Hello to Everyone,

Dear Families and Caregivers,

Week 3 of term is well and truly upon us. It is that time of the year when students are finalising their work to be submitted and teachers are doing their assessments and writing reports. The year certainly started off with a bang, with the closure of D Block, but as always, we pulled together to get the job done. It is just how we all work as a community at Munno Para PS. We are a ‘super’ school.

The separation of some classes, particularly the older students, has delayed the time to really build and develop those relationships between the classes. This is why we have begun our planning for 2017 earlier, so we can have as much as possible in place and ready to go, in case any unplanned circumstances arise. We are currently doing our planning and organisation for classes, staffing, training and curriculum. If you are aware that your child will not be returning to MPPS, please let us know in writing. Also, if you have a sibling coming from the kindy, please ensure that enrolment forms have been completed. This will help us to have a clearer idea of numbers to plan for our Reception group. For families that wish to make a request for classes and/or friendship placements, please put this in writing.

Kind regards,

Belinda Kopania
Principal
2017 Requests

All requests should be addressed the following way:

To the Principal
Class Placements 2014
Private and Confidential

All requests need to be received by the 22nd November. I cannot stress enough that if you have a preference please put it in writing as once we have made the class placements 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 and we only consider requests based on educational and social needs.

We do not consider any requests based on a preference of teachers. Every year we provide parents/carers with this opportunity and every year we have to disappoint parents/carers when they come in after this opportunity and request a change because their child has been placed somewhere that the parents/carers are not happy about.

I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone for their support during the floods in the last week of Term 3. It was certainly a crazy few days for all of the state. Although our school was fortunate to have any issues, apart from the power blackout on Wednesday afternoon, there were a number of staff who were not as fortunate. This made it impossible to be able to operate as per normal. The school did have a modified program with mixed year levels. It was great to see all of the students working together, getting along and chatting. They were helping each other out and chatting with other students that they would not normally do. It was a great positive in an otherwise stressful two days. We had no behaviour issues at all during that time, which is a credit to all with the engagement and cooperation of all. Thank you again.

Hopefully everyone has seen the beautiful mural that Scott Rathman has worked on with our ATSI students. It looks fantastic and is a great welcoming for visitors to our school. Glenice Wanganeen, our ACEO, will be sending out invitations to all ATSI families for our Opening Ceremony on 15th November.

With this newsletter, we have included information in regards to our Nut awareness policy. We do have some students at our school who have severe anaphylaxis, and nuts are a trigger. The consequences for this can be catastrophic, which is why we take this very seriously. Nuts, including peanut butter, should not be brought to school. The following classes need to be extra vigilant as there are identified students with severe nut allergy in that class. These classes have identified students: A3, A4, D3 and M3 and must take additional care. If there are classes not listed it is because we do not have this information on our system. Please see Terri in the front office if you have any concerns.
Term Events

During the final weeks of term, make sure to keep an eye out in the bottom of bags for additional notes that classes may be sending home for special events.

We have a lot of events coming up to finish our fabulous year off. The Halloween Disco was moved as we had our Talent Show in week 1. This was rescheduled from the floods last term. It was an amazing night with a number of our students engaged in many a variety of acts. It was fantastic to see the confidence and self-esteem of these students as they glowed on stage. It was certainly impressive. A huge thank you to Mrs Smith and the Fundraising group for their wonderful planning, preparation and support. Thank you to all of the staff that stayed back after school to help with the supervision and to end the show with their drumming performance.

We are available for weddings, birthdays etc. as I am sure a number of our students are too.

The Summer Carnival will be on Friday 18th November, week 5. This is an opportunity for students in years 5-7 to participate in a variety of sports at Aragana Park. We have always had positives reports in regards to our student’s behaviour at these events. We will continue with our policy that students need to demonstrate they follow our school values of Respect, Responsibility and Success with at least 80% in their Class Dojo. Students who have not been able to demonstrate these behaviours at school will not be involved in extra-curricular activities outside of the school. These events are a privilege and not an entitlement.

