

# MYPO NEWS

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Mypolonga Primary School &amp; Community Newsletter

**"If I cannot do great things, I can do small things in a great way."**

~ Martin Luther King Jr. was an American Baptist minister and activist who became the most visible spokesman and leader in the American civil rights movement from 1955 until his assassination in 1968. ~

**Term 3, Week 6 23rd August 2021**

## Happy Birthday!

26/8 - Luke P (Year 4)  
29/8 - Braeden (Year 7)  
1/9 - Cohen (Year 2)  
3/9 - Charlotte L (Year 5)  
4/9 - Oliver (Year 1)  
8/9 - Archie (Year 5)  
13/9 - Isabel (Year 1)  
15/9 - Alex (Reception)  
16/9 - Danté (Year 5)  
23/9 - Mikaela (Year 5)

## School Closure / Student Free Days

Please take note of the following site closure dates and student free days.

**Monday 6th September 2021** - School Closure

**Monday 8th November 2021** - Student Free Day

## Save the Date!

Proposed dates for end of year school events and celebrations (COVID restrictions permitting)

**School Concert** (on the school oval)  
Tuesday 23rd November 2021

**Whole School Transition (including current Year 7s Transition to MBHS)**  
Tuesday 30th November 2021

**Year 6 Transition to MBHS**  
Thursday 2nd December 2021

**Year 6 & 7 Graduation/Dinner** (held at the Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club)  
Wednesday 8th December 2021

**End of Year Assembly (held at the school)**  
Thursday 9th December 2021

## Champions' Cup Results (end of Week 5 Term 3 and progressive total)

**Red (Murray)** 82 points / 2608 points  
**Gold (Finnis)** 102 points / 2275 points  
**Blue (Hindmarsh)** 64 points / 1920 points

## We Roar as One!

### Congratulations Jacob!

Good news first. We proudly welcome Jacob not only back from surgery, but to our permanent team. He has been mentored by a team of skilled teachers, while having an intrinsic desire to be the best he can be, at whatever he does, to become an excellent teacher. He is the perfect asset to Team Mypo.

### Principal Position

Unfortunately, it has been decided to re-advertise the Principal position which means the whole process will begin again. Therefore, it will take some time before we are able to announce the new appointment.

### COVID

I would like to thank our whole-school community, which has supported us to implement the current COVID restrictions. I am so proud of our families. If you have an anxious child, please contact us and we will make sure your child is supported to leave you at the gate. At this stage we are still required to limit the number of parents on site, which means our Proud Mary/School Shop interactions cannot occur. Given the situation on the eastern seaboard, particularly New South Wales, we must be prepared for further lockdowns in the future. Unfortunately, this will make planning extremely difficult and it may, once again, lead to the curtailing of those activities we so look forward to. It will be a day-to-day proposition.

### Adam Page - Instrumental Music

Last week, our instrumental music students were supposed to join with other music students from regional schools to participate in a concert with renowned musician Adam Page. Unfortunately, due to COVID restrictions, this was cancelled, but Adam Page and teachers from MBHS came to our school to conduct a workshop. I was very impressed with the way our students played and conducted themselves. They sounded impressive.



### SAPSASA District Day

Congratulations to those students who represented our school at District Day. Our students practised hard and did well. Once again, COVID led to parents not being allowed at Unity but we would like to thank parents Catherine Challinger and Chris Pahl who volunteered to be station marshalls.

### Thanks Mypolonga Masonic Lodge!

Lastly, I would like to thank the Mypolonga Masonic Lodge. They have decided to wind-up and as part of this process, they have donated \$5000 to our school, which we will put towards the new sheds we will need to build, when our new toilets are installed.

