

Mypolonga Primary School & Community

Newsletter

20th March 2017
(Week 8 Term 1)



Sensory Play Area

"For ourselves, and for our planet, we must be both strong and strongly connected — with each other, with the earth. As children, we need time to wander, to be outside, to nibble on icicles, watch ants, to build with dirt and sticks in the hollow of the earth, to lie back and contemplate clouds..." Gary Paul Nabhan & Stephen Trimble, *The Geography of Childhood*, 2004

Term 1 2017 Assembly Roster

Week 8 – Coen Martin, Ben Stewart, Koby Stimpson

Week 9 – Samuel Montgomery-Pittaway, Claire Ruckenstuhl, Riley Hagger

Happy Birthday

22/3 - Winchester (Reception)

31/3 - Coen (Year 7)



Friendly Reminders

Parents & Friends' Fundraising Tea – Friday 24th March 2017 (prior to school disco) Order form & money due Wednesday 22/3/17.

Sports' Day help note - Note to be returned by Friday 31st March 2017.

2017 Parent/Teacher Interviews

Parent/teacher interviews for all students will be held during Week 10, commencing Monday 3rd April 2017 until Wednesday 5th April 2017 (some classes may have Thursday 6th April 2017 available).

Online bookings open at 4:00pm this afternoon until 9:00am Monday 27th March 2017. A detailed note regarding the booking process was enclosed in our last newsletter and a reminder was emailed to all our parents last Friday. If you have any queries, please contact Necia or Annie in the office.

Payment of 2017 School Fees

A reminder that outstanding school fees are due to be paid by the end of Term 1 (Friday 14th April 2017), unless otherwise arranged with the front office. If you wish to arrange an instalment plan, please see Annie or Necia in the office.

School Photos

We have recently been advised by MSP Photography that our photos are in full production and will be available before the end of the term.

Literacy Cup Points

Year to Date (Week 1 to Week 7)

Murray

617

Hindmarsh

615

Finniss

614



Government of South Australia
Department for Education and
Child Development

Rita's Roar

Students as Co-Designers

Recently, staff and leadership from Hackham East Primary School visited us to learn about students as co-designers in their learning. Our Upper Primary students explained how we develop surface learning ie the 'facts' you need to know about the things you are learning about. During that time, students generate questions or 'wonderings' they wish to explore further. This becomes the 'deep learning', which our students co-design against the achievement standard. Getting the balance right between surface and deep learning is critical for successful learning.

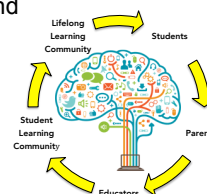
Principal, Bob Thiele, sent me the following email; 'Thank you so much for giving your precious time to host us at your wonderful school. We learnt so much from you, your teachers and students. The children were so eloquent, confident and were obviously very proud of their school and their learning. Seeing the shop in action with the children in their roles with the visitors was so impressive.'

The Sustainability Committee will visit Hackham East to look at some of the initiatives they have in place around play spaces in their school.

Students as Teachers

Our Student Learning Community, who are all members of the Lifelong Learning Community recently attended a workshop with Professor Katie Dawson and Mikelle on creative body based learning.

They then had to take what they had learned at that workshop and teach it to the teachers. It was great to see the planning and preparation the students put in to the Lifelong Learning Community meeting. Well done to Jessica, Rhiannon, Rhea, Ben, Isla and Baylee for your passion for learning.



What's Happening?

The countdown to the end of the term is on. It is all systems go with a heads up to especially new parents about how things work.

- The Disco**, which will be held this Friday has a theme of 'Bogans and Beauties'. Parents are welcome to have dinner at the Combined Sports' Club at the Mypo Oval followed by the Disco at the Mypolonga Institute. If you have spare time on Friday, Kerry and the SRC would love your help to help set up.
- Parent/Teacher interviews** will be held in Week 10. You need to register online. I recommend that you do this as early as possible especially if you have more than one child. If you register later you may not find times that are convenient or consecutive for more than one child. Parents who have booked will not be inconvenienced by parents who have not.
- Sport's Day**: Monday Week 11. Please send your child/children in their house team colours. If you are unsure of your child's team in JP, the colour of their communication book will tell you. The House captains run Sport's Day. The morning session starts with sprints, followed by tabloid events. Team games happen in the afternoon.

