

Mypolonga Primary School & Community

Newsletter

24th October 2016

(Week 2 Term 4)



Last Thursday, our Year 2s and a selection of year 7s took part in an AFL Football program that gets young players active, helps develop skills and assists boys and girls to learn and improve the skills of football. Jervois and Tailem Bend Primary Schools joined us to take part in a 'Kluske Cup' Day (the name chosen due to the Kluske name having a connection with all 3 schools). Thanks to Jo Hughes and Liss Harrowfield for helping with transport.

Term 4 Assembly Roster

Week 2 - Holly Rathjen, Luke Patrick, Claire Ruckstuhl

Week 3 - Baden Monjean, Madalyn Uren, Ethan Kennedy

Happy Birthday

26/10 – Linton (Year 1)

30/10 – Claire (Year 4)

30/10 – Ariel (Year 2)

4/11 – Jackson (Year 7)



Student Free Day

Friday 25th November 2016 (Term 4)

The school will be closed on this day.

Reminders

Junior Primary R/1 Students - 'Beach House' appearance release forms to be returned by tomorrow please!

Murray Bridge Christmas Pageant - student availability notes to be returned asap please.

SAPSASA State Track & Field

Congratulations to Year 7 student Blake Fidge on his recent selection in the SAPSASA State track & field team, competing in Sydney from 25th-29th November 2016. This caps off a very successful year for Blake in football, basketball and SAPSASA!

Blake's family has set up a gofundme 'Help send Blake to Sydney' fundraising page. If you would like to contribute to this, please visit <https://www.gofundme.com/2snp5wc>. Alternatively, donations can be left at the school office.

Thank you.

Literacy Cup Points Holidays & Week 1 combined and Year Total

Murray	166	2759
Hindmarsh	166	2878
Finniss	151	2691



Rita's Roar

Attendance

We have just received our attendance figures for the first semester from DECD. We have achieved a 95.7% attendance rate overall, with our Year 6s topping the school with 97.3%. Well done everyone, but especially our Year 6s; this is an outstanding result.

Visitors from Victoria

On Thursday and Friday we were privileged to host 4 teachers from St Anthony's Catholic School in Melbourne. Their purpose was to learn more about student voice and how to grow it in their school. They were very impressed with the structures and processes we have in place to partner with our students to develop a love of learning. I was so proud of our students who were able to communicate with our visitors on a deep level, and had the skills and vocabulary to explain, not only how they learn, but why it is important to have work that is challenging and provides intellectual stretch. All of the staff, including myself, were able, through the eyes of our visitors, to see your kids anew, and marvel at their commitment to learning and support of each other to learn. Things that we take for granted were amazing to our visitors, which has reminded us and allowed us to reflect on what a beautiful school we have. While we always knew this, having others point it out, validates it even more.



That Snowball Keeps Getting Bigger!

Last term I told you, that as we had been selected as best practice for the MoneySmart program in SA, we were then used as a case-study for the evaluation of the program. An independent evaluator spent two days with us and has just completed her report. This report was released to the media and on Monday I received a call from a NewsCorp journalist in Sydney who interviewed me about all of our financial literacy programs. He then arranged for a photographer from The Advertiser to visit the school on Friday to take photos. The story will be published nationally and I will let you know when.



National Assessment Program: Civics and Citizenship

Civics and Citizenship is a part of the History and Social Sciences Curriculum (HASS) from Years 3-7. Our year 6 class has been selected to take part in a National Assessment Program this week. That's the reward you get for having such a high attendance rate!

Term 4 is incredibly busy, so it will be roller skates off for the rest of the term!

Warm Regards, Rita

Class Awards

Term 4 Week 1

Junior Primary class

Lilly Lear – for being focused and on task in Yellow Box.

Makayla Baker – for starting the term with confidence and a voice.

Junior Primary 1

Zenith Smith – for trying his hardest in class this week.

Madison Ray – for taking her time to improve her handwriting skills.

Lower Middle Primary class

Shaylee Martin – outstanding vocabulary hunters this week.

