

# MYPO NEWS

## Mypolonga Primary School & Community Newsletter

**'I think my greatest victory was every time I walked out there, I gave it everything I had.  
I left everything out there. That's what I'm most proud of.'**

*~ Jimmy Connors is a retired American world No. 1 tennis player. He held the top Association of Tennis Professionals ranking for a then-record 160 consecutive weeks from 1974 to 1977 and a career total of 268 weeks. He retired in 1996 at the age of 43. ~*

**Term 3, Week 10    25th September 2020**

### Happy birthday...

28/9 - Amilee (Year 5)  
30/9 - Shaylee (Year 7)  
6/10 - Hayden (Year 7)  
10/10 - Chloe (Year 1)  
10/10 - Neeve (Year 1)  
12/10 - Luke (Year 3)  
13/10 - Drazic (Year 4)  
15/10 - Lyam (Year 6)

### Calendar Dates for Term 4

**Pet Safety Day (Reception to Year 4)** - Monday  
19th October 2020

**Tiny Tigers** - recommences in Week 2, Tuesday  
20th October 2020 (no session in Week 1, 13th  
October 2020)

**Science Show (Year 3)** - Tuesday 20th October  
2020

**SAPSASA Athletics District Day @ Unity** -  
Tuesday 20th October 2020

**Book Week Parade (whole school)** - Friday 23rd  
October 2020

**Middle Primary Years 2-5 Monarto & Gumeracha  
excursions** - Monday 9th November 2020 &  
Tuesday 10th November 2020

**Upper Primary Year 6-7 Aquatics (Murray  
Bridge)** - Monday 9th November 2020 & Tuesday  
10th November 2020

**Student Free Day** - Wednesday 11th November  
2020. The school will be closed on this day. **Please  
note date change from Tuesday 10/11/20.**

**Colour Run** - Tuesday 17th November 2020  
(raising funds for our World Vision Child)

**White Ribbon Day/SRC Casual Day (whole  
school)** - Friday 20th November 2020

**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)

### Champion's Cup Results (End of Week 9 Term 3 and progressive total)

Gold (Finnis) 144 points / 2588 points  
Red (Murray) 146 points / 2512 points  
Blue (Hindmarsh) 113 points / 1991 points

### We Roar as One!

#### Challenging and Heart-warming moments in Term 3

As the term draws to a close, we can look back at both challenging and heart-warming moments. The challenges speak for themselves and I want to thank our school community for supporting us to make the best of a bad situation. A particularly heart-warming moment was our disco, organised by Kerry and the SRC. That 'special feeling' we get from having a night-time disco at the Institute was not lost, thanks to the wonderful support from our community. I particularly want to acknowledge 3 people:

. Allecia McAllister made the most magnificent archway from balloons, ably assisted by Tara Nelson, which we used to frame our photos. The kids loved it!  
. Once again, Phillippa Ross outdid herself making our themed signs. Her 'Anything Goes' and '#COVID 19' signs were fantastic and just add to the specialness of the disco.

. Kelly Kuhn once again made her limo available to drive the SRC around Mypo during the disco. This is a highlight for the SRC every year and the thing they look forward to the most.



We also missed the community atmosphere at Sport's Day and while that decision was not made lightly, it was made with everybody's wellbeing in mind. Congratulations to the Blue Team for a decisive victory, to all of the House Captains who led by example, parent station volunteers and Superb Scorers Necia and Sharon. Hopefully next year will be business as usual. On that day Annie and I also met with representatives from the Facilities Department and a plan to upgrade our toilets is well underway.

