

MYPO NEWS

Mypolonga Primary School & Community Newsletter

"There are no strangers here; only friends you haven't yet met."

William Butler Yeats, Irish Poet, 1865 - 1939

Term 1, Week 8 19 March 2018

Term 1 Assembly Roster

Week 8 - Jamie Cekanaukas, Phebe Nutt,
Blake Kennedy

Week 9 - No assembly (due to Easter)

Happy Birthday!

22/3 - Winchester (Year 1)

24/3 - Fred (Year 4)

30/3 - Lilly (Reception)

1/4 - Torre (Year 3)

Calendar Dates

Student Free Day

. Friday 29th June 2018

School Closure Day

. Friday 31st August 2018

The school will be closed on the above dates.

Traffic/parking reminders

Please be mindful of...

. the 50km per hour change in speed as you come into Mypolonga (near the Institute) and 25km per hour zone on Williams Street.

. please use the student crossing when crossing the road at all times, especially after school when our traffic monitors and a teacher is on duty.

. the 15 minute parking zone outside the Mypolonga General Store (particularly during assembly time).

. 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.



Government of South Australia
Department for Education and
Child Development

Rita's Roar

The past fortnight has been jam-packed with high quality learning experiences. Our Social Ventures Australia visit was a resounding success. We had to do a 2 hour presentation about our school. Enterprise leaders Leila and Leah explained how the Shop worked. (There is an article on the School Shop in this month's 'Parents' Say' magazine. It can be found online at http://www.saaspc.org.au/assets/saaspc-parents-say-february_2018.pdf). The Upper Primary students explained how, in their Monday Metacognition lessons, they learn about how they learn and how to lead. The leaders from the sites were very impressed by their clarity about learning and how well they articulated their thoughts.

Margot Foster (Director of Professional Practice: Learning Improvement Division DECD) sent me the following email: 'To see your kids and community and their gob-smacking articulation of what you've achieved there was the needed pick-me-up. I was blown away – thank you, thank you, thank you for re-inspiring me.' On top of that Georgia, Claire, Craig and Ben catered for the day with help from Annie, David and Cass. Sue Cridge from SVA said that the catering had 'set new benchmarks' and I was very proud of the way the catering crew conducted themselves and used their initiative.



Coincidentally, I was approached by the University of Adelaide, who are running a program, to raise aspirations and develop a love of learning by issuing students involved in Children's University of Australia with a 'Passport to Learning' which records their individual learning journey. After 30 hours of out-of-school learning, the children are rewarded for their participation with certificates at a graduation ceremony in Adelaide.

Each student will have the opportunity to graduate once per year, and all hours roll over to the following year so that they can continue to build on their total. We are trialling the program with our Upper Primary class as it dove-tails beautifully into our Monday Metacognition: Learning for Leadership. When we saw that the graduation caps and gowns were black and gold we just knew that we had to participate!

Literacy Cup Results (end of Wk 7 & progressive total)

Blue (Hindmarsh) 92/574 points

Red (Murray) 76/498 points

Gold (Finnis) 56/458 points

Parent/Teacher Interviews Monday 26th March - Wednesday 28th March 2018

Please note that the online booking process for parent/teacher interviews has now closed. If you haven't yet booked an interview, and would like to do so, or need to reschedule your interview, please contact Necia or Annie in the first instance.

Class Awards - Term 1 Week 4

Junior Primary Class

Azalea Baker - for zooming up in her reading levels.

Mia Rathjen - for zooming up in her reading levels.

Junior Primary 1 Class

Drazic Ryles - for putting lots of effort into his weekend recount.

Charlotte Pahl - for trying her best in Jolly Grammar to challenge herself.

Lower Middle Primary Class

Reagan Martin - DOUBLE AWARD! Above & Beyond!! Helping with positive play equipment every week!

Middle Primary Class

Hayden Dahlitz - making an effort to focus and work hard in class.

Ariel Challenger - working hard on problem solving in Maths and helping others.

Upper Primary Class

Jackson Ross - for going above & beyond to provide assistance in the classroom.

Mitchell Pahl - for going above & beyond to provide assistance in the classroom.

As you are aware all teachers attended professional learning on the Student Free Day on reading. I cannot stress enough, how important reading is. Reading builds vocabulary. At Mypo we take reading very seriously and I am very proud of the way most of our students have embraced the Literacy Cup. However, there is a small core of students who rarely read at home and the gap between those students and those who read will widen over time. Please work with us to build everyone's capacity to improve.

The next two weeks are extremely busy, with parent teacher interviews, Sport's Day and Disco preparation. Excitement is building; it's going to be a great few weeks!

