

MYPO NEWS

Mypolonga Primary School & Community Newsletter

'Don't take criticism from someone you wouldn't take advice from.'

~ extracted from the book Limitless by Jim Kwik, CEO of Kwik Learning, Memory & Speed-Reading Expert, International Speaker and Social Entrepreneur ~

Term 4, Week 8 30th November 2020

Happy birthday...

5/12 - Joe (Year 7)
8/12 - Crystal (Year 2)
8/12 - Zoe (Reception)
9/12 - Macie (Year 1)
10/12 - Ella (Year 6)

Calendar Dates for the remainder of Term 4

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).

FriYAY Casual Day - Friday 4th December 2020 (further details will be provided during the week)

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

SRC Fun Day - Friday 11th December 2020 @ the Murray Bridge Swimming Pool

Overflowing Lost Property Box!

Don't forget to ask your child (which we also do regularly!) to check our lost property box for unnamed jackets, jumpers (some with school logo), drink bottles and containers. They will go to a new home at the end of the term!

Musical Instruments

Instrumental music lessons are now completed for the year. Therefore, we kindly ask students to return their musical instrument to Annie by Wednesday 2nd December 2020. This will enable us to conduct a stocktake of the instruments in readiness for the new year.

Champion's Cup Results (End of Week 7 Term 4 and progressive total)

Gold (Finnis) 125 points / 3320 points
Red (Murray) 133 points / 3235 points
Blue (Hindmarsh) 117 points / 2621 points

We Roar as One!

Stuff (not my word of choice) Happens

We spent so much time looking forward to moving on from COVID-19, only to be challenged by a new lockdown. We were looking forward so much to seeing and talking to you all again, however, that was not to happen. The new lockdown led us to make decisions based on the information given to us at the time, about the practicality of us meeting together. We don't make these decisions lightly, but the cancellation of our *Here Comes the Sun* end of year celebrations has weighed heavily on our hearts. Our primary focus is on your kids and keeping them safe. My niece works at Woodville High School; and while I haven't seen her in the last two weeks, I may well have, which could make us all vulnerable. We need to err on the side of caution.

Colour Run

While we can't do things which allow outside participation, we have tried really hard to give your kids the opportunity to look forward to new experiences, while still doing good. Our Colour Run, in lieu of our Bikeathon, raised money for our World Vision child Julia, but at the same time, became an opportunity to just have a great time! Our partnership with Headspace, facilitated by Aila and Soren's mum Pia made this event so special. Kerry, (who really had no idea how it would all work out) motivated our team, making the day such a success. It was great team work and we are all really trying hard!



Year 7 Graduation - Information has been sent to Year 7 families today via email in regards to this

At the point of writing this, we are hoping our Graduation will go ahead. Please be aware that the restrictions could change daily. If it goes ahead, we may need to adjust the number people attending, depending on the Combined Sports' Club regulations. Please be aware that we are relying on community volunteers to host this function for us.

Transition

We have also spent a great deal of time trying to meet COVID restrictions regarding Transition. Transition to High School, while not without parental anxiety, does not compare to the anxiety parents feel when their child enters Reception. Having two Reception / Year 1 classes next year has added an extra challenge to make all new parents comfortable about leaving their little ones. We have established a process to ensure social distancing occurs, while trying to give new families the opportunity to feel a part of the process.

Warm Regards,
Rita

Class Awards - Term 4 Weeks 5 & 6

Junior Primary Gold

Zoe Castle - excellent work during word sorts.

William Burdett - being mathematically in tune when counting enterprise money.

Junior Primary Black

Chloe Smith - working hard to improve her handwriting and organisation skills.

Gracie Luckett - working to the best of her abilities in all lessons and always being ready to learn.

Middle Primary Gold

Pheonix Sandercock - having a very positive attitude towards learning and for always challenging herself.

Aidyn Polak - being a positive learner and kind friend.

Middle Primary Black

Lilly Lear - Generosity of Spirit Award! Bringing her textas for other class members to use.

Charlotte Pahl - always challenging herself to achieve her best.

Upper Primary Gold

Kallan Hearne - helping and showing kindness to others.

Brady Roden - showing empathy and always being willing to help others.

Upper Primary Black

Drew Bettcher - working really hard to create a polished information report.

Ruby Montgomery-Pittaway - being a consistent and enthusiastic learner in all subject areas.

Library News

Congratulations to all those students who completed the Premier's Reading Challenge this year. We held our presentation ceremony on Wednesday 18th November 2020, where children were given their medals and certificates. They were also given a small bag of treats in recognition of their efforts. A special thank-you to all families for supporting your children this year with their reading. Congratulations to our Year 7 students pictured below on receiving their PRC Hall of Fame awards.