This year we will jump off for the high jump prior to Sport's Day as we have quite big groups. Morning tea is available for adults in the kitchen and we would appreciate parents bringing a plate to share. P&F are also requesting a gold coin donation to cover morning tea costs. All school age children need to stay with their house teams under the shelter, not with their parents, and we ask that pre school children stay with their parents. As it is a school day, all high school students are expected to be at school and feeder high schools have asked us to ensure that this happens.

STOP PRESS! Benjamin Peterson came 5th in the 100 metres in the State Athletics Championships in a personal best time. This follows a gold medal run over 200m in the recent State Challenge event. Congratulations and well done! Also, well done to James-Noah Peterson who also ran a personal best in the 200m at the State Challenge.



Warm Regards, Rita

Attendance

Our school day starts at 8:55am, when the bell is sounded. The 5 minutes between 8:55am and 9:00am gives teachers time to call the roll before students move to different classes/locations for Guided Reading lessons.

If your child misses this roll call, they are marked absent. Parents & caregivers are asked to sign their child into school at the office if they are late. This helps with any confusion at the end of the week when our school counsellor Kerry Daniel checks attendances for unexplained absences.

If your child is away for the whole day, please either;

- . write a note in your child's diary;
- . email Necia in the office info@mypolongaps.sa.edu.au;
- . telephone the school on 85354191. You may leave a message on the school's answering machine if it is before or after school office hours.

Teachers need to record a reason for absence, which for the majority of the time is **illness** or **family**.

Thank you in anticipation of your help and support in this issue.

Student Representative Council "SRC"

Introducing...

Erin McDonald
(SRC Leader)

As an SRC Leader, I hope to... show good leadership.

Something you don't know about me is... I love gymnastics.

I read... comics.

I watch... the Food Network.

I listen to... Power FM.

One day I hope to... live in an apartment with Katie H. and go to university.

If I could change something in the world, I would... stop crime.

The best thing about Mypolonga Primary School is... being able to work in a business.

Someone I really look up to is... Mrs O'Brien because she is a very good leader.



Class Awards

Term 1 Week 5

Junior Primary Class

Lainie Peacock – for always doing the right thing.

Samuel Castle – for always involving himself in classroom discussions.

Junior Primary 1 class

Felicity Donald – for always trying her best in all that she does.

Charlotte Pahl – for showing dedication to her learning.

Lower Middle Primary class

Matilda Stone – working hard on her times tables.

Ella O'Shea-Coulter – careful observation in Science.

Middle Primary class

Rhiannon Bowley – A tiger who always gives 100%.

Ethan Kennedy – Showing a real commitment to home learning tasks.

Upper Primary class

Kiarra Gillett – for a fantastic growth mindset in challenging new topics.

Adin Harm – for accepting constructive criticism and having a great attitude to his writing.

Term 1 Week 6

Junior Primary class

Jesse Squire – for displaying fantastic bookwork in Spelling.

Jackson Lear – for showing control and maturity whilst on the mat.

Junior Primary 1 class

Pippa Smith – for always being polite and respectful.

Lilly Lear – for using her imagination to be very creative during Art.

Lower Middle Primary class

Judd Ruckentuhl – thoughtful suggestions for classroom improvement.

Liam Marshall – reliable classroom monitor.

Middle Primary class

Georgia Martin – always doing her best and caring for others.

Ava Lindner – giving up her own time to help with Enterprise (Generosity of Spirit / Teamwork)

Upper Primary class

Coen Martin – for a fantastic piece of narrative writing.

Thomas Tidy – for a great attitude to thinking laterally and challenging himself.

The Carly Ryan Foundation

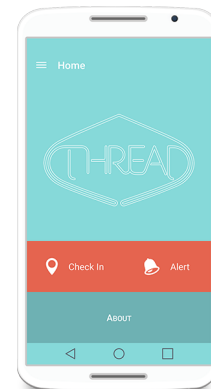
<http://www.carlyryanfoundation.com>



Thread App

'Thread' is a personal safety app for children (aged from 8 years) that combines the benefits of contemporary technology with clever design and personal devices.

