

Mypolonga Primary School & Community

Newsletter

15th April 2016



"The five S's of sports training are: stamina, speed, strength, skill, and spirit; but the greatest of these is spirit."

Ken Doherty

Term 2 Assembly Roster

Week 1 – Blake Fidge, Rhea Kempe, Riley Hagger

Week 2 – Johannah Hobbs, Leah Ferguson, Ava Lindner

School Hats

Today, we have sent all school hats home to be washed and mended (if necessary). If your child is requiring a new hat for next term, they can be purchased from the office (legionnaire \$5.00 / broad brimmed \$7.70 / bucket \$7.00)

School Photos

Late this week, we sent home all ordered school photos. Year 7 graduation packs will be distributed to students at the end of the year. If you have any queries regarding the school photos, please contact MSP Photography direct on 83913951.

With Thanks...

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

School Shop

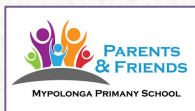
Our School Shop will be open for business on **Friday 22nd April and Friday 29th April 2016** during the school holidays. All Reception to Year 7 students are welcome to attend, dressed in school uniform, arriving at 11:50am to approximately 12:45pm.

Happy Birthday

16/4 – Judd (Year 3)
21/4 – Ava (Year 4)
22/4 – Samuel (Year 6)
24/4 – Brady (Year 1)
28/4 – Leah (Year 5)
4/5 – Jason (Year 6)
7/5 – Ellie (Year 2)



Congratulations to our reformed P&F Committee on a very successful and positive start to the school year! Keep an eye out for this fantastic new logo (chosen by our P&F committee members), where information will be provided, including social events and fundraising.



Rita's Roar

On Monday, all principals in South Australia were called to Adelaide by DECD to hear Professor John Hattie talk about what works and what doesn't work to improve student learning. Our Lifelong Learning Community, which includes our whole staff, parents and students, has looked at John Hattie's analysis of a number of studies throughout the world, which contribute to high achievement. Hattie's study measures the 'effect size' of particular programs. Anything with an effect size over 0.4 is significant. Here are his Top 10 and what we have in place at Mypo:

Self reported grades (this has now changed to Student Expectations): finding out what are the student expectations and pushing them to exceed them. **1.44** (We have been using student self-assessment for some time, along with teacher and peer assessment.)

Piagetian programs Piaget's theory of cognitive development and his concept of children's stages of learning. **1.28** (We have in place 'stage not age' groupings from Reception in maths and differentiate the curriculum depending on each student's needs.)

Providing formative evaluation Spend as much time on formative assessment as summative. Give descriptive feedback. **0.9** (As a staff we have been implementing the use of formative feedback for a number of years. Students use a number of strategies such as red, green and yellow cups, whiteboards, popsticks and exit passes to name a few.)

Micro teaching is a video recording of a lesson with a debriefing. The lesson is reviewed in order to improve the teaching and learning experience. **0.88** (We have been observing each others' lessons and giving each other feedback, however, we feel that videoing ourselves will give us the opportunity to self reflect and improve practice.)

Acceleration optimizes the challenges whereas enrichment spreads students sideways. **0.88** (We accelerate students within the class structure, rather than move them into a different year level on most occasions.)

Classroom behaviour Enforce specific and reasonable set of classroom rules increasing student control over himself / herself. **0.8** (This is why the insistence on an orderly classroom environment is so important and why we insist on high standards of behaviour.)

Comprehensive interventions for learning disabled Provide students with tools and strategies to organize themselves and new material. **0.77** (We have a number of interventions in place, but also have classroom support for teachers to ensure all students' needs are being met.)

Teacher clarity Organisation, explanation, examples and guided practice, assessment of student learning, clarity of speech **0.75** (This is why we have set up feedback stations in classes for students to give us feedback about our performance. My job is also to ensure teachers are organized and meeting the needs of our students.)

Reciprocal teaching Students take turns as teacher and lead dialogue to bring meaning to written work with assistance to learn to monitor their own learning and thinking. **0.74** (You understand something really well when you can teach it to someone else. Students lead their own learning at Mypo).

Feedback Part of formative assessment. Dylan William's work underlies this. **0.73** (see formative feedback.)

Congratulations to Mel Kempe who has put up her hand to be the convenor of this committee on Governing Council.

