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Mypolonga Primary School & Community Newsletter

"When you decide to collect experiences rather than things, you never run out of storage space."

~ Joshua Becker is an American writer, philanthropist and best-selling author of *The More of Less* and *The Minimalist Home*. ~

Term 2, Week 10 8th July 2022

Happy Birthday...

10/7 - Akim (Year 1)
 12/7 - Taylor (Year 2)
 12/7 - Oliver (Reception)
 13/7 - Pippa (Year 6)
 13/7 - Aurora-Mae (Year 1)
 14/7 - Charlotte P (Year 6)
 16/7 - Indianna (Reception)
 24/7 - Tully (Reception)
 26/7 - Madison B (Year 4)
 26/7 - Rhegan (Reception)
 29/7 - Amitiel (Year 1)
 30/7 - Tayla (Year 4)
 1/8 - Ruby (Year 4)

School hats

Upon our return from holidays (and in accordance with our SunSmart policy), students will be required to wear their school hats for all outdoor activities. This follows guidelines in Cancer Council's recommendations about balancing the harms and benefits of sun exposure. If you haven't already, we kindly ask that hats be returned to school (**washed and labelled**) by Tuesday 26th July 2022 (Week 1 Term 3). If your child is requiring a new bucket hat for next term, they can be purchased from the office for \$7.70.

Drink bottles

Today, we have sent home all drink bottles to be washed over the holidays. When returned, please ensure the bottles (and any containers) are labelled using a permanent marker with your child's name on it. No glass bottles please.

Term 3 Student Free / School Closure Day

Please note the following student free day and school closure day in Term 3:

Friday 2nd September 2022 - Student Free Day

Monday 5th September 2022 - School Closure Day

Literacy Cup Results (end of Week 9 Term 2 and progressive total)

Red (Murray) 90 points / 1096 points
Blue (Hindmarsh) 61 points / 1043 points
Gold (Finnis) 63 points / 974 points

We Roar as One!

Just like that, we are at the end of Term 2. Another great term of learning and working together. As noted below, there will be a slight change in the Middle Primary Black class next term.

Middle Primary Black Class

At the end of this term, we farewell Kim Merritt as she goes on maternity leave. We wish Kim and her family well as they gain another member, sometime in the near future. Thanks Kim, for your commitment to the school for the first six months of the year, and we hope you enjoy spending time getting to know your new addition.

With this exciting news, we are pleased to announce that Amy Webb will be stepping up and taking on the Middle Primary Black class in a full-time capacity for the remainder of the year. This will be fantastic for the students continuity of learning and wellbeing in the class.

Student Afternoon Pick up

Afternoon pickup can be tricky, and we continue to do our best to manage safety of all students as they make their way to their afternoon transport. To assist us keep all children safe, we ask that all students only exit the school by two designated gates. The main entrance on Williams Street, where the children's crossing is located and the middle gate on North Bokara Road. These are the gates that are supervised by a teacher on duty and clearly visible for the safety of all students. Once students have left the school grounds with the adult transporting them home, they are then under their duty of care.

Student Reports

Yesterday, you should have received your child/ren's reports. I hope that you can take the time to go through the reports with your children individually and talk about their results and how they are feeling about their learning. These conversations can help your understanding of how they are going, and what they are learning. It might also give you an idea of what you could do at home to help them, through playing games with words or numbers. An important aspect of the report to look at is the effort that your child/ren is putting in. This is one area that the student is in complete control of, and it is hard for students to achieve their best if their effort is not high.

TIGER Values

Over the last fortnight, we have had significant absences across the school of both staff and students. The second half of last week there were many staffing challenges faced. I would like to acknowledge the amazing efforts of all staff, those that stepped in to lend a hand and run the classes, as well as those that helped remotely in planning and organising while at home unwell. It exemplified the Teamwork that we strive to instil in our students, with everyone playing their part to assist in the continued learning of all students.

I hope that all students, staff and families enjoy the next fortnight, spending time with each other and having a well-earned break. I look forward to picking up and continuing the learning with you again in Term 3.

