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Mypolonga Primary School & Community Newsletter

"Enjoy the little things, for one day you may look back and realise they were the big things".

~ Robert Brault is a free-lance writer who has contributed to magazines and newspapers in the USA for over 40 years. His short thoughts and observations are quoted on thousands of internet sites each day.~

Term 4, Week 8 4th December 2023

Assembly Roster

Week 8 - Seth, Hannah, Taite

Week 9 (Thursday) - Luke P, Ruby, Hamish

Happy birthday!

8/12 - Zoe (Year 3)

8/12 - Evie (Year 2)

11/12 - Aidyn (Year 5)

12/12 - Zara (Year 4)

13/12 - Piper (Year 1)

Save the Dates in Term 4

School Concert (held at the School)

Monday 4th December 2023 - 6:00pm
for a 6:30pm start

Whole School Transition to next year's classes (including beginning year 2024 Reception students and current Year 6s Transition to MBHS)

Tuesday 5th December 2023

SRC Fun Day at the Pool

Monday 11th December 2023

Year 6 Graduation/Dinner (held at the Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club)

Wednesday 13th December 2023

End of Year Assembly (held outside at the school - weather permitting)

2:45pm Thursday 14th December 2023
3:25pm Dismissal

Last day of the school year

Friday 15th December 2023 - early dismissal 2:25pm

Lost Property

Don't forget to call into the office and check the lost property box for any items which haven't made it home :)

School Hats

On the last day of the school year, we will be sending home school hats to be washed. If you need a new hat for 2024, please call into the office. \$9.50 each (3 sizes), cash, EFTPOS or bank transfer available.

We Roar as One!

With just under a fortnight left in the school year, there are still many events and celebrations to appreciate our collective and individual improvement and growth during 2023. I look forward to seeing many of you at these special occasions, beginning with the School Concert tonight!

Prevent Holiday Brain Drain

Evidence shows students can lose 2 to 2½ months of learning during the long summer school holidays. To prevent large losses there are plenty of activities for students to do during the break to help keep their brains active.

Things like:

- Reading or visiting the Library
- Playing boardgames
- Cooking
- Gardening
- Visiting the Museum
- Volunteer somewhere
- Find teachable moments in everyday activities.



Transitions

There are so many moments in our lives where transitions happen. These are handled differently depending on the individual. We must continue to prepare ourselves and our children for these moments in life, as we cannot always stay in the same place. All our students will encounter change over the next few weeks. We need to continue to provide our children with a strong stable base, so that when there is some wobble in life, there is always a place to come back to and rely on that is strong, dependable and safe.

Candy Canes

With the giving season approaching, we appreciate the generosity and kindness that goes with giving cards and often candy canes. If you are to keep this tradition, we ask that the candy canes be individually packaged and only handed out at the end of the school day, so that all parents can monitor their child's sugar intake. Thank you!

Working together,

Sunyl Vogt



Class Awards - Term 4 Week 6

Junior Primary Gold

Josiah - Fantastic listening and doing well in Maths.

Junior Primary Black

Harry - always being on task and completing his work to the best of his ability.

Ellie - always displaying true TIGER values.

Middle Primary Gold

Jessica - persisting with the narrative writing task.

Middle Primary Black

Ollie - willing to stretch his thinking during his learning.

Paige - putting 100% effort into all areas of learning.

Upper Primary Gold

William - working really hard on being engaged and focused.

Bella - her bookwork is always neatly presented with 100% effort.

Upper Primary Black

Luke P - fantastic effort across all learning areas.

Scarlett P - challenging herself in Maths.

Class Awards - Term 4 Week 7

Junior Primary Gold

Mason - being on task and showing enthusiasm towards his learning.

Oakley - showing confidence in his Mathematical ability and sharing what he has learnt.

Junior Primary Black

Finley - showing great thinking in Maths.

Middle Primary Gold

Ella - always having a kind heart and is positive towards her learning.

Max - contributing to all class jobs and having a positive mindset.

Middle Primary Black

Vann - showing kindness and initiative during Auslan.

Abby - always showing great leadership skills and demonstrating our TIGER values.

Upper Primary Gold

Harry - showing his teacher he can bounce back when things don't go quite right.

Hamish - showing his teacher he can bounce back when things don't go quite right.

Upper Primary Black

Noah - showing gratitude in our classroom.

Mia - putting herself in the learning pit and sticking to challenges.

Middle Primary Black

This term, Middle Primary Black students have been learning about measurement. To finish off our unit, we completed a STEM project to test the measurement skills we had learnt. To do this, we built a bridge that had to have specific requirements. The bridge had to be 30cm long, 10cm high and being able to hold 250g and balance 50ml of water. When it came to testing our bridges, we were surprised with how well they were made and got to test how much maximum weight some of them could hold. Five of our designs were able to hold 1kg without breaking or bending!



Mannum Dental Visit

At the end of Week 6, Kira and Kelley from Mannum Dental Surgery visited us to promote oral health. They showed us how to brush our teeth properly and we discussed healthy foods and unhealthy 'sometimes' foods which can impact our dental hygiene. Depending on year levels, we also received gifts of toothpaste, a toothbrush and dental information.



