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Mypolonga Primary School & Community Newsletter

Did You Know? (because we are never too old to learn! :) On 22nd June we experienced the winter solstice. The winter solstice marks the exact moment when half of Earth is tilted the farthest away from the sun. Because less sunlight reaches Earth, it is the day of the year with the least amount of daytime, known as the shortest day of the year. But the good news is that every day after the winter solstice will be a little longer, until we reach the day with the most hours of daylight, called the summer solstice.

Term 2, Week 10 7th July 2023

Happy Birthday!

8/7 - Hunter (Year 3)
 9/7 - Stella (Reception)
 10/7 - Akim (Year 2)
 12/7 - Taylor (Year 3)
 12/7 - Oliver McN (Year 1)
 13/7 - Aurora-Mae (Year 2)
 16/7 - Indianna (Year 1)
 19/7 - Ruby (Reception)
 20/7 - William (Year 5)
 22/7 - Charlotte (Year 2)
 24/7 - Tully (Year 1)
 26/7 - Madison (Year 5)
 26/7 - Rhegan (Year 1)
 29/7 - Amitiel (Year 2)
 30/7 - Tayla (Year 5)

Literacy Cup Results (end of Week 10 Term 2 and progressive total)

Red (Murray) 70 points / 1672 points
Gold (Finnis) 77 points / 1567 points
Blue (Hindmarsh) 47 points / 1268 points

Future Student Free/School Closure Days

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

The school will be closed on these days.

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 25th July 2023 (Week 1 Term 3). If your child is requiring a new bucket hat for next term, they can be purchased from the office for \$8.70.

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.

We Roar as One!

Just like that, we are at the end of Term 2. We have had another great term of learning and working together.

Teaching staff changes

Next term, there will be a slight change in the Middle Primary Black and Middle Primary Gold classes. We will welcome back Mrs Renay Hein and Mrs Kim Merritt to the school as they both return from maternity leave. Renay will work Thursday and Friday sharing the MPG class with Jo Wagenknecht, while Kim will work Thursday and Friday sharing the MPB class with Amy Webb. We look forward to the ongoing learning of all students in these classes and the way that these teachers will be able to work to each other's strengths to improve outcomes for the students.

Student Reports

Yesterday, you should have received your child/rens' 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.

Semester Highlights

It is great to be able to look back of the events of the past two terms and be grateful for the many positive learning moments and events that have taken place:

- The building of the town levee and water subsiding so that we were able to start school on site and on time!
- SAPOL Road Safety training for our traffic monitors and staff
- Swimming lessons
- Family Fun Night and information sessions
- Sports' Day
- Mypolonga Buzz Photography Competition
- Surviving another few rounds of COVID and other illnesses
- Partnership Literacy Lead support for learning of all staff in Term 2
- SAPSASA Cricket, Football, Netball and Basketball events
- Student engagement and learning improvements

Mypolonga Staff

I would like to take this opportunity to appreciate the Mypolonga staff. As a relatively new member of the staff, I have come to appreciate that every staff member plays an important role in the school, assisting to get the best outcomes for each of the students. Over the past 18 months, we have all been on a learning journey as we navigate the best ways to assist each of our students. This challenge will be ongoing and it is important to note, that as a staff, we are all continuing to challenge our own understanding and improving our own learning to improve what we do. Our job is to 'create a culture of continuous improvement' for us as educators and for our 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.

Working together
 Sunyl Vogt



Government of South Australia
 Department for Education



SAPSASA Basketball

On Monday in Week 8, we were lucky enough to have members of our Year 5/6 class compete in the District Basketball Carnival.

We sent a boys and girls team into the Murray Bridge Basketball Stadium to compete against other schools from our area. These included St Joseph's, Unity, North, South and Mannum.

Participants in the boys team were Noah, Luke, Hendrix, Gibson, Seth, Trik and Bailey.

Girl participants were Lainie, Scarlett, Azalea, Madison, Mia and Tayla.

We are proud to say we brought home winners trophies in both the boys and girls competitions. Well done!