Warm Regards, Rita

Introducing SRC Year 6 representative... Georgia Martin

As an SRC Member, I hope to... make all the special days we organise amazing and make our money go to the best charities.

Something you don't know about me is... I love netball and I am in my 4th year of playing this year.

I read... books written by Meredith Costain.

I watch... Netflix and Foxtel.

I listen to... all sorts of music mum plays in the car.

One day I hope to... make everyone happy so no one feels left out.

If I could change something in the world, I would... make everyone equal and help those who are poor.

The best thing about Mypolonga Primary School is... the School Shop because I love how students are able to work in it.

Someone I really look up to is... my mum **because...** she puts everyone before herself and cares about each person equally.



SRC Disco Tea

When: Friday 6th April 2018 (prior to the school disco)

Time: from 5:30pm

Where: Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club

This tea is a great opportunity to meet other family members of the school and community. Parents/caregivers are most welcome to stay at the Club while their child/ren are at the disco, before collecting them at 9:00pm from the Mypolonga Institute. Bar facilities at the Club will be available, with drinks at a reasonable price! A menu & pre-order form is enclosed with this newsletter.

If you would like to help at the tea (ie. take orders, serve meals, tidy up or wash dishes) please contact Necia in the office 85354191 or by email info@mypolongaps.sa.edu.au. Any help would be very much appreciated, and, if we get enough volunteers, only take up a short amount of your time.

All proceeds from the tea will go towards the annual SRC End of Year Fun Day.

Community members are more than welcome to attend, however, preordering meals would be appreciated.

Class Awards - Term 1 Week 5

Junior Primary Class

Bailey Rothe - for showing resilience towards her fears and enjoying school.

Oliver North - for becoming confident and taking small steps towards school life.

Junior Primary 1 Class

Makayla Baker - for trying her best to improve in all subject areas.

Carla Hanks - for persisting through difficult tasks with a positive attitude.

Lower Middle Primary Class

Brandan Pahl - for showing a growth mindset by the way he improved his swimming writing.

Torre Gale - excellent work in problem solving in Maths.

Middle Primary Class

Leroy Rathjen - excellent engagement and participation in our Government discussion.

Jacinta Clark - for putting in extra effort in all areas, especially home learning.

Upper Primary Class

Ava Lindner - perseverance in Maths and growth mindset.

Leah Ferguson - being a fantastic Sports' Day support leader.

Coles Sports for Schools vouchers

Thank you to everyone who is supporting Mypolonga Primary School in the Coles Sports for Schools program this year. We are receiving a fantastic number of vouchers in all boxes (Mypolonga General Store, school office, Coles stores and Coles Express). The more vouchers we receive, the more sports equipment we can order!

Vouchers will be given out at Coles checkouts until Tuesday 3rd April 2018. You have until Friday 11th May 2018 to bring your vouchers into school. We are then required to pack all vouchers into prepaid sachets and post them back to Coles.

Our special delivery of brand new sports equipment should arrive from the beginning of Term 3.

Middle Primary Class...

What is a Democracy?

A democracy is a form of government, where all eligible citizens participate equally and vote to elect representatives.

The Middle Primary class has been learning about forms of government. This is very timely with our state election held on Saturday.

Recently, the Middle Primary and Lower Middle Primary classes had a visit from Kelly Kuhn (pictured), who is Deputy Mayor of Mid Murray Council (and Elouise and Jorja's mum). Kelly was asked to speak to our students about our Government system with emphasis on our Local Government as part of the Civics and Citizenship topic in the Australian Curriculum. The students were very interested in this topic and Kelly was impressed with their input in the discussion. Thank you very much Kelly, we thoroughly enjoyed your presentation and we learnt lots!!! The class also created some wonderful artwork on the topic using water colours & charcoal.. below (clockwise); work by Hayden Dahlitz, Haylee Sinclair, Zac Kennison & Lyam Marshall.



The Carly Ryan Foundation - Thread App

www.carlyryanfoundation.com

'Thread' is a personal safety app for children (aged from 8 years) that combines the benefits of contemporary technology with clever design and personal devices.

In stressful situations, where only one action can be taken, Thread provides an immediate connection between; a user's location, trusted contacts and emergency services.

For more information, and to download this app, go to www.thethreadapp.com.



Dental Services for Children

The School Dental Service offers dental services for all children under 18 years who live or go to school in South Australia. Dental services are provided by teams of dentists, oral health therapists and dental assistances at clinics throughout South Australia.

Dental care is FREE for all babies, all children not yet at school and most children and young people under 18 years.

The best time for a child's first dental check up is between 12 and 18 months of age.

If your child has a dental emergency such as facial swelling, bleeding or trauma, during business hours, ring 1300008222. If your child has an emergency after hours, call healthdirect Australia on 1800022222.

