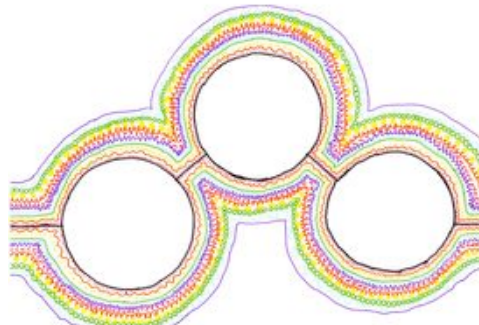


# Mypolonga Primary School & Community Newsletter

31<sup>st</sup> July 2017  
(Week 2 Term 3)



Bella Pike, Year 5 – Circle Art



Makayla Stimpson, Year 5 – Gold Rush Art (History)

“If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader.” ~ John Quincy Adams ~

## Rita's Roar

I am writing this on Wednesday of the first Week of Term 3. Three days in, I have so much to share! Necia is on leave, and we welcome Catherine Hughes to take her place, part-time. I want to thank our incredible SSOs; Sharon, Dee, Janice, Cass and Annie, who have stepped up to work in the office when Catherine is not there.

During the holidays, Anne and I attended the STEM camp where Riley and Clay were selected to represent our Partnership. They will now be 'STEM Ambassadors' to grow the STEM message across the Partnership. Minister Susan Close, spoke while we were there, and I was so proud that two of our kids were at the forefront of new learning. Later this term, facilitated by UniSA, Riley and Clay will support the implementation of the Year 7/8 STEM challenge across our partnership. I am excited to see the opportunities this will open up.

21 years ago when we developed the School Shop model, we realized we needed to replicate a real-world business scenario if we were to be successful, which resulted in us making the business decision to open in the school holidays and seek volunteers to make it work. I am sure this decision was the right one, as 21 years later we are still in business. Of what I was most proud, was to see so many staff, students and parents willing to support learning. Both weekends, we had 25 students (including 4 former; now high school students), demonstrating TIGER values. Last week we had a record take: over \$600 in one hour, with all calculations being mental! The customers loved it and so do I! Well done to those families who support the Shop during the holidays. What you are teaching your kids is immeasurable.

**STOP PRESS:** Professor John Halsey has been commissioned by the Federal Government to conduct an independent review into 'Regional, Rural and Remote Education in Australia'. The review aims to identify innovative and fresh approaches to support improved access and achievement of students and their transition to further training and employment. In his initial submission, the school Professor Halsey highlights is us! Go Team Mypo!

On Monday, students, Leah, Ryder, Leila and Jackson, along with staff members, Mel, Jane, Kerry and I were invited to attend professional learning with Professor Jo Boaler from Stanford University. Her message was about raising the profile of maths and that how every student has the capacity to be successful. She talked about how 'maths anxiety' causes the synapses in the brain to block working memory and inhibit learning. Jo also talked about how important it is not to project parents' own negative maths experiences onto their children so that they have a positive attitude to maths.

On Wednesday, students who are part of the Lifelong Learning Community, Isla, Jessica, Jade B, Rhea, Rhiannon and Baylee and our amazing new upper primary pre-service teacher Lexi Blight, along with myself, attended a workshop with Professor Katie Dawson from the University of Texas in Creative Body Based Learning. Our kids will 'teach-on' what they have learned to our whole learning community.

This is on top of all the learning that is going on all day, everyday. I love that I got an email, as a maths teacher, from Kenz and Ava, clarifying maths homework. Critical curiosity at it's best!

Warm Regards, Rita

### Term 3 2017 Assembly Roster

**Week 2** – Ryder Egel, Isla Gielen, Ruby Montgomery-Pittaway

**Week 3** – Leah Ferguson, Dallas Harrowfield, Braeden Watts

### Happy Birthday

1/8 – Zyren (Year 3)  
5/8 – Clay (Year 7)  
5/8 – Makayla (Year 1)  
7/8 – Lucinda (Reception)  
8/8 – Noah (Reception)  
9/8 – Jeremy (Year 6)  
9/8 – Lilly (Year 1)  
14/8 – Zenith (Year 3)



### Student Free Day

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2017 (Term 3)

### School Closure Day

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017 (Term 3)

The school will be closed on the above dates.