As always, my door is open and I look forward to hearing your thoughts on ways that we can improve what we do here at Mypolonga Primary School. Feel free to send me an email, or make a time to meet with me.

*Working together,
 Sunyl Vogt*



Class Awards - Term 2 Week 8

Junior Primary Gold

Legion - always trying his best in his learning.

Xanthe Carstairs - impressive improvement in her writing and spelling.

Junior Primary Black

Marley Smith - being a focused learner.

Middle Primary Gold

Charlie Rohde - showing enthusiasm about the new maths strategies and completing extra tasks at home.

Zakariyah Sumner - always trying her best when learning new topics.

Middle Primary Black

Harry McNeilly - showing focus and engagement during spelling activities.

Upper Primary Gold

Gibson Sharrad - a very observant, clever and helpful student.

Azalea Baker - going out of her way to help others and her teacher.

Upper Primary Black

Jesse Squire - creativity and a brilliant presentation in Surprise Me.

Charlotte Pahl - working to a consistently high standard in all areas.



Support MYPOLONGA by voting for it to be one of the 2022 Agricultural Town of the Year finalists. You can vote until Monday 25 July 2022.

Just click on the link below, scroll to 'Mypolonga' and submit your vote!

Mypolonga needs to get into the TOP 5 with votes to make it through to the final.

Thanks for your support!

<https://solsticemedia.com.au/south-australian.../>

SRC Casual Day ~ supporting Backpacks 4 SA Kids

Thanks to everyone who supported our recent SRC Casual Day in support of Backpacks 4 SA Kids. A total of \$140.00 was raised to support this great organisation which provides resources that contribute to the care, safety and wellbeing of children and young people during periods of dislocation from home and routine care. For further information, please visit <http://backpacks4sakids.org/>. You may also like to follow them on Facebook and Instagram.



Caine's Arcade

There was a buzz of excitement at lunchtime recently when Upper Primary Gold students opened 'Caine's Arcade' for their fellow students.

Their design and technology unit was based around the story of a 9 year old boy called Caine from the United States who created arcade games out of cardboard boxes. They used this 11 minute documentary as inspiration to design and make their own arcade games. What an amazing success! To say their teacher Mrs Daniel was proud of them is an understatement.

Every child showed such enthusiasm and commitment to making their own design a success.

Google 'Caines Arcade' to watch this short film, it's amazing!



St John Online Fact Sheets

St John online fact sheets are a guide to basic first aid procedures. They are regularly updated and align with the current edition of Australian First Aid (4th edition, 7/2011).



Click on the link below to view each fact sheet.
<https://www.stjohnsa.com.au/resources/first-aid-facts>

Junior Primary Gold - Claude Monet artwork

Claude Monet (1840-1926) was a French painter and founder of impressionist painting who is seen as a key precursor to modernism, especially in his attempts to paint nature as he perceived it. With Mrs Lienert, our Junior Primary Gold students had a go at creating their own Claude Monet artwork of the famous Japanese Foot Bridge and some 3D Water Lillies.



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Term 3 Class Enterprise Recess and Lunch

Thanks to everyone for supporting this term's class enterprise recess and lunch program.

Next term's menu will consist of pasta and cinnamon doughnuts! This will commence in Week 2, with a note being sent home in Week 1.



SAPSASA Netball

Congratulations to our 6 students who participated in the SAPSASA Netball carnival held in Adelaide last week. The carnival went for three days and two teams from the Murraylands participated.



Students who participated in the Division 1 team included Lainie (Year 5) and Charlie (Year 6). They won 4 games.

Sarscha (Year 6), Makayla (Year 6), Scarlett (Year 5) and Charlotte (Year 6) participated in the Division 2 team. They won 5 games.

The girls played against Mid North, Upper South East, Southern Yorke Peninsula, Kangaroo Island, Western Eyre Peninsula, Gawler, Goolwa and Pirie District.

The girls returned to school late last week telling us they loved their experience and had lots of fun. Their favourite part was meeting lots of new people.



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.

