

MYPO NEWS

Mypolonga Primary School & Community Newsletter

"A book is a magical thing that lets you travel to far-away places without ever leaving your chair."

Katrina Mayer is an American writer, motivational speaker, corporate executive and an ordained interfaith minister.

Term 3, Week 8 10th September 2018

Term 3 Assembly Roster

Week 8 - **No Assembly** (due to Book Fair)
Week 9 - Jade Burgess, Lyam Marshall, Jorja Kuhn
Week 10 (**being held on Tuesday 25th September 2018 - due to camp**)
- Georgia Martin, Ellie Pontt, Matilda Stone

Student Free Day

Monday 17th September 2018. **The school will be closed on this day** (staff @ Taillem Bend Primary School to examine assessment and moderation of writing).

Happy birthday!

14/9 - Charlie (Year 4)
15/9 - Linx (Year 6)
16/9 - Dallas (Year 6)
16/9 - Danté (Year 2)
21/9 - Ryder (Year 7)
21/9 - James-Noah (Year 5)
23/9 - Mikaela (Year 2)
25/9 - Shelby (Year 4)

Notes to be returned

**Lower Middle/Middle Primary Year 3-Year 5
El Shaddai (Wellington) camp
Wednesday 26th September to Friday 28th
September 2018**

. Transport details form and consent form for camp to be returned by 18/9/18

**Junior Primary Reception-Year 2
Narnu Farm (Hindmarsh Island) camp
Wednesday 14th November to Thursday 15th
November 2018**

. Commitment to pay and consent form for camp to be returned by 21/9/18

**Upper Primary Year 6-Year 7
Murray Bridge Aquatics Camp
Monday 12th November to Wednesday 14th
November 2018**

. Transport note and commitment to pay to be returned by 21/9/18.



Government of South Australia
Department for Education

We Roar As One!

Attendance

The Department for Education sets an attendance target of 95%. We have met this target in the past, however we are noticing a number of families who are having significant time out of school. Attendance is monitored by the Department and I am required to meet with Stan Hagias, our Education Director around specific student/family attendance issues.

Frequent absences make it difficult for teachers who have to continually re-teach information and skills. While winter is a time for coughs and colds, we are noticing significant absences for family related events, such as birthdays. As there is a direct correlation between attendance and achievement, please think carefully before allowing your child to stay home. Parents/caregivers (not siblings or friends), must provide a valid reason for their child being absent ie. illness/family. This may comprise a note in the child's diary, a telephone call, a message left on our answering machine (after hours) or email to info@mypolongaps.sa.edu.au, preferably by Friday of that week.

Did you know?

- Missing one day a week from school from Reception to Year 10 means missing two years and one term of schooling.
 - Patterns of attendance/absence are set up in the early years of schooling.
 - Students who are frequently absent from school are over-represented in the juvenile justice system.
 - Girls who are frequently absent from school are over-represented in the statistics for teenage pregnancies.
 - Poor attendance makes it difficult for students to form positive relationships with their peers.
 - Research shows that students who are often absent from school are likely to earn less than their peers as adults.
- (DECD Attendance Improvement Package)

Book Week

We postponed Book Week until Week 8 because Annie was away. On Friday we will not be able to have an assembly due to the Book Fair being in the library. We would be more than happy, though, for families to join in our Book Week celebrations from 2:15pm on, this Friday.



Ready for the unveiling of our books...
Isabelle, Lainie, Luke & Lucinda

A Reminder

On Monday 17th September, we will be joining our colleagues at Taillem Bend Primary School to do professional learning around the assessment and moderation of writing. The school will be closed on this day.

Warm Regards, Rita

Class Awards - Term 3 Week 4

Junior Primary Class

Hannah Burdett - for showing true loyalty to her friends.

Pheonix Sandercock - for always putting in 100% in her speech program.

Junior Primary 1 Class

Pippa Smith - for trying her best to always show all of our school values.

Mikaela Watts - for always tackling each task with positivity.

Lower Middle Primary Class

Levi Nutt - very enthusiastic class member.

Brady Roden - working hard on his times tables.

Middle Primary Class

Phebe Nutt - creative and thoughtful responses in STEM.

Zac Kennison - dedication to Nude Food Day.

Upper Primary Class

Mackenzie Lindner - for having a 'Growth Mindset' in Maths.

Baylee Cooper - for having a go at tricky new Math concepts.

