

# MYPO NEWS

## Mypolonga Primary School & Community Newsletter

"Kindness in words creates confidence. Kindness in thinking creates profoundness.  
Kindness in giving creates love."

~ Lao Tzu was an ancient Chinese philosopher and writer  
who flourished during the sixth century B.C.E., according to Chinese sources. ~

Term 1, Week 10 2nd April 2020

### Happy birthday...

9/4 - Jacinta (Year 7)	19/4 - Hannah (Year 2)
11/4 - Riley (Year 2)	19/4 - Cayce (Reception)
12/4 - Kaylee (Year 1)	20/4 - Olivia (Year 1)
12/4 - Owen (Reception)	21/4 - Emily (Year 1)
15/4 - Braydon (Year 1)	24/4 - Brady (Year 5)
16/4 - Judd (Year 7)	27/4 - William (Reception)
16/4 - Harrison (Year 1)	29/4 - Madison (Year 2)

### Mypolonga RSL cancellations

Please note that the Mypolonga RSL have decided to cancel **all** future events due to the Australian Government's social distancing regulations.

### Old Scholar News

Congratulations and well done to past student Benjamin Peterson (now Year 9 student at Murray Bridge High School) on winning a bronze medal in long jump at the recent Athletic State Championships.

Benjamin was always a fantastic competitor in our sport's days, receiving perfect scores in sprints and tabloid events in 2017.



### Class Awards - Term 1 Week 6

#### Junior Primary Gold

**Abby Peacock** - for a great attitude to learning and a caring attitude.

#### Junior Primary Black

**Oliver North** - working extra hard to improve his handwriting.

#### Middle Primary Gold

**Mia Rathjen** - for putting lots of effort into her narrative writing.

#### Middle Primary Black

**Willow Cazzolato** - showing a growth mindset to improve in all learning areas.

**Sophie Brouwer** - working hard on Sizzling Starts in Narrative writing.

#### Upper Primary Gold

**Brady Roden** - working hard in class to finish tasks and take on further learning.

#### Upper Primary Black

**James Mueller** - Showing great leadership when mentoring in Maths.

### We Roar as One!

We have certainly experienced a challenging couple of weeks and every day throws a new curve-ball to which we need to respond. I cannot commend our students and families enough for the way you have all banded together to make this difficult time run as smoothly as possible. I cannot speak more highly of our students who have shown such resilience, both at school and at home. I would also like to send my sincere appreciation to our staff team, who have not wavered for a minute in their laser-like focus on keeping your children safe, socially distanced and engaged in learning.

Things regularly change, so please keep checking our Facebook page and check your emails. Cleaning is being undertaken very thoroughly and we are very grateful to Hazel, Mark and Elma and our groundsperson David for their commitment to keeping our classrooms, grounds and playgrounds as germ-free as possible.

Our most recent update from the Department has flagged 4 statewide pupil free days in Week 11; (Monday 6<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April). The COVID-19 update states: 'The pupil free days will operate like any other pupil free day. Children will either be supervised at home by their parents or OSHC.'

In Term 2, learning at home will commence. All medical advice has consistently been that the safest place for children to be is at home. However, we are aware that for essential workers, this is not possible and children will need to be on site. We will support families learning at home in every way possible.

The Languages Alive day in the school holidays has been cancelled as have the Proud Mary visits. Normally, we would send student portfolios home at the end of Term 1, however, as so many students are learning at home, this will not happen. Teachers have committed to email home their 'First Impressions' page that would normally be in the report folder. Parent/teacher interviews scheduled for Week 1, will almost certainly be postponed.

While we have been facing significant challenges, there are times when thoughtful acts bring back to us, the goodness and kindness in our community. Daniel Martin, Shaylee's dad, is a carpenter (and a very good one). He recently built a kitchen for a private home and when he went to install it, thought that the original kitchen was still in really good shape. Knowing that we needed more cupboards in the back of our kitchen, he removed the kitchen carefully and re-assembled it here at school. It looks fabulous and we really want to thank Daniel for his generosity of spirit.

