

"You can do what I cannot do. I can do what you cannot do. Together we can do great things." - Mother Mary Teresa Bojaxhiu (26/8/1910 - 5/9/1997), honoured in the Catholic Church as Saint Teresa of Calcutta, was an Albanian-Indian Roman Catholic nun and missionary."

# Term 1, Week 4 15th February 2021

# Happy birthday!

16/2 - Bailey (Yr 4) 20/2 - Jace (Reception) 23/2 - Nash (Reception) 23/2 - April (Reception) 24/2 - Bohdi (Reception) 28/2 - Jorja (Yr 6) 29/2 - Aila (Yr 4)

# **Lost Property**

Items still remain in our lost property box following swimming lessons. They include a pair of blue reading glasses in a blue Bridge Eye Care case, size 6 grey track pants and a Spiderman lunchbox. There are also unnamed small snack containers with coloured lids. Please remember to label all items!

Also, a small black t-shirt with school logo and black shorts did not go home with a Reception child following swimming lessons. Please check any items that your child has brought home to see if it may have accidentally ended up in their bag. Thank you!

Please email Necia or call into the office if you have any queries.

# Reminders...

. Please remember to check your emails regularly as this is the main form of communication between home and school. Thank you!

. If your child is away due to family reasons or illness, it is important to notify the school before 4:00pm on the day of absence by emailing Necia info@mypolongaps.sa.edu.au or by telephone 85354191. We have an answering machine if you would like to leave a message before 8:30am or after 4:15pm.

. Families seeking extended leave (5 days or more) for family holidays must apply in writing to the school for an exemption, using the appropriate form, available from the office or our website.





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# We Roar as One!

# Family Fun Night

What a fabulous time we had on Friday at our Family Fun Night. It was so good to see so many people (approximately 200), attend, all of whom followed social distancing regulations well. The atmosphere was wonderful and relaxing, but only because of the hard work in the background which freed staff to be able to catch up with you to welcome in a new year.

Necia coordinated and managed the whole event, assisted by other staff members Dee, Cass, David and Bill. New parent Peter Angove was our COVID Marshall, the onions, donated by the Rathjen family (past parents of our school from Caloote), were sliced by Danielle Baker, Allecia McAllister and Tash Hollitt. Wayne Kuhn, Ben Burdett, Andrew Stone and Chris Pahl shared the cooking of the barbie. Thanks also to Cameron Eckermann and the Mypolonga Aquatic and Water Ski Club Inc for the use of their facilities. Showing our children that people make events such as these happen, is a wonderful lesson for them to take into later life. Thank you very much.

# **Tiny Tigers' AGM**

We have been at a bit of a cross-roads with our Tiny Tigers' program, due to the large number of families attending and current COVID restrictions. We have had to modify the way we deliver the program, but we were heartened at the AGM, by the gratitude of families for any opportunity to connect with the school, however minimal. A new executive was elected consisting of: Peyton Elphick (President), Tash Hollitt (Secretary) and Robyn Bates (Treasurer). Our next session is being held tomorrow, Tuesday 16th February 2021 from 9:00am.

# Governing Council AGM

Tonight is the AGM of the Governing Council, to be held in our library. We are looking forward to seeing as many people as possible attending and modelling the importance of shared leadership and the commitment to a strong school culture for our future leaders - your kids.

# Audit

Last week, our financial processes were audited by the Department auditors. Again, Annie received a flawless report, for her robust financial planning and vigilance. Well done Annie.

# **House Captains**

Congratulations to our Year 6 and 7 House Captains for 2021. They have already started organising Sport's Day.

<b>Murray</b> Year 7 Tehya Fawdry	<b>Finnis</b> Year 7 Haydn Castle	<b>Hindmarsh</b> Year 7 Ella O'Shea-Coulter	
Brandan Pahl	Ariel Challinger	Reagan Martin	
Ellie Pontt	Elouise Kuhn	Ruby Montgomery-	
Matilda Stone	Tahlia Ross	Pittaway	
Year 6	Year 6	Year 6	
Molly Day	Jorja Kuhn	Ava Hagger	
Lila Stapleton	Brady Roden	Amilee Harvie	

Warm Regards, Rita

# Relief School Bus Driver - expressions of interest sought

## Swimming Lessons

We are calling for expressions of interest for a relief bus driver to assist David Hughes when he is unable to drive due to sickness or holidays. This would be for our morning and afternoon (Wall Flat/Caloote) runs. Please contact Annie Hughes in regards to bus accreditation (a MR licence is required).

# Sports' Day - Wednesday 31st March 2021

Our school **Sports' Day** will be held on **Wednesday 31st March 2021** (Week 10). Our new students have been allocated house teams and have been notified of their house colour (please contact Necia if you are unsure of your child's house colour).

On the day, we ask that all students wear a t-shirt in the colour of their house team, with black shorts / track pants. Please refer to the enclosed note to see how you might be able to help out on the day!

Further details will be provided in due course.

### **School Photo Day**

School Photo Day is being held on Monday 22nd February 2021 for all students and staff of the school. An envelope to order individual photos has been sent home with your child and family envelopes are available from Necia in the office. Please return all photo envelopes by Friday 19th February 2021. All students must have a photo envelope with them on photo day (even if you are not ordering photos).

### **Enclosed with this newsletter**

. Information on Applying for a School Card. Please contact Annie Hughes if you have any queries. . Sports' Day note re station managers.

### **Junior Primary Gold artwork**

The Junior Primary Gold class has used their imagination to put together artwork around triangles. They have also been learning the letter 'T' and have put together some '<u>T</u>iger' artwork, which is proudly displayed in their classroom. From left; artwork by Zakariyah and Noah.



