

Mypolonga Primary School & Community

Newsletter

13th April 2017
(Week 11 Term 1)



Congratulations to... Murray!!!... our 2017 Sport's Day Champions and to Benjamin Peterson & Clay Burgess... our perfect score recipients.

Term 2 2017 Assembly Roster

Week 1 – Larissa Pike, Thomas Kruschel, Judd Ruckenstein

Week 2 – No Assembly (due to NAPLaN)

Week 3 – No Assembly (Student Free Day)

Happy Birthday

16/4 – Judd (Yr 4)

21/4 – Ava (Yr 5)

22/4 – Samuel (Yr 7)

24/4 – Brady (Yr 2)

28/4 – Leah (Yr 6)

1/5 – Heath (Yr 4)

1/5 – Samuel (Reception)

4/5 – Jason (Year 7)

7/5 – Ellie (Yr 3)



Reminders

NAPLaN testing for Year 3, 5 and 7 students – Tuesday 9th May to Thursday 11th May 2017

Payment of 2017 School Fees

Outstanding school fees were due to be paid by today. If you are yet to pay your school fees, or wish to arrange an instalment plan, please see Annie or Necia in the office early next term.

School Shop – School Holidays / Good Friday

Our School Shop will be open for business on both Fridays in the school holidays (21st and 28th April 2017).

The Shop **will not** be open on Good Friday due to staff absences over the Easter break.



Literacy Cup Points

Total End of Term 1 2017

Murray

923

Hindmarsh

926

Finniss

922



Rita's Roar

Term 1 has flown by, with so many incredible experiences already undertaken. One of our new initiatives this term has been the Kick Start for Kids breakfasts every Thursday morning sponsored by staff from We All Count in Murray Bridge. We will not be continuing with this in Term 2 and 3 mainly because we do not have an interior space big enough to accommodate this in the colder months. We are hoping to be able to recommence breakfasts in Term 4.

NAPLaN

In Week 2 of next term all year 3, 5 and 7 students will sit NAPLaN tests. The tests are as follows:

- Tuesday 9th May: Language Conventions and Writing
- Wednesday 10th May: Reading
- Thursday 11th May: Numeracy

We are really clear that NAPLaN is one measure of student success; it is not **the** measure. We support our students by preparing them for the tests by making them familiar with how the tests are run and by the explicit teaching of literacy and numeracy. However, NAPLaN does not consume us, nor should it. If you have any concerns please speak to your child's teacher or myself.

ANZAC Day

This year, our service was particularly moving with the passing of Mypo and RSL stalwart Barney Holland, to whom we dedicated the service. We thank RSL President Adam Czechowski and his wife Dianne, and Padre Gus Slotegraaf for conducting the service, ably hosted by the Upper Primary students. We also thank Colleen Wachtel for making the wreath for the service.

Sport's Day

I would like to thank everyone who came to support their children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren on Sport's Day. The weather was kind

to us and a fantastic day was had by all. Well done to the house captains; Sport's Day is a great opportunity to learn about leadership and inspiring others. Congratulations to Hailey for organising her first Sport's Day and to David for getting the grounds into tip-top condition and lining the oval. The staff wish me to convey their appreciation to all of the station managers, whose support enables teachers to focus on their core business of teaching, learning and scoring. It was also so good to have Anne to open Sport's Day in her final year. Congratulations to Benjamin and Clay on achieving a perfect score.



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Department for Education and
Child Development

School Shop

The School Shop will not be open on Good Friday, however, the following two Fridays will be business as usual. See you there!

Have a great break, however, don't forget to keep reading, reading, reading. The holidays are a great time for your children to relax and read. See you next term. PS. The calves are coming!

Warm Regards, Rita

Class Awards**Term 1 Week 8****Junior Primary Class**

Winchester Hollitt – for always doing his work confidently and with a smile.

Joel Smart – for quietly completing all his work in Maths.

Junior Primary 1 class

Makayla Baker – for always trying her best in everything she does.

Levi Nutt – for being very kind and helpful to all his peers and teachers.

Lower Middle Primary class

James Mueller – careful effort in Picasso Art.

Elouise Kuhn – for being a self-motivated, independent learner.

Middle Primary class

Jayden Hearne – taking more responsibility for his learning.

Drew Bettcher – for always trying his best in what he does and showing persistence when things are tough.

Upper Primary class

Sachin Bartholomeusz – for good communication skills and great ideas.

Harry Stone – for good problem solving and ideas in persuasive writing.

Term 1 Week 9**Junior Primary Class**

Noah Martin – for showing independent understanding with his sentences.

Mila Carstairs – for bringing a positive attitude to the class.