For further information, visit <http://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au> and search 'dental services for children'.

Wellbeing Wonders 25 Things You Can Do Right Now to Build a Child's Confidence

taken from an article - biglifejournal.com

"Self-confidence is the foundation of all great success and achievement" - Brian Tracy

'Confidence is vitally important to a child's future happiness, health, and success. Confident children are better equipped to deal with peer pressure, responsibility, frustrations, challenges, and both positive and negative emotions.

And what is the KEY factor in developing a child's confidence? YOU! The child's parents and teachers.

No pressure, right? Don't worry - building a child's confidence doesn't have to be an intimidating or complicated task. In fact, you can make it fun!

Check out the following, most of you are already building confidence in your child...keep it up!

Cheers, Kerry

1 Ensure they know your love is unconditional	2 Give age appropriate chores around the house or classroom	3 Address them by their name	4 Give them age appropriate 'special tasks' to help you out	5 Join their play (and let them lead)
6 Focus on improving your own confidence	7 Ask them for advice or their opinion	8 Make special time together	9 Let them make age appropriate choices	10 Set aside time when you give them undivided attention
11 Encourage them to try a theatre class	12 Praise them the right way	13 Let them overhear you speaking positively about them to others	14 Resist comparing them to others	15 Practice positive self talk with them
16 Hang their portraits or artwork around the home or classroom	17 Teach them how to set and achieve goals	18 Encourage to try new things to develop new skills	19 Help them discover their interests and passions	20 Help them overcome the fear of failure
21 Encourage them to express their feelings	22 Make sure they know you're upset with their choices, not who they are	23 Surround them with positive, confident people (including their friends)	24 Create a Wall of Fame to recognise their achievements	25 Shower them with hugs

Sporting achievements

Congratulations to Year 7 student **Leah Ferguson** on being selected to represent South Australia in the Clay Target Shooting national ladies championship.



Leah is currently competing in Wagga Wagga, New South Wales and we look forward to hearing of her exciting week away.

Good luck Leah!!!

Congratulations to Year 7 students **Jade Prosser** and **Katie Hutchinson** on being selected and competing in the Under 14 Division 2 South Australian Country State Basketball Championships in Mount Gambier recently.



The girls won all but one game (only losing that game by 1 point), but came out and won the grand final!

Well done girls!

Congratulations to Year 6 student **Craig Gillett** and Year 7 student **Jeremy George** on being selected in the Murraylands team for the boys SAPSASA Softball State Carnival, being held at West Beach from 9th-13th April 2018. Good luck boys and have a great week!

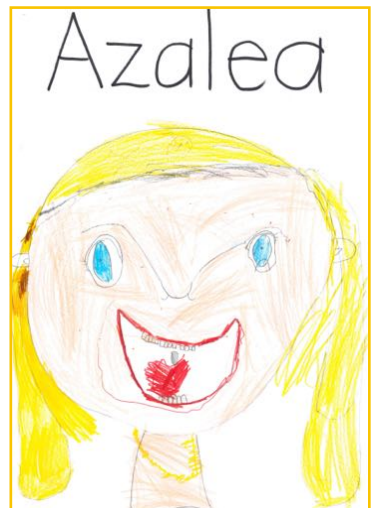
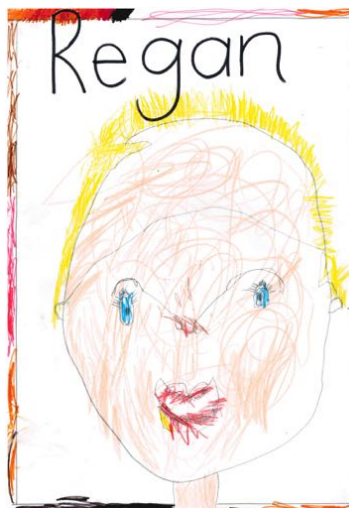
Old Scholar News

Congratulations to ex student **Jack Kluske** on recently signing a contract with Port Adelaide Football Club. Jack has already participated in the club's trial games, with some promising results.

We look forward to following Jack's SANFL journey in the season ahead!

** Do you have any old scholar news you would like to share? We love to follow our students' journey when they leave us, whether it be sporting or academic.*

Junior Primary Self Portraits



Lower Middle Primary Narratives

In narratives, authors use similes to create mental pictures for the reader. Similes are a way to compare two things using 'like' or 'as'.



Work by (clockwise from top left)..
Maddy Ray, Hayden Clark,
Connor Fulwood &
Brandan Pahl

Rotations

Each week, our Year 6/7 students rotate through different activities; inside counter, outside counter, reconciliation board; visitor’s book, chocolate coating, bagging apricots & peaches, door, map, garden, lemonade, greeting visitors and supervision of younger students.