NAPLaN

You may have noticed in the "Advertiser" on the weekend how well we did in the 'Top 100' schools last year. I have been contacted by many educators who have commented on and congratulated our school on these results. And these results have been great. Last year's Year 5s did particularly well, coming in at 30th place above many Adelaide private schools. Last year's Year 3s also did well coming in at 82. While this is wonderful, I want to remind you that NAPLaN does not define our kids but it does give us evidence of the hard work we have all put in (parents, students, teachers and SSOs) to move them forward. However, there are kids who are not necessarily academic whom we have worked hard to equip with skills to be successful and who may well eclipse high performing NAPLaN students. (Trust me, after 35 years of teaching I can tell!)

This term has been so full – on and I want to acknowledge the work of our amazing teaching staff. As lifelong learners we are committed to learn alongside our parents and students to continue to scale new heights. Go Team Mypo!

Warm Regards, Rita

Kiwanis Club of Murray Bridge Terrific Kids Awards - Term 1 2016

Each term, 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
Bella Smith

Middle Primary
Dallas Harrowfield

Lower Middle Primary
Georgia Martin

Junior Primary 1
Ruby Montgomery-Pittaway

Junior Primary
Jai Bowley

Student Representative Council "SRC"

Introducing...

Samuel Montgomery-Pittaway
(SRC Year 6 representative executive committee)

As an SRC member, I hope to... prevent bullying at school.

Something you don't know about me is... I am an only boy with 3 sisters and 2 mums.

I read... James Dashner novels.

I watch... Stop Motions which I create (a cinematographic technique whereby the camera is repeatedly stopped and started, for example to give animated figures the impression of movement).

One day I hope to... become famous on YouTube.

If I could change something in the world, I would... give everyone a home and a family.

The best thing about Mypolonga Primary School is... the School Shop because it really enriches my Maths skills.

Someone I really look up to is... my sister Sienna **because** she is really tall!

Cyber Safety

The online world is part of everyday life for many children and young people. It is a huge virtual playground where they can play, learn and socialise. It can be accessed by computers, mobile phones and other electronic devices.

Parents can help children get the most from the online world by being involved from the start and helping them learn how to stay safe. You don't have to be an expert. Know where to find things out and getting help is what's important. (Extracted from Parenting SA Cyber safety Parent Easy Guide # 63)

SA Health/Parenting SA has produced a Parent Easy Guide on Cyber safety, which may be of interest to our school families. It provides useful information on social networking, games & apps.

For this, and other useful parenting guides, please visit http://www.decd.sa.gov.au/parentingsa/pegs_general_list.htm#peg87

Other useful cyber safety information from the Office of Children's eSafety Commissioner can be found at: <https://www.esafety.gov.au/education-resources/parent-resources>

Also, as part of our Health curriculum at school, classes are all involved in various activities around cyber safety at their year level.



**Student of the Term
for Term 1 2016**

Upper Primary

Baden Monjean

Middle Primary

Harry Stone

Lower Middle Primary

Jade Burgess

Junior Primary 1

Kallan Hearne

Junior Primary

Charlotte Pahl

**Most Improved Student
for Term 1 2016**

Upper Primary

Kane Lavington

Middle Primary

Logan Rankin

Lower Middle Primary

Reegan Candy

Junior Primary 1

Alarah Sipos

Junior Primary

Bella Pope



Fluoro Disco

A big **thank you** to Colleen Wachtel for all her time and help with decorations, Karen Ruckstuhl & Emma McKay (food), Lorna Logan, Vicki Martin, Kylie Nutt, Bronwyne Schubert, Tara Nelson, Trish Richter and Mitchell Walton (set up).

Special thanks also to Jason Hagger for the great music and light setup, Kelly Kuhn (limousine chauffeur) and Mardi and David LeBrun (for the use of The Entertainer Limousine – 'the perfect party transport'). For further information, please visit www.ultimatelimos.com.au/index.html.





Woolworths Earn and Learn

We have recently received a number of boxes of learning resources, which we were able to purchase from the thousands of stickers sent in by the Mypolonga school community during last year's Woolworths Earn and Learn program.

Some of the resources included:

- . sentence building dominoes pack
- . story starter picture cubes
- . gymnastics ribbons
- . 100cm multi coloured ball
- . ball launchers
- . reader book boxes

Students from all classes are already using the wide selection of resources received.

Pictured right are Katie, Mitchell and Jade with some of the items.



Mercer SuperCycle 2016

On Wednesday, we welcomed approximately 30 bike riders and support crew who are riding over 1,000 kilometres around country South Australia to raise awareness and funds for the "Under our Roof" project. Together with the Hospital Research Foundation, this group raises money to enable the construction of accommodation in Adelaide, close to both the RAH & TQEH, for rural cancer patients to stay with their families while visiting these hospitals for treatment. The style of accommodation is an identified need by doctors who treat rural cancer patients and is echoed by the patients themselves.