#### Say No to Domestic Violence

On Tuesday, the Murray Bridge Domestic Violence Awareness Group launched their new video, 'You are not Alone.' We were approached to participate and we are proud to say we 'made the cut'. The video was put together by our former student Catherine Hughes (Annie & David's daughter) and our Upper Primary students were able to Zoom into the launch. Catherine spoke eloquently about the video and I was so proud to see one of our own achieving such success. A Proud Principal Moment! To view the video and catch a glimpse of some of our students, please visit [https://www.youtube.com/embed/YzTjwwMr\\_pQ](https://www.youtube.com/embed/YzTjwwMr_pQ)

#### Goodbye and Good Luck

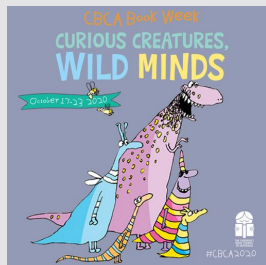
When our TIGERS leave, we are always sad to see them go, but happy to see them moving onto the next chapter in their lives. This term, we say goodbye to James Mueller and his family, who are moving to Monash, and Charlie and Tilly Harrowfield and their family, who are moving to Strathalbyn. You will always be in our hearts and we wish you every success in the future. Once a TIGER, always a TIGER.

Have a great break and see you next term.

Warm Regards, Rita

## Book Week

Book Week is on its way! Book week will be celebrated next term in Week 2. The theme this year is Curious Creatures, Wild Minds and we will be celebrating with a dress-up parade on Friday 23rd October. Children are invited to dress up in costumes following the theme or a favourite book character. All children who participate will receive a small gift. Later in the day the children will be involved in reading activities with their class buddies. Looking forward to celebrating a creative and wild Book Week with our school!



## SAPSASA Netball / Football

**Football** - SAPSASA was a fun experience. I will use what I learnt and take it to the local league. The best thing about SAPSASA was getting to know people from other clubs in the Murraylands and playing as one team with them. Even though we only won one game, it was fun and a new and interesting experience for me. In the games that we played, most of the other footballers were 6 foot in height which didn't make it any easier. All in all, it was a fun and interesting three days and I can't wait to have the chance to do it again next year. *Brandan Pahl (pictured below with SAPSASA Football Coach and teacher Jacob Rance).*

**Netball** - SAPSASA Netball was played at Priceline Stadium (which was called ETSA Park) and is the home of the Thunderbirds team. We were in the Murraylands team and were coached by Kelsey Milne. We were there from Monday to Wednesday. On Monday, we won every game, 3 out of 3. On Tuesday, we played the undefeated team but lost by 3 goals. Winning the next game placed us second. On Wednesday, we won our first game, which kept us in second spot. We lost the game decider by a couple of goals, so we came 3rd out of the whole tournament. I really enjoyed playing against different teams and meeting new people. Thank you Kelsey and good job team! *Elouise Kuhn*

This year, I got picked to play in the Murraylands SAPSASA netball team but, unfortunately, I fractured my wrist the week before. This meant I had to miss out on playing but the team still included me and made me feel like I was a part of the team. I went to Adelaide and I was very happy to still be able to go and cheer on my team. I was so loud that I lost my voice for a bit! The team did very well coming 3rd overall. I enjoyed meeting new people and having an amazing time with my friends. Kelsey was an amazing coach and very inclusive. Thank you and well done team!

*Shaylee Martin*



## Introducing House Leader for Hindmarsh...

### Riley Hagger

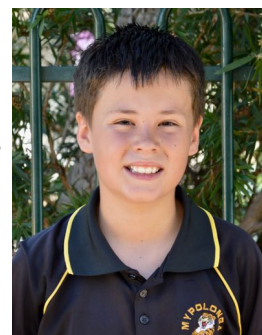
**As a leader of my house team...** I was fortunate to help lead the blue team to win sport's day.

**I think a good leader...** always encourages people to do their best.

**The best thing about being a leader is...** to do great things for my team.

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

**Tim Paine** (Australian international cricketer who currently captains the Australian national team in Test cricket) **because** he leads his team to victory.



