

MYPO NEWS

Mypolonga Primary School & Community Newsletter

"Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much."

~ Helen Adams Keller (27 June 1880 - 1 June 1968) was an American author, political activist and lecturer. She was the first deaf-blind person to earn a Bachelor of Arts degree. ~

Term 1, Week 2 3rd February 2020

Term 1 2020 Assembly Roster

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

Week 3 - Drew Bettcher, Haydn Castle, Sophie Brouwer

Happy birthday!

6/2 - Amira (Year 4)
7/2 - Carla (Year 3)
10/2 - Mila (Year 3)
11/2 - Jayden L (Year 7)
15/2 - Tahlia (Year 6)
16/2 - Bailey (Year 3)

Enclosed with this newsletter

- . Family Fun Night flyer
- . Governing Council & subcommittee nomination forms
- . Parent Concerns flowchart
- . Mypolonga Sporting Clubs brochure

School Photo Day

School Photo Day will be held on Monday 24th February 2020. An envelope to order individual and family photos will be sent home in the near future.

Student Medications

A reminder that ALL medication, which is stored in our first aid room, needs to have a completed and signed Medication Agreement attached to it (Department policy). This form can be obtained from the office or from the website www.education.sa.gov.au (search 'medication').

School Newsletter

Each Monday fortnight, our school newsletter is sent home with the eldest child in the family, emailed to families and posted on our school's website and Facebook page.



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Department for Education

We Roar as One!

Welcome everyone to an exciting new year, but especially to our new families and Reception students, who have arrived at school super ready to learn. Our new structure, comprising six classes, with three teams of two classes (black and gold), has already seen great collaboration between students and teachers to work together to achieve common goals. We also welcome new teacher Kara Lienert to our team. Kara will be covering Hailey Perry, who is on parenting leave in Terms 1 and 2. The rest of our team is back and I have been so impressed by the level of commitment shown by them over the holidays to ensure new classrooms are not only functional but inspirational.

Our Collaborative Structures

At Mypo, we believe our students walk alongside us to create our school culture. We empower them to become leaders of learning and challenge them to inspire others to become better learners. We have many structures to empower our students;

- Student Representative Council (SRC): a comprehensive report will be included in the next newsletter
- House Leaders lead Literacy and Health and PE learning at Mypo. They coordinate Sports' Day and our literacy challenge, the Champions' Cup (formerly Literacy Cup). Following the dynamic Lip Sync Battle, at last year's concert, which was won by the Queen Team singing 'We are the Champions', while holding the cup proudly, I decided in their honour, to rename the cup the Champions Cup.

Our Team Leaders, elected by their relevant teams are:

Gold (Finnis): Jacinta Clark, Jayden Ladson, James Mueller, Zac Kennison, Jayden Hearne

Blue (Hindmarsh): Shaylee Martin, Judd Ruckenstuhl, Riley Hagger, Heath Matheson

Red (Murray): Drew Bettcher, Autumn Stapleton, Koby Stimpson, James-Noah Peterson

I particularly want to acknowledge James-Noah, who moved teams (as he has no siblings at school) to assure fluidity in leadership.

We want our students to identify problems in our community and then give them strategies to drive change for their future. We invite students and parents to work with us to build capacity to drive change. We have two committees (who report to Governing Council) to facilitate this:

Sustainability Committee: who meet twice per term to develop our sustainability practices. Last year, the committee tried to implement a no-bin policy. This was totally student-driven, but unfortunately, even though we gave students extra in-class eating time, the amount of litter our students generated in the yard, disappointed the Sustainability Committee. They are keen to educate our learners to generate less waste. Some of these students are members of the Natural Resource Management Board's 'Young Environmental Leaders'.



Student Drop Off/Pick Up

Due to the congestion on Williams Street at home time, we have two 'student pick up' points. A second teacher is 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!

Reminders...

. If you haven't already, please return your coloured, plastic family envelope to the office, which contains permission slips & contact details for the year. If any details change during the year, please notify Necia in the office.

. Class enterprise recess/lunches commence next week (week 3). Please refer to the back page to see what is on offer!

. Playgroup will commence on Tuesday, 11th February 2020 from 9:00am. Please remember to sign in/out using the Playgroup register located in the Junior Primary class. For new Playgroup parents/children, a Playgroup enrolment form can be obtained from the office.

. Please remember to label **ALL** items your child/ren bring to school ie. hats, jumpers, jackets, drink bottles and plastic containers. Black and white permanent markers are available for you to use in the office.

Material & Services Fees

School fee invoices and information about payment has been sent home via the beginning of year folders. If you have any questions in regards to the fees, payment, payment plans or school card application please contact the school by telephone 85354191 or by email dl.0302.finance@schools.sa.edu.au.

Please note: Payment of fees are due by 9th April 2020.

Yours kindly, Annie Hughes, Finance Officer

Transport required

One of our families with a daughter in Year 3 has recently relocated to Adelaide Road, Murray Bridge from Mypolonga. They are currently seeking help to transport their daughter to and from school. If you are able to help out in any way, please contact Necia or Rita. Thank you.

Lifelong Learning Community: who meet twice per term to work with teachers to co-design learning with teachers. When students really understand the demands of the achievement standards, they are able to perform better. This committee represents the school at our partnership 'Student Learning Community'.

