

# MYPO NEWS

## Mypolonga Primary School & Community Newsletter

**"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader."**

*John Quincy Adams was an American statesman who served as the sixth President of the United States from 1825 to 1829.*

Term 1, Week 4 18th February 2019

### Term 1 2019 Assembly Roster

Week 4 - Jade Burgess, Zyren Thomson, Willow Cazzolato

Week 5 - Jessica, Matilda Stone, Makayla Baker

### Happy birthday!

21/2 - Kalen (Year 7)

28/2 - Jorja (Year 4)

29/2 - Aila (Year 2)

2/3 - Tehya (Year 5)

4/3 - Sophie (Year 3)

### Enclosed with this newsletter

- . Letter from the Australian Government re safety
- . Sports' Day note re station managers

### School Photo Day

**School Photo Day** will be held on **Monday 25th February 2019**. All information was detailed on individual envelopes, which were sent home last week. Family envelopes can be obtained from Necia in the office. This year, it is preferred that **ALL** photo envelopes be returned to the office prior to photo day for safe keeping. Thank you!

### Sports' Day - Wednesday 20th March 2019

Our school **Sports' Day** will be held on **Wednesday 20th March 2019** (Week 8). Our new students have been allocated house teams and have been notified of their house colour (please contact Necia if you are unsure of your child's house colour).

On the day, we ask that all students wear a t-shirt in the colour of their house team, with black shorts/track pants. Please refer to the enclosed note to see how you might be able to help out on the day! Further details will be provided in due course.

### We Roar As One!

The last two weeks have been extremely busy, with little ones gradually becoming more comfortable with school routines, (including swimming), and older children flexing their leadership muscles! There has been a really positive start to the year. I was blown away by the Upper Primary class, who, once the rest of the school went swimming, had the yard to themselves all lunchtime. I was so proud to be able to report that while covering yard duty every day, I did not have to speak to one young person about respectful relationships. Ava Lindner umpired mixed netball, and asserted her authority over the teams competing, to an exceptional standard. Our leaders are demonstrating outstanding skills already.

The Upper Primary Information evening was extremely well attended, with almost every new UP family attending. The UP students cooked over 50 teas for their families, who were then informed about the increased expectations and high challenge of UP. Our UP learning journals, co-designed by our students, support them to develop organisational skills, and also support our teachers to be really clear about the learning intention of every lesson.

At Mypo, we try to always look for innovative ways to build a culture of learning, while respecting many of our long-held community traditions. Family Fun Night, which started as an innovation in 2012, has now become a Mypo tradition, with well over 200 people attending our barbie by the river. There was such a lovely atmosphere and I want to thank Necia for organising the evening, David Hughes and Bill O'Brien for cooking the barbie, Dee Payne for serving the tea, and parents Paula Burgess, for collecting the sausages, and Mel Thomson for chopping the onions (tough gig!). Next year, we hope to hand-over many of these roles to parents (through Facebook) to ensure this fantastic event remains sustainable into the future. Thanks also to the Mypolonga Ski Club for making their reserved area available for us to use.

Speaking of traditions; Mypo has a very proud history, curated by David Hughes' mum Irene. Her work with our community ensures we have 'primary' sources (real information from the time) rather than 'secondary' sources (information interpreted by others), to support our kids meet the achievement standard in history in the early years. The Mypolonga History Group is having a car-boot sale on Sunday 10th March 2019 (long weekend) to raise money to keep this vital community resource alive.

Last night we held the Governing Council AGM. As a parent, when my kids were little I went to a meeting and I was hooked! I felt that I was 'in the loop' and I understood what was happening in my kids' lives. It has been my mantra ever since. I am sending love to Mel Wilson, GC secretary, who has, as we speak, delivered new baby Scout. Mel will obviously not be available as Secretary, so we are hoping that our school community will step up to model leadership for their kids. 2019 Governing Council members will be listed next newsletter.

Go Team Mypo! Warm Regards, Rita



Government of South Australia  
Department for Education

## Welcome Lexi Blight...

Upper Primary Year 6/7 teacher (Tuesdays and Thursdays)

**How many pets do you own and what are their names?** I own a Golden Retriever named Marni.

**What is the best holiday you have ever been on?** My most memorable and life-changing holidays were study tours to Vanuatu through my university studies. I volunteered my time in Vanuatu in 2017 and 2018, working on sport development programs through the Australian Aid Volunteering program. I had the opportunity to travel once my volunteering was complete. This included standing on the rim of one of the world's most active volcanoes, Mt Yasur on Tanna Island.



**Why do you like working with children?**

I enjoy working with children because it is a positive and rewarding environment where you can see children learn and grow daily.

I also enjoy learning from them and with them.

