

MYPO NEWS

Mypolonga Primary School & Community Newsletter

“One of the most glorious messes in the world is the mess created in the living room on Christmas day. Don't clean it up too quickly.”

Andy Rooney (1919-), American writer, producer, humorist

Term 4, Week 9 13th December 2018

Term 1 2019 Assembly Roster

Week 1 - Rhiannon Bowley, Lyam Marshall, Charlotte Pahl
Week 2 - No assembly due to swimming lessons

Happy birthday!

19/12 - Ben (Year 6)
21/12 - Jai (Year 2)
23/12 - Dominick (Year 3)
24/12 - Jackson (Year 1)
29/12 - Katie (Year 7)
29/12 - Jade (Year 7)
30/12 - Mitchell (Year 7)
2019
2/1 - Connor (Year 3)
5/1 - Ledja (Year 4)
5/1 - Levi (Year 4)
5/1 - Haiden (Year 3)
7/1 - Ava (Year 3)
8/1 - Kallan (Year 4)
13/1 - Alarah (Year 4)
15/1 - Drew (Year 5)
16/1 - Lachlan (Year 2)
19/1 - Reagan (Year 4)
20/1 - Phebe (Year 5)
21/1 - Lila (Year 3)
27/1 - Scarlett (Year 1)
27/1 - Bailey (Reception)
28/1 - Maddy (Year 4)

Final Literacy Cup Results for 2018!

Blue (Hindmarsh) 3611 points

Red (Murray) 3343 points

Gold (Finnis) 2912 points

Congratulations Hindmarsh on taking out this year's Literacy Cup!



May any holiday rush fade away and be replaced with Christmas wonder and joy!



Government of South Australia
Department for Education

We Roar As One!

As 2018 nears its end, we need to catch our collective breath following a whirlwind final term. I would like to congratulate everyone involved in our school concert. It was a great night and everyone had fun. It's amazing how our kids rise to the occasion at the final performance. I was so proud when they performed their last dance without any adult supervision, while we were getting the staff item organised and then promptly sat down perfectly to wait for us. It was very impressive to see! I would also like to thank volunteers Scott Fulwood, Patrick Hughes and Tayla Kempe for their help on Friday.

Goodbye and good luck to our Year 7s who are heading off to high school next year. Our graduation dinner was held on Wednesday night at the Combined Sports' Clubrooms. I would like to thank the Mypolonga Oval Committee who catered for over 80 people. It's this generosity of spirit which makes our community great.

We also need to say goodbye to some families whose last child is in Year 7. We farewell:

- Leah Ferguson and her dad Greg
- Mitchell Pahl and his parents Emma and Mark, Meagan and Barry
- Baylee Cooper and her parents Tracey and Ken
- Erin McDonald and parents Prue and Macca
- Jade Prosser and her parents Kathy and Paul
- Logan Rankin and parents Mary and Shane
- Jeremy George and his parents Sandy and Shane and grandparents Cheryl and Ted
- Katie Hutchinson and parents Jo and Nathan
- Madi Uren and parents Trish and Robert

Mypolonga Primary School wishes you all the best for the future.

A Head's Up

Did you know that there will be a local entrant in this year's Brighton Jetty Art Show? Local craftsmen Ken Herron and Jason Wachtel are currently working on this magnificent sculpture of Poseidon, the god of the sea in Roman mythology. The body is sculpted out of local sandstone while everything else is sculpted out of metal.

The show will run from Wednesday 23rd January to Sunday 3rd February 2019. You are able to vote online for this sculpture, so keep your eyes on our Facebook page for more information.

Warm Regards, Rita



Governing Council Report - End of Year 2018

What a huge year it has been, and we are grateful to everyone who has invested time and energy into making this a standout school. We are recognised far and wide as being progressive and proactive. This does not come without personal commitment. Led by the inspirational Principal Rita O'Brien and the entire valued team of staff, we salute you for endeavouring to provide our students with the chance of the best possible start in life.

Please be aware there will be several retiring members of our school's Governing Council, including Treasurer Matt Kruschel (who filled the role this year despite no longer having children at the school), Mel Wilson will be stepping down as Secretary due to her impending new arrival, and Meagan Wynne as proxy Secretary due to many other commitments. As they say, if you want a job done, give it to a busy person and heartfelt thanks to each of them for their dedication.