Transition for both high school and kindergartens will be during this term. MOC and Gawler HS are on Wednesday 23rd November. Craigmore HS have been to visit our site and have a Show Case on Tuesday 22nd November.

For more information in regards to high school transition, please see Mr Hunter.

Kindy students starting school in 2017 will have their transition visits on Thursdays of weeks 6, 7 and 8. The dates are 24th November, 1st December and 8th December. Notes have been sent home to all families who have enrolled for next year. For more information in regards to kindy transition, please see Mrs Smith.

D3/D4 Year 7 students have been invited by Adelaide Compass to participate in our ‘It’s Your Move Day’, at the Sfera’s Function Centre on Thursday 24 November. Mrs Daff and Ms Kempster will have more information in regards to this event.

Thursday 1st December A Block will be having a sleep over in the gym. Please see Ms Rattley, if you have any further questions in regards to this special event.

It is that time of the year when we are organising our Year 7 Graduation and End of Year Concert. The graduation will be on Tuesday 13th December. I know the Graduation Committee have some special plans for the evening and a special Senior’s Week has been organised. Mrs Daff and Ms Kempster will have more information in regards to these events.

The School Concert will be on Wednesday 14th December. Classes are planning and practising for our end of year event. The Fundraising group will have their usual events with a sausage sizzle and Xmas raffle. Keep an eye out for notes and raffle tickets which will be going home soon. Class teachers will be able to give you more information in regards to their performance at the concert. These may include a special dress or embellishment that they would like or it may be words to songs or a dance to practice with your child at home.

Grievance Procedures

Just a quick reminder that if your child is having any issues, please do not approach any other child. Report this to Leadership straight away and they will always follow up. We can only deal with what we know and it is often beneficial to have this information earlier before things escalate.
Important reminders

Morning drop off: Be aware there is no supervision before 8:45am, please aim to drop your child off close to this time.

School Card: School card applications should be returned to the school by 21st November 2016. For more information please see Karen Hobbs.

REMEMBER: The carpark is out of bound to all students, carers and parents. We have had some near misses - for the safety of the school community please do not walk through this area.

Reminder about car parking

Please be mindful of where you are parking when dropping and collecting your child. We have had numerous complaints of parents parking in no parking zones and in private parking areas. Be aware that you can and will be fined by police or the council if caught parking in the wrong areas.

Book Fair

Book Fair is on in the Library until Tuesday 8th November and the Book Fair competition finishes Monday afternoon. Prizes will be awarded Tuesday morning... see below for details!

Competition for Book Fair

Categories:

1) Free hand draw original design to do with Australia that can be used in a display in the library – prize up to $15 worth of books from book fair

2) Early primary colouring in (R-2) – prize is up to $10 worth of books from Book Fair

3) Early primary students Colouring in (3-5) – prize is up to $10 worth of books from Book Fair

4) Older students colouring in (6-7) – prize is up to $10 worth of books from Book Fair

Lisa Preston, SSO - Librarian

Halloween Disco Wednesday 9 November

Our Halloween Disco is on Wednesday 9th November. Last day to order VIP passes or goodie bags is Friday 4th November. This can be paid directly to the front office.

We are also asking that no one comes dressed as a scary clown. There has been talk that some people are planning on dressing as scary clowns and coming to scare the students. With the current media craze it is important that we keep things calm and don’t add to the stress that some are already feeling with the craze that is occurring. If students do dress as scary clowns, leadership will refuse their entry and they will be asked to go home and change.

Big Breakfast Special Event

We have been given an excellent opportunity to be involved in an event being held by ‘KICKSTART FOR KIDS’ who support our breakfast program.

Students have been invited to attend a big breakfast in town with celebrities and prizes and a giant breakfast to be hosted by a radio station.

The tricky bit is that it is from 7-9am on Friday the 25th of November. STUDENTS WOULD NEED TO BE AT SCHOOL BY 6:00 AM on Friday morning.

