

# MYPO NEWS

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Mypolonga Primary School &amp; Community Newsletter

**"Leaders become great not because of their power but, because of their ability to empower others."**

– John Maxwell is an American author, speaker, and pastor who has written many books, primarily focusing on leadership. His books have sold millions of copies, with some on the New York Times Best Seller List.

Term 1, Week 6 1st March 2021

## Happy birthday!

2/3 - Tehya (Year 7)  
4/3 - Sophie (Year 5)  
4/3 - Jessica (Reception)  
5/3 - Haydn (Year 7)  
9/3 - Scarlett (Year 4)  
12/3 - Blake (Year 7)  
15/3 - Hayden (Year 6)  
15/3 - Oliver (Year 3)

## COVID-19 Update

The Department for Education has provided us with the following update re COVID-19:-  
All adults, including staff and parents, are expected to COVID Safe Check-in when entering classrooms/buildings on site. It is not necessary to check-in at the school gate to enter school grounds. Paper recording sheets are available for people to complete in the office if visitors don't have smart phones. The 'check-in' process is extremely important to quickly and accurately respond to new cases and hotspots. Please note that this doesn't replace your normal visitor sign-in process. All visitors (including parents), should continue to sign in at the office on arrival.

## Premier's Reading Challenge

Once again, the whole school is participating in the Premier's Reading Challenge. The Challenge continues to be an important initiative that supports the State Government's commitment to improve Reception to Year 12 students' literacy skills and encourages them to enjoy reading. Each student has a record sheet kept at school where they record books they have read. Teachers, SSOs and peers chat with them about the books to establish that the student has comprehended the story. It is a requirement that to finish the Challenge, a student reads a minimum of 8 books from the Premier's list and 4 books of their own choice. The Challenge is to be completed by Friday 3rd September 2021.

Please help younger students to read their library books, returning them to the Library on their borrowing day. Please contact our Librarian, Jane Rumbelow if you have any queries.



## We Roar as One!

### Governing Council AGM

A very successful AGM was held in Week 4. It was great to see our parents leading by example and modelling the leadership skills we want to develop in our students. The Governing Council is committed and dynamic and I urge you to read the report our new Chairperson, Karina Harvie, has written for this newsletter. I wish to echo Karina's appreciation of the contribution made by previous members Nerissa Luckett and Kimberley Rathjen (now Principal of our sister school Jervois) and the massive contribution made by Kelly Kuhn, former Chairperson and mentor to Karina. Kelly's girls will both be going to high school next year, so she decided to step down so that effective succession planning could occur.

### Student Leadership Structures 2021

We are trialling a new process: these committees are student driven, meet in school-time and report to the Governing Council.



Sustainability Committee



Researches, champions and actions sustainable processes at school and in the community.



Respect



Teamwork



Integrity



Excellence



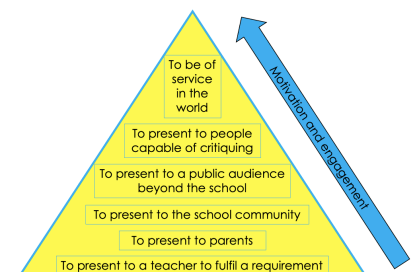
Generosity



Champions school improvement through understanding and actioning processes and practices based around current educational research.

Champions service to others, by developing good citizens who action our values of Teamwork, Integrity, Generosity of Spirit, Excellence and Respect.

### Mypolonga Primary School Hierarchy of Audience



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The Hierarchy of Audience, developed by Ron Berger, is a process designed to give students opportunities to present their learning in more meaningful and challenging ways. Our new committee structure aims to support this concept, by allowing our students to affect change by research and action.

**'The measure of your quality as a public person, as a citizen, is the gap between what you do and what you say.'**

We are looking forward to creating a new model and are already excited by the leadership shown by our students driving these committees.

Warm Regards, Rita

### Traffic Monitor Training

Our Upper Primary students recently completed their Traffic Monitor (lollipop) training. Sargent Alexandra Williams ran our students through their paces and also took the time to talk to them about general road safety rules. We really appreciated her knowledge and especially her time! Keep an eye out after school to see our Tigers in action.



### Sports' Day - Wednesday 31st March 2021 on the school oval

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. Thank you to those parents/caregivers who have offered to help out with sprints or on a tabloid station. We will get back to you soon confirming your availability.

