

MYPO NEWS

Mypolonga Primary School & Community Newsletter

"The difference between an adventure and an ordeal is attitude."

~ Bob Bitchin lives in Los Angeles, California and is the Creator of Cruising Outpost Magazine. He divides his time between publishing, writing, world cruising, running seminars on sailing, riding his Harley and writing books ~

Term 4, Week 4 4th November 2019

Term 4 2019 Assembly Roster

Week 4 - **No Assembly** (due to camps)

Week 5 - James Mueller, Matilda Stone, Lila Stapleton

Happy birthday!

5/11 - Willow (Year 3)

11/11 - Matilda (Year 5)

Student Free Day

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

Mypolonga Primary School Concert

Monday 9th December 2019

from 6:30pm

Unity College Steeple, Murray Bridge

Tickets will be available to purchase from the school office from 8:30am

Monday 18th November 2019

\$5.00 per seat

(children under the age of 4 are free but still require a ticket for seating purposes)

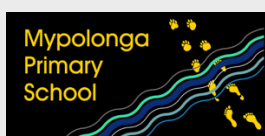
(Please refer to the note enclosed with this newsletter)

Enclosed with this Newsletter

- . 2019 school magazine order form (form and payment to be returned by 22/11/19)
- . Concert Rehearsal travel arrangement form (to be returned by Thursday 14/11/19)
- . Concert ticketing note
- . 2020 Rotary Lottery Calendar order form

Sent home earlier this week

- . *Your Guide to Bushfire Safety* - provided by the Rural City of Murray Bridge
- . *Creative Kids 2020 Family Calendar* - provided by Communities for Children



Government of South Australia
Department for Education

We Roar as One!

What a week!

Last week was incredibly busy and this week has been more of the same. The choir completed two performances last Wednesday night at the Town Hall. Rhiannon was a masterful compere and soloists, Ruby, Braeden, Tahlia, Ledja, Haydn and Ariel sang beautifully and confidently. Ariel and Tehya also danced in the Troupe. I was so proud of our Year 4 and 5 students and Kerry, Jacob and Jane who supervised rehearsals and performances. A special shout-out goes to Peta Davis our choir trainer, who worked with our students all year.

Thursday was a very busy day, with a dozen teachers here for STEM training while Oktoberfest celebrations were underway. The hot weather did not dampen our students' enthusiasm and the Upper Primary students, as usual stepped up to lead the games voluntarily. It was great to see the kids embracing the day and dressing up. Jo worked tirelessly cooking apple strudels and designing the activities which the students engaged in whole-heartedly. I think Jo has started a new tradition!



This week has been equally as busy with 3 classes on camp and a dozen UK educators visiting on Monday. The Upper Primary class will also be travelling to Adelaide to graduate from the Children's University in Bonython Hall on Thursday night. Middle Primary students will represent the Uppers (who will be on camp) at the Student Learning Community at Murray Bridge South School on Wednesday and on Friday, the Murray Bridge Friendship Force (including my mum), will be bringing a group of people from Adelaide, out to see the shop in action. Talk about busy!

We are currently finalising classes for next year. We have decided to create two classes in Upper Primary next year. While this will have a significant impact on our budgetary position, the decision was endorsed by our Governing Council. The thinking behind this decision is:

- We will have 38 Year 6/7s next year. If we do not add an extra class some Year 6 students will need to remain in Middle Primary.
- Next year's Year 5s will be the first cohort to go to High School in Year 7. This will give them two years of leadership in Upper Primary before they leave.

We are currently waiting to hear from HR around which teachers will be appointed to cover the contract positions to be filled.

Warm Regards, Rita

Premier's Reading Challenge Party

Congratulations to all the children who have completed the Premier's Reading Challenge. To celebrate this achievement, we will be having a party at recess time on Friday 6th December 2019. Certificates and medals will be handed out at the party.

Kind Regards, Jane

Class Awards - Term 4 Week 2

Junior Primary Class

Zara Hagger - always being on task and a friendly face.

Harry McNeilly - for being a great friend and focused in class.

Junior Primary 1 Class

Jaeden Sargeant - trying his best with his writing and reading and putting in lots of effort.

Ruby O'Shea-Coulter - putting in lots of effort to improve her reading.

Lower Middle Primary Class

Jorja Kuhn - insightful questions in Science.

Ava Hagger - being an independent, engaged learner in Mathematics.

Middle Primary Class

Ariel Challenger - always being an enthusiastic and engaged learner.

Charlie Harrowfield - being 100% committed to his learning with an equal amount of effort.

Upper Primary Class

Jayden Ladson - working exceptionally hard to improve in Maths.

Autumn Stapleton - showing incredible resilience during concert auditions.

Oktoberfest

Last Thursday, we held our own Oktoberfest and experienced some German culture. Many students came to school suitably dressed for the occasion in either a Lederhosen or Dirndl – Wow! They looked amazing! The JP classes wore the special hats they made in class.