If you would like more information and to register your child’s interest please email Mr Hunter Ryan.Hunter9@schools.sa.edu.au or come in and see him.
Welcome to term 4 of German. We have some wonderful learning planned for this term in German. Our focus this term will be on famous Germans including the Grimm Brothers who collected and recorded many of the famous fairy tales we read today. The older classes will also have the opportunity to learn about some famous and beautiful castles in Germany and will have the opportunity to make some model castles. Later in the term we will be doing some cooking and tasting some Deutsch Lebkuchen (German gingerbread biscuits).

Please remember you can now find me in K6 and I am always happy to discuss your child’s progress in German any time; please contact the front office to make an appointment to see me.

Tschüss (Bye, Informal language).
Frau Kelly

It is with great sadness that the school was advised yesterday of the passing of Mrs Jan Bunting. Jan worked as an SSO in the school for 30 years. She passed away peacefully at home. A number of current staff, ex-students and members of the community will remember Mrs Bunting, who always had her trolley in hand and knew everyone and where everything was. Jan always had a ‘hello’ and a smile for everyone and nothing was too much effort. Her retirement was a huge loss to the school and her passing a loss to all. Our sincere condolences to her family and friends.

Congratulations to all students who participated in the Premier’s Reading Challenge.

Award summary
Bronze x 61
Silver x 40
Gold x 30
Champion X 37
Legend x 23
Hall of Fame x 23
Certificates x 60
Reader for life x 8

SA Dental Service

Dental care is FREE for all babies, children not yet at school and most other children under 18 at School Dental Service clinics.

Your local clinic is located at:
Elizabeth GP Plus Clinic
16 Playford Avenue
ELIZABETH SA 5112

All babies, children and young people under 18 are welcome. First dental check-ups are recommended from 12-18 months.

SA Dental Service participates in the Child Dental Benefits Schedule.

Please call 7495 4000 to make an appointment.

Date: ______________________________
Time: ______________________________

In D4, Year 6/7 students are investigating solids, liquids, gases and mixtures. They were asked the question “Is blood a solid, a liquid or something else?” Students then followed verbal instructions to make a model of blood – using Cheerios, marshmallows and food colouring. The students used the model to answer the question. We came to the conclusion that blood is a mixture because there are solids and liquids. Students then wrote descriptive sentences/paragraphs about blood and what they had learned from video clips and listening to facts.

**Blood is a mixture of many different blood cells. The red blood cells give the blood its colour. Their main job is to carry oxygen. Red blood cells look like donuts without the hole in the middle. White blood cells help kill bad micro-organisms by eating them. Platelets are there to help heal wounds.**

By Tiana Dodd

**Blood is a mixture of cells, solids and liquid. There are different types of cells. Red blood cells look a bit like donuts. The blood can flow through your veins. When you bleed, the platelets help form a scab.**

By Claudia Pollock

**Blood is a group of cells mixed into plasma. Plasma is a yellow liquid. Red blood cells are flat, round discs and give blood their colour. They live for four months. White blood cells fight infections so you don’t get sick. Platelets are blood cells that heal cuts. The cells layer over a cut and sit there. When the cut is healed, they fall off and flow again. There are about 2 trillion blood cells in the human body.**

By Katey Watherston

**Blood is a liquid which is a mixture. The liquid in your blood is plasma. There are lots of substances in your blood. Plasma is a yellowy liquid that has protein, hormones and minerals. White blood cells are so very important. Without them we can’t live. Plasma is the main part of your blood. To every 700 red blood cells there is one white blood cell.**

By Emily Ward

### Fire Safety Poems

**Fire Safety in the Home**

- What can you do?
- When a fire's near you?
- If a fire comes near,
- Make sure you stay clear,
- Don't let the fire get you,
- Have an escape plan and a bedroom routine,
- Stay nice and calm, and don't yell or scream,
- Then the fire won't get you.
- If the fire gets on your clothes,
- There's a rhyme, this is how it goes:
  - Stop what you're doing, cover your face,
  - Drop to the floor, roll on that place,
  - Then the fire won't hurt you.
- If a fire is near; if you smell the smoke,
- Call triple zero, it's serious, don't joke.
- Follow these instructions, you'll be okay,
- Practice your escape plan every single day.

