

MYPO NEWS

Mypolonga Primary School & Community Newsletter

*"When a flower doesn't bloom, you fix the environment in which it grows, not the flower."
~ Alexander Den Heijer is a Dutch inspirational speaker, trainer, author and consultant ~*

Term 3, Week 10 27th September 2019

Term 4 2019 Assembly Roster

Week 1 - James Mueller, Levi Gray, Mikaela Watts

Happy birthday!

28/9 - Amilee (Year 4)
30/9 - Shaylee (Year 6)
6/10 - Hayden (Year 6)
10/10 - Chloe (Reception)
10/10 - Neeve (Reception)
12/10 - Luke (Year 2)
13/10 - Drazic (Year 3)
15/10 - Lyam (Year 5)
18/10 - Tilly (Year 1)
20/10 - Brandan (Year 5)

School Shop open for business!

Our **School Shop** will be **open for business** on both Fridays of the school holidays (Friday 4th October and Friday 11th October 2019). All Reception to Year 7 students are welcome to attend, dressed in school uniform, arriving at 11.50am to approximately 12:45pm. Thank you to all our parents/caregivers for supporting this program during the holidays.

Hats / drink bottles

Today, we have sent home all hats and drink bottles to be washed. When returned next term, please ensure all drink bottles, containers, hats and clothing are labelled with your child's name. Black and white permanent markers are available to use in the office. Thank you!

Literacy Cup Results (Week 9 Term 3 and progressive total)

Red (Murray) 100 points / 2710 points
Blue (Hindmarsh) 79 points / 2587 points
Gold (Finnis) 88 points / 2513 points



Government of South Australia
Department for Education

We Roar as One!

Congratulations to all the Mypo football and netball teams who achieved success in the finals this season. As we reach the end of the term, it is a great opportunity to reflect on our achievements while planning for the future.

Recently, we sent home NAPLAN and PAT results. While we need to remember that one or two students can have a significant impact on our results, it was very heartening to see how well we performed, particularly in Year 7 where our numeracy average results were a whole band above the national average. PAT results were also strong with almost all students meeting the Standard of Educational Achievement. We use this data to plan our intervention programs and structures to best support our students to do their best.

This week, I will conclude John Marsden's tip for parents from his book 'The Art of Growing Up'.

- Help them develop language skills. Don't finish their sentences for them. Ask them open-ended questions that need a detailed answer, not just Yes/No questions.
- Make sure they have regular jobs/duties at home and that those jobs are done to a consistent high standard.
- Don't whinge endlessly about the miseries of your adult life. A lot of children now are fearful about growing up because their parents paint such a grim picture of the awfulness ahead.
- Teach them to be wary of people who Absolutely Know the Absolute Truth about Everything! The colour of truth is always grey. Extreme positions are for the ignorant. Every creature, every person and every situation is complex. The universe is a wonderful mystery.

We would like to thank Anne Martin for taking the Lower Middle Primary class while Jane Rumbelow was on long service leave. We are so lucky to have such high-quality back-up people in our school community, so that learning can continue to run smoothly. In the words of Dave Garner, 'Anne has made more come-backs than John Farnham', but she's welcome to come back here any time!

Have a great break and don't forget the first day of next term is a student free day.

Warm Regards,
Rita

Class Awards - Term 3 Week 9

Junior Primary Class

Jordan Pouw-Bray - for putting in the extra effort into his Fitzroy reading at home.

Gracie Luckett - for always putting in 100% across all learning areas.

Junior Primary 1 Class

Carla Hanks - being a leader and helping out younger students.

Azalea Baker - trying her best in all subject areas.

Lower Middle Primary Class

Dominick Swanson - for using learning stories to train his memory.

Brady Roden - for being very focused on extending his learning.

Middle Primary Class

Tahlia Ross - showing leadership when helping others on a learning task.

Matilda Stone - doing the right thing because it's the right thing to do!

Upper Primary Class

Riley Hagger - seeking feedback to continue improvement in writing.

Dallas Harrowfield - focus and organisation to complete assignments.

Medication requirements

A reminder that a completed and signed Medication Agreement **must** accompany any medication brought into school and **taken on any of the upcoming camps**. This **excludes** Asthma medication, which we should already have an Asthma Action Plan for. Please see Necia if you have any queries. Thank you!

Congratulations Mypolonga Football Club!

