

Mypolonga Primary School & Community Newsletter

7th March 2016



Happy Birthday
Mypolonga
Primary School
1916-2016



Photo: Our first school buildings in the early part of our 100 years (looking up from the school oval)

Term 1 Assembly Roster

Week 6 – No Assembly

Week 7 – Kane Lavington, Zoe Bettcher, Jade Burgess

Happy Birthday

8/3 – Kane (Year 7)

9/3 – Kye (Year 1)

10/3 – Marcus (Year 5)

10/3 – Autumn (Year 3)

12/3 – Blake (Year 2)

15/3 – Hayden (Year 1)

16/3 – Isla (Year 4)

16/3 – Felicity (Year 1)

17/3 – Ryley (Reception)

Friendly Reminders

Student Free Day

. Next Tuesday, 15th March 2016 (following the long weekend) is a student free day. The school will be closed on this day.

Class Enterprise

. Due to the public holiday and student free day next week, there will be **no** MP salad rolls available to purchase on Wednesday. However, parents, students and siblings may like to support the JP pancake breakfast on Thursday 17th March 2016. An order form will be sent home in the near future.

SAPSASA Swimming

Congratulations to Year 5 student **Harry Stone** and Year 6 student **Samuel Montgomery-Pittaway** on being selected in the Murraylands SAPSASA Country Swimming Championships. Harry has been selected in the 11 year old boys freestyle relay; Samuel in the 11 year old boys breaststroke and freestyle relay. Both boys will be competing on Friday 18th March 2016 at the SA Aquatic and Leisure Centre at Oaklands Park. Well done boys and good luck!

For Sale

1x size 6 and 1x size 7 secondhand school dresses, in excellent condition. \$15.00 each. Please see Annie or Necia for further details.

2016 Parent/Teacher Interviews

Parent/teacher interviews for all students will be held during Week 9, commencing **Tuesday 29th March 2016 until Thursday 31st March 2016**. We will again be using an online booking facility for interviews with your child/ren's classroom teachers. **Bookings open on Wednesday 16th March 2016**. A detailed note regarding the booking process will be sent home in the near future. If you have any queries on receipt of the note, please contact Annie or Necia in the office.

Rita's Roar

100th Birthday Celebrations

As we gear towards our 100th birthday, it's great to see the momentum gathering and our community embracing the event. Celebrating our history is one aspect of the event and I would like to acknowledge Irene Hughes, our local historian, and the Murray Bridge Historical Society who have collated much of the information presented at the Institute. Irene is Mypo's 'Keeper of the Knowledge' and is to be commended on her passion for this cause. Her dedication to the preservation of Mypo's history has helped us to relate the curriculum to real-life history in the making. Malcolm Downie from the Rural City of Murray Bridge engaged the 'Men's Shed' to build display cabinets to house the history, as well as organising a total renovation of the Mypolonga Institute to include air conditioning!

Our website, developed by Jason and managed by Necia has helped us celebrate our 'Myponess'. The conversations on Facebook from people around Australia have just been astounding and it is fantastic to see idols such as Tony Brown acknowledged and celebrated. We have a number of dignitaries attending including Minister for Education and Child Development Susan Close, Federal Member Tony Pasin, State Member Adrian Pederick, Rural City of Murray Bridge Mayor Brenton Lewis and CEO Michael Sedgman, Education Director Stan Hagias and Principal Consultant and our former Principal and great friend Noel Kneebone.

The website has established a sense of how many people are coming and it is pretty scary! At this stage we have at least 200 people coming on Friday. We have ordered a cake, which will be cut by Des and Pat Wynne, whose grandchild Dempsey will be the 5th generation of the Wynne family at our school next year. Helping them will be Ryley Schwarz, our youngest student who is still 4! Ryley's grandfather Michael Fiebert drives the Proud Mary bus. How cool is that! We ask, given the number of people attending, if our school community could help with monitoring tea and coffee stations or cooking scones or home-made biscuits. For further details on this, please contact Mary Gill on 0448669957. We will open the School Shop and the original community members Coral Oborn and Glenys Elliott will manage it with support from our students. We will bury our current time capsule in the garden, with the expectation that it will be unveiled in 2041.