By Emma Craig

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**Fire Safety**

- Flames
- Intensity
- Ring 000
- Extinguish
- Stay
- Away
- From
- Electricity and call
- Triple 000
- You all

By Bayley Winder

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**Fire poem**

- Fire is burning, it is hot
- Get out of the kitchen and away from the pot
- Get out of the house
- And carry your pet mouse
- Grab your phone and yelp
- Call triple zero and ask for help
- Always remember to stay calm
- Don't worry about the alarm
- Fire men come with the special blanket
- I hope you don't lose your lucky anklet
- The fire is out and you can't go home
- Leave with your mouse and your favourite comb.

By Katey Watherston
Hi from the Smith Family

May I introduce myself to you all, I am Carey Simms (Family Partnership Coordinator) at The Smith Family for the Smithfield Plains and Elizabeth Downs areas. This is the first newsletter article that I am submitting for Munno Para Primary School. The Smith Family shares a close relationship with your school and every 3 weeks I will be providing information and links for your school’s newsletter from our extensive community resources both for scholarship families and for the benefit of the wider school community. I work closely with Ryan Hunter on a regular basis on my support visits to your school and I will be updating the school community with Smith Family information and opportunities from time to time.

In the meantime, I have provided some information on one of our reading programs for students called S2S (Student2Student) reading program. (Non-scholarship families scholarship can also participate in this program).

In the next newsletter I will be providing information on school attendance, anxiety support and useful community links.

Smith Family reading program S2S (for students in years 3-7)

The Smith Family S2S (Student2student) reading program is a “Buddy” reading program which is also available to non-scholarship students at Blakeview Primary School (limited places). This program is for students from years 3-7 and has certain eligibility criteria and is aimed at readers who are up to 3 years behind. I will also be providing the school with Smith Family information on links to community agencies for mental health support, education and events, recreation, community activities, financial support agencies, emergency assistance, cultural support agencies, parenting and wellbeing. For any queries or more information regarding this correspondence please contact Ryan Hunter.

Kind regards

Carey Simms
Family Partnership Coordinator
The Smith Family (Smithfield Plains - Elizabeth Downs)
NUT AWARENESS POLICY

PURPOSE
• To provide a safe learning environment for all members of the Munno Para Primary School community
• To raise awareness of all members of the community regarding severe allergies

MANAGEMENT
The Nut awareness policy will be managed through:
• Parents and caregivers being requested NOT to send food to school that contains nuts (especially peanuts). This includes peanut paste, nutella, all nuts and cooking oil containing peanut oil, as well as foods containing nuts. (This is especially important in classes where we are of students with an anaphylaxis condition.)
• Parents/carers of children affected by nut allergies having an annual anaphylaxis medical plan, signed by the child's doctor, lodged at the school. Epi-pens and medication are supplied by the parent/carer.
• Staff supervising eating at lunch.
• Students being encouraged to wash hands after eating.
• Staff participating in training from St John or Red Cross to assist in understanding and dealing with Anaphylaxis (severe allergic reactions) as the need arises.
• The School Canteen complying with the Nut awareness Policy.
• Students bringing food that contains nuts or nut products being asked to eat that food away from any other students and to wash their hands before going to play.

PROMOTION
The policy will be promoted by:
• Parents and caregivers being informed via the newsletter
• New families to the school community being informed via the Enrolment Information Package
• Governing Council being informed and has given approval and support
• Staff being informed and provided with training opportunities
• Students being informed via teachers, signs and newsletters

*The school acknowledges that due to food processing practices it is impractical to eliminate nuts or nut products entirely from an environment where there is food.

This Policy has been endorsed by Staff and Governing Council November 2014