

# Mypolonga Primary School & Community Newsletter



★ Wishing our students, families, staff and community members a safe and happy Christmas and New Year and we look forward to seeing you all in 2016. ★

11<sup>th</sup> December 2015

**"The light in a child's eye is all it takes to make  
Christmas a magical time of the year."**

~ Unknown ~

## Term 4 Assembly Roster

**Week 1** – Paris Montgomery-Pittaway, Harry Stone, Leroy Rathjen

**Week 2** – No Assembly (due to swimming lessons)

## Included in this Newsletter

- ❖ Year 7 profile page
- ❖ Student of the Year / Student of the Term / Most Improved for the Year / Most Improved for the Term / Kiwani award recipients

## Happy Birthday

12/12 – Rhea (Year 3)  
19/12 – Mackenzie (Year 7)  
19/12 – Ben (Year 3)  
23/12 – Dominick (Reception)  
29/12 – Katie (Year 4)  
29/12 – Jade (Year 4)  
30/12 – Mitchell (Year 4)

## 2016

2/1 – Connor (Reception)  
3/1 – Mostyn (Year 7)  
3/1 – Josh (Year 5)  
4/1 – Keeley (Year 5)  
5/1 – Ledja (Year 1)  
5/1 – Levi (Year 1)  
5/1 – Haiden (Reception)  
6/1 – Blake (Year 6)  
7/1 – Ava (Reception)  
8/1 – Kallan (Year 1)  
12/1 – James (Year 2)  
13/1 – Alarah (Year 1)  
15/1 – Drew (Year 2)  
19/1 – Reagan (Year 1)  
20/1 – Phebe (Year 2)  
21/1 – Lila (Reception)  
24/1 – Kyal (Year 7)  
25/1 – Kobe (Year 4)  
28/1 – Maddy (Year 1)  
31/1 – Kane (Year 6)

## 2016 Consent Forms

As in previous years, yearly consent forms, permission slips and a request for family information details will be sent home to families during the first week of Term 1.

## Recycling Volunteers

A big thank you to the **Nutt, Burgess** and **Baker** families who have collected and transported our recycling into Murray Bridge during this term.

## Rita's Roar

### TIGER has a new home

TIGER the turtle outgrew his home in the R/1 class so it was decided to make him a bigger home. At the Sustainability Committee meeting, the idea of converting the top sandpit into a new enclosure for TIGER was suggested. Enter our Monarto Zookeeper parents, Paul Stapleton, Michelle Lloyd and Nikki Tomkinson. With their wealth of experience in building enclosures, and ably led by Amy, they have constructed a magnificent new home for TIGER. TIGER the turtle is the ELLI animal representing resilience and our workers, including Lila & Autumn's poppa Bill, certainly demonstrated that when building the enclosure in 40° heat. Their generosity of spirit is very much appreciated by us all.

### Grades

The Australian Curriculum has achievement standards for every learning area and every year level. If a student meets the achievement standard they receive a C. They must exceed the achievement standard to receive an A or a B. If your child has received Cs they are where they should be for their year level.

### Still Doing us Proud!

Our former students have again done us proud at the Presentation Night at Murray Bridge High School. Congratulations to the following recipients:  
Clair Harrop Memorial Prize: **Shaun Meyers**  
Practical Skills – Agriculture: **Tom Daniel**  
History: **Courtney Klenke**  
Business and Enterprise: **Angela Venturi**  
Murray Lodge 100F Award: **Samantha Lewis**

Following the award ceremony, Anne and I received the following email.

"Dear Mrs O'Brien and Mrs Martin,  
There are a few things that I feel the need to say to you both, and many things that I feel you both deserve my gratitude towards. As I'm coming into my final year of my school education I'm being presented with all those pressing questions a young adult faces; questions for the future, aspirations, career paths, intentions for what's to come. And while I can see around me the fear that these questions bring to so many other students I find myself comfortable in the choices I have made and in the goals I have set.

If Mypo Primary taught me anything it was that as a whole we are strong but as an individual we shine. Mypo taught me to be true in who I was and who I want to be. You both taught me that I can be the exact person I want to be if I set my mind to it, and here I am shaping myself to become that person.

Like any human I've come across my bumps in the road, but I've always had your guidance as a map to keep me going on the road to greatness.

I truly feel as though I would not be the confident, mature, bright student that I am if it had not of been for the memorable years of schooling that I received at Mypolonga Primary School. You both took me under your wings until I learnt to use my own. The opportunities that I was granted while being at Mypo are incomparable to anything any other student could have experienced in their primary school education.

