

MYPO NEWS

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Mypolonga Primary School & Community Newsletter

"Not all birds can fly. What separates the flyers from the walkers is the ability to take off."

~ Carl Sagan, also known as "the astronomer of the people", was an American astronomer, astrophysicist, author and researcher. He made crucial contributions in popularising astronomy to the public. ~

Term 2, Week 6 31st May 2021

Happy Birthday!

1/6 - Jordan (Year 1)
2/6 - Trik (Year 4)
3/6 - Vann (Year 1)
4/6 - Shayla (Year 3)
8/6 - Joel (Year 4)
10/6 - Mia (Year 3)
11/6 - Elouise (Year 7)
12/6 - Lainie (Year 4)
14/6 - Sirat (Year 4)

Student Free Days

Please note that **Friday 11th June 2021** is a student free day. The school will be closed on this day.

Wonder Recycling Rewards for Schools

Did you know that approximately 66% of plastics are recyclable, but only 18% gets recycled!

Our Sustainability Committee has started recycling bread bags and bread bag tags through the Wonder Recycling Program. All the collected plastic will be used to create wonderful new things like school play equipment! Our school also earns points that are redeemable for equipment.



The collection boxes are located out the front of the office. Please send along any bread bags (please make sure they're empty with no crumbs) and tags with your child to put into our recycling boxes.

If you would like to know more about this, head to <https://www.wonder.com.au/>

UNNAMED Plastic containers, drink bottles and clothing!

Parents/caregivers... **please remember to permanently label** plastic containers, drink bottles & clothing your child/ren bring to school. We have a large amount of **unnamed** items piling up in our lost property box. Necia has permanent markers in the office if you would like to use them. Thanks.

We Roar as One!

2022 Planning

As most of you know, I will retire at the end of this year. I have, along with, past and present colleagues, dedicated my life to make Mypolonga Primary School the best school that we can be. I am proud to announce that the Principal position for 2022 is currently being advertised. Stan has met with the Governing Council to determine our community's priorities and expectations going into 2022. The 4 person selection panel will comprise Stan, a Governing Council member, a staff member, and a Principal from a school of similar index. I expect that a decision will be made early next term and that myself and our team, will be able to work collaboratively with the new Principal to ensure a culture of great learning continues in the future. These are exciting times!

Year 7 to High School

Thank you to MBHS staff, who delivered a great induction to next year for our current Year 6s and 7s. I was so proud of our former student Kirrily Martin (Anne's daughter and Assistant Principal), who helped to lead the presentation. For those families who were unable to attend, there are a number of other opportunities to engage with MBHS in the future.

Google Classroom

I am also so proud of our Upper and Middle Primary teachers who shared how Goggle Classroom is used as a tool for learning with other partnership teachers, recently. MBHS has mentored our team to implement Google Classroom, but our teachers have taken the opportunity to lead this implementation in our partnership.

Staffing changes

Amy has been very unwell, while also needing to contend with the poor health of her parents. She has been sharing the teaching of the JP Gold class with Kara but Amy is not recovering sufficiently to be able to move forward. We have collaboratively decided that it will be in the best interests of Amy's health and the learning and wellbeing of the JP Gold class if Amy and Kara switch roles; Amy will work one day per week in the JP Gold class, plus one day as a non-instructional time teacher, while Kara will work for 4 days as the JP Gold teacher. I also wish to acknowledge the role Anne Martin has played in supporting the team to keep everything running smoothly. We send Amy our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

SAPSASA Netball / Football

Congratulations and best of luck to Ariel, Elouise, Alarah, Reagan, Jorja, Brady, Brandan and Blake who are all representing the Murraylands in this week's SAPSASA Netball and Football carnivals.

We know you will all do us proud!

Warm Regards,
Rita



Murraylands
SAPSASA DISTRICT

Class Awards - Term 2 Week 3

Junior Primary Gold

Charlie Rohde - beautiful bookwork and a great attitude to learning.

Junior Primary Black

Max Bailey - being a kind and helpful peer.

Middle Primary Gold

Shayla Pike - being a considerate friend.

Riley Frew - being a considerate friend.

