

# MYPO NEWS

## Mypolonga Primary School & Community Newsletter

**'Don't be in such a rush to figure everything out. Embrace the unknown and let your life surprise you.'**

~ LiveLifeHappy.com ~

Term 3, Week 8

7th September 2020

We Roar as One!

### Happy birthday...

8 /9 - Archie (Year 4)  
9/9 - Haylee (Year 7)  
13/9 - Isabel (Reception)  
14/9 - Charlie (Year 6)  
16/9 - Danté (Year 4)  
21/9 - James-Noah (Year 7)  
23/9 - Mikaela (Year 4)

### Calendar Dates

**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

**SRG School Disco** - 3:00pm-5:00pm Friday 18th September 2020 (no school bus in the afternoon)

**Last day of Term 3** - Friday 25th September 2020 - early dismissal at 2:25pm

**Whole School Transition Day** - Tuesday 1st December 2020 (Reception to Year 6 students in next year's classes / Year 7 transition @ Murray Bridge High School)

### UNNAMED Plastic containers & drink bottles!

Parents/caregivers... **please remember to permanently label** plastic containers & drink bottles your child/ren bring to school. We have a large amount of **unnamed** containers building in our lost property box. We can almost start our own Tupperware collection! Necia has permanent markers in the office if you would like to use them. All items remaining in the box at the end of the term (including unnamed jumpers and jackets) will be disposed of or donated to a local charity.

### Champion's Cup Results (End of Week 6 Term 3 and progressive total)

Gold (Finnis) 98 points / 2317 points

Red (Murray) 91 points / 2275 points

Blue (Hindmarsh) 89 points / 1784 points

### SSO Week

We recently celebrated SSO Week, which is one way to acknowledge the hard work our SSOs do, to support and drive innovative learning for all of our students. Every aspect of our school culture relies on their leadership. To David, Necia, Annie, Dee, Sharon, Janice, Cass and Bill - we thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your dedication which allows our kids to be the best they can be.

I do also want to share with you an amazing gesture by Blake Kennedy, who has worked with Dee for the last few years. Blake made Dee this beautiful diamond picture to thank her for the work she does to support his learning. Makes it all worthwhile.



### School Uniform

At Mypo, we are proud of our TIGER culture and we live it every day. One of the ways we demonstrate it, is through our TIGER uniform. We have deliberately created a very relaxed uniform policy, (anything black and gold), which enables you all, to cheaply and easily comply with it. Kids who aren't in uniform, don't look like TIGERS, which sets them apart from others. We are Team Mypo and we need to look like it! Big logos and patterns also detract from our values. Our uniform guide is on our website for more information. Currently, our Year 5s and 6s are designing leadership uniforms for their last year of primary school next year. History in the making!

### Sport's Day

We sincerely want to thank you all for understanding why we made the decision about Sport's Day. Every school has different circumstances and we made the decision collaboratively; firstly as a staff, and secondly with our Governing Council; which is the ultimate decision-making parent group in our school. The Department for Education (DfE) has determined that due to our increased enrolments, we are under capacity toilet-wise and DfE is currently undertaking a process to increase our toilet capacity within the next 12 months.

We also have some highly vulnerable staff members; whether it be age or health vulnerability. We have cancer survivors on staff and we need to protect them from any chance of infection. We did not make the decision lightly - we are all parents and you need to understand that while this has a short-term impact on you, it may have a long-term impact on some of us. We appreciate the respect you have shown around these circumstances, but please understand we will do everything to let you experience as much as you can through the amazing photos Janice and staff members will take.

We deliberately re-scheduled Sport's Day against the School Closure Day (Friday), as a day of local significance (which previously was Show Day). This was a DfE initiative, over which we have no control. The purpose of our Student Free Day on Monday is to 'Mypofy' the curriculum - to make it more relevant to us; - we will keep you in the loop!

Warm Regards, Rita

## Class Awards - Term 3 Weeks 5 & 6

### Junior Primary Gold

**Hollie Fidge** - using her Heggerty knowledge across other learning areas.

**Paige Squire** - for allowing herself to be in control of her emotions and seeking help when needed.

### Junior Primary Black

**Macie Davis** - reading with excellent expression during our narrative lesson.

**Kaylee Polak** - showing resilience and having an excellent attitude toward learning.

### Middle Primary Gold

**Lainie Peacock** - putting lots of thought and effort into her history task.

**Carla Hanks** - working very diligently in grammar.

**Seth Ryles** - putting in lots of effort to learn and improve.

### Middle Primary Black

**Makayla Baker** - putting 100% effort into her information report.

**Samuel Castle** - showing excellent teamwork during his STEM marble run experiment.

**Lucinda Temby** - showing excellent teamwork during her STEM marble run experiment.

### Upper Primary Gold

**Jorja Kuhn** - embracing her newfound confidence in Maths.

**Hayden Clark** - a positive, productive and successful week.

### Upper Primary Black

**Heath Matheson** - having a passion for his learning and going above and beyond what is expected.

**Koby Stimpson** - being engaged in class discussions and asking deep questions to understand the learning.

## Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program

In Science, the Middle Primary Gold class has been learning about chemical sciences through the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program.