At recess, students engaged in three activities directed by the Uppers; a water relay (no beer in sight), Topfschlagen (the blindfolded player finds a treat under a bowl, while onlookers call out 'heiß' or 'kalt' to help with direction) and Hobbyhorse racing (the horses were made by the JP1 class to represent the races held at the first Oktoberfest in 1810). Students then had sausages with choice of toppings and apple strudel with ice cream for lunch. The LMP and MP classes also presented their German play assignments, The Very Hungry Caterpillar (Die kleine Raupe Nimmersatt) and The Gruffalo (Der Gruffalo).

Overall, everyone had a fabulous day! Was für ein wunderschöner Tag!

Regards, Jo Wagenknecht



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.

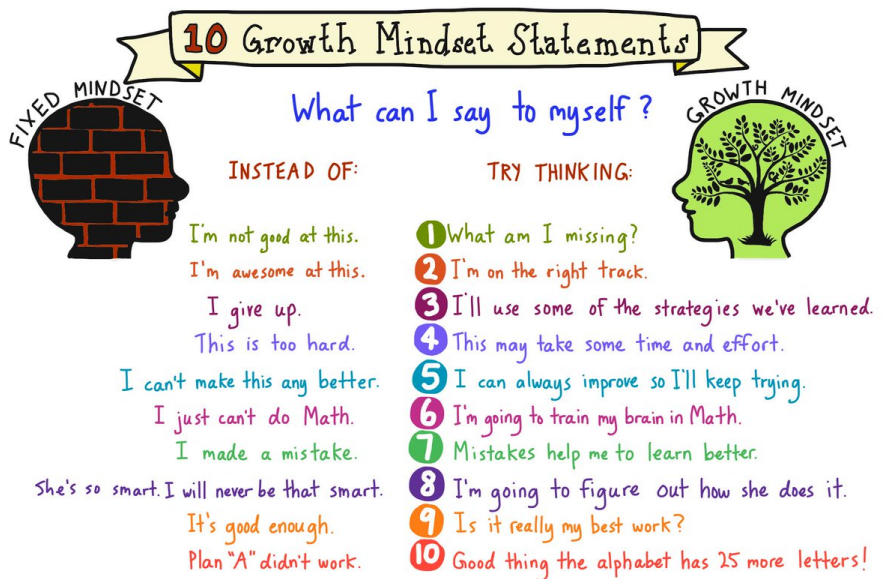
#4 Discuss Negative and Positive Self-talk

'Talk to your kids about their "inner voice" and how it sometimes tells them things that aren't always helpful. Teach them to challenge those negative inner statements with more positive alternatives.

Sylvia Duckworth, my favourite sketch-noter, and a fellow Canadian, created this fantastic sketch-note which should give you some ideas of where to start.'

We have similar posters in our class which students can refer to when they are finding something challenging. We also talk about the learning pit and that is it good to struggle as this is when you learn the best...through mistakes made and through persistence.

Cheers, Kerry, Wellbeing Leader



(Original source unknown)

@sylvia Duckworth

Year 4/5 Choir

Congratulations to our amazing Year 4/5 students who performed at the Murray Mallee Regional Concert in Murray Bridge on Wednesday night. They had rehearsals all day and not one...but two performances on the night! Thank you to our Choir Trainer Peta Davis for her amazing efforts and guidance and to our parents for showing your commitment to our music program. Well done on a fantastic performance by our dance troupe members Tehya and Ariel and our soloists; Ariel, Braeden, Ruby, Tahlia, Haydn and Ledja. We are very proud of you all!



Mosquitoes

Over the last few weeks, and with the warmer weather now here, a large number of students have been visiting our first aid room with multiple mosquito bites to their arms and legs. Whilst we apply our 'first aid spray' to the affected bites at school to relieve itchiness, here is a tip for you at home, application especially beneficial soon after being bitten!

Lavender oil!... Lavender oil is great for soothing bites AND preventing them. It's especially unique for treating mosquito bites because lavender is known to stop bleeding while being an anti-inflammatory and antibacterial agent. It is advised to dilute your essential oil with a carrier oil unless you are sprinkling the oil on your sheets to keep mosquitoes away while you sleeping.

NRM Education Artwork Competition

Congratulations to Year 4 student Jorja Kuhn on having her artwork chosen to be featured in the 2020 NRM Education calendar. This is a wonderful achievement as over 230 entries were received! Every student who entered will receive a thank you certificate and some copies of the calendar to share with family, friends and the school!



Community News

The **Mypolonga History Museum** is holding the opening of their Heritage Brick Path and Fair on Sunday 17th November 2019 at the Mypolonga Institute, Green Street, Mypolonga. The day will begin at 1:00pm with the official opening at 2:00pm. Come along and view the brick path, the garden, local produce stalls, afternoon tea and local history. There is a lot to be proud of in our Institute. Regards, Dianne Czechowski, Mypolonga History Museum Committee Member.

