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Mypolonga Primary School &amp; Community Newsletter

**“Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement.”**

~ Helen Adams Keller was an American author, disability rights advocate, political activist and lecturer. Born in Alabama, USA she lost her sight and her hearing after a bout of illness at the age of 19 months. ~

## Term 1, Week 9 30th March 2022

### Happy Birthday...

30/3 - Soren (Year 3)  
30/3 - Finley (Reception)  
2/4 - Deniella (Year 1)  
4/4 - Taite (Year 3)  
11/4 - Riley (Year 4)  
12/4 - Kaylee (Year 3)  
12/4 - Owen (Year 2)

### Class Awards - Term 1 Week 6

#### Junior Primary Gold

**Austin Thiele** - a positive return to school and a fantastic attitude to learning.

#### Junior Primary Black

**Savana Abbondandolo** - impressive work in Maths and blending phonemes.

#### Middle Primary Gold

**Zakariyah Sumner** - outstanding start to the year and becoming an independent learner.

#### Middle Primary Black

**Aidyn** - always trying his best and persisting when tasks are difficult.

#### Upper Primary Gold

**Mila Carstairs** - being kind and helpful at all times.

**Sirat Judge** - quietly helping others and doing things without being asked.

#### Upper Primary Black

**Pippa Smith** - perseverance and dedication across all learning areas.

**Drazic Ryles** - great attitude when tackling tricky problems in Maths.

### Class Awards - Term 1 Week 7

#### Junior Primary Gold

**Harry Jamieson** - always being a keen learner and trying his best with every task.

#### Junior Primary Black

**Amitiel O'Connor** - always working hard and being respectful to her peers and teachers.

#### Middle Primary Gold

**Oliver Carroll** - for improving his listening skills and completing work.

#### Middle Primary Black

**Harry McNeilly** - always having great contributions to class discussions.

**Macie Davis** - showing persistence with her learning.

#### Upper Primary Gold

**Mia Rathjen** - always working to the best of her ability,

#### Upper Primary Black

**Samuel Castle** - dedication to learning across all areas.

## We Roar as One!

I can't believe that we are into week 9 already...The first term is flying past. It has been really pleasing to see our students' progress in their learning and interactions in the yard. We are having continued interruptions with staffing and student attendance due to illness and close contacts. Please continue to notify the school if this involves your children. If your child needs to be at home, staff are not expected to continue to provide work and we encourage all families to access the units of work at Our Learning SA <https://www.education.sa.gov.au/our-learning-sa>

It is also a legal requirement that if your child arrives at school late, or is required to leave early, that a parent/guardian sign them in/out at the front office. Please ensure that this occurs so that we know your child has arrived or has left early.

### Parent / Teacher Interviews

These have been going well over the phone and will continue until Thursday evening this week. The online information sessions for the Reception and Year 1 classes went ahead over the last two nights, thanks to those families who joined in. These have been recorded and we are working out the best way to share these with you.

### Sports' Day

Thanks to all our parents who have volunteered to assist us on Wednesday of Week 11 for our Sports' Day. With all of the interruptions that continue to happen, we are very keen to see this day go ahead. However, there has been some advice from the Department that we need to adhere to. Due to the ongoing concerns with the increase in COVID cases in the community we are having to limit the number of parents on site to just those that have already volunteered for the day. Meaning we will not be able to have any other parent, carers, spectators. We are very sorry that we are having to do this, but it is the best way to ensure the ongoing safety of our students, staff and community. With the current heightened risk, if we see an increase in cases within the school community, a final decision on postponing Sports' Day will be made next Wednesday. Thanks to Jacob and Necia for all their organisation of the day.

### Listening to Reading

Thankyou! I would like to thank all parents who continue to work with their children and school to improve their learning outcomes. We have a great history of students achieving well in reading, this is due to the encouragement of our students to read outside of school time and completing reading requirements at home. Whilst what we are doing is good, it is very important that we continue to improve what we do. I have listened to many students read over the first term of school and have noticed many small errors in their reading habits. Listening to children read 'aloud' is very important. This allows us to hear errors and assist in correcting poor reading habits. I look forward to your ongoing support with this and the further improvement in your children's learning.