'In the seven games we played, we won six and lost one against St Joseph's Primary. We really enjoyed playing and just having fun with our teammates.' Hendrix and Seth

'I enjoyed playing basketball because I got to steal the ball heaps of times and I also got to do it with most of my friends. I got some goals, and we were all very excited when we won.' Azalea

'We played four games and won two of them. We tied one and we lost one. We had a tough game against Unity and ended up losing, but all that matters is that we had fun.' Tayla



SAPSASA Netball

From 26th to 28th June, five students (Tayla, Mila, Madi B, Lainie and Scarlett) from the Upper Primary unit participated in the Netball State SAPSASA Carnival in Adelaide at Priceline Stadium. Azalea was also selected but unfortunately was ill and unable to attend.

The Murraylands Division 1 team won 4 games and lost 5. They learned about corridors and keeping them open, which means not crowding each other. After warmups they would do drills. Some favourites were one called 'Milkshake' and a 4 person cross pass drill.

The Murraylands Division 2 team won 4, lost 4 and had a draw. Their coach was Zoe Diment, and their favourite drills were Milkshake and 4 corners intercepts. Tayla learned that as GS, she can move out of the ring and rely on GA to shoot. Mila learned more about playing GK, defending the goals and turning for rebounds.

Highlights for all students were the Boost Juice van at the Stadium, meeting some of the Thunderbirds players, and trying to sneak in to watch the Thunderbirds train for their Grand Final.

Wellbeing Wonders

Hello families

Our school has a big focus on making sure your children's mental health is strong and they enjoy coming to school. We have been lucky enough to get access to a fantastic program called 'Open Parachute' which is run by the Sebastian Foundation.



Currently, our students are learning about all the different aspects that go into making them feel happy and safe. We are hoping, by continuing work in this space, they will have positive outcomes with their own wellbeing and with their learning as well. Feel free to search this program to learn more about what they do; visit <https://www.openparachute.com.au/the-sebastian-foundation/> or follow on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/thesebastianfdn>, and on Instagram 'thesebastianfdn'.

On another note, I must give a big thank you to the parents who volunteered to help with Masterclass for next term. Without your support these things wouldn't go ahead, and the students would miss out on these fantastic learning opportunities, so we are all very grateful for your support. Unfortunately, we are only going to be able to run two Tuesday sessions, as we had more parent help for these time slots.

Be yourself,
Jacob Rance

**CLASSROOM ENTERPRISE
TERM 3 2023
PROVIDED BY THE
MIDDLE PRIMARY UNIT**

MENU

**WEDNESDAY
LUNCH**

- **HOT DOGS** \$4.00 ea

**CHOICE OF:
SAUCE, MUSTARD, CHEESE**

**THURSDAY
RECESS**

- **CINNAMON
DOUGHNUTS** \$1.00 ea

Students are asked to order and pay for their food at the kitchen servery window on Monday and Tuesday mornings. Thanks!

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>

Upcoming Camp Dates

Middle Primary Camp - Term 3 Week 6 Monday 28th August 2023 to Wednesday 30th August 2023
Upper Primary Camp - Term 3 Week 7 Wednesday 6th September 2023 to Friday 8th September 2023

Both camps are being held at El Shaddai, Wellington

Welcome Jarrah

Recently, we welcomed Jarrah and her family to our school and community. Jarrah is in the Middle Primary Gold Year 2 class.



We hope you all enjoy your learning experiences with us.

Upper Primary unit - Surprise Me

Students in the Upper Primary unit are given two weeks in the middle of each term to choose something NEW they would like to learn about and then share their learning with the class.

They can choose to make something or learn about something. The choices are endless. They then present their learning in any way they like. Parents or family members and carers are very supportive, and our students come up with amazing things. This term, we have seen presentations on baking, projects on actors, sports stars and animals, making beeswax wraps, making a chair, teaching peers origami, how to solder and many more. Students are assessed by their peers on their voice, eye contact and content.



Pictured above; Olivia learnt how to make an origami cat and then she taught her peers, Chloe with the help of her dad, made a wooden chair with her initial in it and Luke discussed his enterprising pallet business.