**The Mypolonga Netball League Club / Mypolonga Football Club welcomes you!...**

The **Mypolonga Netball League Club** are looking at finalising teams in under 15s and under 11s. They would love to make a team for each division giving the girls as much of a run as possible. Needed are three girls for under 11s born 2008 or 2009 and two girls for under 15s born 2004 and 2005.

Please email [Mypo.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:Mypo.secretary@gmail.com) if you are interested or require further information.

The **Mypolonga Football Club** welcomes all junior footballers of any age and skill level to play during the 2019 season. They pride themselves on being a family based club, which encourages a great atmosphere and family environment.

Please call Mark Pahl (Junior President) on 0429881573 if you require further information.

## Premier's Reading Challenge

Once again, the whole school is participating in the Premier's Reading Challenge. The Challenge continues to be an important initiative that supports the State Government's commitment to improve Reception to Year 12 students' literacy skills and encourages them to enjoy reading. Each student has a record sheet kept at school where they record books they have read. Teachers, SSOs, peers or parent helpers chat with them about the books to establish that the student has comprehended the story. It is a requirement that to finish the Challenge, a student reads a minimum of 8 books from the Premier's list and 4 books of their own choice. The Challenge is to be completed by 6th September 2019. *Pictured right; Zara Hagger, Jorja Kuhn, Ruby O'Shea-Coulter, Hannah Burdett and Ava Hagger.*

Please help younger students to read their library books, returning them to the Library on their borrowing day; **Junior Primary** Wednesday, **Junior Primary 1** Monday, **Lower Middle Primary** Wednesday, **Middle Primary** Tuesday. If you have any queries, please contact our Librarian, Jane Rumbelow.



## Mathletics

Our school has once again paid for registration of Mathletics (for Year 3s and above). Mathletics is a web based numeracy and literacy learning program, which integrates home and school learning via the Internet. Your child has a 24 hour access to the program by using a unique user name and password, which they can also use at home.



## Typing Tournament

Touch typing is a skill receiving greater emphasis in the Australian Curriculum. To support our students become proficient typists, the school has purchased a program called Typing Tournament (for Junior Primary 1 and above students). It is similar to Mathletics in that each student has a username and password which can be accessed at home.

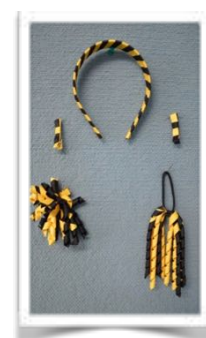
When you have a free minute, take a look at both programs mentioned above, so that you can gain a greater understanding of how Mathletics and Typing Tournament will benefit your child. To view the programs, visit [www.mathletics.com.au](http://www.mathletics.com.au) and [www.typingtournament.com.au](http://www.typingtournament.com.au) and log in using your child's user name and password, which should be in their diary or communication books.



## Black & Gold Hair Accessories

On Friday this week, (22nd February 2019), we will be placing a hair accessories order with our supplier in Adelaide. If you are interested in purchasing any items (available for viewing in the office), please call in and see Necia. Payment is required at the time of ordering. Thank you!

- . Headbands (2.5cm wide) - \$10.00
- . Curly ribbons on clip - \$4.00
- . Curly ribbons on hair tie - \$4.00
- . Clips - \$2.00





### Student Drop Off/Pick Up

Due to the congestion on Williams Street at home time, we now have two 'student pick up' points. A second teacher will be on yard duty at the gate along South Bokara Road (other side of the school oval) from 3:25pm until 3:35pm.

We are mindful that there may be times when you are not there to collect your child by 3:35pm. In this instance, your child will return to the library with the yard duty teacher until collected.

Please do not drop off or collect your children from the back of the school (in the staff car parking area) as there is not enough room and a bottle-neck occurs. This is a significant safety concern and we need to keep everyone safe!

### Student Absences

When students are late or going to be absent from school, parents/caregivers (not siblings or friends) must provide the school with an appropriate explanation for the student's non-attendance. Usually, this compromises a note in the student's school diary/communication case, a telephone call or an email to either your child's class teacher or Necia in the office. Out of school hours, you may leave a voicemail message on the school's message bank. If there are any unexplained absences at the end of the week, our Student Wellbeing Leader will contact the parent/caregiver to ask for the reason of absence.

If a student is away 3 days straight with no explanation, a phone call will be made to the parent/caregiver to clarify the reason of absence.

Families seeking extended leave (5 days or more) for family holidays must apply in writing to the school for an exemption, using the appropriate form, available from the office or our website.

### Second hand uniform items

A reminder that our school stocks second hand uniform items ie. t-shirts, jumpers, jackets and pants. Prices start from \$2.00, proceeds of which go to our SRC.

If you have any items you wish to donate to the school or would like to see what items are available to purchase, please see Necia in the office.

