

# MYPO NEWS

## Mypolonga Primary School & Community Newsletter

**'Take care of the minutes and the hours will take care of themselves.'**

*Philip Dormer Stanhope (22/9/1694 - 24/3/1773), 4th Earl of Chesterfield, KG, PC was a British statesman, diplomat, man of letters, and an acclaimed wit of his time.*

Term 4, Week 6 16th November 2020

### Happy birthday...

23/11 - Bella (Year 4)  
23/11 - Eden (Reception)  
23/11 - Hollie (Reception)  
24/11 - Molly (Year 5)  
26/11 - Seth (Year 3)  
27/11 - Charlotte (Year 2)  
28/11 - Koby (Year 7)  
29/11 - Pheonix (Year 2)  
30/11 - Riley (Year 7)

### Calendar Dates for Term 4

**Colour Run** - Tuesday 17th November 2020

Please refer to the note sent home and emailed last Thursday and return forms and money to the school office as soon as possible. Thanks.

**White Ribbon Day/SRC Casual Day** (whole school) - Friday 20th November 2020 Please refer to the note sent home last Thursday. Proceeds support the fantastic work carried out by The Polish Man.

**SAPSASA track & field state championships** @ Santos Stadium - Friday 20th November 2020

**School Assembly outside** (weather permitting) - 2:45pm 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). Tiny Tigers will not be held on this day.

**'Here Comes the Sun' End of Year**

**Celebrations** - Wednesday 2nd December 2020 from 6:30pm on the Mypolonga Primary School oval. Family tickets can now be obtained from Necia or Annie in the office. Please arrive from 6:00pm for a 6:30pm start. Please refer to the back page of this newsletter for further information. Thanks.

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

### Champion's Cup Results (End of Week 5 Term 4 and progressive total)

Gold (Finnis) 62 points / 3195 points  
Red (Murray) 59 points / 3102 points  
Blue (Hindmarsh) 70 points / 2504 points

### We Roar as One!

#### A Massive Week

We have had a full-on week, trying to incorporate so much into a very busy time. We began with whole school excursions. Thank you everyone for your cooperation in dropping off and picking up your children following our excursions. Everything went smoothly and our students had a great time. We were very determined on normalcy, while still meeting all COVID regulations. Remembrance Day and NAIDOC Week added an extra dimension to a super busy time. The next few weeks are equally as busy with the Colour Run, transition processes and end of year celebrations still to come.

A reminder to families to collect your end of year celebration tickets. In order to meet COVID regulations, it is imperative that all tickets have contact details filled out on the back when being handed in. Given the outbreak which occurred on the weekend, contact tracing requirements have become critical if we are to keep everyone safe. If you have not collected your tickets, please do so promptly, so that we can build a better picture of how to set up the event.

#### School Shop News

One of the rotations students participate in, during the School Shop program has been chocolate coating and bagging dried apricots. On top of the apricots we sell to the visitors, we also have a contract to supply the Proud Mary with 50 bags of apricots every week, including school holidays. Unfortunately, COVID regulations no longer allow students to prepare food, which has meant that we have had to come up with a Plan B. Dee has taken over the main responsibility for this, ably supported by Linton's Granny Lorna in order to provide the 400 bags we need to provide the boat with, over the school holidays.

#### Preparing for 2021

We are in the throes of finalising classes for next year. At this stage we are still unable to announce all teaching appointments as we are waiting on confirmation of our contract positions for next year from HR. Once those appointments are confirmed, we will let you know promptly about classes for next year.

