Mypolonga Primary School & Community

Newsletter

23rd October 2017 (Week 2 Term 4)

Term 4 2017 Assembly Roster Week 2 – Mitchell Pahl, Hayden Dahlitz, Ellie Pontt Week 3 – Katie Hutchinson, Marcus Hazel, Fred Schillier

Happy Birthday

26/10 – Linton (Year 2) 30/10 – Claire (Year 5) 30/10 – Ariel (Year 3)

Enterprise Lunch

Please note that there will be no enterprise lunch (salad rolls) available this Wednesday (25/10/17) due to our Choir attending a Festival of Music rehearsal in Murray Bridge.

Student Free Day

Monday 20th November 2017 (Week 6) The school will be closed on this day.

Bikeathon/Walkathon

Thanks again to our students and parents/caregivers who participated in our Bikeathon/Walkathon last term. Sponsor sheets, together with money, are now due to be returned to the school office. Proceeds will support Bryan, our World Vision Child.

Playgroup

Playgroup recommences tomorrow (Tuesday 24/10/17). Please remember to sign the Playgroup register (in and out), which is located in the office.

Second-hand clothing

Thank you to the families who have recently donated clothing items for our spare/emergency clothing rack. Items can be purchased through the office, starting at \$2.00 per item, proceeds of which goes to our SRC.





"The work can wait while you show the child the rainbow, but the rainbow won't wait while you do the work". ~ Patricia Clafford ~

Rita's Roar

Changes to School card

DECD has just (on Friday) announced changes to School Card in 2018. This means that the cut-off for families with one child will be \$57,870. We will keep you informed as more information becomes clear. DECD has very clear processes, which we must follow, around school fees. We **must** report (confidentially) to Governing Council, though the Finance Committee, about non-payment of school fees. We **must** go to Debt Collection if fees are not paid. As much as we do not like doing this, we cannot make genuine plans for the next year, without having a clear understanding of our financial position. I ask everyone with outstanding fees to finalise payment, so that we can make plans for 2018 from a sound financial foundation.

PAT Tests

At the end of Term 3, all students in South Australia are required to sit Progressive Achievement Tests (PAT) in reading and maths. We also do a vocabulary test as an extra add-on. DECD has set levels of achievement called the Standard of Educational Achievement (SEA) for PAT. This year, I am happy to report that 93% of students met the SEA for reading and 97% in maths from Years 3-7. This is a very good result and we are very pleased to report this. In vocab, we again improved. There is no DECD accountability requirement with the vocab test, so we measure improvement against previous years. Well done to students and teachers!

Quiz Night

Please think about supporting our school at the P&F Quiz Night, being held at the Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club on Saturday 28th of October. Last year we had a great time. See you there, bogans and beauties.

Choir

Our two choir performances will be held at the Murray Bridge Town Hall next Wednesday. Congratulations to all of the students, their Choir trainer Peta and Kerry for all of the hard work they have put in this year.

Musica Viva

This year, due to our involvement with Social Ventures Australia, we were given the chance to do some music professional learning. We teamed with our colleagues from Tailem Bend and Jervois to participate in this and will do so again next Wednesday after school. We also will be fortunate for our students to attend a band performance called The World According to James. In a lucky coincidence, this performance will occur on the same day as Mypo's Got Talent, so we will start our morning off with the band up at the Mypolonga Institute.

Sad News

The Mypolonga community was saddened to learn of the passing of Robert Wachtel in the school holidays. Robert's wife Colleen is a longstanding Masterclass educator and helps whenever we need anything, at the drop of a hat. Robert's children and grandchildren attended MPS and we send our love and condolences to the whole family.

Our condolences also go out to the Mountstephen family on the passing of Ron. I have taught Ron's children and grandchildren and his great grandchild will be starting here next year. Ron was a wonderful family man and will be greatly missed.

'Listen for my footfall in your heart. I am not gone but merely walk within you.'

Warm Regards, Rita

Welcome to our school!

Last week, we welcomed Torre Gale (Year 2) and Shanae Gale (Year 6) into the Junior Primary 1 and Middle Primary classes respectively.

