

Mypolonga Primary School & Community

Newsletter

16th September 2016

(Week 8 Term 3)



Wishing all our wonderful Dads a very happy (and belated) Father's Day on Sunday 4th September. We hope you had a great day and enjoyed receiving your presents, as much as your children enjoyed making them!!

Term 3 Assembly Roster

Week 8 - Keeley Rathjen, William Schofield, Craig Gillett

Week 9 - Amber Gielen, Marcus Hazel, James Mueller

Week 10 (Tuesday) - Riley Walton, Rhea Kempe, Ben Stewart

Happy Birthday

21/9 – Ryder (Year 5)
21/9 – James-Noah (Year 3)
23/9 – Mikaela (Reception)
25/9 – Shelby (Year 2)
28/9 – Holly T (Year 7)
30/9 – Shaylee (Year 3)



Student Free Day

Friday 25th November 2016 (Term 4)
The school will be closed on this day.

Reminders

. End of Term Assembly

Tuesday 27th September 2016 @ 2:45pm (alternate day due to class camps). This assembly will include presentation of most improved for the term, student of the term and Kiwani Terrific Kid awards.

. Dismissal - Last Day of Term 3

Friday 30th September 2016 @ 2:25pm (no assembly)

Camps & Excursions

Parents and caregivers are reminded that students who require medication to be administered **at school or on camp** are to obtain and complete an 'Authorisation for Staff to Administer Medication' form. This form is available from the office or our website and must accompany the medication handed to staff. This excludes students who already have an Asthma/Anaphylaxis Action plan in place, a copy of which is held by the school.

Literacy Cup Points

Week 6 & Week 7 combined
and Year Total

Murray	215	2378
Hindmarsh	209	2472
Finniss	165	2291



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Rita's Roar

Reading

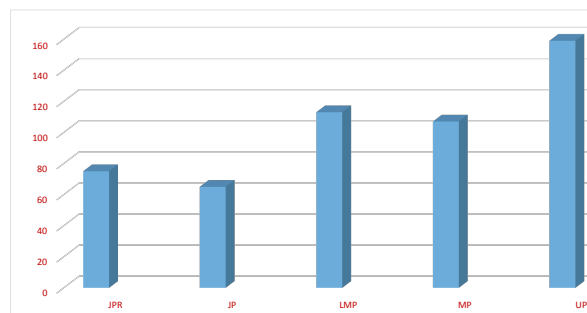
Did you know that the Upper Primaries read (a lot) more at home than the Junior Primaries do?

I am proud to be a member of our Partnership, which includes all MB schools, Jervois, Taillem, Palmer, Mannum, and ourselves, who work collaboratively to improve student learning. Mypo kids are big fish in a little pond and it is great for them to have opportunities to develop relationships with peers with whom they will attend high school. One of the ways that we do this is through our Partnership Student Learning Community (SLC), led by Mikelle, Principal of Jervois. The purpose of the SLC is to empower students to determine their own learning.

The Partnership SLC has had a focus on reading this year, and our SLC has led this investigation across our school, by collecting data about our current practice. We used this as an opportunity to create a real-life investigation into data collection and analysis by Anne and my maths groups. Our students designed surveys, posed questions and collated the data in graph form to meet the achievement standard in maths. Win! Win!

However, what we found was that our UP students were reading more than our JP students as the graph shows. While it is great that our UP students are reading so much (and I quote Amber Gielen who said, 'Initially, I read because I had to; now I read because I love it'), the fact that our JPR/1 and JP1/2 read less is concerning.

On average which class reads the most?



Questions:

- This seems back to front? Why is this?
- Why aren't the younger students reading more and how can we encourage this?
- How can we get the message out to parents about the joy of reading being so important?
- What books do kids like to read?

To our JP parents; read **to** your kids and **with** your kids. They might initially read because they have to, but they will learn to love it. As aspirational parents, your part in the learning process is critical and our collaborative partnership will ensure success.

Basketball

Our sporting prowess continues to shine with our girls winning the SAPSASA Basketball Carnival (the first time since I've been Principal) and our boys coming second. What is especially heartening is that rather than participating in the small schools competition, there was only one competition and we held our heads high. I would like to thank Macca, Craig Hobbs, Shohan Fidge and Nik Cox, who supported Kim to again achieve amazing results. We punch above our weight!

By the way – we are hearing the patter of little feet again. Following the birth of Mel, Tom and Mila Carstairs daughter and sister Xanthe, we also announce that Kim and her husband Mason are becoming parents. Our love to both families.

Master classes

22 Master classes! To all of you; you put such a smile on our kid's faces (and I suspect – your own). If I could bottle you, I would. Go Team Mypo!

Warm Regards,
Rita



Parents & Friends

Please refer to the enclosed P&F News for all details on our upcoming **'Who Wants To Be A Mypo Millionaire' Quiz Night**, being held at the Mypolonga Combined Sports Club on Saturday 22nd October 2016. This is sure to be a fun and entertaining night out for our school parents/caregivers, staff, local community members and friends.

If you require further details on this, or anything related to P&F events, please contact a member of the P&F committee via email mypopandf@gmail.com.

