

Mypolonga Primary School & Community Newsletter

7th March 2017
(Week 6 Term 1)



Pictured left:
Notebook designs by Elie Pontt & Zyren Thomson.
As part of the LMP class' enterprise program, notepads are sold in our School Shop for \$2.50 each.

'Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.'

~ Helen Keller ~

Rita's Roar

Thank you Pearl!

When you are around the back of the school, you will notice the beautiful sensory play area, which has been created for the younger children. I would like to thank Pearl and her family for all of the hard work they have put into this amazing feature (especially on 40°C + days!). This is Phase 1 of the project and the Sustainability Committee will work with David to implement Phase 2, which is around creating a nature play space as well. You are a legend Pearl!

Student Free Day

The introduction of the new Australian Curriculum has moved into a new phase with a greater focus on standardising assessment practices across and between sites. DECD wants to ensure that an A at Mypo is the same as an A at any other school. Yesterday, all of the teachers in the Murraylands Partnership met in their year levels to look at assessment and moderation. Moderation is where we share the way we assess against the achievement standard by looking at student work samples from other schools. This is an important process for the development of consistency of teacher judgement.

Consistency of teacher judgement is one of our site improvement plan priorities. We have added an extra layer because we want our students to be a part of this process and understand how the achievement standards work and have high expectations to achieve them, so we have added consistency of student judgement into our site improvement plan as well.

Governing Council

We have very active parent bodies in our school and I am so proud of how you all support us to grow, not just your own child as a learner, but every child. I very much believe 'when the water rises, all the boats rise', and collectively we all have a responsibility to make the water rise. One of the ways to do this is by joining the Governing Council, which is the ultimate decision making body in the school.

The reality of parenting today is very different than in the past, so it is with great pleasure that I am able to announce that not only were all positions filled on our Governing Council, we actually had more than we needed. Our new, expanded Governing Council is looking forward to an exciting 2017.

Its members are:

Ian Payne: Chairperson and Sustainability Committee Convenor
Jodie Hagger: Vice Chairperson, Parents and Friends President
Kelly Kuhn: Proxy Vice Chairperson
Mel Leane: Secretary and Lifelong Learning Community Convenor
Meagan Wynne: Proxy Secretary
Matt Kruschel: Treasurer and Finance Committee Convenor
Dave Garner
David Peterson
Mary Gill
Pia Young
Natasha Hollitt: Playgroup rep
Amy Stone: Staff rep

Term 1 2017 Assembly Roster

Week 6 - Maddi Cain, Kobe Hobbs, Ariel Challenger

Week 7 - Jason Crouch, Makayla Stimpson, James Mueller

Included in this Newsletter

- . Parents & Friends' Fundraising Tea order form
- . Parents & Friends' News dated 7/3/17
- . Parents & Friends' catering note
- . Parent/Teacher Interview note

Happy Birthday

- 9/3 - Kai (Year 2)
- 9/3 - Scarlett (Reception)
- 10/3 - Marcus (Year 6)
- 10/3 - Autumn (Year 4)
- 12/3 - Blake (Year 3)
- 15/3 - Hayden (Year 2)
- 16/3 - Isla (Year 5)
- 16/3 - Felicity (Year 2)
- 17/3 - Adin (Year 7)
- 17/3 - Ryley (Year 1)



Friendly Reminders

. **School Disco - Friday 24th March 2017** (please note change in date from last newsletter) Form and money due Friday 17/3/17.

. **Parents & Friends' Fundraising Tea - Friday 24th March 2017** Order form & money due Wednesday 22/3/17.

. **Sports' Day - Monday 10th April 2017.** Further details will be sent home in the near future.

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.** We will again be using an online booking facility for interviews with your child/ren's classroom teachers. **Bookings will open on Monday 20th March 2017.** A detailed note regarding the booking process is enclosed and a reminder will be emailed/posted on Facebook closer to the date. If you have any queries on receipt of the note, please contact Annie or Necia 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.

.....and in closing: We had our DECD financial audit this week and the report stated that there were **no recommendations!** This is an amazing outcome and Annie should be very proud of this outstanding achievement. On behalf of the whole school community, I congratulate her on this well-deserved accolade.

Warm Regards, Rita

Student Representative Council "SRC"

Introducing...

Coen Martin (SRC Leader)

As an SRC Leader, I hope to... make the school a better place and to make my leadership skills better.



Something you don't know about me is... I have won 1st place in Level 5 of the country gymnastics teams.

I read... fiction fantasy books and love books by J.K. Rowling.

I watch... David Attenborough documentaries and Myth Busters.

I listen to... Power FM and Nova 919.

One day I hope to... go to the Olympics and go on an African safari.