YEL

As mentioned in a previous newsletter, The Young Environmental Leaders (YEL) Program is open to students in Years 5-6 and provides them with fantastic environmental and leadership outcomes. This term's theme was 'Sustainable Farming'. Trik, Mia, Madison S and Mila went to Mark and Meagan Pahl's farm NEVARAINS (ironic, being a very rainy day when we visited :)). We learned about; the seasons' impact on planting different crops, different amounts of water used for different agriculture, 'steak' using the most water (crop and water for cows) and lettuce, which uses the least water.

Students were asked to present their learning to the class and find opportunities to share in different ways to earn 'beads'.

Tricky part of the day: it rained all day so we couldn't go and look around the farm, there was a last minute venue change but Mark Pahl helped us out. Thanks Mark!

Best part of the day: the rain was nice, the activities were fun, drawing creatures from the farm, collaborating with students from other schools.

We also learned some interesting facts about the Pahl's farm, including it has been running for 99 years, 10 years ago they started growing Canola and they get another 1000 lambs every year.



Tiny Tigers

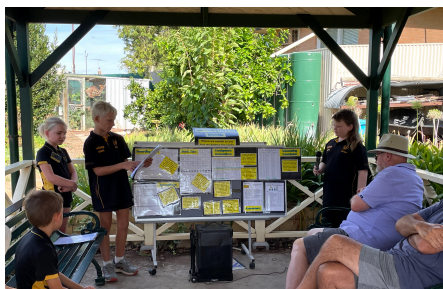
Thanks to our littlest Tigers and their parents/caregivers for being part of our Tiny Tigers' sessions this term. The term was full of fun topics, including;

- Week 2 – Mother's Day
- Week 3 – Farm Animals
- Week 4 - Transport
- Week 5 - Colours
- Week 6 - Dinosaurs
- Week 7 - Student Free Day
- Week 8 - Weather
- Week 9 - Space
- Week 10 - Zoo

In Term 3, Tiny Tigers' sessions will commence in Week 2 (Tuesday 1/8/23).



School Shop Feature Pt. 1



How did the Shop start?

When the Post Office opposite the school became vacant in 1996, a student (Stephanie Fulwood, student Scarlette'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 20 excellents, we achieve 'Quality Assurance' which means we can assess our peers.

How are profits spent?

The student led Shop Committee (Shop Leaders Zara & Pheonix) 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 5/6 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. Reception to Year 4 students rotate and have opportunities to see how the Shop runs each week.

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.

Feedback

We regularly receive feedback from our visitors, whether it be through our visitor's book, post or email. Last week, we received a lovely email from Geraldine McGrath. *"Dear Principal, Staff and Students of Mypo Primary School, I was part of a Proud Mary group who visited your school on June 14. I want to say thank you for an impressive and informative experience. Your students were so in control of the group, shepherding us from point to point. They knew their routine and could answer all the questions we asked. I was also pleased to see the staff so involved, in the kitchen, the craft room etc. But they stood back and allowed the students to be the leaders. I also liked the way the group was multi age levels. The younger ones were being mentored by the older ones. As a former teacher myself, your school is leading the way for independent students to work to raise funds and be leaders. Congratulations to all of you."*

We also love listening to our visitors' stories. Recently, two elderly ladies mentioned to us that they attended kindergarten together and now reside in the same nursing home. They have been best friends for 70 years!!

Classroom Enterprise

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.



Early next term, we will 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 10:00-11:00am), when the Proud Mary visits us. We will also be open on the first Friday of the school holidays (Friday 14th July 2023).



School Holiday Ideas

Here are our **STAFF TIPS** on 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 when the weather is gloomy
- . Plant a veggie patch
- . Visit the Mannum Waterfalls
- . Go on a walking trail, hike or bushwalk. Visit the website <https://www.walkingsa.org.au/>, where you will find over 700 trails listed across South Australia. This could include a 1 hour walk near your home with your dog, to a half day hike in a national park, or a longer trail further afield.
- . 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!
- . Create something special at the Plaster Fun House in Adelaide. Visit <https://www.plasterfunhouse.com.au/> for store locations.



KIDS IN ADELAIDE is also a great site to visit for what to do in the upcoming school holidays.

