

MYPO NEWS

Mypolonga Primary School & Community Newsletter

"Positive people don't just have a good day; they make it a good day." Richard Branson

Term 1, Week 4 20 February 2018

Term 1 Assembly Roster

Week 4 - Madalyn Uren, Zac Kennison & Zenith Smith

Week 5 - Jackson Ross, Heath Matheson & Matilda Stone

Enclosed with this Newsletter

. Swimming lessons highlights
. 2018 House Captains/Vice Captains

Happy Birthday!

28/2 - Jorja (Year 3)

29/2 - Aila (Year 1)

2/3 - Tehya (Year 4)

3/3 - Jackson (Year 7)

4/3 - Sophie (Year 2)

5/3 - Haydn (Year 4)

5/3 - Oliver (Reception)

School Photo Day

A reminder that School Photo Day will be held on Monday 26th February 2018. Please return the individual or family envelopes to the school office by this Friday 23rd February 2018.

Lost Property

Our lost property box is already full of unnamed jumpers, jackets, food containers and drink bottles. Please remember to label ALL items, so we can find them a home if lost! Permanent markers can be borrowed from the office for labelling!



Government of South Australia
Department for Education and
Child Development

Rita's Roar

We all had a great time on Friday at the Family Fun Night down at the river. It was lovely to see so many families there and I couldn't believe how long the kids stayed in the water! I would like to thank the Rural City of Murray Bridge, which supplied the sausages. It was great to see our Mayor, Brenton Lewis and his PA (and Mypo champion) Ros Kruger connecting with our community. Their commitment to our community is much appreciated!

I had to spend the day in Adelaide with my principal colleagues, but I was comfortable, knowing that Team Mypo had everything under control. A big thank you to Necia and David for their impeccable organisation, Dee and Governing Council member Mel Wilson who served the food, Cass & Brendan Rathjen for supplying the onions and Mary Gill for cutting them up. Chefs Ian and Dave did a great job cooking the barbie. (Keep your eyes open for our Facebook post). Thank you Baker and Gillett families for bringing kayaks: a big hit. These things don't just happen; there are lots of behind-the scene processes in place to make it happen, which our community is renowned for.



Now that swimming is over, we can focus more strongly on our core business of teaching and learning. We have a number of whole school processes in place to support literacy and numeracy. From Reception to Year 2 we have allocated extra teacher support to implement Jolly Phonics and Jolly Grammar, and from Years 3-7 'stage not age' groupings are in place to support reading and maths. These groups are very fluid and we continually review where students need to be.

At Mypo, we consider our older students to be on the learning journey alongside us, as leaders of learning. I have been incredibly impressed by our House Captains, who have hit the ground running: they have organised team meetings to inspire reading and prepare younger students for Sports' Day. They have performance meetings with me, around how to grow their leadership skills. It is also so heartening to see parent and student ownership of both the Sustainability and Lifelong Learning Communities. These groups drive the implementation of our Site Improvement Plan.

This year, our Site Improvement Plan has 3 key drivers:

- **STEM:** which means **S**cience, **T**echnology, **E**ngineering and **M**aths, but which we call: **S**olving, **T**hinking, **E**xploring and **M**aking.
- **Guided Reading:** where we aim to increase R-3 reading to equal 4-7 reading.
- **Consistency of student and teacher judgement:** to build everyone's capacity to set goals and then surpass them.

We will keep you informed throughout the year as to how our plan is progressing.

Another leadership body is our SRC and I wish to congratulate the students who were elected, and Kerry, who makes the SRC such an empowered, dynamic and inclusive team. A sub-committee is the World Vision Committee, and more news will be following. A major focus for this term is the Disco. Stay tuned for more info.

Welcome to our school...

In Week 1, we welcomed Willow Cazzolato to our school. Willow is in Year 2 in the Junior Primary 1 class. We welcome Willow and her family to Mypolonga Primary School and community and hope they enjoy their learning experiences with us.



Literacy Cup Results (end of Wk 3 & progressive total)

Gold (Finnis) 100/131 points

Blue (Hindmarsh) 138/174 points

Red (Murray) 116/152 points

2018 Parent/Teacher Interviews

Parent/teacher interviews for all students will be held during Week 9, commencing Monday 26th March 2018 until Wednesday 28th March 2018 (some classes may have Thursday 29th March 2018 available).

Sports' Day

Our school Sports' Day is scheduled to be held on Wednesday 4th April 2018 (Week 10). Our new students have been allocated house teams and have been notified of their house colour.

On the day, we ask that all students wear a t-shirt in the colour of their house team, with black shorts/track pants. Further information on the day, including how you can help by being a station manager, will be provided closer to the date.

SRC School Disco

Our annual SRC school disco will be held on Friday 16th March 2018 (Week 7) at the Mypolonga Institute.

