

Mypolonga Primary School & Community Newsletter

14th December 2017
(Week 9 Term 4)



Merry Christmas
& a Happy New
Year...
from our family to
yours!



"One of the most glorious messes in the world is the mess created in the living room on Christmas day. Don't clean it up too quickly."
~ Andy Rooney (1919-), American writer, producer, humorist. ~

Term 1 2018 Assembly Roster

Week 1 – Harry Stone, Shaylee Martin, Shelby Rothe

Week 2 – No assembly due to swimming lessons.

Happy Birthday

19/12 – Ben (Year 5)
21/12 – Jai (Year 1)
23/12 – Dominick (Year 2)
24/12 – Jackson (Reception)
29/12 – Katie (Year 6)
29/12 – Jade (Year 6)
30/12 – Mitchell (Year 6)
2/1/18 – Connor (Year 2)
4/1 – Keeley (Year 7)
5/1 – Ledja (Year 3)
5/1 – Levi (Year 3)
5/1 – Haiden (Year 2)
7/1 – Ava (Year 2)
8/1 – Kallan (Year 3)
13/1 – Alarah (Year 3)
15/1 – Drew (Year 4)
16/1 – Lachie (Year 1)
19/1 – Reagan (Year 3)
20/1 – Phebe (Year 4)
21/1 – Lila (Year 2)
25/1 – Kobe (Year 6)
27/1 – Scarlett (Reception)
28/1 – Maddy (Year 3)
31/1 – Shanae (Year 6)
31/1 – Tegan (Year 1)



Christmas Facts.. Did you know?...

. 'White Christmas' by Bing Crosby (1942) is the best-selling single of all time.

. The Germans made the first artificial Christmas trees out of dyed goose feathers.

. During the Christmas season, nearly 28 sets of LEGO are sold every second.

* source factretriever.com & etonline.com

Rita's Roar

As 2017 draws to a close, a few final words:

Firstly, the concert was amazing! I was so proud of the way our students rose to the occasion and performed so confidently. This of course does not happen by accident, and all of the hard work put in by the teachers and SSOs was worthwhile. Our Education Director, Stan Hagias was very impressed too.

When you enter the school you may have noticed some large wooden objects near the Upper Primary class. These STEM projects are mini golf holes designed and built by the Upper Primary students. They designed them against very specific criteria, and David helped them to construct them. Job well done!

Congratulations to the SRC, who organised our Water Fun Day on the last day of school – a great way to end the year.

We said goodbye (again) to our Year 7s at their Graduation Dinner at the Mypolonga Combined Sports' Clubrooms on Wednesday night. As I said at the concert, this has been an exceptional group with 87% of students offered a place in the Students with High Intellectual Potential class at Murray Bridge High School.

We also say goodbye to some families. We send our best wishes with the following students and their families: Marcus and Riley Hazel, Kobe Hobbs, Reagan Candy, Kai Patrick, William Schofield, Ethan Kennedy and Thomas Kruschel. In typical Kruschel fashion, Thomas' dad Matt has offered to stay on for a year as the convenor of the Finance Committee, which is an amazing gesture, which we really appreciate.

We also say a final farewell to two staff members. We wish Danny all the best in the next phase of his career and we say one last farewell to Anne and wish her a very happy retirement. Next year, Kim will return to work alongside Kerry in the Middle Primary class and we welcome Jo Wagenknecht to partner Mel in the Upper Primary class.

From all of us here at Mypo, we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and look forward to an exciting 2018.

Warm Regards
Rita



Kiwanis Club of Murray Bridge Terrific Kids for Term 4 2017...

Congratulations to the following students on receiving the 'Terrific Kids' award for Term 4 2017. These awards are presented to students in Term's 2 and 4 who live our TIGER Values:

Junior Primary



Carla Hanks



Junior Primary Year 1



Amira Egel



Lower Middle Primary

Ellie Pontt



Middle Primary

Jade Burgess



Upper Primary

No recipient due to Tiger Values Award for 2017 being presented



Literacy Cup Points Final Total for the Year

Hindmarsh

3817

Murray

3817

Finniss

3696



It's a tie!! CONGRATULATIONS
HINDMARSH and **MURRAY** on both
taking out this year's Literacy Cup!

Class Awards

Term 4 Week 7

Junior Primary class

Winchester Hollitt – for always having a positive outlook towards his learning.

Carla Hanks – for working really hard on her sounds.

Junior Primary 1 class

Ryley Schwarz – for putting in lots of effort in literacy.