As the term comes to an end; stay safe, stay healthy, stay TIGER Strong!

Warm Regards, Rita



Government of South Australia  
Department of Education



### Class Awards - Term 1 Week 7

#### Junior Primary Gold

**Nate McDonald** - for being a gentle friend and always putting others first.

#### Junior Primary Black

**Tilly Harrowfield** - showing excellent leadership skills and always applying her Tiger values.

#### Middle Primary Gold

**Madison Brouwer** - for working hard to complete her Premier's Reading Challenge.

**Carla Hanks** - for being the first person in the class to get her pen licence.

#### Middle Primary Black

**Lilly Lear** - commitment to her Narrative Writing.

**Scarlette Fulwood** - for her expertise in the School Shop.

#### Upper Primary Gold

**Shelby Rothe** - showing persistence and courage in her learning.

#### Upper Primary Black

**Ruby Montgomery-Pittaway** - showing courage and bravery in supporting a good cause and a classmate.

### Class Awards - Term 1 Week 9

#### Junior Primary Gold

**Zakariyah Sumner** - for presenting a very interesting show 'n' tell using home stickers.

#### Junior Primary Black

**Cohen Bender** - for being a very helpful student when in Mrs Stone's class.

#### Middle Primary Gold

**Aidyn Polak** - for showing bravery at school and being a persistent learner, with a positive attitude.

**Ruby O'Shea-Coulter** - for being so happy and positive and spreading her positivity to everyone around her.

#### Middle Primary Black

**Lachlan Ash** - being a positive and focussed student in class.

**Charlotte Ladson** - using her initiative to support everyone in the classroom.

#### Upper Primary Gold

**Haydn Castle** - working hard with an excellent attitude.

**Lila Stapleton** - a caring and understanding class member.

#### Upper Primary Black

**Ellie Pontt** - being a devoted student to improve in Maths.

**Alarah Sipos** - for creating a wonderful narrative about courage.

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Change of one word is so important here..

You are not stuck at home  
You are safe at home



### SAPSASA Cricket

"On the first day (Monday), we lost the toss against Northern and they chose to bat first. The score was 4/73 after 40 overs. Then it was our turn to bat, and after the first over, we were 1/0. We ended up getting bowled out for 101 runs after only 35 overs so we got to leave about 30 minutes early.

In the second game, we lost the toss again and they chose to bat first. In their innings they made 216 runs after 40 overs. When it was our turn to bat, the score was 7/143 after 40 overs.

On the third day, we lost the toss again but got to bat first and after 40 overs the score was 9/73. Onkaparinga's score was 4/215 after their 40 overs.

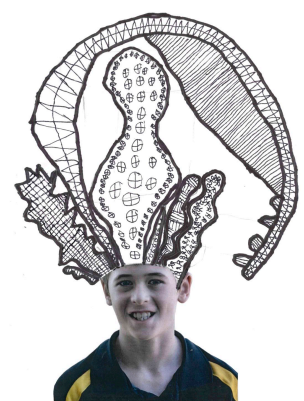
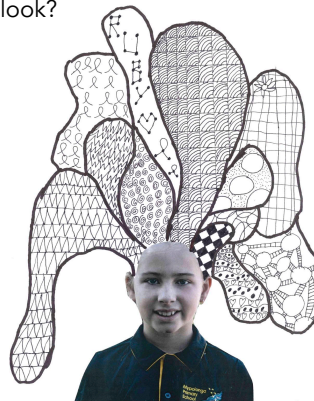
On the final day, we played Northern District and we batted first and made 100 for 6 after our 40 overs. They then batted and made 103 runs with only one wicket left.

Sadly, we lost every game but everyone enjoyed it."