If I could change something in the world, I would... stop all murders, help global warming and save all the endangered animals from extinction.

The best thing about Mypolonga Primary School is... that all the staff and students are friendly and caring.

Someone I really look up to is... my Dad... because he is really caring, hardworking and is really talented.

Request for plastic soft drink bottles

Danny Baker and his students in the Middle Primary class are currently working on a new S.T.E.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics) project... making water rockets!



We are kindly asking parents/caregivers & community members to drop in any empty and clean **2 litre** plastic soft drink bottles. If lids could remain on the bottles, it would be preferred, but not necessary.

Please drop them into the office or to the Middle Primary class.

Thank you.

Counsellor's Corner



Resilience Robbers

Over the next few weeks, I will be putting together the '7 Resilience Robbers' according to Michael Grose – Australia's No. 1 parenting educator.

Below is the first 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. 2: Make their problem, your problem

Sometimes parents can take too much responsibility for issues that are really up to children to work out or decide. Here's a clue if you are wondering what I am talking about: a jumper is something a mother puts on her son when she is cold!

Sometimes it is just plain easier to do things for your children than to teach them how to do it themselves. However, we are NOT doing our children any favours here. Take the time to help your child become more independent even if you could do the same thing in half as much time...the future world where your child will become an adult, will thank you for it!

Cheers, Kerry

SAPSASA Swimming



Congratulations to Year 7 student **Samuel Montgomery-Pittaway** on being selected in the Murraylands team for the SAPSASA Country Swimming Championships. Samuel has been selected in the 12 year old boys' 4x50m relay and 50m breaststroke and will be competing on Friday 17th March 2017 at the SA Aquatics Centre in Oaklands Park.

Well done Samuel and good luck!

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**

Monday 20th November 2017 – **Student Free Day**

** the school will be closed on the Student Free Days and the School Closure Day **

SRC School Disco
Disco Theme: **Bogans or Beauties**

When: Friday 24th March 2017 from 7:00pm – 9:00pm

Where: Mypolonga Institute

Please refer to the note recently sent home, which we kindly ask be returned, together with \$5.50 payment per child, by Friday 17th March 2017.

* please note change in date from our previous newsletter notification due to the Murray Bridge High School formal being held on the same date *

Parents & Friends' Fundraising Tea
(prior to School Disco)

When: Friday 24th March 2017 from 5:30pm

Where: Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club

Menu: Please refer to the flyer enclosed in this newsletter.

This tea is a great opportunity to meet other family members of the school and community. Parents/caregivers are most welcome to stay at the Club while their child/ren are at the disco, before collecting them at 9:00pm. Any help in cleaning up the Mypolonga Institute after the disco, would also be appreciated.

Upper Primary class - Bio Poems

Jade

Loves dogs, the beach and
strawberry ice cream,
Fears snakes,
Soft and cuddly like a Panda,
Hopes or wishes to become a
vet,
Daughter of Paul and Kathy,
Wants to remember her first day
of school,
Caring, funny, helpful, tall and
trustworthy,
Lives in Mypolonga

Written by Jade Prosser
Illustrated by Keeley Rathjen
(right)



Leah

Loves dancing, shooting, school
and sport,
Hopes to be a marine animal trainer
or a vet,
Believes in God and Jesus Christ,
Daughter of Greg,
Loyal, forgiving and kind of heart,
Heroes are Nanna, Pappa, Dad,
Mrs Martin and Mrs O'Brien,
Getting 6 PRC medals,
As loud as a lion,
Fears snakes and leaving
Mypolonga Primary School,
Memories of my first day at MPS

Written by Leah Ferguson
Illustrated by Bella Smith
(left)



Class Awards

Term 1 Week 3

Junior Primary class

Jai Bowley – for always being a great role model.

Isabelle Swansson – for assisting others when they need help.

Junior Primary 1 class

Haiden Squire – for persisting through STEM tasks.

Levi Gray – for trying his best in all lessons.

Lower Middle Primary class

Riley Hagger – great leadership skills.

Phebe Nutt – focused learner keen to participate and share her learning.

Middle Primary class

Thomas Kruschel – improved focus and determination with his learning.

Jacinta Clark – engaged and positive learner.

Upper Primary class

Leah Ferguson – for challenging herself to do extra work at home.

Henry Payne – for climbing out of the learning pit on his own in Maths.

Term 1 Week 4

Junior Primary class

Luke Stewart – for consistently helping others in the classroom.

Lucinda Temby – for quietly and confidently working well independently and in groups.

Junior Primary 1 class

Mikaela Watts – for always trying her hardest.

Linton Garner – for persisting through difficult tasks.