### Report Folders

Traditionally, staff have sent home student report folders with samples of students work at the end of each term. We have made a decision that these will now be sent home at the end Semester One and Two. Our reporting for the end of Term 1 is through our Parent/Teacher interviews and the 'First Impressions' document that will be emailed home at the end of Term 1.

### The Advertiser Article

Mypolonga PS has once again been in the news for all the right reasons. 2021 NAPLAN results showed that our students have continued to achieve highly and show terrific growth in their learning. This growth for all children continues to be a strong focus as we work together to improve outcomes for all students.

### OLD Scholar News!

**Congratulations** to past student **Chloe Pahl** (2016) on receiving DUX of Year 12 in 2021 at Murray Bridge High School.



**Congratulations** to past student **Jack Kluske** (2011) on being part of St Mary's Football Club's League team who won their grand final on the 19th March. St Mary's is part of the Northern Territory Football League. Jack was an integral part of the premiership team kicking 3 goals and he is back playing for the Mypo Tigers in 2022.



**Congratulations** to past student **Blake Fidge** (2016) on being selected as Captain of Sturt Football Club's U18s football team this year.



*\* 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.*

### Sports' Day - Wednesday 13/4/22

Further to Sunny's information re Sports' Day on the front page of this newsletter:

. A special Sports' Day lunch order form is enclosed in this newsletter. Please return the form to the office by 3:25pm on Friday 8th April 2022, together with the correct money (cash only please).

. Later this week, we will be sending home notes to our valued volunteers as to what station they will be on for Sports' Day. We thank them for their support. Our Sports' Day could not run without them.

. We ask that all students wear a t-shirt in the colour of their house team, with black shorts / track pants.

### SRC Casual Day

Thanks to everyone for supporting last Friday's SRC Casual Day. We raised a total of \$200.00 for Milton State School in Queensland who was heavily affected by the recent floods. Students had the opportunity to wear Queensland colours or Milton State School colours; yellow, white, maroon and blue.



### School Shop / Enterprise

With ongoing COVID restrictions, we have made a decision to hopefully restart our School Shop and enterprise opportunities from the beginning of Term 2. We are hoping that restrictions will have lifted enough that we can welcome visitors back to the school in a safe manner and continue the strong learning and community that our enterprise creates.

### COVID Restrictions

A reminder that restrictions for visitors to schools are still in place and that any parents accessing the site should be wearing masks unless you have an exemption. We also ask that parents only access the site if they have a meeting, or a specific need, and as always present at the front office.

*Working Together, Sunyl Vogt*

### Soft Plastics Recycling

What is REDcycle? REDcycle is a recovery initiative for soft plastics. REDcycle collaborates with three trusted, Australian owned and based recycling and manufacturing partners who utilise recovered material to produce a range of hundreds of recycled plastic products. We have developed our own soft plastics recycling scheme at school. We are aiming to educate and encourage everyone to reduce their impact on the environment. REDUCE-REUSE-RECYCLE!



We have set up red bins for each class to recycle their soft plastics. The MP Black class has taken on the responsibility of taking the soft plastics into Murray Bridge once a week. The collection bins can be found at Coles, Woolworths or Drakes. If you would be interested in helping us with this role and going on a roster to deposit the soft plastics, please contact Kim Merritt [kim.merritt817@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:kim.merritt817@schools.sa.edu.au) or call the school.

. The REDcycle program recovers and recycles over 4 million pieces of soft plastic (bags and packaging) every week!

. REDcycle has recovered and recycled over 540 million pieces of soft plastic since 2011!. That's over 2150 tonnes of soft plastic that will never end up in landfill, on our beaches or in our waterways!

. That's the equivalent to 538 elephants (weighing 4 tonnes each)!

Pictured above is Alexis and Harry.