On Saturday afternoon, we already have 200 people attending followed by, at this stage, 150 people for tea at the Mypolonga Combined Sport's Club. In 1996 we buried a time capsule, which we will unveil on Saturday afternoon. This is a much more casual event where the purpose will be much more about connecting with old friends.

Just a Complication!

A couple of weeks ago, the DECD Media Unit contacted me about 'Today Tonight' doing a story about our school. I thought this was very timely given our 100th birthday. Journalist Sophie Tauber spent Friday with us and we are hoping the story will be aired on Friday night to celebrate our 100th birthday. Sophie and her crew were very impressed by our students and how articulate they were about their learning. We will keep you informed.

The Tuesday following the long weekend is a Student Free day. We will be working with our friends and colleagues from Taillem Bend and Jervois on a new intervention program for reading that is being undertaken by all schools in our partnership.

Warm Regards, Rita

Keyneton Primary School visit

Hi Rita,

... thank you very much for a wonderfully inspiring visit last week.

You have a great school and I can see that everyone is justly proud of it. The Mypo kids are fantastic! All of them said hello and welcomed me and they did a wonderful job of explaining the work they do in the business. It was great to see your enterprise project in action and to see how everyone has ownership and pride in what they do.

Please thank your staff too for their hospitality; I loved seeing our kids involved in planting seeds and packing chocolates with your kids.

Lunch was delicious too! Thank you!

Thank you again. I hope we can start something small that has our students engaged in great learning like yours.

Kind regards,

Cathy Hull

Principal, Keyneton Primary School

Fond Memories...

"Well done Mypo Primary! A century of making kids smarter and smarter until academic excellence was achieved (in a few cases I believe).

I had a wonderful year back in 1984. My students believed everything I told them (I hope) and there was fun and laughter in our class, especially on Friday afternoons.

I think the highlight of our year of learning was our school trip to Adelaide for an introduction to ice-skating. The students were duly impressed by the Canadian skating abilities of myself and Mrs C and the 'mobility on ice' we demonstrated. And by the evenings end, many of our Mypo students could almost overtake us. What a fun adventure!

In contrast, we were amazed the Aussie kids would dare to catch a blazing red cricket ball in bare hands! Athletes in Canada were just not that brave. We have 'cushy' baseball gloves.

I hope that all Mypo students enjoy their learning in your classrooms and on your playing field as much as Mrs C and I did back in 1994. Mr C"

"My experience in Mypolonga in 1984 was one of the best in my life! My time helping in the school was so much fun and the staff and all the people of Mypo were so welcoming! Hardly a day goes by that we don't mention something about our time there. Wish we could be there for the celebrations but our health doesn't allow it. We will be with you in our thoughts on that special day. Mrs C"

Your exchange teacher from Canada,
Allan Cartlidge (Mr C) and Mary Cartlidge

Middle Primary History Talk

A focus for classes this term has been learning about our school's history to coincide with the 100th year. Recently, the Middle Primary class invited community members Irene Hughes and Tony Brown to talk to the students about the school's history.

For those of you who aren't aware, Irene was a teacher's aid, mum & grandmother at our school, with Tony being a past Principal and father.

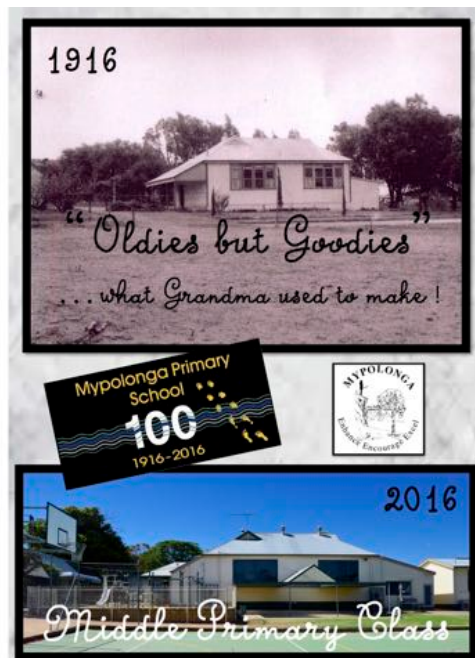
There were many things the students learnt including a 'Then and Now' approach to the topics; logo, playground, lessons, staff, buildings and many other changes in the school.



