

# Mypolonga Primary School & Community

## Newsletter

8<sup>th</sup> July 2016  
(Week 10)



♪ Mypo's Got Talent! ♪

**"One of the most powerful predictors of young people's success in life is pleasure in reading." ~ Professor Guy Claxton ~**

### Term 3 Assembly Roster

**Week 1** – Samuel Montgomery-Pittaway, Leila Dahlitz, Riley Hazel  
**Week 2** – Kye Fawdry, Ryder Egel, Claire Ruckstuhl

### School Hats

Upon our return from holidays, students will be required to wear their school hats for all outdoor activities (as per our revised Sunsmart Policy). If you haven't already, we kindly ask that hats be returned to school (washed and labelled) by Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2016 (Week 1). If your child is requiring a new hat for next term, they can be purchased from the office (legionnaire \$5.00 / broad brimmed \$7.70 / bucket \$7.00)

### With Thanks...

Thank you to Jayme Marshall, Nicky Tomkinson and Danielle & Clint Baker for collecting and delivering the school's recycling into Murray Bridge this term.

### Happy Birthday

13/7 – Pippa (Reception)  
14/7 – Charlotte (Reception)  
20/7 – Makayla (Year 4)  
26/7 – Jayda (Year 6)



### School Shop

Our School Shop will be open for business on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July and Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2016** during the school holidays. All Reception to Year 7 students are welcome to attend, dressed in school uniform, arriving at 11:50am to approximately 12:45pm.

### Advanced Notice...

#### Junior Primary R/1/2 Sleepover

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2016 – Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2016  
An excursion is being planned for Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2016 (to be confirmed), followed by a sleepover at the Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club.

### Student Free Days

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2016 (Term 3 Week 4)  
Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2016 (Term 4 Week 6)

### School Closure Day

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2016 (Term 3 Week 6)

The school will be closed on the above dates.

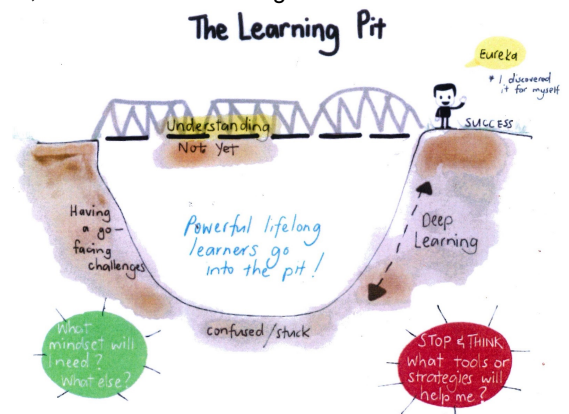


### Rita's Roar

At Mypo, we believe that teaching students how to learn will set them up as successful life-long learners. Some students have joined the Lifelong Learning Community with their parents to extend their learning. Recently, some members of the LLC joined with students from every primary school in our partnership to form a Student Learning Community (SLC) at the Murray Bridge Golf Club.

Holly, Chloe and Paris were invited to do a presentation to summarise the work done by last year's SLC and then to mentor new SLC members. The key work done by the SLC was around the notion of the 'Learning Pit', where students who are stuck can use strategies other than teacher rescue to pull themselves out. When we struggle with a problem, we need to use strategies such as:-

- 3B4me
- read the question again
- use a number line
- split the question up
- use a reference book
- use a dictionary
- check the internet
- ask yourself 'What do I already know to help me?'
- spot my own mistakes
- do another question and come back later, and
- share the problem



When we get out of the learning pit ourselves, we realise that it is OK to make mistakes and the learning is deeper. The diagram above captures the Learning Pit very well.

Guy Claxton, an international educator and author of the book 'Powerful Learning' has identified pleasure in reading as a key determinant of successful learning. In 2016, the SLCs from all of the schools will work together to build a love of reading in their schools. We already have a number of initiatives in place to develop passionate readers, such as the Literacy Cup. The SLC decided that a good way to spread the message is to publish reading points in the newsletter, so beginning with this issue we will be doing so. Their next step is to collect data about the love of reading across the school.

