

MYPO NEWS

Mypolonga Primary School & Community Newsletter

"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted."

Aesop was a Greek fabulist and storyteller credited with a number of fables now collectively known as Aesop's Fables.

Term 4, Week 2 22nd October 2018

Term 4 Assembly Roster

Week 2 - Claire Ruckstuhl, Ruby Montgomery-Pittaway, Shelby Rothe
Week 3 - Bella Pike, Shaylee Martin, Hayden Clark

Happy birthday!

26/10 - Linton (Year 3)
30/10 - Claire (Year 6)
30/10 - Ariel (Year 4)
5/11 - Willow (Year 2)

Student Free Day

Monday 5th November 2018 is a Student Free Day. The school will be closed on this day to allow for class planning for 2019.

Advanced Notices

Transition to next year's classes / Murray Bridge High School transition - Thursday 6th December 2018

School Concert @ Unity College - Friday 7th December 2018

Further details will be provided in due course.

Playgroup

Recommences tomorrow! 9:00am - 10:15am

Literacy Cup Results (progressive and end of Week 1 Term 4)

Blue (Hindmarsh) 161 / 3066 points

Red (Murray) 172 / 2951 points

Gold (Finnis) 142 / 2662 points



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Department for Education

We Roar As One!

Welcome back to Term 4. Its Go! Go! Go! from now on!

Choir

To next year's choir parents: Please purchase your choir tickets as soon as you can, after being informed of their release. We have no control of the sales. The tickets are at a premium and sell out quickly, as a few parents found this year. Please pay attention to notes sent home, email and Facebook communication which Kerry always sends. I am so looking forward to seeing our students perform on Tuesday night. I have watched their practices and I am so excited to see them on the night. I also am so proud that one of our Year 7 students, Zoe Bettcher will do us proud, as a compere on the night.

Flinders University

Today, I was interviewed by phone, (between Guided Reading and Maths lessons) as a part of a day conference at the University, around Rural Education. They were interested in, given the downturn in rural economies, that we are able not only to maintain, but increase engagement with our school. (This year I was devastated to not be able to offer places to Reception families who had been on our waiting list for a significant time.) Flinders University was interested in our philosophy around entrepreneurship and enterprise and the structures and processes we have in place to ensure this.

On that note, in 1996, when we started the School Shop, we realised, if we were to be a real business, we needed to be indispensable to the town. We needed to be available when our market demands; including school and public holidays. I want to send thanks to the teachers, parents, kids (Jessica, Linx, Brandan, Charlotte, Reagan, Tahlia, Jackson, Mila, Lainie, Jade B, Makayla S, Katie, Koby, Elouise, Claire Judd, Leah) who came in to ensure our 23 year relationship with Proud Mary Enterprises (currently nominated for a Tourism SA award) continues.

Sad Times

I am sure you will all join with me to send our condolences to the Stone family, following the loss of Amy's husband, Andrew's mum. We send our love to you all.

We also send love to the Kelly family following the loss of Blake, who passed away last week. Blake was formerly, Vice Chair of the Governing Council, in my initial years as principal, and we pass on our condolences to Aimee and Sharee, both of whom have continued to support us, by their involvement in both the Sustainability Committee and Masterclass in 2018. The Mypolonga community acknowledges Blake for his service to our school.

Warm Regards, Rita

Class Awards - Term 4 Week 1

Junior Primary Class

Pheonix Sandercock - for excellent engagement in speech lesson.

Bailey Rothe - for showing more confidence in the classroom.

Junior Primary 1 Class

Amira Egel - using great descriptive vocabulary in genre writing.

Lilly Lear - putting lots of effort into producing very neat writing.

Lower Middle Primary Class

Kallan Hearne - excellent engagement and observations in Science.

Fred Schillier - excellent engagement and observations in Science.

Middle Primary Class

Alarah Sipos - excellent contributions and engagement in guided reading.

Zac Kennison - impressive work in his explanation writing.

Upper Primary Class

Katie Hutchinson - growth mindset and positive influence on peers in Maths.

Madalyn Uren - creativity and focus in class writing.

SAPSASA Country Track & Field Championships

Once again, congratulations to the following students who participated in the SAPSASA Country Track & Field Championships held at Santos Stadium in Term 3. We are pleased to share with you their final placings...

