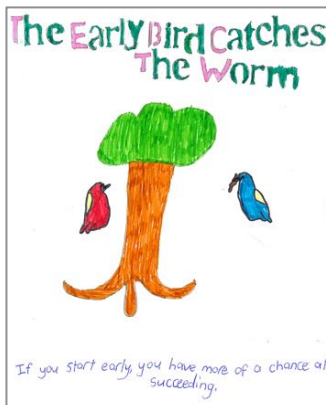


Mypolonga Primary School & Community Newsletter

7th July 2017
(Week 10 Term 2)



"I know it is wet and the sun is not sunny, but we can have lots of good fun that is funny."

~ Dr Seuss ~

Rita's Roar

Term 3 2017 Assembly Roster

Week 1 – Leila Dahlitz, Ava Lindner, Elouise Kuhn

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

Happy Birthday

13/7 – Pippa (Year 1)
14/7 – Charlotte (Year 1)
20/7 – Makayla (Year 5)
26/7 – Jayda (Year 7)



Enclosed with this Newsletter

. Woolworths Earn and Learn sticker sheet

School Hats

Upon our return from holidays, students will be required to wear their school hats for all outdoor activities (as per our Sunsmart Policy). If you haven't already, we kindly ask that hats be returned to school (washed and labelled) by Monday 24th July 2017 (Week 1). If your child is requiring a new hat for next term, they can be purchased from the office (legionnaire \$5.00 / slouch without toggle \$7.70 / bucket \$7.00)

With Thanks...

Thank you to Paul Prosser for collecting and delivering the school's recycling into Murray Bridge this term.

School Shop

Our School Shop will be open for business on **Friday 14th July and Friday 21st July 2017** during the school holidays. All Reception to Year 7 students are welcome to attend, dressed in school uniform, arriving at 11:50am to approximately 12:45pm.

Literacy Cup Points

Total End of Week 9 2017

Hindmarsh	1912
Finniss	1885
Murray	1863



I am so grateful to Noel Kneebone and our wonderful team who enabled me to spend some time with my daughter while she was in Australia. Time with our family is precious and I really appreciate the opportunity to spend time with mine.

No doubt you have all heard the news that Macca is leaving us. While we are sad for us, we are happy that Macca was able to secure a job at Murray Bridge High School in the Trade Training Centre. We wish him the best of luck in the future, but are heartened by the fact that our kids, when they go to High School, will have a familiar and friendly face to relate to. I cannot speak more highly of the contribution Macca has made to our school community, but as they say it is 'onwards and upwards' and we will continue to provide ongoing support to teachers and students.

We have two staff members taking long service leave next term. Necia will take leave from Weeks 1-5. She will be replaced in the office by Catherine Hughes until lunchtime each day and will be covered by our current SSOs in the afternoon. This will be a true test for us, because Necia has a finger in nearly every pie in our school and I suspect we are going to find out all of the things we didn't realise that she does!

Jane Rumbelow will be taking long service leave from Week 2 until the end of the term. As of this time, we are unable to announce her replacement but expect to be able to do so early next term. We wish Jane and Necia all our best and hope that they both have a great time in Europe.

Because we are part of Social Ventures Australia, DECD has funded 4 teachers and 4 students to attend professional learning at the Convention Centre, with Professor Jo Boaler from Stanford University. Leila, Ryder, Leah and Jackson will travel to Adelaide with Kerry, Jane, Mel and myself to learn from this amazing educator. It is an exciting opportunity, which we are all looking forward to.

I would also like to congratulate Anne, Mel and the Upper Primary class for their wonderful work to share our learning with the visiting Principals from NSW (pictured right). The feedback was outstanding, and of course our students rose to the occasion once again and did us proud.

Lastly, I would like to acknowledge, and ask that you do also, the hard work our teachers have put into writing your children's reports. It is a long and exhausting process, which we take very seriously, in order to give you accurate information around your child's progress. So pat your child's teacher on the back, as I know this will go a long way to making weeks of work worthwhile.



Have a great break with your beautiful children and see you next term.

Warm Regards, Rita

Class Awards

Term 2 Week 7

Junior Primary class

Seth Ryles – for taking positive steps towards making good choices.

Akira Harris – for being a fantastic leader in the Shop.

Junior Primary 1 class

Connor Fulwood – for being very patient to create his indigenous dot art.

Linton Garner – for doing extra learning at home.

Lower Middle Primary class

Ariel Challenger – excellent work with place value in Maths.

Kallan Hearne – improvement in Mathematics.

Middle Primary class

Hayden Dahlitz – displaying more confidence in his abilities.

