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Mypolonga Primary School & Community Newsletter

"The problem with stealing quotes off the Internet is you never know if they are genuine."
Abraham Lincoln ;)

Term 1, Week 11 14th April 2023

Term 2 2023 Assembly Roster

Week 2 - Noah, Luke, Madison S

Week 4 - Bailey, Zara, Jack

Happy Birthday!

16/4 - Harry (Year 4)
16/4 - Ollie (Year 3)
19/4 - Hannah (Year 5)
19/4 - Cayce (Year 3)
20/4 - Olivia (Year 4)
21/4 - Emily (Year 4)
26/4 - Ellie (Year 1)
27/4 - William (Year 3)
27/4 - Brock (Year 3)
29/4 - Madison (Year 5)
1/5 - Samuel (Year 6)
4/5 - Imogen (Year 3)
7/5 - Azalea (Year 5)
9/5 - Noah (Year 2)
18/5 - Jesse (Year 6)
18/5 - Brooklyn (Year 1)
19/5 - Xander (Year 1)
21/5 - Abby (Year 3)

School Hats

In accordance with our SunSmart policy, **students are not required to wear school hats during Term 2.** This follows guidelines in Cancer Council's recommendations about balancing the harms and benefits of sun exposure. Depending on school activities, UV levels should also be monitored during the month of May and sun protection recommended on those days when the UV is 3 and above. Today, we asked all students to take their hats home to be washed and repaired (if necessary). Hats are to be returned to your child's classroom locker for safe keeping until Term 3. Thanks!

Drink Bottles and Containers

Also, during the holidays, we kindly ask that you check your child/ren's drink bottles, lunch boxes and containers to make sure they are washed and **permanently labelled with their name on it.** We continue to have a large amount of unnamed items end up in our lost property box (including unnamed jumpers and jackets). Please also refrain from sending in glass lunchboxes and drink bottles as we have experienced a few dropped and shattering in the past.

We Roar as One!

And just like that, we are into Week 11! It has been really pleasing to see the students' progress in their learning and interactions over the duration of first term, particularly with the initial restrictions in the space they had in the yard. With our student free day last week, we interrogated the data collected during the first term and planned a path forward to best help students' learning heading into Term 2. We look forward to the further student and staff learning to come.

Sports' Day

Thanks to all those parents who volunteered and assisted last Wednesday for our Sports' Day. What an amazing day we had, with one of the most picturesque backdrops a sports day has ever seen! The competition was amazing, with great participation by all students. Congratulations to team Hindmarsh on winning the day and to Bailey Harvie on receiving perfect scores.. now three years in a row! The encouragement from fellow students, parents and staff was outstanding. I really appreciated the way everyone was able to work so cohesively together, the great leadership of our house captains and the organisation of our staff. Thanks to Jacob, Zoe and Necia for their organisation of the day and David for having the school looking amazing! If you have any feedback to improve the day, please contact the school.



Parent / Teacher Interviews

Thanks to all families who made the effort to attend Parent / Teacher interviews a couple of weeks ago. You would have received feedback on how your child/ren have settled at school this year and how they are travelling with their learning, along with some ways in which you can continue to support them with their learning at home.

Listening to Reading

Thankyou! I would like to thank all our parents who continue to work with their children and school to improve their learning outcomes. We have a great history of students achieving well in reading. This is due to the encouragement of our students to read outside of school time and completing reading requirements at home. Whilst what we are doing is good, it is very important to note that we can always improve what we do. I have listened to many students read over the first term of school and have noticed many small errors in their reading habits. Listening to children read 'aloud' is very important. This allows us to hear errors and assist in correcting poor reading habits. Having children repeatedly read a text that is at their reading level to increase fluency and expression is also very beneficial. I look forward to your ongoing support with this and the further improvement in your children's learning.

End of Term Assembly

We had a great celebration of student learning at our end of term assembly last Tuesday. Squeezing so many things into the end of the term to celebrate made for a very busy last few weeks. Thanks to all parents who were able to join us for the assembly. If you are sick or feeling unwell, we ask that you stay away, otherwise we look forward to seeing you at one of our assemblies next term.

