

# MYPO NEWS

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Mypolonga Primary School &amp; Community Newsletter

*"Those who bring sunshine into the lives of others cannot keep it from themselves."*

Sir James Matthew Barrie, 1st Baronet, OM was a Scottish novelist and playwright, best remembered as the creator of Peter Pan.

## Term 4, Week 8 7th December 2022

### Happy Birthday...

8/12 - Zoe (Year 2)  
8/12 - Evie (Year 1)  
9/12 - Macie (Year 3)  
11/12 - Aidyn (Year 4)  
12/12 - Zara (Year 3)  
13/12 - Piper (Reception)  
16/12 - Sarscha (Year 6)

### Save the Dates in Term 4

**Whole School Transition to next year's classes (including 2023 Reception students and current Year 6s Transition to MBHS)**  
Thursday 8th December 2022

**SRC Fun Day at the Pool**  
Monday 12th December 2022

**Year 6 Graduation/Dinner (held at the Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club)**  
Wednesday 14th December 2022

**End of Year Assembly (held outside at the school - weather permitting)**  
2:45pm Thursday 15th December 2022  
3:25pm Dismissal

**Last day of the school year**  
Friday 16th December 2022 - early dismissal 2:25pm

### Lost Property

Any unnamed clothing items remaining in our lost property box at the end of the year will be donated to a local charity or placed on our SRC secondhand clothing rack for sale. Please call in to the office asap if you think anything may belong to your child.

Thanks.

## We Roar as One!

I can't believe this is the last newsletter for 2022! End of year/term award recipients will be announced in a smaller newsletter version at the end of next week.

### Junior Primary Excursion

A fortnight ago, in less than perfect conditions, the Junior Primary Unit headed to Cleland Wildlife Park for an adventurous excursion. A fantastic adventure was had, with all the excitement of getting up close with animals and exploring a new space. I think there were a few very tired students and staff for the bus ride home. Thanks to Mrs Perry and Mrs Lienert for organising the excursion, as well as Sharon, Cass, Annie, Brock, Janice and Tayla for assisting with the supervision of all the students.

### Parent Feedback – Google Forms

Thanks to those families who have responded so far with this follow up survey. The link was sent out to all families a fortnight ago. This information is anonymous, and we would appreciate your feedback by the beginning of week 9, Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December. Thanks for your support with this.

### Teaching Staff 2023

**Reception** – Kara Lienert (Monday, Thursday, Friday), Zoe Diment (Tuesday, Wednesday)  
**Year 1** – Hailey Perry (Monday-Wednesday), Amy Stone (Thursday, Friday)  
**Year 2** – Semester 1: Jo Wagenknecht / Semester 2: Jo Wagenknecht (Monday-Wednesday) Renay Hein (Thursday, Friday)  
**Year 3/4** - Semester 1: Amy Webb / Semester 2: Amy Webb (Monday-Wednesday) Kim Merritt (Thursday, Friday)  
**Year 4/5** – Kerry Daniel  
**Year 5/6** – Jacob Rance (Monday, Tuesday), Mel Carstairs (Wednesday-Friday)

### Prevent Holiday Brain Drain

Evidence shows students can lose 2 to 2 ½ months of learning during the long summer school holidays. To prevent large losses there are plenty of activities for students to do during the break to help keep their brains active. Things like; reading or visiting the Library, playing boardgames, cooking, gardening, visiting the Museum, volunteer somewhere, find teachable moments in everyday activities.

### Flood Information

I continue to work closely with the Department and local services to keep informed regarding the emerging high flows and flooding in the River Murray. We still expect peak flow and inundation periods throughout our part of the River in late December, continuing into the early New Year. There is the possibility that our site may suffer some water inundation, lose power and water supply. The information currently is that if a site loses power and running water it will need to close. As you are aware though, this situation is currently changing, and I will endeavour to keep you informed during the holiday break via Facebook and email if the situation needs updating. If you have any concerns, it is important to use the following website or local council to keep yourself updated. <https://www.sa.gov.au/topics/emergencies-and-safety/river-murray-flood>.