Lower Middle Primary class

Ellie Pontt – for stepping up to the new challenges.

Koby Stimpson – creative problem solving in Enterprise.

Middle Primary class

Riley Hazel – for a very expressive Rumpelstiltskin performance in Drama.

Isla Gielen – impressive attitude towards her learning.

Upper Primary class

Jason Crouch – for fantastic leadership and role modelling in the school shop.

Leila Dahlitz – for always working to the best of her ability.

Lower Middle Primary class
- Sun Dials

In their S.T.E.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics) lesson, students designed and made sundials to monitor the movement of the sun throughout the day. They went outside every hour to record how far the shadow had moved.

The children will use their discoveries to deepen their understanding of the earth's movements each day.

Pictured right with their sundials are Ella O'Shea-Coulter and Ellie Pontt.





Mypolonga Primary School

Parents & Friends' Fundraising Tea

before School Disco

Friday 24th March 2017
from 5:30pm
at the Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club

Menu

STEAK BURGER & CHIPS	\$8.00
<small>(thin beef steak with your choice of lettuce, tomato, beetroot, onion, cucumber, cheese, coleslaw, mayo and sauce on a soft hamburger bun)</small>	
CHICKEN NUGGETS & CHIPS	\$4.00
PLATE OF CHIPS	\$2.00

Prior to the school disco on Friday 24th March 2017 our Parents & Friends' committee will be providing our annual fundraising tea at the Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club. Friday night teas are inexpensive and give families the opportunity to meet other families of the school, and in particular, your child/ren's class. This year, proceeds from the tea will be directed to our Parents & Friends' committee.

Tea and bar facilities will be available from 5:30pm. Children may get changed into their disco costumes in the Combined Sports' Club toilets or change rooms. Parents are encouraged to stay at the Club while their children are at the disco at the Mypolonga Institute, before collecting them at 9:00pm.

To help us with catering arrangements, please return your order and payment to the school office by Wednesday 22nd March 2017.

MYPOLONGA PRIMARY SCHOOL

FRIDAY NIGHT PARENTS & FRIENDS' FUNDRAISING TEA

Friday 24th March 2017 (before School Disco)

Please RSVP by returning this slip to the school office by Wednesday 22nd March 2017

Family Name:

I/We wish to order
(please indicate quantity of serves)

..... Steak Burger & Chips @ \$8.00	\$.....
..... Chicken Nuggets (x4) & Chips @ \$4.00	\$.....
..... Plate of Chips @ \$2.00	\$.....
Total amount enclosed \$.....	

Payment with order and correct money would be appreciated. Thank you.

7th March 2017

P&F NEWS

REMEMBER
you are all P&F members

P&F welcomes you to 2017... Please remember that when your child enrolls at Mypolonga Primary School you automatically become a Parents and Friends Member. It doesn't matter if you can't assist the P&F Committee for any reason; we welcome each and every one of you to attend a coffee morning or other P&F event. Come and have a chat, socialise and meet other parents and friends of the Mypolonga School Community.

This year P&F are raising money for the STEM program (Science – Technology – Engineering – Mathematics) and with your help, we will assist Mypolonga Primary School deliver this program to all students.

FUNDRAISING

SPORTS DAY

ORDER FORM BELOW

With sports day just around the corner, P&F are providing an option (NOT COMPULSORY) for students and/or parents/caregivers to purchase a 'Team Tee' to support their house team on sports day. Please fill in the order form below and put it in the P&F Tee Box which will be located in the school office, along with your MONEY no later than Friday 17th of March. Your tee's will be given to you on Monday 3rd of April, a week before sports day.



CHILD TEE: \$13.00

Sizing	2	4	6	8	10	12	14
Chest	35	37	39	41.5	44	46.5	49
Length	41	45.5	50	54.5	59	63.5	68

ADULT TEE: \$16.00

Sizing	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL	5XL
Chest	53.5	56	58.5	61	63.5	66	68.5	71
Length	70.5	73	75.5	78	80.5	81.5	82.5	83.5

SPORTS DAY TEE ORDER FORM

Your Name: _____	Size: _____	QTY: _____
Tee Colour: _____	Size: _____	QTY: _____
Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____	Size: _____	QTY: _____

Until Next Time
Thank You from your P&F Committee

Facebook: [Mypolonga Parents & Friends](#) Email: mypopandf@gmail.com

President: **Jodie Hagger** Vice President: **Lorna Logan** Secretary: **Claire Garner**
Treasurer: **Peta Pahl** Communications Officer: **Danielle Baker**





6th March 2017

At Mypolonga Primary School, Parents & Friends as part of our Fundraising, help the school with catering of a few selected functions. An example of this is the Disco Tea. In the past we have been able to raise significant amounts due to the generosity of parents and caregivers helping with the donation of goods which keeps costs down.