### Wellbeing Wonders

'What can families do when their child comes home and says, 'No-one wanted to play with me today?'

'Our first instinct is to comfort and re-assure, perhaps we say, 'Never mind, it will be better tomorrow.'

Next afternoon, parents/carers might anxiously ask their child, 'Did you have any friends to play with today?' A more helpful approach might be to begin by following the usual afternoon routines, make a comment about your own day, then try an open ended question, 'How was your day?' This is less likely to result in 'Yes/No' answers and encourages more positive responses. Try developing a family tradition of each member sharing one or two good or interesting things from the day.

For example:

- 9 being on time for school
- 9 sharing with someone
- 9 answering a question
- 9 completing a task
- 9 helping someone

It is important to build our children's skills in getting on with others and their capacity to make friends and deal with setbacks. Take a problem solving team approach, so a child feels they're not alone with the problem and that there are solutions. Tackle their negative thoughts with bits of positive evidence. By this I mean when your child says, 'I never have any friends!' Think of a recent time they told you about and reply, 'What never? What about last week, you told me about that great game of soccer/netball with some other kids.'

Next newsletter, I will continue on with this article.

If things are still not right at school, please speak with your child's teacher or contact me. We can work on ways to encourage different friendships and build strategies on social tips within the class and play time. We want our students to feel safe and happy at school but we also want them to build resilience in order to solve problems as they arise.

*Cheers, Kerry Daniel, Student Wellbeing Leader*

### Payment of bus costs for swimming lessons

A friendly reminder that payment of bus costs for swimming lessons was due on Friday 15th February 2019. Please contact Annie if you have any queries.

### Family Fun Night.. thanks for joining us!



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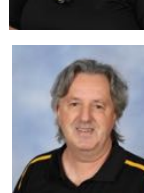
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## Student Leadership

House Leaders have a great deal of responsibility at Mypo. They lead their teams to success in sport but they also inspire their team members to read to improve their literacy skills.

House leaders have integrity and are respected by their teams.



## Murray House Leaders



Makayla Stimpson



Linx Baker



Ben Stewart



Ava Lindner

The Murray River was originally named the Hume River by Hamilton Hume, in honour of his father. It was later renamed the Murray, in honour of Sir George Murray, Secretary of the State for Colonies of the British Government in 1830.

## Finnis House Leaders

John Finnis rode overland with Charles Sturt in 1938. He published the first South Australian Hansard (a record of what is said in parliament).

His portrait hangs in the Adelaide Art Gallery.

Absent: Jessica



Bella Pike



Jade Burgess



Rhea Kempe

“A leader knows the way, shows the way and goes the way.”

## Hindmarsh House Leaders



Craig Gillett



Claire Ruckenstuhl



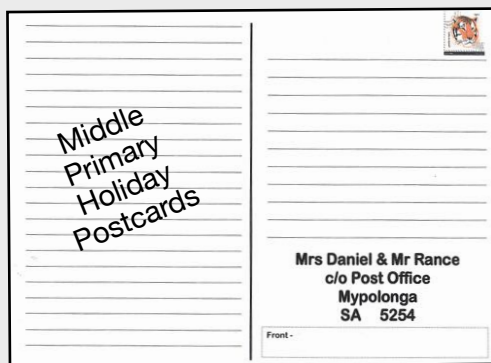
Rhiannon Bowley



Georgia Martin

John Hindmarsh was the first Governor of South Australia. He arrived in 1836 and had to decide where to build the capital city. Hindmarsh wanted it near the mouth of the Murray, but Colonel Light wanted it near its current site. Many places in S.A. are named after Governor Hindmarsh.





At the beginning of the term, students in the Middle Primary class were asked to write a postcard to Mrs Daniel and Mr Rance about a holiday activity.

Pictured below is writing and artwork by Reagan Martin and Ellie Pontt.

All work is on display in the classroom display boards outside the Junior Primary class.

Dear Mrs Daniel and Mr Rance

During the holidays, I went to the farm. I got to feed the calves, herd the cows and play with Blue the dog. Feeding the calves was fun. I had to measure out one and a half litres of milk and put it in the feeders. I had to put my fingers in the calves' mouth and lead it to drink. My favourite calf has a love heart on its head.

Herding the cows was calming. All we had to do was herd the cows from one paddock to another. We got to ride in the gater and on the motorbikes. We had to go slow because the cows have to walk slow. Blue was laying in the back of the gater and when a cow would slow down or stop, Blue would jump out, make them move faster and then jump back in.

I had a lot of fun. I would like to thank Uncle Sambo for letting me help.

From Reagan



Dear Mrs Daniel and Mr Rance

We arrived in Ardrossan at 9:00am. We walked down the long jetty while we waited for my uncle to come. Five minutes later, Uncle Scott was walking right behind us. Once we were all together, we went for a drive down to Tiddy Widdy Beach so we could go crabbing.

