

# Mypolonga Primary School & Community

## Newsletter

7<sup>th</sup> November 2016

(Week 4 Term 4)



### Class Artwork

From left; Spring Art by Jorja Kuhn, Bush Art by Dominick Swansson, X-ray Art by William Schofield

### Term 4 Assembly Roster

**Week 4** - Jackson Hughes, Zoe Bettcher, Zac Kennison

**Week 5** - NO ASSEMBLY due to camps.

### Happy Birthday

11/11 - Madalyn (Year 5)

11/11 - Matilda (Year 2)

14/11 - William (Year 5)

16/11 - Erin (Year 5)

20/11 - Sachin (Year 6)



### Student Free Day

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2016 (Term 4)

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.

### SAPSASA Cricket/Tennis

**Congratulations** to Year 6 student **Riley Walton** on being selected in the Murraylands team to compete in the **SAPSASA Cricket State Carnival**, being held in Adelaide between 21<sup>st</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> November 2016.

**Congratulations** to Year 7 student **Holly Temby** on being selected in the Murraylands team to compete in the **SAPSASA Tennis State Carnival**, also being held in Adelaide from 21<sup>st</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> November 2016.

Good luck Riley & Holly! We look forward to hearing about your week!

### Enclosed with this Newsletter

- P&F News
- Samples of the Upper Primary students' descriptive writing

### Literacy Cup Points

Week 2 & Week 3 combined and Year Total

<b>Murray</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>2960</b>
<b>Hindmarsh</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>3063</b>
<b>Finniss</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>2875</b>



### Rita's Roar

#### Choir Magic

I was a very proud principal, when I attended the Murraylands' Regional Choir performance at the Town Hall in Murray Bridge last week. The discipline of performance is an important part of character development and our students demonstrated character strengths both through their many weeks of practice and their performance.

I also loved watching our wonderful soloists Leila Dahlitz, Baylee Cooper, Isla Gielen, Zoe Bettcher, assisting artist Clay Burgess, who played a very poignant acoustic set, and compere Logan 'Rowdy' Baker who hosted with confidence and professionalism. I wish to acknowledge the wonderful work of Chris Hodgen, our choir trainer and Kerry who attended many meetings to coordinate the night.

Due to family commitments, Chris will not be continuing as our choir trainer next year and on behalf of the Mypo community I would like to express our sincere thanks for her passionate advocacy of music, which has made our community so much richer.

#### Friendship Force

Last Friday, as well as our normal Proud Mary tour, we hosted the Murray Bridge Friendship Force and their American visitors. Our Year 7 students talked to the visitors about our beliefs about learning and why a work ethic (effort) is so important. The Friendship Force gave great feedback and told me how refreshing it was to see and hear such respectful, well-informed young people. (We didn't mention the 'D' (Donald) word as they were all from Kentucky, Virginia and Tennessee!).

#### Good Teaching and Learning

Our job as teachers is to move our students from the world they know about, into the world they don't know about, and then into the world they don't even know they don't know about (think about it). In this newsletter are examples of descriptive writing by Baden in Year 7 and Riley in Year 6. I ask you all to take the time to read them.

All of the upper primary students were asked to describe pictures from National Geographic magazines.

- Anne explicitly taught the students how to look at each picture critically and to observe the things that they could see and the things they couldn't.
- She then taught the students to use grammatical structures to support them to construct a combination of simple, compound and complex sentences.
- It is obvious the boys read because they were able to break literary rules (such as making words such as 'Immaculate', and 'Ramrod' as solitary sentences). It takes confidence to do this.

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- Vocabulary: we have had a whole school approach to broadening students' vocab and Baden has used many of the class words: (maelstrom, scintillating, abode, sentinel) to expand his writing.

I call these examples of 'goosebump' writing because I cannot read them without breaking out in goosebumps. Soon the class writing will be displayed in the library and I recommend you all take the time to read them all.

Warm Regards, Rita

## Class Awards

### Term 4 Week 2

#### Junior Primary class

**Lila Stapleton** – for brilliantly explaining a maths concept to another student.

**Hayden Clark** – for listening and following instructions in fitness.

#### Junior Primary 1

**Shelby Rothe** – for persisting when things get hard.

**Kallan Hearne** – for setting himself a goal and putting in a lot of effort to achieve this goal.

#### Lower Middle Primary class

**Jayden Hearne** – using his initiative to help his classmates.

**Ethan Kennedy** – excellent effort in the Festival of Music performance.

#### Middle Primary class

**Jessica** – for working hard to catch up and persist with her information report.

**Luke Patrick** – accepting new challenges.

#### Upper Primary class

**Blake Fidge** – for outstanding leadership and role modelling to Year 2s.

**Thomas Tidy** – for his caring nature and going out of his comfort zone for a friend.

## Murray Mallee Regional Choir Performance

Congratulations to our school choir on their fantastic presentation at this year's Murray Mallee Regional Choir performance recently held at the Murray Bridge Town Hall.