Warm Regards, Rita



### Class Awards - Term 4 Weeks 1 & 2

#### Junior Primary Gold

**Leila Frew** - for using her quiet but strong nature to be a leader amongst her peers.

**Cayce McAllister** - for always being a gentleman and helping others.

#### Junior Primary Black

**Jeremy Marshall** - excellent explanations for tricky words in Science & English.

**Olivia Scott** - showing persistence in her narrative writing, producing a creative story.

#### Middle Primary Gold

**Azalea Baker** - for trying her best to improve, especially in literacy.

**Bailey Harvie** - for a positive attitude to growing and improving.

#### Middle Primary Black

**Drazic Ryles** - excellent cooperation and teamwork during outdoor education.

**Charlotte Ladson** - excellent cooperation and teamwork during outdoor education.

#### Upper Primary Gold

**Ava Hagger** - independent problem solver.

**Amilee Harvie** - always following feedback and putting in 100% effort in all tasks.

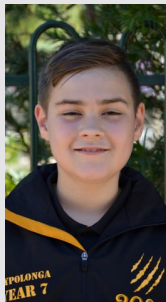
#### Upper Primary Black

**Tahlia Ross** - for showing improved initiative in class, particularly in job time.

**Ellie Pontt** - for doing an outstanding job in the creation of her ballad poem.

### SRC Leadership

**Congratulations** to Year 7 student Drew Bettcher on recently being elected SRC Leader following James Mueller's transfer to another school last term. Drew's strong leadership has already commenced with end of year activities.



### Overflowing Lost Property Box!

Don't forget to check our lost property box for unnamed jackets, jumpers (some with school logo), drink bottles and containers. They will soon go to a new home!

### Outdoor Classroom Day

Time outdoors makes children happier and healthier, as well as helping them form habits that will stick with them for life.

In Week 3, each class took this fantastic opportunity to have their lessons taught outside and our children were buzzing with excitement and throwing themselves into the learning. From Science to Maths, Literacy to Art and PE to Geography, we had everything covered. Our children, as always, were so enthusiastic and positive towards the day. We are proud to say, we are now a part of the global Outdoor Classroom Day! Pictured; Braydon, Jeremy, Owen, Cohen & Jodie.



### SAPSASA Softball

Congratulations to Year 6 student Fenix Coull on recently being selected and participating in the Murraylands SAPSASA Softball team.

"Our team won one game, drew one game and lost the rest. We improved a lot during the week and I got to see a few of the other players I competed with last year. It was a great experience!" ~ Fenix



### Learning Life Skills in the Upper Primary Black class

*'These are skills we can take wherever we go in life, no matter what we do'.*

Recently, the Upper Primary Black class began learning about valuable life lessons. During the first week, students learnt how to tie a tie and write professional emails. It was amazing to see them pick the skills up so quickly and help each other with the learning around it. We encourage students to keep practising these skills at home and we will continue learning other life skills during the rest of the term. Pictured below, Alarah, Reagan, Elouise, Jayden and Fenix. ~ Jacob Rance, UP Black Year 6/7 teacher



## Murraylands Annual Christmas Appeal



As previously advised, our SRC is supporting this year's Murraylands Annual Christmas Appeal. To support local families, including The Salvation Army, St Vincent de Paul Society and Murray Bridge Thriving Communities, we are kindly asking for donations of:-

. Non-perishable food items (within use-by date range) including Christmas puddings, shortbread biscuits, packet & tinned food and long life 'staple foods'.

. New Toys (not second hand), particularly for older children (12, 13, 14 year olds).

If you would like to support this appeal, please leave your items in the box located in the school office by 3:25pm Monday 7th December 2020.

Thanks for your support!



# TERM 4 excursions



The Year 2/3/4/5 students had an exciting couple of days at Monarto Safari Park, the Big Rocking Horse and Melba's Chocolate Factory. We were fortunate to have Anne Martin, who volunteers at the zoo, take our children on a bird-watching expedition. The children were excited to see the chimpanzees in action and the baby giraffe learning to walk. At the Big Rocking Horse, they were taken behind the scenes and taught how to make the wooden toys and some were adventurous enough to climb to the top of the rocking horse. We finished our trip with a stop at Melba's Chocolate Factory. Each child had \$5 to spend and the staff commented on our students knowledge of money and ability to count change. What an experience!



Upper Primary Year 6/7s had the pleasure of going to the Murraylands Aquatic Centre for two days. They were very lucky with the weather, albeit a little hot and windy. However, that did not deter our students from participating in all of the activities. Students were able to partake in knee boarding, skiing, sailing, canoeing, kayaking, small boat handling and stand up paddle boarding. In each of these activities, staff and instructors were so impressed with their persistence and teamwork. We are very proud of how our students conducted themselves. It was a great two days!



