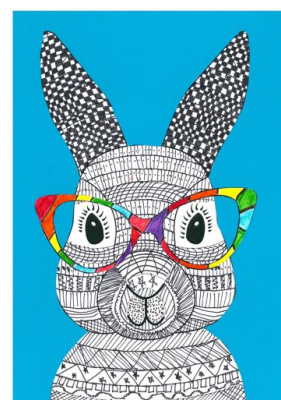
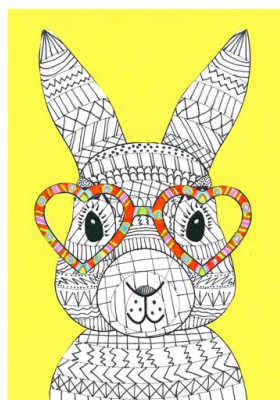


# Mypolonga Primary School & Community Newsletter

8<sup>th</sup> May 2017  
(Week 2 Term 2)



Pictured above:

Easter Bunny designs by Middle Primary Class students Jade, Claire & Makayla.

## Term 2 2017 Assembly Roster

**Week 2** – No Assembly (due to NAPLaN)

**Week 3** – No Assembly (Student Free Day)

## Happy Birthday

18/5 – Jesse (Reception)

21/5 – Bella (Yr 5)



## Enclosed with this Newsletter

. Mother's Day note

. Magnetic photo frame order form

## NAPLaN testing for Yr 3, 5 and 7

students Tuesday 9/5/17 - Thursday 11/5/17

## LMP/MP Camp Aldinga forms

Camp forms for the above classes were sent home last Friday. Please return the commitment to pay by 22/5/17. Full payment is not required until 22/9/17. Please contact Annie in the office if you have any concerns re payment.

## Upcoming Student Free Day

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

The school will be **closed** on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2017 due to staff professional development & training. There will be **no** school shop visit from the Proud Mary, therefore the shop **will not** open.

## Welcome to Student Teacher

**Madi Salter**

Last week, we welcomed student teacher Madi Salter to our school. Madi is in her 2<sup>nd</sup> year at Tabor College and is completing a Bachelor of Education.

Madi will be with us until the end of Week 3 and is placed in the Year 6/7 Upper Primary class.

It is great having you Madi and we hope you enjoy your learning experiences with us.



## Literacy Cup Points

Total End of Week 1 Term 2 2017

**Hindmarsh**

**1189**

**Finniss**

**1186**

**Murray**

**1166**



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Child Development

## Rita's Roar

### Holiday Magic!

Wow! Didn't our students come back to a different looking school? The new playground has been constructed and new interactive TVs have been installed in the library, UP and JP classes. The First Aid room has also been refurbished. Annie and David worked tirelessly through the holidays to manage all of these projects. Staff, on top of working in the School Shop also spent a great deal of time going through resources to de-clutter, so that we ensure that all of our limited spaces are used effectively. Great work team!



Our new playground...

### Student Free Day

Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> May 2017 (Week 3) is a Student Free Day. All of our Partnership schools will be attending STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) training at Murray Bridge High School. An amazing number of workshops have been designed to support teachers to learn about and implement STEM in schools. STEM is a significant part of our Site Improvement Plan for 2017.

### Guided Reading

Last year, we implemented a program called Levelled Literacy Intervention to support students to 'close the gap' in reading achievement. Jane and Cass were so impressed with the success of the program, that they led a process to adapt it as a Guided Reading program for all students up to Level 30, while still continuing with intervention. We have created smaller groups (similar to what we do in Maths) to support students to be successful. We have observed such improvement that we have already moved students into higher groups. I have spent time observing classes and have been very impressed with both the program and the delivery of it by staff. Once students reach Level 30, Anne and Mel have designed a program to extend them into deeper learning. To complement this, home reading builds on these foundations to embed the learning and escalate improvement. Let's all work together to make this happen.



and one of our new interactive TVs!

### NAPLaN

Just a reminder, following our last newsletter: tomorrow NAPLaN tests start and continue until Thursday for Years 3, 5 and 7.

Warm Regards, Rita

## Welcome to our school... Fred Schillier

Last week, we welcomed Year 3 student Fred Schillier to our school.

Fred is in the Lower Middle Primary class and joins us from Taillem Bend Primary School.

We welcome Fred and his family to Mypolonga Primary School and community, and hope they enjoy their learning experiences with us.



## Better Buddies

The Alannah and Madeline Foundation is a national charity, keeping children safe from violence. The foundation was set up in memory of Alannah and Madeline Mikac, aged six and three, who, with their mother and 32 others, were tragically killed at Port Arthur on 28<sup>th</sup> April 1996.