Congratulations to Mypolonga Football Club's Under 17.5s and A Grade teams on winning the 2019 RMFL premierships! A number of boys from both teams attended our primary school and we hope they enjoy their well-earned celebrations well into the off season!



Wellbeing Wonders

10 Ways to Teach Kids to Have a Growth Mindset

Ideas taken from article by Sue Lively

'Did you know that you can actually help your kids get smarter?

Teaching kids about "Growth Mindset" can help them become better learners, more persistent, more intelligent and resilient overall!'

Each fortnight I will include an easy tip from the above article to teach your child to have a growth mindset and you will be well on the way to helping your child be the best person they can be! For each tip Sue recommends picture books which I will also include to reinforce the concept.

#2 – Teach your child about the different mindsets

If you want your kids to develop a growth mindset, self-awareness is a great place to start! You can start by teaching them to recognize the two different mindsets by reading them books or by watching a video. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2zrtHt3bBmQ&feature=youtu.be>

All students have been taught about these two mindsets – fixed mindset and growth mindset in their classrooms, please ask them about it. They have been taught about the language used and how to change your mindset simply by thinking differently.

Making A Splash – Growth Mindset for Kids by Carol E. Reiley

Making a Splash is a fun book that shows the differences in mindsets between two siblings learning to swim. This book has everything you need to explain growth mindset to your child. It emphasizes effort and persistence in achieving success, and explains why some people have to work harder than others at certain skills. It even has a detailed section for parents that explains growth mindset and gives all kinds of suggestions for discussion with your child.



Cheers, Kerry, Wellbeing Leader

Oktoberfest at Mypolonga Primary School!

Please see details below regarding an Oktoberfest day we are holding at the school in Term 4. Thanks Jo Wagenknecht for making this special day happen.

OKTOBERFEST at MYPOLONGA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Oktoberfest is a traditional celebration held in Germany.

In Term 4, we will be holding our own Oktoberfest!



When: Thursday, 31st October

Wann: Donnerstag, Oktober 31

Lunch: \$2 Sausage in bread

\$2 Apple Strudel

Mittagessen: Wurst im Brot

Apfelstrudel



To add to the festive atmosphere, students can wear the traditional German Dirndl and Lederhosen. Alternatively, wear a buttoned shirt with skirt/dress and apron or shorts with buttoned shirt with long socks.

During lunchtime, there will be traditional German activities.

Enterprise Recess/Lunches

Thanks to everyone who continually supports our classroom enterprise program. Money raised helps subsidise our camps and excursions, whilst teaching our students food preparation and money reconciliation.

Please refer to the note below detailing what is on offer for Term 4.

Classroom Enterprise	
Lower Middle Primary Tuesday Recess	
Icecream in a cone	
\$1 each	
Middle Primary Wednesday Lunch	
Salad Roll -ham, chicken or cheese	
*choice of salads	
\$3 each	
Junior Primary 1 - Thursday Lunch	
Sausage in Bread	
\$2.50 each	
Junior Primary R - Friday Recess	
Jelly Cup	
\$1.50 each	
***Please encourage your child to order their own food	
Please order and pay for all Enterprise Food on Monday or Tuesday.	
All Enterprise orders will be taken in the Kitchens @ the canteen prior to 8:55am.	
All profit goes back in to classes to support camps/excursions/resources.	
Thank you ☺	GST included

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Chris Sargeant and Lauren Schwenke on the safe arrival of their daughter Khloe, born on 4th September 2019. Khloe is a little sister for Laycie in the Junior Primary class and Jayden in the Junior Primary 1 class.



Congratulations to Katrina and Cale Moore on the safe arrival of their daughter Ruby, born on 28th August 2019. Ruby is a little sister for Levi who will be starting school with us in 2023 and niece to Joel in the Junior Primary 1 class.

We wish you all every happiness!

Student pick up

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

There is no need to contact the school of your lateness **unless** you feel that not being there on time will make your child anxious or if you will be later than 3:45pm.

SAPSASA Soccer

Congratulations and well done to Year 7 student Linx Baker who represented the Murraylands in the 2019 boys SAPSASA soccer team during Week 8.

Linx reported, 'The team played well, but unfortunately we did not win any games. The teams we versed were really skilled and looked like they were in Year 10! I didn't really have a main position in the four days I played. My position kept changing because I know how to play every position well except for goalie. I enjoyed playing right defence because that was usually where all the good strikers were, so I had to really try. I also enjoyed meeting up with old friends.'