It was my first time going raking, so I was nervous because I thought I might get bitten. We were out for half an hour and I caught nothing. Dad and Uncle Scott caught 14 crabs. After we got all cleaned up, we went out for tea. I had chicken nuggets. After that, we went to bed. The next day we woke, packed up and left. It was a great trip and I would like to go back.

I loved that dad tried to teach me to crab.

From Ellie

Last week with Miss Blight, Upper Primary students practised their counting back change skills and balancing the books, all in preparation for the School Shop each Friday.

Students bought and sold items, recorded their sales and learnt about floats.





Practising for Friday in the School Shop... Koby Stimpson, Jade Burgess, Joe Tidy and Drew Bettcher / Bella Pike and Judd Ruckenstein



# Swimming Lessons 2019 Reception to Year 5



 "I was in the middle size pool. My instructor taught me backstroke, torpedo and I learnt how to blow bubbles under water." Ruby O'Shea-Coulter 

"My favourite activity during swimming lessons this year was bubble arm breathing arm. It was fun!" Blake Kennedy

"Backstroke was fun because you got to float on your back." Tayla Roden

"I really liked making a whirlpool in the pool." Nate Edson





## 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

<b>Week 4</b>	<b>18/2</b> . Newsletter . Basketball clinic (Years 2-5) . Governing Council AGM	<b>19/2</b> . 9:00am Playgroup commences . Athletics clinic (whole school) . LMP enterprise recess	<b>20/2</b> . MP enterprise lunch	<b>21/2</b> . Life Education	<b>22/2</b> . Life Education . JP/JP1 enterprise lunch . 3:00pm Assembly	<b>23/2 &amp; 24/2</b>
<b>Week 5</b>	<b>25/2</b> . School Photo Day	<b>26/2</b> . 9:00am - 10:15am Playgroup . Athletics clinic (whole school) . LMP enterprise recess	<b>27/2</b> . MP enterprise lunch	<b>28/2</b>	<b>1/3</b> . JP/JP1 enterprise lunch . 3:00pm Assembly . 6:00pm MCSC Friday Night tea	<b>2/3 &amp; 3/3</b> 2/3 - Mannum Show
<b>Week 6</b>	<b>4/3</b> . Newsletter	<b>5/3</b> . 9:00am - 10:15am Playgroup . Athletics clinic (whole school) . LMP enterprise recess	<b>6/3</b> . MP enterprise lunch	<b>7/3</b>	<b>8/3</b> . JP/JP1 enterprise lunch . 3:00pm Assembly	<b>9/3 &amp; 10/3</b> 10/3 - 10:00am Mypolonga Farmers Market & Car Boot Sale
<b>Week 7</b>	<b>11/3</b>  <b>Public Holiday</b>	<b>12/3</b> . 9:00am - 10:15am Playgroup . LMP enterprise recess	<b>13/3</b> . MP enterprise lunch	<b>14/3</b>	<b>15/3</b> . JP/JP1 enterprise lunch . 3:00pm Assembly . 6:00pm Mypo RSL Bingo/bbq tea	<b>16/3 &amp; 17/3</b>

## Community News

**Congratulations** to Kylie Dolphin and Lynton Temby on the safe arrival of their son Dustin, born on 10/02/2019. Dustin is a little brother to Scarlett in the Junior Primary Class.

**Mypolonga Farmers Market and Car Boot Sale** from 10:00am Sunday 10th March 2019 at the Mypolonga Institute grounds. Site fee only \$10.00 (set up from 8:00am). To book a site or for further information, please contact Jenni from the Mypolonga History Group on 0419032331.

The next **Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club monthly tea** will be held on Friday 1st March 2019, and then continuing on the first Friday of every month. Teas commence at 6:30pm and it is a great way to get to know people in our community!

The **Sports Vouchers program** is a Government of South Australia initiative administered by the Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing. The program provides an opportunity for primary school aged children from Reception to Year 7 to receive up to a \$100 discount on sports or dance membership/registration fees. The purpose is to increase the number of children playing organised sport or participating in dance activities by reducing cost as a barrier. From 1 January 2019 several changes have been made to the program, including the vouchers being increased from \$50 to \$100 and all forms of dance are now eligible. Mypolonga Football Club, Mypolonga Netball League Club and Mypolonga S.K.A (karate) are all approved providers of this program. Please follow this link for further details [www.sportsvouchers.sa.gov.au](http://www.sportsvouchers.sa.gov.au)

**The Mannum Show**, operated by the Mannum Agricultural Society Inc., is celebrating it's 95th year of tradition on Sunday 2nd March 2019. There will be a wide range of entertainment to suit all ages. For further information, visit <https://www.mannumshow.org>

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