Junior Primary 1 class

Danté Sandercock – for always trying his best with a very humble and respectful attitude.

Hadyn Castle – for being a responsible leader in our 1/2/3 class.

Lower Middle Primary class

Zyren Thomson – showing persistence in learning his times tables.

Autumn Stapleton – trying extra hard to improve her handwriting.

Middle Primary class

Craig Gillett – a curious learner who is eager to participate in class activities.

Ben Stewart – a positive student who is happy to support his peers.

Upper Primary class

Keeley Rathjen - excellent organisation of the Gold team.

Clay Burgess - excellent organisation of the Gold team.

Term 1 Week 10**Junior Primary Class**

Scarlette Fulwood – for brilliant explanation in STEM about how to make our weather mobiles.

Ryley Schwarz – showing maturity in his spelling knowledge.

Junior Primary 1 class

Sophie Brouwer – for always trying her best and putting in 100% of effort.

Dominick Swansson – for being a responsible class member.

Lower Middle Primary class

Leroy Rathjen - for persevering with his narrative introduction.

James Mueller – for persevering with his narrative to clearly express his ideas.

Middle Primary class

Bella Pike – for going above & beyond in drama by memorising her lines when she didn't have to.

James-Noah Peterson – for a great effort in his presentation of "Bunny Foo Foo".

Upper Primary class

Zoe Bettcher – for sensitivity and creativity beyond her years.

Logan Baker – for accepting responsibility and driving his own learning.

Yoga

This year, all Reception to Year 7 students will have the opportunity to try Yoga!

This 5 week program will commence on Monday 1st May 2017 (Week 1, Term 2), with Bianca Dawn, a licenced yoga instructor from Murray Bridge.

The classes will take place at the Mypolonga Institute and students will need to wear appropriate flexible, loose fitting clothing.

**Junior Primary Class
Suns & Pet Clouds**

To coincide with their Science/STEM lessons, our Junior Primary Reception/Year 1 students learnt about the weather and designed their own suns using a variety of materials and looked after their very own pet clouds.

Pictured below is Winchester Hollitt with his pet cloud and Layla Barney with her sun design.



School Hats

In accordance with our SunSmart policy, students are not required to wear school hats during Term 2. This follows on from information provided by the Cancer Council last year...



'Changes to the sun exposure and vitamin D recommendations

Cancer Council Australia has recently released a new position statement, **Sun exposure and vitamin D – risks and benefits** with recommendations about balancing the harms and benefits of sun exposure.

What's new for South Australia?

The latest UV data from the Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency (ARPANSA) shows that average UV levels are 3 and above during the months of August to April inclusive. In response to the latest data and the new position statement, Cancer Council SA now recommends implementing a sun protection policy during **terms 1, 3 and 4** in South Australia.

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.

What does this mean for your school?

The new SunSmart Program criteria for South Australia now means that a sun protection policy will need to be implemented during **terms 1, 3 and 4**. We are certain that the new recommendations will make implementing the program much more manageable for your school as it now fits with the school terms.'

We have asked students to take their hats home today and be washed and repaired (if necessary). We kindly ask that the hats be returned (labelled) to your child's classroom locker for safe keeping until Term 3.

If your child requires a new hat, they may be purchased from the office - legionnaire \$5.00, bucket \$7.00, slouch \$7.70 (cord & toggle removed).

Also, the SunSmart app for iPhone or Android is available to download from the App Store. It provides you with; sun protection times for your local area in Australia, UV levels and a 7 day weather forecast so you will always be prepared for the day ahead. You can personalise the sun protection alert to remind you of the daily sun protection times, either as a time or when the UV reaches a certain level.

School Photos

Earlier this week, we sent home all ordered school photos. Year 7 graduation packs will be distributed to students at the end of the year. If you have any queries regarding the school photos, please contact MSP Photography direct on 83913951.

Upper Primary class Abstract Shades

top; artwork by Jackson Ross
below: artwork by Jason Crouch



Junior Primary 1 Artwork inspired by Kara Walker

Students in the Junior Primary 1/2/3 class recently learnt about the artwork of artist Kara Walker.

Kara Elizabeth Walker is a 47-year-old African American contemporary painter, silhouettist, print-maker and installation artist.

The students' effective joint classroom design is on display in the Junior Primary 1 classroom, together with notes on the procedures followed.

Pictured right are Blake Kennedy & Madison Ray in front of the classroom display.



Murray Bridge High School Year 7/8 Transition Program Key Dates

Term 2

Week 1 – Wednesday 3rd May 2017 5:30pm-6:30pm
Transition evening visit @ St Joseph's Primary School

Week 6 – Wednesday 7th June 2017 (time to be advised) Transition Information Night at Murray Bridge High School

This Information Night will include:

- . Year 8 student information / panel
- . Middle school information
- . Music performances Year 8-12 students
- . Tour of the school
- . Light supper provided – MBHS Hospitality students

Middle Primary Artwork inspired by Paul Klee

Students in the Middle Primary class recently learnt about the artwork of artist Paul Klee.

