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Mypolonga Primary School & Community Newsletter

Term 1, Week 7 16th March 2022

Happy Birthday...

17/3 - Ryley (Year 6)
 18/3 - Oliver (Year 2)
 22/3 - Winchester (Year 5)
 22/3 - James (Year 1)
 25/3 - Paige (Year 2)

Class Awards - Term 1 Week 5

Junior Primary Gold

Eva Perry - always showing kindness towards others and persistence in her learning.

Junior Primary Black

Nash Newman - a great attitude towards his learning and is always focussed.

Middle Primary Gold

Cayce McAllister - being an engaged learner and always giving tasks a go.

Taylor Lacey - being an engaged learner and showing great leadership qualities.

Middle Primary Black

Taite Kowald - excellent start to the year!

Michaela Hays - always having great contributions to class discussions.

Upper Primary Gold

Luke Stewart - excellent focus and engagement in Maths.

Oliver North - great contributions in class discussions.

Upper Primary Black

Charlotte Ladson - keen to be involved in any leadership opportunity.

School Fees

All students have been invoiced for their 2022 Materials & Services fees (School Fees). Annie has issued invoices to all families – thanks to those who have already paid or organised their School Card. School fees for 2022 are \$253 per student. Options to pay: cash or EFTPOS to Mypolonga Primary School front office; EFT to school bank account (details on invoice); or payment plan (please see Annie to organise this). School card applications can be processed online – check out this link for more information and to apply online:

<https://www.sa.gov.au/topics/education-and-learning/financial-help-scholarships-and-grants/school-card-scheme>

If approved, School Card covers the cost of your child's School Fees for 2022.

We Roar as One!

Over the last fortnight, I have really enjoyed getting to know a number of parents and caregivers through school and social events. Our Family Fun Night, Governing Council meeting and the amazing opening of Woodlane Orchard's Lot 23 have given me an opportunity to get to know school families and community members. These interactions have reinforced to me the passion and strength of Mypolonga, and the culture of supporting each other and working for the best interests of the community.

Family Fun Night

Our Family Fun Night held recently at Woodlane Reserve was a great evening, well supported by our families. Thanks to all families that came along at short notice to help get our school community together. I really appreciated meeting many of you and putting more faces to names that I have spoken to on the phone, or through connecting families together. Thanks to Cameron and Mari-anne Eckermann and the Mypolonga Ski Club for allowing us the use of their reserved area. Thanks also to our staff and parents who assisted with organising the evening and cooking the BBQ including; Tom Carstairs, Ben Burdett, Natasha & Rick Hollitt, Peter Angove and the Rathjen family for their donation of onions.



Governing Council AGM

Thanks to our parents and staff who came along and attended our recent AGM. It was great to be able to meet and set the plan for 2022. I look forward to working closely with our Governing Council to continue to improve the great learning that already occurs at Mypolonga Primary School.



Members: Karina Harvie, Governing Council Chairperson / Ben Burdett, Vice Governing Council Chairperson / Natasha Hollitt, Secretary / Jodie Hagger, Treasurer / Sunyl Vogt, Principal / Jo Wagenknecht and Annie Hughes, Staff Representatives / Charlotte Ladson and Mikaela Watts, SRC Representatives / Parents & Friends Representative TBA / Playgroup Representative TBA / Rebecca Hill / Tom Carstairs / Jamie Ash

Tiny Tigers

It was a fantastic turnout at our first Tiny Tigers of 2022 last Tuesday, having preschool children, parents and caregivers on site to interact and start their learning journey together. Thanks again must go to Robyn Bates and Mel Carstairs for organising and supporting this fantastic group and providing activities to support the young families in our district.

Student Free Day Learning

Yesterday, the school had its first Student Free Day of the year. Staff spent the day refining our Literacy and Numeracy Instructional routines as well as planning and tracking the curriculum to ensure we continue to provide students with the strong, viable and comprehensive curriculum that is required. Our SSOs also completed some training on how they can best support our teachers in early literacy intervention within the classroom structure. Along with this, we had the review of the Pastoral Care Worker, Brock Smith and how he is fulfilling his role within the school. It was great to be able to provide the feedback you as parents, along with students and staff had given. Brock is a great asset, and the comments of support certainly reiterated his value to the school.