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!



Visit their website: <https://kidsinadelaide.com.au> (there is a July school holidays tab) or follow their Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/kidsinadelaide/>



Getting kids involved in the kitchen is a great way to teach them new skills. Research shows when children are involved with food, they are more interested in food and eat well.

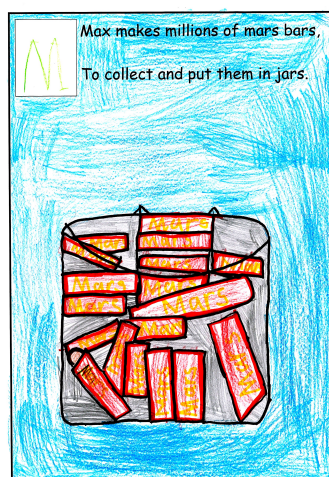
WELLBEING SA has partnered with the CSIRO to inspire you and your children to cook quick, cheap and nutrient packed meals. Wellbeing SA a state government agency supporting the physical, mental and social wellbeing of all South Australians. They have a great website <https://www.wellbeingsa.sa.gov.au/your-wellbeing/being-active-healthy/eating-well/kids-kitchen> where you can check out their *Kids in the Kitchen* recipe cards and YouTube channel for step by step recipe making videos. Something great for parents/ caregivers and children to do together! Recipes include smoothies, toasties, bolognaise, baked potatoes and tacos.

Middle Primary Gold

Our Middle Primary Gold students have been busy rhyming couplets with alliteration.

A couplet that uses alliteration includes the popular tool of rhyme and the accent of repeated consonants.

Pictured right is work by Max, Alex and Ella.





Student of the Term
Term 2 2023

Upper Primary Black

Luke P / Lainie

Upper Primary Gold

Hannah

Middle Primary Black

Charlie

Junior Primary Black

Hunter

Junior Primary Gold

Levi

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 2023

Upper Primary Gold

Bella

Middle Primary Black

Tabitha

Middle Primary Gold

Akim / April

Junior Primary Black

Ellie

Junior Primary Gold

Talon

Class Awards - Term 2 Week 8

Junior Primary Gold

Hannah - being an enthusiastic learner and giving everything a red hot go!

Junior Primary Black

Austin - showing such compassion towards others when hurt.

Middle Primary Gold

Noah - being a positive learner in Maths.

Charlotte - showing kindness to her class mates.

Middle Primary Black

Hollie - always having a commitment to her learning.

Scarlett - having a fairly positive week and making great decisions.

Upper Primary Gold

Chloe - very clever and interesting 'Surprise Me' presentation.

Upper Primary Black

Joel - an amazing and very well presented 'Surprise Me'.

Winchester - an engaging and informative 'Surprise Me'.

Class Awards - Term 2 Week 9

Junior Primary Black

Emily - working hard in every learning area.

Brooklyn - being a great leader in the classroom.

Middle Primary Gold

Nash - always being a positive learner and caring peer.

Makenna - completing all set tasks to a high standard.

Middle Primary Black

Cayce - being a positive learner and always trying his best.

Upper Primary Gold

Hamish - trying extra hard to work well independently.

Hanna - stepping up as a leader when needed.

Upper Primary Black

Seth - being a highly engaged and attentive learner all week.

Luke P - always demonstrating TIGER values in the classroom.

Junior Primary Gold

Our Reception students used cool colours to represent the season Winter. All artwork is proudly on display in their classroom. Paddy's creative design is pictured below.



Kiwanis Club of Murray Bridge Terrific Kids for Term 2 2023

CONGRATULATIONS to the following students on receiving a Kiwanis Club of Murray Bridge 'Terrific Kids' award for Term 2 2023. These awards are presented to students in Terms 2 and 4 who live our TIGER values. Thank you Murray Bridge Kiwanis for your ongoing support!



Junior Primary Gold
Ruby



Junior Primary Black
Indianna

Middle Primary Gold
Eva



Middle Primary Black
Hamish



Upper Primary Gold
Alexis

Upper Primary Black
Winchester



Musica Viva Australia

Recently, members from Musica Viva in Schools visited us to perform their Moon Radio Hour. They took students on an imaginative fast-paced journey through space, time and the unexpected! Paired with saxophones, guitars and an electronic sampler, the result was a spontaneous and fun musical experience.

