

Mypolonga Primary School & Community Newsletter

5th June 2017
(Week 6 Term 2)



Photos from our recent Walk Safely to School Day



"Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around." *Leo Buscaglia (American author and motivational speaker)*

Term 2 2017 Assembly Roster

Week 6 – Thomas Tidy, Linx Baker, Ledja Gray

Week 7 – Riley Walton, Craig Gillett, Zenith Smith

Happy Birthday

8/6 – Joel (Reception)

11/6 – Elouise (Yr 3)

12/6 – Lainie (Reception)

15/6 – Zac (Yr 4)

17/6 – Harry (Yr 6)



Notices/Reminders

. 6:00pm – 8:00pm Wednesday 7th June 2017 **Year 7 Transition Information Night at Murray Bridge High School**

. Please note the change of dates for our **next Lifelong Learning meeting, Finance and Governing Council meetings** (all now being held in Week 9, Monday 26th June 2017).

. **The Junior Primary R/1 & Junior Primary 1/2/3 class camp** will be held at Adare Camp & Caravan Park (in McCracken near Victor Harbor) from Thursday 16th November 2017 to Friday 17th November 2017. Full details of the proposed itinerary and information regarding payment will be sent home in the near future.

Second hand / Emergency clothing

We are in short supply of small (size 4-6) black shorts/pants for both girls and boys on our second hand / emergency clothing rack. If any families have clothing items they wish to donate which their children have grown out of, we would love to hear from you! Thank you.

Literacy Cup Points

Total End of Week 5 2017

Hindmarsh 1480

Finniss 1472

Murray 1462



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Rita's Roar

Food Technology

When assessing our students, we are always looking for evidence of learning; not just in the classroom, but wherever it occurs. One aspect of Design Technologies is Food Technology and one of the ways we gather evidence is through our catering programs. Last Sunday, Annie coordinated the RSL lunch for approximately 90 people. Maddi Cain and her sister Tiff, Baylee Cooper and her mum Tracey, Erin McDonald and her mum Prue and Maddie Uren and her mum, Trish worked together to produce an excellent meal. Annie said that the team was amazing and that they did a fantastic job. I would like to acknowledge the Cain family, who have all worked at RSL lunches and dinners over many years. Maddi, their last child is now in Year 7, so this was her last hurrah. Thank you to the whole family for your commitment to our school.

Catering is our major fundraiser and we made almost \$2,000.00 profit, which goes towards keeping our ICT hardware and software up to date. As you can imagine, rapid technological change requires careful planning on our part, and fundraising helps us to provide our students with the resources they need for contemporary learning. The Mypolonga Football Club dinner is at the end of September so put it in your diaries!

Camps

Most classes have sent out information, regarding camps being held later in the year. We have had some inquiries regarding the cost of camps. The reality is that camps are very expensive and becoming more so. In the past, DECD provided some out-reach programs at no cost to schools. For example, the Upper Primary Adelaide Camp always went to the Law Courts where the Education Officer explained how the courts work and allowed students to 'sit-in' on some trials. These programs are no longer funded by DECD, so alternative activities need to be sought which unfortunately cost money.

As it is, camps are subsidized significantly by class fundraising. One way to bring down the cost of camps is to support the enterprise lunches and recesses we offer. The more profit we make, the less camps cost!

Parents & Friends Fundraiser

The proposed Cadbury chocolate frog fundraiser will no longer be going ahead due to parent and staff queries & concerns.

Rita's Leave

My daughter Lucy is coming home from the US for 2 weeks in Weeks 7 and 8. I will be taking leave to spend some time with her. However, I am very happy to announce that I will be covered by former Mypo and Taillem Bend Principal, Noel Kneebone, and my teaching load will be covered mainly by Mel Carstairs.

Therefore, our Lifelong Learning, Finance and Governing Council meetings have all been postponed until Monday Week 9.

Warm Regards, Rita

SAPSASA Boys Soccer



Congratulations to **Logan Baker, Samuel Montgomery-Pittaway** and **Sachin Bartholomeusz** on being selected in the Murraylands team for the SAPSASA Boys Soccer Championships, being held in Adelaide from Monday 26th June to Friday 30th June 2017.

Well done boys and good luck!

Middle Primary Landscape Art

This term, the Middle Primary class are researching Australian artists, including influential landscape artists Arthur Streeton and Tom Roberts.

The students' project was to draw and identify foreground, middle ground and background in landscape pictures using pallet paints. You can view the students' wonderful work on display in the Middle Primary classroom.

Pictured below is work by Makayla Stimpson.

** Have you noticed our new display board of student work on the office wall? The board is regularly updated and features work from each class... the students love seeing their work proudly on display!*



SAASPC

Our school is affiliated with the South Australian Association of School Parent Communities (SAASPC). SAASPC is a statewide association and a strong and committed supporter of public education. Their Officers are dedicated volunteers, who assist and support parent groups and parents within government schools. This includes running information sessions and providing useful resources to parents.

As part of our affiliation, we also receive a copy of their quarterly magazine 'Parents Say', which includes useful articles and advertising on a variety of parent related issues.

Further information, links to other organisations and the quarterly SAASPC magazine 'Parents Say' can be found on their website <http://www.saaspc.org.au/index.html>

**Junior Primary 1/2/3 class
Fine-motor skills**

Miss Persello's 1/2/3 class have been looking at the importance of fine-motor coordination. Their Minion artwork used lots of skill, patience and focus, and what a great way to improve their fine-motor skills!