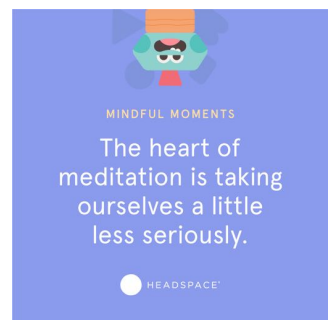
This week, I am going to place a focus on The 'M' which stands for mindfulness. Mindfulness is the basic human ability to be fully present, aware of where we are and what we're doing, not over react or feel overwhelmed by what's going on around us.

There are many benefits to practising mindfulness including: reduced stress, enhanced performance, increased attention to others well-being and increased happiness and ability to stay calm.

With the creation of phones and social media platforms, one of the hardest things in my life has been staying fully present without looking at my phone. I have found I have had far deeper conversations with people when I don't bring my phone with me.

In class, we have been talking about different ways we like practising mindfulness at school and at home. These have included going for a walk, listening to music, meditating, kicking a football and many more. Have a go and see if it helps you like it has helped me and some of our students.

*Be yourself,
 Jacob Rance, Student Wellbeing Leader*



Kiwanis Club of Murray Bridge Terrific Kids for Term 2 2022

CONGRATULATIONS to the following students on receiving a Kiwanis Club of Murray Bridge 'Terrific Kids' award for Term 2 2022. These awards are presented to students in Terms 2 and 4 who live our TIGER values.



Junior Primary Gold
Brooklyn Lockett

Junior Primary Black

Aisha Krueger

Middle Primary Gold

Imogen Martin

Middle Primary Black

Zara Hagger

Upper Primary Gold

Pheobe Burnell

Upper Primary Black

Willow Cazzolato



Introducing.. Sunyl Vogt

Role at Mypolonga Primary School... Principal

Why do you like working with children... I love to see students be the best versions of themselves. Everyone has their own skills that need developing to achieve this in different ways.

Favourite school memory: Performing in school musical at high school.

What do you love about Mypolonga Primary School?...

Students that are willing to learn, support and challenge each other to be better. Staff that take great pride in their work and endeavour to offer the best learning for students. The parents and strong sense of community that work together and support each other.



What goals do you have for 2022?...

- . To make the move to Mypolonga work for the school and our family.
- . To work in with the staff and community of Mypolonga, before building in small ways that we can improve outcomes for students, school and community.

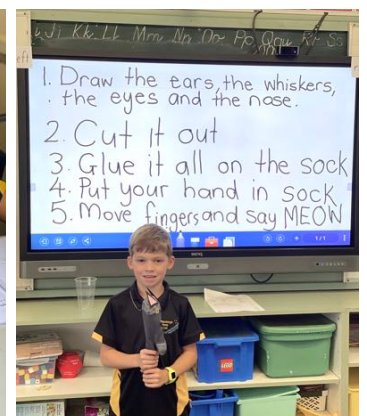
Junior Primary Discovery Time - Rainbows

In discovery time with Mrs Lienert and Mrs Stone, Junior Primary students recently created their own rainbows using nature. Groups of 4 participated in this activity after they had seen lots of rainbows in the sky! After they drew rainbow outlines on brown paper, they collected natural objects from around the yard to fill the rainbow arches.



Junior Primary Procedure Writing - Cat Sock Puppets

Following their learning of the genre 'procedure writing', Junior Primary students followed steps they had written to create their own cat out of a sock.





Student of the Term

Term 2 2022

Upper Primary Black

Bella Pope

Upper Primary Gold

Azalea Baker

Middle Primary Black

Emily Rathjen

Middle Primary Gold

Abby Peacock

Junior Primary Black

Harry Jamieson

Junior Primary Gold

Ruby Lear

CONGRATULATIONS TO
ALL OUR AWARD
RECIPIENTS!

Our Students of the Term
receive a \$15.00 Big W Gift
Card

Most Improved Student of the Term

Term 2 2022

Upper Primary Black

Sarscha McDougall

Upper Primary Gold

Joel Smart

Middle Primary Black

Scarlett Carstairs

Middle Primary Gold

Taylor Lacey

Junior Primary Black

Aurora-Mae Cassidy

Junior Primary Gold

Xander North

SCHOOL SHOP

How did the Shop start?

