

Mypolonga Primary School & Community Newsletter

19th June 2017
(Week 8 Term 2)



Pictured above: Junior Primary excursion to Smart's Dairy, Ryley Schwarz & Jai Bowley in the dairy.

Did you know?... Cows drink about a bathtub full of water and eat around 18 kilograms of food a day. Cows are milked for an average of 3-4 years. A cow must have a calf in order to produce milk. Calves are fed milk until they are 8-9 weeks old.

Source: kidskonnnect.com

Term 2 2017 Assembly Roster

Week 8 – Adin Harm, Reagan Candy, Tahlia Ross

Week 9 – Zoe Bettcher, Jessica, Reagan Martin

Week 10 – Baylee Cooper, James-Noah Peterson, Charlie Harrowfield

Happy Birthday

20/6 – Ruby (Year 3)

24/6 – Levi (Year 2)

26/6 – Logan (Year 6)

27/6 – Isabelle (Reception)

30/6 – Rhiannon (Year 5)

4/7 – Bella (Year 7)



Woolworths Earn & Learn

26th July 2017 to 19th September 2017

Earn & Learn is on again! From 26th July 2017, collect Earn & Learn stickers every time you spend over \$10.00 at Woolworths. Place your stickers onto a sticker sheet (which will be available from Woolworths or the school) and return the completed sheet into the collection box, which will be housed in the school office. Later in the year, each class will be able to redeem their stickers for a wide range of educational resources! Spread the word! More information will be provided on our Facebook page and in upcoming newsletters!



End of Term Assembly

Thursday 6th July 2017 @ 3:00pm, held at the school. This assembly will include presentation of most improved for the term, student of the term and Kiwani Terrific Kids awards.

Dismissal – last day of Term 2

2:25pm Friday 7th July 2017

Enterprise Recess/Lunch

Please note that there will be no enterprise recess/lunches (crumpets etc) on offer in Week 10 (last week of the term).

Literacy Cup Points

Total End of Week 7 2017

Hindmarsh

1682

Murray

1666

Finniss

1649



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Department for Education and Child Development

Noel's Natter

Hi everyone. I have had the privilege of being asked to be the Principal while Rita takes some deserved leave to be with her daughter, Lucy, who is back visiting home from New York. Initially, I was hesitant about coming back to work (I retired in February). I then thought how good it would be to come back 'home' for a while.

This has been a full circle for me, as Mypolonga was my first tenured appointment as a Principal in the mid Nineties. This has given me chance to reflect.

I enjoyed the chance to be involved with this community in a very special way back then – Karen, Molly and Katelin and I lived in the "Castle" near Woodlane Reserve and had a fantastic time growing up in this community. I remember riding my bike to school along North Bokara Road – back then I rode through a number of dairy crossings, which was an event in itself! It is wonderful to see the school photo in the library from 2001. It is also a sobering experience to see that many of the students I taught now have children attending the school!

As I walk around the school I am able to remember the school being 'rebuilt'; the playgrounds, pergola and classrooms that still exist.

I am also reminded of how much has developed over time as well – the school numbers have nearly doubled, extra rooms added, the old school shop, and the redesigning of learning areas.

To advance in the 'ladder climbing' of leadership in our system I needed to leave the school – this was a hard decision back then, as this community stood for everything I admired.

The Culture of Learning:

Some things have stayed true to this community and have been exponentially enhanced to provide an excellent learning environment:

The **TIGER values** are real and living – you should be so proud of what the school community stands for – Bravo!

The school is lead strongly and has been blessed with a number of staff members who have been working together for many years - **prolonged excellence is infectious**.

The staff members are dedicated and are devoted to providing the best possible outcomes for the students and each other. There is a **genuine care and a very high expectation** for/of the kids and what learning is provided here. The number of volunteers helping out is truly displaying the community spirit.

Numeracy, Literacy and academic growth for every student is the mantra of teaching and learning with every staff member. This is acknowledged across the region, state and nationally.

Revisiting the school has provided me the chance to reflect on my own teaching journey. I can say without doubt that this school community provided some of the most rewarding times of my life – Thank you Mypolonga.

Teacher Excellence Award Nomination

Congratulations to Anne Martin. Anne has been nominated for the prestigious 'Excellence in Teaching Awards' presented by our Department of Education and Child Development. This is not the first time for Anne and I know we all acknowledge Anne's contribution to this school community over many years – good luck Anne in the next stage of this nomination – you are already a winner in our eyes!

Mel Carstairs gains permanency

Congratulations to Mel Carstairs! Mel is now a permanent DECD employee at Mypolonga PS. Mel is a former student and an excellent role model and teacher for our school. Well done!

On behalf of the Mypolonga School Community, I would like to extend heartfelt condolences to the Nuske family on the recent passing of Alan. Alan was a tireless worker and supporter of various sporting clubs and a well-respected member of our community.

