

Mypolonga Primary School & Community

Newsletter

15th December 2016
(Week 9 Term 4)



Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year from our family to yours! ★

Term 1 2017 Assembly Roster

Week 1 – Keeley Rathjen, Rhea Kempe, 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

19/12 – Ben (Year 4)
21/12 – Jai (Reception)
23/12 – Dominick (Year 1)
29/12 – Katie (Year 5)
29/12 – Jade (Year 5)
30/12 – Mitchell (Year 5)

2017

2/1 – Connor (Year 1)
4/1 – Keeley (Year 6)
5/1 – Ledja (Year 2)
5/1 – Levi (Year 2)
5/1 – Haiden (Year 1)
6/1 – Blake (Year 7)
7/1 – Ava (Year 1)
8/1 – Kallan (Year 2)
12/1 – James (Year 3)
13/1 – Alarah (Year 2)
15/1 – Drew (Year 3)
16/1 – Lachlan (Reception)
19/1 – Reagan (Year 2)
20/1 – Phebe (Year 3)
21/1 – Lila (Year 1)
25/1 – Kobe (Year 5)
28/1 – Maddy (Year 2)
31/1 – Kane (Year 7)
31/1 – Tegan (Reception)
5/2 – Johannah (Year 7)
6/2 – Amira (Reception)



Recycling Volunteers

A big thank you to **Ash & Brodie Sandercock** and **Jan & Rod Baker** for collecting and transporting our recycling into Murray Bridge this term.



Rita's Roar

Wow! How fantastic was the concert. I would like to acknowledge all of the hard work put in by our teachers and SSOs to create such a wonderful event. Every person gave their utmost and collaborated to ensure things ran smoothly. I think we have uncovered some future stars as well. The acting and singing performances were outstanding and well done to our Year 7 comperes. It was also great to at last be able to totally surprise Jason and recognise the incredible impact he has had on our students' learning. I would also like to express our gratitude to Unity College who allow us to use their wonderful facilities. It is very much appreciated.

Once a TIGER

Just because students leave Mypo does not mean we do not stop thinking about them. I would like to congratulate the following former students who won prizes at the MBHS Presentation Night:

- **William Davis:** Masonic Lodges Bursary
- **Brayden George:** Caltex Best Allrounder
- **Cooper Walton:** Practical Skills - Agriculture
- **Samantha Lewis:** Health
- **Riley Smelt:** Frank Clarke Memorial Award

and congratulations to Brayden George who has been elected prefect for next year. The dux of each year level will be announced early in the new year.

I received the following letter last week:

Dear Mrs O'Brien, staff and students

As I now graduate from 13 years of school and head into this incredible world I want to say thank you. Thank you for assisting me to become a well mannered, and, what I hope to be, a successful person. There is not a day that goes by where I do not wish I was still at Mypolonga Primary School. The many life skills I've been taught, not only from the amazing staff but other students and community members, are skills I'll truly treasure forever.

I cannot be prouder to be a 'Mypo Kid' and I hope to make this supportive community very proud in the future, whether I become a journalist, professional dancer, commentator/interviewer or a race car driver like my dad.

To the students now, take in what you learn from your teachers, friends and members of our community as they are skills you'll have forever. Although I will move and distance myself from Mypolonga, the staff, my fellow peers and the community will never leave my heart. I cannot wait to see what the future holds for Mypolonga Primary School. Thank you for everything as I will take the values of Mypolonga Primary School with me wherever I go.

Lots of love,
Cheyanne Richter Uren

It is always sad to say goodbye to our Year 7s. However, some families have their last child leaving so we need to say goodbye to the whole family as well.

Goodbye to:

- **Baden Monjean's family:** Lisa and Shaun
- **Jackson Hughes' family:** Lifelong Learning Community member, Jo and Rob
- **Millie Olsson's family:** Wendy and Jeff
- **Kane Lavington's family:** Gaynor and Bill
- **Blake Fidge's family:** Shohan
- **Holly Rathjen's family:** Lifelong Learning Community member, Catering Coordinator, and Governing Council member, Yvette and Darren

We would also like to say goodbye to Kye Fawdry who will be attending the middle school campus of Eastern Fleurieu School. We wish him all the best.

