

MYPO NEWS

Mypolonga Primary School & Community Newsletter

*"We can complain because rose bushes have thorns or rejoice because thorn bushes have roses."
~ Abraham Lincoln was an American statesman and lawyer who served as the 16th President of the United States
from March 1861 until his assassination in April 1865 ~*

Term 4, Week 2 21st October 2019

Term 4 2019 Assembly Roster

Week 2 - Haylee Sinclair, Levi Gray, Mikaela Watts

Week 3 - Izac Paterson, Ruby Montgomery-Pittaway, Jai Bowley

Happy birthday!

26/10 - Linton (Year 4)

30/10 - Claire (Year 7)

30/10 - Ariel (Year 5)

4/11 - Scarlett (Reception)

Student Free Day

Monday 11th November 2019 is a Student Free Day. The school will be closed on this day to allow for class planning for 2020.

No Bin Initiative

From Wednesday this week, we will be starting our **No Bin Initiative** in the school. Teachers will chat to students in regards to this. We are asking that students take home any lunchbox rubbish. This will be a 2-week trial. If you have any questions please contact the school.

Kindly, Sustainability Committee

Literacy Cup Points

Red (Murray) 146 points / 2956 points

Blue (Hindmarsh) 125 points / 2788 points

Gold (Finnis) 98 points / 2723 points

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.

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We Roar as One!

Sustainability Committee News

The Sustainability Committee has a number of initiatives currently on the go. The revitalisation of the Junior Primary playground has commenced, with established trees purchased and planted from money donated from our last casual day. During the holidays, David and Rhea's grandfather Peter worked hard to plant the trees, install irrigation and move the swing. More will happen, so watch this space!

As reported in the last newsletter, the committee also would like to work pro-actively to reduce the amount of waste going to landfill. They would like to trial an initiative which has been successfully integrated in many schools already. They propose that we do not put any bins out for two weeks. From Wednesday, students will eat recess and lunch in their classroom and return any waste to their lunchboxes to take home. Families will then be made aware of how much waste they generate and hopefully will use more re-usable containers thereby reducing waste to landfill. Compost bins will still be available for organic waste which we feed to the chooks or compost.

A reminder that our next Sustainability Committee will be held tomorrow (Tuesday 22nd October 2019) after school.

Progressive Achievement in Maths and Reading

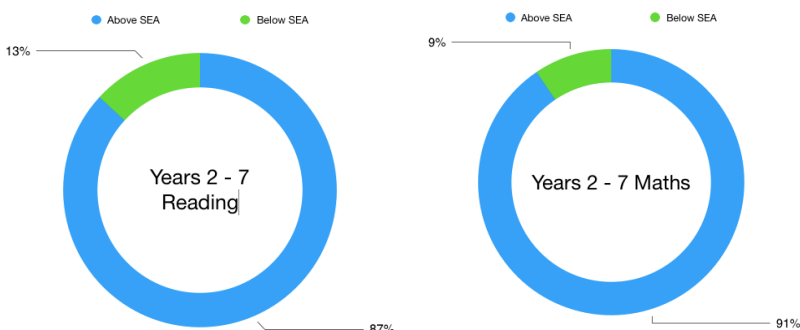
Recently all students, (including students with disabilities), from Years 2-7 completed Progressive Achievement tests in maths, reading and vocab. Maths and reading have been aligned to the Standard of Educational Achievement (SEA). We sent home your child's individual results at the end of the term.

We also analyse the data from year level and whole school perspectives, in order to determine the priorities of our site improvement plan for next year. The graphs below show achievement across all year levels.

This year, teams of teachers worked together on targeted priorities:

- Junior Primary: phonics
- Middle Primary: sentence construction and punctuation in writing
- Upper Primary: reading

A detailed analysis of our results will be available to families in our Annual Report.



2019 Parent Surveys

Each year, DfE requires us to conduct a parent survey. The data is included in our Annual Report. An email in regards to this will be sent home to parents by Wednesday this week. If you do not have an email address please contact the office for a hard copy. We will also be doing a student survey at school. If you would like any further information please let us know.

Warm Regards, Rita

2020 Materials & Services Charges

Please find included with your newsletter, information in regards to the 2020 school fees. Note: The fees will be invoiced in February 2020. Further information in regards to payment will be given then. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school
Kindly, Annie

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!

SACA Cricket Clinic

During Week 10 last term, our students had the privilege of taking part in a cricket clinic run by Kurt Miegel from SACA. They learnt valuable lessons in throwing, fielding, catching, bowling and batting and all enjoyed their time learning these new skills. Big thank you again to Kurt from SACA for running the clinic.



Charlotte



Linton

Playgroup

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

Congratulations

Congratulations to Felicia and Ash Martin on the safe arrival of their son Hudson Jack, born on 16th October 2019. Hudson is a little brother for Georgia (Year 7), Reagan (Year 5), Noah (Year 2) and Imogen (Reception 2020). Best wishes to you all for the years ahead.

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.

#3 - Model growth mindset thinking

'One of the best ways we can encourage our children to have a growth mindset is to work on developing one ourselves. After all, as developmental psychologists have known for a long time, kids learn much of their behaviour and attitudes from watching how we react to our challenges.

The easiest way to do this is to let your kids overhear you *thinking aloud* positive phrases when you make mistakes or find something difficult. Instead of... "I'm not very good at this." or "This is too hard." Say... "This is really hard for me. I guess I better keep practising." Although it may feel a little awkward at first, the more you do it, the more natural it becomes and sounds.

This thinking aloud strategy is commonly used by teachers when modelling how to think while reading and you should notice eventually that your children will start to use these phrases themselves.

I Knew You Could!.. a modern sequel to The Little Engine That Could. I've given this book as a gift to students graduating from high school and university as well as read it to my school-aged students.'