## Classroom Enterprise Recess & Lunch - Term 4

	<b>Classroom Enterprise</b>	
Middle Primary <b>BLACK Wednesday</b> Recess		
	<b>Icecream in a cone</b> *includes sprinkles <b>\$1.50 each</b>	
Junior Primary <b>GOLD Friday</b> Lunch		
<b>Sausage in Bread</b> <b>\$2 each</b>		
*Please encourage your child to order their own food		
Name – _____		
*Please order and pay for all Enterprise Food on Monday and Tuesday. All Enterprise orders will be taken in the Kitchen @ the canteen prior to 8:55am. Thank you ☺ GST included		



Thanks to everyone who supported this term's classroom enterprise recess & lunch, including Joel & Scarlett above. All money raised from enterprise food throughout the year supports class fundraising to help subsidise resources, excursions and camps.

Ice-creams and sausages in bread are on offer next term!

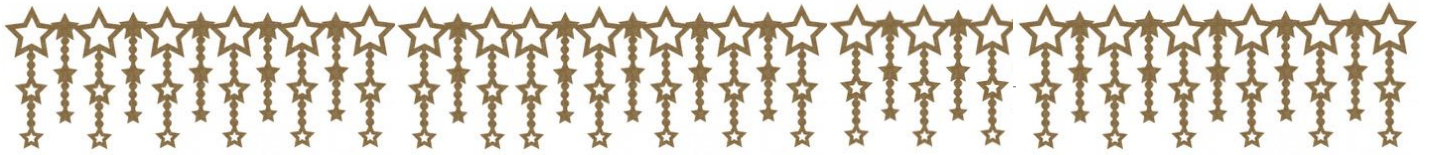
## Governing Council Capers

The turmoil of 2020 has seen great changes, and the need to adapt quickly. Thankfully, the disruption to our children has been kept to a minimum, but there have been many instances where the tough call has a greater impact on parents and caregivers and our wider community. Our Governing Council acknowledges that Sport's Day was one such instance.

To explain further, I recently attended a 2 hour Zoom meeting of 75 Governing Council Chairs statewide. The Education Department was seeking our views about our leading role, and how we can have parents and caregivers walk side by side with teachers in helping our children thrive and learn. It was noted that high performing schools are those with community engagement being fundamental in the learning process. Mypolonga Primary is a high performing school. Our NAPLAN results are one way this is measured (there are others, but this is a standout). It hurts not to have the involvement from our community, as we pride ourselves on being inclusive. We are not alone, and the flavour of the Zoom meeting reflected the disconnect that everyone is feeling around the state.

Term 3 & 4 schedules are under pressure like never before having to reorganise Sport's Day, Disco, excursions, and the list goes on. We are grateful to our staff in their endeavours to achieve this. Enjoy your school holidays and let's focus on continued support and brighter days as we edge towards Christmas.

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



## Student of the Term - Term 3 2020

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

Upper Primary Black

**James Mueller**



Upper Primary Gold

**Tehya Fawdry**



Middle Primary Black

**Isabelle Swansson**

Middle Primary Gold

**Aidyn Polak**



Junior Primary Black

**Macie Davis**

Junior Primary Gold

**William Burdett**



## Most Improved Student - Term 3 2020

Upper Primary Black

**Heath Matheson**

Upper Primary Gold

**Lila Stapleton**



Middle Primary Black

**Scarlette Fulwood**

Middle Primary Gold

**Crystal McDonald / Seth Ryles**

Junior Primary Black

**Cohen Bender**

Junior Primary Gold

**Zakariyah Sumner**





## Congratulations

**Congratulations** to Rochelle Klenke & Ben Nagel on the arrival of their son Ashton James Nagel. Ashton was born on 4th September 2020 and weighed 3.9kgs. He is a little brother to Oliver in Year 2 and Xander (preschool). We wish you all many years of love and happiness!

## School Hats

Today, we have sent home all school hats to be washed during the holidays. We have noticed a lot of 'grubby' hats being worn, so a 'freshen up' will be great, especially for when we have visitors to our school shop. If your child is in need of a new bucket hat in Term 4, they can be purchased from the office for \$7.40. We also have a limited supply of slouch (broad brimmed without a toggle) hats available to purchase for \$8.25.