We now need new faces on the Governing Council committee to take the baton from those who are no longer able to be there. If you have the desire to help, please note the AGM diary date of Monday 18th February 2019 (Week 4). Meetings are held on Monday evenings at 7.30pm of Week 3 & 8 each term, averaging 1.5 hours. When you think about it, that's only 12 hours of your valued time over the year. There is no homework (except for the Secretary) and it's a great example to set for your child. There are many sub-committees who make a difference at our school behind the scenes through working bees, fundraising, connecting families and supporting pre-schoolers. All of these groups are in need of some fresh blood to support long-standing members and keep the drive alive. The Governing Council's Secretary's role is supported closely by our amazing Ann Hughes, and simply involves taking minutes at each meeting, and sending out a meeting reminder and agenda for upcoming meetings.

In the words of outgoing Secretary Mel, "I got involved with Governing Council three years ago because it was the only way I could be involved with school as a full-time working parent. I've loved hearing the rationale behind lesson plans, gaining a better understanding of the challenges our school community faces and having the opportunity to be part of the decision making that helps give our kids the very best experience they can have during their short stay at primary school."

Education is not only the responsibility of school. As parents and caregivers, we are not only our children's first teachers, we are the only ones our kids will have throughout their entire childhood. Research shows when we are actively and constructively involved in our children's education, it makes a very big difference how well they do at school. It is our role to help teach vital lifelong skills to take into adulthood. We hope you take the long holiday break to spend as much time with your children as practical. Enjoy the festive season and the break from lunch boxes and uniforms!

Merry Christmas Tiger community 🧡💜
Kelly Kuhn, Chairperson

We've had a busy & fun end to 2018!...



From top left: **Premier's Reading Challenge Party** Charlotte Pahl and Danté Sandercock, **SRC Casual Day Tisamale Project**, **Premier's Be Active Challenge Reception** Samuel Castle and Jorja Kuhn, **Middle Primary 'Pot Luck' Recipe Book Launch** Middle Primary class and Joe Tidy, **Junior Primary R-2 Oktoberfest**. With Mrs Wagenknecht, the Junior Primary classes learnt about the German festival called Oktoberfest. The first celebration was held in honour of Prince Ludwig 1 and Princess Therese's wedding. It continued annually because of how it unified the township of Munich. Oktoberfest has now developed into a world-wide party. People who attend wear the traditional costumes called Dirndl and Lederhosen. The classes studied the food and drinks available in the pavilions and made versions of the traditional hats. Seth modelled the Lederhosen, while Xalia wore the Dirndl. The Junior Primary 1/2 class also snacked on Brezel.

★ School Concert - 'Let's Dance' ★



Junior Primary
'Rockin' Robin'



Junior Primary 1
'Jailhouse Rock'



Lower Middle
Primary
'Old Time Rock 'n'
Roll



Middle Primary
'Footloose'



Upper Primary
'Cindy-rella and
Johnnie Rock'



Staff Item
'Stan's By Me'



Instrumental Music
Students

Kiwanis Club of Murray Bridge Terrific Kids for Term 4 2018

CONGRATULATIONS to the following students on receiving the 'Terrific Kids' award for Term 4 2018. These awards are presented to students in Terms 2 and 4 who live our TIGER values.



Junior Primary
Noah Martin



Junior Primary Year 1
Luke Stewart



Lower Middle Primary
Lila Stapleton

Middle Primary
Braeden Watts



Artwork from around the school...



Snowman by Levi Nutt



Christmas decorations featuring Jai Bowley, Joel Smart, Luke Pontt, Jesse Squire, Makayla Baker & Drazic Ryles



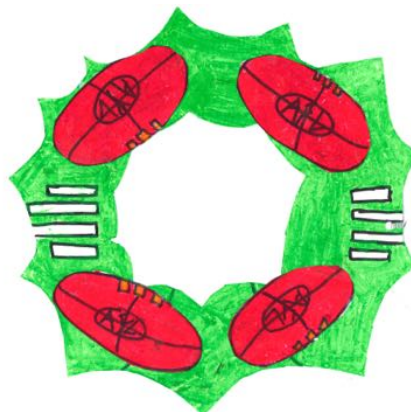
Whole school & Playgroup Christmas Tree featuring Jackson Lear, Seth Ryles, Bailey Rothe, Pheonix Sandercock and Xalia Thomson



Portrait of Claire by Ava Lindner



Christmas Angel by Blake Kennedy



Aussie Wreath by Judd Ruckenstuhl

Christmas Tree Cubism Art by Riley Hagger



Goodbye And Goodluck Year 7s

Zoe Faith Bettcher



HOPES: To travel around the world and become a Children's Occupational Therapist
BEST MEMORIES: The different camps, being red House Captain and working in the School Shop
I WILL MISS: Being in a small school