OUTSIDE COUNTER
MACKENZIE & GEORGIA



GREETING OUR VISITORS
BENJAMIN



INSIDE COUNTER
HARRY, DALLAS & MAKAYLA

SCHOOL SHOP



RECONCILIATION BOARD
ZOE & LOGAN

How did the Shop start?

When the Post Office opposite the school became vacant in 1996, a student (Stephanie Fulwood, Connor & Scarlette’s aunty) suggested we convert it into a shop. From humble beginnings, and now on school grounds, a bus load of tourists from the Proud Mary visits the School Shop every Friday, as part of their weekly itinerary. We also have visits from a variety of community groups ie. Rotary and Probus. Our students (and returning past students) also operate the shop in the school holidays.

How are students assessed?

Each rotation has criteria for assessment, which are documented in our shop assessment books. Excellence is an expectation, and is the only assessment that counts. ‘OK isn’t excellent!’ After 25 excellents, we achieve ‘Quality Assurance’ which means we can assess others.



MAP - ‘WHERE IN THE WORLD DO YOU COME FROM?’
LEILA

How are profits spent?

The student led Shop Committee (Leila & Leah Shop Leaders) makes decisions on how profits are spent.

There are two criteria:

1. Improve our business - we bought a dishwasher to wash lemonade cups.
2. Improve our learning - we bought art supplies for our school.

Classes also use their profits to subsidise camps & excursions.

Visitor Feedback...

‘An excellent school in every way - Love your motto for life - **TIGER!**’, Rosetta Village, Encounter Bay, South Australia

‘Wish I had been able to go to school here’, Margaret, Narellan, New South Wales

‘An excellent enterprise program! Well done.. service with a smile’, Dot, Christchurch, New Zealand

Teamwork

Integrity

Generosity of Spirit

Excellence

Respect

Est. 1916

Mypolonga Primary School

Planner

MCSC - Mypolonga Combined Sports Club / MFC - Mypolonga Football Club / MBHS - Murray Bridge High School / MNLC - Mypolonga Netball League Club / MCC - Mypolonga Cricket Club / SVA - Social Ventures Australia / YEL - Young Environmental Leaders

Week 8	19/3 . 9:00am Parent/Teacher interview bookings close . 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 . JP/JP1 enterprise lunch . 3:00pm Assembly . MBHS formal	24/3 & 25/3
Week 9	26/3 . Parent/teacher interviews	27/3 . Playgroup . YEL . LMP enterprise recess . Parent/teacher interviews	28/3 . MP enterprise lunch . Parent/teacher interviews	29/3	30/3 Good Friday (no School Shop)	31/3 & 1/4 Easter Saturday/Sunday Daylight savings ends
Week 10	2/4 Easter Monday	3/4 . Playgroup . LMP enterprise recess . Newsletter	4/4 . Sports' Day . No enterprise lunch	5/4	6/4 . JP/JP1 enterprise lunch . 3:00pm Assembly . 5:30pm SRC Disco Tea @ the MCSC . 7:00pm Disco @ the Mypolonga Institute	7/4 & 8/4 7/4 - Round 1 RMFL/RMNL -v- Meningie @ Mypo
Week 11	9/4 No enterprise recess/lunch available this week	10/4 . Playgroup	11/4	12/4 . 3:00pm End of Term Assembly (held at the school) . 3:25pm dismissal	13/4 . Newsletter . 2:25pm dismissal	14/4 & 15/4 14/4 - Round 2 RMFL/RMNA Mypolonga bye

Community News

Mypolonga Cricket Club Junior & Senior Presentation Night - Saturday 21st April 2018 from 6:30pm @ the Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club. MCC members, friends and family (U13s, U15s, C Grade & A Grade) all welcome. Child meals \$5.00-\$10.00. Adult meals \$10.00-\$15.00. Any queries, please contact Kym Walton 0488020715. Also, good luck to the A grade, C grade and Under 15 teams who are competing in this weekend's Murray Towns Cricket Association grand finals. Best of luck also to teacher Jacob Rance who is playing for opposition team Monarto Cricket Club in the A Grade grand final.

Mypolonga Football Club's website is currently being updated! Keep an eye on the transformation of the Club's website, as it brings in it's 90th year.

Mypolonga Netball League Club Travel mugs (pictured right) available to purchase...\$20.00 each. No need to order, just catch up with Kerry Daniel with your cash payment at netball trainings and home games. The mugs only have 'Tigers' and 'Mypolonga' written on them, so would be great for netball and football. They would also make a perfect gift idea!

School Shop - Good Friday Please note that we will **not** be opening the School Shop on Good Friday this year, allowing families and staff to enjoy a well deserved break over Easter.



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