Congratulations and well done to Year 7 student Rhiannon Bowley who represented the Murraylands in the 2019 girls SAPSASA soccer team during Week 8.

Rhiannon reported, 'We played 8 games in total throughout the week, playing 2 games per day. I played in defence every game and I really enjoyed this position. Being a defender means that you have to help out the goalie to make sure the offending don't score a goal. We had an absolutely amazing group of girls, who were all very strong players. Our coach, Ben Cooper, was so encouraging and although we didn't win any games, the most important thing to him was that we were having fun. We scored 5 goals total for the week. On the last day, the coach took us down to the beach in between games so the cold water would soothe our leg muscles. By the end of the week we were all tired and extremely sore, but we had a great week to look back on and had so much fun!'



Bin Free School Initiative

At our recent Sustainability committee meeting, members discussed trialling a bin free school initiative.

This comes about after we were unsuccessful in a grant application to help purchase new bins for the school. The committee is quite passionate about rubbish sustainability and is looking at ways to cut down on waste going to landfill.

At present, it costs us an average of \$350.00 per month for the removal of hard rubbish. This does not include our paper recycling and other recycling products in which the school takes into a recycling depot in Murray Bridge a few times a term. This has slowly been increasing over the past few years.

It was mentioned that there are other schools trialling a **NO BIN** philosophy and it was decided to ask for Governing Council's support to run the initiative at our school in Term 4 for 2 weeks.

We will still have our scrap bins for our compost and chickens but we are asking that students place all other soft plastic wraps back in their lunch boxes to take home. We are looking at starting this from Week 2 in Term 4 and will send further information out in Week 1 as a reminder. This will be a 2 week trial and will be looked at for 2020.

If you would like an alternative to cling wrap the Junior Primary 1 class will be selling Beeswax Reusable Food Covers as an enterprise through the School Shop in Term 4.

If you have any questions in regards to this initiative, please contact the school.

Thank you for your support.

Letters from School Shop visitors

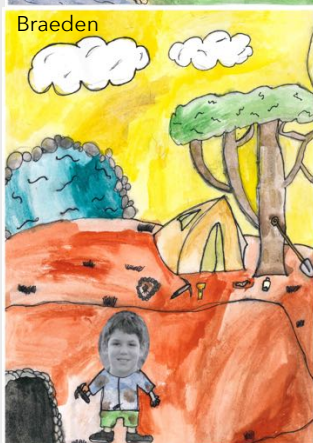
'Hello to you all! We visited your school on 21st June while on a 'Proud Mary' trip. It was a real highlight of our tour, and we were very impressed with all your activities and how well you did them. Good luck and best wishes for the future! Robin & Mary-Ann Anderson, Canberra, ACT'

'Dear Charlotte, Eleven months ago I had the pleasure to go to your school. I was on a holiday. As part of our trip on the Proud Mary, we were luck enough to visit. When it came to placing a pin on where we came from, there were too many pins on Sydney. I promised to send you a post card from the top of Norway but it was too hard to find a post office! Hence, I have had to bring it back and send it from Sydney. Best wishes to your school, Jeanine Stokes, Caringbah, NSW'



Middle Primary Art - Gold Rush

Middle Primary students put themselves back in time at the Goldfields while studying the topic Gold Rush in Australia.



Introducing SRC Year 6 Representative... Koby Stimpson

As an SRC representative, I hope to... do my best to help organise special days.

Something you don't know about me is... my favourite animal is a cat.

I read... Blueback fiction and non fiction books.

I watch... shows involving romance and comedy.

I listen to... songs on my iPad and the radio.

One day I hope to... build a house and take a trip to Hawaii.

If I could change something in the world, I would... stop all littering and pollution.

The best thing about Mypolonga Primary School is... that everyone is well respected.

Someone I really look up to is... my sister Jayda **because** she is really smart and whenever she can laugh..she will!



Introducing SRC Year 7 Leader... Jessica

As an SRC leader, I hope to... help students to have a say in what happens around the school.

Something you don't know about me is... I know pi to 32 decimal places.

I read... Emily Rodda books.

I watch... Masterchef.

I listen to... the radio.

One day I hope to... travel the world.

If I could change something in the world, I would... end all poverty.

The best thing about Mypolonga Primary School is... the School Shop.

Someone I really look up to is... Emily Rodda.. **because** she writes good books with creative plots.

