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Mypolonga Primary School & Community Newsletter

"When you talk, you are only repeating what you know. But if you listen, you may learn something new."

~ The 14th Dalai Lama, known to the Tibetan people as Gyalwa Rinpoche, is, as the incumbent Dalai Lama, the highest spiritual leader and head of Tibet. He is also a Buddhist Advocate for peace and freedom. ~

Term 1, Week 8 19th March 2024

Term 1 2024 Assembly Roster

Week 8 - Pheonix, Harry, Isabel
Week 10 - Oliver N, Emily, Leila

Happy birthday!

22/3 - James (Year 3)
25/3 - Paige (Year 4)
30/3 - Finley (Year 2)
2/4 - Deni (Year 3)

Term 1 'Save the Dates'

School Photos - Wednesday 20th March 2024. Please refer to the emails sent recently regarding school photo day this Wednesday. We hope to capture some special memories for you and your family.

Sports' Day - Wednesday 27th March 2024. We are looking forward to a great day! A Mypolonga General Store special lunch order form is enclosed with this newsletter (also emailed last week). If you wish to order, please return the order form with correct money by 3:30pm this Friday. Thanks.

Parent/Teacher Interviews - Tuesday 2nd April 2024 to Thursday 4th April 2024. Further details will be provided soon.

Early Dismissal 2.25pm - Thursday 28th March 2024 (before Good Friday)

Please remember to regularly check your emails from your child's classroom teacher(s) and/or the office for any updated information.

Attendance Reminder - Absences

Parents/caregivers.. if your child is going to be absent from school, please advise their classroom teacher(s) prior to, or on the morning of the absence (with a reason of absence ie. illness or family). This can be done by email or by calling the school 85354191. Any unexplained absences will be followed up by the classroom teacher by email. Thanks for your support with this.



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We Roar as One!

We are into week 8 of Term 1 already and with the Easter break ahead, the end of Term will be here before we know it.

Welcome Laykin Sperl!

This week, we welcome Laykin Sperl a student teacher who has come from America to spend the next 8 weeks working in the Upper Primary unit. Laykin comes from the state of Nebraska and is completing her final placement here in Mypolonga. We hope that she enjoys her time with us and exploring parts of Australia while she is here.

Student Free Day Learning

Yesterday, our staff attended the first of four Berry Street Education Training Modules. The Berry Street model is designed to equip teachers and SSOs with the strategies, processes and skills to assist all students in their wellbeing and educational development, with the following principles:

- . Strong relationships matter
- . Teachers can make a difference
- . Dual purpose is our aim – academic and wellbeing
- . Visible learning and stamina for academic growth
- . Safe and predictable structures
- . Psycho-education is self education – students understand themselves and how they learn

NAPLAN Testing

Well done to all of our Year 3 and 5 students who started NAPLAN assessments last week and will continue them over the next couple of days. Most students should be proud of the efforts they have put in and will get the data that reflects this later in the year. When we receive the results, we look forward to examining the student data to help us further inform our next steps for student learning.

School Photos

Tomorrow, Wednesday 20th March 2024 is our school photo day. Please ensure your children are dressed in clean, full school uniform for this occasion and they have returned their photo envelope (even if not ordering) to the office.

Governing Council Meeting

A reminder that there is a Governing Council meeting scheduled for next Monday 25th March 2024 at 6.45pm for finance, followed by the general meeting at 7.30pm. If you have thoughts and ideas on how school events, grounds or functions could be improved, or any ideas that will help us to get better, please contact one of our Governing Council members or me via email sunny.vogt64@schools.sa.edu.au. We are always looking to make what we do better.

Pastoral Care Worker Review

Last Friday, we completed the annual review of our Pastoral Care Worker position. It was great to be able to reflect, appreciate and celebrate all of the wonderful work that Brock Smith does at Mypolonga Primary School. We are very privileged to have such a committed, passionate, patient and supportive person in the role such as Brock. He is a great asset to the Mypo team! At this time, it is important that we acknowledge the Murray Bridge Local Church Council and what they contribute financially for us to have Brock's role within the school, but also the emotional support they offer to Brock in his role.

End of Term and Easter Early Dismissals

As per our email last week, the Department allows us to finish an hour early on the last day of each term and on the Thursday before Easter. Please ensure you have these dates marked on your calendar with our earlier finish time of 2.25pm.

Working together,
Sunny Vogt

SAPOL visit

In Week 6, we were fortunate to have Senior Constable (First Class) David Brown visit our school to speak with our students.

