

MYPO NEWS

Mypolonga Primary School & Community Newsletter

*"To succeed in life, you need three things:
a wishbone, a backbone and a funny bone."*

Reba McEntire is an American singer, songwriter, actress, and record producer.

Term 3, Week 10 25th September 2018

Term 4 Assembly Roster

Week 1 - Jessica, Ruby Montgomery-Pittaway, Connor Fulwood

Happy birthday!

27/9 - Jamie (Year 7)
30/9 - Shaylee (Year 5)
6/10 - Hayden (Year 5)
12/10 - Leila (Year 7)
12/10 - Luke (Year 1)
13/10 - Drazic (Year 2)
15/10 - Lyam (Year 4)
18/10 - Tilly (Reception)
20/10 - Brandan (Year 4)

UNSW Global - International Competitions and Assessments for Schools

Congratulations to the following students on their fantastic achievements in the recent English Competition, held on 31st July 2018:

Mikaela Watts (Year 2) - Distinction
Jessica (Year 7) - Distinction
Hayden Dahlitz (Year 5) - Credit
Rhea Kempe (Year 6) - Credit
Baylee Cooper (Year 7) - Credit
Ruby Montgomery-Pittaway (Year 4) - Merit
Linton Garner (Year 3) - Merit
Leila Dahlitz (Year 7) - Merit

Well done everyone!



Government of South Australia
Department for Education

We Roar As One!

Data! Data! Data!

We have had an interesting time analysing NAPLaN and PAT data in the last couple of weeks. There are some interesting considerations:

- NAPLaN was conducted in May and we received the results 4 months later. It is held every second year.
- PAT (Progress Achievement Tests) designed by the Australian Council for Educational Research are mandated by the Department for Education annually. We do Reading, Numeracy and Vocabulary tests and receive the results immediately.

While we use both tests (which interestingly, don't tell us anything we already know), we find PAT testing gives us more meaningful information to measure growth.

As I pointed out to parents of Year 3, 5 and 7 children, NAPLaN is not necessarily a key indicator of student success in the real world. However, it is what the Department for Education values, and it is the tool by which our success as a school is measured.

In a small school you can't compare one year level to another (we have such low numbers, that a few students can skew the data either way). We look at progression data (where we track the same kids) over time. We have (against the national trend), shown greater success in numeracy against literacy.

A worrying trend is that we are seeing more low progress from Year 3-5 and Year 5-7 in reading, yet these kids (on paper) are reading more at home. We have invested significant financial and human resources into our guided reading programs. A question we would ask is, 'Are parents signing their kids off, while they are not actually reading?' Please prove me wrong!

SAPSASA Athletics / Farewell

Congratulations to our SANTOS athletes, whom at the writing of this newsletter, their results are not known. You are TIGER champions!

At the end of this week, we sadly farewell Tegan Elliott and her mum Allira who are moving to Adelaide. We send our best wishes with them and Tegan, remember, you will always be a TIGER!

Have a great break and we look forward to our kids coming back bright-eyed and bushy-tailed for Term 4.

Warm Regards, Rita

Class Awards - Term 3 Week 7

Junior Primary Class

Jackson Lear - for having a positive outlook on all aspects of school.

Jakiath Mitton - for being a bright and happy learner within the class.

Junior Primary 1 Class

Mila Carstairs - using her initiative to help her peers.

Joel Smart - always being kind to his peers and teachers.

Lower Middle Primary Class

Dominick Swansson - working hard on his times tables.

Ledja Gray - winning a solo part in the Regional Festival of Music.

Middle Primary Class

Ellie Pontt - 'Wowing' us with her confident and informative 'Surprise Me' presentation.

Elouise Kuhn - always putting in that extra effort to produce her best work.

Upper Primary Class

Jeremy George - for a positive attitude to new learning in Maths.

Claire Ruckstuhl - critical and creative thinking in Science.

Literacy Cup Results (end of Week 9 Term 3)

Blue (Hindmarsh) 3111 points

Red (Murray) 2968 points

Gold (Finnis) 2631 points

SAPSASA Athletics @ Santos

Congratulations to the following students on advancing through to the SAPSASA Athletics competition held at Santos Stadium on Monday. Students participated in a range of track and field events, results of which will feature in our next newsletter.