We also say goodbye to two stunning young teachers: Emily Frahn and Holly Clark. They have both contributed so much to our school culture and we wish them continued success in their new and exciting roles. They will be missed.

We also wish Kim and Mason all the best on the impending birth of baby Merritt and look forward to having her back soon.

From all of us to all of you; have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and remember to all read together!

Warm Regards,
Rita

Class Awards

Term 4 Week 7

Junior Primary class

Jai Bowley – for always being a loyal and kind friend.

Connor Fulwood – for moving up in his reading levels and showing great improvement.

Junior Primary 1 class

Zenith Smith – for putting lots of effort into his artwork.

Zyren Thomson – for putting lots of effort into his writing.

Lower Middle Primary class

James Mueller – excellent improvement in Oxford Word knowledge.

Riley Hagger – showing persistence in his Information Report.

Middle Primary class

Jade Prosser – for being a kind and caring TIGER.

Kobe Hobbs – engaging positively in all learning tasks.

Upper Primary class

Kane Lavington – for much improved communication and using his initiative.

Bella Smith – for a positive attitude and asking good questions.

Literacy Cup Points Final Total for the Year

Hindmarsh		3454
Murray		3189
Finniss		3128

CONGRATULATIONS HINDMARSH on taking out this year's Literacy Cup!

Kiwanis Club of Murray Bridge Terrific Kids for Term 4 2016...

Congratulations to the following students on receiving the 'Terrific Kids' award for Term 4 2016. These awards are presented to students each term who live our TIGER Values:

Junior Primary



Mikaela Watts



Junior Primary Year 1



Reagan Martin



Lower Middle Primary

James Mueller



Middle Primary

Kobe Hobbs



Upper Primary

No recipient due to Tiger Values Award for 2016 being presented



Notifications for the start of the New Year

2017 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. This is a timely reminder to update any phone numbers, emergency contacts and email addresses.

Swimming Lessons

Swimming lessons will be held in Murray Bridge during Week 2 for all Reception to Year 5 students. A detailed note will be sent home in the first week of Term 1.

Playgroup

Playgroup will recommence in Week 3, Tuesday 14th February 2016.

Classroom enterprise recess/lunches

Classroom enterprise recess & lunches will recommence in Week 3. A flyer with what is going to be on offer will be sent home at the start of the new year.

Hats

School hats will be sent home with students at the end of this week. We kindly ask that you wash and check your child(ren)'s hats to see if any repairs need to be made. We will have a fresh stock of hats waiting to be purchased in the new year.

Student Medication

At the end of this week, we will be sending home **ALL** student medication which is held at the school. If you plan to send medication into school in the new year, please check the expiry date of the medication and have it accompanied by an *Authorisation for School Staff to Administer Medication to Students* form, available from our website or the office. Sorry, but we won't be accepting any medication unless it has this form accompanying it. Thank you.

Lost Property

A large number of unnamed jumpers, jackets and plastic containers remained in our lost property box at the end of this term. All unclaimed items will be washed, donated to a local charity or put into our SRC secondhand clothing rack for families to purchase next year. Please remember to label **ALL** items brought into school so we can find a home for them if they are found in the yard.

"One of the most glorious messes in the world is the mess created in the living room on Christmas day. Don't clean it up too quickly."

Andy Rooney (1919-), American writer, producer, humorist.



Parents & Friends

This year, the Parents and Friends committee has raised \$4,385.35.

We would like to thank everyone for the generosity you have all showed by supporting our fundraising events this year. All the money we have raised goes back to support the school and the children's education. Events have included the disco tea, raffle for the 100th birthday celebrations, movie night, quiz night and the concert raffle, just to mention a few. These funds contributed towards the purchase of year seven graduation gifts and also Bee Bots and Blue Bots, interactive programming resources.

We look forward to next year and hope we can make some more money and have fun while doing it!

Kind Regards
P&F Committee

Congratulations Maddie!