Paul was a Swiss-German artist born 18 December 1879 - 29 June 1940. His highly individual style was influenced by movements in art that included Expressionism, Cubism, and Surrealism.

Our students' wonderful designs are on display in the Middle Primary classroom.



'From The Proud Mary...'

27th March 2017



Early in March, my friend and I visited your school and your School Shop and we were thrilled to see the Shop in operation. Of course, we had to buy and came home to Sydney with gifts for our friends and I showed them the leaflet you gave me. You all are great achievers. We loved the lemonade and, as it was a hot day, I had to have two cups.. delicious!

Keep up the excellent work and maybe I will make another call later to see you all.

Wendy Irish, Wollongong, New South Wales

February 2017

Dear Staff and Students

We want to thank you so much for showing us around your beautiful school a couple of weeks ago and congratulate you on your thriving business.

We really enjoyed the time spent with you.

Since arriving home here in Canberra, we have told lots of people about your school and how friendly and welcoming you were. All the best for the rest of the year.

Janice & Geoff, Canberra, Australian Capital Territory

As part of the Upper Primary class' school shop weekly rotations, students are required to take a range of photos of each rotation including images, which include a landscape, a shot from an unusual angle and an expressive shot. Below are examples of photos taken during Week 9 by Year 6 student Madalyn Uren.





Sports' Day 2017

Murray 974 points

Finnis 953 points

Hindmarsh 848 points

Thanks to all our school families and community members for attending this year's Sports' Day.

Special thanks to our station managers for volunteering their time to help out on the day...

Ian Payne, Monique Ballantyne, Matthew Pike, Craig Kempe, Meredith Pontt, Peta Pahl, Karen Montgomery, Sarah Barney, Chris Pahl, Craig Hobbs, Bob Hancock, Carolyn Kirby, Jodie Hagger, David Garner, Nicole Cain and Mary Gill.

We couldn't run such a wonderful & successful day without you!

Enterprise Recess/Lunches

Thanks to everyone who has supported this term's enterprise recess/lunches. Our students love being involved... just like Bella, Luke & Pippa helping Macca at a recent sausage sizzle.

Proceeds from our class enterprise days support students' learning and helps subsidise camps, excursions and learning resources.

Here is our new & exciting menu for Term 2!



Mypolonga Primary School

Old Scholar News

Congratulations to Mypolonga Primary School old scholar and current Murray Bridge High School Year 10 student Kailan Challinger on representing the Under 15 Little Athletics SA State team at the upcoming athletics Nationals in Sydney on Saturday 22nd April and Sunday 23rd April 2017.

Kailan is a strong athlete who received perfect scores at our school sports' days in 2012, 2013 and 2014, and he is one of only 3 boys who have recently been selected in the state's Under 15 team. He will be competing in 7 events (the 'multi-event' similar to the Heptathlon). Events consist of 100m, 800m, 100m, Hurdles, Long Jump, High Jump, Discus and Javelin.

Good luck & well done Kailan.. we look forward to following your journey!

SAPSASA Softball



Well done to all our students who represented the Murraylands and competed in the boys and girls SAPSASA Softball championships recently. As you will read below, they enjoyed their experience immensely!

"Never having played softball before, it was a great experience! I also enjoyed meeting new people." ~ Baylee Cooper

"We won 1 game and drew 1 game. It was a great week in Adelaide!" ~ Mackenzie Lindner

"It was a fun week. We learnt so many new rules, never having played the game before." ~ Madalyn Uren

"It was a good opportunity to meet new friends. Thanks to Mum for coaching!" ~ Erin McDonald

"I learnt how to sneak bases and properly lead off the base. It was a fun week." ~ Kiarra Gillett






"Learning how to hit the ball was a new experience. There is a skill in knowing whether to hit it or let it go!" ~ Katie Hutchinson

"It took a while to learn the rules and also hit the ball. I hit 3 home runs during the week! We won 2 games overall." ~ Jason Crouch

"It was a good experience making new friends. I hope to one day play softball in another team." ~ Clay Burgess

(Coen Martin was absent at the time of publishing)



 Classroom Enterprise 	
Lower Middle Primary Tuesday Recess	
 Crumpet *includes various toppings \$1 each	<input type="radio"/>
Middle Primary Wednesday Lunch	
 Hot Chicken Rolls *Gravy is optional \$3 each	<input type="radio"/>
Junior Primary Friday Lunch	
 Sausage in Bread \$2 each	<input type="radio"/>

Please order and pay for all Enterprise food on Monday and Tuesday.

