

Mypolonga Primary School & Community Newsletter

30th August 2017
(Week 6 Term 3)



Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers for assisting with our Master classes this year.

Pictured from left; Sam Lewis (ex student) with Seth Ryles making Christmas wreaths; Vicki Martin (grandmother) with Hayden Clark and Linton Garner designing canvases with paper craft.

Together Everyone Achieves More

Term 3 2017 Assembly Roster

Week 6 – No Assembly (due to School Closure Day)

Week 7 – Madalyn Uren, Linx Baker, Brandan Pahl

Happy Birthday

3/9 – Amber (Year 7)
3/9 – Jayden (Year 4)
5/9 – Jade (Year 5)
6/9 – Luke (Year 7)
7/9 – Henry (Year 7)



School Closure Day

This Friday 1st September 2017. The school and school shop will be closed on this day.

SRC Casual Day

This Thursday 31st August 2017. A gold coin donation would be appreciated, with proceeds going towards the school's end of year fun day.

Life Long Learning Community meeting / MYTERN meeting

Our next Life Long Learning Community meeting will be held next Monday 4th September 2017 at 3:40pm (not Monday Week 8) to coincide with the MYTERN meeting (see separate article). All welcome!

Notes to be returned

- Upper Primary camp commitment to pay to be returned by 8/9/17 (pink form).
- Bikeathon/Walkathon help note to be returned by 8/9/17.

Literacy Cup Points

Total End of Week 5 Term 3 2017

Finniss

2688

Murray

2668

Hindmarsh

2648



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Child Development

Rita's Roar

We welcome back Necia from her long service leave, which she spent in Europe. It is great to have her back! I want to acknowledge the wonderful work Catherine Hughes did in Necia's absence. She had a special rapport with the kids and did a great deal of preparation for Grandparents' Day next week. It is difficult when an inexperienced person backfills and I really appreciate all of the support you gave Catherine to find her feet and grow into the job.

You should all have received your NAPLAN results last week. We are very pleased with our results, with a significant number of students achieving in the higher bands. We were above national average (and in some cases well above) in all 5 areas in Years 5 and 7. Year 3s were above national average in reading, writing and grammar and punctuation and slightly below in spelling and maths.

The DECD Standard of Educational Achievement tells us how well our kids are going. 100% of our students achieved the Standard in Reading and 93% in Numeracy. This is an excellent achievement!

For us, the best measure of improvement is progression rates. This measures how students progress from Years 3-5 and from Years 5-7. However, even this data requires analysis.

Progression rates 2015

Rate	What is expected nationally	Years 3-5		Years 5-7	
		Reading	Numeracy	Reading	Numeracy
Low	25	19	12	38	14
Medium	50	38	50	38	43
High	25	44	38	23	43

Of concern would be the 38% of students making low progress in reading from Years 5-7. However, when we look at this data, most students were in the higher bands, in Year 5, which makes it difficult to show high progress to Year 7.

I believe our decision to create smaller class sizes in maths and guided reading across the school has been vindicated. This has meant that I have a greater teaching load to finance this, however, I am very fortunate to have Annie and Necia who manage so many administrative aspects brilliantly to enable me to be an educational leader.

Levelled Literacy Intervention is a partnership-wide intervention program adopted by all of our schools.

Cass Martin has been managing this program at Mypo to give some students extra structured support in reading. NAPLAN data (which I remind you is a one-off test) has students in the program who have achieved at, or, above the Standard of Educational Achievement. Our enterprise programs directly correlate to great maths engagement and achievement.

We have a culture of success at Mypo. We have worked so hard to achieve this over many years. Your support of us grows your child's engagement with, and commitment to learning. Together as a team, we achieve great things.

Go Team Mypo! 🐯

Warm Regards, Rita



On behalf of the school community, we extend heartfelt condolences to the Day/Marker family, on the recent passing of Damian Marker.

Damian was a student at our school from 2006 to 2011, and was tragically killed in a car accident last week. Damian will be remembered as a popular, happy student who loved to collect things and entertain his classmates with his inventions. In Year 2, he built a personal battery-powered fan and attached it to his desk with Blu Tak! How we all laughed!

Grandparents' Day

We look forward to all sharing in a wonderful day next Wednesday. Our day begins at 9:00am and concludes at approximately 2:00pm. If grandparents decide to take their grandchild(ren) home after the final rotation & lunch, please ask them to advise a staff member. Please contact Necia or Annie if you have any queries.

Class Awards

Term 3 Week 4

Junior Primary class

Samuel Castle – excellent participation in German.

Junior Primary 1 class

Hayden Clark – for sharing amazing home learning with the class.

Lila Stapleton – for being a very caring friend.

Lower Middle Primary class

Zyren Thomson – for being focused and showing integrity in his first week back.

Alarah Sipos – for being a kind, caring class member.

Middle Primary class

Makayla Stimpson – for showing great commitment in learning the ukulele.

Reegan Candy – showing great enthusiasm and willingness to learn and improve in music.

Upper Primary class

Erin McDonald – for excellent leadership through STEM and Masterclass.

Luke Patrick – for demonstrating persistence in Maths problem solving.

Class Awards

Term 3 Week 5

Junior Primary class

Joel Smart – for being enthusiastic about new learning.

Aila Young – for bringing such great energy to the classroom.

Junior Primary 1 class

Makayla Baker – for using her initiative to help organise herself and her peers.

Tegan Elliott – for being a very caring person to all her peers and teachers.

Lower Middle Primary class

Ruby Montgomery-Pittaway – for ALWAYS putting her hand up and adding into class discussions!