A big thank you to Jo Hughes who helped transport the students and spent the day learning about learning.

Well done to our Parents & Friends Committee for organising the 'Finding Dory' film afternoon on Sunday. 123 people attended which was amazing!

Well done to all our students who performed in Mypo's Got Talent on Wednesday. I was extremely proud of all our performers who took themselves out of their comfort zones to sing, act, dance and perform in front of a large audience. Photos of our performers have also been published on our school Facebook page and will feature in our end of year magazine.

It is time to say goodbye to two of our dedicated team members. Firstly, to Mel who is leaving to await the birth of the Carstairs' second child. Good luck to all of you.. and to Prue McDonald who is leaving to spend more time developing her new business.

Warm Regards, Rita

## Class Awards

### Term 2 Week 7

#### Junior Primary class

**Akira Harris** – taking care when forming her letters.

**Kai Patrick** – trying really hard in German.

#### Junior Primary 1 class

**Matilda Stone** – for her improvement in her writing.

**Braeden Watts** – for trying his best in his literacy this week.

#### Lower Middle Primary class

**Thomas Kruschel** – enthusiastic home learner.

**Judd Ruckstuhl** – positive attitude to learning.

#### Middle Primary class

**Marcus Hazel** – showing determination and positivity towards his learning.

**Luke Patrick** – showing commitment to the Premier's Reading Challenge.

#### Upper Primary class

**Keeley Rathjen** – for a positive attitude and a great explanation text.

**Holly Temby** – for showing leadership and enthusiasm in learning.

### Term 2 Week 8

#### Junior Primary class

**Hayden Clark** – for moving confidently up the reading levels.

**Drazic Ryles** – always using his '3 before me' strategy when unsure.

#### Junior Primary 1 class

**Charlie Harrowfield** – for being kind to his peers and for always trying his best.

**Ella O'Shea-Coulter** – for trying her best with her spelling.

#### Lower Middle Primary class

**Reegan Candy** – improvement in Spelling.

**Riley Hazel** – excellent knowledge of our Science topic – Rocks.

#### Middle Primary class

**Benjamin** – working towards being a more independent learner.

**Kiarra Gillett** – putting effort in and taking control of her learning.

#### Upper Primary class

**Thomas Tidy** – for deep, considered conversation in Geography discussion.

**Holly Rathjen** – for a fantastic research piece and presentation.

### Term 2 Week 9

#### Junior Primary class

**Lila Stapleton** – giving 110% to move up in her reading.

**Tegan Elliott** – for always showing others in the class respect.

#### Junior Primary 1 class

**Ariel Challenger** – for trying really hard with her writing.

**Ellie Pontt** – for great persistence in her writing.

#### Lower Middle Primary class

**Joe Tidy** – positive attitude and improved focus on his learning.

**Ava Lindner** – consistent leadership in the classroom.

#### Middle Primary class

**Jeremy George** – perfect attendance!

**Mitchell Pahl** – perfect attendance!

#### Upper Primary class

**Riley Walton** – perfect attendance!

**Paris Montgomery-Pittaway** – perfect attendance!

## Literacy Cup

Our Literacy Cup has been in operation since 2009.

Reading was an area where we knew improvement was needed. A great way to make reading count was to make it a competition. The motivation for students to read started out to get points for their team. Students were reading more and results were improving. We then found that even though students still love the competition, they have also understood the importance of reading. Win! Win!



House Captains keep an eye on their team members and encourage those who need to read more. Students are expected to get at least 1 point for their team every week. Beyond that is a bonus! Studies show that high achievers read 3 times more than their peers.

Literacy Cup points for each class are earned as follows...

3 nights reading = 1 point  
6 nights reading = 2 points  
7+ nights reading = 3 points  
Completing the Premier's Reading Challenge = 5 points  
10/10 in Spelling/Vocabulary = 1 point

Literacy Cup points are calculated on Friday mornings and the results read out at Assembly on Friday afternoons.