Governing Council Capers

The content of Governing Council meetings this term is a true indication of how we form part of a bigger picture. Decisions made by our government, by our communities and the influence we have as a family unit, make a huge impact on our children's future. This term, we are understanding more about very early social interaction and participation in programs such as our Playgroup. There are many benefits, such as hearing nursery rhymes, which assist children in arriving to the start of their schooling phonologically aware. Please encourage attendance where you can, because this, readiness (or non-readiness) then impacts on the learning opportunities our staff provide students.

At the other end of the primary school timeline, we have been working towards strategies for the integration of South Australia's government decision on the public education system, where all year 7 public school students will be taught in high school from Term 1, 2022. Our school, like many others, is now faced with all sorts of tough choices about logistics, staffing, classroom sizes and financial impacts. The Governing Council has been a sounding board for Rita and the management staff who are doing a wonderful job navigating their way through these important decisions. Rest assured, the sole focus is about benefiting the children attending our great school.

Finally, heartfelt gratitude to those who help us shine bright. Specific highlights are community leaders of Master Class, staff and parents going above and beyond for school camps and excursions, and to staff who are implementing no technology sessions when students are inside for inclement weather (using the philosophy that iPads are for creating, not consuming). Enjoy a well-earned break to gear up for an innovative Term 4 – one I'm looking forward to is the two week trial of no bins for our waste management awareness and sustainability!

Kelly Kuhn, Chairperson

Technology Free Playtime

Recently, a group of staff members participated in iPad training provided by Apple in Adelaide. They came back to school feeling really positive about how we already use our iPads, but also excited about how much more we can do!

One teacher gave us a take away which we have grabbed on to and that is NOT to use technology in our inside break times. When the students are kept inside during wet or hot weather, we will be encouraging them to find other ways to entertain themselves and work together.

Reminders/Diary Dates for Term 4

Student Free Days

Monday 14th October 2019 (First day back Term 4)

Monday 11th November 2019 (Week 5 Term 4)
the school will be closed on these days to allow for staff training, development and planning.

Upper Primary Camp

Monday 4th November to Wednesday 6th November 2019

Junior Primary / Junior Primary 1 Camp

Thursday 7th November to Friday 8th November 2019

Transition for next year's classes / new reception students and Year 7s to MBHS

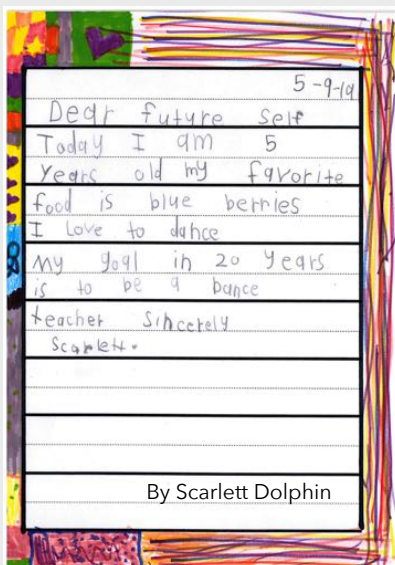
Thursday 5th December 2019

End of Year School Concert

Monday 9th December 2019

Return to sender!

Recently, our Junior Primary Reception/Year 1 students wrote letters to their future selves and posted them at the Mypolonga General Store. All letters are proudly on the Junior Primary noticeboard outside their classroom.



Mypolonga History Museum

The Mypolonga History Group would like to invite Mypolonga community-minded residents to join our group.

The History group would like to move forward by opening the Museum to the public on a regular basis. Our group are all volunteers who are signed up with Murray Bridge Council, and this has worked very well in bringing the Mypolonga Institute back to the community. We are especially proud of the way the community history collection has been displayed.

There are many areas of need and the choice would be yours.

1. We have a social group led by Jenny Llewellyn.
2. The History group is led by Irene Hughes and Janis Haynes. Janis' grandfather owned the fruit cannery in Mypolonga in 1925 and her father attended Mypolonga Primary School.
3. The garden care is led by Natalie Smith.
4. Computer skills and progressive ideas would be more than welcome but not necessary.



