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Mypolonga Primary School & Community Newsletter

"The best way to cheer yourself up is to try to cheer someone else up."

~ Samuel Langhorne Clemens, known by his pen name Mark Twain, was an American writer, humorist, entrepreneur, publisher, and lecturer. He was praised as the "greatest humorist the United States has produced," and "the father of American literature" ~

Term 4, Week 4 1st November 2021

We Roar as One!

Happy Birthday!

5/11 - Willow (Year 5)
11/11 - Matilda (Year 7)
12/11 - Zakariyah (Year 1)
13/11 - Ruby (Reception)

Student Free Day

A reminder that next **Monday 8th November 2021** is a Student Free Day! The school will be closed on this day to allow for staff training and planning for 2022.

Save the Date!

Dates for end of year school events and celebrations (COVID restrictions permitting):-
Further details to be provided in due course.

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

Whole School Transition to next year's classes (including 2022 Reception students and current Year 7s Transition to MBHS)
Tuesday 30th November 2021

Year 6 Transition to MBHS
Thursday 2nd December 2021

End of Year Fun Day @ the Murray Bridge Swimming Pool (whole school)
Tuesday 7th 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)
2:45pm Thursday 9th December 2021 - dismissal 3:25pm

Last day of the school year
Friday 10th December 2021 - early dismissal 2:25pm

First day of school for 2022 is Monday 31st January 2022

Upper Primary Camp

Upper Primary Unit - West Beach Camp
Wednesday 3rd November - Friday 5th November 2021. *Have fun everyone!*

New Principal

In case you haven't heard, our new Principal will be Sunyl (Sunny) Vogt, who is currently Principal of Pinnaroo Primary School. Sunny will be visiting us on November 18th to meet our staff and students. We are very excited.

Feedback from Proud Mary

We received the following email from a passenger on the Proud Mary last week.

'Dear Mrs O'Brien

I had the privilege of visiting your school today as a passenger on the Proud Mary. The enthusiasm for school shone out of all the children's faces. They clearly embrace the program which not only encourages mathematical skills but also interpersonal skills. As a retired education academic, I have visited many schools. None have impressed me as much as your school. Your students are a credit to you. Well done on a fantastic job.

Dr Robyn Gregson'

Premier's Reading Challenge

We were one of the Top 55 schools in completing the Premier's Reading Challenge. Well done everyone. Each year, our aim is to have ALL students complete the challenge. Our medal presentation will be held on Wednesday 24th November 2021.

SA Agricultural Town of the Year 2021

On Wednesday, we were visited by the judging panel from the SA Agricultural Town of the Year. It was a wonderful experience, with our community once again rising to the occasion. Our SRC leaders Linton, Amilee, Alarah and Ellie (pictured) attended the community lunch with us and it was so inspiring to see such diversity in the goods that are produced here. One of the judges is going to bring his wife, a teacher, to see the School Shop in action on a Friday.



Tiny Tigers

Our Tiny Tigers playgroup is continuing to grow and it is lovely to see families connecting with the school at such a young age. Coordinators Peyton Elphick and Robyn Bates are doing a magnificent job. I just love the fact that Cheyanne and Stephanie, former students, who are now mums had the inspiration to put the Tiny Tiger logo on their babies' t-shirts. Even babies are TIGER Proud! Well done Trish Richter.



Warm Regards,
Rita

Oliver and Amelia

Champions' Cup Results (end of Week 3 Term 4 and progressive total)



Red (Murray) 41 points / 3330 points

Gold (Finnis) 49 points / 2992 points

Blue (Hindmarsh) 44 points / 2538 points

2022 Rotary Lottery Calendars are now on sale - please see Necia in the office

2022 Rotary Lottery Calendar






On behalf of our friends at the Rotary Club of Murray Bridge, we are selling 2022 Rotary Lottery Calendars through the school until Thursday 2nd December 2021 (sorry, we are unable to accept any orders beyond this date). Each individually numbered calendar is \$20.00 to purchase, with 50% (\$10.00) being donated back to the school, and \$10.00 going towards Rotarian Projects such as; Youth Leadership Camp Out, Going Bush with Rotary (for disadvantaged kids), Youth Exchange, Mallee Birds Project, Polio Eradication and the Rotary Health Foundation.

Lovely images are featured each month. Perhaps a timely Christmas present for family &/or friends?

Also, when you purchase a calendar, your name will go into a weekly draw (\$2 in total) for your chance to win either \$100.00, \$30.00 or \$20.00. Further details on terms & conditions of entry are detailed at the back of the calendar.

