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Mypolonga Primary School &amp; Community Newsletter

**"Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much."**

~ Helen Adams Keller (27 June 1880 -1 June 1968) was an American author, political activist and lecturer.  
She was the first deaf-blind person to earn a Bachelor of Arts degree. ~

Term 1, Week 2 1st February 2021

## Happy birthday!

6/2 - Amira (Year 5)  
7/2 - Carla (Year 4)  
10/2 - Mila (Year 4)  
12/2 - Charlotte (Reception)  
15/2 - Tahlia (Year 7)

## Enclosed with this newsletter

- . Family Fun Night flyer
- . Governing Council & Finance nomination forms

## School Photo Day

School Photo Day will be held on Monday 22nd February 2021 for all students and staff of the school. An envelope to order individual and family photos will be sent home in the near future.

## Student Medications

A reminder that ALL medication, which is stored in our first aid room, needs to have a completed and signed Medication Agreement attached to it (Department policy). This form can be obtained from the office or from the website [www.education.sa.gov.au](http://www.education.sa.gov.au) (search 'medication').

## School Newsletter

Each Monday fortnight, our school newsletter is sent home with the eldest child in the family, emailed to families and posted on our school's website and Facebook page.

## Assemblies

Due to current social distancing requirements, we are still unable to run assemblies with parent participation. We will keep you advised of any changes as soon as we receive further advice.



Government of South Australia  
Department for Education

## We Roar as One!

Welcome to a new year! Let's hope (and I am sure) this year will see a return to a semblance of normalcy. Our new normal has had an impact on all of you, but particularly our new Receptions. Our Year 6/7s will all transition to High School this year, a first for South Australian education. COVID has also had a positive impact – we have realised that some of our processes can be changed for the better.

In accordance with social distancing we are so happy to welcome you on-site at last. However, to meet these guidelines, we have determined no more than three adults at one time can be inside classrooms or the office. I am so proud of the way (especially our new parents) have respected this, and heartbreakingly, have not been able to engage in the drop-offs we are used to. However, there are positives: our kids are responding well and following first day drop-off, I met with new parents (and some veterans), who appeared very switched-on and new TIGERS in the making.

Another impact of COVID was that assemblies became fortnightly. We then realised how much time we put into organising and preparing for weekly assemblies, which has a significant impact on opportunities for students to have the time to demonstrate that they have met the achievement standard in all learning areas. We will continue to keep assemblies fortnightly. An added complication is that, while we were looking forward to parents being able to come to assembly, we realised, that when we have all of our kids, plus teachers in the library we can only fit in 4 parents. This is too hard to manage, so until the vaccine becomes effective, we will need to restrict parental attendance at assembly.

However, there is a positive! Our outdoor Family Fun Night will go ahead at Woodlane Reserve on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021 from 6:00pm. We will naturally need to socially distance, but it is a great time to meet your children's friends and their families. The friendships your children develop are a great determiner of how they will cope with the challenges of their teenage years and this is a great opportunity for families to connect. A copy of the flyer is enclosed with this newsletter and will be emailed to you in the near future. This would never be possible without the support of the Mypolonga Ski Club and we thank them heartily for the contribution to the culture of our school.

Our Governing Council AGM is on the following Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2021. Please refer to the notes, also enclosed in this newsletter. As I told our new parents on day one, our school's strength has been made by parents who are invested in our school – not just their own child; but the whole school. We have achieved success because we work together – 'When the water rises, all the boats rise.' This is what TIGERS believe and do!

Warm Regards, Rita

\* Due to time constraints with parental consent for images being returned to the school, we will introduce our new students in our next newsletter.

### Student Drop Off/Pick Up

Due to the congestion on Williams Street at home time, we have two 'student pick up' points. A second teacher is on yard duty at the gate along North Bokara Road (other side of the school oval) from 3:25pm until 3:35pm.

We are mindful that there may be times when you are not there to collect your child by 3:35pm. In this instance, your child will return to the library with the yard duty teacher until collected.