I would like to thank you all for being so welcoming and supportive of me and our family since taking on the role of Principal and moving to the town.

I look forward to working with all staff in continuing to make Mypolonga Primary School the best learning environment we can in 2023 and beyond.

Working together  
Sunyl Vogt



Government of South Australia  
Department for Education



**Class Awards - Term 4 Week 5**

**Junior Primary Gold**

**James Rathjen** - showing enthusiasm and great concentration in his learning.

**Junior Primary Black**

**Rhegan Sumner** - fantastic improvement in his spelling and writing.

**Tyson** - encouraging others and attempting learning tasks.

**Middle Primary Gold**

**Cayce McAllister** - working extremely hard during Maths and Narrative Writing.

**Imogen Martin** - always being a kind and generous class mate.

**Middle Primary Black**

**Alexis Schutz** - being an enthusiastic and dedicated learner.

**Upper Primary Gold**

**Hannah Burdett** - excellent attitude to learning AUSLAN.

**Ruby O'Shea-Coulter** - excellent attitude to learning AUSLAN.

**Upper Primary Black**

**Lucinda Temby** - excellent participation and attitude in Maths.

**Luke Pontt** - amazing engagement in all lessons this week.

**Class Enterprise Program**

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

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



Pictured; Tyson, Evie & Eva

**Premier's Reading Challenge**

Congratulations to all those students who completed the Premier's Reading Challenge this year. We held our presentation ceremony in each classroom on Friday 25th November 2022, where children were given their medals and certificates. They were also given a small bag of treats in recognition of their efforts. A special thank-you to all families for supporting your children this year with their reading.



Congratulations to our Year 6 students pictured above on receiving their PRC Hall of Fame awards; Pippa, Charlotte, Makayla, Mikaela, Lachlan, Charlotte.



**School Concert 2022**

Thanks to everyone for coming along to our end of year concert. We were all so proud of our shining stars!

We hope you had as much fun as we did!



## Governing Council End Year 2022 report

On behalf of Governing Council, I would like to thank all staff and volunteers for their contributions to the school during the year. It has been a relief to see many aspects of school life return to "normal" as we see COVID restrictions slowly ease. Most excitedly, we saw the return of the school disco, master class, shop and parents on school grounds.

Throughout the year, our new Principal Sunyl Vogt has made some changes to the ways of teaching and assessing our children's progress. The introduction of a program called DIBELS has provided insight into strengths and gaps in knowledge of students in relation to literacy. This has also enabled tracking of the children as they build on their knowledge becoming more proficient in literacy. A similar program for numeracy skills was also introduced called Acadience, with improvements seen across the year for students skills. NAPLAN also returned this year with the school receiving great results.

This is an opportune time to encourage anyone who has wanted to be more involved in the school to consider being a Governing Council member. We meet twice a term on a Monday night at 7.30pm in weeks 3 and 8. We discuss upcoming events and listen to standing reports from the Principal, SRC, playgroup, staff, student representative committee and finance. Come along to our AGM next year (early term 1). The finance committee meet on a Monday evening twice a term for 30 minutes and would love to have a few more members. It's a great opportunity for parents to provide their thoughts and insights on school financial matters. If you would like more information, please see Annie Hughes.

With the school year coming to an end, it's a great opportunity to sit and reflect. The year has seen its ups and downs and continues to test our resilience. As we wait for the water to rise, our thoughts are with those who will be impacted by the floods.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

*Karina Harvie*  
Governing Council Chairperson



At our recent White Ribbon assembly, two year 6 students received awards recognising both potential within the creative arts (Rosemary Wells Creative Arts Prize) and leadership (Marj Byerlee award). These awards, and the vouchers with them, were presented by our Pastoral Care Worker Brock on behalf of the Inter Church Council Schools Ministry Task Group, whom we would like to thank for their ongoing support.