Benjamin Peterson

- . 12yr Long Jump (8th in final)
- . 100m (4th in final - missing a bronze medal by only 0.11 second)
- . Relay (Murraylands team did not compete due to a participant's illness)

Baylee Cooper

- . 12yr Long Jump (7th in final)
- . 100m (5th in heats)
- . Relay (Murraylands team 10th in heats)

Shaylee Martin

- . 11yr Shot Put (11th in final)

Craig Gillett

- . 12yr Discus (16th in final)

Jacinta Clark

- . 10yr 200m (5th in heats)

Ariel Challenger

- . Relay (Murraylands team placed 5th)

James-Noah Peterson

- . Relay (Murraylands team was 10th fastest qualifiers - missing the finals by only 0.68 seconds)

Wellbeing Wonders

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

Set boundaries early, not late by Michael Gross

'When do you set boundaries for kids? Before kids do something new or when you see that they are needed? Let me explain...

Many parents set boundaries for their kids after the fact. That is, they'll get their kids a mobile phone, but won't set boundaries about when and how it should be used.

Suddenly, they see their young person on the phone all the time, even when they are at the meal table. They'll put some boundaries in place such as, "No texting, playing games (on the phone) or answering calls at the meal table." There's often resentment.

Such a boundary is met with resistance as you are pulling back a freedom. But they shouldn't have had this freedom in the first place.

Much easier to set some rules and boundaries in place earlier and grant more freedom as they get older. Same goes for going out (and home times); bedtimes (earlier rather than later); the use of toys and all forms of technology.

Sometimes it's hard to know what the rules should be until there has been an infraction. But a little forethought and common sense can help. Also a backbone helps too.

As I wrote in my book *Thriving!*, kids need boundaries. They often fight boundaries, but they teach them to be social; to be safe and to act in a way that respects the rights of others.'

At Mypolonga Primary School, our expectations are very high and very clear. All staff are on the same page in regards to behaviour and learning. As our students get older, they are rewarded with many more opportunities eg. decision making; our Upper Primary students are on various committees where they have a say and make a difference.

Cheers, Kerry, Student Wellbeing Leader

Governing Council Capers

Term 4 is always hectic, for the students and staff. This means Christmas is around the corner, and it's a good idea to start planning time for our children in the long school holidays break.

It's also a time when we sow the seed about recruiting for Governing Council. There will be several retiring members, so if you have the desire to help your school, this is the time to chat with us about it. We hope you have been enjoying the profiles of Governing Council members in the newsletter to learn about the motivation of others to join.

It's been pleasing to witness the success of the privacy for the Finance Office, and we have also discussed quotes for having buildings painted at the school. Coming up, you would have received a note home about the material and services fees for 2019 set at \$241 per primary school student with an exhaustive list of what this payment covers for your child. As always, you are welcome to discuss this with Annie, Rita or myself. This will be presented as a motion at our next Governing Council meeting on Monday 29th October, and you are welcome to attend this meeting to discuss your views.

Keep an eye out in the coming newsletters for our update on other informative topics presented to Governing Council.

Best wishes

Kelly Kuhn, Chairperson

School Magazine

Our 2018 school magazine is in full production! Keep an eye out in an upcoming newsletter to read how you can purchase a copy. The magazine will contain articles and photos of school activities undertaken throughout the year including; camps, class pages, student work and a farewell to our Year 7s.

Medication requirements for camp

Just a reminder that a completed and signed *Medication Agreement* needs to accompany any medication being taken on camp. This excludes Asthma medication, which we should already have an Asthma Action Plan for. Please see Necia in the office if you have any queries. Thank you!

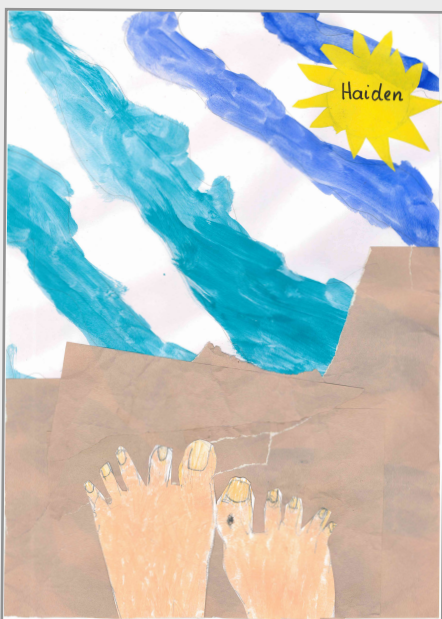
UNSW Global - International Competitions and Assessments for Schools

Congratulations to the following students on their fantastic achievements in the recent Maths Competition, held on 14th August 2018:

Mikaela Watts (Year 2) - Distinction
Jessica (Year 6) - Credit
Linx Baker (Year 6) - Credit
Danté Sandercock (Year 2) - Merit
Elouise Kuhn (Year 4) - Merit
James-Noah Peterson (Year 5) - Merit
Leila Dahlitz (Year 7) - Merit
Benjamin Peterson (Year 7) - Merit

Lower Middle Primary Artwork - Summer is coming!