CONGRATULATIONS to Year 5 student Maddie Uren on her artwork (pictured below) being selected for the front of Tony Pasin MP's 2016 Christmas card.

Eleven schools participated in the Barker Christmas Card Competition, with a total of 277 entries from a range of grades. For her efforts she received a lovely box set of Derwent Pencils and drawing pad.

Great work Maddie!



Flinders University Visit

Flinders University invited the Upper Primary class to visit with a view to encouraging students to choose their university to study for future careers.

They ran fascinating programmes on Archaeology, Palaeontology and Marine Biology. They also provided our students with mentors to do an orienteering exercise around Flinders.

On top of that they provided us with recess and lunch, and paid for the bus to travel down.

Pictured right and participating in an activity are Coen, Jayda, Keeley & Millie.

** Interested students in Year 10 at Murray Bridge High School were also fortunate to participate in a 3-night stay at Flinders University last week.*

They were involved in a STEM program, which presented them with new ideas in Science/Maths focused careers.



Bottle tops

Thankyou to all the families who have given us bottle tops. Unfortunately, we didn't get as many projects done this year as planned, but we are planning to get into some bigger projects next year.

This term, I worked with 4 students from the Middle and Lower Middle Primary classes during Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden time. To show that art can be made from recyclable materials, a dragonfly was materialized from...

1 table leg, 4 fan blades and plastic bottle tops.

Each pair of students designed matching wings and glued the tops on. This will be displayed in the pergola by the garden.

We have a good supply of tops of various colours, so will not require any more – thanks again.

Janice Mildwaters, SSO

** Pictured above is Georgia Martin with the dragonfly design.*



Christmas Fun!



From top left;
Artwork by Makayla
Baker, Lilly Lear,
Charlotte Pahl,
baubles by Blake
Kennedy & Felicity
Donald



From top left; Christmas tree by Drazic Ryles,
bells by Madison Ray & Shelby Rothe, bauble
by Erin McDonald & star by Kobe Hobbs

Goodbye & Good luck to our Year 7s. We will miss you.

Baden William Monjean

- I think in 100 years the town and school will have developed in population and will have a few more buildings.
- Something on my bucket list is setting foot on every continent except Antarctica.
- My funniest memory was when Jackson fell over and grass caught his pants, pulling them down.
- I will miss my mates and teachers but have lots of memories.



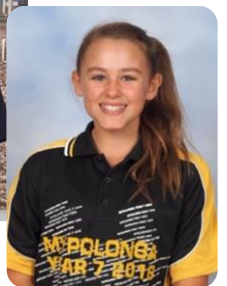
Blake John Fidge

- I think High School will be a challenge but it will be fun.
- I think people will remember my personality and my sportiness.
- I'd like to have two storey buildings at school.
- One memory is arriving to school on my first day and meeting some of my soon to be friends.
- I will miss helping out the younger kids because now I'm a younger kid!!! I will also miss seeing my bright and bubbly teachers.



Chloe Elizabeth Pahl

- My favourite quote is "Before Alice went to Wonderland she had to fall."
- In life I would like to be happy and successful.
- I think High School will be fun and easy to get lost.
- I will miss the whole school, especially the amazing teachers, the students and the School Shop.



"Holly has always enjoyed her time at Mypolonga Primary School. She has learnt life skills, which is very important. The teachers were always approachable no matter what the concern may be."

Sheree Temby

"Chloe's Primary School experience went so quickly. We both enjoyed her years at Mypolonga Primary as well, and have all made lifelong friends and can't wait to see what the future holds."

Mark Pahl

"My son has been at Mypolonga Primary all of his primary years. It has been one of my best school experiences ever. The school and the teachers are so friendly, helpful, willing to listen and give Kane the best start in his life of learning. I highly recommend this school."

