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Mypolonga Primary School & Community Newsletter

Yesterday's the past, tomorrow's the future, but today is a gift. That's why it's called the present.

~ William Aloysius Keane, better known as Bil Keane, was an American cartoonist most notable for his work on the newspaper comic The Family Circus. It began in 1960 and continues in syndication, drawn by his son Jeff Keane. ~

Term 2, Week 2 9th May 2022

Happy Birthday...

18/5 - Jesse (Year 5)
18/5 - Brooklyn (Reception)
19/5 - Xander (Reception)
21/5 - Abby (Year 2)

Student Free Day

A reminder that **Friday 10th June 2022** (before the long weekend) is a Student Free Day. The school will be closed on this day to allow for staff training.

Attendance / Absences

Thanks to our parents/caregivers for their continued support in letting us know if their child is/will be absent from school. This information needs to be relayed by a parent or caregiver (not siblings or friends) **by 4:00pm daily**. This may be by way of a telephone call or an email (preferred method) to Necia dl.0302.admin@schools.sa.edu.au or the classroom teacher. You may also leave a voicemail message on the school's message bank during out of school hours. Presently, we also need to know if the absence is COVID related so we can record it according to Department for Education guidelines.

Families seeking extended leave (5 school days or more) ie. for family holidays must apply in writing to the school for an exemption, using the appropriate form available from the front office. Advanced notice of extended leave would be much appreciated.

Literacy Cup Results (end of Week 1 Term 2 and progressive total)

Red (Murray) 139 points / 634 points
Blue (Hindmarsh) 138 points / 592 points
Gold (Finnis) 127 points / 582 points

This Friday (13/5/22) is FriYAY!

For this term's FriYAY our SRC have decided to have an 'over the years' theme. Students can come dressed as a different point in their life eg. babies, teenagers, parents, grandparents. For FriYAYS, there is no donation needed to be sent with your child/ren.

We Roar as One!

Welcome back to Term 2; to think we are in May already... where is the year going? I hope that many of you were able to enjoy spending time with your children over the two week break. We are excited to be back, with hopefully more consistency and continuity of learning for all students. There is still some level of ill health around, particularly with the change of season. For the safety of all, we remind you that it is important to keep your children at home when unwell, and RAT test as necessary. It is also a requirement that parents/visitors to the school wear a mask when indoors, including when entering the office.

NAPLAN Testing

This week, NAPLAN testing will take place for all of our Year 3 and 5 students from Tuesday to Thursday. There will be catch up opportunities for those students who are away or unable to complete them in the allotted times. As in all learning, it is important that our children are well prepared with a good sleeping routine, healthy breakfast, snacks and lunch; this is particularly important in the week of NAPLAN assessment, as brain drain is something we wish for our students to avoid. NAPLAN assessments are a great opportunity to get a snapshot in time of where our students learning is, so that we as staff can use the information to plan and deliver their next steps in learning.

Reading at home

Last week, you will have received a note if your child had missed completing 3 nights of reading on more than two occasions over the term. Your child/ren reading aloud at home, and you listening to them, has one of the biggest effects on your child/ren's educational and life outcomes. There should be no excuses as for how important this is for our children. We hope that this report will be a reminder for all families to assist the progress of your children.

Happy Mother's Day

I hope that all our Mums had a fantastic day yesterday, spending time with their children and as a family. It is nice to recognise our Mums, not just on Mother's Day, but everyday; they do an amazing job in their support of their children. I hope that you all got to enjoy the great gifts that the students spent time making for you.

Sports' Day

Our rescheduled Sports' Day is planned for Thursday 19th May 2022. We thank you for your patience and understanding as we plan this major event. We are doing everything in our control to ensure the day can go ahead with the presence of parents and supporters. Thanks to those volunteers who have been flexible and supportive in our change of date and who will be able to assist us on the day. We look forward to having a great day of competition and support for the students.

*Working together,
Sunyl Vogt*



Class Awards - Term 2 Week 1

Junior Primary Gold

Akim Singh - being a focused learner and a kind and inclusive friend.

Junior Primary Black

Harry Jamieson - being a risk taker and keen learner.

Middle Primary Gold

Jordan Pope - always putting in 100% with learning tasks.

Vann Ryles - making positive steps with reading.

Middle Primary Black

Felix Patriitti / Scarlett Carstairs - returning to school with a positive and focussed attitude and learning mindset.

Upper Primary Gold

Luke Stewart - a very caring class member who supports his peers.

Madi Brouwer - always engaged in learning and gives 100%.

Upper Primary Black

Mikaela Watts - enthusiasm across all learning areas and helping classmates.

Jackson Lear - improved focus and effort in TEEL writing.