Junior Primary Enterprise orders will be taken in the kitchen and crumpets and hot chicken rolls @ staffroom servery prior to 8:55am.

Welcome Finley!

We are thrilled to announce the safe arrival of Finley Jasco Merritt, a gorgeous little boy for Kim and Mason Merritt.

We are sure the Mypolonga Community will join us in wishing the Merritt family many wonderful, happy years together as we welcome Finley into our Tiger family.



**Student of the Term
for Term 1 2017**

Upper Primary

Larissa Pike

Middle Primary

Rhiannon Bowley

Lower Middle Primary

Phebe Nutt

Junior Primary 1

Danté Sandercock

Junior Primary

Isabelle Swansson

**Most Improved Student
for Term 1 2017**

Upper Primary

Thomas Tidy

Middle Primary

Thomas Kruschel

Lower Middle Primary

James Mueller

Junior Primary 1

Lila Stapleton

Junior Primary

Aila Young

Our Students of the Term
receive a \$15.00
Murray Bridge
Newsagency & Toyworld
Gift Card

**Diary Dates
(subject to change)**

Friday 19th May 2017 - **Student Free Day**
 Wednesday 2nd August 2017 - **Student Free Day**
 Friday 1st September 2017 - **School Closure**
 Wednesday 6th September 2017 - **Grandparents' Day**
 Wednesday 27th September 2017 - **SRC Bikeathon** (World Vision child fundraiser)
 Monday 6th November – Wednesday 8th November 2017 - **Upper Primary camp @ West Beach**
 Wednesday 15th November – Friday 17th November 2017 - **Lower Middle & Middle Primary camps @ Aldinga Beach**
 (Junior Primary camps to be advised)
 Monday 20th November 2017 - **Student Free Day**

MCSC – Mypolonga Combined Sports Club
 MFC – Mypolonga Football Club
 MCC – Mypolonga Cricket Club

**Planning Calendar
Term 2 2017**

MNLC – Mypolonga Netball League Club
 MBHS – Murray Bridge High School

1	1/5 Yoga	2/5 LMP enterprise recess (crumpets)	3/5 MP enterprise lunch (hot chicken & gravy rolls)	4/5	5/5 JP/JP1 enterprise lunch (sausage in bread) 3:00pm Assembly 6:00pm MCSC Friday night tea	6/5 & 7/5 6/5 – MFC/MNLC -v- Imps @ Mypo
2	8/5 Yoga Newsletter	9/5 NAPLAN 3:45pm Sustainability meeting LMP enterprise recess (crumpets) Landcare AGM	10/5 NAPLAN MP enterprise lunch (hot chicken & gravy rolls)	11/5 NAPLAN	12/5 Walk Safely to School Day JP/JP1 enterprise lunch (sausage in bread) No Assembly	13/5 & 14/5 13/5 MFC/MNLC -v- Ramblers @ Ramblers 14/5 – Mother's Day
3	15/5 Yoga 3:45pm Life Long Learning meeting 7:00pm Finance Meeting 7:30pm Governing Council meeting	16/5 LMP enterprise recess (crumpets)	17/5 MP enterprise lunch (hot chicken & gravy rolls)	18/5	19/5 STUDENT FREE DAY Mypo RSL Bingo BBQ Tea	20/5 & 21/5 20/5 – MFC/MNLC -v- Mannum @ Mypo
4	22/5 Yoga Newsletter	23/5 LMP enterprise recess (crumpets)	24/5 MP enterprise lunch (hot chicken & gravy rolls)	25/5	26/5 JP/JP1 enterprise lunch (sausage in bread) 3:00pm Assembly	27/5 & 28/5 28/5 – Mypo RSL Annual Dinner
5	29/5 Yoga	30/5 LMP enterprise recess (crumpets) Science competition	31/5 MP enterprise lunch (hot chicken & gravy rolls)	1/6	2/6 JP/JP1 enterprise lunch (sausage in bread) 3:00pm Assembly	3/6 & 4/6
6	5/6 Newsletter	6/6 LMP enterprise recess (crumpets)	7/6 MP enterprise lunch (hot chicken & gravy rolls)	8/6	9/6 JP/JP1 enterprise lunch (sausage in bread) 3:00pm Assembly	10/6 & 11/6

Community News**Mypolonga Football / Netball Club Upcoming Events**

. Saturday 6th May 2017 Mypolonga -v- Imps @ Mypo. Teas will be served from 6:00pm.

* Keep in touch by viewing regular notifications on the **Mypolonga Football Club** Facebook page! *

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