In stressful situations, where only one action can be taken, Thread provides an immediate connection between: a user's location, trusted contacts and emergency services.



For more information, and to download this app, go to <http://www.thethreadapp.com>



Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) is a priority of our Site Improvement Plan in 2017. In Term 1, students in Upper Primary have been engaged in 2 investigations: the creation of whiteboard erasers and Jimu Robots.



Whiteboard Erasers

Students used a 3D modelling program to create designs for whiteboard erasers which were then printed on a 3D printer. The eraser's design specification included:

- It had to be easily identified by the owner
- It had to fit into maths toolkits
- It had to clean white boards successfully
- It had to have long term use

Pictured left are Katie & Jeremy with their whiteboard erasers.

"We know that 75% of the fastest growing occupations now require STEM skills and knowledge. It is critically important that we make sure that our children are learning the skills that they will need to fulfil these roles."

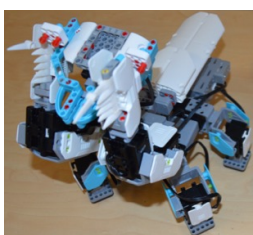
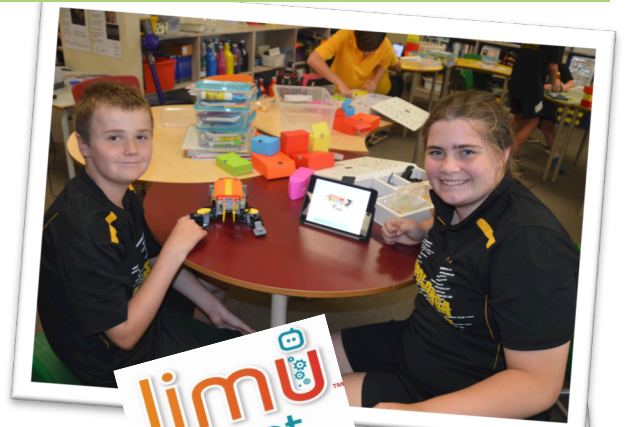
Hon Susan Close MP, Minister for Education and Child Development

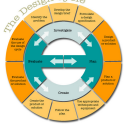


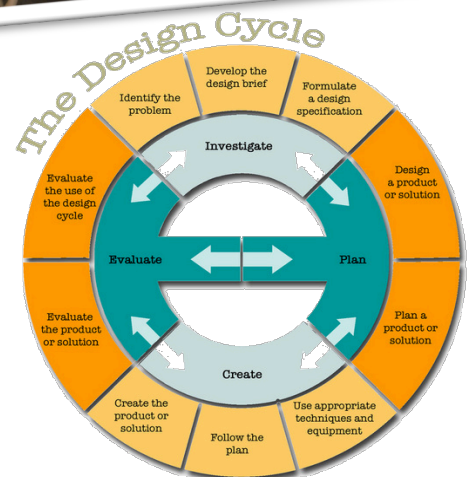
Jimu Robots

We purchased Jimu robots to learn about coding. The robots have 'servos' which are motors, which are like human joints. Students are able to program robot movements. For this task, students also created music in GarageBand and choreographed their movements to the music.

Pictured right are Luke and Larissa, Maddi & Leah with their robots.



Learning Task: Design and Technology			
Digital Technologies			
		Design Specification: Create a white board eraser which can ☞ the top of your eraser design using the 3D printer and Tinkercad. ☞ be easily identified ☞ cleans whiteboards successfully ☞ can have long-term use	
Assessment Criteria		Self	Tchr
Investigate: Ways to create the designed solution	You explore and experiment with ☞ the top of your eraser design using the 3D printer and Tinkercad. ☞ the eraser material	High Med Low	High Med Low
Plan: How to meet the design specification	You decide which design is the best and why.	High Med Low	High Med Low
Create: Use Self Regulation to create your designed solution	You get the job done. You work efficiently and collaboratively if needed. You seek help if necessary.	High Med Low	High Med Low
Evaluate: How well you met the design specification	You are able to show (using the documentation method of your choice) how your eraser has met the design specification in all 4 areas ie criteria for success.	High Med Low	High Med Low
Achievement Standards:			
Design and Technology	By the end of Year 6: students will have had the opportunity to create designed solutions. By the end of Year 8: Students create designed solution for each of the prescribed technologies context based on an evaluation of needs or opportunities. They develop criteria for success, including sustainability considerations, and use these to judge the suitability of the ideas and designed solutions and processes.		
Digital Technologies	By the end of Year 8: students manage and plan digital projects to create interactive information		
Self Evaluation		Feedback	




