

MYPO NEWS

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Mypolonga Primary School & Community Newsletter

"Be curious, not judgmental"

~ Walter Whitman was an American poet, essayist, and journalist and is among the most influential poets in the American canon, often called the father of free verse. ~

Term 4, Week 2 18th October 2021

We Roar as One!

Happy Birthday!

20/10 - Brandan (Year 7)
24/10 - Max (Reception)
26/10 - Linton (Year 6)
30/10 - Ariel (Year 7)

Student Free Day

A reminder that **Monday 8th November 2021** is a Student Free Day!

Save the Date!

Dates for end of year school events and celebrations (COVID restrictions permitting).

School Concert (on the school oval)
Tuesday 23rd November 2021 @ 6:30pm

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

Middle Primary / Upper Primary Camps

Middle Primary Unit - Camp Aldinga
Wednesday 27th October - Friday 29th October 2021

Upper Primary Unit - West Beach Camp
Wednesday 3rd November - Friday 5th November 2021

SAPSASA Girls Football

Congratulations and best of luck to **Matilda Stone** and **Ariel Challenger**, who will both be representing the Murraylands in this week's SAPSASA 6/7 Girls AFL football carnival.

We know you will do us proud girls! We look forward to hearing all about it!



Murraylands
SAPSASA DISTRICT

Current COVID restrictions

Please see Necia's email (12/10/21) regarding current COVID restrictions. On Friday, we will also welcome the Proud Mary back on site, however visitors will not be allowed in classrooms and social distancing and mask wearing will apply.

Agricultural Town of the Year

I am so proud that our community has been nominated as the Agricultural Town of the Year. Our school philosophy has been built around balancing enterprise with academic achievement and this nomination validates our approach to learning. Watching the community come together to prepare the submission was incredible. I hope you have all seen the video designed by Commshake, headed by parent Courtney Blacker, which shares the challenges our community has faced over many years. I was asked to prepare the submission for the second stage, and in my research, I found it incredibly elevating to see how our educational approach has led to such great entrepreneurship in our community.



Corey Jones, South Australian Buffalo Company

Principal Selection Process

At the time of writing this article, we have not been advised of our new Principal. I expect that this should happen in the next few days, and we will notify you all immediately.

External School Review

The review (in Week 3) will have the following lines of enquiry:

Effective school improvement planning: How effectively does the school monitor and enhance its improvement strategies and actions based on their impact on student learning?

Effective teaching and student learning: How effectively are teachers using evidence-based pedagogical practices that engage and challenge all learners?

Effective teaching and student learning: How effectively are teachers analysing assessment and feedback data to inform differentiated curriculum planning and instruction?

The next few weeks are pretty crazy with the appointment of a new Principal, the external school review, Ag Town of the Year, choir and school camps giving us not much breathing space.

Our teachers are doing this, while also having to organise end of year activities such as graduation for year 6/7s, school concert and report writing. They are amazing!

Warm Regards, Rita



Government of South Australia
Department for Education

Welcome to our school...

Last week we welcomed Reception student Leo Schmidt into our Junior Primary Class.

We also welcome the return of Year 5 student Tegan Elliott who is in our Upper Gold class.

We hope Leo, Tegan and their families enjoy their learning experiences with our school community.



Musica Viva ~ Eastwinds

On the first day back this term, we were entertained by Musica Viva in Schools group Eastwinds.

The members of Eastwinds showed students how to harness their creativity by expressing and sharing their personal experiences through music. A Persian ney (flute) and daf (drum) player, a musical instrument inventor and didgeridoo virtuoso drew on their own diverse cultural and musical backgrounds to create a sound that was uniquely theirs.

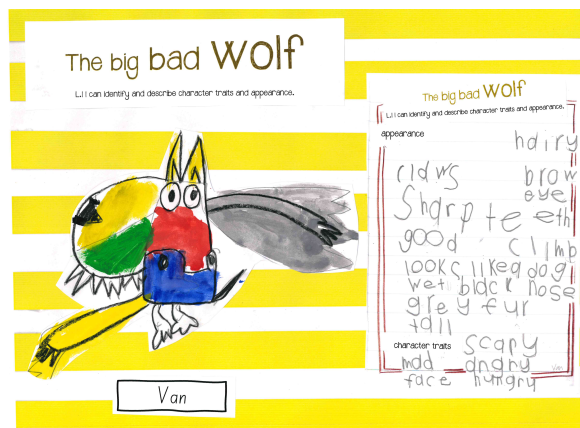
Teachers and students were given the tools to create and connect to each other through making music on the spot.



The Big Bad Wolf

With Mrs Lienert, Junior Primary Gold students were recently asked to identify and describe character traits and appearance after reading the fable 'The Three Little Pigs.'

Did you know?: Printed versions of The Three Little Pigs date back to the 1840s, but the story is thought to be much older.



Jump Rope for Heart - Jump Off Day

At the end of last term, we had a great day celebrating Jump Rope for Heart. Our students did an awesome job showing their routines to the rest of the school and did themselves proud with how much they improved.

Over the term, they also raised an impressive total of \$11,003.75!! A true show of their Generosity of Spirit. Our top three money raisers were Oliver North (pictured right), Bohdi Shanahan and Hollie Fidge.

Well done!