Please note:

All library books must be returned to the library by this Friday 4th December 2020.



UNSW Global 2020 ICAS Assessments - Science

Congratulations to the following students on their fantastic achievements in the recent Science ICAS Assessment, which was carried out at the beginning of the term.



Mikaela Watts (Year 4) High Distinction



Lilly Lear (Year 4) Credit



Reagan Martin (Year 6) Merit



Remembrance Day 11/11/20

Leading up to Remembrance Day, students learnt about its importance and the effect it had, and continues to have, on our lives. They also learnt about the origin of the poppy symbol.

Pictured right; artwork by Reception student Nate McDonald.



Upper Primary Black Co-operative Art

Recently, with Mrs Martin, random groups of four students were formed, and given the design task of choosing colour and line backgrounds that complemented each other. They then created a silhouette based on a theme, and combined the four parts into one piece of art.

Pictured below: Co-operative Art by Ariel, Judd, Charlie, Jacinta, Autumn, Koby and Zac.



Medication

All medication stored in the school's first aid room will be returned home with the relevant student on Thursday 10th December 2020. **Please ensure your child packs any required medication in their bag to take with them to the Fun Day on the Friday.** Over the holidays, please check the medication's expiry date in readiness for the new year and remember to include a new **Medication Agreement** form when returned. This form can be obtained from the office or accessed on the Department for Education website www.education.sa.gov.au and search 'Medication Agreement'. **As previously advised, we are unable to administer any medication without written advice on a Medication Agreement.**

Murraylands Annual Christmas Appeal **** Reminder ****



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!

COLOUR RUN 2020



What an awesome afternoon we had at our first ever Colour Run! Students got to decorate their white t-shirts and run through an obstacle course, while being splashed with a rainbow of colours!

Thanks to our very generous community, we raised \$2290.00 for our World Vision child, Julia from Mozambique, Africa.

Thanks to Pia Young and Headspace for partnering with us in this great cause, Kerry Daniel, our World Being committee and SRC committee for their wonderful organisation of this event.

We all had loads of fun!



'Be uniquely you. Stand out. Shine. BE COLOURFUL. The world needs your prismatic soul!' ~ Amy Leigh Mercree ~

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 8	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	3/12	4/12 . FriYay Casual Day . From 6:00pm MCSC tea . 7:00pm MNLC AGM @ the MCSC . Last day to return Library books	5/12 & 6/12
Week 9	7/12	8/12	9/12 . 6:00pm Year 7 Graduation Dinner @ the MCSC (by invitation)	10/12 . Newsletter . 2:45pm end of year school assembly (COVID restrictions 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	12/12 & 13/12

Planner - Term 1 2021

Week 1	25/1 School Closure Day	26/1 Australia Day Public Holiday	27/1 . Welcome back! (Term 1 commences)	28/1	29/1	30/1 & 31/1
Week 2	1/2 . Newsletter . Swimming Lessons (Reception to Year 5 students only)	2/2 . Swimming Lessons (Reception to Year 5 students only)	3/2 . Swimming Lessons (Reception to Year 5 students only)	4/2 . Swimming Lessons (Reception to Year 5 students only)	5/2 . Swimming Lessons (Reception to Year 5 students only)	6/2 & 7/2

Murray Bridge Marketplace School Christmas Tree Decorating Competition

We are excited to announce that our school has entered the Murray Bridge Marketplace School Christmas Tree decorating competition. Mrs Hein's Year 2 & 3 students have been very busy creating ornaments for the 'COVID' Christmas tree. Their beautiful creation is in the middle of the Marketplace Mall (just look for the big yellow star!). The winning class (as voted by a selection of Marketplace retailers), will receive a Class Christmas Party catered by Murray Bridge Marketplace with a special visit from Santa! Runner up participating classes will receive a \$50.00 voucher to help with catering their Christmas events. Stay tuned!



2021 Murray Bridge Rotary Calendar

On behalf of our friends at the Rotary Club of Murray Bridge, we are selling 2021 Rotary Lottery Calendars through the school until Wednesday 9th December 2020 (sorry, we are unable to accept any orders beyond this date). Each individually numbered calendar is \$20.00 to purchase, with 50% (\$10.00) being donated back to the school, and \$10.00 going towards important Rotarian Projects. Lovely images of Murray Bridge are featured each month. Perhaps a timely Christmas present for family &/or friends? Also, when you purchase a calendar, your name will go into a weekly draw (52 in total) for your chance to win either \$100.00, \$30.00 or \$20.00. Further details on terms & conditions of entry are detailed at the back of the calendar. Please refer to the order form emailed to school families recently. If you would like a paper copy of the order form, please contact Necia. Thanks for your support!

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