

Mypolonga Primary School & Community

Newsletter

21st November 2016

(Week 6 Term 4)



2016 Murray Bridge Christmas Pageant



'Actually, the best gift you could have given her was a lifetime of adventures.'

Lewis Carroll, Alice in Wonderland

Rita's Roar

Term 4 Assembly Roster

Week 6 – NO ASSEMBLY (STUDENT FREE DAY)

Week 7 – Blake Fidge, Baylee Cooper, Georgia Martin

Happy Birthday

22/11 – Larissa (Yr 6)

22/11 – Zoe (Yr 5)

22/11 – Leroy (Yr 3)

23/11 – Bella (Reception)

27/11 – Paris (Yr 7)

28/11 – Koby (Yr 3)

30/11 – Riley (Yr 3)

2/12 – Craig (Yr 4)

5/12 – Joe (Yr 3)



Student Free Day

THIS Friday 25th November 2016

The school will be closed on this day, however, our school shop will be open for business! All Reception to Year 7 students are welcome to attend, dressed in school uniform, arriving at 11:50am to approximately 12:45pm.

Enclosed with this Newsletter

- . Concert ticketing information.
- . Concert rehearsal travel consent.
- . Magazine order form. Our 2016 school magazine will include more fantastic photos of class camps and the pageant! A wonderful keepsake!
- . Learnlink Office 365 parent/caregiver information letter.
- . P&F News / P&F AGM Nomination for Positions Form / P&F AGM Agenda

*** As with all notes, we would appreciate the return of the above notes by the due date as information needs to be collated for events to be finalised.**

This will also significantly reduce the time in which office staff, teachers and students spend in obtaining additional or replacement notes for parent consent.

Thank you.

What an amazing week last week was, and I would like to commend our staff who went above and beyond, to meet all of the challenges last week threw at us.

Firstly, every class attended camp. Because our carefully laid plans were thrown asunder following the storms of Term 3, new camps were planned and rescheduled and everything went very smoothly. I attended all three camps, and was heartened to hear positive reports from teachers and SSOs around your children's behaviour, and the respect and appreciation they showed to instructors and helpers.

I would particularly like to thank our SSOs, who on camp, are like meerkats, scanning for issues and ensuring the safety of your kids. Their dedication to our community is outstanding, and we value the impact they have on camp success. We also would like to extend our thanks to our parent volunteers who are such positive role models to their own children and the wider school community. Go Team Mypo!

Normally, teachers and kids get back from camp and relax for a bit. Not us! We returned to school the next day, knowing that 30 principals and teachers from New South Wales were arriving at 9:30am. The purpose of their visit was to learn about our journey around student voice, so naturally, the best people to talk about that, were our students. They talked about how they are partners in learning with their teachers, and they were amazing. Anne and Kerry both came in on their day off to help tell our story and support their students. Because there is nowhere in Mypo to eat, I offered lunch to our visitors and I would like to thank Mary, Yvette, Lorna and Cass who helped some of the Year 7s to make a great lunch for them. The feedback from our visitors, who came from both primary and secondary schools, was amazing, with a Year 12 moderator commenting, after reading Baden's writing, (published in the last newsletter), that it would have achieved an A in Year 12 in NSW. Go Team Mypo!

Then, instead of staggering home, we had the pageant on Saturday. We celebrated our 100th birthday again and showcased our proud culture to the thousands of people attending (yes, Cass Martin's mum I saw the tears). It was great to see young teacher Emily stepping up to take a leadership role in float design and our sincere thanks to Ash and Flea Martin whose old truck tied the theme together. To those parents who dressed up their kids and allowed them to participate, well done! One of the ways to build resilience in kids is to connect them to their community. Go Team Mypo!

And lastly some staffing news. I am pleased to announce that Renay and Mel have been appointed back to Mypo next year. Hailey will be taking over Kim's PE role and Danny Baker, from East Adelaide Primary School (more next newsletter), will do Kim's two days in the MP class as well as the 2 days NIT currently covered by Holly Clark. Danny is coming up to Mypo for our Student Free Day on Friday to plan for next year. Bring on 2017!

Warm Regards,
Rita

Counsellor's Corner



Mypolonga Primary School Concert

Thursday 8th December 2016
from 7:00pm

Unity College Steeple, Murray Bridge

* Tickets will be available to purchase from the school office
from 8:30am

THIS Wednesday 23rd November 2016 *

\$5.00 per seat

(children under the age of 4 are free but still require a ticket for seating purposes)

(Refer enclosed notes re ticketing information and concert rehearsal)

Class Awards

Term 4 Week 3

Junior Primary class

Tegan Elliott – for always going above and beyond in all her learning areas.

