



MUNNO PARA PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER WEEK 6, TERM 3

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear MPPS Community,

As we reach the midpoint of the term, I am pleased to highlight the growing sense of curiosity among both our students and staff. In our classrooms, we are seeing enthusiastic engagement, with learners asking thoughtful questions and exploring new ideas, particularly in mathematics. This aligns closely with our site learning plan, which encourages curiosity and the development of positive learning dispositions.

Students and staff are displaying dispositions such as curiosity, resilience, and reflectiveness as they engage with challenging tasks and explore their learning in greater depth. It is inspiring to see our whole school community contributing to a vibrant learning environment, where everyone is eager to learn and support one another.

SSO Week

Last week, we recognised the exceptional contributions of our School Services Officers (SSOs) during SSO Week. Our SSOs play a vital role in every aspect of our school, from office administration and ICT support to assisting students with their learning and providing care for those needing extra wellbeing support.

They are an essential part of our school community. I would also like to thank both our staff and students for showing their appreciation for our SSOs throughout the week.



IMPORTANT DATES

Book Fair

Tuesday 1/9 to Monday 7/9

Mini Sports Day and Sports Day

Wednesday 2/9 and Friday 4/9

Father's Day Stall

Thursday 3/9

Pupil Free Day

Friday 18/9

Last day of Term 3/ Colour Run

Friday 25/9 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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Important Update: Changes to School Materials and Services Charges from 2027

From 2027, South Australian families will no longer need to pay the universal materials and services charge for their child's schooling. This cost will now be covered by the State Government. Your school will continue to receive the same level of funding, and all current supports for students and classrooms will remain. You will still need to pay for items such as uniforms, digital devices, and optional excursions.

Any outstanding materials and services charges should still be paid as usual. These changes do not apply to international or non-resident students, and current arrangements for preschool fees remain unchanged.

For any questions, please contact the Department for Education on 1800 088 158 (free call).

Reception Enrolments for 2027

We are currently taking enrolments for Receptions in 2027. Please come into the Office to fill out an Expression of Interest form to ensure you are on our list. Principal tours can be arranged by ringing the front office and booking in a time. Information has been sent to our local pre-schools and to families who have already completed the Expression of Interest form.

Class Placements for 2027

As the term draws closer to the end, we are starting to look at and plan for 2027. Time is required for the planning and consideration for class placements. When placing students in classes for the following year, parents / carers need to be aware that due to fluctuating student numbers (particularly over the Christmas break) we are unable to guarantee class placements until our census day which is in Week 4 of Term 1 the following year.

We cannot stress enough that if you have any preference, please put it in writing as once we have placed students in classes, it is very difficult to make any changes. Please be aware that if you put in a request you need to state your reasons for the request.

Requests **are only considered based on educational and social/wellbeing needs**. We **do not** consider requests **based on teacher preference**. Please address your requests the following way:

To the Principal
Class Placements
Private and Confidential



All requests need to be received by **Friday Week 10 of Term 3**.

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Parent Survey

The annual parent survey is underway and closes midnight Sunday 6 September.

This survey aims to get your views on:

- what we're doing well
- where we can improve
- what's important to you as a parent/carer



Your answers won't identify you or your child and only collated feedback is provided to our school.

You should have already received a link to the survey via email or SMS. Reminder emails are currently being sent to you unless you have completed a survey or have unsubscribed.

Andrew Castenetto
Principal



PRIME MINISTER'S SPELLING BEE

In Week 5, twenty students from Years 4 to 6 participated in the Prime Minister's Spelling Bee.

Many of our students worked diligently in their spelling lessons in the weeks leading up to the competition, practising words and building up their speed to type them quickly. All twenty students should be proud of their achievements, with everyone recording strong times and great scores.

Earlier this week, we received the results from the first round and I am proud to announce that ten of our students have progressed to the state and territory finals! Congratulations to Isaiah, Jaeden, Mehlaqa, Tait, Lily, Muhammad, Sophia, Persephone, Gabe, and Mackenzie.