Details on the dress up theme and further information will be provided in the near future!

Congratulations to Leah and Leila who have been appointed as Enterprise Leaders. They work with us to manage the Shop and determine how profits are spent. They also coordinate visits to the school from outside bodies, 3 of which are already booked in!

And lastly... Congratulations to Finance Officer Annie on another flawless audit. The auditor commented that her books were the best she'd seen.

Warm Regards, Rita

Premier's Reading Challenge

Once again, the whole school is participating in the Premier's Reading Challenge. The Challenge continues to be an important initiative that supports the State Government's commitment to improve Reception to Year 12 students' literacy skills and encourages them to enjoy reading. Each student has a record sheet kept at school where they record books they have read. Teachers, SSOs, peers or parent helpers chat with them about the books to establish that the student has comprehended the story. It is a requirement that to finish the Challenge, a student reads a minimum of 8 books from the Premier's list and 4 books of their own choice. The Challenge is to be completed by 7th September 2018.



Please help younger students to read their library books, returning them to the Library on their borrowing day; **Junior Primary** Friday, **Junior Primary 1** Monday, **Lower Middle Primary** Wednesday, **Middle Primary** Tuesday. If you have any queries, please contact our Librarian, Jane Rumbelow.

Mathletics

Our school has once again paid for registration of Mathletics (for Junior Primary 1 and above) students. Mathletics is a web based numeracy and literacy learning program, which integrates home and school learning via the Internet. Your child has a 24 hour access to the program by using a unique user name and password, which they can also use at home.



Typing Tournament

Touch typing is a skill receiving greater emphasis in the Australian Curriculum. To support our students become proficient typists, the school has purchased a program called Typing Tournament (for Junior Primary 1 and above students). It is similar to Mathletics in that each student has a username and password and can be accessed at home.

When you have a free minute, take a look at both programs, so that you can gain a greater understanding of how Mathletics and Typing Tournament will benefit your child. To view the programs, visit www.mathletics.com.au and www.typingtournament.com.au and log in using your child's user name and password, which should be in their diary or communication books.

Playgroup

We had a wonderful start to Playgroup this year with a large number of new and continuing Playgroup members attending our first session last Tuesday. Children and parents were involved in tracing and decorating their hands, which will form part of the *Playgroup family tree*, to be on show outside the Junior Primary / Playgroup area.



Student Drop Off/Pick Up

As mentioned in our previous newsletter, we remind parents/caregivers to drop off and pick up their child/ren from the **Williams Street entrance** of the school **after 8:30am**, when a teacher is on yard duty. **Please do not drop off or collect your children from the back of the school (in the staff car parking area) as there is not enough room and a bottle-neck occurs.** This is a **significant** safety concern and we need to keep everyone safe!

Student Absences

When students are late or going to be absent from school, parents/caregivers (not siblings or friends) must provide the school with an appropriate explanation for the student's non-attendance. Usually, this comprises a note in the student's school diary/communication case, a telephone call or an email to either your child's class teacher or the office. Out of school hours, you may leave a voicemail message on the school's message bank. If there are any unexplained absences at the end of the week, our Student Wellbeing Leader will contact the parent/caregiver to ask for the reason of absence.

Families seeking extended leave (5 days or more) for family holidays must apply in writing to the school for an exemption, using the appropriate form, available from the office or on our website.

Wellbeing Wonders

Bullying... No way!

It doesn't matter whether it's physical, psychological or even cyber. Bullying is a concern that our school takes very seriously and is working to address. If you suspect your child is being bullied, you should talk with your child and make an appointment with the teacher or school Principal to discuss your concerns. It is also important to encourage your child to report bullying behaviours to a trusted adult at school as quickly as possible after an incident of bullying. Bullying thrives in a culture of secrecy, so telling the school is very important.

Some signs of bullying might include:

- . Loss of confidence
- . Changes in eating or sleeping habits, possibly bedwetting
- . Health problems such as headaches or stomach aches
- . Unhappiness or mood swings with sudden temper tantrums
- . Reluctance to go to school and changes in academic performance

What you can do:

- . Talk with your child about school and keep the lines of communication open so children are more likely to confide in you.
- . Encourage your child to feel okay to ask others for help and to keep their own safety in mind.
- . Ensure your child knows how to report bullying and to ask you for help when needed.
- . Report the incident to a teacher. Don't try to sort out the situation yourself.
- . Make sure you are modelling healthy behaviours to your child, especially in relation to conflict resolution and anger management.

Help protect your child from harassment and cyber-bullying by closely monitoring internet use and installing free internet filters.