Mikaela Watts – for always having a positive and happy outlook on life.

Junior Primary 1

Linton Garner – for persisting through hard tasks to get himself out of the learning pit.

Blake Kennedy – for putting in lots of effort to get his work finished.

Lower Middle Primary class

Leroy Rathjen – excellent character acting in the concert item.

Joe Tidy – improvement in reading fluency.

Middle Primary class

Leah Ferguson – showing leadership and always helping others.

Ryder Egel – excellent IT problem solving skills and using initiative to help others.

Upper Primary class

Coen Martin – for great resilience, even though he felt nervous.

Jason Crouch – for perseverance with his descriptive writing.

Term 4 Week 4

Junior Primary class

Dominick Swansson – for always being a great leader in our class.

Danté Sandercock – for showing TRUE TIGER humble qualities.

Junior Primary 1

Elouise Kuhn – persisting through difficult tasks.

Levi Nutt – for always trying his best in class, and for being a caring friend.

Lower Middle Primary class

Ben Stewart – leadership in the classroom.

Makayla Stimpson – consistently achieving high standards.

Middle Primary class

Benjamin Peterson – working faster in class to complete tasks and move on to extension work.

Katie Hutchinson – a very kind and caring class member.

Upper Primary class

Jayda Stimpson – for continuing to strive for a high standard in her learning.

Holly Rathjen – for always working to the best of her ability and displaying resilience.

Check out the website 'heysigmund.com' if you want more information on the following article. This is just a snippet taken from an article titled...

How Children's Beliefs About Their Intelligence Are Shaped by Parents

'The research, published in the journal *Psychological Science*, found that what a parent believes about failure being either a good or a bad thing, plays a critical role in the development of a child's mindset.

Plenty of research has found that mindset is such a critical part of success, but there has been limited evidence suggesting that mindset is something handed down from parents to children.

'Mindsets – children's belief about whether their intelligence is just fixed or can grow – can have a large impact on their achievement and motivation ... Our findings show that parents can endorse a growth mindset but they might not pass it on to their children unless they have a positive and constructive reaction to their children's struggles.' – *Kyla Haimovitz, Stanford University, first author of the study.*

Fixed Mindset v. Growth Mindset. The Mind-Blowing Differences

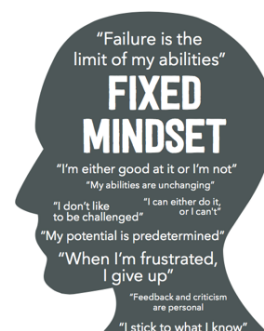
Children generally tend towards either a growth mindset or a fixed mindset. Children with a growth mindset believe they are capable of achieving what they want if they put in the time and effort. They are more likely to keep going when things get tough, ask for help, and be more resilient when something doesn't quite work out as planned.

A **growth mindset** motivates kids to stretch themselves. Kids with a growth mindset are more likely to see challenge as an opportunity to learn and to grow. They are less likely to fear failure or to be knocked off course by it, believing that if they don't get something straight away, it's just a matter of time and effort before they do.

Children with a **fixed mindset** believe that intelligence (and certain qualities) is for the genetically blessed, and that no amount of time or effort will make a difference to that. A fixed mindset can shrink their potential, as they are driven by the belief that if they can't do something, they will never be able to do it so why bother trying. Kids with a fixed mindset are quicker to give up when they feel challenged. When they are given the choice to stay within the safe snugness of their comfort zones or to stretch themselves, they will be more likely to choose the easy path. When they fail, they are more likely to give up. This is fuelled by belief that failure is a sign that they don't have the intelligence or capability to succeed.'

We talk about Growth Mindsets regularly in our classes. This 'whole school' approach to thinking 'I can', along with our awareness of just where we are in 'the learning pit' and constantly seeking and using feedback in order to improve has really been successful in our quest for students to become empowered, motivated and resilient learners.

Cheers,
Kerry

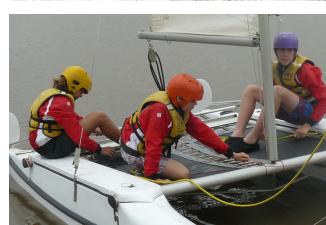




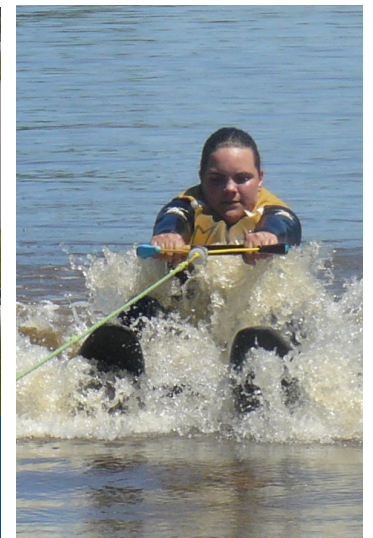
Junior Primary Reception / Year 1 / Year 2
Gorge Wildlife Park / Mypolonga Combined
Sports' Club Camp