Benjamin Peterson - 12yr Long Jump, 100m & Relay

Baylee Cooper - 12yr Long Jump, 100m & Relay

Shaylee Martin - 11yr Shot Put

Craig Gillett - 12yr Discus

Jacinta Clark - 10yr 200m

Ariel Challenger - Relay

James-Noah Peterson - Relay

Wellbeing Wonders

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

Developing Responsibility in Kids (continuing from our previous newsletter)

'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.

Here are the final 4 practical tips to promote a sense of responsibility in your kids:

2. Give kids responsibility that scares or surprises you. A neighbour gets her four year old to unpack her dishwasher each morning, plates and all. Another parent I know gets her five year old to help her younger sister get her breakfast each morning. Another gives over the weekly garbage to a ten year old with no reminders whatsoever. In each case, the kids rise to the challenge set by their parents. Give your child or teenager something that makes you think, 'NO WAY!' He can't do that! Kids will often surprise adults with what they can do.

3. Make sure the responsibility is real. Setting the table, making beds, tidying rooms are jobs that others benefit from. Giving kids jobs because you think it's good for them just don't cut it with kids. However giving jobs that others rely on teaches them that their help is needed.

4. If a child forgets then no one else does the task. If a child doesn't empty the dishwasher then it is still there when they come home from school. Sounds tough but that's how the real world operates. When you empty it, it becomes your responsibility. When we're time-strapped it's usually easier to do kids' jobs for them. Nothing wrong with this once in a while as we help each other out in families. However, if you are always doing a child's job then it may as well be yours.

5. Place help and responsibility on a roster. The use of rosters has the advantage of placing responsibility on to kids and takes you out of the picture. Remind them to check the roster, not to do their jobs! It's a subtle but important difference.

Many parents call this type of responsibility 'jobs' or 'chores'. I prefer to call it 'help'. It's just a little rebranding, but it reflects what it's about.'

Cheers, Kerry, Student Wellbeing Leader

Junior Primary R/1 Thank You!

Our class would like to pass on a massive 'thank you' to Emma Kearns from Heeb Hair at Brighton and Jo Muegge for their recent donation. These two wonderful ladies have been kind enough to provide us with a great book shelf and 13 small black stools for our classroom.

Thank you both very much!

Warm Regards, Amy Stone
Reception/Year 1 Teacher



School Shop

Our School Shop will be open for business on both Fridays in the school holidays (Friday 5th October and Friday 12th October 2018). All Reception to Year 7 students are welcome to attend, dressed in school uniform, arriving at 11:50am to approximately 12:45pm.

School Hats

All school hats will be sent home on Friday to be washed and/or mended. If your child is in need of a new hat for Term 4, please see Necia in the office.

SRC Casual Day

This term's casual day theme 'Farmers for Farmers' supported the many farmers who are experiencing hard times through the current drought. We are proud to say we raised a total of \$270.00. Costumes included boy & girl farmers, cowboys, cowgirls and farm animals.



Governing Council Member Profile

Introducing... Natasha Hollitt, Governing Council Playgroup Representative

Where do you live?... Murray Bridge

Children & year level... Zachary (Year 5), Winchester (Year 1), Alex (Playgroup)

Occupation... Home duties

What do you like best about Mypolonga Primary School?... I love that the school has such a sense of community and everyone is very friendly. I also love the School Shop and enterprise programs.

What do you most want for your children?... I want my children to have fun learning and be supported in their learning.



Introducing SRC Leader... Leila Dahlitz

As an SRC Leader, I hope to... contribute to the school community.

Something you don't know about me is... I am a huge geek.

I read... fiction books like the Glittering Court series.

I watch... Marvel movies.

I listen to... pop music.

One day I hope to... make a change in the world.

If I could change something in the world, I would... end all wars and suffering.

The best thing about Mypolonga Primary School is.. it is a caring community and I love how everyone is kind.

