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Mypolonga Primary School & Community Newsletter

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."

~ Theodor Seuss Geisel (2nd March, 1904 - 24th September, 1991) was an American children's author and cartoonist. He is known for his work writing and illustrating more than 60 books under the pen name **Dr. Seuss**. His work includes many of the most popular children's books of all time, selling over 600 million copies and being translated into more than 20 languages by the time of his death. ~

Term 3, Week 8 12th September 2022

Happy Birthday...

13/9 - Isabel (Year 2)

15/9 - Alex (Year 1)

16/9 - Danté (Year 6)

23/9 - Mikaela (Year 6)

Term 4 Student Free Day

Please note that **Friday 18th November 2022** is a Student Free Day. The school will be closed on this day.

End of Term & Save the Date

- . 2:45pm Thursday 29th September 2022 End of Term Assembly with presentation of awards
- . 2:25pm Friday 30th September 2022 Last day of Term 3 / Early Dismissal & newsletter going home
- . Friday 28th October 2022 (Term 4 Week 2) School Disco (further details to follow)

Literacy Cup Results (end of Week 6 Term 3 and progressive total)

Red (Murray) 57 points / 1545 points Blue (Hindmarsh) 56 points / 1452 points Gold (Finnis) 57 points / 1429 points

Father's Day 2022

We hope all our wonderful Dads had a special Father's Day recently and enjoyed receiving their handcrafted and 'made with love' gifts. Pictured below with their gifts; Tayla, Xanthe, Eva and Ilajh.

A father is someone you look up to no matter how tall you've grown.

-Anonymous





We Roar as One!

Masterclass

Another busy fortnight of Masterclass sessions has begun. It has been great getting to see our volunteers and watching the children's joy and learning from these sessions. The commitment from our staff and volunteers has been amazing. Their preparation and organisation for some of these sessions would be more than the time they take to deliver! I had the pleasure of joining David in Farmer Jones' Paddock preparing, cooking and eating damper. The enjoyment and satisfaction the students got from doing this was amazing, let alone the chance to eat the end result! Thanks to Mr Rance for organising these groups and to all of the volunteers and staff.

Middle Primary Gold Excursion

I had the privilege of accompanying the Middle Primary Gold class on their excursion in and around Mypolonga last week. Special thanks to Mrs Wagenknecht for organising this great excursion, further details of which you will read in this newsletter.



Next Monday, Mypolonga students will be supporting the community's presentation to the judges for the Agricultural Town of the Year awards. It is great for our students to be

involved in the judging process and see the presentation of all the wonderful agricultural pursuits that occur in our little piece of paradise.



Reading at home every night is one of the most critical aspects of supporting your child's education at home. It is clearly obvious in student outcomes at school, those families that are supporting this to happen. In my eyes, listening to your child read aloud at home is the minimum expectation of homework required. The scientific evidence that backs this up is overwhelming. At times, we have evenings at home where things are difficult and adding homework to the mix just compounds the problem. Sometimes, these evenings can be more often, than not!

On these evenings, if getting your child/ren to read is too hard, the best thing to do might be just to sit down and read to them. Reading aloud with our children, whether it is a favourite book, or a new one they have borrowed from the library, or even their school reader can show your children that you value reading, and could be just the opportunity needed to calm your evening for both you and your children. Reading aloud to them, using your finger to track the words, asking them questions about what you are reading. These are all great reading strategies we can model to our children. I hope that this can be made a priority for all our families to support the learning of your children.

Rural City of Murray Bridge Visit

It was terrific to have Michael Sedgman, Chief Executive Officer and Ros Kruger, Executive Officer of the Rural City of Murray Bridge visit the school last Friday. Michael and Ros were able to see the School Shop in operation and witness the great learning that occurs for our students from this. It is very positive to have the Council show an interest in what great things are happening here in Mypolonga.

Working together, Sunyl Vogt











MASTERCLASS 2022

Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers!

Over the last 3 weeks, we have been excited to welcome back our Masterclass sessions. Activities have ranged from hair clip making to cooking, from science experiments to taking apart an engine and everything in between! How lucky are we to have an amazing community who volunteers their time so willingly. The impact this has on our students lasts a lifetime, just ask a past student!