Jade Burgess – outstanding vocabulary hunters this week.

Middle Primary class

Logan Rankin – a very positive start to Term 4.

Rhea Kempe – engaging positively in all learning activities.

Upper Primary class

Sachin Bartholomeusz – for asking great questions and engaging in his learning.

Paris Montgomery-Pittaway – for an excellent attitude and quiet achievement, especially in Spelling.

Counsellor's Corner

Getting Cooperation is simple

Michael Gross – Parenting ideas



'In a conversation with a mum after a recent parenting seminar, I was reminded how important it is to get the little things right if we want to get cooperation from kids.... and avoid yelling, nagging and fighting with them.

She told me how she uses 'when...then' language when her children ask her to do something, particularly when she doesn't think their timing is right.

Child: 'Mum, can I watch TV?'

Parent: '**When** you've done your homework/done your jobs/helped your brother **then** you can watch TV.'

Grandma's principle

I call 'When...then' language Grandma's principle. My grandma was smart. She insisted that children do the boring and difficult things before they did the easy, fun activities.

Want to go out and play? Sure, but you need to get your homework out of the way first.

Grandma's principle is all about getting the order right – get the boring but important stuff out of the way then you can relax and have fun.

Grandma's principle has other applications as well.

You can use it to promote **responsible behaviour** as well.

"When you've helped your brother with his homework then you can play a game on the iPad."

We can also use Grandma's principle to **give kids more freedom**.

"When you've shown you can catch the bus to the shops safely on your own then you'll be able to catch a bus into the city on your own."

'When...then' opens up possibilities for kids.

Rather than saying, "No you can't have ice cream/use my phone/go out" you can grant kids their wishes contingent on doing the important things first.

"When...then" is a useful strategy to add to your parenting repertoire.'

Cheers,
Kerry

UNSW Global - International Competitions and Assessments for Schools

Congratulations to the following students on their recent achievements in the Maths Competition, held on 16th August 2016:

Chloe Pahl (Year 7) – Distinction

Logan Baker (Year 6) – Merit

Coen Martin (Year 6) – Merit

Samuel Montgomery-Pittaway (Year 6) – Merit

Riley Walton (Year 6) – Distinction

Leila Dahlitz (Year 5) – Credit

Linx Baker (Year 4) - Credit



The Strathalbyn Show First Prize Winners!

Congratulations to us, and in particular to our Groundsperson David Hughes on winning first prize for '3 grapefruit exhibited on paper plate' at the recent Strathalbyn Show.





We proudly received a certificate and ribbon for growing the most appealing grapefruit grown in our school garden.



**Behind
Every
Young
Child Who
Believes
In Himself
Is A Parent
Who Believed
First.**

~ The Fresh Quotes ~

Term 4

 Classroom Enterprise 	
Lower Middle Primary Tuesday Recess	
 Icecream in a Cone \$1 each	<input type="radio"/>
Middle Primary Wednesday Lunch	
 Salad Rolls \$3 each *Choice of ham, chicken or cheese and salad	<input type="radio"/>
Junior Primary Friday Lunch & Recess	
Alternate Menu Odd weeks (recess) – Jelly Cups \$1ea <input type="radio"/> Even weeks (lunch) – Sausage in bread \$2ea * We will remind students each week	
Name – *Please order and pay for all Enterprise Food on Monday and Tuesday. Junior Primary Enterprise orders will be taken in the Kitchen and Icecreams and salad roll orders @ Staffroom servery prior to 8:55am. Thank you ☺ GST included	

Diary Dates (further details to follow)

Thursday 8th December 2016 - Mypolonga Primary School Concert @ Unity College

Saturday 17th December 2016 - Mypolonga RSL Christmas Tea @ the Mypolonga RSL

Friday 23rd December 2016 - Mypolonga Cricket Club Christmas Tea @ the Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club



Parents & Friends

Who Wants to be a Mypo Millionaire Quiz Night

A BIG thank you to everyone who supported, attended and donated towards Saturday Night's quiz night.