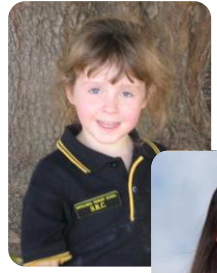
Gaynor Nash

"We can't speak highly enough about Baden's time at Mypo Primary. The teaching team were seemingly able to identify performance gaps and take steps to close them as they arose. The modern day lifestyle sometimes leaves parents little time to be as involved with their kids' attitude towards schooling, homework, reading and the like as much as is necessary and this is where we feel Mypolonga School came into its own being able to drive Baden's performance at the times we were pre-occupied with a busy schedule. Parents need to be involved in their child's schooling and we were, but it was nice to know that we could rely on you guys to monitor Baden and provide that little extra support if he was cruising in the comfort zone. These performance gaps were not always academic, some were of a personal nature and Mypo did a great job of addressing these as well. When Baden first started at Mypo, he lacked a little confidence and was quite sensitive; this could hardly be said now as Baden fits in well with his peers and has grown into a very positive individual. Thank you all at Mypolonga Primary School."

Shaun & Lisa Monjean

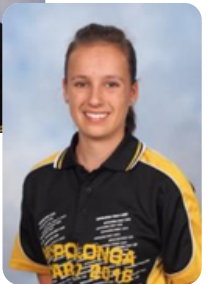
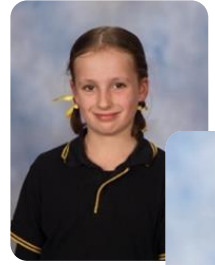
Holly Rose Rathjen

- I have lots of favourite moments but I would have to say going to school every day and seeing my friends.
- Some things on my bucket list are meeting all my favourite celebrities and travelling overseas.
- I will miss all of the students, young and old.
- I will also miss all of the amazing staff and SSOs and seeing Necia every day.



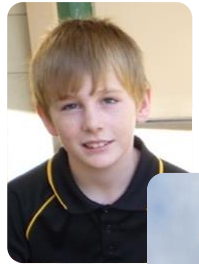
Holly Morgan Temby

- I think it would be great to have a gymnasium at school.
- My favourite moment at Mypo was when Jackson's pants came down in fitness time.
- I will always remember Annie and Necia for fixing me up every time I fell over or hurt myself.
- I will miss and thank the teachers for all their support.



Jackson Mackenzie Hughes

- Some things on my bucket list are skydiving, bungee jumping and going overseas.
- My favourite moment at Mypo was when I fell over and my pants came down.
- I think the school needs more equipment.
- I won't forget Holly T running into a post and her tooth coming out and Baden being really loud and getting in trouble.



Johannah Pauline Hobbs

- In life, I would like to work at McDonald's, get married and start a family.
- In the future, I think there will be more students and no books or pens.
- I think people will remember me as a kind person.
- I will miss all the little kids and the teachers.
- My favourite subject has been PE because I love sports.



"We would like to thank all the staff and students at Mypolonga. Johannah has enjoyed her time and learning. We would like to wish all the Year 7s in 2016 all the best for next year and the years to come with their education and life in general. Johannah would also like to thank classmates and teachers for her time at Mypolonga."

Craig & Yvonne Hobbs

Kane William Dean Lavington

- In 100 years the school will be futuristic.
- I think High School will be an amazing experience.
- I think everyone will remember my sense of humour.
- My best memory would be smacking myself into the shed due to tripping over my foot.
- My favourite activity was softball and silent ball.
- My favourite subject has been Geography and History.



Kane Desmond Rankin

- My favourite quote is "In the end we only regret the chances we didn't take."
- I think that everyone will remember me as easy going and a bit funny.
- I will miss all my friends from Year 6 and I hope they do well in Year 7.
- I will also miss Mrs Merritt as the PE teacher.



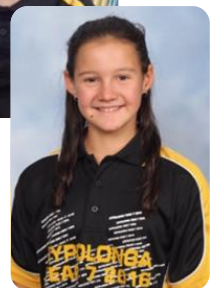
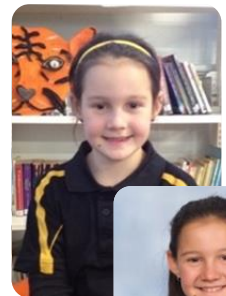
Millie Hannah Olsson

- In the future, I think there will be touch screen computers.
- I am excited to go to High School next year.
- Being the first female to win Bathurst is on my bucket list.
- I will always remember changing friend groups and all the activities like the disco.
- I will miss all the teachers and sport classes with Mrs Merritt.
- I will also miss working in the School Shop.