Each fortnight in our Newsletter, we will share with you the points earned by each House Team for the fortnight and a total for the year.

### Literacy Cup Points

	Weeks 8-9	Year Total
<b>Murray points</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>1554</b>
<b>Hindmarsh points</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>1662</b>
<b>Finniss points</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>1532</b>

## School Drop off

To help with the congestion of traffic during school drop off time, parents & caregivers are advised of the option to drop off their child/ren along North Bokara Road. Gates are positioned along the fence line, allowing easy and safe access for children to enter the school across the oval.

**As with all gates around the fence line, please ensure they are closed again after entering.**

For OHWS reasons;

. school pick up is to remain at the main entrance on Williams Street, where our students monitor the school crossing and a teacher is on yard duty until 3:35pm.

. please refrain from using the staff car park along Marten Street for school drop off/pick up.





**Junior Primary Opinion Writing**

(writing by Sophie Brouwer)

Name Sophie Date 9-6-16

### Opinion Writing


or


bees                      ladybugs

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Which insect do you like better? Why?

ladybugs.

I like red.

They fly very

high.

They're very small.

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**Middle Primary Peacock**

(design by Marcus Hazel)

**Middle Primary Exposition Writing**

(excerpt from the writing of Rhea Kempe)

The inspiration for this exposition came from the book 'The Lorax' by Dr Seuss.

It is about stopping Mr Once-ler from coming to our area and alerting him to the dangers of destroying our trees for his money-making scheme.

**'Dear Mr Once-ler**

Coming to Mypolonga is a horrible idea because Mypolonga is perfectly fine without thneeds. There are many things you can do with trees such as; shade, homes, activities, air cleaners and food. Mr Once-ler, it is a horrible idea to come to Mypolonga because it is a beautiful tourist destination.

Below are three strong reasons why it is wrong to chop down trees.

Firstly, trees are so important because they are healthy for the Earth. They separate carbon dioxide from oxygen so animals and humans can breathe. We need to breathe to live. Otherwise, the Earth will have lots of air-polluted countries and cities....

Secondly, trees are really fun because trees have lots of branches you can swing on, which is really useful for parents because instead of buying plastic play equipment that cost a lot of money, people have trees in their back yard already.... Trees are there to be used, so use them!

Last of all, trees produce food, mostly fruit, which is one of the healthiest food groups on the planet. Children eat fruit almost every day and also some adults eat fruit... Do you see what I am trying to tell you? We must have trees to live! And it is not humans who only need trees, animals need trees as well for homes and food.... Animals are a big part of our eco-system so that's also why you can not chop down trees.

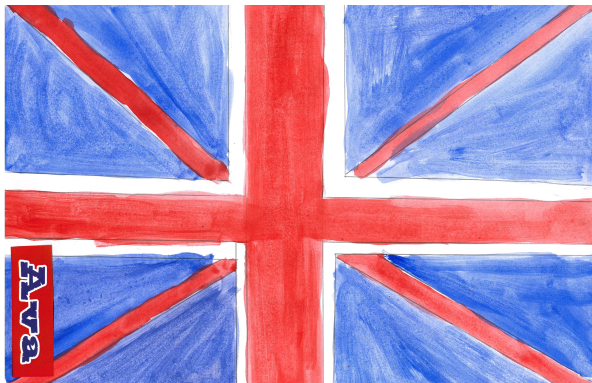
In conclusion, I strongly believe that you should not come to Mypolonga to chop down trees because trees are healthy for the earth, trees are fun and trees produce food for all species. That's why you should not come to Mypolonga!

When you have a minute, take a look at students' writing on our Genre Writing boards outside the classrooms.

**Lower Middle Primary First Fleet Artwork**

(artwork by Ava Lindner)

The English flag was used by the First Fleet when sailing to settle in Australia in 1788

**Middle Primary Home Learning**

The Middle Primary class provide a range of tasks for their Home Learning expectations. Options to choose from include; *watch the news and discuss an event with your family, learn continents, states, territories and capital cities, research an animal you are curious about.*

Here is a home learning task completed by Kiarra Gillett. "I love how homework is cooking tea and thank you Kiarra for a beautiful quick meal." Pearl (Kiarra's mum)



Cooking is often chosen as a task and a popular one at that!