Middle Primary Black

Pheonix Sandercock - positivity and persistence during NAPLAN testing.

Upper Primary Gold

Mikaela Watts - extra effort and attention to her artwork.

Upper Primary Black

Elouise Kuhn - having an awesome work ethic in producing an amazing narrative and exposition.

Ruby Montgomery-Pittaway - being a kind and considerate classmate to all of her peers.

Class Awards - Term 2 Week 4

Junior Primary Gold

Nash Newman - always being on task and applying himself at every learning activity.

Junior Primary Black

Zoe Castle - being focused in learning activities and taking time and care in her bookwork.

Middle Primary Gold

Ruby O'Shea-Coulter - taking responsibility for her own learning.

Middle Primary Black

Jackson Lear - persistence in problem solving in Maths.

Upper Primary Gold

Archie Lademan - excellent teamwork, engagement and contribution in the SAKG program.

Mikaela Watts - showing critical curiosity to extend her learning.

Charlotte Pahl - showing critical curiosity to extend her learning.

Upper Primary Black

Ellie Pontt - showing amazing leadership in her role on the sustainability committee.

Matilda Stone - excellent work on her oral response work putting in extra information.

Champions' Cup Results (end of Week 5 Term 2 and progressive total)

Red (Murray) 118 points / 1517 points

Gold (Finnis) 96 points / 1294 points

Blue (Hindmarsh) 62 points / 1218 points

Upper Primary Gold - Australian Native Flowers

During Art, our Upper Primary Gold students creatively made Australian native flowers out of paper. They learnt to cut (carefully!), fold, curl, fringe and layer paper to create a 3D collage of Australian flowers. Our native flora included; Banksia, Bottle Brush, Wattle, Grevillea and Waratah.



Kindness Matters...

Starting up a Kindness Crew was our way of making sure kindness was modelled every day across the school. It's sad that the Kindness Crew was needed and that kindness needs to be taught to some students. However, in saying this, the response to be on this committee was overwhelming!

I once heard a story that will always remain with me....a child walking with a parent past a homeless person will see how their parent reacts and this has a major impact on their learning of empathy. A quick shuffle past the person and shielding what the child sees, will tell teach them to be scared. A comment of annoyance will teach the child intolerance but a smile will teach the child compassion. Children learn so much from what they see and how others react and respond to situations.

Modelling kindness is the best way to teach it.

Our Kindness Crew are so enthusiastic and the ideas of ways to be kind which they all came up with was enormous!

A few words from some members....Fliss, Sophie, Mak & Bella:

'We believe the Kindness Crew is about spreading kindness to others. We help students when they are feeling down or sad by helping them feel better. We help students in the yard at playtime if they need it and find friends for students who don't have anyone to play with. We like giving out certificates to students for doing kind things and for their birthday, because it makes their day!'

We have a Golden Rule which came from our leader Willow – 'Treat others how you want to be treated.' So simple, and if everyone did just that, what an amazing world we would be living in.

#choosekind

Kerry



Welcome to our School

Last Tuesday, we welcomed Fern Sanbang to our school (pictured below).

Fern is in Year 7 in Mel Carstairs / Jacob Rance's Upper Primary Black class.

We also welcome Fern's family into our school community and look forward to learning more about Fern's Thai cultural background during the year.



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 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.

Junior Primary Gold - Zebras

Junior Primary Gold students have been experimenting with using their hands or arms as the basis of their animal drawing. Our zebra's head, ear and neck is the outline of our hand, thumb and arm. We then followed Mrs Stone's instructions to make our animals come to life. We plan to create a zoo!



Junior Primary Black - PIP (Purposeful Investigative Play)

Last week, with Mrs Wagenknecht, Junior Primary Black students read the Mem Fox book "Where's the Green Sheep?" During PIP, the class suggested ways to solve the book's problem.

We designed and created many helpful items to help find the green sheep; maps, detectors, binoculars and sniffer dogs.



Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program

We are so lucky that we get to learn how to cook and garden at our school. Our Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program (SAKG) is next level!

Recently, under Annie's direction, the Upper Primary students made fried rice lettuce cups. They used lettuce, silverbeet and eggs from our garden and chooks.

