

MYPO NEWS

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Mypolonga Primary School & Community Newsletter

"Life is like a camera. Focus on what's important. Capture the good times.

And if things don't work out, just take another shot."

~ Ziad Abdelnour is a Lebanese-born American investment banker, financier, activist, and author of *Start-Up Saboteurs* and *Economic Warfare* ~

Term 1, Week 10 29th March 2021

Happy birthday!

30/3 - Soren (Year 2)

2/4 - Deniella (Reception)

4/4 - Taite (Year 2)

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

School families.. we look forward to seeing you all at Sports' Day on Wednesday. For COVID-19 contact tracing purposes, **please return the RSVP (which was emailed and sent home)** to the office by 3:25pm tomorrow afternoon, listing everyone from your family who will be joining us on the day. A Sports' Day program is enclosed in this Newsletter. As previously advised, again due to COVID guidelines, we are unable to run with a shared morning tea (as we have done in the past pre COVID), but you are more than welcome to bring along a thermos and morning tea/ lunch for your family to share. We kindly ask that;

- . physical distancing (1.5 metres) be adhered to whilst on school grounds.
- . you, or your family members, stay home if unwell.

Thanks.

Advanced Notice - Site Closure/Student Free Days

Please note the following site closure and student free dates:

Monday 17th May 2021 - Student Free Day

Friday 11th June 2021 - Student Free Day

Monday 6th September 2021 - School Closure

Monday 8th November 2021 - Student Free Day

The school will be closed on the above dates to allow for professional learning and forward planning.

UNNAMED Plastic containers, drink bottles and cutlery!

Parents/caregivers... **please remember to permanently label** plastic containers, drink bottles & cutlery your child/ren bring to school. We have a large amount of **unnamed** items (some are just lids) piling up in our lost property box. Necia has permanent markers in the office if you would like to use them. All items remaining in the box at the end of the term (including unnamed jumpers and jackets) will be disposed of or donated to a local charity. Please check the yellow box located outside the Library in the next couple of weeks. Thanks.



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We Roar as One!

As Principal, there are times when I need to attend leadership professional learning, which means I have spent the last two Fridays, not at school, but at other DfE events. I was so disappointed to miss the Disco and especially the tea, because all Principals had to be in Adelaide. Luckily, I leave behind me a team of leaders who step up to fill the breach. As I watched Necia, Hailey & Cass plan the tea, with the complication of COVID regulations, I saw how hard they worried about meeting the needs of the community and health safe-guards. They recruited a great team (mentioned in the article following) to support them to deliver an amazing night.

Disco-wise there are two people who have been stalwarts, making the Disco Mypo-unique. Their children are all going to high school next year, so we want to give a special TIGER thank you to them:

- Phillippa Ross: who has documented each theme graphically with amazing signs. I think she saved the best to last!
- Kelly Kuhn: who has provided her limo for the SRC. This is THE thing our students look forward to!

Of course, it goes without saying, that the driver and leader of the Disco is Kerry, and we are all so appreciative of her leadership. Disco photos will feature in our next newsletter.

Last Friday, at the meeting I attended, I was asked to share something of which I was especially proud. I shared that I was proud of our culture; where we work together to make our community strong. As a community, we share a proud identity. We are Team Mypo and we realise that we need to work together to teach our kids to be leaders both now and in the future. Learning happens everywhere, not just at school, and I love hearing about and connecting with, our old kids, who proudly connect with us in person, or digitally.

A great representation of our culture is Sport's Day – our House Captains have worked tirelessly to lead the day with passion and dedication. Watch this space!

We wish past student Riley Hagger all the best as he recovers from concussion sustained during his U16s football match at Meningie on Saturday.

Warm Regards, Rita



2021 Parent/Teacher Interviews

Parent/teacher interviews will be held during Week 2, Term 2, commencing Monday 3rd May 2021 until Friday 7th May 2021. We will again be using an online booking facility for interviews with your child/ren's classroom teachers. Full details of the booking process will be provided in a note being sent home on Tuesday 6th April 2021 (following Easter). Bookings will open on Monday 12th April 2021 until Wednesday 28th April 2021. If you have any queries on receipt of the note, please contact Necia or Annie in the first instance.