Also, stay tuned for information on morning & afternoon teas and social events being held in Term 4 in upcoming newsletters and on the P&F Facebook page 'Mypolonga Parents & Friends'.

Student Representative Council "SRC"

Introducing...

Jayda Stimpson (SRC Upper Primary Representative)

As an SRC Leader, I hope to... be a mentor for the younger students.

Something you don't know about me is... I love netball and books! Also, I have a yellow tab in Karate (S.K.A.).

I read... The Land of Stories.

I watch... Disney, sports, The News and Nanny McPhee.

I listen to... a variety of music.

One day I hope to... be in the Australian netball team and to become an Author.

If I could change something in the world, I would... Stop all wars and violence and help the poor.

The best thing about Mypolonga Primary School is... the School Shop and all the learning opportunities you get.

Someone I really look up to is... Chris Colfer. In his books, he uses so much imagination as it inspires me in my writing.



Basketball Carnival

On Thursday 8th September 2016, a selection of year 6/7 girls and boys went to Unity College to compete in the small schools basketball carnival.

The girls' team consisted of: Jayda Stimpson, Keeley Rathjen, Holly Rathjen, Paris Montgomery-Pittaway, Chloe Pahl, Holly Temby and Johannah Hobbs. The boys' team consisted of: Henry Payne, Jason Crouch, Clay Burgess, Riley Walton, Blake Fidge, Jackson Hughes and Coen Martin.



The students played against Mannum Community College, Swan Reach, Murray Bridge North, Murray Bridge South and Tailem Bend Primary Schools. The kids performed outstandingly and showed excellent teamwork and good sportsmanship.

The boys worked really hard and were runners up to a much larger school. The girls remained undefeated all day and took out the title, which is a great achievement.

Big thanks goes to Craig Hobbs and Nik Cox who umpired and scored all day, Shohan Fidge for scoring and Macca for coaching the boys, while I coached the girls.

Congratulations also to Chloe Pahl who was a joint recipient of the girls' MVP award. Well done to all the players, you should all be proud of your efforts!



SAPSASA Country Athletics Championships

Congratulations to the following students on being selected in the 2016 Murraylands Athletics Squad, competing at Santos Stadium, Mile End on Monday 26th September 2016; Benjamin Peterson, Baylee Cooper, Keeley Rathjen, Blake Fidge, Jayda Stimpson, Holly Temby and Makayla Stimpson.

We look forward to hearing of your experiences and good luck!

Cheers, Kim

Counsellor's Corner



I am continuing to use information from Andrew Fuller to help create resilient families. Andrew is a clinical psychologist and works with many organisations, schools and communities in Australia and internationally, specialising in the wellbeing of people, teams and families.

Below is the final instalment...

Ten Hints for Creating Resilient Families

Resilience is the fine art of being able to bungy jump through life. The pitfalls are still there but it is as if you have an elasticised rope around your middle that helps you to bounce back from hard times.

No. 10 - Parents are reliably unpredictable

With young children it is important to provide consistency and predictability. This allows them to feel sure of you. After a while though, a bit of predictability can go a long way. To many children, most parents are about as predictable as a washing machine cycle. It is important to have structure and consistency but it is also useful to act in ways that your children wouldn't expect. This keeps them interested in learning from you or least wondering what you are up to.

Perhaps the most important feature of parents in healthy families is that they realise that all of the above is desirable but not always possible and so they look at how to promote good functioning while not wasting energy on blaming themselves for the times when things don't quite work out as they had planned.

For further information see...

www.andrewfuller.com.au

School is all about structure and routine BUT as teachers we also need to provide that sense of spontaneity to keep students engaged. Our Principal always quotes the lyrics from a Robbie Williams song..."let me entertain you".

Parenting is not an easy gig...kids don't come with their own instruction book. We will all have successes and we will all make mistakes. Let's just do our best, be open and honest and help each other. Remember, we at school strive to do our very best for each and every one of your children. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher/s, our Principal Rita O'Brien or myself.

"It takes a village to raise a child."

Cheers, Kerry

Class Camps/Sleepover Payments

Please be reminded that the dates which **full payment** is required for class camps and the JPR/1/2 sleepover is as follows:

Junior Primary R/1/2 Sleepover - Monday 19/9/16
Lower/Middle Primary Camp - Wednesday 21/9/16
Upper Primary Camp - Friday 11/11/16

Please see Annie in the office if you wish to arrange a payment plan.

Class Awards

Term 3 Week 4

Junior Primary class

Jai Bowley – showing his learning in different ways.

Akira Harris – reading every night this week.

Junior Primary 1

Kallan Hearne – for being a caring friend by making his peers feel happy when they are feeling sad.

Reagan Martin – for always putting in lots of effort in class and doing extra learning at home.

Lower Middle Primary class

Bella Pike – excellent presentation of her bookwork.

Riley Hagger – improvement in his learning in all areas.

Middle Primary class

Rhiannon Bowley – for going out of her way to help and support others.

Dallas Harrowfield – extra effort in Home Learning in order to help his peers.

