

MYPO NEWS

Mypolonga Primary School & Community Newsletter

"The best gifts in the world are not in the material objects one can buy from the store, but in the memories we make with the people we love."

Amanda Boyarshinov is an American teacher with experience in early childhood education.

Term 4, Week 8 3rd December 2018

Term 4 Assembly Roster

Week 8 - **No Assembly** due to concert rehearsal

Week 9 **Thursday 13/12/18 - (held at the Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club @ 2:30pm / Dismissal from the Club @ 3.25pm)**

Rhiannon Bowley, James-Noah Peterson, Reagan Martin

Happy birthday!

5/12 - Joe (Year 5)

8/12 - Crystal (Reception)

10/12 - Ella (Year 4)

11/12 - Georgia (Year 6)

12/12 - Rhea (Year 6)

Literacy Cup Results (progressive and end of Week 7 Term 4)

Blue (Hindmarsh) 107 / 3572 points

Red (Murray) 93 / 3301 points

Gold (Finnis) 80 / 2890 points

Lost Property

Over the next 2 weeks, we kindly ask parents/caregivers to check our lost property box for any missing jumpers, jackets, containers & drink bottles. Anything unnamed can become yours!

Newsletter/School Magazine

Our final newsletter and ordered/paid for school magazines will be sent home on Thursday 13th December 2018 following our final assembly at the Club.



Government of South Australia
Department for Education

We Roar As One!

I am so proud of our recent involvement in the White Ribbon Day march. I was very gratified when my friend Stuart Kitto, (Principal of MB South), commented on our kids' good manners. Our White Ribbon Ambassadors did us proud, but I was especially proud when Lila Stapleton (Year 3) gave me advice on how to make the event more sustainable next year. I will pass on her advice to the organisers.

Amy posted a picture on Messenger on the weekend, showing all of the notes which have been sent home regarding activities at school for the rest of the year, and she works here! I can imagine how difficult it is for all of you. I want to flip this thinking on its head and challenge you to think about how dynamic, challenging and character building, these experiences are for our students. If you feel under pressure, so are we, and the less time we need to spend chasing notes, is positive time. The celebration of a great year needs to be recognized!

Last year, Emeritus Professor John Halsey was asked to complete an independent review into rural, regional and remote education. He found that student achievement was very much determined by location: the closer to the CBD, the higher the achievement, with remote schools having the least achievement. In his discussion paper, Professor Halsey used our School Shop program as an example of a successful regional program.

The Federal Government has decided to create a 4 person 'Regional Education Expert Advisory Group' to advise the Minister, based around Professor Halsey's paper. This Advisory Group would require significant interstate travel. I have been offered a post on that advisory group for the first 6 months of next year. In my careful reflection, I have tried to balance the significant financial benefit to my family against what it means to our school. I also balanced the potential benefit our school could receive from my membership on the Advisory Group.

I respectfully declined the offer because I felt the disruption to our day-to-day structure would be compromised and put pressure on pretty much every teacher and by default, our kids. I think our Shop program speaks for itself and after 23 years, is embedded in our community. Every decision I have made as a parent, teacher and leader has been based around the needs of Mypolonga Primary School.

Another example of this dedication is Annie, whose beautiful mother, Dorrie, passed away, after a long illness, last Friday. This time of the year is full-on for financial planning for next year. Annie was challenged to balance her support for her mum against her professional responsibilities. I respect so much, how both Annie and David, while devastated, carried on under pressure, and cared for both Dorrie and our school. Total Tigers!

* Hot off the press!! Staffing appointments - Jo Wagenknecht (LMP and German 0.6), Jacob Rance (MP & NIT 0.8), Lexie Blight (UP 0.4)

Warm Regards, Rita

Class Awards - Term 4 Week 7

Junior Primary Class

Xalia Thomson - for showing great leadership in concert practice.

Winchester Hollitt - for always having a positive voice in group discussions.

Junior Primary 1 Class

Pippa Smith - using strategies to work out difficult times tables.

Carla Hanks - for trying her best in writing independently.

Lower Middle Primary Class

Brady Roden - for showing great sportsmanship during PE.

Ava Hagger - working hard on her Christmas sleigh design in STEM.

Middle Primary Class

Lyam Marshall - always offering to help around the class.

Haylee Sinclair - a positive student who always tries her best.