School Holidays

I hope that the school holidays brings some rest and relaxation to you and your children, it has been a long term with lots of learning and hard work. While holidays is a great time for students to not have the demands of school, it is also important that we keep their brains activated by playing games with words or numbers to avoid the holiday slump in their learning. Have a great break and we look forward to seeing you all again next term.

Working Together,
Sunyl Vogt



Government of South Australia
Department for Education

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



Lainie

As a Leader of my house team... I hope to encourage and support Gold to Literacy Cup victory!

I think a good leader... is someone who listens to everyone's opinion and takes it into consideration.

Samuel

As a Leader of my house team... I want to help and encourage kids to do their best at all times, even if it is just practice.

I think a good leader... sets a good example for their team by reading every night.



Winchester

As a Leader of my house team... I hope to work with my team to win the Literacy Cup.

I think a good leader... always helps their team during play time and lets kids read to them.

Carla

As a Leader of my house team... I helped everyone the best way I could to win Sports' Day. I also help around the school where I can.

I think a good leader... helps people out when they need help and uses their Tiger values; Teamwork, Integrity, Generosity of Spirit, Excellence and Respect.



SANFL Auskick in Schools Program

In Week 9, we were fortunate to have Nick Dillon, SANFL Game Development Coordinator for our region visit our school.

A big part of Nick's job is to promote local football club programs such as Auskick in schools and he was able to do that with our Reception to Year 2 students.

The major focus of the session was having fun and engagement with the hope that students will sign up for their local club. Students enjoyed activities such as Footy Ninja, Super Boot and crowd favourite Angry Ogre, while working on motor skills and footy skills.

Thanks Nick! Our students had a great time and we hope to see them at Mypolonga Football Club Auskick soon - Thursdays at the Club from 4:45pm! To register, simply go to: <https://www.playhq.com/afl/register/9b331c>.

Also, don't forget that Auskick is FREE with the use of the \$100 ORSR voucher (on the final payment screen, select 'I have a government voucher'. Enter your 10-digit Medicare card number + child's ref. number. Select apply & your program cost will reset to \$0!).

Middle Primary Black - Persuasive Writing

Why you should have a pet....

by Paige

We need a pet because you will be protected and feel loved. It can help if you are blind or have a disability.

In your saddest moments you can snuggle up and you will forget your pain.

If you are feeling sad and cold you need a pet because it is a wonderful feeling to feel loved and cared for because they will love to see you happy.

Pets are the most kindest things in the world and they will love to see you happy.

Pets are amazing little creatures and it is amazing how loyal they are.

You will be amazed to see how puppies and kittens grow up to still be amazing when they are dogs and cats.



School Fees – Due TODAY 14th April 2023

All students have been invoiced for their 2023 Materials & Services fees (School Fees). Annie has sent home statements to all families. Thanks to those who have already paid or organised their School Card. School fees for 2023 are \$269.00 per student. If you have any questions, please contact Annie: dl.0302.finance@schools.sa.edu.au

Options to pay: EFTPOS, cash or cheque to Mypolonga Primary School front office; EFT to school bank account 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: SA.GOV.AU - School Card scheme (www.sa.gov.au)

Class Awards - Term 1 Week 8

Junior Primary Gold

Paddy - working hard with his reading and writing.

Esther - writing some impressive sentences.

Junior Primary Black

Tyson - attempting and succeeding in his spelling test.

Harry - always putting in 100% with his work.

Middle Primary Gold

Marley - working hard and being focused in all curriculum areas.

Aurora-Mae - being a focused learner and helpful class member.

Middle Primary Black

William - willing to help others and share his knowledge.

Hamish - always contributing to class discussions.

Upper Primary Gold

Taite - a very 'surprising' 'Surprise Me' presentation!

Hanna - showing enjoyment and commitment with her learning.

Upper Primary Black

Jesse - showing great teamwork in the practice of our Sports' Day team games.

Class Awards - Term 1 Week 9

Junior Primary Gold

Della - persisting when learning tasks get tricky.

Middle Primary Gold

Jessica - finding her classroom voice and participating in discussions.

Max - always working extremely hard in all areas of the curriculum.

Upper Primary Gold

Chloe - a thoughtful and positive class member.