Middle Primary Recipe Book

To co-incide with our 100th birthday celebrations, the Middle Primary class have produced a recipe book titled "Oldies but Goodies...what Grandma used to make!". Students and staff have brought in 'tried & true' family favourite recipes for inclusion.

Recipe books will be on sale in the School Shop for \$5.00 each. Other recipe books produced over the years, which can also be purchased from our School Shop include; *Winter Warmers*, *Apricot Recipes*, *Walnut Recipes*, *Favourite Christmas Recipes*, *Chocolate Lovers*, *BBQ Salads and Starters*, *Collection of Cookies*, *Get your...Just Desserts*, *Let's Party...Kid's Party Food Ideas*, *Food from Around the World*, *Lunchbox Ideas*, *Biscuit & Slice Recipes*, *Nothin' but Muffins*.



Mypolonga Primary School's 100th Birthday Celebrations

Reminders for Parents/Caregivers

Excitement is building for our celebrations being held at the school this Friday 11th March 2016 and Saturday 12th March 2016. Some reminders and information follows...

Dress: On Friday, we would love to see as many students (and teachers!) as possible dressing up in period clothing. Some suggestions include long skirts, braces, long shorts, grandpa tops, caps, bloomers, vests, shawls and ties. Outlets you may like to try are recycled clothing stores and opportunity shops. Pictured below are a few ideas from our 90th birthday celebrations in 2006.

The day's proceedings: The official welcome and speeches will commence on the basketball court at 10:00am. A birthday cake will be cut for adults and students to share. Students are asked to still bring some recess with them on the day. Following recess and morning tea (which will be from 11:00am-11:30am), students will return to classrooms for a variety of activities ranging from very old fashioned to very modern. Parents, grandparents and visitors are encouraged to wander from room to room and also visit Farmer Jones' Paddock as classes plant a tree in anticipation of the future of the school. Our School Shop will be open from 11:30am-12:30pm, manned by past parents and students from the Upper Primary class.

Tea and coffee facilities will be available throughout the day and a light morning tea will be provided by our P&F committee. Lunch facilities will be available to purchase, kindly offered by the Rotary Clubs of Mobilong and Murray Bridge. RSVP to the office is preferred please.

Following the burial of the new time capsule on Friday afternoon at 1:30pm, students may leave to go home with their parents/caregivers, if they are in attendance. If not, they will return to the library awaiting collection until 3:25pm.

The school bus will run at the normal time of 3:25pm.

On Friday evening, teas will be available to purchase at the Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club (bar open from 5:30pm, teas served from 6:30pm).

On Saturday evening, our local sporting groups (football, netball & cricket) have kindly offered their services to provide tea, also at the Club (bar open from 4:30pm, teas served from 6:00pm). Menu and prices will be advised in the near future. RSVP to the office (for the Saturday night only) is preferred please. One of our local bands 'Woolshed Road' will be providing music during the night. Full bar facilities will be available.



Shuttle bus: On Friday, a shuttle bus service will be operating between the school, Mypolonga Institute and Irene Hughes' Park. The first run will leave from Irene Hughes' park at 9:30am and run a loop until approximately 9:50am.

Parking: Parents/caregivers who are staying for the entire day of celebrations are kindly asked to park in or near Irene Hughes' Park on Green Street. This will allow for parking in close proximity to the school to be utilised for the elderly or disabled. Parking marshals will be in attendance to direct you (from approximately 8:15am). Our school oval will also be available for parking. Please be mindful of the 15 minute parking zone outside the Mypolonga General Store and the area we will have sectioned off for the Minister's arrival at the main entrance.