It was too wet to be in the garden on this day so David brought the garden to the classroom. Students had to identify pests and diseases on plants from our garden. They observed and referenced exactly what the problem was and then researched how to solve it.

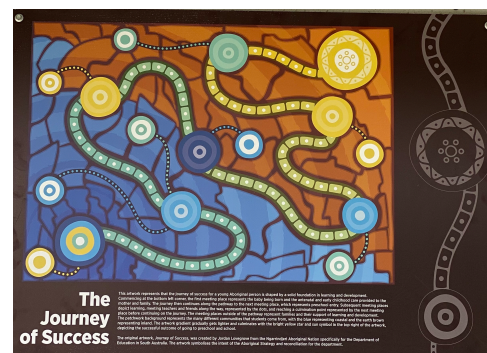


Journey of Success

The Department for Education has recently provided us with a print of the artwork 'Journey of Success'.

The original artwork was created by Ngarrindjeri artist and designer Jordan Lovegrove, specifically for the DfE to represent the Aboriginal Education Strategy 2019 to 2029.

The print is proudly displayed outside the School Shop.



Future Enrolments

We are currently updating our database of future enrolments. Over the last week, we have contacted all parents whose child is on our enrolment/waiting list for next year. If you haven't been contacted, and you are intending sending your child to our school next year, please contact Necia either by phone 85354191 or email info@mypolongaps.sa.edu.au as soon as possible. This includes siblings of students who are already enrolled and have Mypolonga Primary School as their school of right. Thank you.

Planner - Term 2 2021

Week 6	31/5 . Newsletter . SAPSASA Football/Netball carnival (until 4/6/21)	1/6 . 9:00am-10:00am Tiny Tigers . MPB enterprise recess (hot chocolate with biscuit)	2/6 . MPG enterprise lunch (pasta)	3/6	4/6 . 6:00pm Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club Friday Night Tea	5/6 & 6/6 . 5/6 RMFL/ RMNA Round 11 - Mypo v Taillem @ Mypo + Reunion Day
Week 7	7/6	8/6 . 9:00am-10:00am Tiny Tigers . MPB enterprise recess (hot chocolate with biscuit)	9/6 . MPG enterprise lunch (pasta)	10/6	11/6 STUDENT FREE DAY	12/6 & 13/6 . 12/6 RMFL/ RMNA Bye (June Long Weekend)
Week 8	14/6 PUBLIC HOLIDAY	15/6 . 9:00am-10:00am Tiny Tigers . Newsletter . MPB enterprise recess (hot chocolate with biscuit)	16/6 . MPG enterprise lunch (pasta)	17/6	18/6 . 6:00pm Mypolonga RSL Bingo Tea	19/6 & 20/6 . 19/6 RMFL/ RMNA Round 12 Mypo Bye
Week 9	21/6 . 7:00pm Finance committee meeting 7:30pm Governing Council meeting	22/6 . 9:00am-10:00am Tiny Tigers . MPB enterprise recess (hot chocolate with biscuit)	23/6 . MPG enterprise lunch (pasta) . Choir @ Murray Bridge Town Hall	24/6	25/6	26/6 & 27/6 . 26/6 RMFL/ RMNA Round 13 - Mypo v Jervois @ Mypo + Comedian & Cocktails Night
Week 10	28/6	29/6 . 9:00am-10:00am Tiny Tigers . MPB enterprise recess (hot chocolate with biscuit)	30/6 . MPG enterprise lunch (pasta)	1/7	2/7 . Newsletter . 6:00pm Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club Friday Night Tea	3/7 & 4/7 . 3/7 RMFL/ RMNA Round 14 Mypo Bye

Community News

Mypolonga Football Club - Reunion Day - Saturday 5th June 2021. Join us for home match teas following the Taillem Bend game. Meals served from 6:00pm. All welcome!

Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club - The next Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club monthly tea will be held on Friday 4th June 2021. 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? Find out what is happening in our community by visiting <https://www.murraybridge.sa.gov.au/discover/events/event-calendar/events>. Here you will find information on upcoming events in and around the Murraylands.

* Community flyers are also attached to the email sent out to school families with the newsletter link.

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