Enjoy life! Noel Kneebone

SAPSASA Football & Netball

Well done to our Upper Primary students on an enjoyable week representing the Murraylands in SAPSASA Football & Netball. Jason Crouch, Jayda Stimpson and Larissa Pike have kindly provided us with an insight into their week.

Football

Team Members: Riley Walton, Jason Crouch, Harry Stone and Henry Payne

"We had a great week at the SAPSASA football Championships in West Lakes. Out of 4 Divisions, we were in Division 3. We all knew lots of other boys in the team from playing against them on a Saturday.



Over the week, we played 2 games a day, winning 4 games and losing 5. We did however beat the undefeated team by 3 points! The Southern Valley team won the championship. I liked being in the Murraylands SAPSASA team 2 years in a row." *Jason Crouch*

Netball

Team Members: Jayda Stimpson, Keeley Rathjen, Mackenzie Lindner (Division 4) and Katie Hutchinson & Larissa Pike (Division 8)

"Our team was placed in Division 4 out of 8 Divisions. We won 4 games, lost 4 games and drew 1 game. We finished the week 4th out of 5 overall.



We learnt new drills, set plays and increased our skill level.

This year, Kellie Klose from Palmer Primary School was our coach. I have enjoyed the whole SAPSASA experience over the last 2 years." *Jayda Stimpson*

"In Division 8, we finished 4th overall, winning 2 games, drawing 1 and losing 6. Mrs Perry was a wonderful and very helpful coach. We all really enjoyed the week at ETSA Park." *Larissa Pike*



"I would just like to congratulate all students who participated in SAPSASA Football and Netball. They all represented our school wonderfully and should be extremely proud of their achievements. I am certainly one proud PE teacher!" *Hailey Perry*



Upper Primary

From Weeks 3 to 5, we had two calves at the school from the Martin dairy as part of the Upper Primary class' involvement in 'Cows Create Careers'. The students came up with the German names Sahne (cream) and Käse (cheese). Over 20 days, they fed, measured and weighed the calves to research their growth over time, and compare growth rates when they started solid food. They also did group research on a variety of dairy cow based topics. It has been an incredible learning opportunity for our students and they have done some impressive work!

Pictured right is an advertisement designed by Upper Primary students Erin McDonald, Katie Hutchinson, Mitchell Pahl and Adin Harm.

Junior Primary

To coincide with the Cows Create Careers program, our Junior Primary Reception / Year 1 class recently visited Smart's Dairy in Mypolonga.

Students got to experience the life and 'happenings' of a dairy farm, including what the workers' roles are and what is produced at the end.

Many curriculum areas were covered from this visit, including where does milk and cream come from? (Health), breeding (Science), and the reading of the book *George the Farmer* (Literacy).



Pictured above are Mila Carstairs, Scarlett Perry, Lainie Peacock, Lucinda Temby and Akira Harris.

George the Farmer is one of Australia's best-loved farming characters and plays an extremely important role in educating children about farming practices. It is the brainchild of Simone Kain and Ben Hood, who both grew up on farms and now run a creative agency in South Australia's south-east.



For more information on the national award winning *George the Farmer* brand (including an interactive story app), please visit www.georgethefarmer.com.au.

Welcome to Student Teachers Danielle Monjean and Amanda Durham

We have recently welcomed student teachers Danielle Monjean (right) and Amanda Durham (left) to our school.

Danielle is in her first year at Uni SA and is completing a Bachelor of Education. Danielle's 10-day placement has been with Renay Persello in the Junior Primary 1/2/3 class, which concludes today.



Amanda is in her final year at Charles Darwin University and is completing a Bachelor of Primary Education. She will be with us until the end of this term and is placed in Amy Stone's Junior Primary Reception/1 class.

We hope you enjoy your learning experiences with us Danielle & Amanda!

Class Awards

Term 2 Week 5

Junior Primary Class

Mila Carstairs – for having fantastic time management.

Luke Pontt – for working hard to achieve his learning goal of understanding Reading Eggs.

Junior Primary 1 class

Connor Fulwood – Great work in German lessons.

Hayden Clark – great work in German lessons.

Lower Middle Primary class

Zenith Smith – Working hard and taking more care with his work.

Shelby Rothe – for having a positive attitude in Maths and becoming successful.

Middle Primary class

Claire Ruckenstuhl – a natural leader who shows compassion.

Shaylee Martin – excellent participation in all Maths lessons.

Upper Primary class

Katie Hutchinson – for showing compassion and a positive attitude to learning.

Madalyn Uren – for consistent achievement across all subjects.

Term 2 Week 6

Junior Primary Class

Carla Hanks – for showing her kind nature to her friends.

Luke Stewart – for always showing positive behaviour to his peers.

Junior Primary 1 class

Amira Egel – for always giving everything a go and always with a positive attitude.

Ava Hagger – for being a great leader and a great helper.

Lower Middle Primary class

Ruby Montgomery-Pittaway – focused independent worker, who uses feedback to improve.

Ledja Gray – working hard to improve in all curriculum areas.

Middle Primary class

Heath Matheson – excellent engagement in Maths.