On Monday night at our Presentation night I was awarded with the Murray Lodge IOOF award. On the top of my list of people who I felt the need to thank for my achievement was the both of you. Words could still not explain to you my gratitude.

Yours truly, Samantha Lewis"

Anne and I were humbled by this lovely appreciation from Samantha, but also very impressed by her clarity, confidence, self-awareness and gratitude.

#### Goodbye and Good luck

Abbey Schofield is leaving us to start middle school at Cornerstone College in Mount Barker. Abbey has a lovely friendship group and will be missed by her friends and teachers. Good luck Abbey.

We would also like to say goodbye to the families whose last child leaves us this year.

- . Darcy Elliott's family: Sarah and Kym
- . Nick Lewis' family: Emily and Peter
- . Sky Dankel's family: Lisa and Chris
- . Bailey O'Connor's family: Annemarie and Darren
- . Kyly Reen's family: Lucy and Warren
- . Riley Smelt's family: Karen and Corey

Karen and Corey Smelt offered to donate sausages for our party day on the last day of term, however, as we had already planned party food, they graciously agreed to hold off their donation until our 100<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations next year. Thank you so much.

As we say goodbye to another school year, we all wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and we will see you back in 2016 ready to celebrate our 100<sup>th</sup> year.

Warm Regards  
Rita



Mypolonga Combined Sports Club  
**CHRISTMAS TEA**  
**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December**  
6pm  
Buffet style meal  
Hot and cold  
Adults - \$15.00 Children (under 13) - \$8.00  
**Father Christmas 7:30**  
Lollies and ice cream  
Christmas Raffle  
100 Club draw  
Come and enjoy the Christmas celebration!

## Kiwanis Club of Murray Bridge Terrific Kids for Term 4 2015...

**Congratulations** to the following students on receiving the 'Terrific Kids' award for Term 4 2015. These awards are presented to students each term who live our TIGER Values:

### Junior Primary



**Jorja Kuhn**



### Junior Primary Year 1



**Koby Stimpson**

### Lower Middle Primary



**Bella Pike**



### Middle Primary

**Leah Ferguson**



### Upper Primary



**Baden Monjean**



#### Class Awards

##### Term 4 Week 7

##### Junior Primary class

**Ledja Gray** – for showing wonderful results in Spelling.

**Alarah Sipos** – for always being a true leader within the class.

##### Junior Primary 1 class

**Ella O'Shea-Coulter** – for always having a positive attitude towards learning.

**Maddy Ray** – working responsibly in the classroom.

##### Lower Middle Primary class

**Jade Burgess** – motivated Science student.

**Isla Gielen** – excellent engagement and knowledge in Science.

##### Middle Primary class

**Jayda Stimpson** – great description in her recount writing.

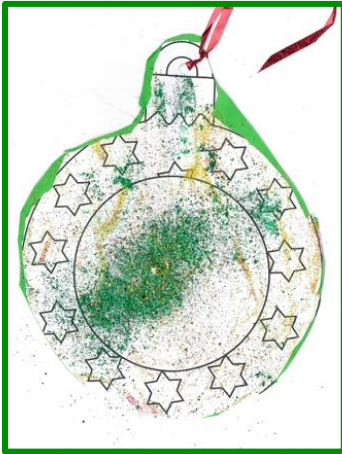
**Ryder Egel** – showing confidence and persistence in Maths.