*Kind Regards, Kim Merritt, Amy Webb & the Middle Primary Black students*

### Pastoral Care Worker - Brock Smith

It has marked one year since my appointment as the Pastoral Care Worker of Mypolonga Primary School, and what a privilege it has been! In 2022, the school remains a vibrant community filled with respect, excellence and generosity of the highest order, reflecting the class of leadership Mr Sunyl Vogt has embodied throughout this seamless transition. I thought I would take this opportunity to remind everyone of my role in the school community and illuminate the pathways that people can use to access this support.

I am part of a wellbeing network in the schooling community that endeavours to resource students, staff and families with support in any form. The dimensions of my role include; role modelling and mentoring, social support, emotional support and spiritual support as I meticulously strive to engage with the school and wider community. This semester, I am present on school grounds each Tuesday from 8:30am to 3:30pm. On these days I am easily accessible via face to face, phone or email: [brock.smith472@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:brock.smith472@schools.sa.edu.au).

When I am not on school grounds, students or parents can either leave a message for me with Jacob Rance (Wellbeing Leader) or Necia which I will follow up on the corresponding Tuesday. A copy of the Pastoral Care worker brochure will be attached to the newsletter email link.

I look forward to talking with many of you.

*Brock Smith, Pastoral Care Worker*

This fortnight, we proudly introduce our **House Leaders** for team **Finnis**.

Charlotte



**As a Leader of my house team and SRC Leader, I hope to...** guide my team to victory on Sports' Day and win the Literacy Cup. I will also support, help and cheer on my team.

**I think a good Leader...** should be responsible, show honesty, respect and teamwork. You can't guide a team right if you don't respect each other, work with each other and be honest when you do something wrong.

Bella



**As a Leader of my house team, I hope to...** help others to achieve the best they can. I plan to support them the whole way and have them know they can count on me.

**The best thing about being a Leader is...** helping others, knowing I've played a part in supporting them with the Literacy Cup and Sports' Day.

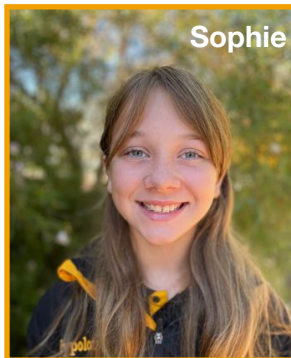
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**As a Leader of my house team, I hope to...** be a good Leader on Sports' Day, help people do their best and try their hardest.

**Someone I think is a great Leader is...** My Aunty Sara and Uncle Andrew **because...** they give me good advice and help me when I need it.

Sophie



**As a Leader of my house team, I hope to...** get my team to read at least 3 nights and ask them to try their hardest on Sports' Day.

**The best thing about being a Leader is...** I get to help kids try their best, encourage them to read and achieve their goal in life.

## HARMONY WEEK 21st - 27th March 2022

Harmony Week celebrates Australia's cultural diversity.

It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone.

### MIDDLE PRIMARY GOLD CLASS

Harmony Day artwork. Pictured right; artwork by Abby, William, Hollie and Cayce.

### MIDDLE PRIMARY BLACK CLASS

Harmony Day presented a great opportunity for us to have a discussion around diversity and inclusiveness. The aim was to share our thoughts around the purpose of the celebration and introduce some new vocabulary. We brainstormed words that we felt reflected the day and discussed their meaning. To represent this, we made lotus flowers with the words we associated with Harmony Day and what it means to us (pictured below right).

### UPPER PRIMARY GOLD CLASS

The Upper Primary GOLD class celebrated Harmony Day with a range of activities which included: Watching interviews of celebrities talking about their experiences of coming to Australia and all the opportunities they have, listening to a range of music from all over the world and chatting about the foods we get to eat. We also discussed the meaning of Harmony Day, the benefits of living in a multicultural society and what we could do to encourage respect and understanding. A few messages from students:

#### What is your cultural background?

Oliver – my Ma was born in Holland

#### What are the benefits of living in a multicultural society?

Madi S – in a multicultural society, you are always exposed to new ways of doing things