Lower Middle / Middle Primary Camp
Adelaide Zoo / Adelaide Oval / School /
Marion Aquatics Centre Camp



Upper Primary Aquatics Camp
Murraylands Aquatic Centre



What a wonderful time we had last week with all our students attending their respective camps. Despite the rescheduling due to the bad weather in September, perfect weather this time around made the days away lots of fun & memorable.

We would like to thank our amazing staff that always goes above and beyond to care for our students and make sure our camps run so smoothly. Thanks also to the parents who attended with us; Mark Pahl, Hans Gielen, Paula Burgess and David Garner for all their invaluable help. Further photos can be viewed in our school magazine, which we are taking orders for now!

Community News

Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club Friday night teas (first Friday of every month) / Next tea: Friday 2nd December 2016. Meals are served from approximately 6:00pm.

Mypolonga Football Club AGM - Friday 25th November 2016 Juniors 7:00pm / Seniors 8:00pm @ the Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club.

Mypolonga Netball Club AGM - Friday 25th November 2016 @ 6:30pm at the Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club.

Mypolonga RSL Christmas Show – Saturday 17th December @ the Mypolonga RSL. Teas from 6:00pm. Kids meals free (primary age & under). Father Christmas arrives at 7:30pm. A salad would be appreciated. Everyone welcome!

Mypolonga Cricket Club Christmas Tea – Friday 23rd December 2016 @ the Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club. Meals served from 6:30pm. Father Christmas will be present, followed by music.

~ ac.care Christmas Hamper ~**You can help make Christmas cheerful...**

Please help the SRC demonstrate our TIGER value – **Generosity of Spirit** by donating to the ac.care Homelessness Service this Christmas. ac.care supports people who are homeless or at imminent risk of homelessness to help them achieve their maximum possible degree of self reliance and independence.

This facility is in the process of collecting non-perishable food goods to fill their Christmas hampers. While all donations are gratefully accepted, it may be beneficial as you donate, to think about the types of food you would like for Christmas. Also, we kindly ask that food be sealed and unopened in its original packaging.

The hampers will be given to individuals and families who are accessing the ac.care services.

Donations are welcome at our school **from now until Tuesday 6th December 2016** and can be dropped off in the box in our school's front office. Thank you to the Deane family for collecting the goods for us.

Thanking you in anticipation, SRC



MCSC – Mypolonga Combined Sports Club

MFC – Mypolonga Football Club

MCC – Mypolonga Cricket Club

**Planning Calendar
Term 4 2016**

MNLC – Mypolonga Netball League Club

MBHS – Murray Bridge High School

6	21/11 Newsletter SAPSASA Tennis & Cricket (all week) 6:30pm Finance Meeting	22/11 LMP enterprise recess (ice creams)	23/11 MP enterprise lunch (salad rolls)	24/11	25/11 STUDENT FREE DAY (School Shop will be operating) MFC & MNLC AGMs	26/11 & 27/11
7	28/11 9:00am P&F AGM in the Library 7:00pm Governing Council Meeting	29/11 LMP enterprise recess (ice creams)	30/11 MP enterprise lunch (salad rolls) SRC Casual Day	1/12	2/12 JPR/1/2 enterprise recess & lunch (jelly cups & sausage in bread) 3:00pm Assembly 6:00pm MCSC Friday Night tea	3/12 & 4/12 3/12 – Mannum Christmas Pageant
8	5/12 Newsletter	6/12 LMP enterprise recess (ice creams) Whole School transition to next year's classes Year 7 transition @ MBHS	7/12 MP enterprise lunch (salad rolls)	8/12 Full day concert rehearsal @ Unity College ★ School Concert ★	9/12 JPR/1/2 enterprise recess & lunch (jelly cups & sausage in bread) No Assembly	10/12 & 11/12
9	12/12	13/12	14/12 Year 7 Graduation Dinner (further details to follow)	15/12 2:30pm Assembly at the Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club (inc presentation of term and year awards)	16/12 Last day of Term 4 Newsletter No Assembly 2:25pm Dismissal 1:00pm P&F Afternoon Tea FUN DAY!	17/12 & 18/12 17/12 – Mypo RSL Christmas Tea / Mannum Carols by the River

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