Middle Primary Gold local excursion

Last week, the Middle Primary Gold class had the pleasure of visiting local business Aussie Apricots, Revolution Motor Museum and the Mypolonga RSL. Our students were very impressed by everything they saw and learnt a lot about our great community and the families that have been here for a long time. The students took in so much information in such a short period of time. Thanks to Kathy and Paul Prosser for welcoming us and to Dianne Czechowski for her time and knowledge of the RSL. Together with Mrs Wagenknecht we thank Janice, David and Mr Vogt who helped with the morning.

Student Reflections...

Hamish - When we got there, Mr Prosser showed us the apricot trees that have just been pruned.

Imogen - Mrs Prosser had just finished cutting the blood oranges and then they put them in the dehydrator.

William - We got to see the dehydrator, the washing machine and the sorting machine.

Oliver O - I had a dehydrated blood orange, but I didn't like it. It tasted sweet but also sour. Then I had a normal dried orange. I still didn't like it.

Zoe - Kathy showed us the cold room, the chocolate coating room and the store. Then we went to the car museum. Paul explained about the cars and bikes. My favourite was the Thunderbird.

Oliver C - I liked the white car with the picture of an eagle.

Abby - We went to the RSL. Mrs Dianne showed us the Honour Boards. I saw my Poppa's name, who is still alive, on the President board. At the end, she gave us an Australian flag and a poppy each.

Vann (pictured right) - I was excited to go on the excursion and it was very fun.

Thank you..
Mypolonga RSL
Aussie Apricots
Revolution Motor Museum







Class Awards - Term 3 Week 7

Junior Primary Gold

Spencer Lacey - being an independent learner and challenging himself in literacy writing.

Junior Primary Black

Aisha Krueger - displaying great Tiger values.

Middle Primary Gold

Zoe Castle - showing great enthusiasm and persistence in every learning task.

Middle Primary Black

Macie Davis - showing persistence to tricky learning.

Upper Primary Gold

Shayla Pike - always soldiers on and does the right thing.

Upper Primary Black

Charlotte Pahl - great demonstration of Tiger values at District Day when offering to clean up the events.

Scarlette Fulwood - showing engagement and curiosity when learning in the garden.

Old Scholar News - Congratulations Riley!

CONGRATULATIONS to past student Riley Walton (2017) on being awarded the 2022 RMFL Connolly Medal (Under 18s) at last Wednesday night's junior medal count. Riley also received this award in 2021, making history by being the only 'back to back' recipient of this award. Riley currently plays for the Mypo Tigers and we can't wait to see what's ahead in his football journey. Pictured below is Riley with Mypolonga Football Club proud President Jason Stewart.



SAPSASA Track and Field Championship

CONGRATULATIONS to Azalea Baker (10yo 800m & long jump), Ruby O'Shea-Coulter (10yo 100m, 200m & relay), Charlotte Ladson (12yo relay), Bailey Harvie (10yo relay) and Madison Brouwer (10yo discus & relay) on being selected in the Murraylands team at the SAPSASA Track and Field Championships being held at Bridgestone Athletics Centre in Adelaide on Monday 19th September 2022. Selections were undertaken following the recent District Track and Field Carnival. Good luck! We look forward to hearing about your experiences!

Auslan at Mypolonga Primary School

What is Auslan?

Auslan is short for Australian Sign Language and it is the language of the Australian Deaf community. It is a visual form of communication that uses hand, arm and body movements to convey meaning. The Australian Government recognised Auslan as a community language in 1991. Auslan is made up fingerspelling, hand shapes, movements and facial expressions.

Auslan is now taught from Reception to Year 6 at Mypolonga Primary School. It is part of the Curriculum under LOTE (Languages other than English). Students engage in a range of activities in Auslan and share ideas about language. They are learning to communicate with each other and with teachers about aspects of their personal worlds, daily routines, songs, feelings and common expressions. All students and teachers are engaged in their Auslan lessons and love sharing their



Image taken from Can:Do 4Kids

learning. We hope that you have been exposed at home to what your children are learning in this area and if not, please ask them.

If you would like to learn alongside your child, there are various online 'free' videos and apps you can use and of course paid courses too.