Madison - showing leadership skills and a positive attitude.

Upper Primary Black

Noah - working hard to complete shop calculations task in Maths.

Azalea - persevering in Sports' Day practice.

Literacy Cup Results (end of Week 9 Term 1 and progressive total)

Red (Murray) 88 points / 718 points

Gold (Finnis) 71 points / 623 points

Blue (Hindmarsh) 78 points / 553 points

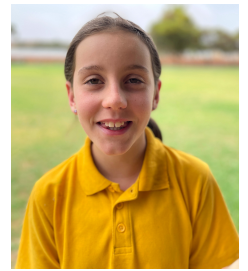
Future Student Free /School Closure Days

- . Tuesday 13th June 2023 - Student Free Day
- . Monday 4th September 2023 - School Closure
- . Tuesday 5th September 2023 - Student Free Day
- . Friday 17th November 2023 - Student Free Day

School Shop Leaders

CONGRATULATIONS to Zara and Pheonix on being elected 2023 School Shop Leaders.

Our Shop Leaders are in charge of any extra cleaning and stocktake support in the Shop, reporting weekly turnover after Shop openings, awarding quality assurance to other students, and any PR opportunities that arise through the year. They also have meetings with Mrs Carstairs, Annie and Mr Vogt about what school shop profits should be spent on.



YEL Program

The Young Environmental Leaders (YEL) Program is open to students in year 5-6 and provides them with fantastic environmental and leadership outcomes. Forums are held once per term and are based on the Education program themes.

YEL forums aim to provide:

- knowledge about local landscapes and caring for natural resources
- hands-on activities and take-home resources relevant to the curriculum
- a chance for students to get outside and learn about their local environment
- leadership skills development, public speaking, peer teaching
- opportunities to develop relationships with other schools and students.

There is one Riverland and one Murraylands YEL forum held each term. This term's theme was 'Healthy Natural Landscapes'.

CONGRATULATIONS to our students who are participating in the YEL program this year; Mila, Trik, Mia and Madison (pictured below).

'On Thursday 23rd March 2023 we went to the Monarto Safari Park. We learnt about the different native grasslands and habitats, including what's important in an enclosure, especially food and water.'



Old Scholar News

We love receiving updates and 'where are they now' information from past families.

Following the recent Murray Bridge High School formal, we received this great photo of past scholars, now in Year 12. Pictured from left; Jade, Madalyn, Zoe, Mackenzie, Baylee, Harry, Jeremy, Ryder, Jackson, Katie, Kiarra and Leila.



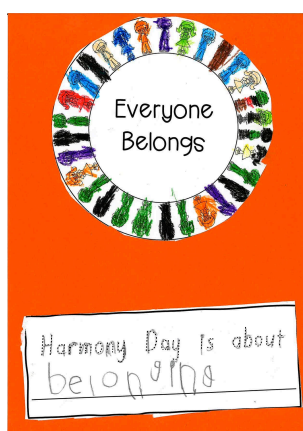
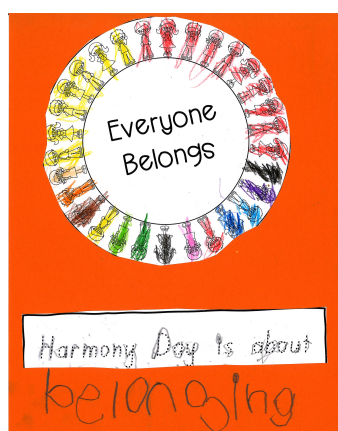


Harmony Week is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, regardless of cultural or linguistic background. The aim is to come together to celebrate our diversity and work together to maintain the success we have as a multicultural society. Our cultural diversity is one of our greatest strengths and is at the heart of who we are. It makes Australia a great place to be.

Our school is into its second year of learning Auslan (Australian Sign Language) and upon some recent training, we were reminded that the number one focus when learning Auslan, is to understand, respect, acknowledge and appreciate the Deaf community. Learning about another's language and culture helps us to develop the key quality of empathy and living harmoniously.