Artwork by Haiden Squire



White Ribbon

Our school has chosen to become a White Ribbon School and this involves teaching our students through the Breaking the Silence Program. Breaking the Silence supports schools to bring about a commitment to stop violence against women. It builds on existing initiatives to strengthen a culture of respect and equality at all levels of the school community – through curriculum, role modelling from staff, policies and procedures, domestic violence education programs and strengthened family and community partnerships.



Why are schools important to stop violence against women?

Young people form behaviours, social skills and relationships during their time at school. During these formative years, ideas about men, women and their relationships are being learned. Exposure to harmful messaging and gender stereotyping can lead to attitudes that support inequality and disrespect towards women.

Breaking the cycle of violence

Schools play a pivotal role in breaking the cycle of violence by teaching young people how to recognise and challenge violence against women and build respectful relationships. Breaking the Silence engages the wider school community to promote and role model gender equality and create a safe, inclusive school culture to stop violence against women.

We are very excited about this initiative and are keen to be involved. As a school, we will be participating in the Murray Bridge White Ribbon Day on Friday 23rd November 2018. We will be involved in a parade to show our commitment and then a free sausage sizzle for lunch. Our bus costs will be covered by the local council. More information about this day will be available soon. For more information on White Ribbon, visit whiteribbon.org.au.

Thanking you in anticipation of your support.
 Mypolonga Primary School staff

Lower Middle/Middle Primary El Shaddai Camp



A fun and memorable camp was had by all at El Shaddai last term. Activities included archery, low ropes, laser tag, giant swing, treasure hunt, vertical challenge rock climbing, reptile talk, wetlands discovery, talent show, mini olympics, PJ parade, a ferry trip and a walk to the court house. The activities were not only fun, they encouraged students to step out of their comfort zone and show persistence. Students enjoyed LOTS of food and helped celebrate Janice's birthday. Pictured from clockwise, Zyren Thomson, Leroy Rathjen, Brady Roden and Charlie Harrowfield.



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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 2	22/10 . Newsletter	23/10 . Playgroup commences . Murray Mallee Regional Music Festival (Choir) rehearsal and concert @ 7pm . LMP enterprise recess	24/10 . MP enterprise lunch	25/10 . Cricket clinic (whole school)	26/10 . JP/JP1 enterprise recess . 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 recess . 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 . Melbourne Cup	7/11 . MP enterprise lunch . Newsletter	8/11	9/11 . JP/JP1 enterprise recess . 3:00pm Assembly	10/11 & 11/11 . 10/11 MB Sixth Street Handmade / Artist Market
Week 5	12/11 . Upper Primary Aquatics camp	13/11 . Upper Primary Aquatics camp . Playgroup . LMP enterprise recess	14/11 . Upper Primary Aquatics camp . Junior Primary/ Junior Primary 1 Narnu Farm camp . No MP enterprise lunch	15/11 . Junior Primary/ Junior Primary 1 Narnu Farm camp	16/11 . JP/JP1 enterprise recess . Mypo RSL bingo/ bbq tea	17/11 & 18/11 . 17/11 Murray Bridge Christmas Pageant
Week 6	19/11 . Newsletter	20/11 . Playgroup . LMP enterprise recess	21/11 . MP enterprise lunch	22/11	23/11 . White Ribbon excursion into Murray Bridge . No School Shop . No enterprise recess . No assembly	24/11 & 25/11
Week 7	26/11	27/11 . Playgroup . LMP enterprise recess	28/11 . MP enterprise lunch	29/11	30/11 . JP/JP1 enterprise recess . Final School Shop opening . 3:00pm Assembly . MFC AGM Juniors 7pm / Seniors 8pm . Mannum Christmas Tree Festival	1/12 & 2/12 . 1/12 Mannum Christmas Pageant

Community News

Mypolonga Combined Sports Club Next Friday night tea: Friday 2nd November 2018

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