

Mypolonga Primary School & Community Newsletter

4th December 2017
(Week 8 Term 4)



This is the last week of our classroom recess/lunch enterprise. Thanks to everyone who continually supports our enterprise program. Proceeds raised has subsidised our 2017 camps and events (such as our recent 'movie' morning), whilst teaching our students food preparation and money reconciliation. Well done everyone!

Term 4 2017 Assembly Roster

Week 8 – No assembly (due to concert rehearsal)

Week 9 – (held at the Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club @ 2:30pm / Dismissal 3:25pm)

Amber Gielen, Kobe Hobbs, Haydn Castle

Happy Birthday

5/12 – Joe (Year 4)

6/12 – Maddi (Year 7)

7/12 – Jessica (Year 5)

10/12 – Ella (Year 3)

11/12 – Georgia (Year 5)

12/12 – Rhea (Year 5)




Lost Property

Over the next 2 weeks, we kindly ask parents/caregivers to check our lost property box for any missing jumpers, jackets, containers etc. The box is located in the office administration area and contains items, which are reasonably new! Anything unnamed can become yours!

Newsletter

Our final newsletter for the year will be sent home on Thursday 14th December 2017 following our final assembly at the Club.

Literacy Cup Points		
Total End of Week 7 Term 4 2017		
Hindmarsh		3892
Murray		3862
Finniss		3778



Rita's Roar

Anne's Farewell Tour

Recently, we officially said farewell to Anne Martin, on the first leg of her Farewell Tour, at the Combined Sports' Clubrooms. It was great to see so many people there, acknowledging a stellar career and an amazing person. I want to thank the staff, who catered for, and managed the event and Colleen Wachtel and Vicki Martin who baked her cake. I know Anne was very humbled by the community's response and it's at times like this that we can really appreciate how strong a community which supports each other, can be.

Let's be the wind!

Congratulations to the Middle Primary class for winning the 'Choose Kind' competition and giving the 3 older classes the chance to see the movie 'Wonder'. I would recommend this movie to everyone. There are many layers to the film and it is a great way to facilitate conversations with your kids around kindness, compassion and bullying. I loved the MP's entry in the competition; 'Throw kindness around like confetti. We love that confetti is colourful, light and fun and is easily spread around. Let's all join together and celebrate kindness. Let's be the wind.'

Proud Principal

Last Tuesday night I attended a Rotary meeting where Luke in Year 7 and Jeremy in Year 6 spoke about the camp they attended, organised by Rotary, during the last school holidays. I was very proud of the boys' public speaking and that a mentor on the camp, through Rotary's Interact Club was Jeremy's brother Brayden. Well done.

Another retirement

Last Monday night, we had the last Governing Council meeting for 2017. I would like to acknowledge the wonderful contribution our retiring Chairperson, Ian Payne has made to our school. For over 10 years, Ian has led both the Governing Council and Sustainability Committee. A true advocate of student voice, Ian has enabled the Sustainability Committee to become a student driven organisation, promoting sustainability practices at school and at home. On behalf of Mypolonga Primary School I would like to offer my heartfelt thanks for the support and hard work Ian has put into ensuring our school is as good as it can be.

Condolences

We would like to send our condolences to the Phillips/Temby families on the passing of Robert. We send our love to Helen, Ashley and Sheree and Robert's grandchildren Holly and Lucinda.

Warm Regards
Rita

SAPSASA

Congratulations to Riley Walton and Coen Martin on being selected and competing in their respective SAPSASA teams recently...

Cricket by Riley Walton

'This year, the Murraylands SAPSASA cricket team had a successful week winning the Division 4 championship. This placing now puts the Murraylands team into Division 3. One of the most exciting parts of the week was when one of my teammates took 3 wickets in the last over of the game, which resulted in us winning the grand final.'



Winning the championship in Year 7 was a great way to finish off my last year of primary school. It was great to be part of a winning team.'

Tennis by Coen Martin

'Although the SAPSASA Murraylands tennis team didn't have a very successful week, it was the first time the team was placed in Division 2. I started at number 5 and as the week went on, I was placed at number 3. I ended up winning four of my matches.'



Although we didn't win the championship, it was a great way to finish primary school. I made a lot of new friends and really enjoyed playing a whole week of tennis.'

Choose Kind

Congratulations to the Middle Primary class on recently being crowned state winners in a 'Choose Kind' competition.

The class made a kindness jar, came up with a class precept and then explained their class precept in 25 words. Their prize was an advanced screening of the new movie 'WONDER', which they attended at the Cameo Cinema last Wednesday with the Lower Middle and Upper Primary classes. The movie (and popcorn!) were thoroughly enjoyed. The following was their entry...

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Class Awards

Term 4 Week 6

Junior Primary class

Drazic Ryles - for being so enthusiastic towards STEM.

Lainie Peacock - for moving up in her reading levels.

Junior Primary 1 class

Linton Garner - for putting in lots of effort in Maths.

Lilly Lear - for being very persistent to produce an amazing camp recount.

Lower Middle Primary class

Matilda Stone - working well in multiplication.

James Mueller - excellent work on his newspaper project.

Middle Primary class

Bella Pike - thoughtful and considerate class member.

Marcus Hazel - great effort in solar oven explanation report.

Upper Primary class

Ryder Egel - making smart choices to improve his learning.

Larissa Pike - for balancing her responsibilities with her learning.