Charlie Harrowfield – for showing the TIGER value respect when working independently and in group work in the classroom.

Middle Primary class

Jessica – having great commitment in her learning.

Georgia Martin – putting in extra effort in our Gold Rush topic.

Upper Primary class

Logan Baker – for clearly and enthusiastically teaching multiplication of decimals to his peers.

Katie Hutchinson – perseverance in spelling to achieve full marks.

Upper Primary Mosaics

Last term, with student teacher Lexie Blight, the Upper Primary students created lovely mosaic designs, which are now on display in their classroom. Pictured below are designs by Riley Walton (pineapple), Samuel Montgomery-Pittaway (jellyfish) and Kiarra Gillett (turtle).



Book Week / Book Fair

Thank you to all our students, families and staff who supported this year's Book Fair and Book Week celebrations. At the Book Fair, our takings were \$2,167.00, 20% of which will be used to purchase new and exciting library books. Thanks also to the many parents and caregivers who went above & beyond to dress their children in their 'Escape to Everywhere' themed costumes.



"Escape to Everywhere" above; the Junior Primary 1 class and below..top from left; Craig Gillett, Rhea Kempe & Sophie Brouwer / bottom from left; Ben Stewart, Jai Bowley and Carla Hanks



Information session run by Jane Foster

MYTERN (Take Emotional Responsibility Now) is a simple yet powerful language that helps students, staff and parents cope with their response to the ever increasing stresses of life.

It is important to understand that MYTERN is a preventative intervention. It teaches everyone how to be in control of their reaction to the everyday altercations, helping to stop them from building up into more serious problems. You may not be able to change the circumstances around you, but you always have the option to change the way you feel.

We are going to implement this language into our schools and we would love everyone to be on board!

When: Monday 4th September @ 3:40pm in the Upper Primary Classroom for approximately 90 minutes. There will be a **repeat** running of this event on Monday 11th September @ 9:00am in the conference room.

We invite family and community members to come along. This isn't another program, it's a language that is simple to use...everyone can use it! The more people who know about it and get on board, the more successful it will be.

Looking forward to seeing as many people there as possible.

Cheers,
Kerry
Wellbeing Leader



Save the Date!

Mypolonga Parents & Friends
Quiz Night
Saturday 28th October 2017
to be held at the Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club

Stay tuned for further details!

Diary Dates
(subject to change)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**** the school will be closed on the Student Free Days and the School Closure Day **

MCSC – Mypolonga Combined Sports Club

MFC – Mypolonga Football Club

MCC – Mypolonga Cricket Club

Planning Calendar
Term 3 2017

MNLC – Mypolonga Netball League Club

RMFL – River Murray Football League

6	28/8	29/8 LMP enterprise recess (crumpets) Football Clinic	30/8 MP enterprise lunch (pasta – cheese or tomato) 2:20pm – 3:20pm Master Class Newsletter	31/8 SRC Casual Day	1/9 SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY (the school will be closed on this day) 6:00pm MCSC Friday Night tea	2/9 & 3/9 2/9 – RMFL Qualifying Final @ Mypo 3/9 – RMFL Elimination Final @ Mannum
7	4/9 ** Date change ** 3:40pm Life Long Learning meeting MYTERN meeting (all welcome)	5/9 LMP enterprise recess (crumpets) Football Clinic 3:35pm Sustainability Committee meeting	6/9 Grandparents' Day	7/9 Yr 2-3 & Yr 6-7 Football Kluske Cup @Mypolonga Football Oval	8/9 JP/JP1 enterprise lunch (toasted sandwiches – spaghetti, ham & cheese or cheese) 3:00pm Assembly	9/9 & 10/9 9/9 – RMFL 2 nd Semi Final @ Ramblers 10/9 – RMFL 1 st Semi Final @ Meningie
8	11/9 9:00am MYTERN meeting (all welcome) Newsletter 7:00pm Finance Meeting 7:30pm Governing Council meeting	12/9 LMP enterprise recess (crumpets) Football Clinic	13/9 MP enterprise lunch (pasta – cheese or tomato)	14/9	15/9 JP/JP1 enterprise lunch (toasted sandwiches – spaghetti, ham & cheese or cheese) 3:00pm Assembly	16/9 & 17/9 16/9 – RMFL Preliminary Final @ Jervois
9	18/9	19/9 LMP enterprise recess (crumpets)	20/9 MP enterprise lunch (pasta – cheese or tomato)	21/9	22/9 JP/JP1 enterprise lunch (toasted sandwiches – spaghetti, ham & cheese or cheese) 3:00pm Assembly MNLC junior presentation	23/9 & 24/9 23/9 – RMFL Grand Final @ Tailem Bend 24/9 MFC junior presentation lunch
10	25/9	26/9 Circus Challenge Performance	27/9 SRC Bikeathon	28/9 3:00pm End of Term Assembly (held at the school) 3:25pm Dismissal	29/9 Newsletter Early dismissal @ 2:25pm MNLC senior presentation	30/9 & 1/10

Community News**Mypolonga Football Club**

. MFC are looking for volunteers to assist on the BBQ or in the canteen at this Saturday's Qualifying Final. If you can help out, please contact Mark 0429881573 or Steve 0408097653.

. Junior Presentation lunch to be held on Sunday 24th September 2017 at the Club.

Mypolonga Netball League Club

. Senior Presentation – Friday 29th September 2017 / Junior Presentation – Friday 22nd September 2017

Mypolonga residents are invited to a **public meeting** on Monday 4th September 2017 at 7:00pm at the Mypolonga RSL to discuss the relocation of the old town pump. All welcome!

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