For more information and ideas to understand and deal with bullying, visit the *Bullying. No way!* website www.bullyingnoway.com.au. For immediate help, children and young people can phone the Kids HelpLine (1800 551 1800) or visit the Kids HelpLine website at www.kidshelpline.com.au

Cheers, Kerry Daniel, Student Wellbeing Leader

Lower Middle Primary Abstract Faces





Swimming Lessons 2018

Reception to Year 5



Introducing & Congratulations to our

2018 House Captains & Vice Captains



Zoe Bettcher
Captain



Ryder Egel
Captain



Madalyn Uren
Vice Captain



Harry Stone
Vice Captain

Murray (red)

The Murray River was originally named the Hume River by Hamilton Hume, in honour of his father. It was later renamed the Murray, in honour of Sir George Murray, Secretary of the State for Colonies of the British Government in 1830.



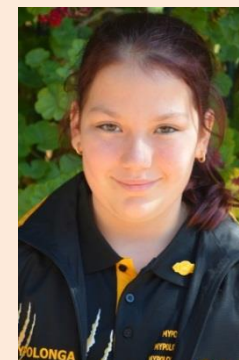
Baylee Cooper
Captain



Mitchell Pahl
Captain



Jade Prosser
Vice Captain



Jamie Cekanauskas
Vice Captain

Finnis (gold)

John Finnis rode overland with Charles Sturt in 1938. He published the first South Australian Hansard (a record of what is said in parliament). His portrait hangs in the Adelaide Art Gallery.



Katie Hutchinson
Captain



Benjamin Peterson
Captain



Erin McDonald
Vice Captain



Mackenzie Lindner
Vice Captain

Hindmarsh (blue)

John Hindmarsh was the first Governor of South Australia. He arrived in 1836 and had to decide where to build the capital city. Hindmarsh wanted it near the mouth of the Murray, but Colonel Light wanted it near its current site. Many places in S.A. are named after Governor Hindmarsh.

'A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way.'

John C Maxwell

Planner

MCSC - Mypolonga Combined Sports Club / MFC - Mypolonga Football Club / MBHS - Murray Bridge High School / MNLC - Mypolonga Netball League Club

Week 4	19/2 . 7:00pm Governing Council AGM	20/2 . Playgroup . Newsletter . LMP enterprise recess	21/2 . MP enterprise lunch	22/2 . Upper Primary Information evening (6:00pm tea/6:30pm meeting)	23/2 . JP/JP1 enterprise lunch . 3:00pm Assembly	24/2 & 25/2
Week 5	26/2 . School Photo Day	27/2 . Playgroup . LMP enterprise recess	28/2 . MP enterprise lunch	1/3	2/3 . JP/JP1 enterprise lunch . 3:00pm Assembly . 6:30pm MCSC tea	3/3 & 4/3 3/3 - Mannum Show
Week 6	5/3 . Newsletter	6/3 . Playgroup . LMP enterprise recess	7/3 . MP enterprise lunch . MFC under 13s training commences @ 4:45pm	8/3	9/3 . JP/JP1 enterprise lunch . 3:00pm Assembly	10/3 & 11/3
Week 7	12/3 Public Holiday	13/3 . Playgroup . LMP enterprise recess . 3:45pm Sustainability meeting	14/3 . MP enterprise lunch	15/3	16/3 . JP/JP1 enterprise lunch . No Assembly . School Disco	17/3 & 18/3
Week 8	19/3 . Newsletter . 3:45pm Life Long Learning committee meeting . 7:00pm Finance / 7:30pm Governing Council meeting	20/3 . Playgroup . LMP enterprise recess	21/3 . MP enterprise lunch . Harmony Day	22/3	23/3 . MBHS formal . JP/JP1 enterprise lunch	24/3 & 25/3

Community News

The **Sports Vouchers program** is a Government of South Australia initiative administered by the Office for Recreation and Sport. The program provides an opportunity for primary school aged children from Reception to Year 7 to receive up to a \$50 discount on sports membership/registration fees. Mypolonga Football Club and Mypolonga Netball Club are both approved providers of this program. Click on the link for further details! <http://www.sportsvouchers.sa.gov.au>

Mypolonga Football Club 90th Birthday Celebrations - Keep the weekend free! Friday 29th June 2018 to Sunday 1st July 2018. Round 12 -v- Mannum. An invitation is extended to members, past & current players, families and community members to be part of Mypolonga Football Club's 90th Birthday Weekend of Celebrations. Keep an eye on the Mypolonga Football Club Facebook page for further information and updates! Spread the word and invite anyone you may think would like to attend. We are looking forward to a great weekend at Tigerland to relive memories and rekindle friendships. Hope to see you there!

The **Mannum Show** is being held on Saturday 3rd March 2018 at the Mannum Showgrounds/Oval. Entertainment will include magic shows, Carp throwing contest, green and gold show bag trail and live music. Visit <http://www.mannumshow.org> for further details.

Interested to know what **performances** are coming up in the **Rural City of Murray Bridge**? Visit <http://www.murraybridge.sa.gov.au/WhatsOn> to find out!

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