It was an entertaining night, attended by approximately 65 guests. Our quiz master Kym Walton and his assistant Mitchell Walton did a fantastic job with questions, complete with 'Who Wants to Be a Millionaire' music and visuals.

The Parents and Friends' Fundraising Committee were overwhelmed by the generosity of local business and individuals who donated prizes.

Further photos of the night and a list of prize donors can be viewed on the Mypolonga Parents & Friends Facebook page and will be included in the next P&F news.

**Community News**

Mypolonga Football Club – Meet the Coaches Day from 11:00am Sunday 30th October 2016 at the Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club. An invitation is extended to all players, families, supporters and sponsors. Meals available from 12:30pm / bar open from 11:00am. Our 2017 league, reserves & Under 17½'s coaches will be in attendance. All welcome!

Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club Friday night teas (first Friday of every month) / Next tea: Friday 4th November 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.

MILO in2CRICKET Program is the national grass root program for cricket in Australia, with the aim of introducing kids in Reception and Year 1 to the great Australian game. It provides children with an opportunity to develop fundamental movement skills, meet new friends and have fun with their whole family in a safe and interactive environment. If you wish to try the program there will be a FREE Come and Try held at: **Murray Towns Cricket Association, Johnstone Park, on Tuesday 8th November at 5:00pm.**

MILO T20 Blast Program is a fun, safe, action packed cricket program for boys and girls in Year 2-5. The program involves modified games of cricket, where each child gets an equal turn at batting, bowling and fielding. The first session is always a **FREE Come & Try**. Your nearest Centre/s will be run at: **Johnstone Park, Thomas St, Murray Bridge** on Wednesday 9 November 2016, 5:30pm – 7:00pm. This is a 10-week program, on Wednesday nights in Term 4 & Term 1.

To find out more details about your nearest Centre, and to register for this season, log on to www.playcricket.com.au and type your post code into the centre finder.

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

2	24/10 7:00pm Finance 7:30pm Governing Council Newsletter	25/10 LMP enterprise recess (ice creams) Year 4/5 choir students Regional Music Festival (rehearsal & performance)	26/10 MP enterprise lunch (salad rolls)	27/10	28/10 WORLD TEACHERS' DAY JPR/1/2 enterprise lunch (sausage in bread) 3:00pm Assembly	29/10 & 30/10 30/10 – MFC Meet the Coaches Day from 11:00am
3	31/10	01/11 LMP enterprise recess (ice creams) Melbourne Cup	02/11 MP enterprise lunch (salad rolls)	03/11	04/11 JPR/1/2 enterprise recess (jelly cups) 3:00pm Assembly 6:00pm MCSC Friday Night tea	5/11 & 6/11
4	7/11 Newsletter	8/11 LMP enterprise recess (ice creams)	9/11 MP enterprise lunch (salad rolls)	10/11 Life Education Van visit	11/11 Remembrance Day JPR/1/2 enterprise lunch (sausage in bread) Life Education Van visit 3:00pm Assembly	12/11 & 13/11 13/11 – P&F Sunday Lunch @ Pretoria Hotel Mannum
5	14/11 Upper Primary Aquatics Camp	15/11 No enterprise LMP/MP Adelaide Camp JPR/1/2 Gorge Wildlife Park Camp	16/11 No enterprise	17/11	18/11 JPR/1/2 enterprise recess (jelly cups) 3:00pm Assembly 6:00pm Mypo RSL Bingo BBQ Tea	19/11 & 20/11 19/11 – Murray Bridge Christmas Pageant (float theme: 100 th birthday celebrations) 26/11 & 27/11
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 (the school will be closed on this day)	
7	28/11 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 (jelly cups) 3:00pm Assembly 6:00pm MCSC Friday Night tea	3/12 & 4/12 3/12 – Mannum Christmas Pageant
8	5/12 Newsletter	6/12 Whole School transition to next year's classes Year 7 transition @ MBHS	7/12	8/12 Full day concert rehearsal @ Unity College School Concert	9/12 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 FUN DAY!	17/12 & 18/12 17/12 – Mannum Carols by the River

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