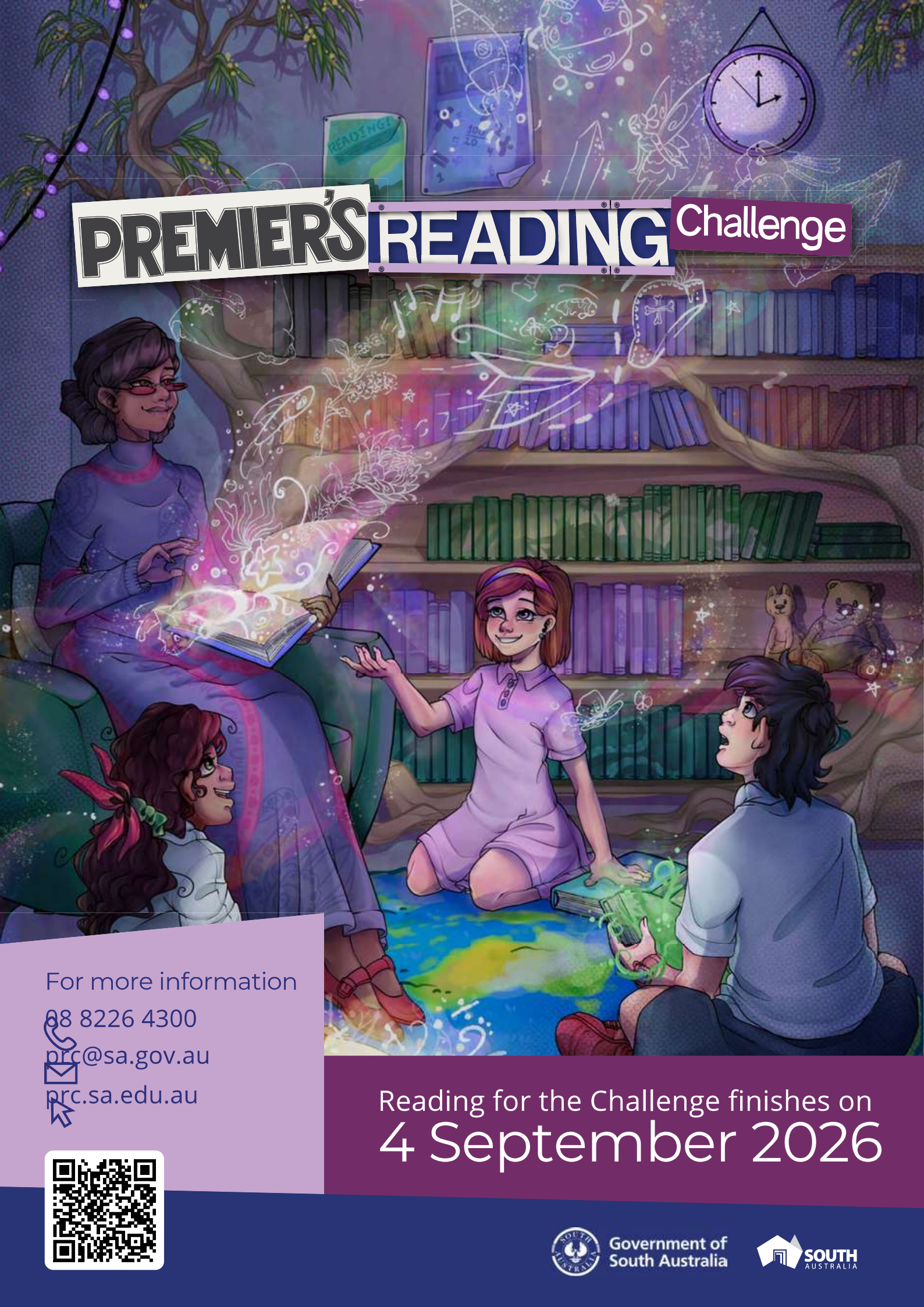
👉 **Don't miss out** – come along and give it a go!

<https://www.intix.com.au/event/under-10-and-12-come-and-try-day-june-28th/information>

Respect

Responsibility

Success



PREMIER'S READING Challenge

For more information

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Reading for the Challenge finishes on
4 September 2026



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