

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."**

~ Andrew Aitken Rooney (14/1/1919 – 4/11/2011) was an American radio and television writer ~

Term 4, Week 9 12th December 2019

Term 1 2020 Assembly Roster

Week 1 - Jacinta Clark, Felicity Donald, Mila Carstairs

Week 2 **No assembly due to swimming lessons**

Happy birthday!

19/12 - Ben (Year 7)
21/12 - Jai (Year 3)
23/12 - Dominick (Year 4)
24/12 - Jackson (Year 2)

2020

2/1 - Connor (Year 4)
2/1 - Hamish (Reception)
5/1 - Ledja (Year 5)
5/1 - Levi (Year 5)
5/1 - Haiden (Year 4)
7/1 - Ava (Year 4)
8/1 - Kallan (Year 5)
12/1 - James (Year 6)
13/1 - Alarah (Year 5)
15/1 - Drew (Year 6)
16/1 - Izac (Year 7)
16/1 - Lachie (Year 3)
19/1 - Reagan (Year 5)
21/1 - Lila (Year 4)
27/1 - Scarlett (Year 2)
27/1 - Bailey (Year 1)
28/1 - Madison (Year 5)

Final Literacy Cup Points for 2019!

Red (Murray) 3476 points

Blue (Hindmarsh) 3280 points

Gold (Finnis) 3260 points

**Congratulations MURRAY on
taking out this year's
Literacy Cup!**



Government of South Australia
Department for Education

We Roar as One!

As 2019 comes to a close, we are beginning the many rites-of-passage that are traditions in our school culture. The concert was a resounding success, with everyone rising to the occasion to ensure things went smoothly. A big thank you to Unity College who generously allow us to use their beautiful facilities. We are indeed very fortunate.

I cannot speak more highly of the well-oiled machine, that is our team. Everyone works hard to make the concert look effortless, but it is in reality, very hard work. From the teachers, SSOs and kids who worked hard to practice so that they were word perfect, to Necia, in the office who ensured ticket sales ran smoothly, to stage managers Annie, Jo and Cass, to Year 8 volunteers Kenz and Katie, to the lighting and sound team of Noel our former principal, Lexi and Bill, to David (aka Freddie), who videoed the whole concert; everything came together to produce an entertaining night.

The Year 7 graduation, held at the Mypolonga Combined Sports' Clubrooms on Wednesday night was another tradition that is embedded in our culture. Attended by nearly 100 people, the Oval Committee did a great job of catering for the night. Saying goodbye to our Year 7s is always sad but even more so when we say goodbye to families when their last child moves on to high school. This year we farewell:

- Ava Lindner, Mandy and Matt
- Craig Gillett, Pearl and Andy
- Izac Paterson and Stacey
- Jade Burgess, Paula and Brenton
- Kalen Fowler and Anne-Marie
- Linx Baker, Jan and Rodney
- Rhea Kempe, Mel and Craig

Our last staff member for 2020 has been appointed. We welcome Kara Lienert to our team, as PE teacher for two terms, until Hailey Perry returns in Term 3. We farewell Mel Carstairs, who will be on parenting leave for the whole of 2020. We also say goodbye to our dear Emma who is resigning to spend more time with her family. Emma's contribution to our school culture has been significant and, while we will all miss her, we will never forget the impact she has had on all of our lives.

Have a wonderful Christmas and New Year and in the words of the Queenies, Cowgirls and Backstreet Tigez, 'Rock On!'

Warm Regards, Rita

Merry
Christmas
from our
family to
yours!





Kiwanis Club of Murray Bridge Terrific Kids for Term 4 2019

CONGRATULATIONS to the following students on receiving the Kiwanis Club of Murray Bridge 'Terrific Kids' award for Term 4 2019. These awards are presented to students in Terms 2 and 4 who live our TIGER values.

Junior Primary

Charlotte Pope

Junior Primary 1

Madison Brouwer

Lower Middle Primary

Brady Roden

Middle Primary

Lyam Marshall

Spreading Christmas joy

This term, Mrs Stone's Junior Primary Reception/Year 1 students decided to spread some Christmas joy around the school. A postbox was made and all students and staff members in the school were asked if they would like to write a Christmas card to someone who has showed kindness or helped them in any way during the year.

Just like the good 'ol days, after Crunch 'n Sip, our little postmen sorted the mail and distributed the cards personally to the recipients.

It has been a lovely surprise for us all! Pictured below; Crystal, Shayla and Olivia.

