

MYPO NEWS

Mypolonga Primary School & Community Newsletter

'Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do, so throw off the bowlines, sail away from safe harbour, catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore, Dream, Discover.'

~ Samuel Langhorne Clemens, known by his pen name **Mark Twain (30/11/1835-21/4/1910)**, was an American writer, humorist, entrepreneur, publisher, and lecturer. He was admired as the 'greatest humorist' the United States has produced. ~

Term 4, Week 4 2nd November 2020

Happy birthday...

5/11 - Willow (Year 4)
11/11 - Matilda (Year 6)
11/11 - Nate (Reception)
12/11 - Zakariyah (Reception)

Calendar Dates for Term 4

Junior Primary Unit Reception to Year 2 - Hahndorf Farm Barn excursion - Monday 9th November 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). Please encourage your child/ren to collect money from family and friends only. We would appreciate it if you could return the forms and money to the school by Friday 13/11/20. Thanks for your support!

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)

'Here Comes the Sun' End of Year Celebrations - Wednesday 2nd December 2020 from 6:30pm until approximately 8:00pm on the school oval

Year 7 Graduation Dinner - 6:00pm Wednesday 9th December 2020 at the Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club

Enclosed with this Newsletter

. Note dated 2/11/20 providing a further update on our 'Here Comes the Sun' End of Year Celebrations.

We Roar as One!

Every Cloud Has a Silver Lining

One of the consequences of our reclassification, has been a decrease in time that Kerry will be given, to work with our kids in her role as Wellbeing Leader, from 0.3 (3 days a fortnight) to 0.2 (1 day a week). On paper this doesn't appear very significant, but in reality, it makes a massive difference, given Kerry's leadership of the SRC, School Shop and Assembly and all of the events which emanate from these. Out of the blue, I was contacted by the Schools' Ministry Group (SMG), with a view to appointing a Pastoral Care Worker (PCW), to support the wellbeing of our kids.

I explained that we were not able to fund such a position. Paul from SMG suggested I meet with the Murray Bridge Inter-Church group, to ask for funding, which I immediately did. This incredible group, offered to support us, by funding a PCW for 1 day a week for 2 years. Governing Council approved that we move forward with this process, at our meeting last week. We are currently in the process, with SMG to advertise this position, with a view to appoint a PCW to work with us next year. In the words of The Sound of Music: 'When a door closes, a window opens.'

Week 5

Week 5 is massive for all of us; kids, parents, caregivers and educators. We have numerous excursions. Teachers have collaborated to try to make your lives as manageable as possible to drop off and collect your kids from various drop-off and pick-up points. The amount of coordination between the classes has been phenomenal and please be aware that we try really hard to make your lives as workable as possible.

Our **Student Free Day** on Wednesday of Week 5 will enable us, in our teaching teams, to plan how we will configure structures for next year. We have already spent a great deal of time trying to prepare ourselves and our current Year 5/6 kids for transition to high school in 2021. However, this will require more work, especially around how we afford our kids the leadership opportunities, which have always been a cultural rite-of-passage for our older kids. We see this as a chance to be innovative and to design new approaches to the challenges with which we are faced!

COVID Stuff

As advised in our recent email, parents/caregivers may now attend our final assemblies for 2020, being held at 2:45pm on Friday of Week 4 and Week 6, with our end of year assembly being held at school on Thursday of Week 9. The assemblies will be held **outside** so long as social distancing is adhered to (1.5 metres apart). If we have to hold our assembly indoors due to inclement weather, unfortunately, we will have to restrict attendance to students only. We know you will understand that this could be a decision that is made at the last minute. If, on arriving, you notice that assembly is being held indoors, we kindly ask that you don't enter the school library. Again, thanks for your support with this. With regards to our end of year celebrations being held on Wednesday 2nd December 2020, please be aware that you **MUST** present a ticket on arriving with your name and phone number on the back (to enable social tracing). We are trying so hard to create a new normal at Mypo, where we can meet as a community, but still stay COVID safe. We need to keep TIGER strong!

Warm Regards, Rita



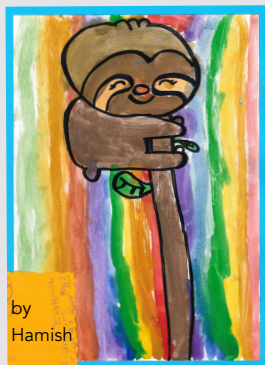
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School Concert DVD / School Magazine

Unfortunately, this year, we won't be producing a DVD from our end of year celebrations (which is being held in lieu of a school concert) or a school magazine. Hopefully, you have enjoyed seeing students' work, artwork and photos from school events via our school newsletter, Facebook page and contents in your child's report folder.