Someone I really look up to is... Nanna Bolt **because..** she is super kind and caring and loves me no matter what.



Book Fair

We had a wonderful turnout for our recent Book Fair. A total of \$1800.00 was raised, with the Library receiving a percentage of sales, which we will put towards wonderful new books for our students.

Medication Management

Last week, all families were emailed, and information was sent home in paper form, of updated Department for Education procedures with regards to medication management. If you have not received this important information, please contact Necia in the office.

In particular, **please note that we are no longer able to accept and administer ANY medication without the applicable form accompanying it. This includes when students are on camp. This is a directive from the Department for Education and staff are to adhere to the new procedures.**

All medication management information and documents are available from the school office or by visiting www.education.sa.gov.au (search 'medication').

Footsteps Dance Academy



Master Class



Taikoz Drumming



Life Education



Jump Rope for Heart



Term 3... what a term!!

Footsteps Dance Academy.. let's dance!

This term, all classes were involved in dance lessons with a theme of 'School of Rock'. Lessons were held every Tuesday for 5 weeks.

It was a wonderful learning opportunity, putting a few of us out of our comfort zones!

Just wait for our end of year concert, where we will be showing off all our new moves!

Master Class

This year, students have once again been fortunate to be involved in a range of activities run by staff, parents, grandparents and our 'living legends'.

Some of these activities have included; cupcake decorating, tomboys, science experiments, cooking, campfires and tree planting, table tennis, graphic designing, robotics, football and more....

We could not have these amazing opportunities if not for our valued volunteers! Thank you!

We hope your children have come home and shared their new learning experiences with you.

Taiko Drumming

Our 50 minute concert featured the taiko, Japanese bamboo flutes and voice, and included contemporary Australian music, as well as contemporary and traditional Japanese music.

Audience participation was a popular feature, with a number of students chosen to come on stage and play with the ensemble.

Life Education

Specially trained educators visited the Mypolonga Institute and presented age appropriate, curriculum based modules to our students, which focused on issues around food and nutrition, personal safety, physical activity, cyber safety, safety with medicine and legal drugs; tobacco, alcohol and caffeine.

Modules provided by Life Education are designed to help children to develop relationship skills, positive communication (both face to face and online), problem solving and decision making skills. Students are given the opportunity to develop strategies, and practice the skills required to avoid the harms associated with an unhealthy lifestyle.

Life Education has also developed online parent resources and fun apps to support parents in the home. Please visit www.lifeeducation.org.au for further information.

Jump Rope for Heart

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.

After a postponement due to bad weather, a number of students participated in 'Jump Off' day the following morning, demonstrating their new skipping skills and participating in some fun skipping activities. Thanks to the parents/caregivers who came along to offer their support. To date we have raised \$3310.88, with Scarlett Fulwood (\$228.70), Linton Garner (\$203.32) and Levi Gray (\$132.38) being the top three money raisers. If you haven't already, please return sponsorship forms and money to the office by the end of this term (Friday).

Did you know?: The Heart Foundation has invested more than \$200 million over the past 50 years to support outstanding research into the cause, diagnosis, treatment and prevention of cardiovascular disease in the Australian community. Major achievements include:

- . The artificial pacemaker.
- . The introduction of intensive coronary care units in hospitals.
- . The development of imaging techniques.
- . Establishment of the emergency 000 phone number.
- . Establishment of Australia's first mobile intensive care ambulance.
- . Development of improved treatments for high blood pressure, heart failure, kidney damage and blood vessel disease.