8<sup>th</sup> July 2016

## Let's Talk...

At Mypolonga Primary School, we endeavour to provide parents/caregivers with the most up to date information on all things happening at our school.

### Newsletter

As you may know, our newsletter is published and sent home with the eldest in the family every Monday fortnight and on the last day of term. The newsletter is also uploaded on our website, and a link is emailed to parents/caregivers (who advised at the beginning of the year that they would like the newsletter sent to them via email as well as receiving a hard copy). If you wish to receive the newsletter by email, and haven't advised previously, please contact Necia in the office.

### Email

We find that email communication is a fantastic way for school staff to communicate with you either individually, or in a group, ie. bus students' parents. Classroom teachers are always available for you to communicate with via email, and it is a great way to provide a record of any conversations you may have. Teaching & admin staff email addresses are detailed below. Please ensure that your email address, which the school has recorded, is checked regularly as we may be sending time sensitive information. Also, please advise if your email address changes during the year.

Teacher	Class/Area	Email Address
Rita O'Brien	Principal / German Teacher	rita.obrien164@schools.sa.edu.au
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Jane Rumbelow	Lower Middle Primary 'LMP' (Year 3/Year 4)	jane.rumbelow370@schools.sa.edu.au
Kerry Daniel	Middle Primary 'MP' (Year 4/Year 5/Year 6) School Counsellor	kerry.daniel277@schools.sa.edu.au
Kim Merritt	Middle Primary 'MP' (Year 4/Year 5/ Year 6) PE/Health	kim.merritt817@schools.sa.edu.au
Anne Martin	Upper Primary 'UP' (Year 6/Year 7) Librarian	anne.martin52@schools.sa.edu.au
Admin Support Staff		Email Address
Necia Zadow	Administration eg. absences, enrolments, general student/school information	necia.zadow256@schools.sa.edu.au -or- info@mypolongaps.sa.edu.au
Annie Hughes	Finance, Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Foundation	ann.hughes505@schools.sa.edu.au

### Facebook

Reminders, community flyers, photos of school events and students' work are often posted on the [Mypolonga Primary School](#) Facebook page. We understand that there are parents/caregivers who do not have a Facebook account, so reminders and flyers will also be emailed to parents/caregivers' email addresses, as time permits. Reminders and students' work will also regularly appear in the fortnightly newsletter. Facebook messages to the school's Facebook page will be replied to as soon as possible.

### Student Absences

Student absences can be advised by telephone, a message left on our voice mail (out of school hours), an email to [info@mypolongaps.sa.edu.au](mailto:info@mypolongaps.sa.edu.au), an email to the class teacher or a note written in the student's diary.

### Parents & Friends

Our Parents & Friends committee have a Facebook page [Mypolonga Parents & Friends](#) and receives email communication via [mypopandf@gmail.com](mailto:mypopandf@gmail.com).

We would love to receive any feedback on the above, and please feel free to contact us with any queries, at any time.

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# Mypos Got Talent

Yes...!! Mypos Sure Got Talent!!

Eighteen acts performed brilliantly at the Mypolonga Institute on Wednesday before an audience of students, staff, parents, friends and family members. We were really proud of the way our students took themselves out of their comfort zone to sing, dance and perform in front of a large audience.

Special thanks to...

Kerry Daniel and the SRC for co-ordinating the talent quest; Baden & Chloe as SRC Leaders and very capable comperes; Jordan Holmes for setting up her sound system for us to use.. and look so professional! Jordan also stayed to help run the show!; Carol Kruschel for helping out with microphones and set up; Jan Baker & Paula Burgess for helping to clean up at the end!

Through our students' generosity in donating their spare, loose change to vote for their favourite act, a total of \$326.00 was raised for our end of year SRC Fun Day.

Well done to all our performers and to Henry who received the most money in his performance box, and was recognised as the favourite act of the day, as voted by his fellow students.