Junior Primary Black - Class Mascot 'Mango'

Mango is the Junior Primary Black class' class mascot. He is taken for a 'home visit' to a different student's house each night. On his return the next morning, students make a presentation to their class on what Mango got up to the previous evening. Miss Blight has found this a great way to encourage public speaking and to teach presentation skills. Students also record Mango's adventures in his very own journal. Mango is also used as a 'comforting tool' in class to aide students' emotions during lesson time. Recently, students were asked to write a personal letter to Mango and followed step by step instructions on how to draw him. The colourful artwork is proudly on display in the Junior Primary Black classroom.



UNSW Global 2020 ICAS Assessments - Maths

Congratulations to the following students on their fantastic achievements in the recent Maths ICAS Assessment, which was carried out last term.

Charlotte Pahl (Year 4) Credit

Danté Sandercock (Year 4) Credit

Mikaela Watts (Year 4) Credit

Lyam Marshall (Year 6) Credit

Jesse Squire (Year 3) Merit

Brandan Pahl (Year 6) Merit

Congratulations! ★

Introducing House Leader for Finnis...

Jayden Ladson

As a house leader of my house team, I hope to... win the Championship Cup.

I think a good leader... is kind, compassionate and caring.

The best thing about being a leader is... that your peers believe that you have what it takes to be a leader.

Someone I think is a great leader is.. my Dad, Mum and James because they are all competitive, kind and respectful.



SAPSASA District Day

In Week 2, a number of our students went to Unity College to participate in SAPSASA Athletics District Day.

Students were chosen from their fantastic results on Sport's Day. It was a fun and rewarding day with many students taking home a ribbon for placing in the top 3. As a school, we finished second in the School Performance Trophy.

One notable performance was Jayden Ladson who took home a trophy for getting the most points for under 12 boys. All students tried their best, showed true courage and made new friends during the day.

Thanks to our teacher Jacob Rance for his hard work leading up to the day and his support and encouragement throughout. We wish all students chosen to represent the Murraylands Athletics team at SANTOS Stadium all the very best.

Congratulations...

Charlotte Ladson

Jorja Kuhn

Felicity Donald

Brady Roden

Connor Fulwood

Tehya Fawdry

Haydn Castle

Linton Garner

Ledja Gray

Matilda Stone

Brandan Pahl

Alarah Sipos

Reagan Martin

Elouise Kuhn

Ella O'Shea-Coulter

Jacinta Clark

Heath Matheson

James-Noah Peterson

Shaylee Martin

Jayden Ladson

Judd Ruckenstuhl

Riley Hagger

Ariel Challenger

Participation in Event (with 1st-3rd placing)

800 metres (3rd), shot put, 100 metres

High jump, long jump, discus, relay (2nd)

200m, 100m, relay (unfortunately Felicity did not participate on the day)

800m, long jump, 100 metres

Shot put, discus

800 metres (3rd), high jump (2nd), 100 metres (1st), relay (2nd)

800 metres, long jump (3rd), 200 metres (1st), Relay (2nd)

High jump, 100 metres, relay (2nd)

Shot put

Shot put, discus

Discus (3rd), 100 metres

Shot put, 200 metres

Long jump, Discus (1st)

Long jump (2nd 12yo, 2nd 13yo), 100 metres

800 metres, high jump

200 metres (12yo and 13yo)

Shot put, 200 metres

High jump, long jump (1st), 100 metres (2nd), relay (2nd)

Discus, relay (2nd)

Shot put (1st), Long jump (1st), 200 metres (1st), relay (2nd)

800 metres, High jump

800 metres, Discus

800 metres (2nd), high jump (1st), 100 metres (2nd), relay (2nd)



It's been a busy start to Term 4!

Science Magic Show

Our Year 3 students were fortunate to attend a Science Show recently at the Murray Bridge Town Hall. Soroptimist International Murray Bridge celebrated International Children's Week by sponsoring the free performance. The students were entertained with a Fire and Ice performance and then were able to make popstick catapults and slime to take home, just like Jackson and Seth (pictured right). We are thankful for this opportunity.

Living Safely with Pets program

We recently had a special visit from Deb and her dog 'Lola' (pictured right with Nate), as part of the Living Safely with Pets program.

Reception to Year 4 students were taught how to live responsibly and safely with dogs and cats. The learning activities link with the South Australian curriculum and ensure that students gain an understanding of how to behave safely around dogs, what it means to be a responsible pet owner and the positive role responsibly owned pets play in the community.

Book Week

In week 2, our school was invaded by CURIOUS CREATURES, WILD MINDS! Our students entertained us with their creativity and imagination in our Book Week parade. A big thank you to all our families for supporting their child/ren in this event. In the afternoon, each class joined their buddy class for craft. Our older students showed true leadership when reading picture books on the Book Week theme and then helped their buddies to make monster puppets. Special thanks to our teacher/librarian Jane Rumbelow for coordinating our Book Week activities. A great time was had by all! Pictured below Mila, Bella, Noah, Imogen, Braeden, Joel, Seth, Drazic and Vann.