##### Upper Primary class

**Holly Rathjen** – fantastic explanation of Site Improvement Plan to our Education Director.

**Kane Lavington** – for a happy, positive attitude.





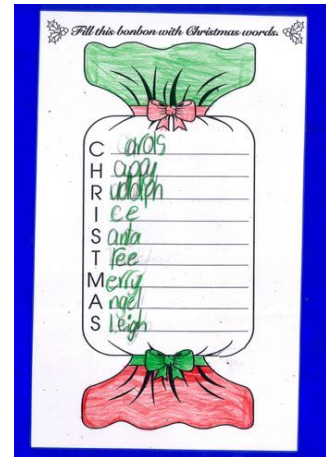
Blake Kennedy



Levi Nutt



Jorja Kuhn



Judd Ruckenstul



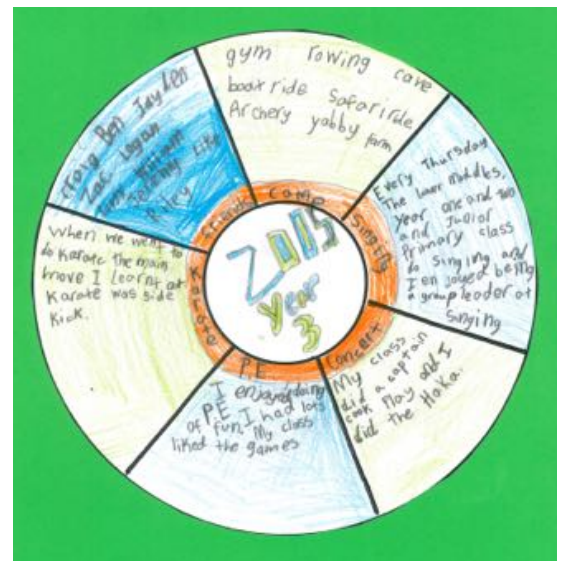
## CHRISTMAS ART



Angel: Tehya Fawdry  
Santa: Lyam Marshall



The year in review -  
Thomas Kruschel



Lila Stapleton



Charlie Harrowfield

### We are Sunsmart!

During Health with Mrs Merritt, our Junior Primary students have been learning about skin cancer prevention and how sun protection is an important part of all Health Education Curriculum across the school. Pictured above; door hanger by Ellie Pontt, posters by Haiden Squire and Ava Hagger.

# Young Leaders of the Year 2015



This year, our Upper Primary Young Leader Award recipients receive \$50.00 each, which has been kindly donated by Anne & Graham Martin and Rita & Bill O'Brien.

**Sienna Montgomery-Pittaway / Tyler Martin**

## Student of the Year 2015



Upper Primary  
**Nick Lewis**



Middle Primary  
**Coen Martin**

**Congratulations!**

Lower Middle Primary  
**Jessica Deane**

Our Students of the Year receive a \$25.00 Murray Bridge Newsagency & Toyworld Gift Card, kindly donated by Julie & Kevin Savill, owners of the Mypolonga General Store.

Junior Primary 1  
**Shaylee Martin**



Junior Primary  
**Tehya Fawdry**

## Most Improved Student for 2015

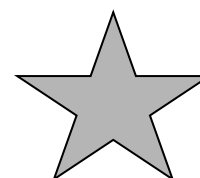


Upper Primary  
**Cameron Hazel**



Middle Primary  
**Jason Crouch**

Lower Middle Primary  
**William Schofield**



Junior Primary 1  
**Phebe Nutt**



Junior Primary  
**Ledja Gray**

# Academic Excellence Award for 2015



Our Upper Primary Academic Excellence award recipients receive \$30.00 each,  
which has been kindly donated by Di & Ken Coventry.



**Amber Gielen / Riley Walton**

## Tiger Values Award for 2015



Our Upper Primary Tiger Values award recipient receives \$50.00, which has been  
kindly donated by the Kiwanis Club of Murray Bridge.

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

**Kyal McDonald**

## Student of the Term Term 4 2015



Upper Primary

**Bailey O'Connor**



Middle Primary

**Jayda Stimpson / Clay Burgess**

Lower Middle Primary

**Claire Ruckenstuhl / Mitchell Pahl**

Junior Primary 1

**Riley Hagger**



Junior Primary

**Ava Hagger**

## Most Improved Student Term 4 2015



Upper Primary

**Kane Rankin**



Junior Primary 1

**Zac Kennison**



Junior Primary

**Connor Fulwood**



# Goodbye and Goodluck to our Year 7s. We will miss you!

## Cameron Hazel

**I would like to visit:** America, especially Graceland where Elvis lived

**My goal is to:** be a famous wedding cake maker with my own business

**Something I would like to achieve:** have a star role in a movie

**I believe:** always be yourself unless you can be a unicorn then always be a unicorn

**I will miss:** Sand man (Bailey) and my friends

**My most memorable moment:** was getting up on water skis first shot



## Tyler Martin

**I would like to visit:** England, because my family has moved from there and to see the Ashes cricket at Lords

**My goal is to:** represent Australia in cricket

**Something I would like to achieve:** Dux award in High School

**I believe:** Australia will be better off if they don't send things to other countries to be made

**My best memories of Mypolonga Primary School have been:** being elected Vice Captain for Sports' Day and being invited to go to Melbourne to talk about the School Shop and the committees