**"The joy that you give to others
is the joy that comes back to you."**

~ John Greenleaf Whittier ~



Playgroup Review

It is always a pleasure to welcome new and old families back to our amazing Mypo Playgroup. The Junior Primary Classroom comes alive and with this electric feeling comes fun, creativity and learning! We have been lucky to use Playgroup again this year as our transitioning platform to welcome all the new little people starting next year.

We also have the most adorable baby tribe who have been bringing their mummies and parking their prams in the Playgroup pram park out the front of our classroom. The older children join in with our morning routine and the younger ones have their own toys and area to be comfy and settled in.

Playgroup has continued to use Pete's Book Place and big books alongside different activities, allowing the children to grow and learn through reading, which is an important part of our Mypolonga culture.

Thanks to our parents for all your support and allowing Playgroup to grow stronger and stronger each year. Without this, we wouldn't have the strong following we have created.

Love and Fun as Mrs Stone always says!!





Young Leaders of the Year 2019

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

Ava Lindner, Rhea Kempe, Rhiannon Bowley

Student of the Year 2019

This year, our Student of the Year recipients receive a \$30.00 Big W Gift Card, which has been kindly donated by Kevin and Julie Savill from the Mypolonga General Store.

Upper Primary

Georgia Martin and Jade Burgess



Middle Primary

Ellie Pontt



Lower Middle Primary

Jorja Kuhn

Junior Primary 1

Lainie Peacock and Luke Stewart

Junior Primary

Scarlett Dolphin



Most Improved Student for 2019

Upper Primary

Ben Stewart

Middle Primary

Blake Kennedy



Lower Middle Primary

Lila Stapleton

Junior Primary 1

(No most improved student for 2019 as two students of the year awarded)

Junior Primary

Olivia Scott





2019 Academic Excellence Award

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

Jessica

2019 Tiger Values Award

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

Craig Gillett and Claire Ruckenstuhl

Student of the Term - Term 4 2019

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

Upper Primary

Linx Baker

Middle Primary

Alarah Sipos and Elouise Kuhn

Lower Middle Primary

Ava Hagger

Junior Primary 1

Bailey Harvie

Junior Primary

Gracie Luckett

Most Improved Student - Term 4 2019

Middle Primary

(No most improved student for Term 4 as two students of the term awarded)

Lower Middle Primary

Lachie Ash

Junior Primary 1

Ruby O'Shea-Coulter

Junior Primary

Zara Hagger

Governing Council Report - End of Year 2019

Congratulations to our students and staff using educational research to drive our Site Improvement Plan – we are thrilled with the success this year! Particularly the improvements in our focus areas of year 1 phonics, middle primary sentence structure and year 6 reading. Our attendance rate is still being met above and beyond, and we have no unexplained absences. Our leadership skills are exceptional. But we are not perfect and there is always room for more improvement. We are here to listen to ideas and each year we reflect and learn.

A real moment where the penny dropped was during a Governing Council meeting where we understood more about very early social interaction and participation in programs such as playgroup held at the school. There are many benefits for attending, such as hearing nursery rhymes which assist children in arriving to the start of their schooling phonologically aware. Their readiness (or non-readiness) then impacts on learning opportunities our staff provide students once the children arrive to school.

At the other end of the primary school timeline, the biggest issue bubbling away behind the scenes is strategies for when all year 7 public school students will be taught in high school from Term 1, 2022. The headline news is our verdict to form 6 classes for the first time in our school's history and the budgeting decisions impacting on this. Like most other schools, we have faced tough choices with staffing, logistics, classroom sizes and finance. One example of this was our financial decision to spend money on a divider in the upper's classroom. We agonised over this for quite some time last year, and as a logistics benefit, it has paid off. Great consideration has been given to the five-year student number projections and what this means in terms of income (or loss of) for the school. 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 where the sole focus is about benefiting the children attending our great school.

Deepest gratitude to our Tiger community who help us shine bright with innovation. 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). Adopting no bins for our waste management awareness and sustainability has also been innovative and well received.

If you have the desire to help even further, please consider joining the Governing Council. Meetings are 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, fund raising, 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.

Education is not the sole responsibility of school. As parents and caregivers, we are our children's first teachers, and we are the only ones our kids will have throughout their entire childhood. It is our role to help teach vital lifelong skills to take into adulthood. Congratulations to everyone who continues to invest time and energy into our children, our future. Enjoy the festive season and precious time spent with family and friends.

Here's looking forward to a bright 2020.

Kelly Kuhn, Governing Council Chairperson

Class Enterprise program.. thanks for your support!



Our 2020 class enterprise program commences in Week 3, Term 1

Thanks to everyone who supported our classroom enterprise program this year.

Money raised has helped us subsidise our camps and excursions, whilst teaching our students food preparation and money reconciliation.