Minion artwork pictured above by Ava Hagger, Haiden Squire & Lilly Lear

Lower Middle Primary Coding

On the Student Free Day, staff attended training at Murray Bridge High School on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics).

In the Digital Technology Curriculum, students will learn coding and in later years development of computer programming. This activity is at the beginning of coding where students give each other simple, step-by-step commands to locate a hidden object.

Pictured are Ella O'Shea-Coulter with Riley Hagger and Charlie Harrowfield with Tahlia Ross.



'From The Proud Mary...'

12th April 2017

As part of my 'Proud Mary' Cruise, I was privileged to visit Mypolonga Primary School on Friday 3rd March this year.



I was very impressed with the school and its pupils and staff, and the system you have for your students' preparedness for their future in the 'outside' world.

Congratulations! I have enclosed a card of the humpback whale, which visits our waters here in Hervey Bay every year.

Regards, Anne Thompson, Hervey Bay, Queensland

12th May 2017

Dear All,

I would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you for allowing me to see your wonderful school on 5th May 2017. Your politeness and respect to us, as of an older age was a great pleasure, thanks!

I live in Rangiora, which is about 33kms north of Christchurch, inland of Peggasus Bay on a map of the South Island of New Zealand.

Again, many thanks.

Noelene Johnstone, Rangiora, New Zealand

From the Visitor's Book...

"A privilege to see such keen & well mannered children at school."

"Your school has a nice feel about it."

"I wish I could have been a pupil at this school."

"An enterprising school.. students are a WOW!"

"Great spirit of enthusiasm and interest. Well done!"

"Especially loved all the kids selling goods."

Class Awards**Term 2 Week 4****Junior Primary Class**

Layla Barney – for believing in herself to achieve everyday tasks.

Lachlan Ash – for showing maturity in morning routines.

Junior Primary 1 class

Levi Nutt – for putting in extra effort in class and in his home-learning.

Tegan Elliott – for being a nice friend to all her peers.

Lower Middle Primary class

Tehya Fawdry – using her initiative to take on extra responsibilities.

Reagan Martin – for being a mature and responsible class worker.

Middle Primary class

Jamie Cekanauskas – for consistently having a positive attitude towards her schooling.

Reegan Candy – caring class member who always tries her best with a smile!

Upper Primary class

Baylee Cooper – for great representation at the Student Learning Community.

Riley Walton – for outstanding work and great explanations in Maths.

Counsellor's Corner**Resilience Robbers**

I am continuing to promote the '7 Resilience Robbers' according to Michael Grose – Australia's No. 1 parenting educator.

Below is the seventh and final way parents can 'over-parent' and therefore do their children more harm than good. Most of the time we know we are doing it and just need a little reminder to stop and not to make the biggest mistake of doing for our children what they can do for themselves.

Resilience Robber No. 7:

Rescue kids from challenging or stretch situations

There are many times kids are put in situations that are outside their comfort zones for a time. For instance, giving a talk, singing at the school concert or going on school camp may be challenges for some kids. They are all situations that kids usually cope with so show your confidence in them and skill them up rather than opt for avoidance.

Resilience Notion No. 7: Overcoming challenges enables kids to grow and improve.

Sometimes the manageable hardships that children experience such as a friend moving away, not being invited to a party or completing a difficult school project are fabulous learning opportunities.

They help kids to stretch and grow. Dealing with them effectively also teaches kids that they are capable of coping when they meet some of life's curve balls.

And that is a huge lesson to learn at any age.

As parents we need to support our children without rescuing them. Let them talk about their problems and how they are feeling but don't jump in to save them. Problem-solve together and be there for them. It's ok to be sad, it's ok to be anxious...it's when these feelings stop us from doing something, that it becomes a problem.

Cheers, Kerry

Future Student Enrolments**Parents/Caregivers of Preschool Children...**

We are currently updating our database of future enrolments.

To assist us with keeping accurate records, and to enable us to project future class sizes and staff allocations, we would appreciate it if you could contact Necia (if you haven't already following our recent email) on 85354191 or email info@mypolongaps.sa.edu.au to check whether your child is currently on our future enrolment list. This includes siblings of students who are already enrolled and have Mypolonga Primary School as their school of right.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Mypolonga Primary School

**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**

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

6	5/6 SAPSASA Football/Netball (all week) 9:00am P&F meeting Newsletter	6/6 LMP enterprise recess (crumpets)	7/6 MP enterprise lunch (hot chicken & gravy rolls) 6:00pm – 8:00pm MBHS Year 7 parent information night	8/6	9/6 JP/JP1 enterprise lunch (sausage in bread) 3:00pm Assembly	10/6 & 11/6 10/6 – MFC/MNLC no games due to public holiday
7	12/6 QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	13/6 LMP enterprise recess (crumpets) 3:45pm Sustainability meeting	14/6 MP enterprise lunch (hot chicken & gravy rolls)	15/6	16/6 JP/JP1 enterprise lunch (sausage in bread) 3:00pm Assembly from 6:00pm Mypo RSL Bingo BBQ Tea	17/6 & 18/6 17/6 – MFC/MNLC bye
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 2:50pm 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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