

# MYPO NEWS

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Mypolonga Primary School &amp; Community Newsletter

**"The best way to predict your future is to create it."**

~ **Abraham Lincoln** (12 February, 1809 – 15 April, 1865) was an American lawyer and statesman who served as the 16th president of the United States from 1861 until his assassination in 1865. Lincoln led the nation through the American Civil War and succeeded in preserving the Union, abolishing slavery, bolstering the federal government, and modernising the U.S. economy. ~

## Term 3, Week 4 15th August 2022

### Happy Birthday...

18/8 - Xanthe (Reception)

22/8 - Alexis (Year 3)

26/8 - Luke P (Year 5)

### 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**

### Thank you!

Thank you to all our wonderful parents for keeping us notified daily of any student absences. Not having to chase up absences saves so much administration time and is very much appreciated!

### SA Ag Town of the Year - Congratulations Mypolonga!

With everyone's support & vote, Mypolonga's nomination is one of the 5 finalists in 2022, culminating with judging later in September! Congratulations to all involved! #myposmallbutmighty

**#MypoSmallbutMighty**

**2022 SOUTH AUSTRALIAN AGRICULTURAL TOWN of the YEAR**

We request **YOUR** company and contribution at a **Community Meeting** Combined Sports Club (MCSC) **4.00pm - 5.15pm Sunday August 21<sup>st</sup>**

**#MypoSmallbutMighty**

As a Community, we need to formulate our response to 5 questions & make plans for a video & Judges visit in mid to late Sept

Love to see **YOU** at the meeting **#MypoSmallbutMighty**

Thank YOU. Mypolonga Progress Assoc.

Murray Bridge Government of South Australia Department of Primary Industries and Regions

## We Roar as One!

The beginning of Term 3 has continued to be interrupted with various absences of staff and students predominantly due to cold and flu. Thanks to you all for your understanding and continued communication of absences with the school.

### Striving for Excellence

Excellence is one of our TIGER values, and one that we often think of with achievement in schoolwork; however, we can also be an excellent friend. To have strong friendships, we must firstly be an excellent friend. In many friendship issues that we have at school, we have children more concerned with what other children are doing and not taking responsibility for their own actions.

As individuals, we can only control ourselves, we have no control over other people. 'I cannot make people want to play with me, but if I am an excellent friend, others will want to play with me.'

If your child comes home with friendship issues, a good point to start a conversation is asking them if they were being a good friend. Hopefully, a conversation can then be had about what an excellent friend is, and we can keep improving our relationships with others.

### Afternoon Pickup

A note was sent home last week clarifying the need for care around afternoon pickup times. Your support in ensuring everyone uses the requested gates and the pedestrian crossing after school is appreciated.

### Working Together

I have taken to signing off my newsletter with 'working together'. I have chosen this because I want to have open conversations with all stakeholders of the school, to add value and continue to strive for Mypolonga to be at its best. There is a lot for me still to learn about the strengths and areas for improvement, both about the school and about myself in leadership. Some of these conversations will be difficult, some will be emotional and some will need to be ongoing.

If you are not feeling comfortable yet to make an appointment with me, or email me, then please take the opportunity to complete the Parent Opinion Survey with constructive feedback regarding your concerns. It is a way you can share your thoughts anonymously.

### Parent Opinion Surveys Reminder

You're invited to complete the 2022 annual parent survey, which is now open. You should have received an email or SMS from the Parent Survey Team with a unique link to participate in the survey. If you did not receive an email or SMS with your unique survey link, contact [education.ParentSurvey@sa.gov.au](mailto:education.ParentSurvey@sa.gov.au) and include our school's name in your email. The survey takes less than 10 minutes and will help us understand; what we're doing well, where we can improve, what's important to you.

It has been coordinated centrally so that added administration workload isn't placed on the school. Your answers will not identify you or your child. Only collated feedback will be provided to our school. Information collected will inform school improvement planning and activities at the school. The survey closes 5pm Sunday 28 August 2022.

Working together,  
Sunyl Vogt



Government of South Australia  
Department for Education

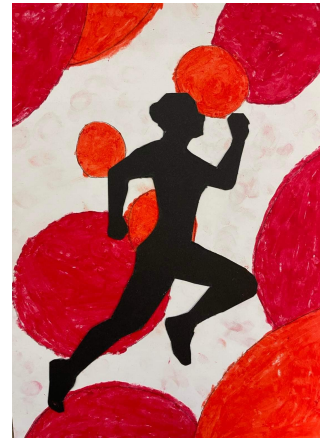
## Wellbeing Wonders

Hello parents and caregivers. For my wellbeing article today, I am taking a different route to practice gratitude with you all by saying 3 things I was grateful for this last fortnight.

1. The day we had in the Upper Unit recently celebrating the Commonwealth Games Day with the kids. It was so awesome seeing them work together as a team for a common goal. It was honestly one of my favourite days of teaching.
2. The amount of volunteers we have for our Master class sessions. It really has shown how amazing our community is and the amount of support I get from you, our parents. It is mind-blowing! I am so grateful for people willing to give up their time to make an amazing thing happen in our school. I couldn't be more thankful for the help.
3. Lastly, your amazing kids, the students of Mypolonga Primary. I am so fortunate to have ended up in this school with kids who are passionate about their learning. They are great students, but more important, great people. It is so enjoyable seeing them grow daily.