Year 4-6 students were taught about bullying; Year 2-3 students were taught about being safe while using the internet and Reception to Year 2 students learnt about the role of Police Officers in our community, police transportation and equipment used.

Thanks Senior Constable Dave, we learnt a lot! Pictured right; Peyton and Hunter.



Middle Primary Black - Watermelon Smile Portraits

After looking at the work of *Frida Kahlo–Viva la Vida Watermelons* and *Diego Rivera–The Watermelons*, we drew self-portraits and added a watermelon in place of the mouth to look like a smile.

We looked at mixing tints for the watermelon colours. Finally, we used watercolours to paint the rest and added hands to hold the watermelon. Pictured right; artwork by Noah and Charlotte C.

All work is proudly on display on the outside classroom boards.



Wellbeing Wonders

Hello families... It's great to be back for an exciting 2024 without the cloud of covid or floods hanging over our heads.

For those who don't know me, my name is Jacob Rance, and I am the school's Student Wellbeing Leader. Each year, I love getting to know your amazing kids and supporting them with their health and wellbeing in any way I can.

At the start of the year, our Pastoral Care Worker (PCW) Brock Smith and I will work with students who teachers believe may benefit from our support. At the start of the year we sent out a note where you could write down any concerns that you might want support with for your child/ren.

If you would like to organise to catch up at any stage, my preferred day is Friday as that is my wellbeing day. However, I will be available before and after school every other day. Please organise a time over email Jacob.Rance149@schools.sa.edu.au or you can phone the school.

I look forward to getting to know the new receptions who have come in and improving my relationships with existing students.

Be yourself

Jacob Rance



Meet Brock Smith, your dedicated Pastoral Care Worker at Mypolonga Primary School

Proudly serving the community under the umbrella of the Schools Ministry Group (SMG).

As your PCW, my mission is simple yet profound: to be a steady pillar of support for students, staff, and families alike, guiding them through life's ebbs and flows with compassion and understanding.

At Mypolonga Primary, we believe in nurturing, not just academic growth, but holistic well-being. That's why I'm committed to ensuring that every member of our community feels empowered to thrive. Whether it's lending a listening ear during one-on-one conversations or fostering the TIGER values in the classrooms and schoolyard, I'm here to make a difference.

My journey to this role has been fueled by a deep-rooted passion for education and community engagement. For me, the importance of a supportive environment is pivotal in shaping young minds. Currently pursuing a Bachelor in Education (secondary) at University, I bring both theoretical knowledge and practical experience to my role.

As your Pastoral Care Worker, I am dedicated to fostering a culture of care, empathy, and resilience within the Mypolonga Primary School community. Whether you're a student, parent, or staff member, know that my door is always open, and I'm here to walk alongside you on your journey. Together, let's create a nurturing environment where every individual can flourish and thrive.

Kind Regards

Brock



Over the next few weeks, we will be proudly introducing our **House Leaders** for 2024.
This week, we proudly introduce and congratulate **House Leaders** for team **Hindmarsh**.



Ruby

As a leader of my house team... I hope to lead team Hindmarsh to victory and help them in every way possible.

I think a good leader... is kind, respects everyone, not a sore loser or winner and they follow the rules.

The best thing about being a leader is... everyone has to listen to me and respect me and it teaches me about leadership.

Someone I think is a great leader is... Madi S (Madz) **because** she is always kind and considers everyone's thoughts.



Jack

As a leader of my house team... I hope to encourage my team to win the Sports' Day trophy and encourage myself to read.

I think a good leader... encourages and supports their team.

The best thing about being a leader is... being able to help my team at different levels.

Someone I think is a great leader is... Shayla **because** she is very encouraging.

John Hindmarsh was the first Governor of South Australia. He arrived in 1836 and had to find a suitable place for the capital city of the new colony. Hindmarsh wanted it at Port Lincoln, rather than the present site, as selected by Colonel Light. Many places in South Australia are named after Governor Hindmarsh.



William

As a leader of my house team... I plan to be helpful to all the other blue students.

I think a good leader... shows respect, kindness and initiative.

The best thing about being a leader is... organising my team and all the other jobs of being a house leader.

Someone I think is a great leader is... Madi and Ruby **because** they show kindness.

**"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."
Eleanor Roosevelt**



Madison

As a leader of my house team...

I hope to accomplish my goal to read every night and get better at running.

I think a good leader... should read every week and encourage people to read.