Marcus Hazel – bringing a cheerful attitude to school each morning.

Upper Primary class

Maddi Cain – for great organisational skills and leadership.

Bella Smith – for beautifully crafted descriptive writing.

Term 2 Week 8

Junior Primary class

Drazic Ryles – for trying really hard to improve his choices.

Noah Martin – for being very brave through a very scary situation. TRUE TIGER!

Junior Primary 1 class

Kai Patrick – for concentrating in LLI to learn his ending sounds.

Blake Kennedy – for being a responsible leader.

Lower Middle Primary class

Charlie Harrowfield – a focussed student in all curriculum areas.

Brandan Pahl – improvement in reading fluently.

Middle Primary class

Dallas Harrowfield – excellent focus and determination in descriptive writing.

Rhiannon Bowley – for thoughtful input in class discussions.

Upper Primary class

Jackson Ross – for going out of his comfort zone to do the board for our visitors.

Samuel Montgomery-Pittaway – for an excellent presentation to NSW Principals.

Term 2 Week 9

Junior Primary class

Lucinda Temby – for pushing herself through free writing and succeeding.

Jai Bowley – for always using his TIGER values.

Junior Primary 1 class

Felicity Donald – for putting in so much effort in every subject area.

Bella Pope – for putting in lots of effort to produce well presented procedural text.

Lower Middle Primary class

Zac Kennison – improving his behaviour and moving his peg to the teacher's shirt.

Tahlia Ross – for enthusiasm in all areas.

Middle Primary class

Ethan Kennedy – perfect attendance.

Jade Burgess – perfect attendance.

Claire Ruckenstuhl – perfect attendance.

Jayden Hearne – perfect attendance.

Upper Primary class

William Schofield – for taking charge of his learning by doing extra spelling.

Jayda Stimpson – for consistent work, and setting great goals for herself.

Friday = Picnic Lunch Day!

Our Principal Rita O'Brien had a great idea that we make 'lunch eating time' every Friday, a whole school picnic lunch event.

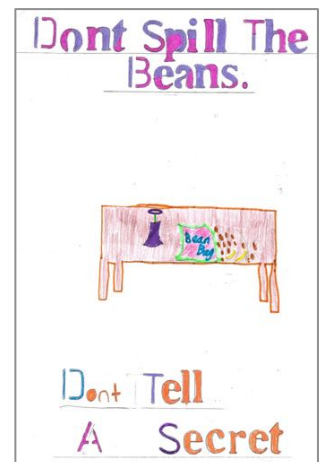
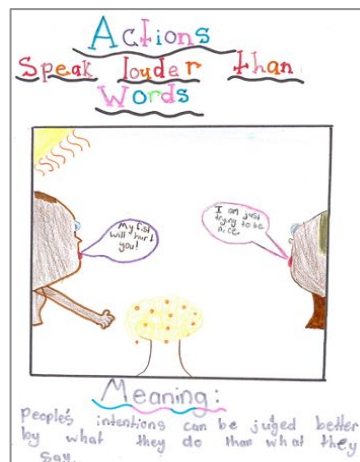
So... every Friday, we all meet on the oval and tennis court to each our lunch together! This has proven to be a great time for students to sit and chat with students from different year levels and all teachers.



Middle Primary Idioms

Idiom: a group of words in a fixed order that have a particular meaning that is different from the meanings of each word on its own.

Our Middle Primary students recently discussed and researched Idioms. This would make a great topic of conversation with your child/ren during the holidays or on a long car trip. How many others can you come up with? Pictured below is work by Ava & Jamie and on the front page, work by Jessica and Hayden.



**Student of the Term
for Term 2 2017**



Upper Primary

Keeley Rathjen / Clay Burgess



Middle Primary

Reegan Candy



Lower Middle Primary

Lyam Marshall



Junior Primary 1

Sophie Brouwer

Our Students of the Term
receive a \$15.00
Murray Bridge
Newsagency & Toyworld
Gift Card

Junior Primary

Samuel Castle



**Most Improved Student
for Term 2 2017**

Upper Primary

No recipient due to joint Student of the Term awards

Middle Primary

Jamie Cekanaskas



Lower Middle Primary

Joe Tidy

Junior Primary 1

Brady Roden



Junior Primary

Joel Smart



**Kiwanis Club of Murray Bridge
Terrific Kids Awards - Term 2 2017**

In Terms 2 and 4, the Kiwanis Club of Murray Bridge kindly presents a student from each class with a 'Terrific Kids' award who lives our TIGER values.

CONGRATULATIONS...