On the day, our SRC representatives proudly handed over a cheque for \$200.00, being money raised from our recent casual day.

For further information, visit <http://supercycle.org.au>.



Murray Bridge High School Transition Program - (Year 7 Parents)

Early in Term 2, Year 7 parents will receive an Intention to Enrol package containing a MBHS enrolment form and invitations to transition evenings.

If your child is not intending to enrol at Murray Bridge High School in Year 8, this can be noted on the enrolment form being sent home.

In the meantime, the dates to remember are:

Transition Evening @ St Joseph's Primary School
Wednesday 25th May 2016 from 5:30pm-6:30pm

Information Night @ Murray Bridge High School
Wednesday 8th June 2016 (times to be advised), including...

- . Year 8 student information / panel
- . Middle School information
- . Music performances Year 8-12 Students
- . Tour of the school
- . Light supper provided by the MBHS Hospitality students

2016 Class Camps Advanced Notice

Lower Middle/Middle Primary
Arbury Park Camp (Bridgewater)

Wednesday 28th September to Friday 30th September 2016 (last week of Term 3)

Upper Primary

Aquatics Camp (Murray Bridge Aquatics Centre)

Monday 14th November to Wednesday 16th November 2016 (Week 5 Term 4)

Further details re activities, costs and itinerary will be sent home in due course.

SAPSASA Softball

CONGRATULATIONS to Clay Burgess and Blake Fidge on being selected in the Murraylands SAPSASA Boys Softball team.

Last week, the boys competed at Barratt Reserve in Adelaide. They played a total of 9 games over 4 days.

Clay said, "Blake did really well at pitching", with Blake noting, "It was great to see Clay hit a home run".



Both boys thoroughly enjoyed the SAPSASA experience and hope to continue with their softball into the future.



"I am glad red won because they had not won since 2011."
Kenz Lindner

"It was a fun day and the best part was that red won."
Alarah Sipos

Sports' Day 2016

Murray 1013 points

Hindmarsh 949 points

Finnis 803 points

Congratulations to Year 7 student and Murray Vice Captain Blake Fidge on receiving a perfect score.



"The most challenging activity was high jump, but thankfully I received a 4."
Henry Payne



"I enjoyed all working together and I would like to be a House Captain for Hindmarsh one day." **Bella Smith**

Tiger Scarves

With winter just around the corner (where has the year gone?), a Tiger scarf would be a perfect addition to our winter uniform.

As modelled by our 'Tiger' Matilda Stone (right), the scarves are embroidered with the word 'Tiger' and would make a great accessory for Mypolonga Primary School students, Mypolonga Football & Netball club players, supporters and community members.



The scarves are \$20.00 each, can be viewed in the office or at the Impress Promotions merchandise tent regularly situated near the canteen at Mypolonga Football/Netball home games. Please place orders at the merchandise tent or by visiting/contacting Impress Promotions, Adelaide Road, Murray Bridge, phone 85324283.

Premier's Reading Challenge

Once again, we are participating in the Premier's Reading Challenge. Premier Jay Weatherill has agreed to continue to help and inspire children to read. Each student has a record sheet kept at school where they record books they have read. Teachers, SSOs or parent helpers chat with them about the books to establish that the student has comprehended the story.

It is a requirement that to finish the challenge, a student reads a minimum of 8 books from the Premier's list, and 4 books of their own choice.

Please help younger students to read their library books, returning them to the Library on their borrowing day;

Junior Primary class Monday, **Junior Primary 1 class** Monday, **Lower Middle Primary class** Wednesday, **Middle Primary class** Thursday



Parents & Friends' Fundraising Tea Friday 8th April 2016

Thank you to everyone who supported last Friday night's Parents & Friends' fundraising tea.

Approximately \$500.00 was raised, and we would like to thank Paula Burgess, Jodie Hagger, Lorna Logan, Claire Garner, Mary Gill, Bronwyne Schubert and Brenton Burgess (who, from all accounts was a star on the hot plate!) on a successful and profitable evening for our school.

It was also wonderful to see so many people socialising at the club while their children were at the disco.

Social Events for Term 2

Monday 2nd May 2016 (first day of Term 2)

Morning Tea 8.30am-10.30am, to be held in Rita's Kitchen meeting area at the school.

All welcome, including preschool children. Come along for a cuppa, bite to eat, and a chat! Our school Principal Rita will be joining us for part of the morning.

Friday 3rd June 2016

Dinner at Murray Bridge Hotel (Leahy's).