Wellbeing Wonders - Teach Your Child to Say Thank You

The article below comes from a website titled – verywellmind.com which has numerous articles and information about mental health. I came across this particular one and found it an interesting and important read. I hope you do too.

Encourage your child to say "Thank you" on a regular basis. Offer gentle reminders like, "Your brother let you go first. What should you say to him?" or "What do you say to Grandma for giving you a cookie?"

While it may seem like forcing a "thank you", doesn't stir up any real gratitude, consider it a first step in the process. It can help kids start to recognise when others have given them something, whether it's something tangible like a gift, or intangible like time.

So even if it doesn't seem like genuine appreciation when your child needs a reminder, encouraging them to verbally express appreciation can be an important learning tool for genuine gratitude down the line.

You can also encourage your kids to write "thank you" notes to people who give them gifts or show them kindness. Your child might colour a picture for a grandparent who purchased a birthday gift for them. Or you might encourage your teen to write a "thank you" letter to a special coach who has made an impact on their lives.

Make sure to point out times when your child shows gratitude without a prompt from you. Praise prosocial behavior by saying things like, "I really like the way you thanked your friend for sharing with you today," or "Nice job remembering to say 'thank you' to your teacher when she reminded you to get your backpack." Positive attention will reinforce the importance of showing gratitude.

Thank you for reading.

Cheers, Kerry, Wellbeing Leader



Community News

Mypolonga Football Club - People's Choice Credit Union Community Lottery

Mypolonga Football Club is registered for online ticket sales in this year's People's Choice Credit Union Community Lottery.

Click on the link below and buy your tickets today for the chance to WIN some great prizes! There are 70 prizes on offer, worth more than \$300,000! And... the Club retains 100% from each \$2 ticket sold. This may be a great Christmas gift idea for family & friends!

Thanks for your support and good luck!

<https://communitylottery.peopleschoice.com.au/.../mypolon...>

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

Week 4	2/11 . Newsletter	3/11 . 9:00am -10:00am Tiny Tigers	4/11 . MPB enterprise recess (ice creams)	5/11	6/11 . JPG enterprise lunch (sausage in bread) . 2:45pm school assembly outside (weather permitting) . From 6:00pm MCSC tea	7/11 & 8/11
Week 5	9/11 . Junior Primary Reception to Year 2 Hahndorf Farm Barn excursion . Upper Primary Years 6-7 Aquatics in Murray Bridge . Middle Primary Years 2-5 Monarto excursion	10/11 . 9:00am -10:00am Tiny Tigers . Upper Primary Years 6-7 Aquatics in Murray Bridge . Middle Primary Years 2-5 Gumeracha excursion	11/11 Student Free Day	12/11 . 8:30am Tickets available from the school office for our 'Here Comes the Sun' End of Year Celebrations	13/11 . JPG enterprise lunch (sausage in bread)	14/11 & 15/11
Week 6	16/11 . Newsletter	17/11 . 9:00am -10:00am Tiny Tigers . Colour Run	18/11 . MPB enterprise recess (ice creams)	19/11 . SAPSASA swimming carnival	20/11 . JPG enterprise lunch (sausage in bread) . White Ribbon Day, including SRC casual day . 2:45pm school assembly outside (weather permitting) . SAPSASA track & field state championships @ Santos Stadium	21/11 & 22/11
Week 7	23/11	24/11 . 9:00am -10:00am FINAL Tiny Tigers for the year	25/11 . MPB enterprise recess (ice creams)	26/11	27/11 . JPG enterprise lunch (sausage in bread) . MFC AGM (6:00pm juniors / 7:00pm seniors)	28/11 & 29/11
Week 8  Last week of class enterprise	30/11 . Newsletter	1/12 . School transition day (Reception to Year 6 students in next year's classes / Year 7 transition @ Murray Bridge High School)	2/12 . MPB enterprise recess (ice creams) . 6:30pm <i>Here Comes the Sun</i> End of Year Celebrations on the school oval	3/12	4/12 . JPG enterprise lunch (sausage in bread) . No assembly . From 6:00pm MCSC tea . 7:00pm MNLC AGM @ the MCSC	5/12 & 6/12
Week 9	7/12	8/12	9/12 . 6:00pm Year 7 Graduation Dinner @ the MCSC	10/12 . Newsletter . 2:45pm school assembly outside (weather permitting) . Secret Santa gift giving	11/12 - Last day of the school year . 9:30am SRC Fun Day @ the Murray Bridge Pool . 1:30pm dismissal from pool / 2:25pm dismissal from school	13/12 & 14/12

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