

MYPO NEWS

Mypolonga Primary School & Community Newsletter

Term 1, Week 6 2nd March 2020

Term 1 2020 Assembly Roster

Week 6 - Jayden Hearne, Levi Gray, Lucinda Temby

Week 7 - Zac Kennison, Amilee Harvie, Amira Egel

Happy birthday!

4/3 - Sophie (Year 4)
5/3 - Haydn (Year 6)
9/3 - Scarlett (Year 3)
10/3 - Autumn (Year 7)
12/3 - Blake (Year 6)
15/3 - Hayden (Year 5)
15/3 - Oliver (Year 2)
16/3 - Felicity (Year 5)

Site Closure / Student Free Days

Parents/caregivers.. please make note of this year's site closure and student free days. The school will be closed on these days.

Monday 27th April 2020

Student Free Day

Monday 20th July 2020

Student Free Day

Friday 11th September 2020

School Closure Day

Monday 14th September 2020

Student Free Day

Tuesday 10th November 2020

Student Free Day

Visit from Murray Bridge High School...

Just a heads up for our current Year 5/6 parents. Ruth Mussger, Principal of Murray Bridge High School will be coming to our school on **Wednesday 11th March 2020 at 6:30pm** to talk to parents about the transition to High School next year. These students will be the first cohort of Year 7s and 8s to begin High School in 2022.



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Department for Education

We Roar as One!

Osaka University Visit

What an exciting day we recently had! Professors Kumiko Omoto and Mayuko Suzuki from Osaka University and their translator Keiko Nottle spent the day with us learning about all of our financial literacy programs. Our visitors arrived coincidentally as Julié's mum arrived. Yuko (our parent) and Keiko (translator) greeted each other at the gate enthusiastically, as their children had been to Playgroup together in Perth. The world is indeed getting smaller. Kumiko and Mayuko sent this email on their return.

'Dear Rita, We have arrived safely yesterday in Japan. We appreciate your warm hospitality during our stay. This research trip was the best school visit, although we have visited many schools in different countries in the past. Because everything at Mypolonga Primary School was wonderful and exciting: there is excellent leadership of the Principal, teamwork, the smiles of teachers and children, the school building, and the classroom space. We found the newsletter "The Mypo News issued on 17th Feb" at the Post Office located in the front of your school, the paper mentioned about our visit. The newsletter clearly shows us that the school and communities love children so much. We are going to present this research visit at the conference in June, and I will email you later.'

Kumiko and Mayuko



Our students were amazing and proudly shared all of the learning they have undertaken and spoke extremely knowledgeably about our enterprise programs.

Student Free Days / School Closure Day

Our Student Free Days and School Closure dates for the year are included in this newsletter. We have deliberately tried to align as many dates as possible to the High School dates, in order to support you with child-care. I want to emphasise that we have no control over the number of Student Free Days allocated; these are mandated by the Department for Education, to which we must comply.

Governing Council

We had a great Governing Council AGM and I was so proud that we had so many parents (and grandparents) wanting to be leaders of their children's learning. Our outstanding Chairperson, Kelly Kuhn's report, later in this newsletter, summarises the outcomes. We have structures which support student engagement in decision making, particularly, the Sustainability and Lifelong Learning Communities. We sent home notes last week asking you to endorse your children and/or your participation in these committees and their spin-offs – the Young Environmental Leaders and Student Learning Community. Please look out for them.

Our Video

At the end of last year (Week 8 - school concert looming, report writing, UP graduation, final assembly at the club), the Department for Education commissioned a video to be made to support our involvement in Social Ventures Australia for the past three years. At the time, I was so busy and I felt really uncomfortable and under-prepared for the filming. Normally, I would support our students and teachers (who were probably the most nervous!) much more than I had the opportunity to do. When the movie arrived, I nervously put off looking at it for a while, because I was worried we would not look good, until I bit the bullet and had a look. What the video showed was that we could all articulate our philosophy, not only well, but amazingly well, especially our kids, who had no script, and spoke off-the-cuff. The video is a real validation of our culture, where our students walk along-side us as lifelong learners. I am so proud of us!

PS. I went to see the Beatles at the Fringe in Murray Bridge last night and I was so proud of former students Zac Wachtel and Jordan Holmes. They, along with the rest of the band were amazing!