They will participate in the next round over the coming week and we wish them the best of luck!

Sonya McRostie
Coordinator-Curriculum & Pedagogy



Premier's Be Active Challenge

The Premier's Be Active Challenge has now finished for 2026! It has been fantastic to see so many of our students getting active and recording their physical activity throughout the challenge.

Please make sure all completed Premier's Be Active Challenge forms are returned to classroom teachers by Tuesday 1 September so they can be collected and processed.

Thank you to all of our students and families for supporting the challenge and encouraging active, healthy habits!

Sports Day is Nearly Here!

We are getting very excited for Sports Day, which is now only two weeks away (4/9)!

In the lead-up to Sports Day, students will also have the opportunity to participate in athletics activities using the TriSkills equipment, including activities such as high jump and long jump.

A reminder to families to please return Sports Day consent forms as soon as possible. Students need to have their consent form returned to be able to participate in activities using the TriSkills equipment.

We are looking forward to a fantastic Sports Day and seeing everyone representing their house with enthusiasm and great sportsmanship!

Congratulations to Our SAPSASA Students!

A huge congratulations to all of our students who recently represented our school at the SAPSASA Soccer and Volleyball Carnival.

It was an amazing day for everyone involved, with our teams winning many of their games and producing some fantastic performances.

Most importantly, our students demonstrated outstanding sportsmanship, teamwork and encouragement throughout the day. They represented our school wonderfully, both on and off the court and field.

Well done to all of our SAPSASA soccer and volleyball students — you should be very proud of the way you represented our school!

Jamie Barnett
Health and PE Teacher



A MESSAGE FROM THE LIZARD LOUNGE

Last term, we started a project to remain the buildings, we decided to go with tree names because our school name is connected to a tree. Munno means Golden Wattle and Para means Creek. Our school is named 'Golden Wattle Creek'. This also connects to the learning expedition that D3 and D4 are doing in Science.

This term, we have been collecting votes with our classes about which tree names students would like for our buildings to be called. We looked at only native trees and the trees that were near each building. The staff also got to vote on their favourites!

During our Lizard Lounge meetings, we kept track of the votes and we shared them with each other during the each other. The Lizard Reps collated the staff votes as well.

The staff and student votes were almost the same!

We are excited to share what our final result is....

M Block will be called Lilly Pilly Building

K Block will be called Blue Gum Building

A Block will be called Acacia Building

D Block will be called Tuckeroo Building

Our next job in Lizard Lounge is to encourage our class mates to create temporary signs to display the new building names, look out for them around the school!

The Newsletter Subcommittee



PBL FOCUS FOR WEEKS 4,5 & 6

**We listen to
others**

Respect



**We use
manners**

Respect



**We eat and play
in the right
areas**



VIRTUAL AUTHOR VISIT: ANDY LEE INSPIRES OUR STUDENTS

Munno Para Primary School students joined over 100 schools across Australia for a special virtual visit with children's author Andy Lee! The session began with Andy reading his first book, *Do Not Open This Book*, much to the delight of everyone watching.

Andy's latest story, *Do Not Open This Book – It's Scary*, will be released in just a few weeks. He shared that his very first book was written in only 40 minutes on a plane from Sydney to Melbourne for his new Nephew—a fantastic example of how inspiration can strike anywhere.

Andy encouraged students to look around and draw ideas from everyday life, reminding us that the best ideas often come from what we see and experience. He also spoke about his television show, *Do Not Watch This Show*, and his favourite (yet-to-be-aired) episode, where he touches a toilet and hilariously becomes the toilet!

Students enjoyed hearing about Andy's process for creating memorable characters, including the famous blue character "Wizz" from his books. He revealed that he experimented with other colours but found that blue was the best fit, urging everyone not to be afraid to try different ideas.