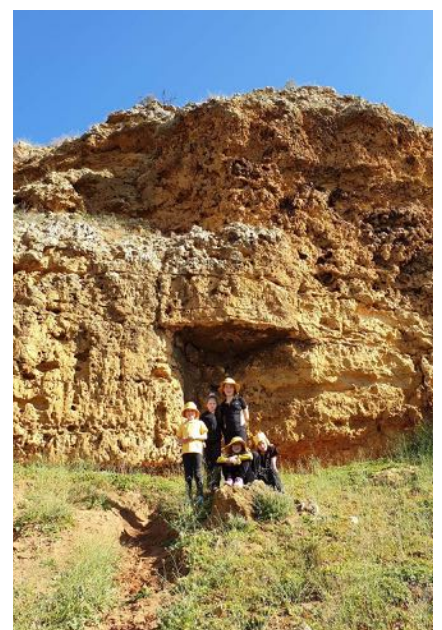
The Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 14th October 2019 at 7:00pm in the Institute supper room.

We would be really happy to welcome you, and as we all give whatever time we can, there are no expectations in your volunteering.

For further information, please contact; Irene Hughes 0422895134 / 85354134 (with answering machine) or Jenny Llewellyn 0419032331 / 85354183.

Aboriginal Studies - Lower Middle Primary class excursion to Wall Flat

As an introduction to a unit of work on Aboriginal studies, the Lower Middle Primary class visited Wall Flat. First, they travelled to explore some wombat holes, observing the mussell middens exposed by the wombat's digging. They were set the task of imagining what life would have been like for Aboriginal people living in this area before European settlers came. Then we travelled closer to the river to see berry bushes, grasses and yams, and hear about life in an Aboriginal camp. On the way home, David, who drove the bus for us, took us past Heath's canoe tree.





Young Environmental Leaders 'YEL'



A number of students from the Middle Primary and Upper Primary classes form the YEL, which stands for Young Environmental Leaders. It is a program run by NRM (Natural Resources Management) to educate students to understand more about sustainability for the environment. It also encourages students to share their learning through earning badges. The NRM encourages students to notice the environment around us and how to help care for it. Further information can be found at www.naturalresources.sa.gov.au. Lexi Blight and David Hughes have attended the sessions with our students during the year.

In Term 1, our YEL members went to the Coorong and learnt a tribal pelican dance, a celebration dance and some Ngarrindjeri history. We also learnt how to identify native bush tucker in the area around the Coorong. Pictured below are Shaylee Martin, Koby Stimpson, Jayden Ladson and Drew Bettcher.

We play 'an icebreaker' at the start of every meeting; an icebreaker is an activity that makes you feel less worried to talk and gets you up and interacting with people you don't know (students from other schools). The Coorong is located near Keith and Taillem Bend. It is shaped like a boomerang. The YEL location was located near Salt Creek.

On 11th June 2019, the YEL group went to an organic garlic farm in Mypolonga to learn about sustainable farming and healthy soil. At the farm we learnt many new things about garlic, worms and soil. One of the surprising things we learnt was that in 1887, people thought worms were useless and Charles Darwin proved that worms were helping the plants grow. The first activity we did was to cut up an apple to see how much land we had on the earth for farming. Then we went on a tour of the farm and we learnt new things like, stinging nettles can be useful in the right place. The last activity we completed was looking at what type of soil we had by testing what shapes we could make it into. Back at school, we learnt how to make a successful compost bin and worm farm.



Our YEL members for Terms 1 & 2;
Shaylee, Koby, Jayden and Drew

In Terms 3 & 4, our YEL members are Ruby Montgomery-Pittaway, Brandan Pahl, Zac Kennison and Ella O'Shea-Coulter. We recently went to Kinchina Conservation Park. We learnt about weed seeds that are bad for the land and how to stop them from spreading. We walked around wearing special socks, which would pick up any seeds. When we returned, we sorted the seeds into groups; wind, water, gravity and hook.

Later, we made a solution from bridal creeper that is infected by fungi that can kill bridal creeper, this solution was then put into weed sprayers that we then sprayed on the bridal creeper.

We were told the code of the plants that we had to find then we went on a walk with a GPS to mark where the plants were located. Pictured below right are Ruby Montgomery-Pittaway and Ella O'Shea-Coulter.