The scene was set where performers were on a spaceship with a mission to go to the furthest reaches of the galaxies and beam out of their daily radio show in order to make contact with other life-forms. As the moon governs so much of the cycles of life on Earth, so did the Moon Radio Hour!

Students were entertained and heavily involved with the music and beat. Special guest appearances were made with Noah, Makenna, Pheobe, Jack and Mrs Carstairs also getting involved in the story. It was a very funky musical performance that got all students clapping, stomping and involved.



Planner - Term 3 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	24/7	25/7	26/7 MP unit enterprise lunch (hot dogs)	27/7 MP unit enterprise recess (doughnuts)	28/7 . 5:30pm MCSC bar open, light tea options available	29/7 & 30/7 . Round 14 RMFL/RMNA Mypo -v- Mallee Districts @ Mypo
Week 2	31/7 . Newsletter	1/8 . 9:00am - 10:00am Tiny Tigers commences for the term	2/8 MP unit enterprise lunch (hot dogs)	3/8 MP unit enterprise recess (doughnuts)	4/8 . 2:45pm Assembly . MCSC Friday night monthly tea (dine in or take away)	5/8 & 6/8 . Round 15 RMFL/RMNA Southern Mallee -v- Mypo @ Lameroo
Week 3	7/8 . 7:00pm Finance meeting . 7:30pm Governing Council meeting	8/8 . 9:00am - 10:00am Tiny Tigers	9/8 MP unit enterprise lunch (hot dogs)	10/8 MP unit enterprise recess (doughnuts)	11/8 . 5:30pm MCSC bar open, light tea options available	12/8 & 13/8 . Round 16 RMFL/RMNA Mypo -v- Mannum @ Mypo incl Ladies' Day
Week 4	14/8 . Newsletter	15/8 . 9:00am - 10:00am Tiny Tigers . 2:25pm - 3:25pm Masterclass	16/8 MP unit enterprise lunch (hot dogs)	17/8 MP unit enterprise recess (doughnuts)	18/8 . 2:45pm Assembly . 5:30pm MCSC bar open, light tea options available . Mypo RSL Bingo tea 6:00pm tea / 7:30pm bingo	19/8 & 20/8 . Round 17 RMFL/RMNA Coorong -v- Mypo @ Meningie
Week 5	21/8	22/8 . 9:00am - 10:00am Tiny Tigers . 2:25pm - 3:25pm Masterclass	23/8 MP unit enterprise lunch (hot dogs)	24/8 MP unit enterprise recess (doughnuts)	25/8 . 5:30pm MCSC bar open, light tea options available	26/8 & 27/8 . 26/8 Round 18 RMFL/ RMNA Tailem -v- Mypo @ Tailem . 27/8 - RMFL Under 11s Carnival @ Lameroo
Week 6 No class enterprise this week!	28/8 . Middle Primary unit Camp @ El Shaddai Wellington . Newsletter	29/8 . Middle Primary unit Camp @ El Shaddai Wellington . 9:00am - 10:00am Tiny Tigers	30/8 . Middle Primary unit Camp @ El Shaddai Wellington	31/8	1/9 . 2:45pm Assembly . MCSC Friday night monthly tea (dine in or take away)	2/9 & 3/9 . 2/9 RMFL/ RMNA Qualifying Final @ Jervois . 3/9 RMFL/ RMNA Elimination Final @ Mypo
Week 7 No class enterprise this week!	4/9 School Closure Day	5/9 Student Free Day	6/9 . Upper Primary unit Camp @ El Shaddai Wellington	7/9 . Upper Primary unit Camp @ El Shaddai Wellington	8/9 . Upper Primary unit Camp @ El Shaddai Wellington . 5:30pm MCSC bar open, light tea options available	9/9 & 10/9 . 9/9 RMNA Preliminary Final @ Imps . 9/9 RMFL Second Semi Final @ Imps . 10/9 First Semi Final @ Meningie