What I love is when a student decides to make a positive change for the greater good. Ruby Montgomery-Pittaway wanted to support her friend Madison Ray whose mum passed away from cancer a couple of years ago. Ruby has elected to participate in 'Shave for a Cure' to raise money for cancer research. Cancer has touched our community on so many levels and we are so proud of Ruby's determination to create change. Her parents Karen and Leanne must be so proud. Please support Ruby to achieve her dream.

We are looking forward to our Family Fun Night at Woodlane Reserve on Friday 14th February. For new parents, this is a way for you to meet other parents in a social environment, while your kids are having fun. The new playground at Woodlane Reserve will add an extra dimension to our previous great times.

Our Governing Council gives you a way to model the leadership values we want to instil in our kids. Governing Council supports us to move forward and I recommend that you attend the AGM on Monday 17th February to model to your kids your commitment to their future.

Warm Regards, Rita

Wellbeing Wonders

Hi Families... Welcome back to the 2020 school year. My name is Kerry Daniel and I am the Student Wellbeing Leader here at Mypolonga Primary School. My role is mostly proactive in supporting students' wellbeing. I support students experiencing friendship issues, anxiety, anger management etc. I ask teachers to highlight any students they may have concerns with but am also happy for parents to chat with me regarding any issues I may be able to support their children with. I am also able to refer families to other support agencies as needed.

Please refer to the enclosed 'Parent Concerns' flowchart if you have any queries or concerns regarding your child. We believe clear communication directly with the person involved will save a lot of time and misconceptions.

I work nine days out of the fortnight with Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday being my teaching days. If you would like to catch up with me, Thursdays or Fridays are the better days. You can email me kerry.daniel277@schools.sa.edu.au or phone the school if you need to contact me.

Cheers, Kerry Daniel, Student Wellbeing Leader

School Assembly

As you may be aware, our school assembly is held in the Library on Friday afternoons between 3:00pm and 3:25pm. Three students (from the Middle Primary Black, Upper Primary Gold and Upper Primary Black classes) are rostered on to run the assembly each week. Notification of this is on the front page of our fortnightly newsletter.

Assemblies involve the presentation of awards, presentation of students' work and an address from Rita, our Principal. Anyone is welcome to attend.

If you don't usually attend our assemblies, we would love you to join us when time permits. The look on our students' faces when they see their family and/or friends arrive is priceless!! Experiences like these also help our students to develop confidence when speaking in front of large groups of people.

In 2020, we welcome 18 new Reception students into
Amy Stone's Junior Primary Gold class



From left: Nate McDonald, Oliver Carroll, Eden Douglas, Hamish Newman, Paige Squire, Oliver O'Shea-Coulter



From left: Owen McCullough, Leila Frew, Imogen Martin, Jordan Pope, William Burdett, Vann Ryles



From left: Zakariyah Sumner, Isabel Hiram, Hollie Fidge, Cayce McAllister, Abby Peacock, Zoe Castle

We also welcome 5 new students into our other classes



From left:
Cohen Bender (Year 1 Junior Primary Black class)
Trik Eldridge (Year 3 Middle Primary Gold class)
Molly Day (Year 5 Upper Primary Gold class)
Kaylee Polak (not pictured) (Year 1 Junior Primary Black class)
Aidyn Polak (not pictured) (Year 2 Middle Primary Gold class)

We hope all our new students and their families enjoy their learning experiences with us!

"You're off to great places. Today is your first day!
Your mountain is waiting, so get on your way!" – Dr. Seuss

Teamwork

Integrity

Generosity of Spirit

Excellence

Respect

Est. 1916

Mypolonga Primary School

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 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
Week 3	10/2	11/2 . 9:00am Playgroup commences . MPB enterprise recess . Life Education program (whole school)	12/2 . JPB enterprise recess . MPG enterprise lunch . Life Education program (whole school)	13/2	14/2 . JPG enterprise lunch . 3:00pm Assembly . 6:00pm Family Fun Night @ the river	15/2 & 16/2
Week 4	17/2 . Newsletter . 7:00pm Governing Council AGM	18/2 . 9:00am Playgroup . MPB enterprise recess	19/2 . JPB enterprise recess . MPG enterprise lunch	20/2	21/2 . University of Osaka - Japanese visit . JPG enterprise lunch . 3:00pm Assembly	22/2 & 23/2
Week 5	24/2 . School Photo Day	25/2 . 9:00am Playgroup . MPB enterprise recess	26/2 . JPB enterprise recess . MPG enterprise lunch	27/2	28/2 . JPG enterprise lunch . 3:00pm Assembly	29/2 & 1/3
Week 6	2/3 . Newsletter	3/3 . 9:00am Playgroup . MPB enterprise recess	4/3 . JPB enterprise recess . MPG enterprise lunch	5/3	6/3 . JPG enterprise lunch . 3:00pm Assembly . 6:00pm MCSC Friday Night tea	7/3 & 8/3

Classroom Enterprise Recess/Lunch - commencing Week 3!

- Tuesday Recess - Ice creams \$1.50** (provided by the Middle Primary Black class)
- Wednesday Recess - Fruit Ice blocks \$1.50** (provided by the Junior Primary Black class)
- Wednesday Lunch - Salad Rolls \$3.00** (provided by the Middle Primary Gold class)
- Friday Lunch - Sausage in bread \$2.50** (provided by the Junior Primary Gold class)

Students are to order and pay for all enterprise food on Monday or Tuesday morning at the kitchen servery prior to 8:55am (not through the office please). All profit goes back into classes to support camps, excursions and resources.

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