### Woolworths Earn & Learn

26<sup>th</sup> July 2017 to 19<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Earn and Learn has begun!

Anyone is able to help earn educational resources for the students through this programme. Simply collect Earn and Learn stickers every time you spend over \$10.00 at Woolworths. Place the stickers onto a sticker sheet (currently available at Woolworths or the School) and return the completed sheet into a Mypolonga Primary School collection box.

We have a box decorated by the students available at each Murray Bridge Woolworths and another box available in the school office and the Mypolonga General Store.



### MP Wednesday Enterprise Lunch

Please note on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> August (Week 3) there will be no pasta enterprise lunch on offer.

### Literacy Cup Points

Total End of Week 1 Term 3 2017

Hindmarsh	2156
Finniss	2179
Murray	2158



## Class Awards

### Term 3 Week 1

#### Junior Primary class

**Drazic Ryles** – For starting the term with a great attitude towards his learning.

**Carla Hanks** – For always trying her very best.

#### Junior Primary 1 class

**Dominick Swansson** – For taking his time in art to create his masterpiece.

**Blake Kennedy** – For persistence when challenging himself in spelling.

#### Lower Middle Primary class

**Koby Stimpson** – Positive start to the term.

**Riley Hagger** – Great perseverance to learn his 7x tables.

#### Middle Primary class

**Jamie Cekanuskas** – Going above and beyond to help at a fellow classmate.

**Thomas Kruschel** – Putting extra effort into his home learning task!

#### Upper Primary class

**Jeremy George** – For much improved focus on learning in HASS.

**Amber Gielen** – For outstanding Art work and a great attitude to learning.

## SLC

SLC stands for student learning community. This is when 5 or so schools come together to learn about learning. Our SLC participants are Baylee, Jessica, Rhiannon, Rhea, Jade and Isla.

This SLC Professor Katie Dawson came from Texas to teach us about creative ways of working to learn new CBL (Creative Body Based Learning) strategies to take back to school. Our favourite was bippity bippity bop because we had to use quick thinking and use our recall strategy to play this game. We much enjoyed this SLC and would like to do it again.

By Isla, Jessica, Jade and Rhiannon.

## Master Class

Thank you so much to all the people who are able to help with Master Class this year. We have parents, grandparents and ex-students helping out this year!!!

The students just love it and we could not run this program without you! Our first sessions will begin on Monday 7th & 14th August.

If you volunteered to help out with this session you will receive a note on Monday with more information. If you volunteered to help out with the second sessions on Wednesday 23rd & 30th August, your notes will come out on the following week. If you would like information before this, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thanks again and I look forward to seeing you all soon!

Kerry

## Student Representative Council 'SRC'

Class elections were recently held and we congratulate the following students on being elected SRC representatives for Terms 3 & 4:

**Junior Primary R/1/2 Classes** – Noah Martin, Levi Nutt & Felicity Donald

**Lower Middle Primary Class** – Ella O'Shea-Coulter, James Mueller & Charlie Harrowfield

**Middle Primary Class** – Marcus Hazel, Isla Gielen & James-Noah Peterson

### Upper Primary Class

**UP Representatives** – Katie Hutchinson & Mitchell Pahl

**UP Leaders** – Riley Walton & Amber Gielen

**SRC Co-ordinator** – Kerry Daniel



## Student Representative Council "SRC"

Introducing...