Junior Primary Symmetry (Maths)
Nate Edson



Junior Primary Stained Glass
Tilly Harrowfield



Junior Primary Circle Art
Shayla Pike

Middle Primary Aboriginal Art
Jacinta Clark



Junior Primary 1
How the Birds Got Their Colours
Aila Young



Middle Primary
Taiko (Japanese) Drumming
Dallas Harrowfield



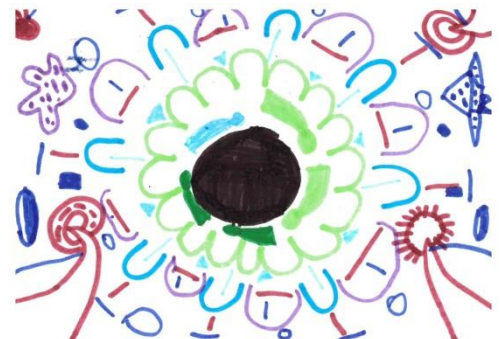
Lower Middle Primary
Notepad design
Linton Garner



Lower Middle Primary
Cardboard cut-out
Levi Gray



Junior Primary 1
Aboriginal Dot Painting
Lainie Peacock



Junior Primary 1
Warm & Cool Colours
Makayla Baker



Lower Middle Primary
African animals
Ava Hagger

Term 3 2018

Student of the Term

Upper Primary

Rhiannon Bowley / Linx Baker

Middle Primary

Ellie Pontt / Phebe Nutt

Lower Middle Primary

Ledja Gray

Our Students of the Term
receive a \$15.00
Big W Gift Card

Junior Primary 1

Lucinda Temby

Junior Primary

(no Student of the Term awarded due to two Most Improved students)

Most Improved Student

Upper Primary

(no Most Improved Student of the Term
due to two Students of the Term being awarded)

Middle Primary

(no Most Improved Student of the Term
due to two Students of the Term being awarded)

Lower Middle Primary

Levi Nutt

Junior Primary 1

Luke Pontt

Junior Primary

Tilly Harrowfield / Nate Edson

Congratulations to all
our award recipients!




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Mypolonga Primary School

Classroom Enterprise for Term 4

Please order and pay for all enterprise food on Monday or Tuesday mornings. All orders will be taken in the school kitchen prior to 8:55am.

Please also encourage your child to order their own food! Thank you!

Lower Middle Primary Tuesday Recess	
	Icecream in a Cone \$1 each
Middle Primary Wednesday Lunch	
	Salad Roll \$3 each
*Choice of ham, chicken or cheese and salad	
Junior Primary Friday Recess	
	Jelly Cup \$1.50 each

Planner - Term 4

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 1	15/10	16/10 . No Playgroup (starts Week 2) . LMP enterprise recess	17/10 . MP enterprise lunch	18/10 . 3:30pm MCC Under 13s cricket training starts (held at the school)	19/10 . JP/JP1 enterprise lunch . 3:00pm Assembly . Mypo RSL bbq/ bingo tea	20/10 & 21/10
Week 2	22/10 . Newsletter	23/10 . Playgroup commences . LMP enterprise recess	24/10 . MP enterprise lunch	25/10 . Cricket clinic (whole school)	26/10 . JP/JP1 enterprise lunch . 3:00pm Assembly	27/10 & 28/10
Week 3	29/10 . 3:35pm Life Long Learning Meeting . 7:00pm Finance Meeting . 7:30pm Governing Council Meeting	30/10 . Playgroup . LMP enterprise recess	31/10 . MP enterprise lunch	1/11	2/11 . JP/JP1 enterprise lunch . 3:00pm Assembly . from 6:00pm MCSC tea	3/11 & 4/11
Week 4	5/11 Student Free Day	6/11 . YEL . Playgroup . LMP enterprise recess	7/11 . MP enterprise lunch . Newsletter	8/11	9/11 . JP/JP1 enterprise lunch . 3:00pm Assembly	10/11 & 11/11

Community News

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

Mypolonga Football Club Senior Presentation Dinner: Friday 5th October 2018.

Mypolonga Netball League Club Congratulations to Mypolonga Netball Club's A Reserves, C Grade, Under 15 Division 2 and Under 11 Division 1 teams on winning the 2018 RMNA premiership.

Mypolonga Cricket Club Under 13s first training will be held on Thursday 18th October 2018 @ 3:30pm on the school oval. New and past players welcome! Please contact Jodie Hagger on 0409289978 if you have any queries.

Mypolonga RSL Bingo/bbq tea: Friday 19th October 2018. BBQ teas begin at 6:00pm / bingo commences between 7:15pm and 7:30pm.

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