Andy's journey as an author began with TV shows and a gift for his nephew, which inspired him to write his first book. He also recommended the *Power Moves Books* by Hamish and Andy, saying you're never too young to read them and they might even give you an advantage in life!

Did you know? The *Do Not Open This Book* series is now available in 35 languages!

For Book Week, Andy reflected on his favourite costume—a witch from Roald Dahl's *The Witches*. He loved the story as a child and remembers dressing up as a witch when he was in primary school.

We thank Andy Lee for his engaging and inspiring session with our students!



BOOK WEEK PARADE 2026



Today, our students celebrated Book Week with a wonderful parade inspired by this year's theme, A Symphony of Stories! 📖🎵

The children looked fantastic in their creative costumes, bringing their favourite book characters to life. It was a wonderful celebration of reading, imagination and the joy of stories, with plenty of smiles and excitement throughout the day!



BOOK WEEK PARADE 2026



REMINDER FOR OVERDUE MATERIALS AND SCHOOL FEES -2026

If you are unsure whether you owe any fees, please call or email dl.1482.finance@schools.sa.edu.au

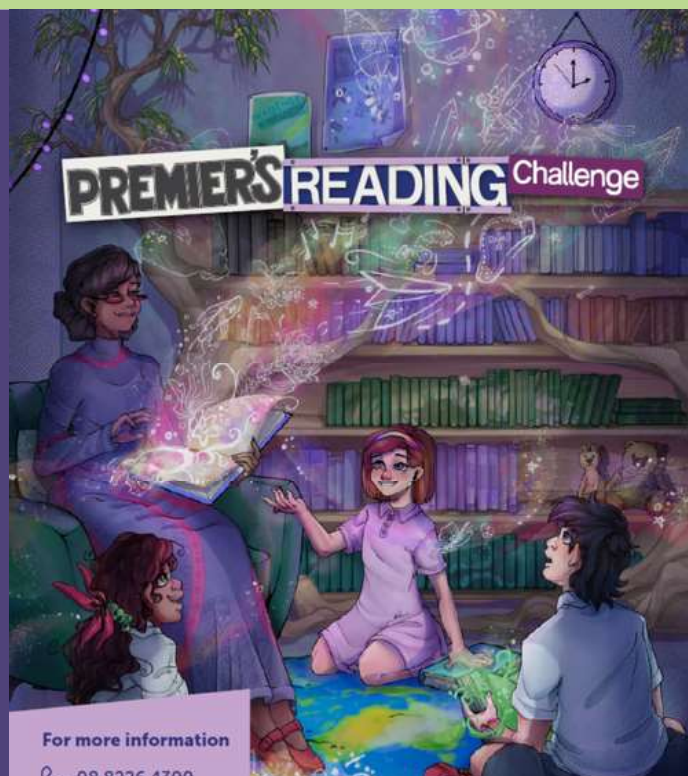
If payment is not received following the reminders sent in July 2026, final notices will be issued. Please note that failure to pay after the final notice may result in debt collection action, in accordance with Department for Education policy.

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:

- QKR
- 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.



PREMIERS' READING Challenge

For more information
☎ 08 8226 4300
✉ prc@sa.gov.au
🌐 prc.sa.edu.au



Reading for the Challenge finishes on
4 September 2026



Premiers Reading Challenge – Reminder

The Premiers Reading Challenge is coming to a close next week Friday September 4th.

We encourage all students who have been participating to submit their completed forms to the library no later than next Friday.

Don't miss out on the opportunity to have your efforts recognised! Please ensure your forms are checked and signed before handing them in.

Thank you for your enthusiasm and commitment to reading. If you have any questions, please contact the library staff or your teacher.



BOOK WEEK PERFORMANCE

On Monday, 17 August, our students had a fantastic time enjoying the Something Special Book Week performance! There were plenty of smiles, laughter, music and dancing as the children brought some of their favourite books to life.