End of Term 3 Assembly/ Dismissal

Tuesday 25th September 2018

3:00pm End of Term Assembly, including presentation of Student of the Term and Most Improved Student of the Term awards
3:25pm Dismissal

Friday 28th September 2018

2:25pm Dismissal

Literacy Cup Results (end of Week 7 Term 3 and progressive total)

Blue (Hindmarsh) 97 / 2915 points

Red (Murray) 92 / 2779 points

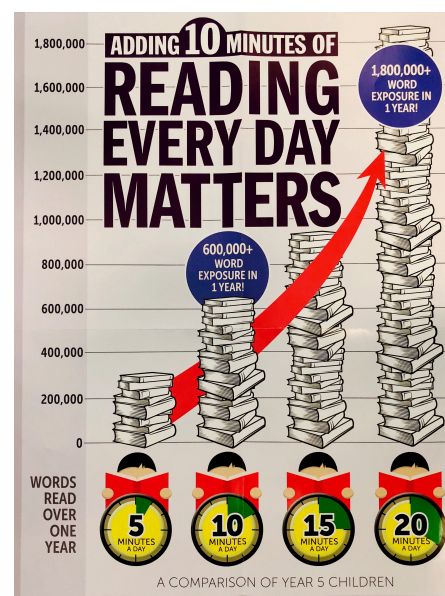
Gold (Finnis) 100 / 2520 points

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Year 3 student Felicity Donald on auditioning and being accepted as part of the mass ensemble for Wizard of Oz - The Arena Spectacular. Fliss will be performing in Adelaide in October 2019 and we look forward to hearing about her exciting experience.

Book Fair - Friday 14th September 2018

A reminder that this Friday (14th September, 2018), the Library will be holding a Book Fair. During the week, books will be on display in the Library for class viewing. The children will have a little 'wish list' form which they will bring home, listing the books they are interested in. On Friday, the books will be available to purchase from 8:00am to 10:00am. Parents of bus students may wish to bring their child to school on this day to allow for the earlier purchasing time. As an added bonus, the Library receives a percentage of the sales to purchase more resources for the school. All sales are 'first in first served' and we will not be taking any orders.



To coincide with the Book Fair theme 'Find Your Treasure', on Friday afternoon, students will be involved in a variety of fun activities. We will not be dressing up this year and **no assembly will be held on this day.**

Kind Regards, Jane

Student Representative Council 'SRC'

Congratulations to the following students on being elected SRC representatives for Terms 3 & 4, following recent class elections. Our committee members have already met with Mrs Daniel a couple times this term to discuss important topics and to make decisions on matters occurring throughout the school.

Junior Primary: Lainie Peacock, Bella Pope, Charlotte Pope

Lower Middle Primary: Haydn Castle, Jorja Kuhn, Connor Fulwood

Middle Primary: Drew Bettcher, Jacinta Clark, Lyam Marshall

Upper Primary: Jessica, Craig Gillett,
Leaders: Leila Dahlitz, Mitchell Pahl

Presentation of SRC badges.. pictured above:

Leila Dahlitz with Charlotte Pope
Mitchell Pahl with Connor Fulwood



Class Awards - Term 3 Week 5

Junior Primary Class

Shayla Pike - always showing great leadership.

Tilly Harrowfield - for becoming more and more confident in herself.

Junior Primary 1 Class

Luke Pontt - for having a really good week and trying his best in everything he does.

Lucinda Temby - for using her initiative to make positive choices.

Lower Middle Primary Class

Linton Garner - showing critical curiosity in the convicts topic.

Levi Nutt - super switched on student in all learning areas.

Middle Primary Class

Ruby Montgomery-Pittaway - putting 100% effort into everything she does.

Charlie Harrowfield - always works hard and likes to get things right.

Upper Primary Class

Jessica - for exceptional organisation skills and planning ahead.

Jade Prosser - for always considering and standing up for others.

Jump Rope for Heart

Jump Off Day - 2:00pm this Tuesday 11th September 2018. All welcome to attend!

Jump Rope for Heart is Australia's number one physical activity program. The Heart Foundation relies on programs such as Jump Rope for Heart to help fund vital work that saves and improves the lives of children and adults across Australia.

Please encourage your child to continue skipping and support them with their fundraising efforts. Please return sponsorship forms and all money to the office by Monday 17th September 2018.

Student Leaver's Form

To assist staff and Governing Council in planning and deciding on class structures and staffing for 2019, we need to know enrolment numbers. Parents/caregivers are kindly asked to inform Rita O'Brien if their child/ren intend leaving Mypolonga Primary School at the end of the year. A *Student Leaver Form* can be obtained from the school office, completed and returned as soon as possible.

Please contact Necia if you have any queries.

Wellbeing Wonders

Taken from 'Parenting Ideas' – parentingideas.com.au (online help page)

Developing Responsibility in Kids

'Many parents ask me how they can develop responsibility in their kids. The answer is simple – give responsibility to them! Let them feed the family pet, empty the dishwasher, clean up the living area at the end of the day. Most kids rise to a real challenge when it's sincerely given, and backed by realistic expectations.