Helping Mrs Marcus cook the barbecue are Carla, Azalea, Lucinda and Samuel from the Junior Primary 1 class.



School Shop program

We have had another successful year in our School Shop.

Students in the Upper Primary class have mentored Junior, Lower Middle and Middle Primary trainees, allowing all our students to be involved in the shop in some way.

The Proud Mary tour group continued to include our School Shop in its weekly itinerary. We also had special visits from Probus, Friendship Force and Rotary.

Pictured left; Jacinta and Autumn bagging chocolate coated apricots and Riley selling lemonade.

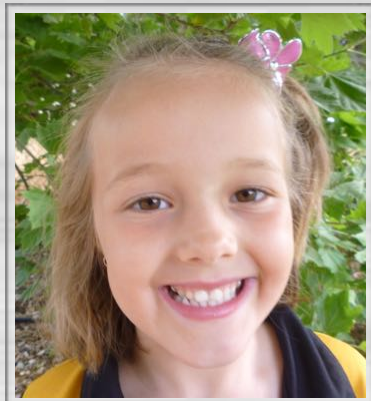




2019 Year 7s

Goodbye and Good Luck

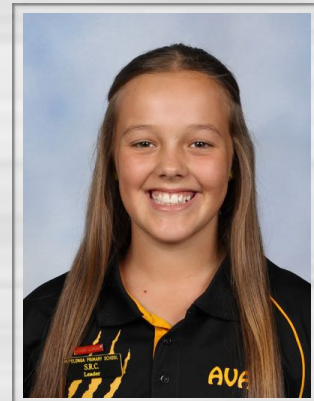
Ava Grace Lindner



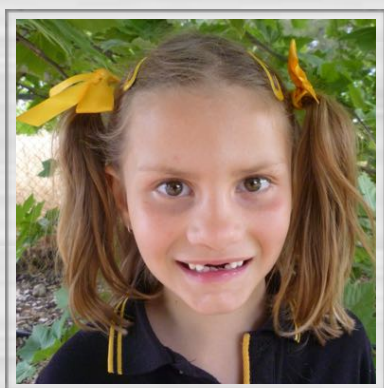
Hopes: To be a professional Netballer and work in a hair salon.

Future: To get married, have kids and live a healthy life.

Favourite Memory: When I was talking to Rhea at the concert but the microphone was still on!



Bella June Pike



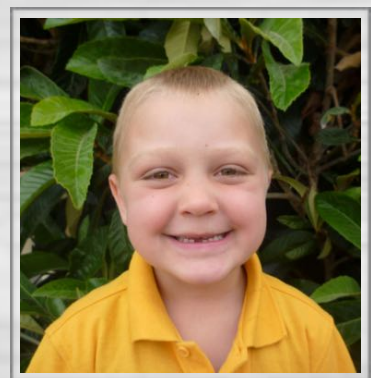
Hopes: To be an Artist.

Future: To have a loving family and lots of animals.

Favourite Memory: Having the lead role in our concert item in Reception.



Ben Michael Stewart



Hopes: To be a handyman.

Future: To play in the AFL football, win a premiership for the West Coast Eagles and to win a Brownlow Medal.

Favourite Memory: When I went to SAPSASA.



Farewell Thoughts... "It's sad to think that our time at Mypolonga Primary School has come to an end. But in saying that, we couldn't be prouder of Ava's achievements over the years and are extremely thankful to have had the teachers guiding her throughout the years. We both know how confident, caring, smart and thoughtful Ava can be and know that all the teachers have influenced her over her years to now be a class leader and want the best out of her and her knowledge. Thank you to everyone at Mypolonga Primary School for all that you have given us over the years. It will be forever remembered." *Matt & Mandy Lindner*

Claire Patricia Alice Ruckenthuhl



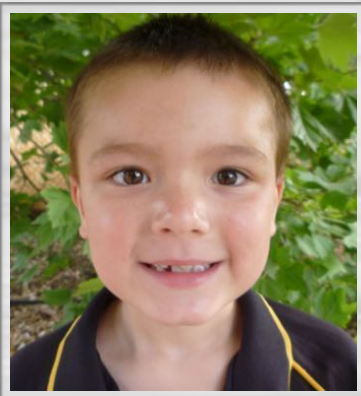
Hopes: To be a Vet.

Future: To have a happy and healthy family and a well paid job.

Favourite Memory: In Reception, every day I would always remind Mrs Stone to put the dot on the letter 'i'.