Warm Regards, Rita

### Class Awards - Term 3 Week 1

#### Junior Primary Gold

**Aurora-Mae Cassidy** - going above and beyond with her home learning.

**Bohdi Shanahan** - practising sight words over the holidays and lockdown.

#### Junior Primary Black

**Hamish Newman** - being an engaged online learner.

**April Slotegraaf** - being an avid reader during lockdown.

#### Middle Primary Gold

**Alexis Schutz, Jeremy Marshall, Taite Kowald, Neeve Smith, Chloe Smith, Olivia Scott, Ruby O'Shea-Coulter, Shayla Pike** - being champions at online learning!

#### Middle Primary Black

**Noah Martin** - excellent effort in home learning.

**Lainie Peacock, Isabelle Swansson** - going over and above in online learning.

#### Upper Primary Gold

**Pippa Smith, Willow Cazzolato** - showing independence with home learning.

**Dom Swansson** - showing persistence with home learning.

#### Upper Primary Black

**Brandan Pahl** - showing leadership and supporting class members.

**Zenith Smith** - self motivation to complete home learning tasks independently.

### Class Awards - Term 3 Week 3

#### Junior Primary Gold

**Alex Hollitt** - putting in lots of effort to improve, especially in handwriting and reading.

#### Junior Primary Black

**Oliver O'Shea-Coulter** - putting a lot of effort into reading practise and therefore, going up 2 levels.

#### Middle Primary Gold

**Harry McNeilly** - being strong, brave and courageous in making good choices with peers.

#### Middle Primary Black

**Sirat Judge** - using her initiative and always willing to help in the classroom.

**Lucinda Temby** - taking care with her artwork.

#### Upper Primary Gold

**Amira Egel** - a helpful student who is showing maturity.

#### Upper Primary Black

**Ruby Montgomery-Pittaway** - a quiet achiever who knows her own mind.

~ Congratulations to all our award recipients ~

### Wellbeing Wonders

#### 5 Words to Avoid if you want your Kids to Co-operate

Article taken from – Parenting Ideas

'There are 5 very common words that invite resistance rather than co-operation, from children who are termed... 'strong-willed', 'stubborn' or children who 'know their own mind'.

These 5 words to avoid are:

**Must:** "You must be on time!"

**Never:** "You should never be rude to your teacher."

**Always:** "You should always clean your teeth before bed."

**You:** "You need to go to bed now!"

**Don't:** "Don't yell at your brother."

#### Here's an explanation and some alternatives as well:

'**Must**', '**Never**' and '**Always**' are absolute terms which invite resistance from those children and young people who do not like to be told what to do. *If you have more than one child there is a good chance you have one of these children.*

Replace absolute language with **moderate alternatives** that don't back kids into a corner.

"Please be on time" rather than "You must be on time."

"It's best to be polite to your teacher" rather than "You should never be rude to your teacher."

"Clean your teeth before bed" rather than "You should always clean your teeth before bed."

**'You':** Instead of telling your child what to do, let your child know what you will do. It's a subtle but powerful shift. For example:

"I'm saying good night now" rather than "Go to bed now."

"I'll put the meal on the table when it's set" rather than "Set the table!" "I'm driving you to school at 8.30" rather than "Get ready by 8.30."

NB: You need to follow through if this is to be an effective use of language.

**'Don't':** Avoid ending an instruction on a negative as it only drives the negative behaviour deeper into the sub-conscious mind of your child. Saying "Don't yell at your brother" will ensure that your child will keep yelling again and again. Instead say the behaviour you'd like in positive terms. For example:

"Speak quietly to your brother" rather than "Don't yell at your brother." If you can't eradicate "Don't" then develop the habit of ending on a positive. For example: "Don't yell at your brother. Speak quietly."

Your choice of words makes a huge difference in terms of getting co-operation from more challenging kids.

Of course, some parents believe that their kids should always do as they say so their language is peppered with absolutes and negatives, which invites resistance from some kids. Family-life continues to be a battle between these parents and their children.'

*If only kids came with a rule book!*

#choosekind

Kerry

#### Visit from Mannum Dental Surgery

Last Monday, we were fortunate to have a visit from Lauren at Mannum Dental Surgery.