Congratulations to:  
**Willow Cazzolato**



on receiving the Rosemary Wells Creative Arts Prize. This prize is awarded to a student that shows great passion and potential creatively, which could be within but not limited to; visual arts, music, drama, floral art or other creative endeavours.



Congratulations to:  
**Bella Pope**



on receiving the Marj Byerlee Encouragement Award. This prize is awarded to a student that has been recognised as an individual that has a positive attitude, is in service to others, demonstrates perseverance, is a positive role model, outworks honesty and displays integrity.



## Junior Primary Unit - Cleland Excursion

What a WONDERFUL day the JP unit had recently exploring Cleland Wildlife Park. Students got to pat koalas, snakes and lizards.

They saw the dingos playing with their trainer and followed lots of trails to find kangaroos, wallabies, and so many species of birds!



## Medication

All medication stored in the school's first aid room will be returned home with the relevant student on Friday 16th December 2022. Over the holidays, please check the medication's expiry date in readiness for the new year and remember to include a new **Medication Agreement** form when returned. This form can be obtained from the office or accessed on the Department for Education website [www.education.sa.gov.au](http://www.education.sa.gov.au) and search 'Medication Agreement'. **As previously advised, we are unable to administer any medication without written advice on a Medication Agreement.**

## White Ribbon Day - (18/11/22)

On Friday 25th November, we acknowledged White Ribbon Day. The White Ribbon Campaign is a global movement of men and boys working to end male violence against women and girls. Students with their buddy classes, participated in activities to learn and recognise what qualities are needed for respectful relationships and looked at role models in their lives. All classes designed their white ladies which are proudly on display outside each classroom.

White ice blocks were also a hit at lunch time!



## Planner - Term 4 2022

MCSC - Mypolonga Combined Sports Club / MFC - Mypolonga Football Club / MBHS - Murray Bridge High School / MNLC - Mypolonga Netball League Club / MCC - Mypolonga Cricket Club / YEL - Young Environmental Leaders

<b>Week 8</b>	<b>5/12</b> . School Concert (held at the school)  ★	<b>6/12</b> . 9:00am Tiny Tigers (FINAL)	<b>7/12</b> . Newsletter	<b>8/12</b> . School transition day (Reception to Year 5 students in next year's classes / Year 6 transition @ MBHS)	<b>9/12</b> . MNLC AGM 7:00pm @ the MCSC	<b>10/12 &amp; 11/12</b> . 10/12 - 6:00pm Mypolonga RSL Christmas Party
<b>Week 9</b>	<b>12/12</b> . SRC Fun Day @ the Pool	<b>13/12</b>	<b>14/12</b> . Year 6 Graduation Dinner at the MCSC	<b>15/12</b> . 2:45pm school assembly (held at the school) . 3:25pm dismissal	<b>16/12</b> . Last day of the school year . 2:25pm early dismissal . Newsletter	<b>17/12 &amp; 18/12</b> . 17/12 - 6:00pm Mypolonga CC Christmas Tea

## Planner - Term 1 2023

<b>Week 1</b>	<b>30/1</b> <b>Welcome back!</b> (term 1 commences)	<b>31/1</b>	<b>1/2</b>	<b>2/2</b>	<b>3/2</b>	<b>4/2 &amp; 5/2</b>
<b>Week 2</b>	<b>6/2</b> . Newsletter . Swimming Lessons (Reception to Year 6)	<b>7/2</b> . Swimming Lessons (Reception to Year 6)	<b>8/2</b> . Swimming Lessons (Reception to Year 6)	<b>9/2</b> . Swimming Lessons (Reception to Year 6)	<b>10/2</b> . Swimming Lessons (Reception to Year 6)	<b>11/2 &amp; 12/2</b>

## Community News

### Mypolonga Netball League Club

**AGM** Friday 9th December 2022 @ 7:00pm at the Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club.

### Mypolonga RSL

**Christmas Party** Saturday 10th December 2022 @ 6:00pm at the Mypolonga RSL. All welcome!

### Mypolonga Cricket Club

**Christmas Tea** Saturday 17th December 2022 @ 6:00pm at the Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club. All welcome!

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