Upper Primary Class

Jade Burgess - working hard on Year 7 level Maths.

Leila Dahlitz - for blitzing her role in our concert item.

SRC Casual Day - this Tuesday!

On Tuesday, 4th December 2018 we will be holding a Casual Day to raise money for the 'Tisamale Project'. The project helps a group of young African students come to South Australia to study conservation at Monarto Zoo.

Musical Instruments

Students undertaking musical tuition with Peter Longden are kindly asked to return their school-owned musical instruments to the office by Tuesday, 11th December 2018. This will enable us to conduct a stocktake of the instruments in readiness for the new year.

Old Scholar News

Congratulations to former student Chloe Pahl who was recently selected and competed in the Rugby Union 7s Under 15s girls state championships. Chloe was selected following her successful participation in Murray Bridge High School's interschools competition. The championships were played in Hobart, where the team won all 5 games. The experience gave participants the opportunity to compete against other states and meet girls from different parts of South Australia.

End of Year Reminders/Notices

Secret Santa

Your child should now have received a note advising which classmate they are buying for in this year's Secret Santa. On or before Friday 7th December 2018, the wrapped gift can be handed to your child's classroom teacher or SSO (without indicating who it is from on the gift tag).

School Magazine/Concert DVD

School magazines will be ready for distribution at the school's final assembly on Thursday 13th December 2018. We will again be recording the school concert for families to buy their own DVD. An order form will be included in the concert program.

Concert – Friday 7th December 2018

We have now reached the maximum amount of our concert ticket allocation, so therefore no more tickets are available to purchase. We have checked and all families have received their first allocation. We apologise if you were unable to purchase additional tickets but we must adhere to the Steeple's capacity limit. Tickets will not be for sale on the night. Thank you for your understanding. If, for any reason, you have bought tickets and no longer require them, please contact Necia or Annie in the office.

A final, detailed note regarding student arrival times etc at the concert will be sent home in the next couple of days. A program of the evening will be available at the Steeple door.

Year 7 Graduation Dinner – Wednesday 12th December 2018

We are in the process of confirming numbers for our Year 7 graduation dinner to be held at the Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club at 6:30pm. Year 7 families, if you haven't already, please notify the office staff of numbers attending as soon as possible. Thanks to the Mypolonga Oval Committee for catering for us.

End of Year Assembly - Thursday 13th December 2018 Assembly 2:30pm / Dismissal 3:25pm

To accommodate the large number of families who attend our end of year assembly, we have once again decided to hold this at the Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club.

For those of you who don't know, the clubrooms are on your right hand side just past the turn off you would normally take to get to the school. Students will be transported by our school bus and will be dismissed from there at 3:25pm, with their school bag. Our Wall Flat/Caloote bus students will board the school bus at the club to be taken home, if required. Please notify anyone doing the 'pick up' of this change.

Whole School 'Fun Day' @ the Murray Bridge Olympic Pool - Friday 14th December 2018

Dismissal from the pool @ 1:30pm / dismissal from the school 2:25pm.

Medication

All medication stored in the school's first aid room will be returned home with the relevant student on the last day of school. Over the holidays, please check the medication's expiry date in readiness for the new year and remember to include a new **Medication Agreement** form for school staff to administer the medicine in the new year. 'Medication' includes all prescribed, non-prescribed, over the counter and alternative therapies. This form can be obtained from the office. **From the start of 2019, we will be unable to administer any medication without written advice on a Medication Agreement.** Medication Agreements also need to be completed by a treating health professional or pharmacist (for over the counter medicines).

WHITE RIBBON



This term, we have had a whole school focus on White Ribbon. On Friday 23rd November 2018, we participated in the White Ribbon Day in Murray Bridge. We were involved in a parade and received a free sausage sizzle for lunch. Bus costs were covered by the Rural City of Murray Bridge. In the classrooms, students have been involved in activities relating to the Breaking the Silence program. White lady silhouettes were decorated by each class, carried in the parade and are now proudly on display throughout the school.



The Lower Middle Primary class has been learning about gender equity. In this activity, we investigated children's toys and how they are marketed. These are the things we noticed:

- . Girls toys are pink and purple and have pale backgrounds
- . Boys toys are green and blue and have bold colours
- . Girls toys are cuddly toys and you sit to play with them
- . Boys toys are toys you move (physical)
- . In the photographs, the boys appear more active and the girls are calm



The good man project

This is my dad, he is a good man

He hugs me.

