

# MYPO NEWS

## Mypolonga Primary School & Community Newsletter

'By doing what you love, you inspire and awaken the hearts of others.'

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Term 3, Week 4 10th August 2020

### Happy birthday...

14/8 - Zenith (Year 6)  
15/8 - Gracie (Year 1)  
26/8 - Luke (Year 3)

### Calendar Dates

**SAPSASA Soccer Carnival** - 24th-26th August 2020  
**SAPSASA Football and Netball Carnivals** - 7th-9th September 2020

**Sports' Day** - Thursday 10th September 2020

**School Closure** - Friday 11th September 2020

**Student Free Day** - Monday 14th September 2020

**SRC School Disco** - Friday 18th September 2020

**Student Free Day** - Tuesday 10th November 2020

### SRC School Disco - Friday 18th September 2020

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, changes have been made to our SRC School Disco. Please refer to the note sent home last week. Briefly, details are:-

**When:** Friday 18th September 2020

**Times:** 3:00pm - 5:00pm

**Where:** Mypolonga Primary School

**Theme:** 'Anything Goes'

### Sport's Day changes

As mentioned in a note emailed to families last Thursday, we have had a number of discussions around how to structure Sport's Day best to ensure everyone is kept safe. After consultation with our Governing Council it has been decided to continue to hold Sport's Day, but unfortunately without a parent/caregiver audience, except for those parents/caregivers who have volunteered to help at the stations. We thank those volunteers and we will be in further contact with them closer to the event. Of particular concern to us is the volume of people using the toilets for the whole day and our capacity to keep them clean. Recent changes to restrictions have also prompted this decision. While we do this with a very heavy heart, please rest assured that we will take lots of photos which we will share with you. Also, please be aware that this may change depending on how COVID-19 progresses in the future.

### We Roar as One!

#### NAPLAN Results

We received a lovely surprise when we opened The Advertiser last week, which revealed that we had performed particularly well in last year's NAPLAN. In a summary of country public and private schools in South Australia, our Year 5s were the ninth highest performing and our Year 7s were the third highest performing. While I am so proud of this because we work so hard to bring out the best in our kids, I must acknowledge that every group is different – and has different strengths and challenges.

Our success can be attributed to a number of factors:

- Good teaching - we are clear about the learning intention of every lesson and how students can show us what they need to do to be successful. As teachers, we are constantly looking at ways to improve our practice – 'Do the best you can until you know better. Then when you know better, do better.'
- Giving students the surface knowledge through explicit instruction, to enable them to deeply explore a specific subject.
- Great student leadership; our culture is one where our student leaders lead by example and the 'trickle-down' effect is palpable.

Unfortunately, they need to volunteer their time to hear students read, who do not read at home – a thing a small number of parents can change.

- The active development of critical curiosity; learning because you want to, not because you have to. This has been our philosophy and values structure and is becoming embedded in our culture.

#### COVID-19 Update

We have tried to keep you in the loop as COVID-19 restrictions change. We are working closely with our Governing Council to ensure that we balance the safety of our students with challenging learning experiences. We review constantly as conditions change to manage the safety of all.

Sport's Day has been an agonising decision for us. As in my previous email (and repeated in the column to the left), due particularly to the capacity of our toilets, we decided, in conjunction with Governing Council to limit the adults on site to those who had volunteered to run a station. In Term 1 volunteers offered to help and following the postponement of Sport's Day, we contacted these volunteers, all of whom are still available for Sport's Day. To those parents who have since volunteered, we will put you on a waiting list, should any current volunteers become unavailable through illness. Tough times!

Warm Regards, Rita

YEAR 5	
■	St Joseph's School, Clare
■	Upper Sturt Primary School
■	Sunrise Christian School, Naracoorte
■	Sandy Creek Primary School, Cockatoo Valley
■	Roseworthy Primary School
■	Minlaton District School
■	Loxton Lutheran School
■	Redeemer Lutheran School, Nuriootpa
■	Mypolonga Primary School
■	Lucindale Area School
YEAR 7	
■	St Barbara's Parish School, Roxby Downs
■	St Joseph's School, Clare
■	Mypolonga Primary School
■	Redeemer Lutheran School, Nuriootpa
■	Loxton Lutheran School
■	Mary MacKillop Memorial School, Penola
■	Owen Primary School
■	St Joseph's School, Renmark
■	Sunrise Christian School, Naracoorte
■	Jamestown Community School



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## Class Awards - Term 3 Weeks 1 & 2