Payment of 2021 School Fees

A friendly reminder that School Fees are due to be paid by the end of Term 1 (Friday 9th April 2021), unless otherwise arranged. If you wish to apply for school card, arrange to pay by instalments, or check on payments, please contact Annie;

dl.0302.finance@schools.sa.edu.au

Yours Kindly, Annie

UP Black class - Cityscape Art

As an extension to our perspective drawing earlier in the year, Upper Primary Black students explored circular perspectives and imagined they were laying in a park in the city, looking up at the buildings as they swept into the sky. First step was a pencil draft followed by a fine black texta outline and finishing with watercolour touches.



MP Black class - This is Me

At the commencement of the year, the students were given the task of designing a t-shirt all about themselves. They were asked to show many of their favourite things, for example food and school subject and also a self-portrait. The students were very creative and shared much about themselves in a visual manner.



Governing Council Member Profiles

Introducing... Tim McNeilly, Governing Council Member

Where do you live?... Murray Bridge

Children attending MPS & year level... Harry McNeilly (Year 2)

Occupation... Commander, Technical Operations, SA Country Fire Service

What do you like best about Mypolonga Primary School?...

The community, its family focus and the teaching of life skills.

Why did you choose to become a Governing council member?...

To increase my involvement in the school community.

What is your favourite quote?...

"Other things may change us, but we start and end with the family."

What do you hope to achieve in your role on Governing Council... To be able to utilise my skillset to provide value to the school community.



Junior Primary Black Fundraising Tea

Thanks to everyone who came along to our fundraising tea at the Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club following the school disco. We think everyone will agree, the 'Al Fresco' dining feel contributed to a great evening for children to end off a fun day and families to once again catch up.

Again, we are sorry we were unable to accept all orders but thank everyone for their understanding of the Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club's COVID capacity guidelines. We have such a supportive school community! Thanks to Joel Eckermann (President) and Daniel Martin from the MCSC for their help in running the night and for the use of the Club's facilities. The class proudly raised approximately \$790.00, which will help go towards subsidising camps, excursions and the purchase of resources.

Night's like this don't happen without the wonderful support of parents, staff and community members volunteering their time and donating items. Thank you to Cass Martin, Necia Zadow, Simon Kruger & Courtney Blacker, Zoe Colwell, Holly Slotegraaf, Jason & Louise McCullough, Zac & Sarah Bailey, Sally & Simon Peacock, Allecia McAllister, Nicky Tomkinson, Jess Schwarz, Chloe Newman and James Zadow. Thanks also to anyone else who helped out in any way, especially with the tables/chairs set up and pack up.

Kind Regards, Hailey Perry & Jo Wagenknecht

Welcome to Brock Smith,

Pastoral Care Worker with the Schools Ministry Group (SMG)

As the newly appointed pastoral care worker, my primary role is to provide students, staff and families of the Mypolonga Primary School community with support throughout the challenges of life. It is in my best interest to see students thrive in their education and for them to know that they have a strong network around them that is ready to assist. In these next few weeks, I will be floating around various classrooms and in the school yard at recess and lunch times as I become familiar with all of the friendly faces. I am very approachable and ready for a conversation of any kind! I am always contactable through the school if you believe that you or your child would benefit from further community support or one on one conversations.

A little background...

I first started primary school at St Joseph's Primary and then continued my education at Murray Bridge High School. I currently attend University where I am studying a Bachelor in Education (secondary). In my spare time, I am passionate about sport of any kind and always ready for physical activity (except long distant running)! I am a passionate cricketer who plays for the Monarto Cricket Club and previously played football for the Mypolonga Football Club throughout my junior years. I have a background of working with young people and am involved in the youth ministry at LifeHouse Church in Murray Bridge. Secretly, my favourite movies are any of the Star Wars ones; I can talk about them for hours!

Regards, Brock



This week, we introduce and congratulate **House Captains** for team **Hindmarsh!**



As a Leader of my house team and SRC Leader, I hope to... let everyone feel included by listening to their ideas and helping them when needed.

A quote I like to live my life by is...

"The people who say your dreams are impossible, have already quit on theirs."

I think a good leader... is someone people can look up to.



As a Leader of my house team and SRC Leader, I hope to... lead my team to victory, win the Champions' Cup, Sports' Day and plan an awesome disco.

I think a good Leader... does not say they are going to do something then not do it.

Someone I think is a great Leader is... my Aunty Vanessa. She just always knows what to do, is a great role model and is amazing!



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

be a kind, caring and respectful leader who will do whatever it takes to make blue be the best it can be. I also hope to lead blue to victory in the Champions' Cup and Sports' Day.

I think a good Leader is... someone who listens, respects everyone and follows through with what they say they are going to do.



