

MYPO NEWS

Mypolonga Primary School & Community Newsletter



“Sunflowers follow the sun. But did you know...
When it is cloudy and grey, they face each other and share their ENERGY.
Imagine if PEOPLE did that too.”



Term 2, Week 4 18th May 2020

Happy birthday...

21/5 - Abby (Reception)
28/5 - Charlie (Reception)
1/6 - Jordan (Reception)

New Website.. 'Murray Bridge News'



Following The Murray Valley Standard's temporary shutdown, Journalist Peri Strathearn has launched a new website for stories about what's happening in South Australia's Murraylands. Sign up to 'Murray Bridge News' to have the latest news delivered to your inbox every Thursday by visiting murraybridgenews.substack.com!

Student Absences / COVID-19 School Procedures update

As per the Department for Education's advice, all **student absences must be followed up daily** and recorded by the school. If your child is going to be absent due to illness or family reasons, parents/caregivers (not siblings) are kindly asked to contact the school on the day of absence either by; email info@mypolongaps.sa.edu.au (preferred method) or call the school on 85354191. Out of school hours, you may leave a voicemail message on the school's message bank.

Please do not send your child to school if they are unwell for ANY reason. As previously mentioned, we will be sending children home if they display any symptoms of illness. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause and if you could please have additional support just in case this happens.

Due to continuing social distancing restrictions, we are kindly asking that you drop off / collect your child at the school gates along Williams Street and North Bokara Road. It is preferred that parents/caregivers refrain from entering school grounds. However, if you need to walk your child/ren onto school grounds, please do not enter classrooms or the school office without notifying staff first and please adhere to the 1.5m distancing between adults.

During the day (if required), please sign in/out children using the yellow book located outside the front office door. The office door will remain locked until further notice.

Thanks for your continuing support in keeping our students, staff and community members safe.

We Roar as One!

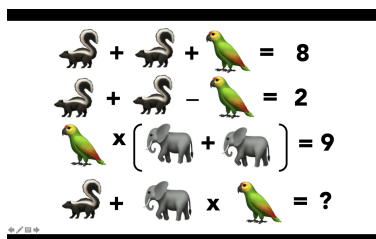
As of today, we now have all students who are well, back at school. It is great to have a sense of relative normalcy and I reiterate what I said in the last newsletter about how much we appreciate that you have supported our departmental rules around entering the site. I know this is hard, but please trust that we have in place lots of support mechanisms to ensure your kids feel safe and secure. While there may be a few tears, especially from Receptions, please be assured that they quickly abate once you have gone.

While COVID-19 is currently under control, we cannot take risks. We have had to send students home, who become unwell at school. Normally, we would counsel our kids to soldier on, in order to develop resilience, however, in the current climate, we must err on the side of caution and make decisions in the best interests of all of our families. Staff members who experience any kind of symptoms are also staying at home. We are through the worst, but we need to avoid a second wave.

One of the things we have embraced during this time is Google Classroom, which helps us share our learning in a new way. We need to thank our colleagues at Murray Bridge High School, especially our former student Jason Hagger, who has guided us into this new era. This platform enables us to not only communicate with you but with each other. This has transformed our learning design to incorporate digital sharing. Our students will easily transition into a secondary school environment, with special consideration to our current Year 5s who will transition at the end of Year 6.

Warm Regards,
Rita

*** Hot off the press!! Congratulations to Renay Persello and Jarrad Hein on their engagement! We wish them both many years of love and happiness. ❤️**



Can you solve this?

Our kids did it in record time.
I was astounded and this is why I love teaching!

They immediately thought outside the square and solved this easily.



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Class Awards - Term 2 Week 1

Junior Primary Gold

Eden Douglas - for embracing his home learning and showing great results.

Paige Squire - for showing she can adapt to different learning environments.

Junior Primary Black

Neeve Smith - returning to school with an excellent attitude towards learning and organisation.

Soren Young - applying himself to his learning and showing his persistence in all lessons.

Middle Primary Gold

Winchester Hollitt - for starting the term with a positive attitude and trying his best in every subject area.

Seth Ryles - for putting lots of effort into improving his handwriting.

Middle Primary Black

Lucinda Temby - being a consistently independent worker.

Mikaela Watts - for always going above and beyond in everything she does.

Upper Primary Gold

Jorja Kuhn - excellent participation and attitude towards home learning.

Ledja Gray - very positive and conscientious start to the term.

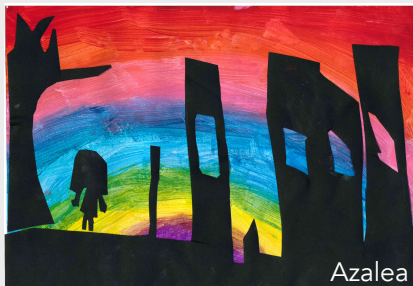
Upper Primary Black

Haylee Sinclair - for showing lots of persistence in her new Maths group and being a focussed learner.

Jayden Hearne - for actively engaging in class discussions and having a real desire to improve his learning.