Jamie Jean Cekanauskas



HOPES: To become a disability teacher and travel to Spain with my sister
BIGGEST ACHIEVEMENT: Learning all my times tables and feeling comfortable with public speaking
BEST MEMORY: Knowing I had lots of friends and teachers I could trust



Baylee Ann Cooper



HOPES: To finish university, become a veterinarian and own my own clinic
I HAVE ENJOYED: Working on the school magazine. It was a great opportunity which I really liked
I WILL MISS: All the amazing learning opportunities



Leila Kathleen Dahlitz



HOPES: To become a photographer or an actress and travel to Europe
BIGGEST ACHIEVEMENT: Being an SRC Leader
I WILL MISS: Knowing and being friends with everyone



Ryder Mark Egel



HOPES: To go to university to become an architect
I WILL MISS: The community
BIGGEST ACHIEVEMENT: Competing in SAPSASA football and basketball
BEST MEMORY: PE Lessons



Leah Jane Ferguson



HOPES: To travel to Canada and make the Commonwealth junior shooting team
BIGGEST ACHIEVEMENT: Learning more Maths, increasing my leadership skills and learning how to spread my wings and do things for myself



Jade Lydia Prosser



HOPES: To become a veterinarian and become a famous basketballer
I WILL MISS: The staff and all my friends that I am leaving behind
BEST MEMORIES: First day of school, Mrs Martin's amazing drawings and being Vice House Captain



Jeremy Aaron George



HOPES: To have a successful job and own a nice house
FUTURE: To have a happy family
I WILL MISS: Mrs Stone
BEST MEMORIES: Art Lessons



FAREWELL THOUGHTS... "Ra is Ra and no-one will ever change her, she owns her own personality... a one in a million. At Mypo, the teachers recognise this and learnt to embrace this to bring out the best of her learning. To Kiarra and all the graduating Year 7s, never stop learning, live life to the fullest and give it nothing but your best. Enjoy the next chapter of your lives." Pearl Colless & Andy Gillett

Kiarra Pearl Gillett



HOPES: To become a tattoo artist and travel the world
BEST MEMORIES: Master Class, West Beach camp, SAPSASA softball, receiving my Quality Assurance and understanding Maths.. finally!



Katie Jessica Hutchinson



HOPES: To travel to different parts of the world and to have a successful career
I WILL MISS: Being in a small school and all the nice people
BIGGEST ACHIEVEMENT: Competing in SAPSASA events



Mackenzie Stella Lindner



HOPES: To become a nanny, be successful in my netball career and have the chance to travel the world
BIGGEST ACHIEVEMENT: Finishing primary school with enough knowledge to fulfil my dreams



Erin Paige McDonald



HOPES: To work with animals and travel to Bora Bora
BEST MEMORY: Mrs Martin's drawings and the school shop experience
BIGGEST ACHIEVEMENT: Being elected SRC Leader



FAREWELL THOUGHTS...

"We are so proud of the beautiful, caring person Erin is. It certainly takes a village to raise a child... we are so grateful for the village that has contributed to Erin's growth, personality and big heart." Prue & Michael McDonald

Mitchell Raymond Pahl



HOPE: To work on the farm
BEST MEMORY: Having the opportunity to play SAPSASA football with my friends
BIGGEST ACHIEVEMENT: Being SRC Leader and House Captain in Year 7



Benjamin Patrick Peterson



HOPE: To work in Astrophysics and own a nice house
BIGGEST ACHIEVEMENT: Representing the Murraylands in SAPSASA events and winning 2 bronze medals at Santos



Logan Max Rankin



HOPE: To own a Dodge Dart (car) and to become a youtuber
BIGGEST ACHIEVEMENT: Learning all my times tables
I WILL MISS: The small school environment



Jackson Cooper Ross



HOPE: To become an amazing youtuber and to compete in the E-sport championships
I WILL MISS: My friends and the Upper Primary couches
BEST MEMORIES: Science, Reading & English



FAREWELL THOUGHTS...