It is an honour and a privilege to be a teacher and Well-being Leader at this great school. If you ever need me to help your kids out with any issues at school, please feel free to contact me or have your child talk to me.

*Be yourself, Jacob Rance, Well-being Leader*

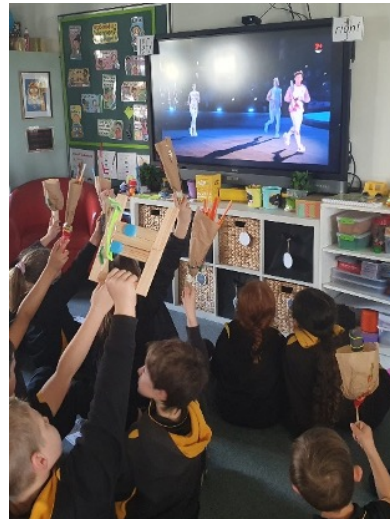
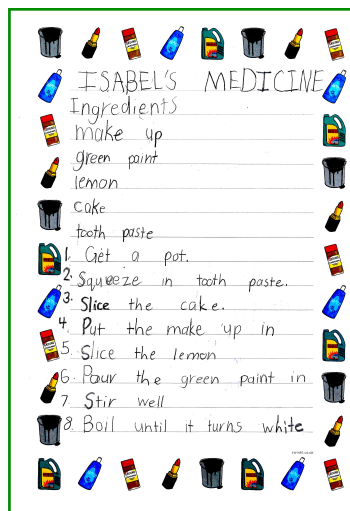


Commonwealth Games artwork by Zara

## What's been happening in the Middle Primary Gold class?...

Middle Primary Gold students have had a busy start to the term! We completed reading our Roald Dahl novel 'George's Marvellous Medicine'. For procedure writing, students decided on five interesting ingredients to create their very own 'Marvellous Medicine'. Some decided to write recipes for nasty potions, while others chose happy medicines. Students also drew and labelled their ingredients on a bottle.

With the **Commonwealth Games** starting, students studied The Queen's Baton. They designed and then created their own baton, using a variety of items, including wood, pipe cleaners, plastic straws, paper and balloons. While watching a replay of the Opening Ceremony, the class held their batons high. Another highlight, was watching some events, especially Murray Bridge born Alex Wilson, who played in the 3x3 basketball games!



## RSPCA Visit

Recently, Vicki from the RSPCA visited our school and ran individual presentations for our class units. Our students learnt how to care for animals, including:

- . Understanding that all animals have feelings;
- . Learning about the 5 freedoms, the basic needs that all animals deserve;
- . What they do at the RSPCA

All students were given a sticker with a link to a great website [kids.rspca.org.au](http://kids.rspca.org.au). The website has some cool activities, fun facts and lists more ways on how we can care for animals.

*Did you know?...*

- . Dogs are capable of understanding up to 250 words and gestures and can count up to five!!
- . Cows are social animals, and form close friendships. Cows will usually choose to spend much of their time with their favourite cow friends and may dislike particular cows.





### Class Awards - Term 3 Week 2

#### Junior Primary Gold

**Emily Anastasiou** - being an enthusiastic learner.

**Finley Merritt** - being a focused learner.

#### Junior Primary Black

**Aisha Krueger** - being a helpful and kind friend.

**Indianna Wagenknecht** - attempting tasks independently.

#### Middle Primary Gold

**Zakariyah Sumner** - writing a sensational weekend recount.

**Hollie Fidge** - writing a fabulous weekend recount.

#### Middle Primary Black

**Alexis Schutz** - always showing persistence in her learning.

#### Upper Primary Gold

**Jack Kellermann** - great focussed week!

**Winchester Hollitt** - working hard to improve in all areas.

#### Upper Primary Black

**Makayla Baker** - always working to her best ability in all areas.

**Sophie Brouwer** - creative thinking and contributions in Science tasks.

### Book Week / Book Fair

As per the note sent home last week, to celebrate Book Week 2022, the school will once again be holding a Book Fair and dress-up parade.

**Date: Wednesday 24th August 2022**

**Book Fair purchases from: 8:30am**

**Book Fair dress-up parade from 9:00am**

Students will be given Book Fair wish list forms at school from 22/8/22, so they can make their selections to bring home to you. Payment can be made on the day by cash or EFTPOS.

The dress-up parade will be held at 9:00am on the tennis court after Book Fair purchases. The theme this year is 'Dreaming with your eyes open'. Children may like to dress up as a favourite character from a book they have read or whatever they dream to be.

We welcome parents/caregivers to the Book Fair and to stay and watch the parade.

### Upper Primary Unit - Commonwealth Games Day!

To coincide with the recent Commonwealth Games, the Upper Primary Unit decided to hold a Commonwealth Games Day.