Sophie Brouwer – for being very kind to all her peers.

Lower Middle Primary class

Fred Schillier – improved focus in all areas.

Reagan Martin – using her initiative to do extra learning at home.

Middle Primary class

James-Noah Peterson – eager Mathematician who loves a challenge!

Hayden Dahlitz – curious learner who is taking more responsibility for his learning.

Upper Primary class

Bella Smith – for great work in recount writing.

Jason Crouch – a great attitude in Science.

We will miss you Mrs Martin...

"Mrs Martin, we love you so much and we will remember you. When you leave, we hope that you will do many great things." *Ruby*

"Mrs Martin is really good at teacher chase and she is really helpful. I'm so sad that she is leaving." *Fred*

"To Mrs Martin, you are the best Library teacher in the world." *Zenith*

"Mrs Martin is kind, caring and she is very helpful. Mrs Martin is also very funny." *Ariel*

Anne's Farewell Tour continued in Week 9...

Monday was Blue Day... On Monday the staff wore blue... "We'll be blue without you!"



Tuesday was Jacket Day... This beautiful lady is so professional, she regularly wears jackets. We are sure she has a jacket in every available style and every available colour! In honour of Anne...we all wore jackets. We even had a special one made for her.



Wednesday was Class

Presentation Day... a special assembly was held where each class had their time to say goodbye.

Notifications for the start of the New Year

2018 Consent Forms

As in previous years, yearly consent forms, permission slips and a request for family information details will be sent home to families during the first week of Term 1. This is a timely reminder to update any phone numbers, emergency contacts and email addresses.

Swimming Lessons

Swimming lessons will be held in Murray Bridge during Week 2 for all Reception to Year 5 students. A detailed note and consent forms will be sent home in the first week of Term 1.

Playgroup

Playgroup will recommence in Week 3, Tuesday 13th February 2018. Please remember to sign in at the office upon arrival and collect a newly developed Playgroup brochure and enrolment form.

Classroom enterprise recess/lunches

Classroom enterprise recess & lunches will recommence in Week 3. A flyer with what is going to be on offer will be sent home at the start of the new year.

Hats

School hats will be sent home with students at the end of this week. We kindly ask that you wash and check your child(ren)'s hats to see if any repairs need to be made. We will have a fresh stock of hats waiting to be purchased in the new year.

Student Medication

At the end of this week, we will be sending home **ALL** student medication which is held at the school. If you plan to send medication into school in the new year, please check the expiry date of the medication and have it accompanied by an *Authorisation for School Staff to Administer Medication to Students* form, available from our website or the office. Sorry, but we won't be accepting any medication unless it has this form accompanying it. Thank you.

Lost Property

Next year, please remember to label **ALL** items brought into school (ie. jumpers, jackets, hats, plastic containers, drink bottles etc.) A number of items still remain in our lost property box from the start of the term.

If any items remain in the box after tomorrow, they will be washed and donated to a local charity.

Responsible Pet Education Program

The Responsible Pet Education Program is a structured learning program that aims to teach children (from Reception to Year 3) how to live responsibly and safely with dogs.

Recently, we had a visit from a Pet Educator and her beautiful black Labrador. The learning activities link with the Australian Curriculum and ensure that children gain an understanding of how to behave safely around dogs, what it means to be a responsible pet owner and the positive role responsibly owned pets play in the community. Pictured below is Fred Schillier.



Mannum Dental Surgery visit

On Wednesday, all students were fortunate to have a visit by Dental Surgeon Dr Graham Parry and his Nurse Alli from Mannum Dental Surgery.

Dr Parry explained the importance of looking after your teeth and having regular check ups, proper teeth cleaning and healthy eating habits.

He explained how plaque is formed and how acid and bacteria can cause tooth decay.

Pictured below are Alli, Thomas Kruschel, Riley Hazel and Dr Graham Parry.





Christmas Fun!