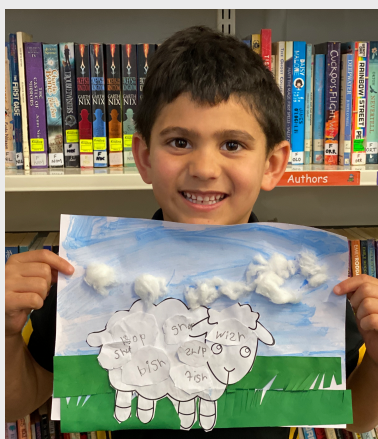
Thanks for your support!

Junior Primary Black

- 'Sh'eeep artwork by Liam

- Alliteration 'sh' Tongue Twisters



Shannon the shepherd shaped the shaky shrubs.



SAPSASA Girls Football

In Week 2, Matilda Stone and Ariel Challenger proudly represented the Murraylands in the 6/7 Girls AFL SAPSASA football carnival. They played at Barratt Reserve, West Beach and played 9 games and came away with 3 wins.

"Kita and Danielle Monjean were our two coaches and although we didn't have many trainings, they still managed to teach us different skills and prepare us for the games. Something we both really enjoyed was making new friends and becoming really close with them all. We were challenged by having to develop skills to participate in games with people who had different skills. We are both so glad we had the opportunity to go and represent our school."

Matilda & Ariel



Congratulations Matilda!

Congratulations Matilda Stone on representing Sturt Football Club in the 2021 Under 14 Intra State Championships. Matilda played 5 games over two school holiday breaks. This included training on Monday afternoons during Term 3 in Mount Barker and every second Thursday at Sturt. The team won 2 out of 5 games against South and Glenelg and lost against Norwood, Central Districts and North Adelaide. They went on to play on South, Norwood and West Torrens ovals. Matilda was the only girl in the team who came solely from playing against boys!!



Introducing SRC Leader... Ellie Pontt

As an SRC Leader, I hope to... encourage students to be themselves and support them in any way possible.

Something you don't know about me is...

I have been dancing for seven years and really enjoy the sport.

A quote I like to live my life by is... 'Every day may not be good, but there is good in every day.'

Someone I really look up to is... my Mum because... she is very hard working and is extremely caring and generous. She has also taught me to do my best and be resilient.

Above right: Ellie presenting SRC representative Oliver Carroll (Year 1) with his SRC badge

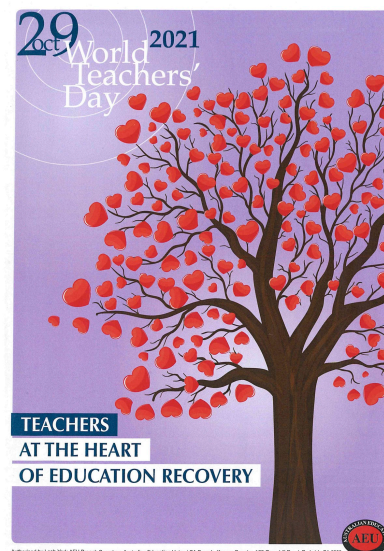


World Teachers' Day 2021

On Friday, we recognised World Teachers' Day 2021 and acknowledged the important role our teachers have played, and support given, to our students and parents this year. It is all very much appreciated.

To celebrate, this morning our SSOs provided a surprise morning tea for all staff to enjoy.

Thank you Rita, Mel, Jacob, Kerry, Kim, Jane, Renay, Hailey, Jo, Kara, Amy, Serenity and Anne. ❤️❤️



Congratulations Cass!

Congratulations to our classroom SSO **Cass Martin** on her netball achievements and recently being selected as:

. 19 and under Assistant State Coach

. Head Coach Premier League Reserves for Garville

Cass also won Academy games as Head Coach for the Murray Region.

Games were played in the October school holidays against other Academy Regions. Well done Cass!



SAPSASA Cricket

Congratulations to **Zenith Smith, Blake Kennedy, Brady Roden** and **Brandan Pahl** on being selected to represent the Murraylands in the Year 6/7 SAPSASA cricket carnival being held in Adelaide this week. Unfortunately, this year, the SAPSASA carnival fell on the same days as the Upper Primary West Beach camp. After some consideration, Zenith decided to participate in the carnival, whilst Blake, Brady and Brandan chose to attend camp. Good luck Zenith and we look forward to hearing of all your experiences boys!

Congratulations and welcome!

Congratulations to Courtney and Matt North on the safe arrival of their daughter Tyme, who was born on 4th October 2021. Tyme is a little sister to Year 3 student Oliver and Xander who starts school with us next year.

Old Scholar News

Congratulations to past student **Jack Kluske** on being part of Glenelg Football Club's League team who competed in the SANFL grand final recently. The Tigers didn't come away with a win but Jack did the Club proud. He is now in Darwin playing for St Mary's Football Club who are affiliated with the Northern Territory Football League.