Logan Rankin – worked well independently in Robotics.

Upper Primary class

Ryder Egel – persistence to work towards excellence in Science.

Mitchell Pahl – generosity and team spirit helping with class jobs.

Counsellor's Corner



Building Courage in Kids - How to Teach Kids to Be Brave

The following is an excerpt from the above article, which I will continue to share over the next few newsletters.

Hey Sigmund - Karen Young

<http://www.heysigmund.com>

'Courage isn't about something magical that happens inside us to make us 'not scared'. It's about something magical that happens inside us to make us push through fear, self-doubt, anxiety, and do the things that feel hard or risky or frightening. Sometimes, courage only has to happen for seconds at a time – just long enough to be brave enough.

There's something else that kids need to know about courage – you don't always see the effects of it straight away. Courage might mean being kind to the new kid in class, trying something new, speaking up for something they believe in. Often, these things don't come with fireworks or applause. In fact, they rarely do. The differences they make can take time to reveal, but when actions are driven by courage, the differences those actions make will always be there, gently taking shape and changing their very important corners of the world in some way.

How to Build Courage in Kids

We all want to feel safe. It's so smooth and unsplintered and unlikely to scrape you or embarrass you or leave you with bruises. Sometimes, 'safe and certain' might be the perfect place for our kids to be, but so much growth and the things that will enrich them, will happen when they let go of the handrail, even if just for seconds at a time. Here are some ways to nurture their brave:

- **Speak of their brave as though they're already there.** Kids and teens step up to expectations or down to them. Speak to the courage that is coming to life inside them, as though they are already there. 'I know how brave you are.' 'I love that you make hard decisions sometimes, even when it would be easier to do the other thing.' 'You might not feel brave, but I know what it means to you to be doing this. Trust me – you are one of the bravest people I know.'
- **Give permission for imperfection.** Failure and rejection are often a sign that you've done something brave. Every experience gives new information and new wisdom that wouldn't have been there before. It's why only the brave ones get there in the end – they have the knowledge, wisdom and experience that can often only be found when you land badly – sometimes more than once. Give them space for imperfection – it's a growth staple.'

I love this! Teach them to be brave but support them in the process. How great to be able to be a part of this journey with your child. I'm sure many of you already do this but it's always nice to be reminded that you are on the right track. Keep up the great work!

Cheers, Kerry



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**Diary Dates
(subject to
change)**

Wednesday 2nd August 2017 - **Student Free Day**
 Thursday 3rd August 2017 – **SAPSASA Athletics District Day @** Unity College
 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**
 Thursday 16th November – Friday 17th November 2017 – **Junior Primary R/1 & 1/2/3 camp @ Adare Camp & Caravan Park (in McCracken near Victor Harbor)**
 Monday 20th November 2017 - **Student Free Day**

Save the date!

Grandparents' Day



Wednesday 6th September 2017
 (Week 7 Term 3)
 held at Mypolonga Primary School

Further information will be sent home early Term 3!

Master Class in Term 3!

Mondays: 7th August & 14th August 2017
Wednesdays: 23rd August & 30th August 2017

We are kindly looking for parents, friends and/or community members to help with, or run a Master Class in Term 3. Over the years, Master Classes have been as varied as volleyball, basketball, Lego, campfires, art & craft electives and cooking.

Please refer to the enclosed note & see Kerry Daniel if you have any queries.

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

8	19/6 Newsletter	20/6 LMP enterprise recess (crumpets)	21/6 MP enterprise lunch (hot chicken & gravy rolls)	22/6	23/6 JP/JP1 enterprise lunch (sausage in bread) 3:00pm Assembly	24/6 & 25/6 24/6 – MFC/MNLC -v- Meningie @ Mypo, followed by Tucker's Trivia Night
9	26/6 SAPSASA Soccer (all week) 3:45pm Life Long Learning meeting 7:00pm Finance Meeting 7:30pm Governing Council meeting	27/7 LMP enterprise recess (crumpets)	28/6 MP enterprise lunch (hot chicken & gravy rolls)	29/6	30/6 JP/JP1 enterprise lunch (sausage in bread) 3:00pm Assembly	1/7 & 2/7 1/7 – MFC/MNLC -v- Imps @ Imps
10	3/7	4/7	5/7	6/7 3:00pm End of Term Assembly (held at the school) 3:25pm Dismissal	7/7 Newsletter Early dismissal @ 2:25pm from 6:00pm MCSC Friday Night tea	8/7 & 9/7 8/7 – MFC/MNLC Compulsory Bye

Planning Calendar Term 3 2017

1	24/7	25/7 LMP enterprise recess (crumpets)	26/7 MP enterprise lunch (pasta – cheese or tomato)	27/7	28/7 JP/JP1 enterprise lunch (toasted sandwiches – spaghetti, ham & cheese or cheese) 3:00pm Assembly	29/7 & 30/7 29/7 – (split round) MFC/MNLC -v- Jervois @ Mypo, including Sponsors' Day
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