We were so proud of all students who performed; our singers, soloists, compere Logan Baker and assisting artist Clay Burgess on guitar. Thanks again to Chris Hodgen for training our Choir so well.



## Counsellor's Corner

### Improving empathy in children



'Being able to understand what other people might be feeling – empathy – is the cornerstone of emotional intelligence and healthy, successful relationships. Empathy is a little bit of wonderful for everyone, so anything that can boost it has to be a good thing. Research has found reading fiction is an easy way to do this.

By following the inner lives of characters in fictional stories, readers are able to form ideas about the emotions, motives, and ideas of people in real life. The way we understand people in stories is similar to the way we understand people in the real world.

Understanding stories requires the capacity to understand the characters – how they're feeling, what they're going through, their relationships. It's not surprising then, that research has confirmed a link between reading fiction and an increased capacity to empathise.

Children who read stories with their parents seem to be more empathic than those who don't. An important factor in this is the conversation that happens between the adult and the child during story telling.

Everything we experience helps to shape the way we experience the world and the way we are in it. Stories that are fictional create a world that encourages an exploration and experimentation with real human experiences and qualities, nurturing empathy, one of the most beautiful of human qualities, along the way.'

Taken from heysigmund.com

Cheers, Kerry

## Oh Sugar!

Students in the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program recently learnt about processed foods and the sugar hidden in many foods.

They investigated the sugars in various breakfast cereals, listed and ranked them from least amount of sugar to the most. It was revealed that Uncle Toby's Oats had the least amount (1.0g sugar per 100gms), compared to Coco Pops (36.5g of sugar per 100 gms). Pictured below are Zac, Judd, James & Autumn with their sugar chart.





## Young Environmental Leaders Program (YEL)

The region-wide Young Environmental Leaders (YEL) Program, run by NRM Education, is open to four Yr 5-7 students from our school and cluster schools, providing them with fantastic opportunities to develop as young leaders with a connection to, and respect for, their local environment.

One YEL forum is held per term with themes for this year being local places, indigenous culture, food production & international year of pulses and monitoring & celebration. Forums have 'connecting with nature' or an environmental theme and include hands-on activities and skills development.

This term, David Hughes and our YEL students pictured below; Henry Payne, Coen Martin, Maddi Cain and Logan Baker (who was absent on this day due to Choir commitments), looked at how they could be involved at local monitoring and celebrated the year of YEL participation.



## Welcome Bee-Bot & Blue-Bot!

With great excitement, we have recently received Bee-Bot and Blue-Bot (Bee-Bot's big brother with bluetooth communication), exciting new robots designed for use by young children. These friendly little robots teach sequencing, estimation, problem solving, all while having fun! Our students have been telling their robots to move forward, back, left and right by pressing the arrow keys or using their iPads.

Special thanks to our Parents & Friends committee who contributed towards the purchase of the robots with fundraising money raised this year.

If you get a chance, you may like to view the Bee-Bot and Blue-Bot situated in the school library.



Bee-Bot



Blue-Bot



## Community News

**Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club Friday night teas (first Friday of every month) / Next tea:** Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 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 AGM** - Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2016 (time to be confirmed) @ the Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club.

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

**Mypolonga RSL – Bingo BBQ Teas / Next tea:** Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2016. 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 sweets to share.

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

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) <b>NO ASSEMBLY</b> 6:00pm Mypo RSL Bingo BBQ Tea	19/11 & 20/11 19/11 – Murray Bridge Christmas Pageant (float theme: 100 <sup>th</sup> 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 <b>STUDENT FREE DAY</b> (the school will be closed on this day – School Shop will be operating)	
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 (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 LMP enterprise recess (ice creams) <b>Whole School transition to next year's classes</b> Year 7 transition @ MBHS	7/12 MP enterprise lunch (salad rolls)	8/12 Full day concert rehearsal @ Unity College <b>School Concert</b>	9/12 JPR/1/2 enterprise lunch (sausage in bread) <b>No Assembly</b>	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 <b>Newsletter</b> No Assembly 2:25pm Dismissal 1:00pm P&F Afternoon Tea <b>FUN DAY!</b>	17/12 & 18/12 17/12 – Mypo RSL Christmas Tea / Mannum Carols by the River

### Diary Dates (further details to follow)

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2016 - **Mypolonga Primary School Concert @ Unity College** (further details will be provided in the near future).

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2016 - **Mypolonga RSL Christmas Show @ 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!

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



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