In teams, students chose a country to represent and participated in various activities to win points throughout the day including; placing, teamwork and effort.

Activities ranged from learning about the history of the games and athletes, STEM challenges, outdoor team games, minute to win it tasks and art work.

Congratulations to Canada who won the day!

Students brought so much enthusiasm, teamwork and energy to the day.

### Introducing.. Amy Webb

**Role at Mypolonga Primary School...**

Middle Primary Black Year 3/4 teacher.

#### Who is the best teacher you ever had and why?... Mr Beaven. He was a

Science teacher and I had him as a teacher throughout my whole schooling. He was easy to get along with and you could always have a laugh with him.

#### Favourite quote?..

'Everything happens for a reason.'

I always think of this and remind people that there would have been a reason why something did or didn't happen.

**What do you love about Mypolonga Primary School?..** I love how the school has a family feel to it and everyone is so caring towards each other. I feel so lucky to be a part of this community.



### Mannum Dental Surgery visit

Last week, we were fortunate to have Kira (Dental Hygienist) and Kelley (Dental Nurse) from Mannum Dental Surgery visit us to educate our students in oral hygiene.


Topics included; why do we need to take care of our teeth?, brushing, diet (everyday and sometimes food), visiting the dental clinic and tooth accidents.

Students were given take home packs which included a toothbrush, toothpaste and dental floss. Please take a minute to ask your child something they learnt from the session. Pictured below with Kira and Kelley are Hamish, Charlie and Upper Primary students.



## Planner - Term 3 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

<b>Week 4</b>	<b>15/8</b> . Newsletter	<b>16/8</b> . 9:00am Tiny Tigers . Murraylands school basketball competition (Yr 5/6) . 3:30pm Science Experiments	<b>17/8</b> . MP unit enterprise lunch (pasta) . ICAS assessment for nominated students (English)	<b>18/8</b> . JP unit enterprise recess (cinnamon doughnuts)	<b>19/8</b> . From 6:00pm Mypo RSL bingo tea	<b>20/8 &amp; 21/8</b> . 20/8 RMFL/RMNA Round 19 Mypo -v- Mannum @ Mypo inc. Ladies Day, home match teas
<b>Week 5</b>	<b>22/8</b> . Book Week (until 26/8/22)	<b>23/8</b> . 9:00am Tiny Tigers . District Athletics at Unity College (Yr 4/5/6)	<b>24/8</b> . MP unit enterprise lunch (pasta)  <b>BOOK FAIR &amp; DRESS UP PARADE</b> . 2:25pm Master Class	<b>25/8</b> . JP unit enterprise recess (cinnamon doughnuts) . ICAS assessment for nominated students (Science)	<b>26/8</b>	<b>27/8 &amp; 28/8</b> . 27/8 RMFL Qualifying Final @ Tailem Bend  . 28/8 RMFL Elimination Final @ Mypo
<b>Week 6</b>	<b>29/8</b> . Newsletter	<b>30/8</b> . 9:00am Tiny Tigers	<b>31/8</b> . MP unit enterprise lunch (pasta) . ICAS assessment for nominated students (Maths) . 2:25pm Master Class	<b>1/9</b> . JP unit enterprise recess (cinnamon doughnuts)	<b>2/9</b> <b>Student Free Day</b> . From 6:00pm MCSC Friday night tea & draw	<b>3/9 &amp; 4/9</b> . 3/9 RMFL Second Semi Final @ Imps  . 4/9 RMFL First Semi Final @ Ramblers
<b>Week 7</b>	<b>5/9</b> <b>School Closure Day</b>	<b>6/9</b> . 9:00am Tiny Tigers . 2:25pm Master Class	<b>7/9</b> . MP unit enterprise lunch (pasta)	<b>8/9</b> . JP unit enterprise recess (cinnamon doughnuts)	<b>9/9</b>	<b>10/9 &amp; 11/9</b> . 10/9 RMFL Preliminary Final @ Meningie . 10/9 RMNA Grand Final
<b>Week 8</b>	<b>12/9</b> . Newsletter . 7:00pm Finance committee meeting . 7:30pm Governing Council meeting	<b>13/9</b> . 9:00am Tiny Tigers . 2:25pm Master Class	<b>14/9</b> . MP unit enterprise lunch (pasta)	<b>15/9</b> . JP unit enterprise recess (cinnamon doughnuts)	<b>16/9</b>	<b>17/9 &amp; 18/9</b> . 17/9 RMFL Grand Final @ Jervois

## Community Notices

**Mypolonga Football Club - Last Minor Round Games** - Saturday 20th August 2022 -v- Mannum at the Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club following Ladies' Day  
. Home Match Teas from 6:00pm / 100 Club Final Draws

**Science Experiments - a FREE event!** - being held at the Mypolonga Primary School on Tuesday 16th August 2022 from 3:30pm until approximately 5:00pm. Suitable for Reception to Year 6 students. For further information, please refer to the email sent from the school to families last week. To book, please click on this link <https://www.trybooking.com/CBSIR>.

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