It was wonderful to see students joining in, getting involved and celebrating the joy of books and storytelling together. A very special Book Week experience for everyone!



WARRIORS

NETBALL CLUB



SUMMER SEASON

—WANTING TO TRY NETBALL?—
COME ALONG, HAVE FUN AND BE PART OF THE TEAM!



NO CLUB FEES

FOR ALL NEW MEMBERS TO THE CLUB
WHO ARE 11 OR YOUNGER
AS AT 31/12/26

 GAME FRIDAY NIGHT	 TRAINING SUNDAY EVENING	 ARGANA PARK ELIZABETH
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**JUNIORS**
START DATE:
16/10/26

**ALL SKILL**
LEVELS
Welcome!



**HQ FEES**
APPLY

**FIND US ON FACEBOOK**
OR TEXT 0412 169 881

**FOR INFORMATION**

JOIN THE WARRIORS FAMILY!

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE

IN-HOUSE INCURSION	FULL FEE	CCS REDUCED FEE*
	\$68.40	\$9.45 - \$34.65
EXCURSION	FULL FEE	CCS REDUCED FEE*
	\$90.20	\$12.45 - \$45.65

*Estimation of fees after subsidy is applied

Vacation Care | 28 Sept–9 Oct

WEEK 1

Monday 28 September	Tuesday 29 September	Wednesday 30 September	Thursday 1 October	Friday 2 October
In-House All Around The World 	Excursion Roller Skating 	Incurison Jump Into Fun 	In-House Welcome To Spooky Season 	Excursion Fasta Pasta Lunch
Pack your passports and travel around the world with us through music, dance, cooking, cultural crafts and learning about different countries!	Come along for an exciting day of roller skating, laughter, music, and making great memories. Depart: 8:30am Return: 2:00pm Transport: Private Bus Outcomes: 1, 3, 4	Jump First is bringing their exciting jumping castles to us. Come and jump, play, laugh, and enjoy an action-packed day with friends! Start: 9:00am Finish: 5:00pm Outcomes: 2, 3, 4	Get ready for a spooktacular day of Halloween fun! Dress in your favourite costume and enjoy face painting, coloured hair spray, spooky crafts and sensory activities. Outcomes: 1, 3, 4	Enjoy a delicious meal, great company, and a wonderful time together at Fasta Pasta. Bon appetit! Depart: 11:30am Return: 2:00pm Transport: Private Bus Outcomes: 1, 2, 3
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WEEK 2

Monday 5 October	Tuesday 6 October	Wednesday 7 October	Thursday 8 October	Friday 9 October
CLOSED TODAY LABOUR Day 	In-House Nature Explorers 	Excursion Matilda Jr The Musical 	Excursion SA Base Camp 	In-House Roll And Ride
	Today is all about exploring nature and getting messy! Join the potion making workshop and create DIY potion jars! Mix mud with water and create a natural painting! Outcomes: 2, 3, 4	Step into the world of Matilda Jr at The Parks Theatre for a spectacular live performance. Depart: 9:00am Return: 1:30pm Transport: Private Bus Outcomes: 1, 4	Get ready to climb, swing, jump and conquer every obstacle. Ninja Warrior style, at SA Base Camp! Depart: 9:00am Return: 1:30pm Transport: Private Bus Outcomes: 1, 3, 4	Get ready to roll into a day full of wheely fun! Bring your bikes, scooters, roller skates and enjoy a day of riding! Don't forget your safety gear. Outcomes: 1, 4, 5

Book your session via the Xplor Home App
Visit sa.ymca.org.au/OSHC for more information

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OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE



Sparking curiosity, creativity, and passion for learning

INSPIRE

Important information

What is included

Breakfast and afternoon tea will be provided. Programmed activities including excursions, incursons and in-house activities.