Middle Primary Gold Silhouette Art

Students in Middle Primary Gold have been learning about foreground and background. After experimenting with different ways to make a sunset, as well as different ways to make an effective silhouette foreground, here are two final pieces!



Azalea



Tayla

Introducing SRC Leader... Shaylee Martin

As an SRC leader, I hope to... help and create new opportunities for the school and all students.

Something you don't know about me is... I was nervous to become an SRC leader.

I read... thriller novels such as Missing.

In my spare time I like to... play with my dog.

One day I hope to... change how people treat others.

I think a good leader... helps people become the best they can be.

If I could change something in the world, I would... change how people treat others.

The best thing about Mypolonga Primary School is... the learning opportunities.

Someone I really look up to is... my Dad Daniel **because** he always tries his hardest and doesn't let bad things get in his way. He is very persistent. I love him!



Above: Shaylee presenting Year 2 SRC representative Madison Brouwer with her SRC badge.



Mother's Day Gifts

We hope all Mums enjoyed their handcrafted and 'made with love' gifts for Mother's Day.

Pictured with their gifts from above left; Hamish (JPG) ('Mothers are like buttons, they hold everything together'), Makayla & Lainie (Middle Primary unit), Zara (JPB) and Reagan (Upper Primary unit).

Happy Mother's Day 2020



Introducing House Leader for Hindmarsh...

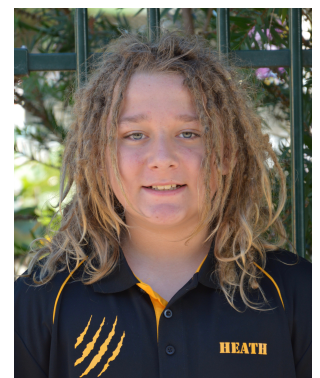
Heath Matheson

As a leader of my house team, I hope to... make our team do the best they can do and have a good time.

I think a good leader... never gives up on their team, is a good role model, gives 100% and always encourages their team.

The best thing about being a leader is... it's a good life opportunity and it shows you if you are a good role model.

Who do you think is a great leader?... my brothers because I saw them lead their sports' day team.



Class Awards - Term 2 Week 2

Junior Primary Gold

Jordan Pope - for finding his confidence in his learning and using his voice to show it.

Charlie Rohde - for her kind and generous nature towards her classmates.

Junior Primary Black

Kaylee Polak - working hard in class, showing improvement in organisation and willing to have a go.

Zara Hagger - working hard in class, applying herself and willing to have a go.

Middle Primary Gold

Mia Rathjen - for putting in effort to improve and challenge herself in every area at school (and being one of the first ever Year 2s at MPS to get her pen licence).

Azalea Baker - for putting in effort to improve and challenge herself in every area at school (and being one of the first ever Year 2s at MPS to get her pen licence).

Middle Primary Black

Luke Pontt - using his initiative in the classroom reflecting his developing leadership skills.

Jai Bowley - working hard to improve his handwriting skills.

Upper Primary Gold

Levi Gray - excellent attitude and engagement in all learning areas.

Kallan Hearne - for being focussed and trying hard.

Upper Primary Black

Ella O'Shea-Coulter - excellent focus on living out Tiger values and an increased level of confidence in Maths.

Judd Ruckentuhl - excellent engagement and achievement in German.

Community News

RMFL/RMNA 2020 Season

Keep up to date with the status of Season 2020 by following Mypolonga Football Club's Facebook page and Mypolonga Netball Club's Facebook group. The River Murray Football League's Facebook page is also another trusted source.

Mypolonga Football Club

Mypolonga Football Club's new website is now live! Head over to; mypolongaafc.com.au to navigate your way around all things associated with Tigerland.

Mypolonga Football Club's 100 Club is back! To join in on the fun, while supporting the Club, please contact Neville Martin by email; neville.martin5@bigpond.com or call 0435339155. Full details are on the Club's website and have previously been posted on its Facebook page. You have until 29/5/20 to be in the first draw!

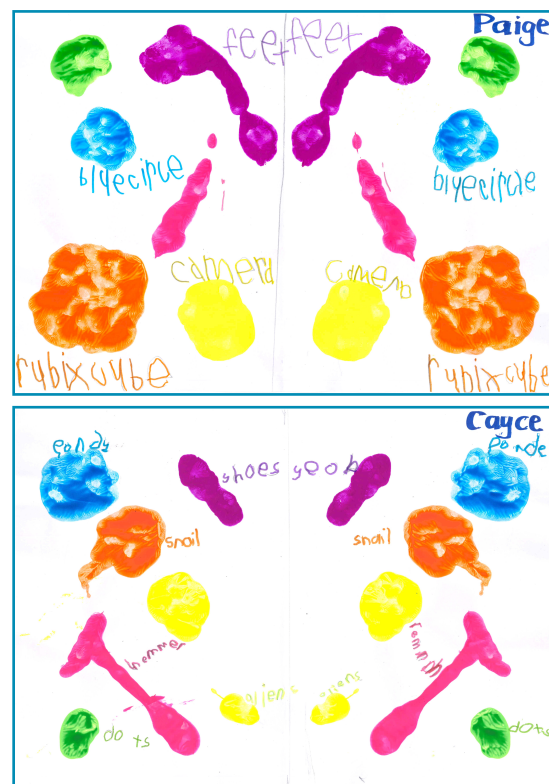
Mypolonga General Store - a message from Kevin Due to supply issues, frozen yoghurt tubs will no longer be available to purchase from our school lunch price list.