Term 4 SRC Casual Day

Thank you to our school community for supporting Hunter on our Casual Day. Hunter (Year 1) wanted to make a difference and help people and this he has done! Students dressed with a splash of purple and white to support Foodbank. Along with some very generous donations of food, we also raised \$150. Well done SRC for supporting Hunter on his journey.



Proud Mary Visitor Feedback

'To the Young Entrepreneurs

On 29 October I visited your school with a group of seniors from the Proud Mary. I have just finished eating your delicious treats. I especially liked the chocolate coated apricot with an almond on top. It was very tasty.

The lemonade was very refreshing and I've made some using your recipe. I think I'll serve it at lunch on Christmas Day. My group was escorted by Hanna, Van and Winchester. I think you are great ambassadors for Mypolonga Primary School. Thank you for showing us around.

I was so impressed by how all the students explained your enterprise, from production, marketing and keeping tabs on the cost and the profit.

Congratulations to you all. Your teachers, parents and community must be very proud of your efforts.

Merry Christmas! I hope you have a wonderful summer holiday.

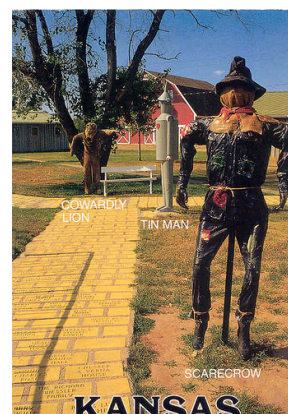
Mary Gray, Empire Bay, New South Wales' (via post 20/11/23)



'Hi Mel

We visited your wonderful school on the last day of term with a group from the Proud Mary. I told the children I would send them a postcard from London for them to put on their map as we were travelling to the UK the next week.

Sarina Davies' (via post 9/10/23)



'Dear Mypolonga Primary School

Recently we enjoyed visiting during our Proud Mary cruise on the Murray River. You might enjoy Kansas scarecrows like those in your garden :)

Rod Smith & Karen Heady, Kansas, United States of America' (via post)

'Good afternoon

I visited your school last Friday while on the Proud Mary River Cruise. I just wanted to pass on to the staff and students that it was such a lovely morning and we all so enjoyed touring your beautiful school.

The students were all clearly very excited to have us visit and their confidence and leadership skills were just amazing, from the youngest to the oldest students.

While walking through your lovely garden area, I was able to quickly snap a photo (Bailey pictured). I realise now that I didn't get consent for this but didn't want to miss this wonderful interaction. This beautiful lady, Hilda, is 94 years old and I know that this really made the visit all the more enjoyable for her. This young man's parents must be so proud of him - it was just so heartwarming to see him take the time to sit with her. Please be assured that this photo will not be posted or shared on any social media sites or anywhere else.

Thank you once again for such a lovely morning.

Kind Regards, Ally' (via email 25/9/23)



SANFL Visit

Last week, Nick Dillon and Kayla Mudge from SANFL visited our school and spoke to our girls about new and exciting female football competitions being held in the Murraylands. We completed a quiz on all things football and enjoyed hearing from a Western Bulldogs player, including how she became a professional footballer. Thanks Nick & Kayla, we look forward to you coming back in 2024 to teach us some football skills.


Refer to the flyers attached to our newsletter email for information on the upcoming competitions and click on the following registration link for your girls to play for the Mypolonga Football Club:

<http://www.playhq.com/afl/register/fd75fa>



Planner - Term 4 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 8	4/12  . School Concert held @ the school . Newsletter	5/12 . School transition day (Reception to Year 5 students in next year's classes / Year 6 transition at MBHS)	6/12	7/12	8/12 . Final Shop visit . MNLC AGM held at the MCSC . 5:30pm MCSC bar open, light tea options available	9/12 & 10/12 . 9/12 Mypo RSL Christmas Party . 9/12 Tailem Bend Christmas Parade
Week 9	11/12 . SRC Fun Day at the Pool	12/12	13/12 . Year 6 Graduation at the Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club	14/12 . 2:45pm End of Year Assembly (held at the school) 3:25pm dismissal	15/12 . Last day of the school year . 2:25pm early dismissal . Newsletter	16/12 & 17/12 23/12 & 24/12 . 23/12 MCSC Christmas Tea



Thanks for visiting Dee and Lucy!

We have been so proud of our Tigers this term! We are seeing lots of hard work, persistence and curious learning happening in all classes. Our Reception class has been working incredibly hard. They earned themselves a class reward.. and what a special reward it was! Dee from The Play Space in Murray Bridge brought in Lucy the Rabbit to teach the children all about rabbits. We had so much fun with hands-on learning. Well done TIGERS!



Christmas Carol and Nativity Service Monday 18th December 2023 from 7:00pm at Mypolonga Uniting Church, Green Street, Mypolonga. Supper will follow and all are very welcome to attend.

Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to all our students who completed the Premier's Reading Challenge this year. A special assembly was held for students to receive their medals and certificates, including a sweet treat!

Some students went beyond the required 12 books to read 20 for the special 20 year anniversary!



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