Craig Alexander Gillett



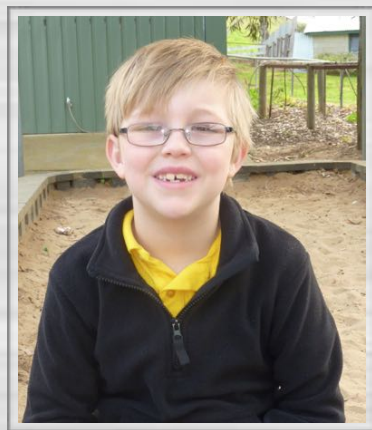
Hopes: To play in the NBL.

Future: To have a son and get married.

Favourite Memory: Playing basketball at recess and lunchtime.



Dallas Blake Harrowfield



Hopes: To be a Photographer.

Future: To travel the world and learn a different language.

Favourite Memory: Going to El Shaddai camp because it was my first camp ever.



Farewell Thoughts... "Dallas started part way through Year 2 at Mypolonga Primary. He had an easy transition period and was welcomed by staff and kids with open arms. School is not always easy, but the whole Mypo team tries to make it as enjoyable as possible. They are always ready to support you in any way you need. We love Mypolonga Primary!"

Liss Harrowfield xxx

Farewell Thoughts... "Dear Rita and her posse. Firstly, a huge thank you! What a fantastic educational experience our family has had over the past 10 years. We say farewell to Mypolonga Primary School students, families and most of all the dedicated teachers. How proud we are to say our children went to Mypolonga Primary School, knowing that our children will take treasured memories and experience with them. There is a culture at Mypo through their primary schooling, which sets them up for secondary school and their future. Once a Tiger always a Tiger! To the class of 2019, enjoy the next chapter of your lives and remember anything and everything is possible."

Cheers, Pearl, Andy, Kiarra and Craig Gillett

Georgia Isabel Martin



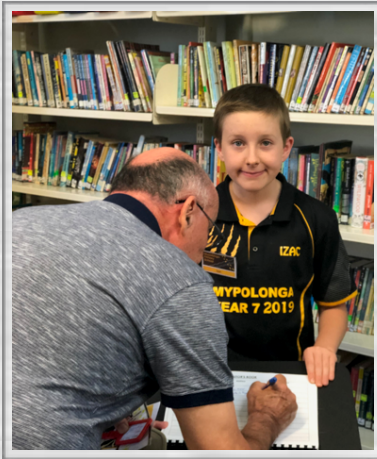
Hopes: To own my own Hairdressing Salon and continue playing Netball.

Future: To get married, have kids and travel the world.

Favourite Memory: In reception Mrs Stone would call me 'Claire' and call Claire 'Georgia'.



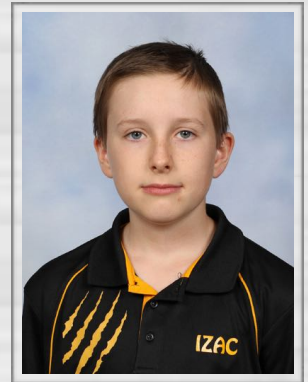
Izac Rory Paterson



Hopes: To be an Author.

Future: To travel around Australia.

Favourite Memory: Going on the Upper Primary West Beach camp.



Jade Tayla Burgess



Hopes: To own a cafe.

Future: I would like to have a happy and healthy family.

Favourite Memory: Coming 1st in high jump at district day and then going to SANTOS.



Farewell Thoughts... "Thank you so much for a wonderful and supportive year of education. Mypolonga Primary has an excellent reputation in the community for a reason and I am so grateful and thankful to have been a part of it even for only a year. Izac has benefited greatly from the care and dedication of the teachers and staff at Mypolonga Primary School and I shall be eternally grateful for their personal interest and their commitment shown to the wellbeing and education of all the students. Thank you!"

Stacey Paterson



Kalen Dean Vladimir Fowler



Hopes: To be a professional NBA player.

Future: To play AFL football and hopefully win a premiership.

Favourite Memory: Going surfing on the UP West Beach camp.



Linx Tate Baker



Hopes: To have a mathematical based job.

Future: To travel the world.

Favourite Memory: Going to SAPSASA soccer and losing every game.



**“Don’t let what you cannot do
interfere with what you can do.”
- John Wooden**

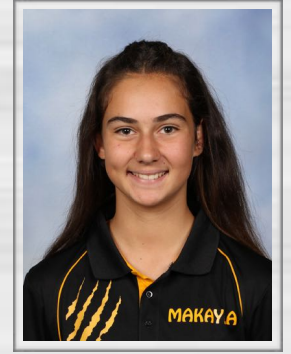
Makayla Shae Stimpson



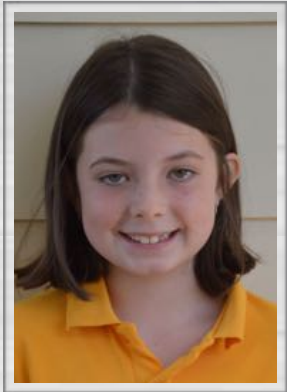
Hopes: To run a cafe.