Special thanks to our wonderful staff members and volunteers for all their hard work in planning, coordinating and supervising each excursion. They had as much fun as the students did!

**'Here Comes the Sun' - End of Year Celebrations** Wednesday 2nd December 2020 from 6:30pm to approximately 8:00pm. A night to enjoy family togetherness, class Christmas carols, a performance by our Instrumental Music and Choir students and to farewell our Year 7s and families.

**A few reminders...** Each family's allocation of 6 tickets can now be obtained from Necia or Annie in the office, until Friday 27th November 2020. There is no fee to attend this year's celebrations and Mypolonga Primary School students do not require a ticket. Tickets will not be made available on the night (due to COVID guidelines), so please confer with all family members prior to obtaining your tickets. To gain entry on to the school grounds, you will need to present your ticket to a staff member stationed at either of the two gates along the school oval (Williams Street and North Bokara Road). Please arrive from 6:00pm for a 6:30pm start. Tickets will be numbered and you must be the person who is handing over the ticket at the gate to comply with COVID guidelines. Prior to arriving, on the reverse of the ticket, please write your name and contact telephone number in case of COVID contact tracing.

Families are encouraged to bring along deck chairs or picnic rugs to sit on. Our students will perform on stage blocks. If you do bring deck chairs, please be mindful of families behind you who may be on picnic rugs.

Parking will be available around the school and surrounding streets. If you have special parking requirements, please contact Necia or Annie to discuss.

On the night, students will be required to wear casual clothes with a 'splash' of Christmas, ie. tinsel, Christmas hat or t-shirt. We do not envisage families having to bring along food or drink (except water) and toilet facilities will be available. Further information will be provided in our next newsletter, issued on Monday 30th November 2020. In the meantime, please contact Necia or Annie if you have any queries.

## Community News


**Mypolonga RSL** Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, the annual Mypolonga RSL Christmas Party will not be held this year.

**Mypolonga Football Club** AGM - Friday 27th November 2020 (6:00pm juniors / 7:00pm seniors) at the Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club.

**Mypolonga Netball League Club** AGM - Friday 4th December 2020 from 7:00pm at the Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club.

## 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 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> . SAPSASA swimming carnival	<b>20/11</b> . <b>JPG enterprise lunch (sausage in bread)</b> . White Ribbon Day, including SRC casual day . 2:45pm school assembly outside (weather permitting) . SAPSASA track & field state championships @ Santos Stadium	<b>21/11 &amp; 22/11</b>
<b>Week 7</b>	<b>23/11</b>	<b>24/11</b> . 9:00am -10:00am <b>FINAL</b> Tiny Tigers for the year	<b>25/11</b> . MPB enterprise recess (ice creams)	<b>26/11</b> . Murraylands' Schools basketball competition (selected UP students)	<b>27/11</b> . <b>JPG enterprise lunch (sausage in bread)</b> . MFC AGM (6:00pm juniors / 7:00pm seniors) @ the MCSC	<b>28/11 &amp; 29/11</b>
<b>Week 8</b>  <b>Last week of class enterprise</b>	<b>30/11</b> . Newsletter	<b>1/12</b> . School transition day (Reception to Year 6 students in next year's classes / Year 7 transition @ Murray Bridge High School)	<b>2/12</b> . MPB enterprise recess (ice creams) . 6:30pm <i>Here Comes the Sun</i> End of Year Celebrations on the school oval	<b>3/12</b>	<b>4/12</b> . <b>JPG enterprise lunch (sausage in bread)</b> . No assembly . From 6:00pm MCSC tea . 7:00pm MNLC AGM @ the MCSC	<b>5/12 &amp; 6/12</b>
<b>Week 9</b>	<b>7/12</b>	<b>8/12</b>	<b>9/12</b> . 6:00pm Year 7 Graduation Dinner @ the MCSC	<b>10/12</b> . Newsletter . 2:45pm school assembly outside (weather permitting) . Secret Santa gift giving	<b>11/12 - Last day of the school year</b> . 9:30am SRC Fun Day @ the Murray Bridge Pool . 1:30pm dismissal from pool / 2:25pm dismissal from school	<b>12/12 &amp; 13/12</b>

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