Tiny Pickle Plants
Autumn Stapleton



Sweetie Chatter Box
Koby Stimpson



Twinkle Pointy Eyes
Charlie Harrowfield



Speedy Chubby Cheeks
Phebe Nutt



Reindeer - Mikaela Watts



Christmas Bauble - Levi Gray



Christmas Bauble - Levi Nutt



Christmas Tree inspired by artist
Gustave Klimt by Logan Rankin

Upper Primary West Beach Camp Recounts

All you could hear was the crunching of feet on the gravel and the chitter chatter of the students as everyone else had gone to bed long ago. We were going on a night walk down to the beach as it was a quick walk. The darkness was quickly swallowing us whole, the only light source being our torches. All was peaceful except for the occasional yelp from Zoe. When we got to the water we just watched the waves lap over one another. Soon we were winding our way back to camp. When I was walking I noticed a large group of people had gathered around something. I ran to catch up and found that the gate we had exited earlier had been locked around half an hour ago. We started to walk to the next one, which had also been locked so we had to walk around the whole caravan park to the front to get in. Finally we got back to our cabins and fell asleep, just like that!

by Leila Dahlitz

For our next task, the class was split into a group of five and we were sent to the Central Market to buy \$25 worth of exotic foods to share with the class. Logan and I had a bit of spare money, so he bought some marinated mushrooms, which, surprisingly, were super tasty. I bought a massive gobstopper, which I planned to eat on the bus ride home. Little did I know, that was the worst decision I had made all camp, because my mouth started watering every time I noticed the large ball, weighing my pocket down. Anyway, my group decided to buy some smoked crocodile, sticky dates, some dolmades and a nice, plump dragonfruit. We organised these in a platter and shared them with the class. There were some really cool and original designs there, like one group called their platter 'Taste the Rainbow' and arranged their food like a rainbow, colours and all. The crocodile that sacrificed its life to make some food was delicious, and in my opinion, the best food that was there, so it disappeared in a good three minutes. by Samuel Montgomery-Pittaway

The bus ride to BOUNCE was one of the loudest bus rides I've ever been on. Everyone was so excited but I've got to admit so was I. I hadn't been to BOUNCE in ages. As soon as we got there I wanted to just jump non-stop but I couldn't because we had to get our grip socks on. After we heard all of the rules there was a stampede of kids racing each other to the trampolines. "I bet you couldn't do this!", someone would yell out. "Let's go to the dodge ball", another person would say. All I wanted to do was go on the X-Park (a parkour course) but the X-Park only opens half way through the session. While I waited the airbag was my friend. "Maddie the X-Park's open!", I got told. I ran straight down to get my shoes. The part I'd been waiting for had finally come! For nearly the whole 30 minutes I was on the X-Park. "Attention all bouncers your time is now up", the hour of BOUNCE was already over. by Maddie Uren



School Concert



From above left: Junior Primary 'Roar', Junior Primary 1 'Get Back Up Again', Lower Middle Primary 'Tiddalik the Greedy Frog', Middle Primary 'Middle Primaries of Oz', Upper Primary "The Pirates of the Carob Bean", Staff Item 'Eye of the Tiger'



Young Leaders of the Year 2017

This year, our Upper Primary Young Leader Award recipients receive \$50.00 each, which has been kindly donated by Anne & Graham Martin and Rita & Bill O'Brien.



Amber Gielen & Riley Walton

Student of the Year 2017

Upper Primary

Samuel Montgomery-Pittaway

Middle Primary

Isla Gielen & Jessica

Lower Middle Primary

Phebe Nutt

Junior Primary 1

Ava Hagger

Junior Primary

Akira Harris



Our Students of the Year receive a \$25.00 Murray Bridge Newsagency & Toyworld Gift Card, kindly donated by Julie & Kevin Savill, owners of the Mypolonga General Store.

Most Improved Student for 2017

Upper Primary

Bella Smith

Middle Primary

(no recipient due to two Student of the Year awards)

Lower Middle Primary

Ledja Gray

Junior Primary 1

Levi Gray

Junior Primary

Drazic Ryles



Academic Excellence Award for 2017

Our Upper Primary Academic Excellence award recipient receives \$60.00, which has been kindly donated by Di Coventry and Ken Coventry OAM.

Logan Baker



Tiger Values Award for 2017

Our Upper Primary Tiger Values award recipient receives \$50.00, which has been kindly donated by the Kiwanis Club of Murray Bridge.

Coen Martin

Student of the Term - Term 4 2017

Upper Primary

Jayda Stimpson

Middle Primary

Linx Baker

Lower Middle Primary

Reagan Martin

Junior Primary 1

Linton Garner

Junior Primary

Jai Bowley

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



Most Improved Student - Term 4 2017

Upper Primary

Maddi Cain

Middle Primary

Drew Bettcher

Lower Middle Primary

Charlie Harrowfield

Junior Primary 1

Haiden Squire

Junior Primary

Lachlan Ash



Goodbye & Good luck Year 7s



Jayda Rose Stimpson

What do you want to do when you grow up?