Upper Primary class

Johannah Hobbs – for using initiative in the classroom.

Baden Monjean – for maturity and a positive attitude.

Term 3 Week 5

Junior Primary class

Haiden Squire – for being such an enthusiastic Tiger.

Charlotte Pahl – for being a quiet achiever and always having a go.

Junior Primary 1

Ruby Montgomery-Pittaway – for always putting in lots of effort in class and doing extra learning at home.

Felicity Donald – for completing all her spelling in class, as well as all her homework before Friday.

Lower Middle Primary class

Jacinta Clark – a true Tiger in the classroom.

Koby Stimpson – persistence on his World Vision task.

Middle Primary class

Baylee Cooper – showing excellence in independent learning.

Isla Gielen – showing excellence in independent learning.

Upper Primary class

Millie Olsson – showing enthusiasm 'nailing it' and effort in Footsteps this week!

Henry Payne – for fantastic communication and enthusiasm in the Shop.

Term 3 Week 6

Junior Primary

Kai Patrick – for moving up 2 levels in his reading.

Sophie Brouwer – showing great knowledge in measurement.

Junior Primary 1

Braeden Watts – for being persistent in completing the Premier's Reading Challenge.

Tahlia Ross – for always showing enthusiasm toward learning.

Lower Middle Primary class

Autumn Stapleton – excelling in German.

Craig Gillett – being a kind, caring and helpful class member.

Middle Primary class

Ryder Egel – using excellent expression when reading aloud.

Harry Stone – a team player who always offers to lend a hand.

Upper Primary class

Kane Rankin – showing maturity and excellence in class.

Larissa Pike – for a great attitude to her learning.

Master Class

Last week, students participated in their first Master Class of the term. Thank you to our volunteers for offering to run a class for our lucky students. They were able to choose from candle and rock making to cooking and kite making and much, much more! We hope your children come home and show you what they have made and the skills they have now acquired!



Community News

Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club

. **Friday night teas (first Friday of every month)** Next tea: Friday 7th October 2016. Attending a MCSC tea is a great way to end off the working week, while socialising with other members of our community. Meals are served from approximately 6:00pm.

Mypolonga Football Club

. **Junior Presentation Lunch** - Sunday 18th September 2016 (including Shave Off). 11:00am for 11:30am start.

. **Grand Final** – best of luck to MFC's Under 17.5s and Reserves teams who are competing in the RMFL Grand Final on Saturday @ Mannum.

Mypolonga Netball League Club

. **Junior Presentation Dinner** - Friday 16th September 2016. 6:15pm for a 6:30pm start.

. **Premiers!** – Congratulations to MNLC's Grand Final Winners...**Under 13 Div 2 team** (which includes our current students Jayda Stimpson, Katie Hutchinson, Larissa Pike, and Mackenzie Lindner) and the **Intermediate team** (including our parent Catherine Challinger (who also won the RMNA's Intermediate Best & Fairest award)). Congratulations also to Chloe Pahl on winning the Under 15 Div 2 RMNA Best & Fairest award and Jayda Stimpson on receiving the Under 13 Division 2 RMNA Runner up Best & Fairest award.

MCSC – Mypolonga Combined Sports Club

MFC – Mypolonga Football Club

MCC – Mypolonga Cricket Club

Planning Calendar Term 3 2016

MNLC – Mypolonga Netball League Club

MBHS – Murray Bridge High School

8	12/9 Meetings: 3:30pm Life Long Learning Community 7:00pm Finance 7:30pm Governing Council	13/9 LMP enterprise recess (crumpets) 9:30am – 11:30am P&F Morning Tea @ GCS, Murray Bridge	14/9 MP enterprise lunch (pasta) 2:20pm – 3:20pm Master Class	15/9	16/9 JPR/1/2 enterprise lunch (toasted sandwiches) 3:00pm Assembly Newsletter (alternate day due to staff absence) MNLC Junior presentation dinner	17/9 & 18/9 17/9 – RMFL Grand Final @ Mannum 18/9 – MFC Junior Presentation Lunch
9	19/9 2:20pm – 3:25pm Master Class	20/9 LMP enterprise recess (crumpets)	21/9 SRC Casual Day – Crazy Hair! MP enterprise lunch (pasta) 28/9 NO ENTERPRISE LUNCH LMP/MP Camp (Arbury Park) JP/JP1 Excursion/Sleepover at the Mypolonga Combined Sports Club	22/9	23/9 JPR/1/2 enterprise lunch (toasted sandwiches) MFC Senior presentation dinner	24/9 & 25/9
10	26/9 2:20pm – 3:25pm Master Class	27/9 NO ENTERPRISE RECESS 2:45pm End of Term Assembly (held at the school)	28/9 NO ENTERPRISE LUNCH LMP/MP Camp (Arbury Park) JP/JP1 Excursion/Sleepover at the Mypolonga Combined Sports Club	29/9	30/9 LAST DAY OF TERM NO ENTERPRISE LUNCH Newsletter 2:25pm Dismissal	1/10 & 2/10 1/10 – AFL Grand Final 2/10 – Daylight Saving Time starts

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