When the Post Office opposite the school became vacant in 1996, a student (Stephanie Fulwood, student Scarlett's aunty) suggested we convert it into a shop. From humble beginnings, and now on school grounds, a bus load of tourists from the Proud Mary visits the School Shop every Friday, as part of their weekly itinerary. In the past, we have had visits from a variety of community groups ie. Rotary and Probus.

How are students assessed?

Each rotation has criteria for assessment, which are documented in our shop assessment books. Excellence is an expectation, and is the only assessment that counts. 'OK isn't excellent!' After 15 excellents, we achieve 'Quality Assurance' which means we can assess our peers.

How are profits spent?

The student led Shop Committee (Shop Leaders Sophie & Samuel) makes decisions on how profits are spent.

There are two criteria:

1. Improve our business - we bought a dishwasher to wash lemonade cups.
2. Improve our learning - we bought art supplies for our school.

Classes also use their profits to subsidise camps and excursions.

Rotations

Each week, our Year 6 students rotate through different activities; inside counter, outside counter, reconciliation board; visitor's book, chocolate coating, bagging apricots, door, map, garden, lemonade, greeting visitors and supervision of younger students.

Feedback

We regularly receive feedback from our visitors, whether it be through our Visitor's book, post or email. This week, we received a journal from the Little Bay Apartments 'LBA' group, highlighting their visit to our school whilst on the Proud Mary. "The consensus is that this (visiting the school) was the major highlight of the whole trip. Pauline Johnson reports 'On our last day on the Murray River trip we were taken by the Proud Mary coach to Mypolonga Primary School. We were to be there for an hour and we did not know what a surprise experience this visit would be for us... Mikaela (Year 6) and Seth (Year 5), explained all the data to us - amazing!!...'"



CLASS ENTERPRISE PROGRAMS

As part of their enterprise education program, students from all classes design and make items to sell on the outside counter of our School Shop.

In this fortnight's newsletter, we would like to showcase items from all classes, which make great, small gift ideas. School families and community members are more than welcome to purchase items by calling into the office or by visiting the school shop during rotation time (Fridays 12:00pm-12:45pm), when the Proud Mary visits us. Please call first to make sure COVID restrictions aren't in place at the time.

Balancing the Books

We are responsible for the financial management of the Shop. Local craftspeople place goods for sale on consignment and we retain 20% commission. When the tour group leaves, we count all the money and make sure that the goods sold balances with the money taken. At the end of each term, we calculate each consignor's sales and take off our commission, which is our profit. Initially, all calculations are made using pen and paper, then a calculator, and then a spreadsheet. Pre COVID, we were turning over \$18,000 per annum and made around \$6,000 profit. We complete a Certificate of Financial Management.

Upper Primary unit -

Chocolate Coated apricots \$3.00 / Chocolate Coated apricots with almond \$1.00 / Pens \$3.00 / Greeting cards \$1.00 / Lemonade .50c

Upper Primary students chocolate dip, bag and sell apricots on the outside counter. They also sell MPS personalised pens and greeting cards with unique images on the front of the blank card.

Middle Primary unit -

Recipe books \$5.00 / Bag Tags \$2.00

A range of recipe books are sold by the Middle Primary students. True and tried recipes are brought in from home and recipe themes have included; Winter Warmers, BBQ Salads and Starters and Food from Around the World. In the past, when a new recipe book was created, a book launch was held, with students and parent volunteers making some of the recipes for our tourists to try. Call in and view our entire recipe book collection!