In the kitchen they have learnt about the effect of mixing different materials together and have been making delicious foods to show their learning.

In the garden they have been focusing on composting and have used their own composting to regrow rosemary shoots.

In the classroom they have been experimenting with different materials, with a focus on upcycling paper and have learnt about mixing and combining by making their own slime.

What a blast everyone has had, including Mia, Luke and Crystal below!



## Introducing House Leader for Hindmarsh...

### Judd Ruckenstein

**As a leader of my house team, I hope to...**

guide my team to be the best they can be and help them reach their goals.

**I think a good leader...** will help their team with anything and guide them to victory.

**The best thing about being a leader is...**

getting the opportunity to help and watch my team grow.

**Who do you think is a great leader?...**

Mr Rance **because** he never gives up and always persists in helping people to grow.



## Wellbeing Wonders

### 6 skill sets that help kids succeed - taken from Parenting Ideas

There are a number of skill sets that contribute to a child's success over the long-term. They are skills that we neglect if we narrow our focus on numeracy, literacy, performing arts and other academic skill sets. They are also skill sets that can be taught, or at the very least drawn out, when we as adults know what to look for.

Over the next two newsletters, I will cover the 6 in this article from Parenting Ideas. Here are the first three. I hope you find them as interesting and useful as I have.

*Cheers, Kerry, Wellbeing Leader*

'The following are three skill sets that contribute massively to overall student success and contentedness at school.

### 1. Friendship skills

The ability to get along with others is hugely important for children. How quickly children settle into a new school year will be determined as much by their ability to make new friends and fit into a peer group, as any other factor. Those children with a strong set of friendship skills have a definite set of skills that makes them easy to like, easy to relate to and easy to play with. These skills include the ability to win and lose well; how to approach others to join in a group and how to lead rather than boss. These are just three of 17 basic friendship skills that have been identified as being essential for making and keeping friends.

### 2. Organising skills

You can probably recall when you went to school a student who was really bright, but who let themselves down because they couldn't organise themselves or others. The ability to organise your time, your space, your items and others is a massive plus for any student. Being organised extends beyond school, including at home and during leisure time. The best way to help children who are organisationally-challenged is to introduce them to systems and processes to help them organise themselves. These processes include the use of visual reminders; anchoring (ie. linking new behaviours to habitual behaviours) and mapping activities out.

### 3. Optimism skills

It may seem strange to see optimism as skill set, but as leading psychologist Prof. Martin Seligman discovered through his research, optimism can be taught. Seligman found that while some children are more inclined by nature to see a glass as half empty than half full, all children are capable of developing an optimistic explanatory style through exposure and direct teaching. The skills of optimism include being aware of self-talk, reframing negative events into positive effects and the practice of perspective-taking.'

## Healthy Eating Corner

Are you finding fun, healthy snack options for your child challenging at times? Below are further ideas which may help to inspire them!

### Butterfly snack bags

What you need:

- . Snap lock bags
- . Snacks e.g. grapes, crackers or cheese cubes
- . Pegs
- . Pipe cleaners
- . Googly eyes



### Fruit Pizza

What you need:

- . Watermelon
- . Banana
- . Blueberries
- . Grapes
- . Any other colourful fruit you like



For further healthy eating tips, please visit <https://healthy-kids.com.au>

## Sport's Day - this Thursday 10th September 2020

Our house captains have been doing an amazing job working with their team members in readiness for this year's Sport's Day.

On the day, all students will need to wear a t-shirt in the colour of their Sport's Day team; **Finnis (Gold/Yellow)**, **Murray (Red)**, or **Hindmarsh (Blue)**.

Please ensure your child;

- . wears adequate running shoes for participating in events;
- . has their own recess and lunch (either brought from home or ordered through the Mypolonga General Store);
- . has a **labelled** water bottle with them, filled with water;
- . has their school hat with them during the day;
- . has sunscreen applied (the school will also provide).