## Upper Primary Excursion to the Coorong

On Tuesday, our Upper Primary class travelled to Chinaman's Well on the Coorong,

This followed on from a unit of work on Immigration.

Students also visited a malleefowl nest and listened to a talk about migratory birds by local expert Josie Lloyd.

Thanks to; Rob & Jo Hughes (Jackson's parents), previous student teacher Zoe Kiley and NRM's Harry Beauchamp for joining us on the excursion.



**Student of the Term  
for Term 2 2016**

Upper Primary

**Samuel Montgomery-Pittaway**

Middle Primary

**Mackenzie Lindner**

Lower Middle Primary

**Georgia Martin**

Junior Primary 1

**Levi Nutt**

Junior Primary

**Dominick Swansson**

**Most Improved Student  
for Term 2 2016**

Upper Primary

**Blake Fidge**

Middle Primary

**William Schofield**

Lower Middle Primary

**Shaylee Martin**

Junior Primary 1

**Levi Gray**

Junior Primary

**Makayla Baker**

Our Students of the Term  
receive a \$15.00  
Murray Bridge  
Newsagency & Toyworld  
Gift Card



## Kiwanis Club of Murray Bridge Terrific Kids Awards - Term 2 2016

Each term, the Kiwanis Club of Murray Bridge kindly presents a student from each class with a 'Terrific Kids' award who lives our TIGER values.

### CONGRATULATIONS...



**Upper Primary**  
**Johannah Hobbs**



**Middle Primary**  
**Leila Dahlitz**



**Lower Middle Primary**  
**James-Noah Peterson**



**Junior Primary 1**  
**Tahlia Ross**



**Junior Primary**  
**Tegan Elliott**



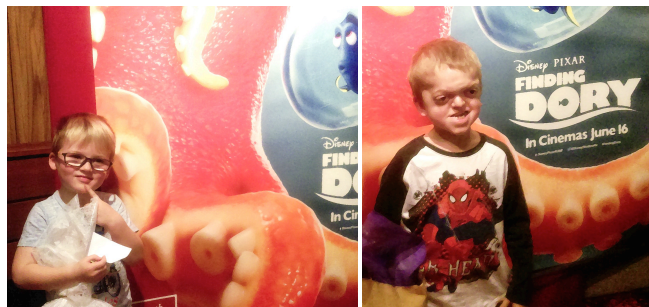
## Parents & Friends Committee Movie Spectacular Finding Dory



What a wonderful turn out we had at our 'Finding Dory' Movie Spectacular at the Cameo Cinema in Murray Bridge on Sunday. An overwhelming 123 tickets were sold and the movie was thoroughly enjoyed by children & adults.

Congratulations to our Lucky Door Prize winners Ryley Schwarz and Lachlan Ash (pictured).

A BIG thank you to our school community for their fantastic support!



## Parents & Friends Morning Tea

**When:** Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2016 (first day of Term 3)

**Time:** 8:30am-10:30am

**Venue:** Rita's Kitchen meeting area, Mypolonga Primary School

All welcome, including preschool children. Come along for a cuppa, bite to eat and a chat!

## Enterprise Recess/Lunch Term 3 2016

**MONDAYS** (except Week 1 when toasted sandwiches will be available on the **Friday**. Orders will be taken from Rita's Kitchen window on the Monday & Tuesday for this week only.)

Junior Primary R/1/2 **Lunch**

**Toasted Sandwiches \***  
choice of cheese / ham & cheese / spaghetti  
**\$2.50 each**



Payment is required at the time of ordering on Thursday & Friday of the week prior.

**TUESDAYS**

Lower Middle Primary **Recess**

**Crumpets**

\* served with a variety of toppings

**\$1.00 each**



Payment is required at the time of ordering on Mondays & Tuesdays. Please pay and place orders at the servery near the staff room (not in the office slot) **before 8:55am**. Thank you.