## Alisha Hutchinson

**I would like to visit:** Britain, because I love their accent

**My goal is to:** go to VidCon so I can meet all my favourite YouTubers

**Something I would like to achieve:** everything that is on my bucket list

**I believe:** that nothing is impossible because even impossible says im-possible

**My funniest memory:** has been the Year 4 camp. Shanae started sleep walking and talking. She went to the bathroom, came out and called Holly R 'Mrs Piggy'. I am really going to miss coming to school and seeing all my friends; Kenz, Sienna, Amber, Jess and Holly R. They have always been there for me and I love them for that. I really will miss everyone next year



## Bailey O'Connor

**I would like to visit:** Sweden to go snow boarding

**My goal is to:** become part of the Graphic Arts group in Bungies Art Studios

**Something I would like to achieve:** to get first place in a snowboarding park competition

**I believe:** that you should never regret because at one point it was exactly what you wanted unless you never wanted it in which case you should forget about it and eat pineapples.

Mmm.... Pineapples

**I was absolutely thrilled:** when I received distinctions in the UNSW competitions, being elected onto SRC and Vice Captain for gold. Although all my memories at Mypo are great, these achievements really stood out



### **Mostyn Payne**

**I would like to visit:** The Simpson Desert or Coober Pedy to find opals in the mines

**My goal is to:** get a job as a V8 super car pit crew person

**Something I would like to achieve:** getting straight A's in High School

**I believe:** strong people stand up for themselves but the strongest stand up for everyone else

**My greatest privilege:** was being elected Vice Captain, especially because we won! Being selected for SAPSASA football was an exciting experience



### **Nick Lewis**

**I would like to visit:** The MCG or Whitten Oval

**My goal is to:** make an SANFL list

**Something I would like to achieve:** get a trade, particularly as an electrician

**I believe:** that if you try hard at something you will succeed

**My best achievement:** has been being elected House Captain for blue



### **Sienna Montgomery-Pittaway**

**I would like to visit:** Disneyland

**My goal is to:** live life to its fullest and be happy

**Something I would like to achieve:**

to complete all the things on my bucket list

**I believe:** that everything happens for a reason

**Best memories:** Art has always been my favourite subject and Mypolonga has definitely helped prove that. One of the most memorable things I have experienced was the trip to Melbourne to present at a conference. I also enjoy the leadership roles Mypo offers and this year I was able to call myself House Captain for Hindmarsh and an SRC Leader in the second semester. I have also thoroughly enjoyed the camps, my favourite being the UP West Beach camp in 2015



### **Kyal McDonald**

**I would like to visit:** Bali and many different places

**My goal is to:** catch a big carp on a fly rod

**Something I would like to achieve:** get work as soon as possible

**I believe:** if you believe you can do it, you will achieve it

**I liked:** all the camps but West Beach was the best. I have also been SRC Leader and PE has been my favourite subject.



### **Family Farewell Thoughts**

"Mypolonga Primary School has a family atmosphere and the staff and teachers are amazing. My boys have become caring and thoughtful kids with the guidance of the wonderful teachers we entrust our kids with. Thank you for everything, we will miss this wonderful school."

Karen & Corey Smelt

"Mypo Primary has been part of our family's life for 25 years. We have always loved the care and support given to our kids. The staff have always gone above and beyond. Love this school!"

Annemarie & Darren O'Connor

### Jessica Donald

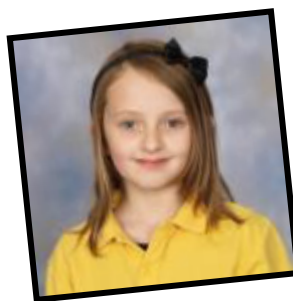
**I would like to visit:** certain places in America

**My goal is to:** gain flexibility for dance

**Something I would like to achieve:** improve my drawing skills

**My favourite quote:** Don't follow your dreams, chase them

**The funniest moment:** was when Darcy was "James Bonding" and when Logan Holmes and Maddison Rathjen dropped Gavin (the sea horse) in the toilets



### Rohan Bartholomeusz

**I would like to visit:** Tokyo and New York

**My goal is to:** become a game programmer

**Something I would like to achieve:** to understand my mind

**I believe:** no one else needs a hero, but everyone needs a leader

**My most memorable moment:** was receiving a Merit in the Maths competition



### Mackenzie Rathjen

**I would like to visit:** Africa and go hot air ballooning

**My goal is to:** become a pro netball player and be in the Adelaide Thunderbirds team

**Something I would like to achieve:** everything on my bucket list

**I believe:** if you are nice and caring, you will get further in life

**My most memorable moments:** would have to be with my friends at lunch. The Year 7s this year have been amazing and I have enjoyed every second with them. My funniest moments have been with my friends Alisha, Sienna, Jess, Holly R and Amber. The funniest moment being on West Beach camp when Alisha and I were pulling faces at each other. We laughed all night!