Play netball for the Adelaide Thunderbirds or Australia.

What has been your biggest achievement at primary school?

Getting a perfect score on Sport's Day.

What was your most memorable moment of Mrs. Martin?

Her sense of humour.

What is one thing you would like to accomplish?

Getting my black belt in karate.



Thomas Neil Tidy

What do you want to do when you grow up?

Scientist, Coder or Engineer.

What do you want to do after high school?

Go to University.

What has been your biggest achievement at primary school?

Getting most improved for the term.

What was the most important thing Mrs. Martin taught you at primary school?

Not to use pronouns in a persuasive text.



Riley Max Walton

What has been your biggest achievement at primary school?

Receiving Academic Excellence in year 5.

What has been the most enjoyable part of Mypolonga Primary School?

Learning money through the School Shop.

What was your most enjoyable memory of Mrs. Martin?

Her great stories she always has to tell.

What is the biggest lesson you learnt at primary school?

How to count back change.



Family Farewell Thoughts...

"Coen has grown as a person thanks to the guidance of all staff at Mypolonga Primary School. You have made our family feel part of the growing community." *Cassie & Daniel Martin*

"Mypolonga Primary School has been a safe and happy place where Amber has learnt skills and values that will last a lifetime." *Janet & Hans Gielen*

"Our 16 years at Mypo Primary School are coming to an end. There have been many changes throughout those years, some painful, some uplifting. Your child will graduate from Mypo School, but you will never take Mypo School out of your child. Thank you for giving our 3 daughters the best start in life." *Nicole & Brenton Cain*





Luke George Patrick

Is there any place you would like to travel to?

UK, where my uncle and aunty live.

What was your most enjoyable memory of Mrs. Martin?

Her funny jokes.

What has been your biggest achievement at primary school?

Getting to camp in the Flinders Ranges.

What do you want to do after high school?

Work with my dad in Dentistry.



Henry Orsen Payne

What has been your biggest achievement at primary school?

SAPSASA Football in 2016/17.

What is one thing you would like to accomplish?

1st in Australasia for fencing.

What was your most enjoyable memory of Mrs. Martin?

She was always able to make us laugh.

Is there any place you would like to travel to?

Los Angeles.



Larissa Helen Pike

What do you want to do when you get older?

Be a Police Officer.

What is one thing you would like to accomplish?

Skydiving.

What was the most important thing Mrs. Martin taught you at school?

To respect everyone.

What do you want to do after high school?

Have a successful job.



Keeley Paige Rathjen

What do you want to do when you grow up?

Be a professional netball player.

What was the most important thing Mrs. Martin taught you at school?

Even if I get it wrong it doesn't matter because I'm still improving.

What is one thing you would like to accomplish?

Winning in State Netball Pacific Games.

What has been the most enjoyable part of Mypolonga Primary?

The friendliness and having great best friends.



Bella Rayne Smith

What do you want to do when you grow up?

Sing!

What do you want to do after high school?

Go to University.

What was your most enjoyable memory of Mrs. Martin?

Her humour.

What is one thing you would like to accomplish?

Bungee Jumping / Free falling.





Jason William Crouch

Is there any place you would want to travel to?

Chicago to watch basketball.

What was the most important thing Mrs. Martin taught you at school?

How to write better narratives.

What has been your biggest achievement at primary school?

SAPSASA football and softball.

What do you want to do when you grow up?

Be a Builder.



Adin Roy Harm

What do you want to be when you grow up?

A Youtuber.

What was the most important thing Mrs. Martin taught you at school?

Maths.

What has been the most enjoyable part of Mypolonga Primary School?

Being with friendly people.

Is there any place you would like to travel to?

Ireland.



Amber Quinn Gielen

What has been your biggest achievement at primary school?

Learning to read and write.

What has been the most enjoyable part of primary school?

Making friends.

What was the most important thing Mrs. Martin taught you at school?

An appreciation of literature.

Is there any place you want to travel to?

I would love to travel to New York and Sydney.



Coen Jack Martin

What has been your biggest achievement at primary school?

Being on SRC, selection for SAPSASA and achieving student of the year.

What has been the most enjoyable part of primary school?

Everyone is friendly, working in the School Shop and being given opportunities that other students wouldn't be given at other schools.

Is there any place you want to travel to?

Africa.. to go on an African safari.

What was the most important thing Mrs. Martin taught you?

Respect, going out of my comfort zone and to have a go at everything.



Samuel Flynn Montgomery-Pittaway

What has been your biggest achievement at primary school?