**WEDNESDAYS**

Middle Primary **Lunch**

**Pasta (macaroni)**

\* served with a choice of cheese or tomato sauce

**\$3.00 each**



## Community News

### Mypolonga Football Club

**Home Match Tea:** Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2016. Join MFC players, members and supporters following the League game against Jervois. Meals are inexpensive, cater for the whole family and are served from approximately 6:00pm. All welcome!

**Boots & Bubbles Ladies' Day:** Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2016 @ 3:00pm until the end of the League match. Drinks, nibbles and tea included. Invitation open to all wives, partners, family, friends & netballers. Tickets: \$50.00. Pull on your boots and join in the fun and games. Tickets can be purchased from Elise Altmann 0433900118 / Elle Vince 0406066361.

### Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club

**Friday night teas (first Friday of every month) Next tea:** Friday 5<sup>th</sup> August 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.

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

### Planning Calendar Term 3 2016

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

1	25/7 P&F Morning Tea @ the School from 8:30am	26/7 LMP enterprise recess (crumpets)	27/7 MP enterprise lunch (pasta)	28/7	29/7 JPR/1/2 enterprise lunch (toasted sandwiches)  3:00pm Assembly	30/7 & 31/7 30/7 – MFC & MNLC -v- Jervois @ Mypo inc. home match tea
2	1/8 JPR/1/2 enterprise lunch (toasted sandwiches)  Newsletter	2/8 LMP enterprise recess (crumpets) English Competition 3:45pm Sustainability Meeting	3/8 MP enterprise lunch (pasta)	4/8 SAPSASA Athletics @ Unity College	5/8 3:00pm Assembly  MCSC Friday Night tea from 6:00pm	6/8 & 7/8 6/8 – MFC & MNLC -v- Mannum @ Mypo inc. Boots & Bubbles Ladies' Day
3	8/8 JPR/1/2 enterprise lunch (toasted sandwiches) Meetings: 3:30pm Life Long Learning Community 7:00pm Finance 7:30pm Governing Council	9/8 LMP enterprise recess (crumpets)  Dance sessions begin (whole school)	10/8 MP enterprise lunch (pasta)  Book Fair	11/8	12/8 3:00pm Assembly	13/8 & 14/8 13/8 – MFC & MNLC -v- Imps @ Imps
4	15/8 <b>STUDENT FREE DAY (Australian Curriculum)</b> <b>The school will be closed on this day.</b> SAPSASA Football/Netball State Carnival (all week)	16/8 LMP enterprise recess (crumpets) Dance Maths Competition Newsletter	17/8 MP enterprise lunch (pasta)	18/8	19/8 3:00pm Assembly  Mypo RSL Bingo BBQ tea from 6:00pm	20/8 & 21/8 20/8 – MFC & MNLC -v- Meningie @ Meningie
5	22/8 JPR/1/2 enterprise lunch (toasted sandwiches)  Book Week	23/8 LMP enterprise recess (crumpets)  Dance	24/8 MP enterprise lunch (pasta)	25/8	26/8 3:00pm Assembly	27/8 & 28/8 27/8 – RMFL Qualifying Final @ Imps 28/8 – RMFL Qualifying Final @ Ramblers
6	29/8 JPR/1/2 enterprise lunch (toasted sandwiches)  Newsletter	30/8 LMP enterprise recess (crumpets)  Dance	31/8 MP enterprise lunch (pasta)	1/9	2/9 <b>SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY</b> <b>The school will be closed on this day.</b> MCSC Friday Night tea from 6:00pm	3/9 & 4/9 3/9 – RMFL 2 <sup>nd</sup> Semi Final @ Jervois  4/9 – RMFL 1 <sup>st</sup> Semi Final @ Tailam
7	5/9 JPR/1/2 enterprise lunch (toasted sandwiches)	6/9 LMP enterprise recess (crumpets) Dance (final session) 3:45pm Sustainability Meeting	7/9 MP enterprise lunch (pasta)	8/9 SAPSASA Small Schools Basketball Competition	9/9 3:00pm Assembly	10/9 & 11/9 10/9 – RMFL Preliminary Final @ Mypo
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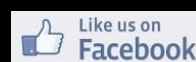
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