Lauren discussed all aspects of 'oral health' including how to prevent tooth decay, healthy foods and how to grow our jaws nice and wide to prevent crowding.

All students were also lucky enough to receive their very own goody bag!

**Did you know?:** The enamel on the top surface of your tooth is the hardest part of your entire body.





### Upper Primary Gold ~ Jellyfish Poems & Artwork



action!

Deep, shallow figures  
Floating in the sea  
Moving slow to moving fast  
Going gently but able to see.  
The only living creature  
From old to new  
Red, orange, purple  
Pink, yellow too.  
Fast stinging tentacles  
Lights in the sea  
Bodies and tentacles  
Amazing thing to be.  
Moving silently  
Usually unseen.

Charlotte Ladson



Able or unable to see  
These sea jellies  
Are the wonders of the sea.  
Gently they swim  
Under the sun's glow  
Boneless  
Bloodless  
Brainless  
The less there are  
The less we see of them.  
95% water  
With grace they swim  
Fast and slow  
Still, they all glow.

Sophie Brouwer

### SAPSASA District Day

Last Tuesday, 22 students were chosen from our school to participate in SAPSASA District Day at Unity College. Our school came third in the small schools competition and we came 6th overall out of all the schools. Everyone had a great day and we are so proud of what all our students achieved.

Congratulations to the following students on some fantastic results:

Brandan Pahl - **1st** 800 metres

Reagan Martin - **1st** Discus

Brandan Pahl, Ariel Challenger, Tehya Fawdry, Haydn Castle - **1st** Relay

Charlotte Pahl - **2nd** High Jump

Lucinda Temby - **3rd** Long Jump, **3rd** 200 metres

Tehya Fawdry - **2nd** High Jump

Lyam Marshall - **3rd** Shot put

Charlotte Ladson - **3rd** 200 metres



Lainie in action!



Sophie competing in Discus



### Introducing SRC Leader... Alarah Sipos

**As an SRC leader, I hope to...** be a good role model towards all students, especially the younger ones.

**Something you don't know about me is...** I love to read and I spend lots of my spare time doing it!

**A quote I like to live my life by is...** 'All we have is now'.

**Someone I really look up to is...** Gretel Tippet because she is a really good netballer, especially a really good GA, and one day I hope to be as good as her in that position.

*Right: Alarah presenting SRC representative April Slotegraaf (Reception) with her SRC badge.*



### Governing Council Capers

Term 3 has definitely showed the resilience and commitment of the Mypolonga Primary School staff and students. A few days in and they are plunged into a COVID lockdown. We would like to sincerely thank all staff for their efforts over the week of delivering lessons, including via Google Classroom. The support for parents and students was exceptional!

As Rita has previously mentioned, a Principal was not appointed in a permanent capacity for next year. Governing Council will work with Stan on an appropriate appointment to this position.

Our budget position going into the second half of the year is looking good. We are on track and will finish the year on a positive note.

Karina Harvie, Chairperson

### Artwork from around the School

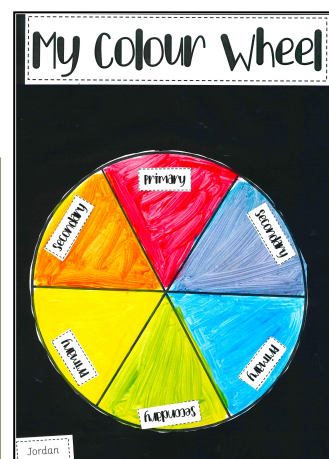
Butterflies, 4 letter words and my colour wheel



Leila



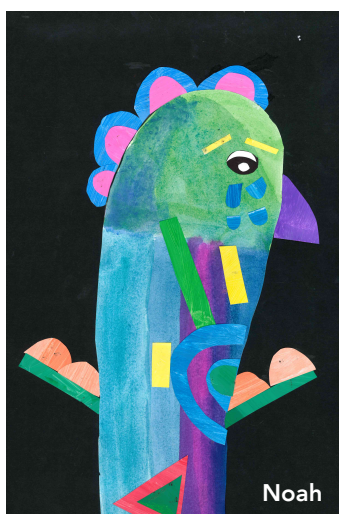
Pippa



Jordan



Alexis



Noah

### Middle Primary Unit Collage

The Art topic this term in the Middle Primary Unit is Collage.