Here is a link you may want to check out. If you're interested in learning, just Google https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_5NbYyUlcHU

Mia (Year 4) I think it is important to learn Auslan because you will be able to communicate better with deaf people.

Seth (Year 5) I find it very hard but I need to keep learning so I get better at it.

Bailey (Year 5) I find some of it a bit easy and some of it a bit hard to memorise. I think it's important to be able to help someone.

Murraylands District 5/6 Basketball Carnival

On Tuesday 16th August, selected Year 5/6 students played in a basketball girls & boys competition at the Murray Bridge Basketball Stadium. Teams played against schools from the area with both teams winning 1 game. It was a day filled with fun with all of our students showing their teamwork value. Well done to Seth, Danté, Luke, Ryley, Archie, Bailey, Noah, Pippa, Amira, Tegan, Charlotte, Sophie and Makayla.

Both teams were a pleasure to coach! Jacob Rance





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Pastoral Care Worker Survey

We know that families value the impact a Pastoral Care Worker has in our community, and we are sure you can agree that our school systems are in need of as much support as possible. As you may be aware, PCWs are uniquely placed in schools to connect relationally with students and become adult role models and mentors to them. Every week, SA PCWs have 5,071 informal conversations with students in; friendships / peer issues, educational support / school behaviour, bullying, mental health (anxiety & depression), family breakdown / parental separation. The Federal Government is asking for community feedback, and it is through your retelling of your stories and experiences that we will secure ongoing funded support for our children in schools. Pastoral Care Workers help bridge the gap and bring a gentle hand of support to our children and their teachers. Can you think of a time when someone you know received compassionate support form your school Pastoral Care Worker?

How can you help?

The Education Department has asked us to share with you access to their independently contracted feedback questionnaire. **There is a two-week window** of opportunity, and they want to hear directly from you, your own honest opinions, along with your stories and experiences that can help them in their decision process for what to do with our school's current and future funding. So, if you are a Teacher, Wellbeing Worker, Principal, Student, Pastoral Care Worker, Parent or just an interested participant, your opinion is valued and important to the ongoing program. There is also an option for Students which provides less questions, so their voice can be heard too. We can't do it without you, and **your voice really matters**. If you can help, please click on the following link. Thank you!

Link to online survey - NSCP Online Consultation Survey Platform.

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

| Week 8 | 12/9 . Newsletter . 7:00pm Finance committee meeting . 7:30pm Governing Council meeting | 13/9 . 9:00am Tiny Tigers . 2:25pm Masterclass final session | 14/9 . MP unit enterprise lunch (pasta) | 15/9 . JP unit enterprise recess (cinnamon doughnuts) | 16/9 | 17/9 & 18/9 .17/9 RMFL Grand Final @ Jervois |
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| Week 9 | 19/9 . 5:30pm MFC junior presentations at the MCSC including meals | 20/9 . 9:00am Tiny Tigers | 21/9 . MP unit enterprise lunch (pasta) | 22/9 . JP unit enterprise recess (cinnamon doughnuts) | 23/9 . MFC senior presentation dinner (by invitation) @ MCSC | 24/9 & 25/9 . 24/9 AFL Grand Final |
| Week 10 | 26/9 | 27/9 . 9:00am Tiny Tigers | 28/9 . MP unit enterprise lunch (pasta) | 29/9 . JP unit enterprise recess (cinnamon doughnuts) . Newsletter . 2:45pm Assembly (held outside) with parent attendance & presentation of awards | 30/9 . 2:25pm Early Dismissal . MNLC junior presentations @ the MCSC | 1/10 & 2/10 .1/10 MFC 100 Club wind up @ Swanport Hotel |

Community News

Mypolonga Football Club

- . Congratulations to MFC's Reserves team on making it to this Saturday's River Murray Football League Grand Final. The team takes on Imperials at Jervois in what should be a close contest.
- . An invitation is extended to all MFC 100 Club members to attend the end of season wind-up at Swanport Hotel on Saturday 1st October 2022 from 1:00pm. Promises to be a great day!

Mypolonga Netball Club - Congratulations to MNLC's Sub Junior 2, Inters 1, B Grade and A Grade teams on winning this year's River Murray Netball Association premierships. A fantastic effort and well done to all involved.

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