This foundation cares for children who experience or witness serious violence and run programs, which help prevent violence in the lives of children.

Our school is registered with the Better Buddies program. The Middle Primary Class and the Junior Primary Reception/1 class are both involved. In Better Buddies, older children buddy up with younger children and learn the values; caring for others, friendliness, respect, valuing difference, including others and responsibility through formal and informal activities. Better Buddies enables younger students to feel safe and cared for, while older students feel valued and respected.

These classes meet fortnightly under supervision. The students are involved in various activities during this time, which enhance the program's values.

The Buddy program does not encourage recess and lunchtime play, but rather the Buddies are a safe face in the schoolyard where they can ask for help if needed.

So far, the program has been really successful and all students involved are loving it!

Pictured below are buddies Georgia and Isabelle, Seth and Ben.



## 2017 International Competitions And Assessments For Schools (ICAS)

### Sitting Dates

**Science** – Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2017

**English** – Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2017

**Mathematics** – Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2017

There is an opportunity for Year 2-7 students to participate in the 2017 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) in the key subject areas of Science, Mathematics and English. **All students receive a certificate** and an **individual student report** indicating which questions they answered correctly and their score compared with the rest of the students tested.

These competitions, unlike NAPLAN, which is for all Year 3, 5 and 7 students, are designed for our "top" students who have an interest and are skilled in a particular learning area.

To guide you, we will nominate students whom we feel will benefit from participating in these tests.

Naturally, the decision is up to you. There is no expectation that your child has to participate because they have been nominated or that they cannot participate if they have not been nominated. Our aim is to support you to make informed decisions.

A nomination form will be sent home to nominated students' parents/caregivers before the end of this week to inform you of our nominations.

Please feel free to discuss this with your child's teacher if you have any concerns.

## Magnetic School Photo Frames

We hope all our parents/caregivers loved receiving their child's professional school photos. Now would be the perfect opportunity to purchase a generic and personalised magnetic frame, designed to suit school portraits and standard size photos. A perfect gift idea!

Please refer to the enclosed *Your Name Frame* order sheet for ordering and product information.

Please return all orders, together with money, to the front office by this Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2017.

Thank you.

**MAGNETIC School Photo Frames**

To suit School Photos  
5" X 7"  
3.5" X 5"  
2.5" X 3.5"

IDEAL FOR THE FRIDGE

SINGLE PORTRAIT FRAMES	
Standard	(MPS01) 3.5" x 5" .... \$12.95
Personalised	(MPS02A) 5" x 7" .... \$17.95
Standard	(MPS03) 3.5" x 5" .... \$14.95
Personalised	(MPS02A) 5" x 7" .... \$19.95

SIBLING PORTRAIT FRAMES	
Standard	(MPS03) 3.5" x 5" .... \$12.95
Personalised	(MPS02A) 5" x 7" .... \$17.95
Standard	(MPS04) 3.5" x 5" .... \$17.95
Personalised	(MPS04A) 5" x 7" .... \$22.95

Mini Portraits FRAME 3-PACK	
Standard	(MPS07) 2.5" x 3.5" .... \$15.95
Personalised	(MPS08) 2.5" x 3.5" .... \$21.95

IDEAL FOR GRANDPARENTS



## Mother's Day School Shop purchases

On Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2017, students will be given an opportunity to purchase a small gift for their Mum / Caregiver for Mother's Day from the Mypolonga School Shop.



Students can bring along their money on Thursday and purchase gifts such as soaps, note pads, bookmarks, magnets, bracelets, angel/crystal hangings, pot pourri bags, candles etc. ranging from \$2.50 - \$10.00, plus many more lovely, handmade gifts to choose from.

As you may be aware, all items purchased from the School Shop contribute to our Enterprise Education.



### Cows Create Careers

We are all eagerly awaiting the arrival of our two calves, provided by the Martin family, which will be delivered to school in Week 3. Our Year 6/7 students will care for the calves and collect data on their growth. We will compete in the 'Cows Create Careers' competition, which gives our students the opportunity to use real life contexts to create scientific learning.

Following on from this, our Upper Primary students will be visiting Martin's dairy in Wall Flat this Tuesday to learn about Science and Technology aspects of producing milk.