Each year as a school, we celebrate the diversity in our country and we acknowledge and appreciate what diversity brings to us as individuals, but this year, while acknowledging all cultures, we are paying particular attention to the deaf community. Below are some ways classes have celebrated Harmony Week.

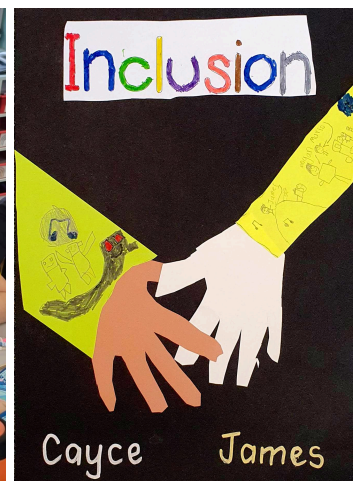
Junior Primary Gold - 'Belonging' Work by Talon & Stella



Junior Primary Black - Work by Harper & Oliver McP



Middle Primary Unit students spoke about what Harmony Week was celebrated for and how we could include those from the Deaf community. Then, with our buddies, we traced each other's hands and used our hands to show welcoming, belonging, inclusion and harmony. Pictured; Amitiel and Charlie.






Upper Primary Black students worked with Junior Primary Black students on being inclusive. Their activity was to find and share things they have in common.



Upper Primary Gold - Universal sign for 'I Love You'





Student of the Term

Term I 2023

Upper Primary Black

Mia

Upper Primary Gold

Pheonix

Middle Primary Black

Oliver O-C

Middle Primary Gold

James

Junior Primary Black

Emily

Junior Primary Gold

Josiah



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 I 2023

Upper Primary Black

Carla

Upper Primary Gold

Pheobe

Middle Primary Black

Paige

Middle Primary Gold

Aurora-Mae

Junior Primary Black

Harper

Junior Primary Gold

Oakley



Welcome to our School

In Week 9, we welcomed Rhys Clarke and his family to our school.

Rhys is in Year 4 in the Upper Primary Gold class. We hope you enjoy your learning journey and experiences at our school and in the Mypolonga Community.



Kids in Adelaide

Stuck for ideas on how to entertain your children, or what to do in the upcoming April school holidays? *Kids in Adelaide* may be able to help!



Their Story: "Kids in Adelaide is a fun and easy way to find all the information on things to do with kids in Adelaide and greater South Australia. We do the hard work for you, finding all the best playgrounds, cafes, events and activities for families young and old and keep you informed of any new or exciting things to do! Our mission is to be the online resource for all parents and carers, bringing you a wealth of valuable, up-to-date information." There is so much to explore!

Website: <https://kidsinadelaide.com.au> (there is an April school holidays tab) / Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/kidsinadelaide/>

Upper Primary Easter Competition

Some of our Upper Primary students participated in an Easter competition. The following students placed in our class voting - 1st Alexis, equal second - Hanna (not pictured) & Zara and third - Madison. Congratulations!



CLASSROOM ENTERPRISE TERM 2 2023 PROVIDED BY THE MIDDLE PRIMARY UNIT

MENU

WEDNESDAY RECESS

● **CRUMPETS** \$1.50 ea

CHOICE OF SPREAD:
VEGEMITE OR JAM



THURSDAY LUNCH

● **PASTA** \$2.50 small serve
\$3.50 large serve

CHOICE OF:
CHEESE OR TOMATO



Students are asked to order and pay for food on Monday and Tuesday mornings at the kitchen servery prior to 8:55am. Thanks!

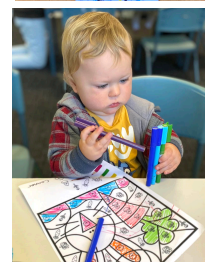
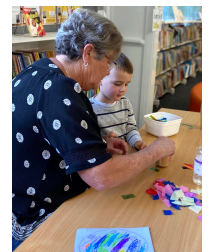
Tiny Tigers

Thanks to our littlest Tigers and their parents/caregivers for being part of our Tiny Tigers' sessions this term. We finished the term off with fun topics:

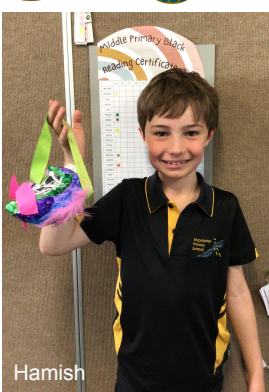
Week 9 - Easter

Week 8 - Shapes & Colours

Week 7 - Recycle Week



Easter Art





SPORTS' DAY 2023

1st: Hindmarsh 963 points
2nd: Finnis 953 points
3rd: Murray 890 points



Kevin and Julie from the Mypolonga General Store wish to pass on their thanks to school families for supporting them with their special Sports' Day lunches.