Term 3 2019

Student of the Term

Upper Primary

Makayla Stimpson

Middle Primary

Ruby Montgomery-Pittaway

Lower Middle Primary

Amilee Harvie

Junior Primary 1

Joel Smart

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

Junior Primary

Laycie Sargeant

Most Improved Student

Upper Primary

James Mueller

Middle Primary

Brandan Pahl

Lower Middle Primary

Haiden Squire

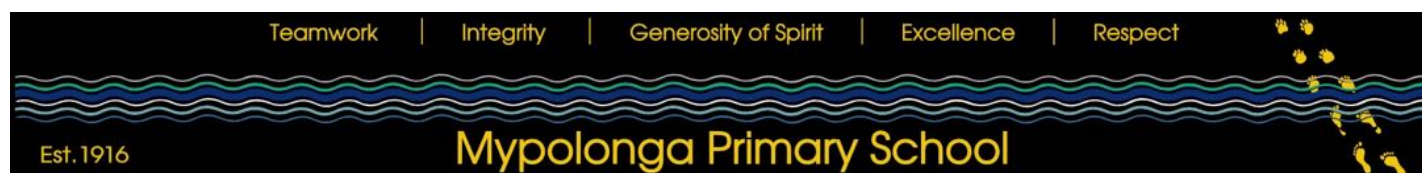
Junior Primary 1

Madison Schwarz

Junior Primary

Bailey Rothe

Congratulations to all
our award recipients!



Planner - Term 4 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	14/10 Student Free Day 7:00pm Mypolonga History Group AGM	15/10 . No Playgroup (commences Week 2) . LMP enterprise recess (check out our new menu!)	16/10 . MP enterprise lunch (check out our new menu!)	17/10 . JP1 enterprise lunch (check out our new menu!)	18/10 . JP enterprise recess (check out our new menu!) . 3:00pm Assembly . 6:00pm Mypo RSL Bingo BBQ tea	19/10 & 20/10
Week 2	21/10 . Newsletter	22/10 . LMP enterprise recess . 3:45pm Sustainability meeting	23/10 . MP enterprise lunch	24/10 . JP1 enterprise lunch	25/10 . JP enterprise recess . 3:00pm Assembly	26/10 & 27/10
Week 3	28/10 . 3:45pm Life Long Learning meeting . 7:00pm Finance meeting . 7:30pm Governing Council meeting	29/10 . LMP enterprise recess	30/10 . NO MP enterprise lunch . Choir (Year 4 & 5) students @ Regional Performance at Town Hall	31/10 . JP1 enterprise lunch . Oktobertfest	1/11 . JP enterprise recess . 3:00pm Assembly . 6:30pm MCSC Friday Night Tea	2/11 & 3/11
Week 4	4/11 . Newsletter . Upper Primary camp	5/11 . LMP enterprise recess . Upper Primary camp	6/11 . MP enterprise lunch . Upper Primary camp	7/11 . NO JP1 enterprise lunch due to camp . Junior Primary / Junior Primary 1 Camp	8/11 . NO JP enterprise recess due to camp . 3:00pm Assembly . Junior Primary / Junior Primary 1 Camp	9/11 & 10/11
Week 5	11/11 Student Free Day	12/11 . LMP enterprise recess	13/11 . MP enterprise lunch	14/11 . JP1 enterprise lunch	15/11 . JP enterprise recess . 3:00pm Assembly . 6:00pm Mypo RSL Bingo BBQ tea	16/11 & 17/11 16/11 - from 4:00pm Murray Bridge Riverfront Christmas Festival

Community News

Mypolonga Netball League Club

Senior Presentation - Friday 11th October 2019 at the Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club. 6:30pm start. Dress: semi-formal. Partners welcome, iPod and dancing after formalities. Food platters provided, bar facilities available. \$10.00 per head (pay on arrival). RSVP by 27th September 2019 to mypo.secretary@gmail.com.

Mypolonga RSL Bingo BBQ Teas - next tea: Friday 18th October 2019 at the Mypolonga RSL. A fun night out for the whole family. Teas commence at 6:00pm, Bingo commences between 7:15pm and 7:30pm. A salad to share would be appreciated.

Kids in Adelaide - Wondering what to do with your children in the upcoming school holidays? The Kids in Adelaide Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/kidsinadelaide/> may help!

Their Story: "Kids in Adelaide is a fun and easy way to find all the information on things to do with kids in Adelaide. We do the hard work for you, finding all the best playgrounds, cafes, events and activities for families young and old and keep you informed of any new or exciting things to do! Our mission is to be the online resource for all Adelaide parents and carers, bringing you a wealth of valuable, up-to-date information." Take a look at the post on The Big Wedgie at West Beach Parks - 5 awesome inflatable waterslides... family fun for all ages!

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