## Class Awards

### Term 2 Week 1

#### Junior Primary Class

**Scarlett Perry** – for showing fantastic knowledge with her 2D shapes.

**Edward Kennison** – for starting the term off with a positive approach.

#### Junior Primary 1 class

**Brady Roden** – for putting lots of effort into his independent exposition.

**Lilly Lear** – for working very hard towards her own personal goal and putting in extra effort in class.

#### Lower Middle Primary class

**Alarah Sipos** – being a focussed and engaged learner.

**Ellie Pontt** – responding to feedback.

#### Middle Primary class

**Linx Baker** – for putting top effort into his work.

**Jade Burgess** – always listens to feedback to improve her learning.

#### Upper Primary class

**Erin McDonald** – for taking responsibility for her learning with good time management.

**Luke Patrick** – for working hard to improve his reading and succeeding.

## 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 fifth 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. 5: - Let kids give in too easily

Resilient learners link success with effort. They don't give up because they don't like a teacher or when confronted with multi-step or more complex activities. Similarly they don't bail out of a sporting term half way through the season because the team is not winning or they are not enjoying it.

**Resilience notion #5:** Encourage kids to complete what they have started even if the results aren't perfect.

*Persistence is a high priority here at Mypolonga Primary School. Our motto is, "OK isn't excellent". As a staff we are united on this and although we have high expectations for our students, wanting success for them, we also offer a safe place where they can bounce back and continue to persist when faced with challenges. We all talk about the Learning Pit in our classrooms...ask your child about this.*

Cheers, Kerry

## Mypolonga Football & Netball Club News

Don't forget Saturday night home game teas are served following the League game at approximately 6:00pm.

Did you know a number of our Upper Primary students are rostered on each home game to wash dishes and help in the kitchen?...true Tiger spirit!



Mypolonga Netball & Football Club		
Social Calendar		
Dates to remember....		
N O T I N	May 6 <small>(Rnd Five v Imps)</small>	Junior Disco
	May 20 <small>(Rnd Seven v Mannum)</small>	Shuffle Night
	June 3 <small>(Rnd Nine v Tailem)</small>	Tiger Ball
	June 24 <small>(Rnd Eleven v Meningie)</small>	TUCKER'S TRIVIA NIGHT
	July 15 <small>(Rnd Thirteen v Ramblers)</small>	"Around the World" Night
	July 29 <small>(Rnd Fifteen v Jervois)</small>	Sponsors Day
	Aug 26 <small>(Rnd Nineteen v Meningie)</small>	Band (Last Game of the Season)
	MORE INFORMATION ABOUT EACH EVENT WILL BE BROUGHT OUT CLOSER TO THE DATE	



## Mypolonga Primary School

Diary Dates  
(subject to change)

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2017 - **Student Free Day**  
 Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2017 - **Student Free Day**  
 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**  
 (Junior Primary camps to be advised)  
 Monday 20<sup>th</sup> 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

2	8/5 Yoga Newsletter	9/5 <b>NAPLAN</b> 3:45pm Sustainability meeting LMP enterprise recess (crumpets) Landcare AGM	10/5 <b>NAPLAN</b> MP enterprise lunch (hot chicken & gravy rolls)	11/5 <b>NAPLAN</b> Student purchases in the School Shop	12/5 Walk Safely to School Day JP/JP1 enterprise lunch (sausage in bread) No Assembly	13/5 & 14/5 13/5 MFC/MNLC -v- Ramblers @ Ramblers 14/5 – Mother's Day
3	15/5 Yoga 3:45pm Life Long Learning meeting 7:00pm Finance Meeting 7:30pm Governing Council meeting	16/5 LMP enterprise recess (crumpets)	17/5 MP enterprise lunch (hot chicken & gravy rolls)	18/5	19/5 <b>STUDENT FREE DAY</b> from 6:00pm Mypo RSL Bingo BBQ Tea	20/5 & 21/5 20/5 – MFC/MNLC -v- Mannum @ Mypo, including Shuffle Night
4	22/5 LMP/MP Aldinga camp commitment to pay form to be returned Yoga Newsletter	23/5 LMP enterprise recess (crumpets)	24/5 MP enterprise lunch (hot chicken & gravy rolls)	25/5	26/5 JP/JP1 enterprise lunch (sausage in bread) 3:00pm Assembly	27/5 & 28/5 27/5 – MFC/MNLC -v- Jervois @ Mypo 28/5 – Mypo RSL Annual Dinner
5	29/5 Yoga	30/5 LMP enterprise recess (crumpets) Science competition	31/5 MP enterprise lunch (hot chicken & gravy rolls)	1/6	2/6 JP/JP1 enterprise lunch (sausage in bread) 3:00pm Assembly from 6:00pm MCSC Friday Night tea	3/6 & 4/6 3/6 – MFC/MNLC -v- Tailam @ Tailam, followed by Tiger Ball
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) 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 <b>QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b>	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
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