We have not done this for a few years but as a committee thought we would reintroduce it. When a function occurs, if you have shown interest of support, we will send a form home asking for a donation of goods. This could be a lettuce or a can of tomatoes all depending on the function. It is completely voluntary and as stated prior helps us with our profit margin when fundraising.

If you feel you could help throughout the year with a donation of goods please fill in the form below and return it to the school. If you have questions please don't hesitate to call me.

We thank you for your support

**Jodie Hagger Ph: 0409289978
P & F President**

Please return to Front Office

NAME

Date

I would be happy to help with a donation of goods when asked to help keep costs down.



Government of South Australia
Department for Education and
Child Development



Book School Interviews Online

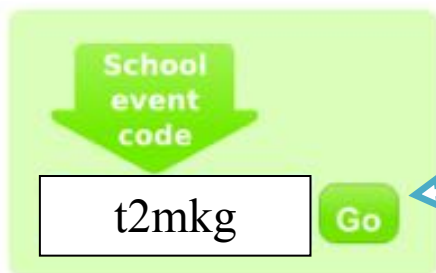
Dear Parents/Caregivers

7th March 2017

Parent/Teacher interviews for all **Reception to Year 7 students** will be held from Monday 3rd April 2017 until Wednesday 5th April 2017. You can book interviews at times that suit **YOUR FAMILY BEST**.

BOOKINGS OPEN: MONDAY 20th March 2017 @ 4:00pm
BOOKINGS CLOSE: MONDAY 27th March 2017 @ 9:00am

Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au/book and follow these simple instructions.



Simply, go to

<http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/book>

Enter THIS school event code.

Then follow the 3 simple steps.



When you click **finish**, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically - **check your junk mail folder** if you do not receive your email immediately. You can return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au/book at any time, and change your interviews - until bookings close.

Please note:

- . If you don't require an interview with your child/rens' class teacher(s) or, if for some reason, the interview booking times do not suit you, please contact the school.
- . For parents/caregivers that don't have access to the internet at home, at work, at a friend's house or on their phones, Necia or Annie will make the booking for you. You may send a note to school with the day and approximate times you require, or phone the school on 85354191.
- . Interviews are strictly 10mins and spaces are limited. If you require more time, please contact your teacher directly to make alternative arrangements.
- . Parents can change their interview bookings, any time prior to the closing date (27/3/17) by re-visiting the www.schoolinterviews.com.au/book website, and using the event code. Remember to use the same name and email address you used when you made your original booking. Parents wishing to change their interview times after the closing date should contact Necia or Annie at the school directly on 85354191.
- . We would love to receive feedback on what you think about our online interview booking facility. If you get time, please send us some feedback by calling 85354191 or email to info@mypolongaps.sa.edu.au.

Mypolonga Primary School

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

6	6/3 STUDENT FREE DAY	7/3 Newsletter LMP enterprise recess (ice creams)	8/3 MP enterprise lunch (salad rolls)	9/3 8:15am Kick Start for Kids breakfast	10/3 JP/JP1 enterprise lunch (sausage in bread) 3:00pm Assembly	11/3 & 12/3
7	13/3 ADELAIDE CUP PUBLIC HOLIDAY	14/3 LMP enterprise recess (ice creams) 3:45pm Sustainability Committee Meeting	15/3 MP enterprise lunch (salad rolls)	16/3 8:15am Kick Start for Kids breakfast	17/3 JP/JP1 enterprise lunch (sausage in bread) 3:00pm Assembly	18/3 & 19/3
8	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) 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
9	27/3	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 →	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- Tailem Bend and Ladies' Day
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 Clubs – Ladies' Day Saturday 8th April 2017 from 2:30pm – Keep the Date Free!

Football mums, wives, grandmas, lady supporters, netball players and community members are invited to attend a Ladies' Day on our first home game against Tailem Bend. \$50.00 per head includes drinks package, nibbles and dinner in the Clubrooms following the League game. Live music from 8:00pm. Tickets can be purchased from Meaghan Watkins on 0411631804. This was one of the Club's most successful events in 2016. Feel free to invite others!

Mypolonga Football Club Junior Training - Training for all grades will revert back to Thursdays on Thursday 23rd March 2017.

Mypolonga Football Club Junior Trial Games - Wednesday 22nd March 2017 -v- Strathalbyn Football Club - Under 15s starting at 6.30pm, Under 17½ following at 7.30pm. Keep an eye out on the Club's Facebook page as the venue is still being decided.

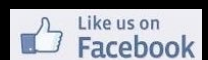
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