During the year, students' work is proudly displayed in the classroom, in the office and on outside display boards around the school. Our Reception to Year 5 students had an eventful Week 2, when they attended swimming lessons at the Murray Bridge Swimming Centre. Students received two lessons per day, showed commitment, courage and persistence and were a wee bit tired by Friday afternoon! ;)



### Life Education

Last week, specially trained educators visited the Mypolonga Institute and presented age appropriate, curriculum based modules to our students, which focused on issues around food and nutrition, personal safety, physical activity, cyber safety, safety with medicine and legal drugs; tobacco, alcohol and caffeine.

Modules provided by Life Education are designed to help children to develop relationship skills, positive communication (both face to face and online), problem solving and decision making skills. Students are given the opportunity to develop strategies, and practice the skills required to avoid the harms associated with an unhealthy lifestyle.

Life Education has also developed online parent resources and fun apps to support parents in the home. Please visit www.lifeeducation.org.au for further information.

Fun Facts from the Middle Primary Gold class:

"I learnt that if you breathe in smoke from someone who is smoking, you can get unhealthy lungs." Gracie

"The brain 'flashes' when you learn something new." Taite

"I enjoyed learning about all kinds of body parts. The most interesting fact was that your lungs cover your heart." Emily

"We learnt about oxygen and that it washes waste out." Oliver





# In 2021, we welcome 24 new Reception students into Amy Stone and Hailey Perry's Junior Primary classes



From left: Jessica, Charlotte, Van, Ella, Deniella, Aurora-Mae, Alex, Jace



From left: Nash, James, Bohdi, Noah, Max, Jaxson, Jack, Ruby













From left: Evie, Amitiel, Eva, Liam, Makenna, Akim, April, Marley



# We also welcome:

Left: Taite (Year 2 Middle Primary Gold class) / Zara (Year 4 Middle Primary Black class)

# We hope all our new students and their families enjoy their learning experiences with us!

"You're off to great places. Today is your first day! Your mountain is waiting, so get on your way!" – Dr. Seuss

# Family Fun Night - thanks for joining us!



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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

Week 4	<b>15/2</b> . Newsletter . 7:00pm Governing Council AGM	<b>16/2</b> 9:00am-10:00am Tiny Tigers . MPB enterprise recess (ice creams)	<b>17/2</b> . JPG enterprise lunch (sausage in bread)	18/2	19/2	20/2 & 21/2
Week 5	<b>22/2</b> . School Photo Day (whole school)	23/2 9:00am-10:00am Tiny Tigers . MPB enterprise recess (ice creams) . 4:45pm-6:00pm MFC training commences for U14s	<b>24/2</b> . JPG enterprise lunch (sausage in bread)	25/2	26/2	27/2 & 28/2
Week 6	1/3 . Newsletter	2/3 9:00am-10:00am Tiny Tigers . MPB enterprise recess (ice creams) . 4:45pm-5:45pm MFC training commences for U8s, U10s, U12s	<b>3/3</b> . JPG enterprise lunch (sausage in bread)	4/3	<b>5/3</b> . 6:00pm MCSC Friday Night tea	6/3 & 7/3
Week 7	8/3 Public Holiday (Adelaide Cup)	<b>9/3</b> 9:00am-10:00am Tiny Tigers . MPB enterprise recess (ice creams)	<b>10/3</b> . JPG enterprise lunch (sausage in bread)	11/3	12/3	13/3 & 14/3
Week 8	<b>15/3</b> . Newsletter . 7:00pm Finance meeting .7.30pm Governing Council meeting	<b>16/3</b> 9:00am-10:00am Tiny Tigers . MPB enterprise recess (ice creams)	<b>17/3</b> . JPG enterprise lunch (sausage in bread)	18/3	<b>19/3</b> . School Disco . Disco tea	<b>20/3 &amp; 21/3</b> 20/3 - RMFL/ RMNA Round 1 - MFC v Imps at Mypo
Week 9	<b>22/3</b> . SANFL visit (whole school)	<b>23/3</b> 9:00am-10:00am Tiny Tigers . MPB enterprise recess (ice creams)	<b>24/3</b> . JPG enterprise lunch (sausage in bread)	25/3	<b>26/3</b> . SAPSASA Swimming carnival	27/3 & 28/3 27/3 - RMFL/ RMNA Round 2 - MFC v Meningie @ Meningie
Week 10	<b>29/3</b> . Newsletter . SAPSASA Softball carnival (until Wednesday)	<b>30/3</b> 9:00am-10:00am Tiny Tigers . MPB enterprise recess (ice creams)	31/3 Sport's Day	1/4	2/4 Good Friday	3/4 & 4/4 Easter Saturday / Easter Sunday

# **Community News**

Mypolonga Football Club - Junior training for Under 8s, 10s and 12s will commence on Tuesday 2nd March 2021 at 4:45pm. For children who will be playing Under 14's this year (born 2007-2008) training is starting early. The first training will now be Tuesday 23rd February 2021 commencing at 4:45pm, finishing at approximately 6:00pm. 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.

Mypolonga Football Club player registration - The link to Player registration for 2021 (juniors and seniors) is now up on the home page of Mypolonga Football Club's website <u>www.mypolongafc.com.au</u>. Don't forget to use your \$100 Sports' Voucher, which is available to put towards MFC football and MNLC netball registration fees for Reception to Year 7 school students. Visit <u>www.sportsvouchers.sa.gov.au</u> for further information.

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