Warm Regards, Rita

 At Mypo 		
Everyone	leads	'Leadership is not about making yourself more powerful. It's about making people around you more powerful' <i>Betty Linton</i>
Everyone	believes	'Leaders are people who focus attention on a vision.' <i>Warren Dennis</i>
Everyone	commits	'When the crunch comes, people cling to those they know they can trust – those who are not detached but involved.' <i>Admiral James Stockdale</i>
Everyone	cares	'I believe with all my heart in what we do. It is contagious with people. They want that kind of leadership, and they want to give it too.' <i>Gerald Anderson</i>
Everyone	dares	'You cannot lead where you do not go.' <i>Don Ward</i>
Everyone	imagines	'The hero is the one with the ideas.' <i>Jack Welch</i>
Everyone	collaborates	'Excellence is not a spectator sport. Everyone's involved.' <i>General Electric</i>
Everyone	is positive	'Leadership is an attitude before it becomes an ability.' <i>A S Migs Damiani</i>
Everyone	serves	'The leader is the servant who removes obstacles that prevent people from doing their jobs.' <i>Max Depree</i>
Everyone	grows	'Leadership is less about what we know and more about what we're willing to discover.' <i>Diane Branson</i>
Everyone	wins	'The joy of leadership is helping others succeed.' <i>Roger Stilson</i>

Welcome to our School...

Last week, we welcomed new student Charlie Rohde to our school. Charlie is in Reception in Amy Stone's Junior Primary Gold class. We also welcome Charlie's parents Angela and Christopher to our school family and local community and hope they all enjoy their learning experiences with us.



SAPSASA Cricket Selections

Congratulations to Year 6 student **Zenith Smith** and Year 7 student **Riley Hagger** on being selected in the Murraylands SAPSASA cricket team.

The state carnival will be held between Monday 16th March 2020 and Thursday 19th March 2020.

Good luck boys.. we look forward to hearing of your experiences!

Introducing House Leader for **Finnis**...

Jayden Hearne

As a leader of my house team, I hope to... lead my team to victory on Sports' Day and encourage them to read every night.

I think a good leader... makes responsible decisions to lead their team to achieve victory in different areas.

The best thing about being a leader is... that you are in charge of leading a team and helping people in any way needed.

Someone I think is a great leader is... Teddy Roosevelt because he vigorously promoted the conservation movement emphasising the efficient use of natural resources. He dramatically expanded the system of national parks and national forests.

Student Representative Council 'SRC'

The SRC represents the views of the students of Mypolonga Primary School. It is an integral part of the decision-making which occurs through the school. Our SRC Co-ordinator is Kerry Daniel.

Among other things, our SRC organise themed Casual Days once a term to raise funds for important charities and causes. Last year, this included donations to Baptist Care SA Homelessness Service and the Daniel Morcombe Foundation. A Fun Day was also held on the last day of school to celebrate the year.

Class elections were recently held and we congratulate the following students on being elected SRC representatives for Terms 1 & 2.

Junior Primary Gold: Paige Squire

Junior Primary Black: Emily Rathjen

Middle Primary Gold: Madison Brouwer, Bailey Harvie

Middle Primary Black: Aila Young, Danté Sandercock

Upper Primary Gold: Brady Roden, Amilee Harvie

Upper Primary Black: Reagan Martin, Charlie Harrowfield **Leaders:** Jacinta Clark and Shaylee Martin



Save the Date: **Mypolonga Primary School SRC Disco**
Friday 27th March 2020 @ the Mypolonga Institute



Further details regarding the **disco** and the **disco fundraising tea** (held at the Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club) will be provided in the coming weeks!

Sports' Day - Tuesday 7/4/2020

Thanks to the parents/caregivers who have returned the **green** sports' day note (sent home in the last newsletter), with an offer to help on the day. It is much appreciated and we couldn't run the day without you! It's not too late to volunteer on a tabloid station in the morning. Just contact Jacob or Necia. A staff member will be present on each station and will give you all the assistance you need.

School Photo Day

Thanks to MSP Photography for making school photo day run so smoothly. If you have any queries with your ordered photos on their return, please contact MSP direct on 83913951. We kindly ask that photos of other students appearing in class or the whole school photo, not be posted on social media **unless** you have their parent/caregiver permission. Thank you!