Paris Emily Montgomery-Pittaway

- My favourite quote is "I never dreamed of success, I worked for it."
- Going skydiving with my best friends, climbing on the Sydney Harbour Bridge and going bungee jumping are all on my bucket list.
- I will miss all of the students and my friends, young and old; all of the wonderful teachers and how they teach; working in the school shop.
- I thank Annie and Necia for all the times I hurt myself and for everything else.



"The welcome we received at the start of the year was overwhelming. Millie has grown in one year to be a confident, polite and driven young lady. The guidance, support, encouragement and love she has been given by her amazing teachers and everyone involved at Mypo Primary has set her on a path to a very bright future. Words can never express our gratitude to all." *Wendy Byrne*

"Watching children become confident learners, stepping outside of their comfort zones and shining in areas they never thought possible has been rewarding for me to see as a parent and as a volunteer through catering & committees. Mypo School has certainly gone above & beyond to give children the best start to education for future years to come. The seminar with Guy Claxton made me think differently about learning and broadened my way of thinking also, I thank you Rita for the experience. Keep moving forward, the journey for us has ended but not forgotten." Much love xx *Yvette & Darren Rathjen*

Young Leader of the Year 2016



This year, our Upper Primary Young Leader Award recipient receives \$50.00, which has been kindly donated by Anne & Graham Martin.

Holly Temby

Student of the Year 2016

Upper Primary

Paris Montgomery-Pittaway

Middle Primary

Baylee Cooper

Congratulations!

Lower Middle Primary

Ava Lindner / Claire Ruckenstein

Junior Primary 1

Ruby Montgomery-Pittaway



Junior Primary

Jorja Kuhn

Most Improved Student for 2016

Upper Primary

Millie Olsson

Middle Primary

Leah Ferguson

Lower Middle Primary

No recipient due to joint Student of the Year awards

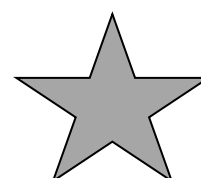
Junior Primary 1

Haydn Castle

Junior Primary

Hayden Clark

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 and Rita & Bill O'Brien.



Academic Excellence Award for 2016



Our Upper Primary Academic Excellence award recipient receives \$60.00, which has been kindly donated by Di Coventry & Ken Coventry OAM.

Chloe Pahl



Tiger Values Award for 2016

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



Holly Rathjen

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

Student of the Term Term 4 2016



Upper Primary

Logan Baker

Middle Primary

Ryder Egel / Zoe Bettcher



Lower Middle Primary

Jayden Hearne

Junior Primary 1

Elouise Kuhn

Junior Primary

Tegan Elliott



Most Improved Student Term 4 2016

Upper Primary

Kane Rankin

Middle Primary

No recipient due to joint Student of the Term awards

Lower Middle Primary

Jacinta Clark

Junior Primary 1

Ariel Challenger

Junior Primary

Lilly Lear





Junior Primary Class – 'Knicky Knacky Knocky Noo'



Staff Item



Junior Primary 1 Class – 'Shake Your Tail Feather'



Farewell Jason.. we will miss you!

SCHOOL CONCERT 2016



Lower Middle Primary Class – 'Ancient Antics'



School Choir



Middle Primary – 'World Cooking Championships'



Instrumental Music Students



Upper Primary – 'Brian the Christmas Tree'



Drew & Ben
ready to
perform!

'From The Proud Mary...'

8th November 2016

Last Friday, I had the opportunity to visit your school and was very impressed with the maturity of the students with the making and selling of the products. They have to make, pack, price and sell and then account for the finances without calculators.. it was marvellous! The chocolate apricots and the lemonade were delicious and it was lovely to see all the students so eager to please. My congratulations on this endeavour, may it continue for many years. It was a short stay but one I will remember for a long time.