* Do you have any old scholar news you would like to share? We love to follow our students' journey when they leave us, whether it be sporting or academic.

Upper Primary Black - Descriptive Writing

Cadet grey water descends down from the cascade, plummeting into the torrent below. Weaving vigorously between the trillions upon trillion of fish that are fighting against the stream, slipping against their scaly figures. Swiftly running between gibber, and gliding over the fungi covered rocks like a pool of slimy jelly. Even though the boulders may be slippery, they are even more robust, the perfect foundation to a captivating sunlit waterfall. Droplets of water repeatedly splash up onto my delicate skin, and goosebumps start to form. A shiver runs down my spine as the mist moves with the slight wind, and ever so lightly sprays onto my body.

Walnut brown trees stand together in a strong manner, proud amongst the small evergreen surrounding it. The hickory bark is old weetbix, soggy and mushy from marinating in the milk for too long. A pleasant petrichor scent wafted from the wet wood and out into the forest, filling the air after the tremendous amount of rain that fell only hours ago. Verdant green folioles sways gracefully, oscillating gently in the glacial winter's wind. Leaves move through the gentle breeze, fizzling as their bodies meet. Fronds fall freely, landing into the shrubs below, finally having their time to sit and rest on the forest floor.

An eerie 'creak' breaks through the air as my bare feet take its first steps on the aged bridge. The overpass precariously balances, and has been on the verge of toppling down into the unknown for years. Each new added weight, whether a leaf or a splash of water, keeps pulling the bridge closer to its fate. All sorts of vegetation suffocate the bridge, until every inch of it was covered, until there was nothing else left of it to be seen. It's once vibrant brown colour that was painted onto the wood has faded into a lifeless dull shade. Where it once held memories, it now only holds the fear that one day its existence will be gone.

My one and only happy place.

By Alarah

The Vast Outback

As the ghostly winds brush past the leaves, the trees sway peacefully. The lonesome logs long for rain, but as if mocking them, the clouds deny it's presence. Showing a path to a centrepiece, the massive krantz in the distance shows its glory in the chilly valley. Crumbling slowly, the few saplings show the stories of the vast grassland and how harshly they, and the few creatures there, live.

The only thing heard in the vast plain is the many tawny vultures flying above, half concealed in the towering clouds in the sky. The small bundles of grass are like mini cactuses with all of their sharp strands shaking with the gusts passing through the seemingly empty vally. And as the subtle breeze blows above the gully, the leaves sway softly above the ground in the cold winds.

As the clouds come and go in the winds, a quiet hum fills the area as the shadows settle in on the savanna. Small gaps in the blight bring light to the gloomy earth, carrying with them a joyous sense. As the sunset hits the clouds it brings out a troop of colours, introducing orange, pink and purple into the sky.

Off in the far distance stand towering cliffs, reaching out to touch the clouds. The pecan brown cliff feels the wind batter its face, watching proudly over the grounds in front of it. Each individual crag on the rough surface shows its age.

The silence of the valley and the short winds is calming, and it's nice to relax out in the wilderness.

By Braeden

SRC Second Hand Clothing

Thanks to our generous families, we have a number of preloved black and gold t-shirts, shorts, pants, jackets and jumpers available for sale. Please call into the office if you are interested in purchasing any items. Prices start at \$2.00, with proceeds going to our SRC.

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 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 (whole school)	11/11 . Remembrance Day . MPB enterprise recess (icecream in a cone) . MPG enterprise lunch (salad roll)	12/11 . School Shop	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 . White Ribbon Day . School Shop . 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 . School Shop . MFC AGM (6:00pm juniors / 7:00pm seniors) @ the MCSC	27/11 & 28/11
Week 8	29/11 . Newsletter	30/11 . School transition day (Reception to Year 6 students in next year's classes / Year 7 transition @ Murray Bridge High School)	1/12	2/12 . Year 6 transition to Murray Bridge High School	3/12 . Last School Shop for the year . From 6:00pm MCSC tea . MNLC AGM 7:00pm at the MCSC	4/12 & 5/12
Week 9	6/12	7/12 . 9:30am SRC Fun Day @ the Murray Bridge Swimming Pool	8/12 . Year 6/7 Graduation Dinner @ the MCSC	9/12 . 2:45pm school assembly outside (weather permitting) . 3:25pm dismissal	10/12 - Last day of the school year . Newsletter . 2:25pm early dismissal	11/12 & 12/12

Community News

Mypolonga Football Club

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

Mypolonga Netball League Club

AGM - Friday 3rd December 2021 @ 7:00pm at the Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club.

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