### Junior Primary Gold

**Eden Douglas** - trying extra hard to work cooperatively with others.

**Imogen Martin** - responsible attitude and using her initiative.

### Junior Primary Black

**Tilly Harrowfield** - being a positive, friendly and focused student in the classroom.

**Olivia Scott** - bringing a positive attitude towards learning and showing resilience.

### Middle Primary Gold

**Joel Smart** - stepping up to help younger students.

**Jackson Lear** - continued focus on his learning.

### Middle Primary Black

**Drazic Ryles** - mature and positive start to the term.

**Amira Egel** - excellent reading effort towards the Champion's Cup.

### Upper Primary Gold

**Molly Day** - putting extra effort into learning her Times Tables.

**Zenith Smith** - writing a well thought out exposition piece on COVID-19.

### Upper Primary Black

**Jayden Ladson** - using his initiative and acting responsibly at all times.

**Judd Ruckenstuhl** - showing amazing leadership in shop time and being a great mentor.

## A few reminders...

### School - Home Communication

Our school utilises email and Facebook as methods of communication, together with See Saw and Google Classroom, depending on which class your child/ren is/are in. Please remember to check these accounts/platforms regularly. We will always use emails in the first instance when communicating important information to school families, especially with COVID-19 information changing all the time. Please also ensure the email addresses you provided to the school at the beginning of the year are current. Something you receive by email, may not always appear on our Facebook page. We are also aware that not everyone has a Facebook account and information posted may be viewed by our 739 followers!

### Labelling of jumpers/jackets

Tonight, please take the time to check your child/ren's jumpers and jackets. Do they have their name(s) on them? Our lost property box is full of unnamed items.

### Notification of absences

Please notify us **daily** of your child's absences from school. This may be in the way of a phone call during school hours or a message left on our voice mail after hours, email ([info@mypolongaps.sa.edu.au](mailto:info@mypolongaps.sa.edu.au)) (preferred method) or a note in your child's diary.

## Kiwanis Club of Murray Bridge Terrific Kids for Semester 1 2020

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the following students on receiving the Kiwanis Club of Murray Bridge 'Terrific Kids' award for Semester 1 2020. These awards are presented to a student from each class who lives our TIGER values.

### Junior Primary Gold

**Cayce McAllister**



### Junior Primary Black

**Oliver North**



### Middle Primary Gold

**Ruby O'Shea-Coulter**

### Middle Primary Black

**Luke Pontt**



### Upper Primary Gold

**Molly Day**



### Upper Primary Black

**James Mueller**

## Wellbeing Wonders



Hi families, having your child online, can be scary, especially when you are unfamiliar with what they are actually looking at.

I came across this website which I think you will find both interesting and very informative.

It's called Common Sense.... How tech is changing childhood and what we're doing about it.

'Common Sense is the nation's leading nonprofit organisation dedicated to improving the lives of all kids and families by providing the trustworthy information, education, and independent voice they need to thrive in the 21st century.

Our kids are on the front lines of a digital revolution. Devices, social networks, and media are changing childhood in radical ways.

We all want kids to grow up healthy and happy as the world accelerates around them. In our 15-year history, Common Sense has helped hundreds of millions of parents, teachers, and policymakers navigate this accelerating landscape. Today, our mission to ensure kids' digital well-being is more relevant and vital than ever.

Their goal.... To call attention to the outsized influence of media and tech on kids' lives and to empower families with the information they need to be advocates for their children.'

You can join this website for regular information or just log in and check it out on the link below...

<https://www.commonsensemedia.org/>

Cheers,

Kerry

(Wellbeing Leader)

## Student Representative Council 'SRC'

The SRC represents the views of the students of Mypolonga Primary School. It is an integral part of the decision-making which occurs through the school. Our SRC Co-ordinator is Kerry Daniel.

Among other things, our SRC organise themed Casual Days once a term to raise funds for important charities and causes. Last year, this included donations to Baptist Care SA Homelessness Service and the Daniel Morcombe Foundation. A Fun Day was also held on the last day of school to celebrate the year.

Class elections were recently held and we congratulate the following students on being elected SRC representatives for Semester 2.

Junior Primary Gold Reception: **Isabel Hillam**

Junior Primary Black Year 1: **Gracie Luckett**

Middle Primary Gold Year 2: **Mia Rathjen**

Middle Primary Gold Year 3: **Scarlett Perry**

Middle Primary Black Year 3: **Isabelle Swansson**

Middle Primary Black Year 4: **Ryley Schwarz**

Upper Primary Gold Year 5: **Linton Garner**

Upper Primary Gold Year 5: **Jorja Kuhn**

Upper Primary Black Year 6: **Ella O'Shea-Coulter**

Upper Primary Black Leaders: **James Mueller & Jayden Ladson** (absent from photo)



## Introducing SRC Leader for Semester 2 and House Captain for Finnis... James Mueller

**As an SRC leader and leader for my house team I hope to...** support and encourage everyone to read and set a good example. As House Captain, I hope our team are winners and I would like to get to know everyone better.

**Something you don't know about me is...** I have a rare disease called Perthes disease, which means I am limited to minimal physical activity.

**I like to read...** books based on true stories and adventure books. At the moment I am reading My Steve.

**I like to watch...** car shows like Top Gear but I don't watch much TV.

**I listen to...** a wide range of music.

**One day I hope to...** play sports again.

**I think a good leader...** is kind, trustful, encouraging and helpful.

**The best thing about being a leader is...** showing people what to do.

**If I could change something in the world, I would...** encourage more love and kindness.

**The best thing about Mypolonga Primary School is...** everyone displays their TIGER values.

**Who do you look up to and who do you think are good leaders...** my parents **because** they are trustful, kind, encouraging, honest and loving.