Diary Dates (subject to change)

Monday 10th April 2017 - **School Sports' Day**
 Friday 19th May 2017 - **Student Free Day**
 Wednesday 2nd August 2017 - **Student Free Day**
 Friday 1st September 2017 - **School Closure**
 Wednesday 27th September 2017 - **SRC Bikeathon** (World Vision child fundraiser)
 Wednesday 15th November - Friday 17th November 2017 - **Middle Primary and Upper Primary camps**
 (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 1 2017

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

8	 Online bookings for parent/teacher interviews open tomorrow!	20/3 Newsletter 9:00am P&F meeting in Rita's Kitchen 3:35pm Life Long Learning meeting 6:30pm Finance Meeting 7:30pm Governing Council meeting	21/3 LMP enterprise recess (ice creams) Harmony Day	22/3 MP enterprise lunch (salad rolls) 6:30pm MFC junior trial game -v- Strathalbyn	23/3 8:15am Kick Start for Kids breakfast MFC junior training reverts back to Thursdays	24/3 JP/JP1 enterprise lunch (sausage in bread) 3:00pm Assembly 5:30pm Parents & Friends' Fundraising Tea 7:00pm School Disco	25/3 & 26/3 25/3 – MFC Senior trial game -v- Karoonda @ Mypo from 11:30am
9	Online bookings for parent/teacher interviews close today @ 9:00am	27/3 Online bookings for parent/teacher interviews close today @ 9:00am	28/3 LMP enterprise recess (ice creams)	29/3 MP enterprise lunch (salad rolls)	30/3 8:15am Kick Start for Kids breakfast	31/3 JP/JP1 enterprise lunch (sausage in bread) 3:00pm Assembly	1/4 & 2/4 1/4 – MFC/MNLC -v- Jervois @ Jervois 2/4 – Daylight savings ends
10	3/4 Newsletter Parent/Teacher Interviews SAPSASA Softball	4/4 LMP enterprise recess (ice creams)	5/4 MP enterprise lunch (salad rolls)	6/4 8:15am Kick Start for Kids breakfast	7/4 JP/JP1 enterprise lunch (sausage in bread) 3:00pm Assembly 6:00pm MCSC Friday night tea	8/4 & 9/4 8/4 – MFC/MNLC -v- Taillem Bend and Ladies' Day from 2:30pm	
11	10/4 Sports' Day	11/4 LMP enterprise recess (ice creams)	12/4 MP enterprise lunch (salad rolls)	13/4 8:15am Kick Start for Kids breakfast SRC Casual Day 1:45pm End of Term Assembly (held at the school) 2:25pm Dismissal Newsletter	14/4 GOOD FRIDAY	15/4 & 16/4 RMFL/RMNA no games due to Easter	

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

- . **MFC Junior Trial Game** - Wednesday 22nd March 2017 -v- Strathalbyn Football Club - Under 15s starting at 6.30pm, Under 17½ following at 7.30pm. Venue to be decided.
- . **MFC Senior Trial Game** - Saturday 25th March 2017 -v- Karoonda at Mypolonga from 11:30am. BBQ and bar facilities available.
- . **MFC & MNLC Junior Footballers & Netballers tea** - Thursday 30th March 2017 after training. Under 7s to 11s...hotdogs / Under 13s to Under17.5s...chicken schnitzel burgers.
- . **MFC Round 1 IGA Cup** – Saturday 1st April 2017 Mypolonga -v- Jervois @ Jervois.
- . **MFC Round 2 First home game** – Saturday 8th April 2017 Mypolonga -v- Taillem Bend including Ladies Day from 2:30pm.

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

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