'Do what I say, not what I do' is a common phrase I hear often but unfortunately the opposite happens. Children watch you and they do what you do!
#parentingisahardgig

Cheers, Kerry, Wellbeing Leader

Introducing SRC Year 7 Leader... Jade Burgess

As an SRC leader, I hope to... do my role as best I can.

Something you don't know about me is... I have a pet dog named Max.

I read... David Walliams books.

I watch... Australian Ninja Warrior.

I listen to... music on the radio.

One day I hope to... own my own cafe.

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

The best thing about Mypolonga Primary School is... everyone is kind and encouraging.

Someone I really look up to is... Kelly Altmann.. **because** she is an amazing netballer.

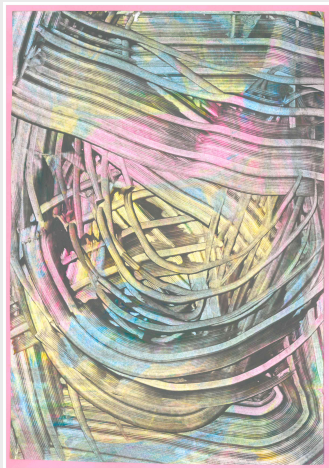


Junior Primary 1 - STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics)

In Physical Sciences last term, the Junior Primary 1 class learnt about different forces. For their piece of artwork, students used many different forces including; Push, Pull, Gravity and Friction.



Marbling by Mila Carstairs



Scraping by Madison Brouwer



Magnetic painting by Jackson Lear

Lower Middle Primary - Aboriginal Studies

At the end of last term, and as a culmination of their Aboriginal studies unit, Lower Middle Primary students used multigrain flour to make damper. They set a fire, and when coals had formed, they cooked the damper in the coals and then feasted! Thanks to David Hughes and Janice Mildwaters for their help! Pictured below and enjoying their damper; Brady, Lachlan, Dominick, Haiden, Ava, Felicity, Lily and Jorja.



Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program

During the last few weeks of Term 3, our Upper Primary students were in the kitchen learning about preparing and cooking food. They had the opportunity to make a number of different dishes. These included: gnocchi with tomato and basil sauce, pizzas, banana pikelets, a vegetable paella and a spanakopita (spinach pie).

A big thank you to Annie for organising the kitchen and Lorna for volunteering each week. Without you it wouldn't have been possible. Pictured right; Zac, Judd, Jayden, Kalen and David.



Descriptive Writing - Lower Middle Primary

Lower Middle Primary students were recently asked to write a descriptive narrative about a tree of their choice. The children were asked to write their descriptive piece, being mindful of similes, metaphors, adjectives and adverbs to create interesting reading. They also focused on writing simple, compound and complex sentences, and helped with editing by giving friendly feedback to their peers.

"The intermediate red poison berry tree aggrandises as the garden fence cuts through it. Over many years the tree has been carved by the gardener as he cuts it. Deep inside the tree trunk, there are pointy twigs and rough spikes that bugs like to live on. As the green leaves are flowing in the wind, all of the animals are panicking in the tree.... After school, I like to stop and gladly glance at the tree because it expands my imagination and makes me think that the tree is magical and has secret passage ways. This tree has an important job because it looks like it's standing guard and watching over all of us as we play in the school garden." By Jorja Kuhn



"..The leaves on the willow tree sway side to side as the breeze blows the tree. It produces oxygen to humans, bugs and animals. The cracks in the willow tree makes perfect homes for the crazy critters trying to find a home... The buzzing bees pollinate the tree and give honey to our world.. This tree sure is a magnificent piece of art work." By Scarlett Fulwood





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 2	21/10 . Newsletter	22/10 . Playgroup recommences today (9:00am-10:15am) . YEL . LMP enterprise recess . 3:45pm Sustainability meeting	23/10 . Start of No Bin Initiative (two weeks) . MP enterprise lunch	24/10 . JP1 enterprise lunch . Year 7 Netball Carnival @ MBHS	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 . 7:00pm Mypolonga Progress Association AGM	29/10 . Playgroup . 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 . Playgroup . 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 . Children's University UP graduation	8/11 . NO JP enterprise recess due to camp . NO Assembly . Junior Primary / Junior Primary 1 Camp	9/11 & 10/11
Week 5	11/11 Student Free Day	12/11 . Playgroup . LMP enterprise recess	13/11 . MP enterprise lunch . Dental hygiene sessions (whole school)	14/11 . JP1 enterprise lunch	15/11 . JP enterprise recess . 3:00pm Assembly . 6:00pm Myo RSL Bingo BBQ tea	16/11 & 17/11 16/11 - from 4:00pm Murray Bridge Riverfront Christmas Festival
Week 6	18/11 . Newsletter	19/11 . Playgroup . LMP enterprise recess	20/11 . MP enterprise lunch	21/11 . JP1 enterprise lunch	22/11 . White Ribbon Day in Murray Bridge . NO JP enterprise recess . No Shop	23/11 & 24/11

Community News

Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club - Next Friday Night tea: 6:30pm Friday 1st November 2019. All welcome!

Mypolonga Football Club - AGM - Friday 29th November 2019 - Juniors from 6:00pm / Seniors from approx. 7:00pm

Mypolonga Progress Association - AGM is being held in the Mypolonga Institute Supper Room at 7:00pm on Monday 28th October 2019. With the fantastic enthusiasm and interest shown at the recent RCMB meeting, we feel now is a great time and opportunity to re-energise the Progress Association, thus boosting our community's ability to maximise all opportunities. Everyone is welcome.. bring a friend or neighbour!

Mypolonga Tennis Club - players required to join their Friday night competition. Please contact Jeanne Weinmann on 85354065.

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