"Moving Mitchell to Mypo School in Year 1 had a dramatic effect on his learning. I have been so proud to watch him excel over the past few years." Mark Pahl

"The best decision we made was moving Harry out to Mypolonga in 2012. He has been given amazing opportunities, particularly in sport and public speaking. He has made friends which he will have for life." Amy & Andrew Stone

Harry John Stone



HOPES: To travel the world and become an AFL player
I WILL MISS: My mum
BIGGEST ACHIEVEMENT: Being selected in the SAPSASA footy team in both years 6 & 7 and winning the 2018 competition



Madalyn Lily Uren



HOPES: To have a successful job in the criminal justice system and move to a different country
BIGGEST ACHIEVEMENT: Being President of the World Vision committee



**I hope your dreams take you...
to the corners of your smiles,
to the highest of your hopes,
to the windows of your
opportunities
and to the most special places
your heart has ever known**

FAREWELL THOUGHTS...

"Thank you to all the Mypo staff for helping to guide Lelia into the kind, nurturing, intelligent and confident person she is today, and will further become, because of her time with each of you." Mel & Corey Dahlitz

"As parents of Mackenzie, we both feel extremely lucky to have had her attend this school since Reception. We've seen her grow into a confident, well mannered girl and can say with confidence that her schooling family has contributed to who she is today." Mandy & Matt Lindner

"Zoe has thrived during her time at Mypolonga. She has received opportunities at the school to grow and we are so proud of her and how she's developed in responsibilities, character and leadership." Holly & Mark Bettcher

"After a long time of Maddie being at Mypo, we have made many, many memories. Most importantly, we have made life long friends. It's sad that we won't be seeing the school every day but we will take the memories with us." Trish Richter & Robert Uren

Young Leaders of the Year 2018

This year, our Upper Primary Young Leader Award recipients receive \$50.00 each, which has been kindly donated by Anne & Graham Martin and Rita & Bill O'Brien.



Erin McDonald and Jade Prosser

Student of the Year 2018

Upper Primary

Zoe Bettcher

Middle Primary

Shaylee Martin

Lower Middle Primary

Reagan Martin

Junior Primary 1

Sophie Brouwer

Junior Primary

Azalea Baker



Our Students of the Year
receive a \$25.00 Big W Gift
Card

Most Improved Student for 2018

Upper Primary

Kiarra Gillett

Middle Primary

Zac Kennison

Lower Middle Primary

Madison Ray

Junior Primary 1

Charlotte Pahl

Junior Primary

Mia Rathjen



Academic Excellence Award for 2018

Our Upper Primary Academic Excellence award recipient receives \$60.00, which has been kindly donated by Di Coventry and Ken Coventry OAM.

Leila Dahlitz



Tiger Values Award for 2018

Our Upper Primary Tiger Values award recipients receive \$25.00 each, which has been kindly donated by the Kiwanis Club of Murray Bridge.

Katie Hutchinson and Jamie Cekanaukas

Student of the Term - Term 4 2018



Upper Primary

Baylee Cooper and Jackson Ross



Middle Primary

Elouise Kuhn

Lower Middle Primary

Brady Roden

Junior Primary 1

Lilly Lear

Junior Primary

Tayla Roden



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



Most Improved Student - Term 4 2018

Upper Primary

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

Middle Primary

Ella O'Shea-Coulter

Lower Middle Primary

Zenith Smith



Junior Primary 1

Carla Hanks



Junior Primary

Seth Ryles



Planner - Term 1 2019

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	28/1 Australia Day Holiday	29/1 . Term 1 commences Welcome back!	30/1	31/1	1/2 . 3:00pm Assembly . 6:00pm MCSC Friday Night tea	2/2 & 3/2
Week 2	4/2 . Newsletter . Swimming Lessons (Reception to Year 5 students only)	5/2 . Swimming Lessons (Reception to Year 5 students only)	6/2 . Swimming Lessons (Reception to Year 5 students only)	7/2 . Swimming Lessons (Reception to Year 5 students only)	8/2 . Swimming Lessons (Reception to Year 5 students only) . No Assembly	9/2 & 10/2
Week 3	11/2	12/2 . Playgroup commences . LMP enterprise recess	13/2 . MP enterprise lunch	14/2	15/2 . JP/JP1 enterprise lunch . 3:00pm Assembly	16/2 & 17/2
Week 4	18/2 . Newsletter . Governing Council AGM	19/2 . Playgroup . LMP enterprise recess	20/2 . MP enterprise lunch	21/2 . Life Education	22/2 . Life Education . JP/JP1 enterprise lunch . 3:00pm Assembly	23/2 & 24/2
Week 5	25/2 . School Photo Day	26/2 . Playgroup . LMP enterprise recess	27/2 . MP enterprise lunch	28/2	1/3 . JP/JP1 enterprise lunch . 3:00pm Assembly . 6:00pm MCSC Friday Night tea	2/3 & 3/3

Community News

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!

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