Torre & Shanae have transferred from Port Elliot Primary School and we hope that they enjoy their experiences at our school and within the Mypolonga community.



Wellbeing Wonders



Over the final term, I'd like to focus on families... **happiness** in particular. We are all so busy just trying to get through everyday and we as parents want our children to be 'happy' but do you ever stop and ask yourself, "Am I happy?".

"Happiness is such a broad idea and we're all so desperate for it." Author and creative entrepreneur – Adam J. Kurtz. "We know what it feels like, we think we know how to get it and yet we aren't happy 24/7, even though we know so much about it."

In the following newsletters, I will include the eight surprisingly basic steps Kurtz says you can take to be happier in life.

Number 1 – Embrace yourself

"Life is constantly reminding us about what we don't have but what about all that we do have? What makes you special? What do you have to offer the world around you? What do you enjoy? Find the things that you do love about yourself. They're enough.

Take a moment to tune in to what is already present in your life and embrace yourself."

Number 2 – Acknowledge sadness

Don't fake happiness, don't hide sadness from yourself either. Kurtz says, "recognize what is hurting you, this might mean taking real time to process."

"If you are worried about something, create a plan to address it, ask for help if you need it. Make more time for yourself, moving is better than staying still." - Google career coach Jenny Blake.

Cheers, Kerry

UNSW Global - International Competitions and Assessments for Schools

Congratulations to the following students on their recent achievements in the Mathematics Competition, held on 15th August 2017.



Samuel Montgomery-Pittaway (Year 7) - Merit Riley Walton (Year 7) - Distinction Sachin Bartholomeusz (Year 7) - Credit Coen Martin (Year 7) - Credit Logan Baker (Year 7) - Credit Linx Baker (Year 5) - Distinction Braeden Watts (Year 3) - Merit Elouise Kuhn (Year 3) - Credit Ariel Challinger (Year 3) - Distinction

~ CONGRATULATIONS ~



Student Representative Council "SRC"

Introducing...

Katie Hutchinson (SRC – Year 6 rep)

As an SRC Leader, I hope to... be a role model for little kids.

Something you don't know about me is... my real name is Kathryn.

I read... Story Treehouse books

I watch... the Disney Channel

I listen to ... modern music

One day I hope to... be a Vet.

If I could change something in the world, I would... make it the safest it could be.

The best thing about Mypolonga Primary School is... all the nice people.

Someone I really look up to is... Mrs Daniel. She is nice, smart and just awesome!

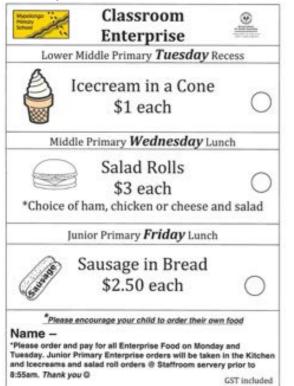


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Enterprise Recess/Lunch

Below is a reminder of what is on offer for this term's recess and lunch enterprise days. Please remember to order and pay for all enterprise food on Monday and Tuesday at the windows before 8:55am!



Congratulations

Congratulations to Lisa and Michael Donald on the recent arrival of *Lacie Charlotte*,

a little sister for Tehya in the Lower Middle Primary class and Felicity in the Junior Primary 1 class.



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Congratulations also to Lorraine Leonard & Andrew Hanks on the arrival of *Della Amelia*, a little sister for Carla in the Junior Primary class.

Community News

Mypolonga RSL – Save the Date!

Christmas Party – Saturday 16th December 2017, to be held at the Mypolonga RSL. All welcome! Further details will be available soon.

Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club – Save the Date!

Christmas Tea - Saturday 23rd December 2017, to be held at the Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club. All welcome! Further details will be available soon.

Mypolonga Football Club

Spare copies of the 2017 Presentation Tiger Claw are available for anyone interested. For a copy to be emailed or posted, please contact Steve on 0408097653.



Term 4 Week 1

Junior Primary class

Mila Carstairs – for using the red and green roads to manage her emotions.

Isabelle Swansson – always displaying beautiful bookwork.