As previously advised, unfortunately, due to COVID restrictions, it is too early to say whether family spectators on the day will be allowed. We will keep you advised of developments.

### Mypolonga Primary School SRC Disco - theme: 'Future Me' / Disco Fundraising Tea

**Friday 19th March 2021**

**Disco - to be held at the school from 3:00pm-5:00pm**

**Junior Primary Black Disco Fundraising Tea - to be held after the disco at the Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club. Bar facilities will be available from 5:15pm. Teas served from 6:00pm.**

**Junior Primary Black parents/caregivers... Hailey & Jo have emailed you to see how you can kindly help out. Thanks in anticipation of your support!**

### Wellbeing Wonders

As parents, our number 1 job is to be our child/ren's cheerleaders. We are there to support and guide them not manage them. We don't give false praise but encouragement and acknowledgement of effort. Most of all our children need to know they are loved, no matter what. That unconditional love is what our children need to be able to head out in the big wide world and succeed.

I found this article online from 'A Fine Parent'. Here are 101 easy ways to show your kids just how absolutely loved they are. I challenge you to scan the QR code (with your phone's camera) which will take you to this article, have a read and use as many as you possibly can. You won't be surprised at how many you are probably already doing.

Parenting is hard work, 'It takes a village to raise a child'.

*Cheers, Kerry, Wellbeing Leader*



### Touch Football

Over the last two weeks, students from grades 2-7 have enjoyed the privilege of being taught touch football by David Harris from Touch Football SA. These clinics have taught them some of the basics of touch football which can be transferred into many other sports, particularly rugby league. These clinics will continue for the next few weeks as they begin to learn more of the tactics involved in gameplay.

*Regards, Jacob*



### Governing Council Capers

The Governing Council AGM was held last week and what a fantastic turn out we had of parents and teachers. Thank you to everyone who was able to make it and to everyone who nominated for a position. Congratulations to all elected members new and continuing:

**Chairperson:** Karina Harvie / **Vice Chairperson:** Kelly Kuhn / **Treasurer:** Jodie Hagger / **Secretary:** Bronwyne Schubert

**Committee:** Ben Burdett, Peta Pahl, Tim McNeilly, Jamie Ash (continuing)

**Representatives:** Rita O'Brien (Principal), Jacob Rance (Staff), Annie Hughes (Staff), Natasha Hollitt (Tiny Tigers)

Nerissa Luckett and Kimberly Rathjen have elected to not continue on the Council, and we thank them kindly for their contributions. We would also like to wish Kimberly all the best in her new role as Principal at Jervois Primary School. As Kelly Kuhn steps down as Chairperson for succession planning, I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for all she has contributed over the last three years. Her energy, insight, dedication and commitment to the Mypolonga Primary School and Governing Council are exceptional. She has done an outstanding job and has left some rather large shoes to fill!

Things have kicked off quickly this year and who would believe we are already in week 6! Term 1 is generally busy with Sports' Day, Disco, Disco Tea, Governing Council, Family Fun Night and the list goes on. Please consider putting your hand up, if you haven't already, to help with the running of these events.

This year is unique in that it will be the year 6 and 7s last year of primary school. A lot of thought and planning has gone into creating leadership opportunities for each year level. Many of our students have sought these opportunities which is fantastic to see, and as a result, new committees have been created to provide these.

The finance committee is looking for some more parent members. If you are interested and have 30mins free twice a term on a Monday evening, please consider nominating to join. It's a great opportunity to have the voices of parents providing thought and insight on school financial matters.

We will again be profiling our new Governing Council members in upcoming newsletters, in order for you to feel connected. Please feel free to touch base with any of us before the next meeting being held on Monday 15 March 2021.

*Karina Harvie, Governing Council Chairperson*



Over the next few weeks, we will be proudly introducing our **House Captains** for 2021. This week, we introduce and congratulate **House Captains** for team **Finnis** (last year's winners of the Champions' Cup.)



**As a Leader of my house team and SRC Leader, I hope to...**

- . Help students with their needs, both at home and at school.
- . Help teachers.
- . Be a role model and help students achieve their Tiger values.
- . Someone I really look up to is my grandfather Neville because he is kind and generous and always helps others to succeed.



**As a Leader of my house team, I hope to...**

Lead my team as best I can and help guide them to victory at Sports' Day and be leaders in the Champions' Cup.

**I think a good Leader...**

Doesn't create more followers but more leaders.