As a Leader of my house team, I hope to... lead blue to victory and help everyone to do the best of their abilities.

I think a good leader is... someone that helps everyone around them to do their best.



As a Leader of my house team, I hope to... lead our team to victory by helping them practice and to encourage my team to read 7 nights.

The best thing about being a Leader is... I get to help plan Sports' Day and help motivate others.



SRC Leaders Ruby and Ava presenting SRC representatives Abby and Alex with their SRC badges.



Harmony Day is held each year to celebrate our cultural diversity. It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. The message of Harmony Day is **'everyone belongs'**.

Classes were involved in a variety of activities to learn about the importance of this message.

Below are some examples of the learning...

JP Gold - These students were involved in dancing to the music of different cultures. Students expressed themselves openly, feeling the music. They then used different coloured textas and expressed their feelings about the music artistically.

MP Unit - Students embraced their similarities and differences. They learnt about how multicultural our country is and acknowledged how we embrace multiculturalism. They got to spend time outside playing a traditional game that children play in Nigeria called 'Ten Ten'. They also did some Harmony day artwork together.

UP Gold - Students created artworks on what Harmony Day...Feels like, Sounds like and Looks like. They researched what the day is all about and what it meant to them.

UP Black - Uppers learned about the experiences of various refugees who have come to Australia, what their experiences have been like, and how they are giving back to the communities they now live in. Students taught peers what they'd learned, and reflected on what inspired or surprised them about what they'd read.

We have some fantastic artworks and work samples, which we will proudly share with you in our next Newsletter.

Harmony week is a very special week with a very special message in which students were exposed to in many different ways. The ways in which we treat others are certainly highlighted in this week but we teach our students to practice the messages every day.

Our Kindness Crew have made up a Golden Rule which they believe everyone must live by. This is, 'Treat others as you would like to be treated'. So simple but so important!

Cheers, Kerry



Congratulations to Year 5 student Charlotte Pahl who has passed her Purple Belt grading (4th Kyu) and is now in training for her first brown belt (3rd Kyu).

Congratulations also to Brandan Pahl (Year 7) and Linton Garner (Year 6) who have passed their 3rd Brown Belt (1st Kyu) and are now in training for their Black Belt in Shukokai Karate.

For further information on Shukokai Karate Alliance Mypolonga & Murray Bridge, please call 0402274655 or visit <https://www.facebook.com/MypolongaS.K.A/>



Old Scholar News.. Congratulations to past student Riley Hagger on winning the inaugural Stuart Willis perpetual Murray Towns Cricket Association player of the Fuller Shield. Riley received the award for being the best association player for Under 13s.

To be selected in the association team, children are selected from tryouts, in which they played two matches over two weekends. Also in the association team was past student Jayden Ladson and current students Zenith Smith and Brandan Pahl (both Year 7 students).

Unfortunately, the team didn't win either game but they had a great time and it was a real learning experience for them all.



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 10	29/3 . Newsletter . SAPSASA Softball carnival (until Wednesday)	30/3 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
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Week 11	5/4 Easter Monday	6/4 9:00am-10:00am Tiny Tigers . NO enterprise recess	7/4 . NO enterprise lunch	8/4 . Newsletter . 2:45pm assembly (with parent attendance)	9/4 . Last day of Term 1 2:25pm dismissal	10/4 & 11/4 10/4 - RMFL/RMNA Round 3 - Mypo v Ramblers at Mypo
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Planner - Term 2 2021

Week 1	26/4 Public Holiday (ANZAC Day holiday)	27/4 9:00am-10:00am Tiny Tigers	28/4	29/4	30/4	1/5 & 2/5 1/5 - RMFL/RMNA Round 6 - Mypo v Jervois at Jervois
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Community News

Mypolonga League Netball Club is running a **Net Set Go** program during Term 2. Any boys or girls born in 2014 or 2015, and are interested in a 10 week fundamental netball skills program is more than welcome to register. The program will be held at the Mypolonga Netball Courts each Thursday of Term 2 from 4.00-5.00pm. Upon registration, you will be sent a Net Set Go pack, so please ensure the correct address and shirt size is applied during registration. A presentation will take place in the last week at 4.45pm. The total cost is \$70 (equivalent to \$7 per week). All payments can be made directly to the club - these must be paid in full before the first game for Go program and first training for Set program. Sports' vouchers are welcome to be used. Registration Link:

<https://netball.resultsvault.com/common/pages/reg/welcome.aspx?type=6&id=92114&entityid=44211>

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