The students have been learning about collage and creating their own art work. They have also learned about Australian Artist Pete Cromer. He is a popular collage artist and his work can be seen on greeting cards, coffee cups and water bottles. You may even have some of his art work at home.

Over the past few weeks the children have been designing and creating these birds in the Pete Cromer style, and they look fabulous!

### Planner - Term 3 2021

<b>Week 6</b>	<b>23/8</b> . Newsletter	<b>24/8</b> . 9:00am Tiny Tigers	<b>25/8</b> <b>Bookweek Parade and Book Fair</b>	<b>26/8</b> . <b>JPB enterprise recess (hot cinnamon doughnut)</b> . <b>JPG enterprise lunch (chicken nugget roll)</b>	<b>27/8</b>	<b>28/8 &amp; 29/8</b> . 28/8 RMFL Qualifying Final @ Mannum . 29/8 RMFL Elimination Final @ Imps
<b>Week 7</b>	<b>30/8</b>	<b>31/8</b> . 9:00am Tiny Tigers	<b>1/9</b>	<b>2/9</b> . <b>JPB enterprise recess (hot cinnamon doughnut)</b> . <b>JPG enterprise lunch (chicken nugget roll)</b>	<b>3/9</b> . 6:00pm MCSC Friday night tea	<b>4/9 &amp; 5/9</b> . 4/9 RMFL Second Semi Final @ Meningie . 5/9 - Father's day / RMFL First Semi Final @ Jervois
<b>Week 8</b>	<b>6/9</b> <b>School Closure Day</b>	<b>7/9</b> . 9:00am Tiny Tigers . SAPSASA Basketball . Newsletter	<b>8/9</b>	<b>9/9</b> . <b>JPB enterprise recess (hot cinnamon doughnut)</b> . <b>JPG enterprise lunch (chicken nugget roll)</b>	<b>10/9</b>	<b>11/9 &amp; 12/9</b> . 11/9 RMFL Preliminary Final @ Tailem
<b>Week 9</b>	<b>13/9</b>	<b>14/9</b> . 9:00am Tiny Tigers	<b>15/9</b>	<b>16/9</b> . <b>No enterprise recess/ lunch</b> . Junior Primary unit excursion/dinner	<b>17/9</b>	<b>18/9 &amp; 19/9</b> . 18/9 RMFL Grand Final @ Mypo
<b>Week 10</b>	<b>20/9</b> . MFC Junior Presentations U14s- U18s @ the MCSC	<b>21/9</b> . 9:00am Tiny Tigers	<b>22/9</b> . Jump Rope for Heart Jump Off Day	<b>23/9</b> . <b>JPB enterprise recess (hot cinnamon doughnut)</b> . <b>JPG enterprise lunch (chicken nugget roll)</b> . Newsletter	<b>24/9</b> . 2:25pm dismissal . MFC Senior Presentations (by invitation)	<b>25/9 &amp; 26/9</b> . AFL Grand Final

### Community News

#### Mypolonga Football Club / Mypolonga Netball Club

. Congratulations and good luck to all Mypo Football and Netball teams competing in this year's finals. The MFC is hosting the 2021 RMFL Grand Final on Saturday 18/9/21. If you think you can volunteer your assistance on either the bbq, bar (RSA required) or canteen, please contact Necia Zadow or Jodie Hagger.

. **Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club** - The next Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club monthly tea will be held on Friday 3rd September 2021. Teas commence at 6:00pm and it is a great way to get to know people in our community!

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