What to bring

YMCA OSHC promotes a healthy eating environment and encourages families to provide their children with a healthy assortment of food to bring for recess, and lunch. As well as healthy brain food and a water bottle every day.

Fees and cancellations

All bookings must be received by Monday 14 September to avoid a \$3 casual fee. Cancellations must be made two weeks prior to the date of the requested care to avoid payment. By making a booking you are agreeing to pay the fees through your direct debit account in addition to normal OSHC bookings. Please review our terms and conditions online for our fee and policy information.

Excursions

Please make sure you arrive at the service at least 30 minutes before the bus departure. Please make sure you sign the Excursion Authorisation when you sign your children into OSHC for that day. While bus drivers in SA are exempt from ensuring passengers under 16 years are restrained, YMCA will make every effort to ensure the safety of all children by using seatbelts that are supplied and be guided by our policies and transport risk assessments.

Learning outcomes:

OUTCOME 1 Children and young people have a strong sense of identity	OUTCOME 2 Children and young people are connected and contribute to their world	OUTCOME 3 Children and young people have a strong sense of wellbeing	OUTCOME 4 Children and young people are confident and involved learners	OUTCOME 5 Children and young people are effective communicators

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COMMUNICATION CREATES POSSIBILITY...

Every day, speech pathologists work alongside students and staff to **grow communication confidence** - turning **possibility** into **opportunity**.



IMPACT OF COMMUNICATION

Communication shapes how students learn, make friends, regulate emotions, and participate in class.

Left unsupported, communication difficulties are linked to lower literacy outcomes, reduced confidence, and higher risk of disengagement from school.

With the right support - early and ongoing - students build the skills and confidence to connect, learn and thrive!



HOW COMMON ARE COMMUNICATION DIFFICULTIES?

1 in 7      

school-aged students are identified as having a communication difficulty

1 in 11         

children are developmentally vulnerable in communication skills when they start school

1 in 500

Australians have complex communication needs and may use an AAC device to be understood

Sources: McLeod & McKinnon (2007), Perry et al. (2002)

SPEECH PATHOLOGISTS WITHIN THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

As Department for Education speech pathologists, we partner with sites to grow understanding and communication confidence - for staff, students and the broader school community.

We work across the areas of Speech, Language, Communication, AAC and Literacy, through the multi-tiered systems of support (MTSS):

Growing site capacity
Providing coaching, professional learning and practical strategies that build confidence to support communication every day, in every classroom.

Supporting classrooms
Working alongside teachers and support staff to embed communication-rich practice that lifts outcomes for the whole class.

Skill mapping & small group support
Mapping skills across a class or cohort to identify where support is needed, and support intervention planning and delivery.

Individual student support
Assessing, intervention planning and delivering targeted support for students with speech, language and/or communication needs.

EXPLORE HELPFUL RESOURCES

Communication Milestones



Check development by age

Language Disorder Australia



Helpful handouts, strategies & activities

Speech Pathology Australia Podcast - Speak Up



Also available via Spotify, Apple Music

Book Share Time



Find children's books matched to speech & language goals.



FREE

Girls, COME PLAY TODAY!



Calling all 5-16yr Old Girls! ↑

Register for 4 Weeks of FREE Pre-Season

Cricket Fun!

**Everyone is welcome! Different activities available
for all ages and skill level!**

Gawler
Mondays

Adel Plains
Tuesdays

Playford
Wednesdays

Barossa
Fridays



Open Day!

Saturday 19 September | 10am to 12pm

**Join us at our Open Day to enjoy fun, hands-on
activities for your child, meet our friendly team, and
take a look around the centre.**

This FREE family fun day will include:

- Coffee Van & Sausage Sizzle
- Face Painting & Hair Braiding
- Cultural Performance by Spirit in Unity
- First Nations Artwork Unveiling by Sasha Hill Art
- Free Adult Clothing from the Thread Together Van
- Connect with Local Family & Community Services
- Great Prizes to be Won

Registrations essential

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