## Junior Primary Black Narratives

Junior Primary Black students have started learning about narratives in English. The class read the book 'Tiger's Roar' by Alex Hance (AFL footballer who played for the Richmond Football Club). They explored the settings, characters, events, problems and solutions throughout the story. The main character was Tiger. Tiger has a really strong team who help him solve problems in the story. The class has worked hard to build their teamwork skills in class, so that they can work together, like Tiger and his team. In Art, they followed step-by-step instructions on how to draw Tiger. They put him in the jungle like he is in the story.



## Late lunch orders

It is now school policy that students who forget to put in their lunch order by 8:55am, will not have their lunch order taken over to the General Store but, instead, office staff will offer the student a Vegemite sandwich, made at school, which will be charged to parents/caregivers at \$2.00 each. This was a decision made to help students become more responsible and to help them in their daily routine.

## Wellbeing Wonders

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

In the last newsletter, we covered 3 out of the 6 skills sets in this article from Parenting Ideas article. Here are the last three. I hope you find them as interesting and useful as I have.

### 4. Coping skills

'Kids will generally face a number of challenges during the course of their school lives including overcoming disappointment of missing being picked in a team; working their way through difficult learning situations and meeting with rejection. How stressful these situations will depend on their own spirit, the support they receive and their coping skills. The good news is that coping skills can be taught, or at the very least, encouraged, if adults know what to focus on. Coping strategies include parking problems for a while; normalising a situation and accepting and moving on. Some kids will use coping strategies quite naturally, while others need parental input to help them cope with seemingly minor challenges.

### 5. Relaxation skills

The ability to relax and get away from it all is vital for the maintenance of mental health, which in turn, impacts on a student's ability to perform. Many of today's kids live with pressure. That pressure needs to be released through relaxation and play, otherwise it just continues to build and it shows itself through anxiety and other mental illnesses. The ability to relax and unwind is paramount to your child's school success. Ways to unwind include getting lost in a hobby; learning how to meditate and enjoying creative pursuits.

### 6. Relationship skills

Children at school are involved in hundreds of social interactions every day ranging from working cooperatively with a peer in class through to asking a teacher for help. Most of the interactions go well, but there are times when there will be conflict and tension. This is when children with a solid set of communication and relationship skills honed through a myriad of sibling interactions come to the fore. They don't become flummoxed when a child won't give them what they want, or a child tells tales to the teacher about them. Children that come from very small families (two children or less) often don't have experiences of conflict to draw on so they need to be taught how to give way graciously; to stand up for themselves assertively rather than angrily and to see two sides to a story rather than take things personally. There are many skills we can teach our kids to help them maintain healthy relationships at school, as well as in their families.

These skill sets are part developmental and part environmental. That is, kids will naturally develop many skills as they mature. But also many of the skills need to be nurtured environmentally- that is, they need to be recognised, encouraged, taught and modelled by adults that children and teenagers respect and admire if children are to acquire them. That makes parents Very Important People in the acquisition process of these skill sets in children and young people.'

*When we chose to look at conflict in our children's lives as a learning opportunity which we can impart our knowledge and skills to the situation, I believe, will help our children grow to be confident young adults who can problem solve and maintain healthy relationships.*

Cheers, Kerry, Wellbeing Leader

## School Disco

Well it wasn't a traditional 'Mypo' disco BUT we loved it regardless! Anything Goes was our theme and we had such a great range of costumes! Well done parents! A huge shoutout to Juggle House Experiences AKA Kelly for her limousine service... lucky SRC! Phillippa Ross once again outdid herself with our traditional photo signs and Allecia McAllister made us an unbelievable balloon arch (a first for us!), ably assisted in set up by Tara Nelson. Our students were amazing and a big thank you also to our staff who go above and beyond.

Kerry and our 2020 SRC representatives



Disco  
Disco



Anything  
Goes







## Sport's Day 2020

1st: Hindmarsh 1151 points

2nd: Finnis 993 points

3rd: Murray 884 points

Congratulations to house team Hindmarsh on winning this year's Sport's Day. Congratulations also to students Jayden Ladson, Ariel Challenger and Tehya Fawdry on receiving perfect scores in sprints and tabloid events.