Mypolonga Institute historical artefacts & memorabilia: School families (and visitors) are invited to visit the Mypolonga Institute on Friday morning once they drop off their children at school. Historical artefacts and memorabilia will be on display and we would like to congratulate and thank Irene Hughes for her dedication and the many hours of work in putting this together. It has been quite overwhelming to have received so many photos and the extreme pride shown by people who have attended our school. Our students will be given the opportunity to visit the Institute in their class groups on Thursday. A display of vintage cars & farm machinery will also be on display at the Institute on both days, thanks to Jayme Marshall (Lyam's Dad) & the Lower Murray Vintage Engine & Machinery Club.

Let us know if you can join us! Visit Mypo100.com.au to register your attendance on the Friday, Saturday or Saturday night events, or call the school on 85354191.

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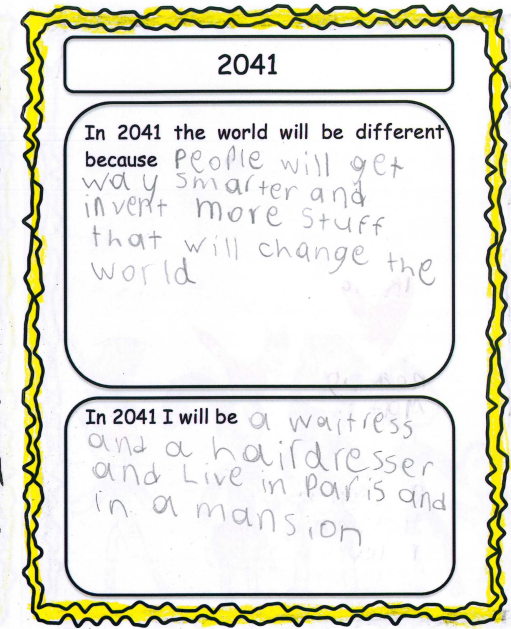
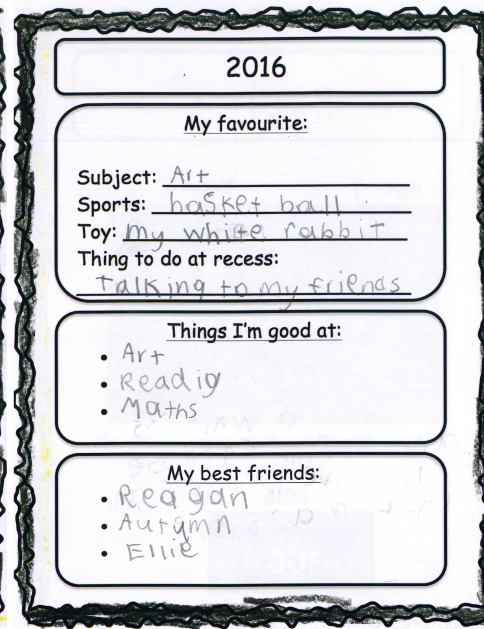
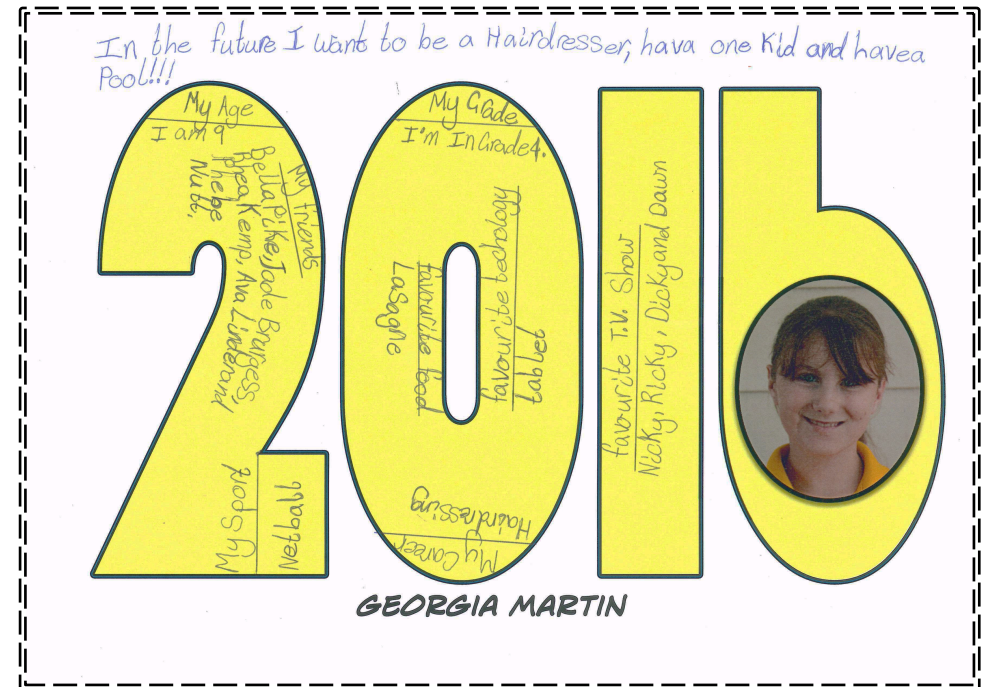
Junior Primary 1 / Lower Middle Primary Time Capsule contributions