Recently, a Mypolonga General Store Sport's Day lunch price list was sent home (in paper form and emailed). We thank Kevin & Julie for adding a few special items to our regular lunch list for students to enjoy.

A sports' day program has been sent home (and emailed) to our tabloid station managers today.

Score cards will be sent home with the students at the beginning of Week 9.



Levi (Tiny Tigers) with his 'Popstick plate'



Isabel  
(Junior Primary Gold)  
'Dad, you are my  
ROCK star'



Jordan  
(Junior Primary Black)  
'You ROCKET being  
my Dad'



Lilly, Amira,  
Makayla and  
Scarlette  
(Middle Primary  
Black)  
'Dad, You  
ROCK!'

## Happy Father's Day...

to all our wonderful Dads.

We hope you enjoyed your special day and surprise gifts made in class.

Thank you to our class teachers and SSOs who always put a lot of thought into their memorable gifts. We know the children love making them for you!

*'A father is someone you look up to no matter how tall you grow.'*

~ Unknown ~





Carla  
(Middle Primary Gold)  
'I Love you with every  
PIZZA my heart'



Matilda  
(Upper Primary unit)  
with her 'Bolt Men'  
keyring.  
Thank you to Mark  
Kluske from Bridge  
Bearing & Bolts for his  
generosity with  
materials.

## 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 8</b>	<b>7/9</b> . SAPSASA Netball & Football (Monday-Wednesday) . Newsletter . 7:00pm Finance / . 7:30pm Governing Council meetings	<b>8/9</b> . 9:00am -10:00am Tiny Tigers	<b>9/9</b> . MPG enterprise lunch	<b>10/9</b> <b>Sports' Day</b> 	<b>11/9</b> <b>School Closure Day</b>	<b>12/9 &amp; 13/9</b> 12/9 RMFL Second semi final @ Imperials 13/9 RMFL First semi final @ Imperials
<b>Week 9</b>	<b>14/9</b> <b>Student Free Day</b>	<b>15/9</b> . 9:00am -10:00am Tiny Tigers	<b>16/9</b> . MPG enterprise lunch	<b>17/9</b> . JPB enterprise recess	<b>18/9</b> ★ <b>3:00pm-5:00pm SRC School Disco</b> <b>* our school bus is not running in the afternoon</b>	<b>19/9 &amp; 20/9</b> 19/9 RMFL Preliminary final @ Imperials
<b>Week 10</b>  <b>No class enterprise recess or lunch this week</b>	<b>21/9</b>	<b>22/9</b> . 9:00am -10:00am Tiny Tigers	<b>23/9</b>	<b>24/9</b> . 3:00pm Assembly (including presentation of awards) (students only) :()	<b>25/9</b> . Newsletter . Last day of Term 3 . 2:25pm dismissal	<b>26/9 &amp; 27/9</b> 12/9 RMFL Grand final @ Imperials

## Planner - Term 4 2020

<b>Week 1</b>	<b>12/10</b>	<b>13/10</b> . No Tiny Tigers (commences Week 2)	<b>14/10</b> . MPB enterprise recess (ice creams) . 2:00pm ICAS Science Assessment (selected students)	<b>15/10</b>	<b>16/10</b> . JPG enterprise lunch (sausage in bread)	<b>17/10 &amp; 18/10</b>
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## Community News

**Mypolonga Cricket Club** - Mypolonga Cricket Club has nominated a team in the Under 13s and Under 15s for the upcoming MTCA Cricket Season starting in October 2020. The Under 13s will be coached by Life Member Jason Daniell. All boys and girls that are interested in cricket are welcome to play for our Club. Any parents interested in helping out are most welcome. Training details will be announced as the season gets closer. The Under 15s will be coached by two of our very promising young players (and past Mypolonga Primary School students) Darcy Elliott and Riley Walton. Under 15s trainings will be on Thursday nights. For further details, please contact Jason 0408833468 or Darcy 0428898687.

**Mypolonga Football Club - Junior Presentation Day**

A junior presentation day will be held this year, but a date has not yet been confirmed. Please keep an eye out for a follow-up email from the Club, and information posted on our social media platforms (Facebook and Instagram). In the meantime, parents & caregivers of junior players are asked to catch up with their child's team manager to give them \$5.00 for a coaches present before the end of the season. Thanks.

**River Murray Football League Finals Series**

Please continue to keep an eye on the River Murray Football League's website and Facebook page for information and updates on the RMFL finals series, being held at Imperials FC. All attendees will require an Eventbrite ticket to be granted permission to enter each final.

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