### Luke Crouch

**I would like to visit:** America, especially Los Angeles

**My goal is to:** play in the back lines for any team in the AFL

**Favourite Quote:** "Follow your dreams"

**I will remember:** that my Maths improved so much since the start of the year. I scored up near the top marks. Last year, I made SAPSASA Softball, winning 2 out of 9 games. I also liked being part of the small schools basketball competition



### Bodi Stewart

**I would like to visit:** Los Angeles

**My goal is to:** become a forward flank in any AFL team

**Something I would like to achieve:** learn a trade

**I believe:** If you even dream of beating me, you'd better wake up and apologise

**My best memory:** is when I was selected in the SAPSASA football team in year 6. My funniest memory was at camp when Riley was sleep talking about a girl



### **Family Farewell Thoughts**

"Darcy has had many great opportunities by attending Mypo School, from school camps, SRC, being elected School Captain and SAPSASA. He has had excellent teachers who have helped him become the fine young man he is today."

*Sarah & Kym Elliott*



### Riley Smelt

**I would like to visit:** Hawaii to go surfing

**My goal is to:** become an AFL centre half forward

**Something I would like to achieve:** skills that are useful if I don't make AFL or NBL

**I believe:** anything is possible

**My best moment:** was when I made state basketball 2 years in a row

**My funniest moment:** was when Luke was sleep talking on camp



### Darcy Elliott

**I would like to visit:** Los Angeles

**My goal is to:** become a police officer

**Something I would like to achieve:** learn to be a really good drummer and play in a well known band

**I believe:** that police officers don't get enough recognition for the work they do

**My best memories:** have been being elected Captain for Murray In Sports' Day and being selected for SAPSASA was awesome as I got to meet new friends



### Sky Dankel

**I would like to visit:** New York to see the Statue of Liberty

**My goal is to:** get over my fear of heights

**Something I would like to achieve:** getting an A in High School

**I believe:** that people can change if they want to

**I'm so glad:** that when I came to this school I met great friends, friends for life and I will never forget them. My favourite thing was the aquatics camp



### Kyly Reen

**I would like to visit:** England to see my friends and go trail riding

**My goal is to:** become a professional horse trainer and work with horses

**Something I would like to achieve:** use my talent as a rider to become even more skillful

**I believe:** in following my heart to achieve my wildest dreams



### **Family Farewell Thoughts**

"We really appreciate the way Mypo School gives kids the opportunity to step out of their comfort zone (ie. talking to the tour bus, running assemblies and other activities that arise). This has helped Tyler become a more confident speaker. The support the school gives to the students and families is amazing. We have really enjoyed our first child's (Tyler's) primary school experience and look forward to many more years with the school with our other children (Coen & Shaylee). Thanks heaps to all staff for their kindness, support and general care for our family. We always feel welcome when we walk through the school gates."

*Cass & Daniel Martin*







'Star Trekking' - Junior Primary class



'I'm a Believer' - Staff



'Wombat Divine' - Junior Primary 1 class



What a great way to finish the night!

## SCHOOL CONCERT ★ 2015 ★



'Bound for Australia' - Lower Middle Primary class



'Spirit of the ANZACs' - Middle Primary class



Left: The Ugly Sisters:  
Mostyn  
Payne and  
Jackson  
Hughes



'Disco Cinderella' - Upper Primary





## Premier's Reading Challenge

On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2015, Upper Primary students Amber Gielen and Riley Smelt were fortunate to attend the Premier's Reading Challenge Premier's Reception at The Sanctuary, Adelaide Zoo.

Amber and Riley are pictured left, receiving the certificate and book parcel from the Premier and the Minister for Education.

## Flinders University Visit

On Monday, our older students were invited to the Student Access Unit (SAU) at Flinders University for a series of workshops including team challenges and an activity involving a circuit of electronics. Pictured below are drawings by Jackson Hughes and Jess Donald, created at the portraiture and proportion (drawing) workshop. Everyone had a really fun & informative day, and learnt about some of the 600 different degrees available.