Champions' Cup Results (end of Week 1 Term 4 and progressive total)

Red (Murray) 205 points / 3202 points

Gold (Finnis) 151 points / 2854 points

Blue (Hindmarsh) 109 points / 2435 points

SACA Cricket Clinics

On Tuesday, we were fortunate enough to have representatives from SACA run cricket clinics with students from Reception to Year 4.

The 15 minute sessions were packed with fun activities for all students to have a go. We practiced different catching and ball handling skills, while also learning about how to join up to play cricket.




Mypolonga Cricket Club Under 13s training commences Thursday 28th October 2021 from 4:30pm at the Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club. The first game is on Friday 29th October 2021 at 5:15pm.

For further information, contact Jason 'Jack' Daniell on 0408833468.



Term 4's Classroom Enterprise...

Thanks for your support!

	Classroom Enterprise
Middle Primary BLACK Thursday Recess	
 Icecream in a cone *includes sprinkles \$1.50 each	
Middle Primary GOLD Thursday Lunch	
Salad Roll \$3.00 each *choice of ham, chicken or cheese with salad	
*Please encourage your child to order and pay for their own food	
Name –	
*Please order and pay for all Enterprise Food on Monday and Tuesday. All Enterprise orders will be taken @ the Kitchen servery prior to 8:55am. Thank you ☺	
GST included	

Improving empathy in children

taken from Heysigmund.com

Being able to understand what other people might be feeling – empathy – is the cornerstone of emotional intelligence and healthy, successful relationships. Empathy is a little bit of wonderful for everyone, so anything that can boost it has to be a good thing. Research has found reading fiction is an easy way to do this.

By following the inner lives of characters in fictional stories, readers are able to form ideas about the emotions, motives, and ideas of people in real life. The way we understand people in stories is similar to the way we understand people in the real world.

Understanding stories requires the capacity to understand the characters – how they're feeling, what they're going through, their relationships. It's not surprising then, that research has confirmed a link between reading fiction and an increased capacity to empathise.

Children who read stories with their parents seem to be more empathic than those who don't. An important factor in this is the conversation that happens between the adult and the child during story-telling.

"Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around."
Leo Buscaglia

Everything we experience helps to shape the way we experience the world and the way we are in it. Stories that are fictional create a world that encourages an exploration and experimentation with real human experiences and qualities, nurturing empathy, one of the most beautiful of human qualities, along the way.

#choosekind
 Cheers, Kerry

Junior Primary Gold - Butterflies

With Mrs Stone, Junior Primary Gold students have continued to experiment using their hands as the basis of their animal drawings.

In this newsletter, we would like to share with you our butterflies.

Pictured below; Jordan, Ella, Bondi and Zakariyah.



Planner - Term 4 2021

MCSC - Mypolonga Combined Sports Club / MFC - Mypolonga Football Club / MBHS - Murray Bridge High School / MNLC - Mypolonga Netball League Club / MCC - Mypolonga Cricket Club / YEL - Young Environmental Leaders

Week 2	18/10 . Newsletter	19/10 . 9:00am Tiny Tigers	20/10 . ICAS Science Assessments (selected students)	21/10 . MPB enterprise recess (icecream in a cone) . MPG enterprise lunch (salad roll)	22/10 . School Shop reopens!	23/10 & 24/10
Week 3	25/10 . Review (panel on site)	26/10 . 9:00am Tiny Tigers . Choir practice day . Review (panel on site)	27/10 . Middle Primary Unit Aldinga camp	28/10 . Middle Primary Unit Aldinga camp . Choir performance day . No enterprise recess/lunch . 4:30pm MCC U13 training commences	29/10 . Middle Primary Unit Aldinga camp	30/10 & 31/10
Week 4	1/11 . Newsletter	2/11 . 9:00am Tiny Tigers	3/11 . Upper Primary Unit West Beach camp	4/11 . Upper Primary Unit West Beach camp . MPB enterprise recess (icecream in a cone) . MPG enterprise lunch (salad roll)	5/11 . Upper Primary Unit West Beach camp . From 6:00pm MCSC tea . No School Shop	6/11 & 7/11
Week 5	8/11 Student Free Day	9/11 . 9:00am Tiny Tigers	10/11 . Police presentation: <i>Cycling/skating and the law (whole school)</i>	11/11 . Remembrance Day . MPB enterprise recess (icecream in a cone) . MPG enterprise lunch (salad roll)	12/11	13/11 & 14/11
Week 6	15/11 . Newsletter	16/11 . 9:00am Tiny Tigers	17/11	18/11 . MPB enterprise recess (icecream in a cone) . MPG enterprise lunch (salad roll)	19/11 . 6:00pm Mypo RSL Bingo Tea	20/11 & 21/11
Week 7	22/11	23/11 . 9:00am FINAL Tiny Tigers for the year . School concert (on the school oval)	24/11 . Premier's Reading Challenge medal presentation	25/11 . FINAL MPB enterprise recess (icecream in a cone) . FINAL MPG enterprise lunch (salad roll)	26/11 . MFC AGM (6:00pm juniors / 7:00pm seniors) @ the MCSC	27/11 & 28/11

Community News

Mypolonga Football Club

AGM - Friday 26th November 2021 (6:00pm juniors / 7:00pm seniors) at the Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club.

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