**Please refrain from collecting and dropping off your children at the back of the school (in the staff car parking area) as there is a limited area and a bottle-neck occurs. This is a significant safety concern and we need to keep everyone safe. Thank you!**

### Reminders...

. If you haven't already, please return your coloured, plastic family envelope to the office, which contains permission slips & contact details for the year. If any details change during the year, please notify Necia in the office.

. Class enterprise recess/lunches commence next week (week 3). Please refer to the menu in this newsletter to see what is on offer!

. Tiny Tigers' (previously Playgroup) sessions (for babies to school age children) will commence on Tuesday, 9th February 2021 from 9:00am. It is envisaged that at this first session for the year, a meeting will be held with parents, caregivers and staff to plan for Tiny Tigers' sessions moving forward. All welcome!

. Please remember to label **ALL** items your child/ren bring to school ie. hats, jumpers, jackets, drink bottles and plastic containers. Black and white permanent markers are available for you to use in the office.

### Material & Services Fees

School fee invoices and information about payment has been sent home via the beginning of year folders. If you have any questions in regards to the fees, payment, payment plans or school card application please contact the school by telephone 85354191 or by email

[dl.0302.finance@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:dl.0302.finance@schools.sa.edu.au).

Please note: Payment of fees are due by the last day of Term 1, 9th April 2021.

*Yours kindly, Annie Hughes, Finance Officer*

### Gastroenteritis outbreaks increasing

SA Health has advised that there has been an increase in reports of viral gastroenteritis in childcare settings across the state. If your child/ren have any gastro type symptoms, please keep them home. Children should not return to school until they are feeling better and they have not had any diarrhoea or vomiting for at least 48 hours. Thanks for your support in keeping everyone well!

### Wellbeing Wonders

Hi Families... Welcome back to the 2021 school year. My name is Kerry Daniel and I am the Student Wellbeing Leader here at Mypolonga Primary School. My role is mostly proactive in supporting students' wellbeing. I support students experiencing friendship issues, anxiety, anger management etc. I ask teachers to highlight any students they may have concerns with but am also happy for parents to chat with me regarding any issues I may be able to support their children with. I am also able to refer families to other support agencies as needed.





If you have any queries or concerns regarding your child, please refer to the 'Parent Concerns' flowchart on our website. We believe clear communication directly with the person involved will save a lot of time and misconceptions.

I work four days a week; Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday are my teaching days in the Year 5/6 Upper Primary Gold Class. If you would like to catch up with me on a Friday, you can email me [kerry.daniel277@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:kerry.daniel277@schools.sa.edu.au) or phone the school.

*Cheers, Kerry Daniel, Student Wellbeing Leader*

### Classroom Enterprise

Check out the menu below to see what is on offer for classroom enterprise recess and lunch in Term 1. All proceeds go back to the classroom to help subsidise camps, excursions and to buy resources and consumables. This term, recess is being provided by the Middle Primary Black (Year 3 / 4 class), and lunch is being provided by the Junior Primary Gold (Reception / Year 1 class). Students are asked to order and pay at the kitchen servery on Monday or Tuesday, prior to 8:55am (not through the office). Thanks for your support!

	<h2>Classroom Enterprise</h2>	
<p>Middle Primary <b>BLACK Tuesday</b> Recess</p>		
	<p><b>Icecream in a cone</b> *includes sprinkles <b>\$1.50 each</b></p>	
<p>Junior Primary <b>GOLD Wednesday</b> Lunch</p>		
<p><b>Sausage in Bread</b> <b>\$2.50 each</b></p>		
<p><b>*Please encourage your child to order and pay for their own food</b></p>		
<p><b>Name –</b></p>		
<p><b>*Please order and pay for all Enterprise Food on Monday and Tuesday. All Enterprise orders will be taken @ the Kitchen servery prior to 8:55am.</b> <b>Thank you ☺</b> <span style="float: right;">GST included</span></p>		