★ **Upper Primary
Ryder Egel** ★

**Middle Primary
Ethan Kennedy**

★ **Lower Middle Primary
Tehya Fawdry** ★

**Junior Primary 1
Haiden Squire**

★ **Junior Primary
Edward Kennison** ★

Playgroup

Tuesdays (school terms)

9:00am – 10:15am

in the Junior Primary classroom

What a wonderful term we have had in Playgroup!

With numbers steadily increasing, our Playgroup and Junior Primary students have enjoyed a number of inside and outside activities, which have included art and craft, dancing with music and rhymes, hokey pokey and playing with sports equipment.

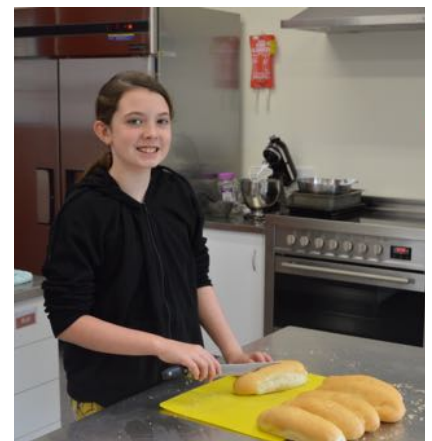


Enterprise Recess/Lunch

Thanks to everyone who has supported this term's enterprise recess and lunches. Our students love being involved, whether it be spreading toppings on crumpets with Janice, cutting bread rolls with Mrs Marcus or helping Macca on the BBQ.






Pictured right is Rhea Kempe preparing the hot chicken rolls, which were on the menu on Wednesdays in Term 2.

Proceeds from our classroom enterprise days support students' learning and helps subsidise our class camps, excursions and the purchasing of learning resources.



Please remember to order and pay for all enterprise food on Monday and Tuesday at the windows before 8:55am!

← Here is our new and exciting menu for Term 3!

	Classroom Enterprise	
Lower Middle Primary Tuesday Recess		
	Crumpet *includes various toppings \$1 each	<input type="radio"/>
Middle Primary Wednesday Lunch		
	Pasta *cheese or tomato \$3 each	<input type="radio"/>
Junior Primary Friday Lunch		
	Toasted Sandwich Ham & cheese, cheese or spaghetti \$2 each	<input type="radio"/>
*Please encourage your child to order their own food		
Name –		
*Please order and pay for all Enterprise Food on Monday and Tuesday. Junior Primary Enterprise orders will be taken in the Kitchen and crumpets and pasta orders @ Staffroom serverly prior to 8:55am. Thank you ☺ GST included		

Sturt Football Club representatives

On 18th June 2017, six of our Upper Primary students, Henry Payne, Sachin Bartholomeusz, Jason Crouch, Mitchell Pahl, Clay Burgess and Riley Walton proudly represented Sturt Football Club at half time of the Sturt -v- Port Adelaide Football Club match at Unley Oval.

“It was a great experience playing on the oval at half time. To watch the game before and after we played was great!” *Jason Crouch*

“We also got to see some Port Power players and their coach Ken Hinkley, who were all watching the game.” *Riley Walton*

“I liked playing on the oval and we got a really cool football at the end. Playing for the Mypolonga Football Club gave me the great opportunity to play for Sturt.” *Mitchell Pahl*



SAPSASA Soccer

Well done to three of our Upper Primary students on an enjoyable week representing the Murraylands in SAPSASA Soccer championships recently. Logan Baker, Sachin Bartholomeusz and Samuel Montgomery-Pittaway would like to share with you an insight into their week.

Logan: “I enjoyed travelling to Adelaide every morning. I learnt confidence, which I will take back to Murray Bridge United Soccer Club where I play regularly. Monday and Wednesday were the most tiring days as we played 3 games each day.”

Sachin: “We all really enjoyed playing in a team sport for the first time. We all did better than expected.”

Samuel: “During the week, we won 3 games, drew 4 games and lost 3 games. All games were close and I enjoyed playing in a team game. I feel that I continued to develop skills that I already had.”



Earn & Learn is Back!

We are excited to be taking part in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program again this year. You may start to hear about it through the various media sources.