Parent/ Teacher Interviews

These will take place in Week 9, which is only 2 weeks away. Your child's classroom teacher will forward you information on the booking process in the next day or so.

COVID Restrictions

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

Working together, Sunyl Vogt



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Middle Primary Gold - HASS (Humanities and Social Sciences)

During HASS lessons, the Middle Primary Gold class has been learning about the connections people have to different places either locally, in Australia or around the world. They discussed and recognised many reasons why people feel connected to certain places like traditions, fun activities, travel and family. Some places they feel connected to are their homes, Mypolonga Primary School, the river, holiday destinations and Grandparents' homes. The class chose their most favourite place of connection and expertly drew them. All places drawn had a special link to family. *Pictured right; Jordan and Isabel.*



Tiny Tigers.. back in action!

Our Sessions are held: Tuesdays from 9:00am-10:00am in the school library. Newborns to preschool children are welcome to attend. \$5.00 per term fee. Join us afterwards @ Lot 23 Cafe in Mypolonga. Please contact Necia if you would like further information.



Literacy Cup points

Each year, we have a Literacy Cup which the three house teams all compete for. This Literacy Cup is counted based on nights read by each student in the three house teams. If a student reads 3 nights they get 1 point, 5 nights means 2 points, 7 nights means they get 3 points for their team. We count these points by looking through their diary and seeing how many nights have been signed off. This makes it imperative that parents and caregivers are listening to their children read and are signing it off as well.

Those students who have read three nights during the week, get to join in our 'Positive Play' on Fridays. In this time, extra 'fun' sports equipment is available to students for the 10 minutes of positive play. The students who have not read at least three nights will have to read to their House Leaders instead during this time.

If you are unsure as to how to record your child's nights reading in their diary, please contact your child's class teacher.

Life Education

Last week, specially trained educators visited the Mypolonga Institute and presented age appropriate, curriculum based modules to our students, which focused on issues around food and nutrition, personal safety, physical activity, cyber safety, safety with medicine and legal drugs; tobacco, alcohol and caffeine.

Modules provided by Life Education are designed to help children to develop relationship skills, positive communication (both face to face and online), problem solving and decision making skills. Students are given the opportunity to develop strategies, and practice the skills required to avoid the harms associated with an unhealthy lifestyle.

Life Education has also developed online parent resources to support parents in the home. Please visit www.lifeed.org.au for further information.

Black & Gold Hair Accessories

At the beginning of week 8, (on 21st March 2022), we will be placing a hair accessories order with our supplier in Adelaide. If you are interested in purchasing any items (available for viewing in the office), please call in and see Necia. **Cash** payment is required at the time of ordering. Thank you! Pictured right is Eva wearing her headband.

- . Headbands (2.5cm wide) - \$10.00
- . Curly ribbons on clip - \$4.00
- . Curly ribbons on hair tie - \$4.00

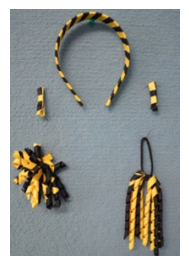
Through the newsletter, a few times a term, we will keep you updated with the Literacy Cup leaderboard...

Literacy Cup Results (end of Week 6 Term 1 and progressive total)

Red (Murray) 65 points / 232 points

Blue (Hindmarsh) 70 points / 210 points

Gold (Finnis) 63 points / 209 points



Over the next few weeks, we will be proudly introducing our **House Leaders** for 2022.

This week, we introduce and congratulate **House Leaders** for team **Hindmarsh**.



Amira

As a Leader of my house team I hope to... help my team to victory and help them with whatever they need.

I think a good leader... is honest, focused on work, tries their best and thinks of others, not just themselves.



Ryley

As a Leader of my house team, I hope to... help support my teammates to do their best.

I think a good Leader... is kind, helpful and encouraging.



Tegan

As a Leader of my house team, I hope to... learn how to be a good leader, prove to students and teachers that they can rely on me and be there to help others.

I think a good leader... is one who is a good role model for younger students. They make sure you are having a good day, and if you're having a negative day, they will try to help you.



Mikaela

As a Leader of my house team and SRC Leader, I hope to... help people do the best that they can.

Someone I think is a great leader is... my big brother Braeden **because** he's always looking out for people.