By Riley Hagger & Zenith Smith

### Upper Primary Unit Art

Students in the Upper Primary Unit are working on the element of line and decided to dedicate our Hair Zentangles to Ruby in her World's Greatest Shave Quest. Students were asked to cut their hair off of their photo and add in a new design. They then had to use patterns to fill in their design. How cool does Amilee & Haydn look?



### Governing Council Capers

The challenges we currently face as a society and a school will be etched in history forever. Our family health decision to learn from home started 10 days ago. Early in the outbreak of Covid-19 I read this quote on social media which really helped with perspective during the initial hysteria, "Children are going to remember how their family felt during the Coronavirus panic more than anything specific about the virus. Our kids are watching and learning about how to respond to stress and uncertainty. Let's wire our kids with resilience and not panic." I cannot express enough how professional and caring Mypolonga Primary School has been with communication for those at school and at home. Resilience is their middle name! We have found the school work emailed home is considered and appropriate, but the teachers are keen for feedback as they adapt quickly in uncharted waters. During this pandemic, I encourage you to connect now more than ever with your child's school journey, because we simply don't know what the future holds. Our Governing Council remains fully committed, and I am in regular contact with Rita and Necia, as well as daily correspondence with teachers and parents. Please feel free to reach out to me, or others for a chat. Anytime. Thank you to everyone going above and beyond. Stay safe, keep smiling and be grateful.

Kelly Kuhn, Chairperson, Governing Council, Ph: 0488 697 308



## Student of the Term - Term I 2020

Our Students of the Term receive a \$15.00 Big W Gift Card.

Upper Primary Black

**Riley Hagger**



Upper Primary Gold

**Brandan Pahl**



Middle Primary Black

**Charlotte Pahl & Makayla Baker**

Middle Primary Gold

**Madison Brouwer**



Junior Primary Black

**Harry McNeilly**

Junior Primary Gold

**Hamish Newman**



## Most Improved Student - Term I 2020

Upper Primary Black

**Zac Kennison**



Upper Primary Gold

**Haydn Castle**



Middle Primary Black

(No most improved student for Term I as two students of the term awarded)

Middle Primary Gold

**Jaeden Sargeant**

Junior Primary Black

**Soren Young**



Junior Primary Gold

**Oliver O'Shea-Coulter**



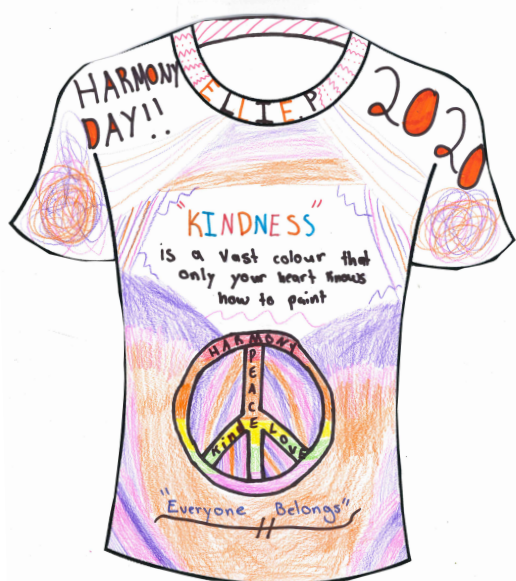


## Harmony Week 'Everyone Belongs' 15th to 21st March 2020

Harmony Week celebrates Australia's cultural diversity. It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. We are proud to share with you work by a few of our classes in celebration of Harmony Week.



Paper People chain inclusiveness by Riley Frew and Cohen Bender (Junior Primary Black)



Harmony Day t-shirt by Ellie Pontt

(Upper Primary unit)



For Harmony Week, the MP Gold class travelled to the 25 most visited countries in the world (digitally, of course!). They each found an interesting fact, as well as the country's flag, and brought their learning back to our Harmony Day display.



'Let's Celebrate Harmony Day' Balloons  
(Junior Primary Gold class)

# HARMONY WEEK

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