**As a Leader of my house team, I hope to...**

Help support my team and be a person people can look up to.

**The best thing about being a Leader is...**

Getting to support my team and help everyone to do their best in improving their reading and sports' skills.



**As a Leader of my house team, I hope to...**

Help my team to do the best they can with their reading because it builds their vocabulary and makes them smarter.

**I think a good Leader...**

Leads the team and helps them with their tasks and activities.



**As a Leader of my house team, I hope to...**

- . Help Gold to victory on Sports' Day and be a great role model by helping others read more.

**Someone I think is a great Leader is...**

Ariel.. because she helps little kids read.



**As a Leader of my house team, I hope to...**

Inspire my team to read more and always try their best.

**Someone I think is a good Leader is...**

My Mum Kelly. She is a great role model, she always tries her hardest and she is a responsible leader.

## Student Representative Council 'SRC'

The SRC represents the views of the students of Mypolonga Primary School. It is an integral part of the decision-making which occurs through the school. Our SRC Co-ordinator is Kerry Daniel.

Last year (due to COVID-19) we organised a lot of FriYAY! themes. We organised a local, state, federal and school charity to fundraise for. We partnered with World Being to raise money for our World Vision child and held a very fun and successful colour run!

Class elections were recently held and we congratulate the following students on being elected SRC representatives for Semester 1.

**Year 6/7 Leaders: Ruby Montgomery-Pittaway, Elouise Kuhn, Felicity Donald, Ava Hagger**

**Year 5: Charlotte Pahl, Charlotte Ladson**

**Year 4: Lucinda Temby, Lainie Peacock**

**Year 3: Madison Schwarz, Shayla Pike**

**Year 2: Macie Davis**

**Year 1: Abby Peacock**


**Reception: Alex Hollitt**



**'Example is not the main thing in influencing others - it is the only thing.'**  
~ Albert Sweitzer ~

## 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 6</b>	<b>1/3</b> . Newsletter	<b>2/3</b> 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)	<b>4/3</b>	<b>5/3</b> . 6:00pm MCSC Friday Night tea	<b>6/3 &amp; 7/3</b>
<b>Week 7</b>	<b>8/3</b> <b>Public Holiday (Adelaide Cup)</b>	<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)	<b>11/3</b>	<b>12/3</b>	<b>13/3 &amp; 14/3</b>
<b>Week 8</b>	<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)	<b>18/3</b>	<b>19/3</b> . 3:00pm-5:00pm School Disco . From 5:15pm Disco tea @ the MCSC	<b>20/3 &amp; 21/3</b> 20/3 - RMFL/ RMNA Round 1 - Mypo v Imps at Mypo
<b>Week 9</b>	<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)	<b>25/3</b>	<b>26/3</b> . SAPSASA Swimming carnival	<b>27/3 &amp; 28/3</b> 27/3 - RMFL/ RMNA Round 2 - Mypo v Meningie at Meningie
<b>Week 10</b>	<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)	<b>31/3</b> <b>Sport's Day</b> 	<b>1/4</b>	<b>2/4</b> <b>Good Friday</b>	<b>3/4 &amp; 4/4</b> <b>Easter Saturday / Easter Sunday</b>
<b>Week 11</b>	<b>5/4</b> <b>Easter Monday</b>	<b>6/4</b> 9:00am-10:00am Tiny Tigers . MPB enterprise recess (ice creams)	<b>7/4</b> . JPG enterprise lunch (sausage in bread)	<b>8/4</b> . Newsletter	<b>9/4</b> . Last day of Term 1 <b>2:25pm dismissal</b>	<b>10/4 &amp; 11/4</b> 10/4 - RMFL/ RMNA Round 3 - Mypo v Ramblers at Mypo

## Community News

Mypolonga Football Club

**Junior training** for Under 8s, 10s and 12s 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.

Tiger families.. can you help? BBQ and canteen rosters will be out soon. Please contact Jodie Hagger jodiebolt@hotmail.com or Cindy Hein jpchein@internode.on.net if you have a preferred home game shift to be rostered on. 'Many hands make light work', and it is hoped every family involved in the Club can help out in some way. Thanks!

For all your **Mypolonga Football Club apparel/merchandise** needs, please visit: <https://www.printcity.net.au/product-category/mfc-apparel>

Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club

The next Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club monthly tea will be held on Friday 5th March 2021. Teas commence at 6:00pm and it is a great way to get to know people in our community!

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