Getting three distinctions in the ICAS competitions.

What was the most important thing Mrs. Martin taught you at primary school?

How to shake hands properly.

Is there any place that you would want to travel to?

England.

What do you want to do when you grow up?

Something different, not repetitive.





Logan Phoenix Baker

What was the most important thing Mrs. Martin taught you at primary school?

Teaching us real life Maths in the School Shop.

What is the biggest lesson you learnt at primary school?

OK isn't excellent.

Is there any place you would like to travel to?

Thailand.

What is one thing that you would like to accomplish?

Neat writing.



Sachin Hugh Bartholomeusz

What is one thing that you would like to accomplish?

My Masters degree in Business when I get to University.

What was the most important thing Mrs. Martin taught you at school?

Not everything is a joke.

What has been the most enjoyable part of Mypolonga Primary School?

The School Shop and the new skills we learn.

Is there a place you would want to travel to?

Zimbabwe to study how they live.



Clay Robert Burgess

What do you want to do when you get older?

A Sports' Physio Doctor.

What is one thing you would like to accomplish?

To be able to dunk.

What was the most important thing Mrs. Martin taught you at school?

Meeting people and talking to the people on the Proud Mary.

What has been your biggest achievement at primary school?

Getting a perfect score on Sport's Day.



Maddison Hope Cain

What is one thing you would like to accomplish?

Climbing the Sydney Harbour Bridge.

What was the most important thing Mrs. Martin taught you at school?

How to shake hands.

What has been your biggest achievement at primary school?

Improving my Maths and being House Captain.

What do you want to be when you grow up?

I want to be a Hairdresser or a Nurse.



Family Farewell Thoughts... "The teachers & staff at Mypolonga Primary School are very extraordinary people that go above and beyond their call of duty. We are so grateful for the work and support that they put into our children. It's not only the education, but the Tiger values that they have installed in them. The great foundations they have helped to lay out is going to set our children up for the rest of their lives. We feel as though we have won the lottery and it is a ticket that is worth more than money can buy! Thank you to everyone who has been a part of this amazing school and who has played a part in helping our children to grow into the fantastic young people that they are."

The Ballantyne/Stimpson Family

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

Planning Calendar Term 1 2018

MNLC – Mypolonga Netball League Club
RMFL – River Murray Football League

1	29/1 Term 1 commences Welcome back!	30/1	31/1	1/2 Upper Primary Information Night	2/2 3:00pm Assembly 6:00pm MCSC Friday Night tea	3/2 & 4/2
2	5/2 Newsletter Swimming lessons (Reception to Year 5 students only)	6/2	7/2	8/2	9/2 No Assembly	10/2 & 11/2
3	12/2	13/2 Playgroup Commences Lower Middle Primary enterprise recess commences	14/2 Middle Primary enterprise lunch commences	15/2	16/2 Junior Primary R/1/2 enterprise lunch commences 3:00pm Assembly	17/2 & 18/2
4	19/2 Newsletter Governing Council AGM	20/2 Lower Middle Primary enterprise recess	21/2 Middle Primary enterprise lunch	22/2	23/2 Junior Primary R/1/2 enterprise lunch 3:00pm Assembly	24/2 & 25/2
5	26/2 School Photo Day	27/2 Lower Middle Primary enterprise recess	28/2 Middle Primary enterprise lunch	1/3	2/3 Junior Primary R/1/2 enterprise lunch 3:00pm Assembly 6:00pm MCSC Friday Night tea	3/3 & 4/3
6	5/3 Newsletter	6/3 Lower Middle Primary enterprise recess	7/3 Middle Primary enterprise lunch	8/3	9/3 Junior Primary R/1/2 enterprise lunch 3:00pm Assembly	10/3 & 11/3
7	12/3 Public Holiday	13/3 Lower Middle Primary enterprise recess	14/3 Middle Primary enterprise lunch	15/3	16/3 Junior Primary R/1/2 enterprise lunch	17/3 & 18/3



Community News

Mypolonga RSL Children's Christmas Party – Saturday 16th December 2017 @ the Mypolonga RSL. BBQ tea from 6:00pm. FREE child meals. Father Christmas arrives at 7:15pm. A salad would be appreciated. Everyone welcome!

Mypolonga Uniting Church Christmas Carols Service – Monday 18th December 2017 at 7:00pm. Supper to follow. All welcome!

Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club Christmas Tea – Saturday 23rd December 2017 @ the Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club. Meals served from 6:30pm. Visit by Father Christmas!

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