Class Awards - Term 1 Week 3

Junior Primary Gold

Vann Ryles - for excellent handwriting.

Isabel Hillam - for enthusiastic learning and working independently.

Junior Primary Black

Bailey Rothe - for using her persistence in all learning areas.

Charlotte Pope - looking out for her class mates and helping those in need.

Middle Primary Gold

Seth Ryles - trying his best in all areas.

Madison Brouwer - for being an enthusiastic learner during Life Education and a helpful class member.

Middle Primary Black

Drazic Ryles - positive and focussed start to the year.

Pippa Smith - supporting others in the Middle Primary Gold class to learn new routines.

Upper Primary Gold

Reagan Martin - stepping up and showing leadership.

Madison Ray - willingness to help others during various class activities.

Upper Primary Black

Zac Kennison - tremendous engagement and displaying leadership in class.

Elouise Kuhn - showing initiative in the class and displaying her TIGER values.

Car Parking

When parking along Williams Street or North Bokara Road, please be mindful of the space left between cars. We are aware of the limited car parking spaces, however, if you leave an adequate space, more cars will be able to be parked near the school. Thank you!

Governing Council Capers

It was heart-warming to see a large turnout at the AGM including many teachers, and a terrific number of parents and caregivers stepping forward to nominate for the Governing Council. Congratulations and sincere thanks to these folks continuing, and new members elected:

Chairperson: Kelly Kuhn

Secretary: Bronwyne Schubert

Treasurer: Jodie Hagger

Assistant Secretary: Julie Hillam

Committee: Kimberly Rathjen, Jamie Ash, Nerissa Luckett, Ben Burdett, Louise Elliston, Karina Harvie & Peta Pahl.

Representatives: Rita O'Brien (Principal), Jacob Rance (Staff), Natasha Hollitt (Playgroup)

We really appreciate the efforts of Dave Garner who stepped down after several years of innovative ideas and grounded input. And also Kerry Daniel for her insightful views, staff updates and SRC guidance.

What a fabulous opportunity to reflect on success following the front page story of the local paper from our Money Smart School Shop program after the Osaka visit. Congratulations to all the visionaries involved at the beginning and to the staff and students for improving this business over time.

This year in general represents a challenge for our school Principal, staff and Finance committee in particular as we prepare for a downturn in revenue of \$90,000 in 2021. The Department for Education have re-classified our school from a Category 4 to a Category 5 school. The criteria for the reclassification are parental education and income, the number of Aboriginal students and the level of student transience. We are not alone as Tailem Bend and Mannum have gone up in category, and Jervois have gone down. Our school will need to make changes to look to a sustainable financial position.

We also have our sights focussed on Term 1, 2022 when all year 7 public school students will be taught in high school. Decisions made last year revolved around strategies for staffing, locations and logistics of class sizes and finance. This resulted in forming 6 classes for the first time in our school's history. It is pleasing to see our decisions having a positive impact and the children are settling in well.

Term 1 is always hectic with Sports' Day, Disco, Disco tea, Governing Council and the list goes on. If you haven't put up your hand to help, please consider this as a way you can make a difference.

We will again be profiling our new Governing Council members in upcoming newsletters, in order for you to feel connected. Please feel free to touch base with any of us before the next meeting on Monday 16th March 2020.

Kelly Kuhn, Chairperson

World's Greatest Shave - Way to go Ruby!

One of our own TIGERS... Year 6 student Ruby Montgomery-Pittaway (pictured right with Madison Ray) is raising money for the World's Greatest Shave. She'll be part of an elite group of extraordinary superheroes on a mission to shave the world from blood cancer. Ruby will be joining fellow shavers across the country working hard to raise \$16.5 million to support and empower families impacted by blood cancer and to accelerate blood cancer research to reach the Leukaemia Foundation's bold new goal: zero lives lost to blood cancer by 2035. For her, this will be a hugely rewarding and awesome experience that she'll never forget.

As for all the staff at our school, we could not be more proud! Last year, while listening to another student share her learning about Leukemia and how she lost her mum, Ruby, like all of us, was saddened. Ruby has now taken on the World's Greatest Shave to raise money for the Leukaemia foundation and show support for her classmate.