# Our 2021 Staff welcome you to a new school year!



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## Planner - Term 1 2021

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 2</b>	<b>1/2</b> . Newsletter . Swimming Lessons (Reception to Year 5 students only)	<b>2/2</b> . Swimming Lessons (Reception to Year 5 students only) . 5:30pm-6:45pm MFC training commences for U16s and U18s	<b>3/2</b> . Swimming Lessons (Reception to Year 5 students only)	<b>4/2</b> . Swimming Lessons (Reception to Year 5 students only)	<b>5/2</b> . Swimming Lessons (Reception to Year 5 students only) . 6:00pm MCSC Friday Night tea	<b>6/2 &amp; 7/2</b>
<b>Week 3</b>	<b>8/2</b>	<b>9/2</b> . 9:00am Tiny Tigers' meeting - all welcome! . MPB enterprise recess (ice creams)	<b>10/2</b> . Life Education program (JPG,MPB) . JPG enterprise lunch (sausage in bread)	<b>11/2</b> . Life Education program (JPB,MPG,UPG)	<b>12/2</b> . Life Education program (UPB) . 6:00pm Family Fun Night at the river	<b>13/2 &amp; 14/2</b>
<b>Week 4</b>	<b>15/2</b> . Newsletter . 7:00pm Governing Council AGM	<b>16/2</b> . MPB enterprise recess (ice creams)	<b>17/2</b> . JPG enterprise lunch (sausage in bread)	<b>18/2</b>	<b>19/2</b>	<b>20/2 &amp; 21/2</b>
<b>Week 5</b>	<b>22/2</b> . School Photo Day (whole school)	<b>23/2</b> . MPB enterprise recess (ice creams)	<b>24/2</b> . JPG enterprise lunch (sausage in bread)	<b>25/2</b>	<b>26/2</b>	<b>27/2 &amp; 28/2</b>
<b>Week 6</b>	<b>1/3</b> . Newsletter	<b>2/3</b> . MPB enterprise recess (ice creams) . 4:45pm-5:45pm MFC training commences for U8s, U10s, U12s and U14s	<b>3/3</b> . JPG enterprise lunch (sausage in bread)	<b>4/3</b>	<b>5/3</b> . 6:00pm MCSC Friday Night tea	<b>6/3 &amp; 7/3</b>

## Community News

**Mypolonga Football Club Junior training** for Under 8s, 10s, 12s and 14s will commence on Tuesday 2nd March 2021 at 4:45pm. Committee members will be present to help with registration for new and past players. All trainings will revert back to Tuesday and Thursday from Tuesday 9th March 2021. Our Junior Committee is working hard to build on the success of recent seasons while developing every individual player, focusing on their skills and talents. If you would like to join a great, family orientated Club, or if you know of any new players/families that would like to come out to Tigerland, please share this information or ask them to contact Jodie Hagger on 0409289978 / jodiebolt@hotmail.com.

In 2021, **\$100 Sports' Vouchers** are available to put towards MFC football and MNLC netball registration fees for Reception to Year 7 school students. Visit [www.sportsvouchers.sa.gov.au](http://www.sportsvouchers.sa.gov.au) for further information.

The next **Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club** monthly tea will be held on Friday 5th February 2021, and then continuing on the first Friday of every month. Teas commence at 6:00pm and it is a great way to get to know people in our community!

**Rural City of Murray Bridge - What's on?** Would you like to know the latest news and events planned for the Rural City of Murray Bridge this year? Visit <https://www.murraybridge.sa.gov.au/page.aspx?u=464#month/2019-02-27> for up to date information on a wide range of events including performances, markets, fairs and races.

The Murray Bridge Town Hall will be transformed into a **Fringe venue** for three days and nights from Friday February 26 until Sunday February 28. The very popular "Street Theatre on Sixth" on Saturday night will also return and feature a combination of local performers and Adelaide Fringe veterans. Venues such as the Station, Murray Bridge Regional Gallery, Murray Bridge Library and Murray Bridge Bowls Club will also be involved.

\* Additional community flyers are always attached to our fortnightly newsletter email.

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