National Walk Safely to School Day - Friday 20th May 2022

On Friday 20th May 2022 we will be participating in National Walk Safely to School Day. This national initiative aims to encourage children to lead a healthier, more active lifestyle by simply including a walk in their day. The event also promotes reduced car-dependency, greater use of public transport, cleaner air, improved diets and road safety to primary school children across Australia.

As it is difficult for us to walk to school, we are hoping to take our students out of school grounds to look at local landmarks and learn about the history of Mypolonga along 'Mypolonga's Discovery Trail'. You may have noticed some signs outside landmarks such as the school and Mypolonga Institute.

As we are now required to have parent consent for all activities held out of school grounds (even in Mypolonga), a consent form will be sent home soon, which we kindly ask you to return as soon as possible.

To run this event, we require approximately nine parents/family members to walk with us to meet student/adult ratio. If you are able to join us, we would love to hear from you! Just let Jacob Rance know of your availability by email jacob.rance149@schools.sa.edu.au or telephone Necia on 85354191 by this Friday 13/5/22.

Thanks!

Wellbeing Wonders

A big focus that we have had at Mypolonga since 2020 is incorporating the 'GEM' principles into our school. These letters stand for gratitude, empathy and mindfulness and how we can all incorporate these principles into our own lives better.

Gratitude defined simply is being thankful for what you have and not worrying about what you don't have. Positive psychology research has shown that gratitude is consistently associated with greater happiness. It has a number of benefits including: more positive emotions, improved health, stronger resilience, and are able to build deeper and stronger relationships.

There are many ways you can practice gratitude. One such way is having a gratitude journal where every night you can write three things that went well for you that day. A study by University of Massachusetts in 2015 found that having such a journal made you 3 times more likely to notice positives in your own world. Another way that we have been trying is writing down people we are grateful for and telling them why we are grateful for that person in our life.

In these crazy times where we are constantly surrounded by negative news, showing gratitude can be a great way to rewire our brains to look for positives.

Be yourself, Jacob Rance

Governing Council Capers

The Governing Council AGM was held in the middle of Term 1. We had a fantastic turn out of parents and staff. Thankyou to all who were able to attend and to everyone nominated for a position. Congratulations to all elected members new and continuing:

Chairperson: Karina Harvie

Vice Chairperson: Ben Burdett

Treasurer: Jodie Hagger

Secretary: Natasha Hollitt

Tiny Tigers Rep: Mel Carstairs

Committee: Rebecca Hill, Tom Carstairs and Jamie Ash

Staff Reps: Sunny Vogt, Jo Wagenknecht, Annie Hughes

Student Reps: Mikaela Watts, Charlotte Ladson

Peta Pahl and Bronwyne Schubert elected to not continue on the Council and we thank them kindly for their contributions during their time involved.

The Finance Committee meet on a Monday evening twice a term for 30 minutes and we would love to have a few more members. It's a great opportunity for parents to provide their thoughts and insights on school financial matters. If you would like more information, or to nominate, please contact Annie Hughes.

Governing Council and the school community have welcomed our new Principal Sunyl "Sunny" Vogt to the school. We are looking forward to working alongside him and we have enjoyed listening to his vision and learning goals for the school. This year, will see some exciting new ways of learning for our children (and teachers).

We will be profiling our council members in an upcoming newsletter as a way of you getting to know us a little better. As always, please feel free to reach out to us with any questions.

Regards, Karina Harvie, Governing Council Chairperson

Murray Bridge High School - Introduction to High School Sessions

Year 6 students and families.. a reminder that you are invited to Murray Bridge High School's 'Introduction to High School' sessions in the new Sturt Building. Sessions are repeated, so please attend on your preferred date:

Monday 9th May 2022 @ 6:00pm
Wednesday 18th May 2022 @ 5:30pm
Tuesday 24th May 2022 @ 5:00pm

Mothers Day

We hope all Mums had a great day and loved receiving their handcrafted and 'made with love' gifts for Mother's Day.

Junior Primary Gold - Junior Primary Gold students grew their own plants and decorated a pot for their Mum. A handmade and handwritten card also went home with special messages inside. Pictured right, Xanthe, Oliver and Brooklyn.

Junior Primary Black - Students in the Junior Primary Black class gave their mums a plant (either tomato, snow pea or lettuce), which they grew during the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program last term. They decorated the outside of the pot and also made a beautiful card. Pictured right, Charlotte and Max.

Middle Primary Gold - Middle Primary Gold students created cards for their beau 'tea' ful, 'tea' rific mums. Students also made a 'Mum, let's hang out' bookmark with a weaved, woollen heart. Pictured right, Paige and Ollie.