We all **THANK YOU**
Kevin and Julie!

Planner - Term 2 2023

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 1	1/5	2/5	3/5 . MP unit enterprise recess (crumpets)	4/5 . MP unit enterprise lunch (pasta)	5/5 . 6:00pm MCSC Friday night tea	6/5 & 7/5 . 6/5 Round 4 RMFL/RMNA Mypo Bye
Week 2	8/5	9/5 . 9:00am - 10:00am Tiny Tigers commences for the term	10/5 . MP unit enterprise recess (crumpets)	11/5 . MP unit enterprise lunch (pasta)	12/5 . 2:45pm Assembly	13/5 & 14/5 . 13/5 Round 5 RMFL/RMNA Mallee Districts -v- Mypo @ Peake
Week 3	15/5 . 7:00pm Finance meeting . 7:30pm Governing Council meeting	16/5 . 9:00am - 10:00am Tiny Tigers	17/5 . MP unit enterprise recess (crumpets)	18/5 . MP unit enterprise lunch (pasta)	19/5	20/5 & 21/5 . 20/5 Round 6 RMFL/RMNA Mypo -v- Southern Mallee @ home
Week 4	22/5 . First Newsletter for the term	23/5 . 9:00am - 10:00am Tiny Tigers	24/5 . MP unit enterprise recess (crumpets)	25/5 . MP unit enterprise lunch (pasta)	26/5 . 2:45pm Assembly	27/5 & 28/5 . 27/5 Round 7 RMFL/RMNA Mannum -v- Mypo @ Mannum

Due to staff absences, our first newsletter for Term 2 will be sent home on Monday 22nd May 2023 (Week 4). Anything which needs to be communicated to school families in the meantime will be forwarded by email or posted on our Facebook page.

Community News

Mypolonga Football Club

Junior Football Boot Repository - Boots too small but too good to throw away? Give them to Norm (Ian Bates) at training and we'll find a good home for them.. probably with an up and coming champion Tiger!

BBQ Roster - Tiger families.. BBQ rosters for season 2023 are out now! Please check your emails or the Club's Facebook page to see which week you are allocated to. This may change as the season progresses. Please contact Jodie Hagger or Jason Stewart if you have any issues.

Thursday Night Teas - This year, **Thursday Night is Schnitzel night (with possibly a few additions)**. We may even try a different topping or two! Takeaways will be available and everyone is welcome to join us! EFTPOS and ATM facilities are available in the Clubrooms. Join us for tea, a drink and a chat from 6:30pm.

Home Game Saturday Night Teas - Saturday home game teas are also back following speeches in the Clubrooms from 6:00pm.

100 Club and Tiger Membership flyers have again been posted on the Club's Facebook page. "Be Part of the Team in '23". Please contact Necia if you have any queries with how you can be involved!

Save the Dates Keep an eye on the Club's socials to pencil in dates for the upcoming Rump 'n Red night (15/7/23) and Ladies' Day (12/8/23).

Mypolonga Netball Club

Tiger Ball - Saturday 27th May 2023 at the Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club. Cocktail dress code. Live music by Substance Band. Food by Graze and Dine Co. 18+ event. \$65.00 per person. Secure your tickets with Charlie Lewis or Kelly Altmann by 17/5/23.

Mypolonga RSL

The Mypolonga RSL are hosting a **free sausage sizzle** at their Clubrooms on Sunday 16th April 2023 at 12 noon. This event is being sponsored by the Rural City of Murray Bridge under their Recovery Programme. An invitation is extended to all local families. A salad to share would be appreciated.

* Additional community flyers are always attached to our fortnightly newsletter email.

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