Regards to all students and staff, Pam Harrison

18th November 2016

Greetings to everyone at the Mypolonga School from Waimate, the only town in New Zealand to have an Australian animal as its symbol!

... My wife & I really enjoyed our visit to your school recently as part of a Proud Mary cruise. We particularly enjoyed chatting to some of the young people and were impressed by how easily you could all talk with adults you had not met before.

One student I was talking with was interested in New Zealand's earthquakes and wondered what it was like to experience one. If he had been here in the past week, he would have found out! The quake that has wrecked Kaikoura and caused a lot of damage in Wellington, where at least one large building will have to be demolished, was first reported as 7.5 on the Richter Scale, but has been found to have been 7.8, making it one of the biggest earthquakes we have ever experienced. I am sending you some newspaper reports that I hope you find interesting.

We both look forward to our next stay in South Australia and to another visit to your excellent school.

Best wishes to you all, John Bell

VACSWIM
SA Water
December 2016 & January 2017
Programs at over 130 pool & beach locations

VACSWIM has been providing South Australian primary school children with water knowledge for over 50 years

WATER AWARENESS	WATER SAFETY	WATER CONFIDENCE	WATER SKILLS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aquatics Dangers • The Environment • Water Education 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Aid • Resuscitation • Rescue Techniques 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water Familiarisation • Survival Strokes • Floating Techniques 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency Strategies • Rescue Equipment • Survival Skills

For more information and bookings visit vacswimsa.com.au

Communities for Children Murraylands

Beyond Kayaking

School Holiday Program

free for families with children aged 4-12.

Mypolonga	Murray Bridge	Murray Bridge
Monday 19th December 10am till 1pm	Tuesday 20th December 4pm until 5pm	Wednesday 21st December 10am till 1pm

Come and try some fun recreation with your child with easy to use Sit On Top, double kayaks. All equipment is supplied. Just bring hat, water, sunscreen and solid soled shoes - not thongs. Sit on Top kayaks are wide and stable for beginners and provide great fun for children.

please book by
calling Lyall @ Centacare 85318888

Centacare All RecRe activities are drug & alcohol free

**Mypolonga
Cricket Club
Christmas Tea
Friday
December 23
Meals from 6.30
Father Xmas
Live Music**

MYPOLONGA RSL CHRISTMAS SHOW

Saturday December 17th

RSL Clubrooms

Teas from 6pm

Kid's meals free (primary age & under)

Father Xmas arrives 7.30pm

Everybody Welcome

A salad would be appreciated



South Australian State Schools Term Dates

This information is current as of May 2016.

	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
2017	30 January - 13 April	1 May - 7 July	24 July - 29 September	16 October - 15 December
2018	29 January - 13 April	30 April - 6 July	23 July - 28 September	15 October - 14 December

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

1	30/1 Term 1 commences Welcome Back!	31/1	1/2	2/2	3/2 3:00pm Assembly	4/2 & 5/2
2	6/2 Newsletter Swimming Lessons (Reception to Year 5 students only)	7/2	8/2	9/2	10/2 No Assembly	11/2 & 12/2
3	13/2	14/2 Playgroup Commences Lower Middle Primary enterprise recess commences	15/2 Middle Primary enterprise lunch commences	16/2	17/2 Junior Primary enterprise commences 3:00pm Assembly 6:00pm Family Fun Night	18/2 & 19/2
4	20/2 Newsletter Governing Council AGM	21/2 School Photo Day	22/2	23/2	24/2 3:00pm Assembly	25/2 & 26/2
5	27/2	28/2	1/3	2/3	3/3 3:00pm Assembly	4/3 & 5/3
6	6/3 Student Free Day (proposed)	7/3 Newsletter	8/3	9/3	10/3 3:00pm Assembly	11/3 & 12/3
7	13/3 Adelaide Cup Day	14/3	15/3	16/3	17/3 3:00pm Assembly	18/3 & 19/3
8	20/3 Newsletter	21/3	22/3	23/3	24/3 3:00pm Assembly	25/3 & 26/3

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