Middle Primary Black - Last week, our Year 3/4 students learnt about some of the threatened plants and animals in our region. Julie Schofield from the Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board gave an engaging 'Precious Plants for Special People' presentation. Students played a habitat game highlighting the importance of keeping habitat and places for our native plants and animals to live. One of the plant species the students learnt about was the nationally vulnerable Silver Daisy and how to look after them. There are only 3000 of these plants left in the region, these plants are found also in Victoria and New South Wales. Students found out what causes these species to decline and how we can help them. Just in time for Mother's Day, the education team provided a threatened Silver Daisy plant for students to gift wrap and take home for someone special. Pictured below, Taite and Gracie.

Upper Primary Unit - Students had fun writing a special message to their Mums on blackboards and then capturing these in fun poses on camera. We are sure their Mums will love how they put this keepsake together. Pictured below, artwork by Lainie and Azalea.



"A mother's hug lasts long after she lets go." - Unknown

Happy Mother's Day 2022



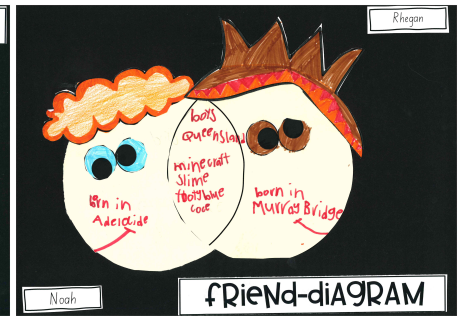
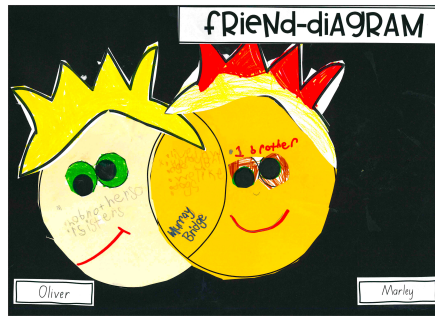
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Junior Primary Black - Friend Venn Diagrams

A Venn diagram is a visual tool used to compare and contrast two or more objects, events, people or concepts. Students in the Junior Primary Black class recently paired and listed the things that were different and similar to each other.

Pictured right are diagrams by Oliver, Marley, Noah and Rhegan.



Planner - Term 2 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 2	9/5 . Newsletter . 6:00pm Introduction to High School @ MBHS	10/5 . NAPLAN	11/5 . NAPLAN . SANFL clinic (whole school)	12/5 . NAPLAN	13/5 . FriYAY! . NAPLAN catchup	14/5 & 15/5 . 14/5 RMFL/RMNA Round 7 Jervois -v- Mypo @ Jervois
Week 3	16/5 . Finance committee meeting 7:00pm . Governing Council meeting 7:30pm	17/5 . 9:00am Tiny Tigers' sessions commence for Term 2	18/5 . 5:30pm Introduction to High School @ MBHS	19/5 Sports' Day 	20/5 . Walk to School Day . 6:00pm Mypo RSL Bingo Tea	21/5 & 22/5 . 21/5 RMFL/RMNA Round 8 Mypo -v- Tailam @ Mypo incl. 'Holey Moley Golf Night'
Week 4	23/5 . Newsletter	24/5 . 9:00am Tiny Tigers . 10:00am Lot 23 Australia's Biggest Morning Tea	25/5	26/5	27/5	28/5 & 29/5 . 28/5 RMFL/RMNA Round 9 Rambler -v- Mypo @ Rambler

Mypolonga Football & Netball Clubs - Social Calendar

An updated Mypolonga Football & Netball Club social calendar is out!

A Trivia Night has now been added, to be held on Saturday 30th July 2022! Tell your friends and organise a table! The annual and much anticipated Junior Disco is also being held on 9th July 2022. This is always a favourite with our younger students.

After a couple of years of cancelled events, the Clubs are keen to get back into the social side of things with their teammates, club members, supporters and community members. If you have any queries, please contact a football or netball committee member or Necia or Hailey at the school.

Lot 23 - Events

Our friends at Lot 23 (Mypolonga) have social events taking place. Follow them on Facebook to learn more about 'BBQ & Bevy Mens Day', Sunday 26th June 2022.

They are also holding an 'Australia's Biggest Morning Tea' to support the Cancer Council on Tuesday 24th May 2022 from 10:00am. Bookings for this would be preferred; 0410041222 or email lot23mypo@gmail.com. This will tie in nicely with our Tiny Tigers' session on this day!

MYPOLONGA FC & NC

2022 Social Calendar

26 mar
ROUND 1
Sponsors Day

30 apr
ROUND 5
Player Auction

07 may
ROUND 6
Comedian & Cocktail

21 may
ROUND 8
Holey Moley Golf Night

25 june
ROUND 12
Tiger Ball

09 jul
ROUND 14
Junior Disco

30 jul
ROUND 16
Trivia Night

20 aug
ROUND 19
Ladies Day



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