Students in Miss Persello's Yr 1/2 class and Mrs Rumbelow's Yr 3/4 class have been documenting information to include in the time capsule, being buried on Friday during our 100th birthday celebrations.

This includes a self-assessment of themselves in 2016 and their hopes, ambitions and where they would like to be in 2041!

We hope you achieve everything you dream of girls!

Pictured right; Middle Primary 100th birthday artwork – design by Jackson Ross.



Class Awards

Term 1 Week 3

Junior Primary class

Lila Stapleton – for showing great leadership towards the new students.

Jorja Kuhn – always willing to help in any way.

Junior Primary 1 class

Isaac Nikolic – for being on task, focused and finishing his history with excellence.

Madison Ray – for taking responsibility for herself and making strong choices.

Lower Middle Primary class

Jade Burgess – using her initiative to take on extra responsibilities.

Ben Stewart – excellent start to the year.

Middle Primary class

Jeremy George – very positive start to the year.

Jackson Ross – fantastic improvement in bookwork skills.

Upper Primary class

Coen Martin – for taking responsibility and using his initiative.

Amber Gielen – for wonderful, creative ideas and a positive attitude.

Term 1 Week 4

Junior Primary class

Sophie Brouwer – for showing great detail in Art.

Brady Roden – moving up in his readers.

Junior Primary 1 class

Levi Nutt – being a very caring and helpful friend to all his peers.

Linton Garner – trying his best in everything he does.

Lower Middle Primary class

Leroy Rathjen – responding to feedback to improve his writing.

Bella Pike – for being an independent worker.

Middle Primary class

Logan Rankin – showing integrity to gain a leadership opportunity.

Harry Stone – going above and beyond to help others.

Upper Primary class

Blake Fidge – impressive scientific problem solving during experiments.

Johannah Hobbs – for excellent narrative writing.

Diary Dates for Terms 1 and 2

Friday 11th March and Saturday 12th March 2016 -
Mypolonga Primary School's 100th Birthday Celebrations

Monday 14th March 2016 – **Public Holiday**

Tuesday 15th March 2016 - **Student Free Day (the school will be closed on this day)**

Tuesday 29th March 2016 -Thursday 31st March 2016 -
Parent/Teacher interviews

Friday 8th April 2016 - **School Disco**

Tuesday 12th April 2016 - **School Sports' Day**

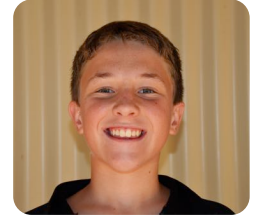
Tuesday 17th May 2016 - **Back Up Sports' Day** (if inclement weather on the 12th April 2016)

Tuesday 14th June 2016 - **Student Free Day** (the school will be closed on this day)

Student Representative Council "SRC"

Introducing...

Baden Monjean (SRC Leader)



As an SRC Leader, I hope to... speak more confidently during public speaking.

Something you don't know about me is... I love to surf.

I read... Fiction books.

I watch... Youtube videos.

I listen to... new songs which come out during the month.

One day I hope to... have a healthy family and a successful life.

If I could change something in the world, I would... treat each other the same and in a nice way.

The best thing about Mypolonga Primary School is... the teachers and students.