Playgroup

What a wonderful & busy year we have had in Playgroup. We have welcomed a lot of new families into the Playgroup community, who are using this opportunity to help transition their children into our school community.

Our Reception students have shown great leadership with the younger children who attend. They have helped with teaching them how to hold their pencil correctly, cutting skills, ball handling skills, classroom and playground rules.



Activities we have been busy with this year have included; Easter craft, Life Education Van, Outdoor Painting, Policeman Dave, Dress ups, Mothers' Day and Fathers' Day gifts.



Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to those students who completed this year's Premier's Reading Challenge. Last week, to celebrate their achievement, medals and certificates were presented to students at an assembly, finished off by a refreshing and rewarding icecream!

Pictured below are Linx Baker, Jamie Cekanauskas and Danté Sandercock with their medals.



Middle Primary Tree Art

Above: artwork by Linx Baker / inspired by Henri Rousseau

Below left: artwork by Claire Ruckenstein / inspired by Rene Margritte

Below right: artwork by Bella Pike / inspired by Friedenreich Hundertwasser



End of Year Reminders/Notices

♦♦ Secret Santa

Your child should now have received a note advising which classmate they are buying for in this year's Secret Santa. On or before Friday 8th December 2017, the wrapped gift can be handed to your child's classroom teacher or SSO (without indicating who it is from on the gift tag).

♦♦ School Magazine/Concert DVD

School magazines will be ready for distribution at the school's final assembly on Thursday 14th December 2017. We will again be recording the school concert for families to buy their own DVD. An order form will be included in the concert program.

♦♦ Concert – Friday 8th December 2017

We have now reached the maximum amount of our concert ticket allocation, so therefore no more tickets are available to purchase. We have checked and all families have received their first allocation. We apologise if you were unable to get additional tickets but due to the hall capacity, if you do not presently have a ticket, you will not be allowed entry. Thank you for your understanding. If, for any reason, you have bought tickets and no longer require them, please contact Necia or Annie in the office.

A final, detailed note regarding student arrival times etc at the concert will be sent home in the next couple of days. A program of the evening will be available at the door.

♦♦ Year 7 Graduation Dinner – Wednesday 13th December 2017

We are in the process of confirming numbers for our Year 7 graduation dinner to be held at the Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club at 6:30pm. Year 7 families, if you haven't already, please notify the office staff of numbers attending as soon as possible. Thanks to the Mypolonga Oval Committee for catering for us.

♦♦ End of Year Assembly - Thursday 14th December 2017 Assembly 2:30pm / Dismissal 3:25pm

To accommodate the large number of families who attend our end of year assembly, we have once again decided to hold this at the Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club.

For those of you who don't know, the clubrooms are on your right hand side just past the turn off you would normally take to get to the school. Students will be transported by our school bus and will be dismissed from there at 3:25pm, with their school bag. Our Wall Flat/Caloote bus students will board the school bus at the club to be taken home, if required.

♦♦ Whole School 'Fun Day' - Friday 15th December 2017

A detailed note regarding our 'Fun Day' will be sent home soon! Dismissal on the last day is at 2:25pm.

♦♦ Medication

All medication stored in the school's first aid room will be returned home with the relevant student on the last day of school. Over the holidays, please check the medication's expiry date in readiness for the new year and remember to include an updated *Authorisation for School Staff to Administer Medication* form with the medicine, which can be obtained from the office or our website.

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

Planning Calendar Term 4 2017

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

8 Last week of class enterprise recess/lunch for the year	4/12 Newsletter Pet Education Program (JP, JP1 & LMP classes)	5/12 Final Playgroup for the year LMP enterprise recess (ice-cream in a cone)	6/12 MP enterprise lunch (salad rolls) Concert full dress rehearsal @ the Mypolonga Institute	7/12 Whole School transition to next year's classes (inc Yr 7 transition @ MBHS)	8/12 Full day concert rehearsal @ Unity College ★ School Concert ★ No Assembly	9/12 & 10/12
9	11/12	12/12	13/12 Mannum Dental Surgery Education Program (whole school) 6:30pm Year 7 Graduation Dinner @ the Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club	14/12 2:30pm Assembly at the Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club (inc presentation of term and year awards) Dismissal from the Club @ 3:25pm Secret Santa	15/12 Last day of Term 4 FUN DAY! Newsletter No Assembly 2:25pm Dismissal	16/12 & 17/12 16/12 – Mypolonga RSL Christmas party



Community News

Mannum Carols By The River – Saturday 9th December 2017. Enjoy a family night on the river! Mary Ann Reserve will be lit up by candles with the sounds of Christmas Carols and talented young performers. Drinks, candles and glo sticks will be available to purchase with a blow up castle for the kids.

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



Planning Calendar Term 1 2018

1	29/1 Term 1 commences Welcome back!	30/1	31/1	1/2	2/2 3:00pm Assembly 6:00pm 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

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Musical Instruments

Students undertaking musical tuition with Peter Longden, and those who have been working with Danny Baker, are kindly asked to return their school-owned musical instruments to the office by Tuesday, 12th December 2017. This will enable us to conduct a stocktake of the instruments and make sure the instruments are in peak condition for next year.

ac.care Christmas Hamper

Making Christmas cheerful...

SRC would like to thank those families who have donated food items towards the ac.care Christmas hamper.

The hamper will remain in the office until tomorrow afternoon (**Tuesday 5th December 2017**), which we hope to fill and provide to individuals and families who are accessing ac.care services. Thank you to the Deane family for organising pickup and delivery for us.