**Riley Walton**  
(SRC Leader)

**As an SRC Leader, I**

**hope to...** impact the school positively and make it as good as possible.

**Something you don't know about me is...** I love playing video games.

**I read...** fiction and biographies.

**I watch...** The News and game shows.

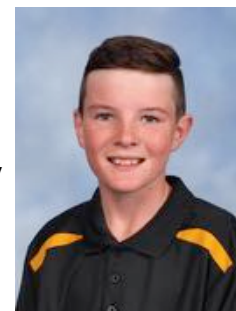
**I listen to...** whatever is on the radio.

**One day I hope to...** travel to America and watch an NBA game.

**If I could change something in the world, I would...** stop all wars.

**The best thing about Mypolonga Primary School is...** the community and the way they support it.

**Someone I really look up to is...** Sam Martin because he runs his own successful dairy farm and is a role model to me.





## Book Week - Week 4 Term 3

Book week this year will be in week 4.

The theme is "Escape to Everywhere" so children will be able to wear a costume as a favourite book character or someone who has escaped (prisoner, magician, dreamer, astronaut etc).

Parents are invited to stay on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> August to watch the parade at 9am. Prizes will be given for costumes, and during the day classes will view the Book Fair and make a wish list.

The Book Fair will be open from 8.30am on Wednesday for sales.

## Upcoming events around the Murraylands

### August

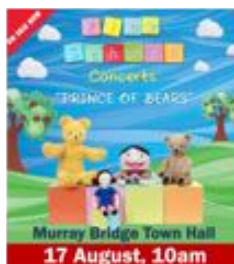
#### SALA Festival

Various Locations  
Murray Bridge Regional Art Gallery  
Murray Bridge Studio gallery  
the Davery Establishment  
Local Government Centre

### 6 August

#### Game Obsession Expo

Mannum Showgrounds, Mannum



### 12- 18 August

#### Monarto Woodland birds National Science Week

Frahn's Farm, Monarto

### 13 August

#### Rocky Gully Run-N-Roll x Duo

Kinchina Conservation Park

### 17 August

#### Play School Live in Concert

Murray Bridge Town Hall

<p><b>SAVE THE DATE</b>  <b>22-23 September</b>  Murray Bridge A&amp;H Show  Murray Bridge Show Grounds</p> <p><b>23 September</b>  24 Hour Australian International Predal Prix  Sturt Reserve</p> <p><b>22 Oct</b>  Romeo &amp; Juliet – Russian National Ballet  Theatre  Murray Bridge Town Hall</p>
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Term 3 Bridge Hoops will run on  
**WEDNESDAYS**

**FROM: August 9<sup>th</sup> – September 13<sup>th</sup> 2017-07-28 TIME:**

**5.00pm – 6.00pm**

**COST: \$35 for 6 weeks**

Boys and Girls Aged 5-8 Years

Emphasis will be on development of individual and team skills for all participants.

Registration forms are available on our website or at the Stadium.

Telephone: 8531 0755

Email: admin@mbba.com.au

## Counsellor's Corner



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

The following is an excerpt from an 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.

### How to Build Courage in Kids.

**3. You won't always feel ready. That's why it's brave.** Let them know that it's okay to hang on while they're getting comfortable – while they're working on a plan, fanning the brave spark inside them (and it's always inside them), but then there will be a time to let go. When this time comes, it won't always feel like readiness or certainty. That's what makes it brave. And a little bit magical.

**4. Try something new.** Encourage them to do activities that push them to the edges of their physical or emotional selves – drama, sport, music. Anything that will help to nurture the truth to life that they are strong, powerful, that they can cope, and that they are not as fragile as they might feel sometimes will help to nurture their brave hearts.

**5. Be the example.** Everything you do is gold in their eyes. Talk to them about the times you feel nervous, or the times you've said 'no' or 'yes', when everyone else was moving in the opposite direction. Talk to them about the times you've pushed through fear, exhaustion, sadness, anger, to do the thing that was right for you. Talk about your risky ideas, the times you thought differently, did differently, and the times you felt small, but did something big. Let them feel that the brave in you, is in them too.'