Mypolonga Football Club Official Premiership Merchandise is now available to purchase. Items include Under 17.5s and League men's and ladies' polo tops, t-shirts, caps, stubby holders and team photo on canvas. To order, visit Print City on Standen Street in Murray Bridge or order online at apparelstore.printcity.net.au.

Introducing SRC Year 6 Representative... Jayden Ladson

As an SRC leader, I hope to... help the school out by helping people in need and by making responsible choices.

Something you don't know about me is... I like to go hunting and play video games.

I read... Diary of the Wimpy Kid.

I watch... the News and different cartoons.

I listen to... the radio at night.

One day I hope to... get a job and be successful in life.

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

The best thing about Mypolonga Primary School is... the teachers and the students.

Someone I really look up to is... my mum and dad... **because** they inspire me to work hard.



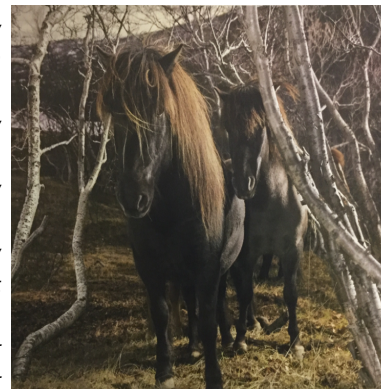
Descriptive Writing - Upper Primary

Upper Primary students recently chose a landscape photo that inspired them to help develop their descriptive writing. They needed to include similes, metaphors, alliteration and personification, and craft paragraphs carefully around one main feature at a time. They were very proud of their progress from drafting to final copy.

'As the black majestic steeds walk along the dry grass, dripping with freezing water, their hooves brush along the dead leaves. Branches surround the horses' flowing, thick manes. The herd of miniature black mares wander through the twisted twiggy forest, away from the frozen lagoon, searching for food and water. I stare into the eyes of the mustangs and in them I see loyalty and bravery like never before. As they try to seek shelter, darkness falls around the jagged rocks, icy water and skinny tree branches.

The icy, gentle lagoon flows past a community of black prickly bushes. Shimmering, silent snow flakes softly float along while the dense ice-cream drops to the dirty dusty debris floor like a puffy cloud in the blue sky. The clear crystal ice floats into a delightful, dreamy, dazzling, lagoon....'

by Autumn Stapleton



'...I see a dry, moss covered rock in the shape of a meercat looking over its tribe. I gaze over the dead shadowed cliff that is as dry as a pile of autumn leaves, ready for the bonfire next to the calm, glossy aqua below. The collapsing precipice moves the large rock farm down the hill, shadows surround the land

and the old, eroded jetty is as sturdy as an oak tree. The rock is the protector of the land like a wise king with his head held high and his body guards protecting him. I feel the hard pebbles underneath my bare feet.

Mysterious creatures swim in the lustrous lake, looking for anything edible. I can smell the dusty air as I breathe in and can hear the water flowing calmly down stream. Clouds take over the sky as far as the eye can see and the sun sets over the contour. Bluer than a sapphire, the creek sits there, calmer than the sleep of a soul that is blessed....'

by Jayden Hearne





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 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 . Yr 6/7 Children's University 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 Mypo RSL Bingo BBQ tea	16/11 & 17/11 16/11 - from 4:00pm Murray Bridge Riverfront Christmas Festival 17/11 - Mypo History Museum Heritage Brick Path and Fair
Week 6	18/11 . Newsletter	19/11 . Playgroup . LMP enterprise recess	20/11 . MP enterprise lunch . SRC Casual Day	21/11 . JP1 enterprise lunch	22/11 . White Ribbon Day in Murray Bridge . NO JP enterprise recess . No Shop . 3:00pm Assembly	23/11 & 24/11
Week 7  Last week of class enterprise	25/11 . 7:00pm Finance meeting . 7:30pm Governing Council meeting	26/11 . Playgroup . LMP enterprise recess	27/11 . MP enterprise lunch	28/11 . JP1 enterprise lunch	29/11 . JP enterprise recess . 3:00pm Assembly . Mypolonga Football Club AGM Juniors 6:00pm / Seniors 7:00pm	30/11 & 1/12
Week 8	2/12 . Newsletter	3/12 . FINAL Playgroup for the year	4/12 . Whole school concert rehearsal @ the Mypolonga Institute	5/12 . Whole school transition to next year's classes . Yr 7 transition @ MBHS	6/12 . Premier's Reading Challenge Recess Party . LAST Shop for the year . 3:00pm Assembly . 6:30pm MCSC Friday night tea	7/12 & 8/12
Week 9	9/12 Concert Rehearsal & 6:30pm School Concert @ Unity College 	10/12	11/12 . 6:30pm Year 7 Graduation @ the Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club	12/12 . 2:30pm Assembly at the Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club (inc presentation of term and year awards) . Dismissal from the MCSC @ 3:25pm . Newsletter	13/12 . Last Day of the school year . SRC Fun Day - dismissal 2:25pm @ the Murray Bridge Swimming Pool . No Assembly	14/12 & 15/12 . Mypo RSL Christmas party

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