Here is part of an excellent recount about Sport's Day, by Seth Ryles (Year 3):

*We had to line up on the tennis court for the march. Sport's Day was really fun for me. We had to cheer our team on. I even came 4<sup>th</sup>. In sprinting I was versing the fastest in the class. Blue won. By the way, the first time I was at Sport's Day, I lost my shoe but I kept on going. Everyone laughed a little bit.*

*Everyone was so proud. I'm a little bit sad I cannot do tug-of-war. I have never done tug-of-war before. I also haven't done wheel relay. Wheel relay is when a lot of people run around a big circle with a ball, not a football, they use a round basketball.*

*On Sport's Day I felt really happy because we haven't done it for a long time. I also felt happy because blue won and I got to do the high jump.*

## Planner - Term 4 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 1</b>	<b>12/10</b>	<b>13/10</b> • <b>No Tiny Tigers</b> (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>
<b>Week 2</b>	<b>19/10</b> • Pet safety (Reception to Year 4 students) • Newsletter	<b>20/10</b> • 9:00am - 10:00am Tiny Tigers • 11:00am - 12:00pm Science Show in Murray Bridge (Year 3 students) • SAPSASA Athletics District Day @ Unity	<b>21/10</b> • MPB enterprise recess (ice creams)	<b>22/10</b>	<b>23/10</b> • Book week parade • JPG enterprise lunch (sausage in bread) • 3:00pm Assembly (students only :)	<b>24/10 &amp; 25/10</b>
<b>Week 3</b>	<b>26/10</b> • 7:00pm Finance / 7:30pm Governing Council meetings	<b>27/10</b> • 9:00am - 10:00am Tiny Tigers	<b>28/10</b> • MPB enterprise recess (ice creams)	<b>29/10</b>	<b>30/10</b> • JPG enterprise lunch (sausage in bread)	<b>31/10 &amp; 1/11</b>
<b>Week 4</b>	<b>2/11</b> • Newsletter	<b>3/11</b> • 9:00am - 10:00am Tiny Tigers	<b>4/11</b> • MPB enterprise recess (ice creams)	<b>5/11</b>	<b>6/11</b> • JPG enterprise lunch (sausage in bread) • 3:00pm Assembly (students only :)	<b>7/11 &amp; 8/11</b>
<b>Week 5</b>	<b>9/11</b> • Upper Primary Years 6-7 Aquatics in Murray Bridge • Middle Primary Years 2-5 Monarto excursion	<b>10/11</b> • 9:00am - 10:00am Tiny Tigers • Upper Primary Years 6-7 Aquatics in Murray Bridge • Middle Primary Years 2-5 Gumeracha excursion	<b>11/11</b>  <b>Student Free Day</b>	<b>12/11</b>	<b>13/11</b> • JPG enterprise lunch (sausage in bread)	<b>14/11 &amp; 15/11</b>
<b>Week 6</b>	<b>16/11</b> • Newsletter	<b>17/11</b> • 9:00am - 10:00am Tiny Tigers • <b>Colour Run</b>	<b>18/11</b> • MPB enterprise recess (ice creams)	<b>19/11</b>	<b>20/11</b> • JPG enterprise lunch (sausage in bread) • White Ribbon Day, including SRC casual day • 3:00pm Assembly (students only :)	<b>21/11 &amp; 22/11</b>

## Community News

**Mypolonga Football Club - Junior Presentations** Monday 28th September 2020 at the Mypolonga Combined Sport's Club. Start time 7:00pm until approximately 8:30pm. Unfortunately, no meal will be available, however drinks can be purchased at the bar (seated whilst drinking due to COVID regulations). The Club can only have 120 people in it at any one time, so the preference is that 1 adult per footballer comes to the presentations. Order of presentations will be U9s / U11s (to receive a certificate), U13s, U15s, then U17.5s. A COVID-19 Marshall will be on the door counting attendance numbers. Please contact Jodie Hagger or Mark Pahl if you have any queries.

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