Junior Primary 1 class

Torre Gale – for confidently giving everything a go. *Haydn Castle* – for expressing his ideas and opinions confidently in class.

Lower Middle Primary class

Riley Hagger – achieving a perfect home reading score – 9 points!

Alarah Sipos - achieving a perfect home reading score – 9 points!

Brandan Pahl - achieving a perfect home reading score – 9 points!

Middle Primary class

Drew Bettcher – Switched on and ready to learn! **Shanae Gale** – great job in settling in and being part of the school community.

Upper Primary class

Mackenzie Lindner – for taking responsibility for her learning in Maths.

Baylee Cooper – for some great questions and getting out of the learning pit.



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

Planning Calendar Term 4 2017 *MNLC* – Mypolonga Netball League Club *RMFL* – River Murray Football League

2	23/10 Life Education van Newsletter 7:00pm Finance	24/10 Life Education van LMP enterprise recess (ice-cream in a cone)	25/10 Choir performance at Murray Bridge Town Hall	26/10	27/10 JP/JP1 enterprise lunch (sausage in bread)	28/10 & 29/10 P&F Quiz
	Meeting	3:35pm Sustainability Committee meeting	No enterprise lunch		3:00pm Assembly	Night
3	30/10 3:45pm Life Long Learning meeting 7:00pm Finance Meeting 7:30pm Governing Council meeting	31/10 LMP enterprise recess (ice-cream in a cone)	1/11 MP enterprise lunch (salad rolls)	2/11 Musica Viva Performance Mypo's Got Talent!	3/11 JP/JP1 enterprise lunch (sausage in bread) 3:00pm Assembly 6:00pm MCSC Friday Night tea	4/11 & 5/11
4	6/11	7/11	8/11	9/11	10/11	11/11 & 12/11
	UP Camp —— (West Beach)	LMP enterprise recess	MP enterprise lunch		JP/JP1 enterprise lunch (sausage in bread)	12/11
	Newsletter	(ice-cream in a cone)	(salad rolls)		3:00pm Assembly	
5	13/11	14/11	15/11	16/11	17/11	18/11 & 19/11
No enterprise lunches served this week		LMP enterprise recess (ice-cream in a cone)	LMP/MP Camp — (Aldinga Beach) No enterprise lunch	JP/JP1 Camp (Adare)	 No enterprise lunch No Assembly 6:00pm Mypo RSL Bingo BBQ tea 	10/11
6	20/11 Student Free Day (the school will be closed on this day)	21/11 LMP enterprise recess (ice-cream in a cone) Newsletter	22/11 MP enterprise lunch (salad rolls) Nature play consultation	23/11	24/11 JP/JP1 enterprise lunch (sausage in bread) 3:00pm Assembly	25/11 & 26/11
	SAPSASA Tennis State - Carnival SAPSASA Cricket -			\rightarrow	\rightarrow	
7	State Carnival 27/11	28/11 LMP enterprise recess (ice-cream in a cone) 3:35pm Sustainability Committee meeting	29/11 SRC Casual Day MP enterprise lunch (salad rolls)	30/11	1/12 JP/JP1 enterprise lunch (sausage in bread) 3:00pm Assembly 6:00pm MCSC Friday Night	2/12 & 3/12
8 Last week of class enterprise recess/lunch for the year	4/12 3:45pm Life Long Learning meeting 7:00pm Finance Meeting 7:30pm Governing Council meeting Newsletter	5/12 LMP enterprise recess (ice-cream in a cone)	6/12 MP enterprise lunch (salad rolls)	7/12 Whole School transition to next year's classes (inc Yr 7 transition @ MBHS)	tea 8/12 Full day concert rehearsal @ Unity College School ★Concert ★ No Assembly	9/12 & 10/12
9	11/12	12/12	13/12 6:30pm Year 7 Graduation Dinner @ the Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club	14/12 2:30pm Assembly at the Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club (inc presentation of term and year awards)	15/12 Last day of Term 4 FUN DAY! Newsletter No Assembly 2:25pm Dismissal	16/12 & 17/12 16/12 – Mypo RSL Christmas party

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