Someone I really look up to is... Mrs O'Brien **because** she is very confident and comes up with brilliant ideas.

Counsellor's Corner



Tricky kids by Andrew Fuller

Because I just love Andrew Fuller, and he just makes so much sense, I have chosen to include the following information that comes from his book 'Tricky Kids'.

***Build resilience in you child

Resilience helps you to rise above adversity and hardship.

You can help your child to be resilient by always making it clear that you love him (even if you are also making it very clear that you don't like the way he/she is behaving at the moment).

Seven messages for parents who do too much

1. Remember: one day my child may need to cope without me.
2. Children learn competence and confidence by tackling some things on their own.
3. There are some situations in which my child can cope without my help.
4. Help is not always helpful. Sometimes it robs people of the opportunity to work out their own way of doing things.
5. The toughest trees grow in the windiest conditions. Making everything easy for your child won't help him or her cope with hardship.
6. Rarely or never do anything for a child that he or she can do for him or herself.
7. Things that are scarce are more valued. While I'm not suggesting you distance yourself from your child, I am suggesting that if you are feeling undervalued or used, make your assistance scarcer.'

We all know the above is true, but sometimes we just do things for our children because, quite frankly it's often quicker....try to be patient and help your child to build resilience, by letting them do the work!

Cheers, Kerry

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

Planning Calendar Term 1 2016

MNLC – Mypolonga Netball League Club
MBHS – Murray Bridge High School

6	7/3 Newsletter	8/3 LMP enterprise recess (icecreams)	9/3 MP enterprise lunch (salad rolls)	10/3	11/3 100th Birthday Celebrations (no assembly) Tea at the MCSC	12/3 & 13/3 100th Birthday Celebrations Tea @ the MCSC
7	14/3 Public Holiday	15/3 Student Free Day (the school will be closed on this day)	16/3 NO MP SALAD ROLLS	17/3 JP Pancake breakfast	18/3 SAPSASA Swimming 3:00pm Assembly 6:00pm Mypo RSL Bingo BBQ tea from 6:30pm	19/3 & 20/3
8	21/3 Harmony Day Newsletter	22/3 LMP enterprise recess (icecreams)	23/3 MP enterprise lunch (salad rolls) LMP 'Bat Night' (further details to follow)	24/3	25/3 3:00pm Assembly	26/3 & 27/3
9	28/3	29/3 LMP enterprise recess (icecreams) Parent/teacher Interviews	30/3 MP enterprise lunch (salad rolls) Parent/teacher Interviews	31/3 Parent/teacher Interviews MFC Thursday training commences	1/4 3:00pm Assembly from 6:30pm MCSC Friday Night Tea	2/4 & 3/4 2/4 – MFC & MNLC -v- Ramblers @ Mypo 3/4 - Daylight Savings Ends
10	4/4 Newsletter	5/4 LMP enterprise recess (icecreams)	6/4 MP enterprise lunch (salad rolls)	7/4	8/4 3:00pm Assembly School Disco	9/4 & 10/4 9/4 – MFC & MNLC -v- Mannum @ Imps
11	11/4	12/4 Sports' Day	13/4 MP enterprise lunch (salad rolls)	14/4 2:45pm End of Term Assembly 3:25pm Dismissal	15/4 Last day of Term 1! Newsletter No Assembly 2:25pm Dismissal	16/4 & 17/4 16/4 – MFC & MNLC -v- Mannum @ Mannum

Community News

Mypolonga Football Club

Junior Training - Training for all grades will revert back to Thursdays on Thursday 31st March 2016

For any MFC junior football enquiries, please contact Mark Pahl (President) 0429881573 or Mary Gill (Secretary) 0448669957.

League & Reserves Trial Games – Wednesday 16th March 2016 at Echunga, Wednesday 23rd March at Hahndorf. Both games starting at 7:00pm. Canteen and bar facilities will be available.

Mypolonga RSL

BBQ Bingo Tea – Friday 18th March 2016 at the Mypolonga RSL. Bingo teas are inexpensive, fun nights out for the whole family. Teas commence at 6:00pm, bingo starts at 7:30pm. Please BYO salad or plate of sweets to share.

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