Student Representative Council 'SRC'

The SRC represents the views of the students of Mypolonga Primary School. It is an integral part of the decision-making which occurs through the school. Our SRC Co-ordinator is Jacob Rance.

Among other things, our SRC organises our annual school disco and themed Casual Days once a term to raise funds for important charities and causes. Last year, our casual days raised money for the CFS, MND Australia (motor neurone disease) and the Leukaemia Foundation. A Fun Day is also held on the last day of school to celebrate the year.

Class elections were recently held and we congratulate the following students on being elected SRC representatives for Semester 1 (pictured below right):

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| Year 6 Leaders: | Charlotte Ladson and Mikaela Watts |
| Year 5: | Samuel Castle and Scarlett Perry |
| Year 4: | Hannah Burdett and Mia Rathjen |
| Year 3: | Michaela Hays and Emily Rathjen |
| Year 2: | Oliver O'Shea-Coulter |
| Year 1: | Akim Singh |
| Reception: | Korah Adey |



Left: SRC Leaders Charlotte and Mikaela presenting Korah and Akim with their SRC badges.



Wellbeing Wonders

A common buzzword or phrase in today's society is resilience, and how can we build more resilience in our younger generation?

Resilience is the ability to 'bounce back' after challenges and tough times. Having this skill makes children develop their ability to solving problems, and learn new skills, because they are able to deal with the failures that can come with learning. In the crazy times we are currently living in, being a resilient child makes you more likely to have better physical and mental health than kids who struggle to 'bounce back.'

The article on the QR code pictured right is really succinct in describing how we can help our youth become more resilient. Along with teaching our 'TIGER' values, it is imperative that we teach building resilience in our kids so we have students who are able to 'bounce back' and deal with life's adversities.

Be Yourself, Jacob Rance, Student Wellbeing Leader





Premier's Reading Challenge

Once again, the whole school is participating in the Premier's Reading Challenge.

The Premier's Reading Challenge is a literacy engagement program that was introduced by the Premier in 2004 to:

- Encourage students to read more books and enjoy reading
- Improve literacy levels. The Challenge requires students to read 12 books between the beginning of the school year and early September.

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 9th September 2022. Please help younger students to read their library books, returning them to the Library on their borrowing day.

Planner - Term 1 2022

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 7	14/3 Public Holiday (Adelaide Cup)	15/3 Student Free Day (the school will be closed on this day)	16/3 . Newsletter	17/3 . Mypo Netball Tiger Cubs starts	18/3 . 6:00pm Mypo RSL Bingo Tea . MFC player registrations due!	19/3 & 20/3 . 19/3 MFC whole Club trial matches
Week 8	21/3	22/3	23/3	24/3	25/3	26/3 & 27/3 . 26/3 RMFL/RMNA Round 1 Mypo -v- Mannum @ Mypo incl. home match teas and Sponsors' Day
Week 9	28/3 . Newsletter	29/3	30/3	31/3	1/4 . 6:00pm MCSC Friday Night Tea	2/4 & 3/4 . 2/4 RMFL/RMNA Round 2 Taillem -v- Mypo @ Taillem
Week 10	4/4	5/4	6/4	7/4	8/4	9/4 & 10/4 . 9/4 RMFL/RMNA Round 3 Meningie -v- Mypo @ Meningie
Week 11	11/5	12/4	13/4 Sports' Day 	14/4 . Last day of Term 1 . Newsletter . 2:25pm early departure	15/4 Good Friday	16/4 & 17/4 Easter Saturday/ Easter Sunday

Community News

Mypolonga Football Club - Player Registrations are now open! A reminder that registrations are now open for all junior and senior players. Please refer to the MFC's previous Facebook posts or check out their website for details. Registrations/payment needs to be completed by Friday 18/3/22 in order for you/your child to play for the Tigers this season. Don't forget to take advantage of the \$100 Sports' voucher again this year (Reception to Year 9 students).

CONGRATULATIONS to Rochelle Klenke and Ben Nagel on the safe arrival of Charlie Renae Nagel, born on 23rd February 2022 and weighing 4070 grams. Charlie is a little sister to Oliver in Year 4, Xander in Reception and Ashton (preschool). We wish Rochelle, Ben and family every happiness during this special time.