Noah – we get to eat different foods

Gibson – we get to learn more art styles

#### What everyday actions can you do to encourage respect, understanding and acceptance?

Jack – treat others how you want to be treated

Ruby – include others, don't exclude

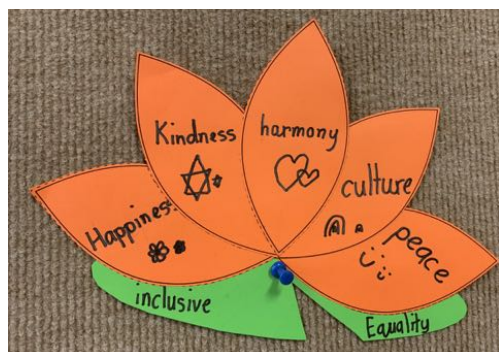
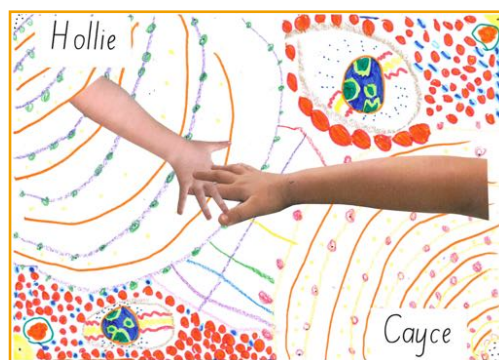
Mila – make everyone feel good about themselves

Hendrix – stand up for others

### UPPER PRIMARY BLACK CLASS

The Upper Primary Black class celebrated Harmony Day by linking it with their HASS topic around Federation. They learnt about the experiences of refugees who have come to Australia during the 20th Century.

Students shared with their peers what they had learnt and reflected on how far Australia has come to be the multicultural country we are today.





Please note the following Site Closure / Student Free Days for 2022.  
The school will be closed on these days to allow for staff learning.

**Student Free Days**

Friday 10th June 2022  
Monday 29th August 2022  
Friday 18th November 2022

**School Closure Day**

Monday 5th September 2022

The Middle Primary Black class brainstormed and came up with their personal expectations for the year.



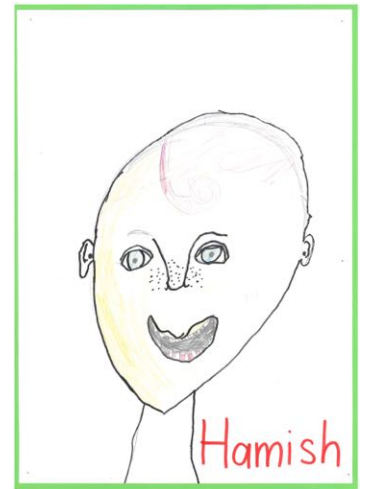
Follow classroom expectations

Show our Tiger values

Be great Leaders

Listen to others

Help others



## Planner - Term 1 2022

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

<b>Week 9</b>	<b>28/3</b> . Yrs 2-6 Parent / Teacher Interviews by phone . from 4:00pm Reception / Year 1 parent information evening (online)	<b>29/3</b> . Yrs 2-6 Parent / Teacher Interviews by phone . from 4:00pm Reception / Year 1 information evening (online)	<b>30/3</b> . Yrs 2-6 Parent / Teacher Interviews by phone	<b>31/3</b> . Yrs 2-6 Parent / Teacher Interviews by phone	<b>1/4</b> . 6:00pm MCSC Friday Night Tea	<b>2/4 &amp; 3/4</b> . 2/4 RMFL/RMNA Round 2 Tailem -v- Mypo @ Tailem
<b>Week 10</b>	<b>4/4</b>	<b>5/4</b>	<b>6/4</b>	<b>7/4</b>	<b>8/4</b>	<b>9/4 &amp; 10/4</b> . 9/4 RMFL/RMNA Round 3 Meningie -v- Mypo @ Meningie
<b>Week 11</b>	<b>11/5</b>	<b>12/4</b>	<b>13/4</b> <b>Sports' Day</b> 	<b>14/4</b> . Last day of Term 1 . Newsletter . 2:25pm early departure	<b>15/4</b> <b>Good Friday</b>	<b>16/4 &amp; 17/4</b> Easter Saturday/ Easter Sunday