Future: I want to run a business and travel the world with a few friends.

Favourite Memory: Going to SAPSASA netball and basketball, receiving Student of the Term and going to SANTOS for shot put.



Rhea Abigail Kempe



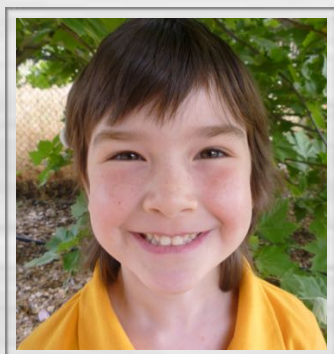
Hopes: To work with animals, such as; a zoo keeper, a vet or an animal educator.

Future: To live in a house with lots of animals.

Favourite Memory: Having a triumphant win in the basketball carnival.



Rhiannon Aleshanee Bowley



Hopes: To open my own vet clinic.

Future: To get married and have a family.

Favourite Memory: Going to SAPSASA soccer and being in Mrs Stone's class.



Farewell Thoughts... "Wow! End of Year 7 and the end of an era for Makayla. Her foundations are solid and her future is bright! She has great TIGER values and will be set for life! Thank you Mypolonga Primary School."

Monique & Simon Stimpson



Farewell Thoughts... "We are so proud of Rhea and the young woman she has grown into during her time at Mypolonga Primary School. We are grateful for the opportunities and guidance she has received to develop her leadership and enterprise skills and to become a thoughtful and critically-minded member of the community."

Craig Kempe & Mel Wilson



School Concert



Choir
'Colour of Your Jumper'



Junior
Primary
'Moving Forward'



Junior
Primary 1
'I Just Can't Wait to be King'



Lower Middle
Primary
'How the Reindeer Saved Christmas'



Middle
Primary
'Monster Mash'



Upper
Primary
'The Magic Lunchbox'



Staff Item
'Lip Sync Battle'



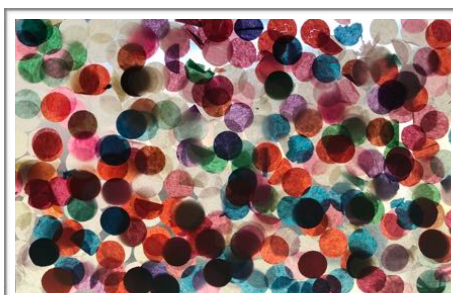
Planner - Term 1 2020

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	27/1 Australia Day Public Holiday	28/1 . Welcome back! (Term 1 commences)	29/1	30/1	31/1 . 3:00pm Assembly	1/2 & 2/2
Week 2	3/2 . Newsletter . Swimming Lessons (Reception to Year 5 students only)	4/2 . 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) . No Assembly . 6:00pm MCSC Friday Night tea	8/2 & 9/2



Christmas reindeer
by Ella O'Shea-Coulter



Stained glass by Bailey Rothe



Hot air balloon by Crystal McDonald
Santa's elf by Tilly Harrowfield



Community News

Mypolonga RSL - Christmas Party 2019 Save the Date! Saturday 14th December 2019

All primary school aged children and their families welcome! Commences at approximately 6:00pm. Father Christmas will make an appearance during the evening. Families are kindly asked to bring along a salad to share. Further details will be provided in due course.

Mypolonga Combined Churches - Christmas Carols Service Monday 16th December 2019 @ 7:00pm, held at the Mypolonga Uniting Church. Light supper following service. All welcome!

Mypolonga Cricket Club - Christmas Show 2019 - Save the Date! Saturday 21st December 2019

Meals available from 6:30pm. Father Christmas will make a special appearance at approximately 8:30pm. Further details and menu to follow at a later date. Details will also be posted on the Mypolonga Cricket Club Facebook page.

Mypolonga Football Club - New Year's Eve Party @ the Club Save the Date! Tuesday 31st December 2019. Further details will be posted on the Club's Facebook page.

Tailem Bend Christmas Pageant Saturday 14th December 2019. From 4:30pm/parade starts at 6:00pm.

Mount Pleasant Christmas Twilight Farmers' Market - Friday 20th December 2019. 5:00pm to 9:00pm @ the Mount Pleasant Showgrounds. For more information please visit www.mpfm.org.au.

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