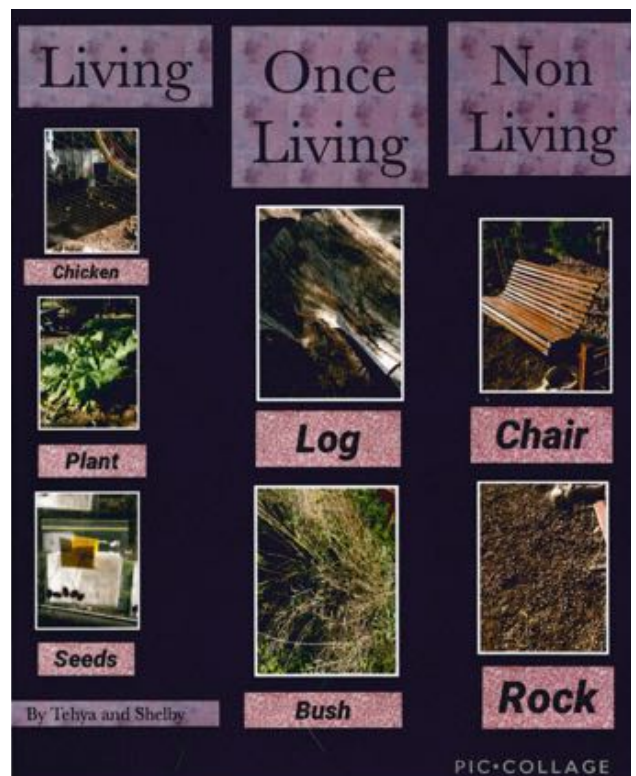
From Wednesday 26th July 2017 until Tuesday 19th September 2017, when anyone from our school community – staff, family members, friends etc shop at Woolworths, they can collect stickers to place on their sticker sheets. They'll get one sticker for every \$10.00 they spend. Once the sticker sheets have been filled, they can be placed in the collection boxes (which have been proudly decorated by our students), located in the school office, the Mypolonga General Store or their local Woolworths store.

The more sheets you bring in, the more we can redeem from a choice of more than 10,000 educational resources including library books, classroom equipment, art & craft items and much, more! Enclosed with this newsletter is a sticker sheet to get you going - additional sticker sheets can be downloaded from the following website woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn or from the school office.

Thanks for your support! Please contact Necia/Annie at the school if you have any queries.

Lower Middle Primary - STEM lesson

Students in the Lower Middle Primary class were recently asked to identify living, once living and non-living things in our school garden. Once identified, they used the iPad app Pic Collage to design their posters, just like Tehya Fawdry and Shelby Rothe's design below.



Upper Primary Descriptive Writing



A melancholy image brings aggravating thoughts that were not supposed to be remembered into my mind. Fearless shadows, lurking around, trees guarding the scene and fireflies keeping the only light. Compacted stones create a path for unwanted visitors. The prickly bushes create pictures from the shadows of the fireflies.

My hand gently feels the bark, the wood is so smooth it's like I am in a fairy tale. In the distance I am looking for light, my eyes close tightly and my hands grab onto the tree. It is musically silent. I sit high up in the trees and stare down at the exquisite appearance of the elegant home. The chestnut roof has more detail than a phoenix's wing. The glass pane window is bleached white. Miniscule, coral flowers sit in a small lake, waiting, for someone to admire them. Wonder goes through my mind. A firefly sits on my forehead as I lay alone almost covered in a blanket of fireflies.

My fear of this place has now become a memory, I sit bewildered if I could ever leave.

by Jayda Stimpson

As I breathe in the air, I smile at my reflection and it beams up at me. I peek up at the cliffs as they create a roof of shadows over my head. As I dip my feet into the luke warm water pooling in front of my bare feet, I spot a small bird perched up on a rather large branch.

With warm air filling my lungs, I laugh out loud at myself for believing this place didn't exist.

I was definitely wrong. A wall of pine trees surround me like an audience at a concert. The lake acts like carpet covering the forest floor.

Up in the high trees, I can hear birds chirping and singing. Everything wrong in my life is a blur.

My feet sink into the lush, green grass. The sky is so blue I could mistake it for the sea. It's cloudless and empty but not alone.

The birds are its company. My only wish is for this to be my palace. To let my imagination run wild and free just like it did as a small child. I paint an image in my head. An image I will not forget, so I can be here forever.

by Bella Smith



The sun gleams whilst smothered behind a group of clouds. The cool breeze, dancing by the silent sunset, threatens to turn my skin into a fascinating shade of lilac. Despite all that, underneath this blanket of sorrow, faith radiates within the bell church, maintaining hope throughout the village. They do normal daily things just like us.

Every morning the postman walks past the church, keeping a third eye out for any runaway bull terriers. As he expertly slips the bills and brochures into the mailbox, the tussock pines attach themselves to his trousers like harmless porcupine needles. Footsteps patter on the cobblestone crosscut as people scurry about, their last minute shopping cannot be missed. Everything is vital in this month, November, the last month before terrible snowstorms and fatal blizzards. As the cool breeze slowly morphs into a frosty forecast for the night ahead, no-one from this mere population wants to be caught off-guard. "Inside by ten or your life will end," the villager's motto has been a rule for hundreds of years, referring to the mad maelstrom that attacks every night, that barely tickles the mountains in the distance.