He helps me with my homework.

He takes me to school.

He lets me go on his phone.

He takes care of me.

He is strict.

When I am with him I feel safe and good. I trust him.

By James Noah



What is a good man?

This is my dad.
He is a good man.

He helps me with my homework.
He plays with me.
He cooks tea.
He asks how my day was.
He owns up to his mistakes.
Even though sometimes I make him angry, I know he still loves me.
He's loyal.
He teaches me things.
He builds me things.
He tells the worst jokes! 😄



He's caring, loving, feels for everyone and affectionate. When I'm with him I feel protected.

I love my dad!



By Elouise Kuhn PIC-COLLAGES

The Middle Primary class wanted to highlight the many 'Good Men' they have in their lives. They looked at things a good man does, traits of a good man and how a good man makes you feel.

Our Upper Primary students recently completed White Ribbon online training with their class teachers.

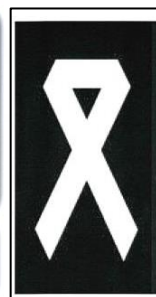
They brainstormed emotive language that could describe perspectives of women, children and men living with domestic violence.

We created Haikus using these words from a specific perspective.

Pictured is work by Claire Ruckstuhl (left) and Rhea Kempe (right).



My sister's sleeping
I hear daddy screaming, smash!
Mummy lives in fear
LET'S STOP VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN



WHY ARE YOU SO SCARED?
THIS IS HOW I WAS BROUGHT UP
THIS IS THE RIGHT THING
Stand up
Speak out

Introducing SRC Year 6 representative... Craig Gillett

As an SRC Leader, I hope to... make the school safer.

Something you don't know about me is... I like pop music.

I read... non fiction books.

I watch... Netflix.

I listen to... my family and teachers.

One day I hope to... be an NBA basketball player.

If I could change something in the world, I would... stop all crime.

The best thing about Mypolonga Primary School is... its small amount of students in a big environment.

Someone I really look up to is... Stephen Curry (NBA professional basketball player) because I play basketball.

**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 8	3/12	4/12	5/12	6/12	7/12	8/12 & 9/12
Last week of class enterprise recess / lunch for the year	. Newsletter . 7:30pm Governing Council meeting	. Casual Day . Premier's Reading Challenge party, recess provided . FINAL Playgroup for the year . LMP enterprise recess	. MP enterprise lunch	. Whole school transition to next year's classes (inc Yr 7 transition to MBHS) . 7:00pm MNLC AGM	. Full day concert rehearsal @ Unity College . 7:00pm School Concert . No Assembly . No enterprise	
Week 9	10/12	11/12	12/12	13/12	14/12	15/12 & 16/12
			. Last day to purchase Rotary Lottery Calendar . 6:30pm Year 7 Graduation Dinner @ the Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club	. 2:30pm Assembly at the Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club (inc presentation of term and year awards) . Dismissal from the MCSC @ 3:25pm . Newsletter . Secret Santa handed out	. Last day of Term 4 and the school year . SRC Fun Day @ MB Olympic Pool . No Assembly . 1:30pm dismissal from the pool . 2:25pm dismissal from the school	. 15/12 Mypo RSL Christmas Party

Community News

Mypolonga Netball League Club AGM - Thursday 6th December 2018 from 7:00pm.

Mypolonga RSL Children's Christmas Party - Saturday 15th December 2018 @ the Mypolonga RSL. BBQ tea from 6:00pm. FREE child meals. Father Christmas arrives at 7:15pm. A salad would be appreciated. Everyone welcome!

Mypolonga Combined Churches Christmas Carols Service - Monday 17th December 2018 @ 7:00pm, held at the Mypolonga Uniting Church. Light supper following service. All welcome!

Mypolonga Cricket Club Christmas Tea - Saturday 22nd December 2018 @ the Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club. Meals from 6:30pm. Steaks \$15, Schnitzels \$14, Nuggets \$5, Dessert \$3. Father Christmas will visit with local band Woolshed Road playing after tea. All welcome!

2019 Rotary Club of Murray Bridge Calendar - You can still purchase the 2019 Rotary Club of Murray Bridge Calendar from the office. Each individually numbered calendar is \$20.00 to purchase, with \$10.00 being donated back to the school.

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