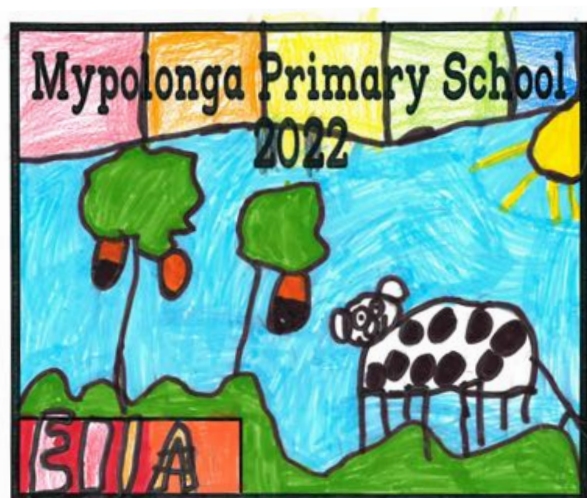
We also sell bag tags! Students are asked to draw something on their bag tag which reflects the Mypolonga area and school.

Junior Primary unit -

Notepads \$3.00 / Bookmarks \$2.00

Junior Primary notebooks have individual designs on the front cover, contain recycled paper and have a magnet on the inside front cover so you can use it as a fridge magnet once all the pages have been removed.

Students also individually design their bookmarks, which are then laminated and hole punched to allow for a woollen tassel to be attached.



Planner - Term 3 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

Week 1	25/7	26/7 . 9:00am Tiny Tigers	27/7	28/7	29/7	30/7 & 31/7 . 30/7 RMFL/ RMNA Round 16 Mypo -v- Ramblers (Back to Mypo & caravan opening day) inc. teas
Week 2	1/8 . RSPCA visit (whole school) . Newsletter . 5:00pm MBHS second Principal tour	2/8 . 9:00am Tiny Tigers	3/8 . MP unit enterprise lunch (pasta)	4/8 . JP unit enterprise recess (cinnamon doughnuts)	5/8 . From 6:00pm MCSC Friday night tea	6/8 & 7/8 . 6/8 RMFL/ RMNA Round 17 - Mypolonga bye
Week 3	8/8 . Dentist presentation (whole school) . 7:00pm Finance committee meeting . 7:30pm Governing Council meeting	9/8 . 9:00am Tiny Tigers	10/8 . MP unit enterprise lunch (pasta) . 9:30am MBHS third Principal tour	11/8 . JP unit enterprise recess (cinnamon doughnuts)	12/8	13/8 & 14/8 . 13/8 RMFL/ RMNA Round 18 Meningie -v- Mypo @ Meningie

Holiday ideas

Inexpensive and fun ideas for kids to do in the holidays. Time is precious and kids LOVE time with you!

- . Go camping in the backyard, or even just the lounge room
- . Have a movie day if you don't want to head outside
- . Plant a veggie patch
- . Pack up the kids and head to a place you haven't been before...new park, a waterfall (Mannum), a walking track...there are so many new ones to explore now.
- . Head to the museum or the art gallery
- . Go to the park and have a picnic...get the kids to plan the lunch
- . Do some art together, Pinterest is excellent for various ideas
- . Grab some binoculars and go birdwatching
- . Invite friends over and have a games day
- . Have a fashion show... might be a good way to sort out the clothes at the same time!
- . Have a tea party
- . Go fishing
- . Make a photobook online...Photobookshop and Snapfish are a couple of staff favourites and there are always great sales on!
- . Head to the zoo, Monarto or Adelaide
- . Have a cooking day!
- . Visit kidsinadelaide.com.au for more ideas!



It really doesn't matter what you choose to do, as long as you do it together.

The Mypo Tigers Junior disco is back! - THIS Saturday 9th July 2022

Bring all of your little tigers along for two hours of music, games, and fun! The disco will kick off from 4pm at the Mypo Combined Sports Club, and run through until 6pm when speeches / tea service begins.

Activities on the night include:

* 2hrs of non-stop kids music / Smoke machines and flashing lights / Games (ie. musical statues, musical chairs, donut eating competitions and more) / Ice-cream parlour / lolly bags & more!

* Event is free / All kids ages welcome / Dress ups optional

There will also be the regular dinner service from 6.20pm onwards at the Club, so if the kiddos still have the energy, hang around for dinner and more dancing afterwards.



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