Junior Primary Gold ~

Symmetry (Symmetry; the quality of having parts that match each other, especially in a way that is attractive, or similarity of shape or contents)

Last week, in Maths, Junior Primary Gold students were taught Symmetry. Brightly coloured 'splats' of paint were placed on a piece of white paper. Students folded the paper then opened it to reveal different shapes. They were then asked to describe what their creations reminded them of.

Paige and Cayce's work is pictured right. All students' colourful work is proudly showcased on the Junior Primary display board outside their classroom.



Junior Primary Black ~ Colour Wheels

The Junior Primary Black class has been exploring the colour wheel in Science and Art. They began by learning about the primary colours. Primary colours were mixed together to create secondary colours in a Science experiment. The class really enjoyed mixing colours and exploring what they created. They then moved into warm and cool colours, with students creating their own masterpieces, inspired by their new discoveries. Check out our students with their Science experiments; Walking Water.

From left; Chloe Smith, Cohen Bender, Zara Hagger, Emily Rathjen, Gracie Luckett and Oliver North.



Middle Primary Unit ~ COVID-19 Words

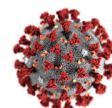
Students in the Middle Primary unit made a journal to document their thoughts, feelings and experiences during COVID-19.

Azalea Baker - 'My days are different because we can't hug any more.'

Scarlett Perry - 'My favourite memory is camping up at the block with my family.'

Pippa Smith - 'Some feelings I've had are sad, happy and worried. I am worried about my grandparents. I am sad about not being able to have sleepovers with my friends. I am happy because I know that it will all go very soon.'

Luke Pontt - 'To stay safe, we need to stay 1.5 metres away from people. Another way to stay safe is to wash your hands for 20 seconds.'





We may not be able to provide you with a term planner at this stage BUT WE CAN provide you with some delicious, true and tried recipes made by our staff during the holidays! We hope you enjoy them as much as they did!

BASIC HUMMUS DIP

(a popular, easy to make Middle Eastern dip, packed full of flavour and perfect for school lunch boxes)

by Dee

INGREDIENTS

1 can (420g) chickpeas (cooked)
1 Tbsp lemon juice
2 Tbsp water
2 cloves garlic
2 Tbsp tahini
¾ tsp cumin
1 pinch smoky paprika
Salt & pepper, to taste



METHOD

1. In a high-speed blender or food processor, combine all ingredients and blend until smooth.
2. You may need to add a little extra water if mixture is too thick.
3. Season with salt & pepper and serve with a sprinkle of smoky paprika.
4. Serve with toasted pita bread or just about anything!

HOT SPINACH DIP

(a staffroom table and Mypo community favourite.. you've got to get in quick!.. isn't that so Jacob ;))

by Cass

INGREDIENTS

(recipe can fill 2 large cob loaves)
2 cob loaves
1 packet spring vegetable soup
250g cream cheese, *softened*
1 packet frozen spinach, *thawed and chopped*
250g bacon pieces
1 cup tasty cheese, *grated*
1 tin creamed sweet corn
1 carton (300ml) sour cream
1 brown onion, *diced*
4 spring onions, *chopped*
1 Tbsp butter



METHOD

1. In a large saucepan, lightly cook bacon, onion and spring onions in butter.
2. Add packet of spring vegetable soup, cream cheese, spinach, cheese, creamed corn and sour cream. Combine well and cook on low heat until hot.
3. Cut the top off the cob loaf and remove bread from the centre.
4. Put mixture in centre of loaf.
5. Cook in hot oven (180° degrees) for 30-45 minutes.
6. Remove from oven and place on serving platter. Arrange broken up bread and, if you like, cut up vegetables around the loaf.

SELF SAUCING ANZAC PUDDING

(a deliciously satisfying dessert for a cold Autumn night!)

by Kerry

INGREDIENTS

1 ½ cups self-raising flour
100g butter
½ cup rolled oats
½ cup sugar
¼ cup coconut
1 cup milk
1 egg
1 tsp vanilla essence

Sauce

50g butter
½ cup golden syrup
2 cups boiling water



METHOD

1. Preheat oven to 170° degrees.
2. Sift flour and then rub in butter with fingers.
3. Add rolled oats, sugar, coconut & mix.
4. In a separate bowl, mix milk, eggs and vanilla.
5. Add dry ingredients and mix well.
6. For the sauce, mix butter, syrup and boiling water. Pour over mixture and cook for 40-45 minutes.