A social evening for adults (babes-in-arms welcome). Come along for drinks / dinner / dessert, anytime that suits you, 5.30pm – 9.30pm. Come when you can, leave when you must! Please RSVP to social committee (see below).

Thursday 23rd June 2016

Morning tea in Murray Bridge. Further details to follow.

Parents & Friends' Social Committee:
Carol 0412 999 645 | Kylie 0418 810 264
Carolyn 0434 890 292

Community News

Mypolonga Tigers Social Calendar 2016 (subject to change)

Saturday 16th April 2016, following games -v- Mannum. Teas served from 6:00pm, followed by indie/folk musicians **Free Genie**.

Saturday 23rd April 2016, following games -v- Meningie. Teas served from 6:00pm, followed by **Junior Disco**.

Saturday 30th April 2016, following games -v- Jervois @ Jervois. **Mypolonga presents The Mamboobies**.

Saturday 4th June 2016, following games -v- Mannum - **80s Prom Night**.

Saturday 16th July 2016, following games -v- Tailem - **Rubix Cube Night**.

Saturday 6th August 2016, following games -v- Mannum. **Ladies' day and player auction night**.

Mypolonga RSL

Sunday 17th April 2016 – ANZAC Commemorative service in the Mypolonga RSL Clubrooms from 11:00am

National Rugby League - Holiday Coaching Clinic

Date: Tuesday 26th April 2016 from 10:00am to 2:00pm at Hanson Reserve, Sixth Avenue, Woodville Gardens
Cost: \$10 includes football and lunch. To register, visit Playnrl.com / Find a Holiday Clinic or search PlayNRLSA on Facebook.
For more information, contact Dave on 0411 159 465.

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

Planning Calendar Term 2 2016

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

1	2/5 8:30am Parents & Friends' morning tea @ school	3/5 LMP enterprise (crumpets)	4/5 MP enterprise (hot chicken & gravy rolls)	5/5	6/5 3:00pm Assembly from 6:30pm MCSC Friday night tea	7/5 & 8/5 7/5 - MFC & MNLC BYE 8/5 – Mothers' Day
2	9/5 Newsletter	10/5 LMP enterprise (crumpets) NAPLaN	11/5 MP enterprise lunch (hot chicken & gravy rolls) NAPLaN	12/5 NAPLaN 7:00pm Sustainability Committee Meeting	13/5 3:00pm Assembly	14/5 & 15/5 14/5 - MFC & MNLC -v- Tailern @ Tailern
3	16/5 SAPOL Visit Meetings: 3:30pm Life Long Learning Community 7:00pm Finance 7:30pm Governing Council	17/5 LMP enterprise (crumpets)	18/5 MP enterprise (hot chicken & gravy rolls)	19/5	20/5 Walk Safely to School Day 3:00pm Assembly	21/5 & 22/5 21/5 – MFC & MNLC -v- Ramblers @ Ramblers
4	23/5 Newsletter	24/5 LMP enterprise (crumpets)	25/5 MP enterprise (hot chicken & gravy rolls) MBHS Transition evening 5:30pm- 6:30pm @ St Joseph PS	26/5	27/5 3:00pm Assembly	28/5 & 29/5 28/5 – MFC & MNLC -v- Imps @ Mypo
5	30/5	31/5 LMP enterprise (crumpets) Science Competition	1/6 MP enterprise (hot chicken & gravy rolls)	2/6	3/6 3:00pm Assembly P&F Dinner @ Murray Bridge Hotel from 6:30pm MCSC Friday night tea	4/6 & 5/6 4/6 - MFC & MNLC -v- Mannum @ Mannum
6	6/6 Newsletter	7/6 LMP enterprise (crumpets)	8/6 MP enterprise (hot chicken & gravy rolls) MBHS Transition Information night @ MBHS	9/6	10/6 3:00pm Assembly	11/6 & 12/6 11/6 – RMFL game only
7	13/6 PUBLIC HOLIDAY	14/6 STUDENT FREE DAY	15/6	16/6 7:00pm Sustainability Committee Meeting	17/6 NO ASSEMBLY	18/6 & 19/6 18/6 - MFC & MNLC -v- Meningie @ Meningie
8	20/6 Newsletter Meetings: 3:30pm Life Long Learning Community 7:00pm Finance 7:30pm Governing Council	21/6 LMP enterprise (crumpets)	22/6 MP enterprise (hot chicken & gravy rolls)	23/6 P&F Morning Tea in Murray Bridge	24/6 3:00pm Assembly	25/6 & 26/6 25/6 - MFC & MNLC -v- Jervois @ Mypo

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