On 13th March 2020, our SRC will be holding a casual day to raise money for Ruby. We will be selling cupcakes and adding a splash of orange to our outfits to show our support. Ruby will be getting her hair shaved on this day. We will be asking for a gold coin donation on the day, but feel free to support Ruby by visiting [leukaemiafoundation.org.au](https://secure.leukaemiafoundation.org.au) - click on the 'Shave the World' image, click on 'Sponsor a Shaver', find the name *Leanne Pittaway* (Ruby's mum) and donate from there! Alternatively, if viewing this newsletter online, simply click on:-

https://secure.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/registrant/FundraisingPage.aspx?fbclid=IwAR2AUW6-CDJICGI_CHvSNA1LQnSOW7-81Bjnw6Hf7vTlwCmpU-OfWXpt_5k&RegistrationID=774703



Teamwork

Integrity

Generosity of Spirit

Excellence



Respect

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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 6	2/3 . Newsletter	3/3 . 9:00am Playgroup . MPB enterprise recess	4/3 . JPB enterprise recess . MPG enterprise lunch . MFC Junior training commences / player registration	5/3	6/3 . JPG enterprise lunch . 3:00pm Assembly . 6:00pm MCSC Friday Night tea	7/3 & 8/3 . 7/3 Mannum Show
Week 7	9/3 Public Holiday	10/3 . 9:00am Playgroup . MPB enterprise recess	11/3 . JPB enterprise recess . MPG enterprise lunch . 6:30pm MBHS transition visit	12/3	13/3 . SRC Casual Day . JPG enterprise lunch . 3:00pm Assembly	14/3 & 15/3
Week 8	16/3 . Newsletter . SAPSASA cricket state carnival (until Thursday)	17/3 . 9:00am Playgroup . MPB enterprise recess	18/3 . JPB enterprise recess . MPG enterprise lunch	19/3	20/3 . JPG enterprise lunch . 3:00pm Assembly . 6:00pm Mypo RSL bingo/bbq tea	21/3 & 22/3 . MFC senior trial game @ Border Districts
Week 9	23/3	24/3 . 9:00am Playgroup . MPB enterprise recess . all MFC training reverts back to Tuesdays/Thursdays	25/3 . JPB enterprise recess . MPG enterprise lunch	26/3	27/3 . JPG enterprise lunch . 3:00pm Assembly . SAPSASA swimming state championships . School Disco / Disco fundraising tea	28/3 & 29/3 28/3 - Round 1 MFC/MNLC bye 28/3 - MFC senior trial game -v- Echunga @ Mypo
Week 10	30/3 . Newsletter	31/3 . 9:00am Playgroup . MPB enterprise recess	1/4 . JPB enterprise recess . MPG enterprise lunch	2/4	3/4 . JPG enterprise lunch . 3:00pm Assembly	4/4 & 5/4 4/4 - Round 2 MFC/MNLC -v- Imps @ Imps (RMFL night game)
Week 11  No class enterprise recess or lunch this week	6/4	7/4 Sport's Day 	8/4	9/4 . 2:00pm End of Term Assembly (held at the school) . 2:25pm dismissal . Newsletter	10/4 Good Friday	11/4 & 12/4 Easter Weekend

Community News

Mypolonga Football Club

. **Senior Trial games** - come along and support the boys in the lead up to season 2020! Keep an eye on the Club's Facebook page for more info!

-v- Border Districts Football Club @ Border Districts on Saturday 21st March 2020.

-v- Echunga Football Club @ Mypolonga on Saturday 28th March 2020 (MFC/MNLC have a bye Round 1).

. **Junior training** for Under 7s, 9s, 11s and 13s will commence **THIS** Wednesday 4th March 2020 at 4:45pm. Committee members will be present to help with **registration** for new and past players. All trainings will revert back to Tuesday and Thursday from Tuesday 24th March 2020. If you know of any new players/families that would like to join the Club, please share this information or ask them to contact Mark Pahl on 0429881573. Don't forget **\$100 Sports' Vouchers** are available to put towards MFC football and MNLC netball registration for Reception to Year 7 school students. Visit www.sportsvouchers.sa.gov.au for further information.

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