We tend to give responsibility to the kids who don't need it – the easy kids. But we often ignore the kids in our family who really would benefit from having some trust – the difficult kids, those that require following up. Sometimes the extra parenting work they require can seem all too much.

Belong through contribution

Kids belong in two ways in families – they either belong due to their positive contribution or they belong through poor behaviour. The family pest has as much cache as the responsible child – their parents certainly know they are around!

It makes sense for parents to work hard to provide opportunities for kids to contribute to their family so they feel valued for what they bring to their family, rather than for what they take.

Here are 5 practical tips to promote a sense of responsibility in your kids:

1. Start from an early age. Children as young as three are keen to help and take some responsibility but we often push them away and say, 'You can help when you're older.' Train your kids from a young age to make a contribution so it becomes habit-forming. Remember, not every child will help equally. If your children are school-aged and do very little to help, then start with a few jobs each day and gradually increase the number.'

Stay tuned for our next newsletter for the other 4 practical tips to promote a sense of responsibility in your kids.

Cheers, Kerry, Student Wellbeing Leader

Governing Council Member Profile

Introducing... Ben Burdett, Governing Council member 2018

Where do you live?... Caloote

Children & year level... Hannah (Reception), William

Occupation... IT Technician

What do you like best about Mypolonga Primary School?... The pride everyone has for our school. The kids, parents, staff and community. Everyone is very proud of what is being achieved.

What is a fond memory you have from school?... Fun, friendships, some learning and lots of mischief :)

What do you most want for your children?... To be happy, healthy and to achieve their dreams.



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German with the Reception/Year 1 Class

The Reception/Year 1 class has been learning the German names of some popular fruit (Obst).

They revised colours and completed some lovely fruit colouring in. We also went outside and played games while practising speaking German. Mrs Marcus helped groups of students prepare some fruit salad (Obstsalat). They each tasted orange (Orange), apple (Apfel), banana (Banane), pear (Birne) and strawberry (Erdbeeren).



They all agreed they had made the yummiest fruit salad ever and some even came back for more!

Regards, Jo Wagenknecht (Reception-Year 4 German teacher)

Planner - Term 3

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	10/9 . Newsletter . 3:35pm Life Long Learning Meeting . 7:00pm Finance Meeting . 7:30pm Governing Council Meeting . MV Standard RMFL Medal Count	11/9 . Playgroup . 2:00pm Jump Rope 'jump off' day . LMP enterprise recess . 3:35pm Sustainability meeting *change in date due to Rita being at SVA meeting in Adelaide	12/9 . MP enterprise lunch . 2.20pm Master Class	13/9	14/9 . 8:00am - 10:00am Book Fair . JP/JP1 enterprise lunch . 2:15pm Book Fair Activities . No Assembly	15/9 & 16/9 . 15/9 RMFL Preliminary Final @ Ramblers & RMNA Grand Final @ Ramblers . 16/9 - MNLC Junior Netball Presentation
Week 9	17/9 Student Free Day (the school will be closed on this day to allow for staff professional development)	18/9 . Playgroup . YEL . LMP enterprise recess	19/9 . MP enterprise lunch . 2.20pm Master Class	20/9	21/9 . JP/JP1 enterprise lunch . 3:00pm Assembly . MNLC Senior Netball Presentation Dinner	22/9 & 23/9 . 22/9 - RMFL Grand Final @ Meningie . 23/9 MFC Junior Football Presentation
Week 10 No Enterprise this week	24/9 . Life Education (Year 6 & 7s) . SAPSASA Athletics @ Santos	25/9 . Playgroup . Newsletter . 3:00pm End of Term Assembly . 3:25pm dismissal	26/9 . LMP/MP El Shaddai Camp	27/9 . LMP/MP El Shaddai Camp	28/9 . LMP/MP El Shaddai Camp . Last day of Term 3 . 2:25pm dismissal	29/9 & 30/9

Community News

Mypolonga Combined Sports Club Next Friday night tea: from 6:00pm Friday 2nd November 2018. Everyone welcome!

Mypolonga Football Club Good luck to MFC's Under 17.5 team participating in the RMFL Preliminary Final this weekend. Junior Presentation Luncheon Sunday 23rd September 2018 / Senior Presentation Dinner Friday 5th October 2018.

Mypolonga Netball League Club Good luck to all MNLC teams participating in the RMNA Grand Final this weekend. Junior Presentation Luncheon Sunday 16th September 2018 / Senior Presentation Dinner Friday 21st September 2018.

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