Maybe, just maybe, the village will survive this winter.

by Samuel Montgomery-Pittaway



Upper Primary Descriptive Writing



Mountains stand, guarding the lanky pine trees that are reflecting of the luminous blue lakes. White, soft snow cascades down the mountains, plunging into the lake below. The turquoise water flows through the trees turning into small streams that run into the distance. Pine trees are the soldiers of this mysterious place surrounding the lakes, creating a maze for small animals and birds which are trying to find water.

The smell of pine needles fills my nose with a fresh smell as I hike around the lake watching fish jump and splash in the water. Small animals sit in the trees and bushes whilst admiring the beautiful place they call home.

Cracks and crevices create homes in the mountain for those small birds and creatures. Dark, green moss and bushes grow up the mountains like bridal creeper crawling up a tree. Mountains stand tall in the distance under a shadow of clouds. Clouds roll over this beautiful place and form a grey, fluffy blanket blocking out all of the sunshine.

All of the animals, wishing to stay dry take cover from the incoming storm in all of the cracks in the mountains and holes in the ground.

I perch on a rock and gaze over the turquoise lakes, surrounded by trees and wonder.

by Coen Martin



The spikey reeds deter keen swimmers, trying to beat personal bests. Bushy trees house chirpy cockatoos, with vibrant families. Bumpy hills are shaped like rally courses with all their obstacles. Water silently slides down the stream and clouds create highly recognisable figures.

Four mammoth clouds with the texture of fairy floss guard the river, so clear the trees' reflection could trick you into thinking they're the real trees. The clouds bounce to and fro against one another with friendly fire. Bushy peach coloured trees stand proud like sentinels, towering over the riverbank below. The reeds swish around at the breath of young children, yet rigid when no pressure is applied.

Huge hills hide the hidden treasures of the beautiful country behind. The mountain's topsy-turvy green glows in sunlight and shadows in valleys. Reeds hold habitat for small banjo frogs whose croaks can be heard over the silent flow of the water. Packs of trees in all shapes and sizes cover the river's shore making mooring difficult for boats, whose people find refuge in the campsite beyond.

As my mother calls my name, I refuse to be taken away from this land's beauty, but the birds wish me goodbye as I leave.

by Riley Walton

Majestical rails are bloodshot as I pass over the softly flowing stream. I hear my shoes clomp over the raggedy brown planks of the bridge. Branches bush together while the miniscule flowers flow in the wind as much as my heart can take. Far down below there is an undergrowth of moss which speaks to me like it's coming to take over my soul and be with me forever. My body shakes in disbelief, scared at where I was looking. In a distance I see a pastel castle which seems to be filled with excitement. Tall tiers are standing like tall soldiers watching. Waiting. Ready to lunge down to earth. Glass paned windows, bleached white, stacked close together as if they were standing ready for the kill. They watch on guard in the daylight and at night they fight anything that is in a position of failure. I stand cautiously staring at the plateau pebbles which are perched close as my muscles can clump together. The wanderless water stands alone flowing softly as the reflection is dancing madly waiting to escape life from now.

Every moment spent here is a moment to remember for a lifetime. The wind blows my hair as I stand here alone wondering if I could leave without saying a word.

by Keeley Rathjen



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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**

Planning Calendar Term 3 2017

1	24/7 Professional Learning @ Convention Centre (Professor Jo Boaler)	25/7 LMP enterprise recess (crumpets)	26/7 MP enterprise lunch (pasta – cheese or tomato) SLC	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
2	31/7 P&F meeting Newsletter	1/8 LMP enterprise recess (crumpets) English Competition 3:35pm Sustainability Committee meeting	2/8 STUDENT FREE DAY (the school will be closed on this day)	3/8 SAPSASA Athletics @ Unity College	4/8 JP/JP1 enterprise lunch (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 2:20pm – 3:20pm Master Class 3:45pm Life Long Learning meeting 7:00pm Finance Meeting 7:30pm Governing Council meeting	8/8 LMP enterprise recess (crumpets)	9/8 MP enterprise lunch (pasta – cheese or tomato)	10/8	11/8 JP/JP1 enterprise lunch (toasted sandwiches – spaghetti, ham & cheese or cheese) 3:00pm Assembly	12/8 & 13/8 12/8 – MFC/MNLC -v- Tailm @ Tailm
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