## Middle Primary Black - Clay Modelling

In Art, Middle Primary Black have been working with clay. They first worked the clay to make it malleable, and then made pinch pots. Using clay tools and water, the students added decoration and designs to their creations.

## Junior Primary Black - The Day the Crayons Quit

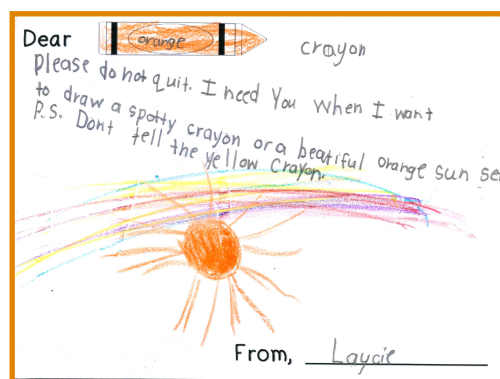
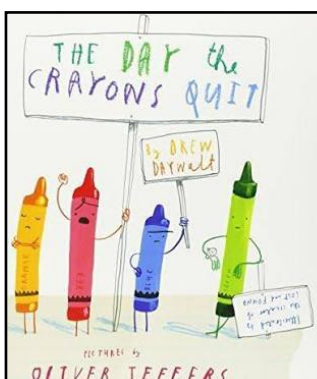
In English, Junior Primary Black read the book *The Day the Crayons Quit*. Once we had finished reading the book, we chose our favourite crayon to write a letter back to, pleading them not to quit. In Art, we enjoyed using the crayons to create a beautiful piece of art, to show them how much we appreciate their colours. Following this, we enjoyed reading the book, *The Day the Crayons Came Home*. Below; work by Laycie & Jeremy



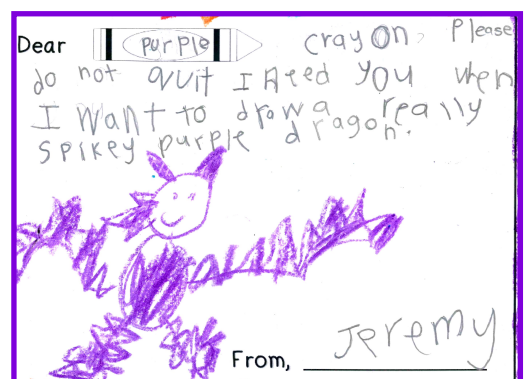
Samuel



Sophie



From, Laycie



From, Jeremy



## Planner - Term 3 2020

MCSC - Mypolonga Combined Sports Club / MFC - Mypolonga Football Club / MBHS - Murray Bridge High School / MNLC - Mypolonga Netball League Club / MCC - Mypolonga Cricket Club / SVA - Social Ventures Australia / YEL - Young Environmental Leaders

<b>Week 4</b>	<b>10/8</b> . Newsletter	<b>11/8</b> . 9:00am -10:00am Tiny Tigers	<b>12/8</b> . MPG enterprise lunch	<b>13/8</b> . JPB enterprise recess	<b>14/8</b> 2:45pm Assembly	<b>15/8 &amp; 16/8</b> 15/8 - Mypo -v- Tailem Bend @ Mypo + home match teas
<b>Week 5</b>	<b>17/8</b>	<b>18/8</b> . 9:00am -10:00am Tiny Tigers	<b>19/8</b> . MPG enterprise lunch	<b>20/8</b> . JPB enterprise recess	<b>21/8</b>	<b>22/8 &amp; 23/8</b> 22/8 - Mypo -v- Jervois @ Jervois
<b>Week 6</b>	<b>24/8</b> . Newsletter	<b>25/8</b> . 9:00am -10:00am Tiny Tigers	<b>26/8</b> . MPG enterprise lunch	<b>27/8</b> . JPB enterprise recess	<b>28/8</b> 2:45pm Assembly	<b>29/8 &amp; 30/8</b> 29/8 - Mypo -v- Imperials @ Mypo + home match teas



### Junior Primary Gold Reception class - 'ch' words

The Junior Primary Gold Reception class has been learning 'ch' words for their spelling.

**Charlie chats to the chickens with chocolate and chips while checking the chops.**

Pictured left; work by William



### Junior Primary Gold Reception class - Shape People

Junior Primary Gold used all different shape tools around the classroom. There were two rules; shapes must join and the children were to tell Mrs Stone the names of the shapes they used.

Pictured above; work by Jordan and Imogen

### Tiny Tigers

With much enthusiasm, our Tiny Tigers' sessions resumed in Week 2 with a lot of new and returning preschoolers and their parents/caregivers attending. We find that these sessions are a great transition tool for children who are seeking future enrolment at our school. Week 2's activities included making tiger face masks!

**Tuesday mornings 9:00am - 10:00am**

**There is no fee to attend Tiny Tigers' sessions**

**Please:- sign in on arrival and out on departure; complete a Tiny Tigers' registration form if you haven't already; adhere to COVID-19 procedures including social distancing and hand sanitisation. Thank you!**



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