**Communities for Children Murraylands**

**Summer School Holiday Program**  
All programs are FREE | 5-12 years old | Bookings essential

**CALLINGTON WATER FUN**  
Water Slide • Tight ropes • Slip N Slide Challenge Course • Water Games • PUYU Blaster • Healthy free snacks from Country Health

**10:30am-1:30pm: Wed 16th Dec 2015**  
Callington Rec Reserve, Callington

**2 groups: 5-8 year olds & 9-12 year olds**

Snacks, sunscreen, Certified adult supervision & all activity equipment provided.  
Wear Summer water clothes, covered toe shoes. BFD towel/blanket/water bottle/extra clothes

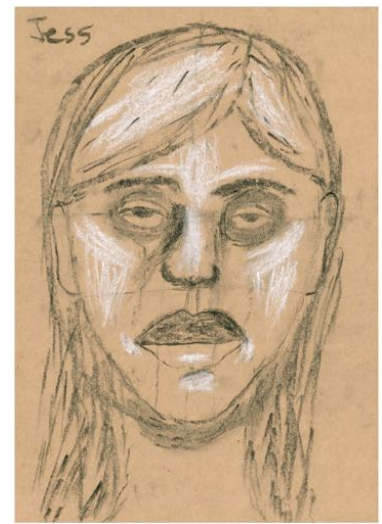
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**OPAL Pool Party!**  
Murray Bridge Swimming Pool

**\$2 Entry for all children + caregivers!**

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December**  
**2.00pm-5.00pm**

Come in and splash around at the OPAL Pool Party!  
Activities, music and canteen facilities available.

For more details contact Kylie from OPAL on 85391435

## Community News

**Mypolonga Uniting Church** will be holding a carol service for Christmas at 7:00pm on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2015. All are welcome to hear the Christmas story, sing carols and have supper afterwards. Rev. Francis Bartlett would especially like to welcome children, as this will be lots of fun.

**Murray Bridge CAROLS by CANDLELIGHT**

**SUNDAY DEC 13TH 2015**  
**MURRAY BRIDGE RACE COURSE**  
**CAROLS FROM 7PM**

Great School Local Artists • Family Entertainment from 5.30pm • Supporting Local School CP SWs

MURRAY BRIDGE COMMUNITY CONCERT BAND



MCSC – Mypolonga Combined Sports Club  
MFC – Mypolonga Football Club  
MCC – Mypolonga Cricket Club

### Planning Calendar Term 1 2016

MNLC – Mypolonga Netball League Club  
MBHS – Murray Bridge High School

1	1/2 <b>Term 1 commences</b> Welcome back!	2/2	3/2	4/2 7:00pm Upper Primary Class Meeting	5/2 3:00pm Assembly	6/2 & 7/2
2	8/2 Newsletter <b>Swimming Lessons</b> (Reception to Year 5 students only)	9/2	10/2	11/2	12/2 No Assembly (due to swimming lessons)	13/2 & 14/2
3	15/2	16/2 Playgroup commences  LMP enterprise recess commences	17/2 Middle Primary enterprise lunch commences	18/2	19/2 6:00pm Family Fun Night	20/2 & 21/2
4	22/2 Newsletter <b>School Photo Day</b> 7:00pm Governing Council AGM	23/2	24/2	25/2	26/2	27/2 & 28/2

## South Australian State Schools Term Dates

	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
<b>2015</b>	27 Jan - 10 Apr	27 Apr - 3 Jul	20 Jul - 25 Sep	12 Oct - 11 Dec
<b>2016</b>	1 Feb - 15 Apr	2 May - 8 Jul	25 Jul - 30 Sep	17 Oct - 16 Dec
<b>2017</b>	30 Jan - 13 Apr	1 May - 7 Jul	24 Jul - 29 Sep	16 Oct - 15 Dec
<b>2018</b>	29 Jan - 13 Apr	30 Apr - 6 Jul	23 Jul - 28 Sep	15 Oct - 14 Dec

This information is current as of March 2015.

### Diary Dates

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2015 - Mypolonga RSL Christmas Tea @ the Mypolonga RSL**  
(bbq tea from 6:00pm)

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2015 - Carols by Candlelight @ the Murray Bridge Racecourse**  
(our Middle Primary Class choir will be performing during this evening)

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2015 - Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club Christmas Tea @ the Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club**  
(refer to flyer in this newsletter)

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