The best thing about being a leader is... having responsibilities around the school

Someone I think is a great leader is... Hannah, Shayla, Ruby and Bella **because** they always show respect and read.

Students of the Week - Week 4, Term 1

Junior Primary Gold

Lexi - great listening and showing leadership.

Junior Primary Black

Billy - being incredibly talented in Drama. Wonderful to watch an actor in the making.

Middle Primary Gold

Spencer - being an inclusive and encouraging peer to every one of his classmates.

Middle Primary Black

Ella - fantastic initiative and leadership in the classroom.

Upper Primary Gold

Neeve - showing amazing compassion with her peers.

Hunter - having a positive and caring attitude all week.

Upper Primary Black

Azalea - consistently demonstrating our class values.



Well done!



Students of the Week - Week 5, Term 1

Junior Primary Gold

Morgan - positive participation during Phonics lessons.

Junior Primary Black

Billy - always being a Tiger, and always doing the right thing.

Middle Primary Gold

Brooklyn - being a helpful and kind peer.

Middle Primary Black

Jessica - always having a positive mindset and supplying laughs to those around her.

Upper Primary Gold

Paige - positive attitude and creative talent.

Leila - always looking out for others in a caring way.

Upper Primary Black

Madison - always living our Tiger values in every way.

William - for effort and growth mindset in his learning.

Planner - Term 1 2024

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	18/3 Student Free Day	19/3 . NAPLAN . No Tiny Tigers . Newsletter	20/3 . School Photo Day . JP unit enterprise	21/3 . JP unit enterprise lunch . 4:30pm MFC merch try on @ the Club	22/3 . 2:45pm Assembly . 5:30pm MCSC bar open, light tea options available	23/3 & 24/3 23/3 - 12:30pm MFC trial match @ Bordertown
Week 9	25/3 . Choir Excursion (years 4-6) . 6:45pm Finance / 7:30pm Governing Council meetings	26/3 . 9:00am - 10:00am Tiny Tigers	27/3 SPORTS' DAY	28/3 . JP unit enterprise recess (icecream) & lunch (pizza) . 2.25pm Early Dismissal	29/3 Good Friday Public Holiday	30/3 & 31/3
Week 10	1/4 Easter Monday Public Holiday	2/4 . 9:00am - 10:00am Tiny Tigers . Parent/Teacher Interviews . Newsletter	3/4 . JP unit enterprise recess . Parent/Teacher Interviews	4/4 . JP unit enterprise lunch . Parent/Teacher Interviews . MFC U11s/U9s & Auskick training starts	5/4 . 2:45pm Assembly . 6:30pm MCC presentation dinner	6/4 & 7/4
Week 11	8/4 . SAPSASA Swimming	9/4 . 9:00am - 10:00am Tiny Tigers	10/4 . JP unit enterprise recess	11/4 . JP unit enterprise . 2:45pm End of Term Assembly incl. presentation of awards . MFC Thursday night teas commence	12/4 . 2:25pm Early Dismissal . Newsletter . 5:30pm MCSC bar open, light tea options available	13/4 & 14/4 13/4 - Round 1 RMFL/RMNL -v- Jervois @ Jervois

Junior Primary Gold - we are learning our 'Rs'

In Week 7, we learned the phoneme **R**. We:
. looked at the colours of the rainbow to make colourful rainbow **Rs**.
. practiced saying lots of **R** words.

Our artwork is proudly on display in the Junior Primary Gold classroom. Call in and check it out!

Pictured right; Sadie and Lexi



Community News

Mypolonga Cricket Club

Congratulations to Mypolonga Cricket Club's As and Bs on winning the Murray Towns Cricket Association Grand Final held on Saturday 9th March 2024. Our own Sunny Vogt was part of the Bs winning team and we heard he played a GREAT game! The Club's 23/24 Season Awards Night is being held on Friday 5th April 2024 at 6:30pm. Please indicate your attendance through the Club's Facebook event.

Mypolonga Football Club

- . Registration for all grades is now open! Simply follow the links on the Club's recent Facebook posts.
- . Please refer to the flyers attached to our parent email with information on:
 - The Club's annual 100 Club. Join in on the fun! Please contact Neville 'Flash' Martin if you are interested.
 - Tiger membership for 2024. Be part of all the exciting things happening at Tigerland this year.
- . Senior Trial Match - being held at Bordertown Football Club on Saturday 23rd March 2024 from 12:30pm.

Mypolonga RSL - Bingo / BBQ tea Friday 19th April 2024. All welcome!

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