*I love all the simple things we can do to build courage in our children by encouraging them to step outside their comfort zone. It's things we probably already do and don't even think about it but it's also great to have reminders that we are on the right parenting track!*

Cheers, Kerry



# Mypolonga Primary School

**Diary Dates  
(subject to  
change)**

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2017 - **Student Free Day**  
 Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2017 – **SAPSASA Athletics District Day @ Unity College**  
 Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017 - **School Closure**  
 Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2017 - **Grandparents' Day**  
 Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2017 - **SRC Bikeathon** (World Vision child fundraiser)  
 Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November – Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2017 - **Upper Primary camp @ West Beach**  
 Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2017 - **Lower Middle & Middle Primary camps @ Aldinga Beach**  
 Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2017 – **Junior Primary R/1 & 1/2/3 camp @ Adare Camp & Caravan Park (in McCracken near Victor Harbor)**  
 Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2017 - **Student Free Day**

**Planning Calendar  
Term 3 2017**

2	31/7 Newsletter	1/8 LMP enterprise recess (crumpets) <b>English Competition</b> 3:35pm Sustainability Committee meeting	2/8 <b>STUDENT FREE DAY</b> (the school will be closed on this day)	3/8 SAPSASA Athletics @ Unity College	4/8 <b>JP/JP1 enterprise lunch</b> (toasted sandwiches – spaghetti, ham & cheese or cheese) 3:00pm Assembly 6:00pm MCSC Friday Night tea	5/8 & 6/8 5/8 – MFC/MNLC -v- Imps @ Imps
3	7/8 <b>2:20pm – 3:20pm Master Class</b> 3:45pm Life Long Learning meeting 7:00pm Finance Meeting 7:30pm Governing Council meeting	8/8 LMP enterprise recess (crumpets)	9/8 No MP enterprise lunch this day 9.30am-1.30pm Choir rehearsal at Taillem Bend	10/8 Yr 7 @ MBHS for Science Forum	11/8 <b>JP/JP1 enterprise lunch</b> (toasted sandwiches – spaghetti, ham & cheese or cheese) 3:00pm Assembly	12/8 & 13/8 12/8 – MFC/MNLC -v- Taillem @ Taillem
4	14/8 <b>2:20pm – 3:20pm Master Class</b> Newsletter Book week opening parade	15/8 LMP enterprise recess (crumpets)  Maths Competition	16/8 MP enterprise lunch (pasta – cheese or tomato)  SLC 8.30am Book Fair	17/8	18/8 <b>JP/JP1 enterprise lunch</b> (toasted sandwiches – spaghetti, ham & cheese or cheese) 3:00pm Assembly 6:30pm Mypo RSL BBQ Bingo tea	19/8 & 20/8 19/8 – MFC/MNLC BYE
5	21/8	22/8 LMP enterprise recess (crumpets)	23/8 MP enterprise lunch (pasta – cheese or tomato) <b>2:20pm – 3:20pm Master Class</b>	24/8	25/8 <b>JP/JP1 enterprise lunch</b> (toasted sandwiches – spaghetti, ham & cheese or cheese) 3:00pm Assembly	26/8 & 27/8 26/8 – MFC/MNLC -v- Meningie @ Mypo
6	28/8  Please note: the newsletter will be sent home on Wednesday (this week only)	29/8 LMP enterprise recess (crumpets)	30/8 MP enterprise lunch (pasta – cheese or tomato) <b>2:20pm – 3:20pm Master Class</b> Newsletter	31/8	1/9 <b>SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY</b> (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	5/9 LMP enterprise recess (crumpets) 3:35pm Sustainability Committee meeting	6/9 <b>Grandparents' Day</b>	7/9	8/9 <b>JP/JP1 enterprise lunch</b> (toasted sandwiches – spaghetti, ham & cheese or cheese) 3:00pm Assembly	9/9 & 10/9 9/9 – RMFL 2 <sup>nd</sup> Semi Final @ Ramblers 10/9 – RMFL 1 <sup>st</sup> Semi Final @ Meningie
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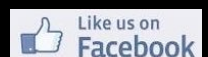
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