

# Mypolonga Primary School & Community Newsletter

11<sup>th</sup> April 2014



Teamwork  
Integrity  
Generosity of Spirit  
Excellence  
Respect

**Wishing everyone happy holidays and a safe and enjoyable Easter break. We look forward to seeing you all in Term 2!**

## Assembly Roster – Term 2 2014

**Week 1** - Brayden Vandenberg, Riley Walton, Leila Dahlitz

**Week 2** - Paige Vandenberg, Jacinta Fry, Benjamin Peterson

## Dates to Remember

**. Murray Bridge High School Transition evening for Year 7 students**

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2014 from 5:30pm to 6:30pm at St Joseph's Primary School.

## . Student Free Days

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2014; and  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2014, following the June long weekend.

The school will be closed on these days to allow for staff to undertake training and development.

## Enclosed with this Newsletter

Murray Bridge Library School Holiday Activities flyer

## Happy Birthday

16/4 - Judd (Year 1)  
19/4 - Tyler (Year 6)  
21/4 - Ava (Year 2)  
22/4 - Samuel (Year 4)  
23/4 - Jacinta (Year 5)  
4/5 - Jason (Year 4)



## School Hats

Today we have sent all school hats home to be washed and mended (if necessary).

If your child is requiring a new hat for next term, they can be purchased from the office (legionnaire \$4.50 / broad brimmed \$7.50)

## With Thanks....

Thank you to the Grove, Crouch, Stapleton, and Schofield families for collecting and delivering the school's recycling into Murray Bridge this term.

## School Photos

Today we have sent home all ordered school photos. Year 7 graduation packs will be distributed to students at the end of the year.

If you have any queries regarding the school photos, please contact MSP Photography direct on 83913951.

## Rita's Roar

### Sports' Day

Thank you so much to every one of you who supported us when we had to cancel Sports' Day. It makes our job so much easier when we know you have our back. It was so disappointing, but we are pleased to be able to announce (weather permitting) that Sports' Day will be held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May.

### Chief Executive's Visit

On Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April, the following people will visit our school from 2:00pm – 3:30pm:

- Tony Harrison, Chief Executive, DECD
- Jayne Johnston, Chief Education Officer
- Jenny Stanley, Senior Policy Adviser
- Frank Mittiga, Education Director

This is an absolute honour for us. We are having an assembly under the pergola from 3:15pm on that day. If you are picking up your children we would ask you to come out a little earlier and attend the 10 minute assembly, just so that they can see what amazing families we have.

### High Standards

The motto for the School Shop is 'OK Isn't Excellent'. When students are assessed for each rotation, the only assessment that counts towards Quality Assurance are excellent ones. This is because we want to challenge our students to be the best that they can be. The feedback that we get from the customers is outstanding and contributes to our culture of success.

Last year, our school was involved in practitioner research where we studied the work of Dr Martin Seligman on authentic happiness. He talked about people being genuinely happy when they had completed something really hard, rather than just going through the motions. At Mypo, we don't reward our students for being OK, rather, we expect and achieve excellence.

An example of this, are preparations for Sports' Day. One of my favourite quotes about leadership is 'Leadership is not about making yourself more powerful. It's about making the people around you more powerful.' The House Captains select the teams and organise practices in their own time, so that younger students especially are confident on the day. We have whole-school practices and this year I have noticed that nearly all of the Upper Primary students are not just helping out, but role modelling positive behaviours to their teams. It makes me very proud!

### Renovations

During the holidays a number of renovations will take place:

**. Library:** in order to make our library a more multi-functional space, we will be removing the benches and relocating the shelving around the edge of the room.



This will enable us to have assemblies in the library and use the space more effectively. Thank you to Daniel Martin and Annie for managing this.

. **Cabling:** to improve the effectiveness of ICT delivery the whole school will be recabled

. **PA system:** a new PA system will be installed

### School Shop

This year, we will not be able to open the Shop on Good Friday, however, we will be open on Anzac Day.

### Our Website

Jason Hagger, our IT technician, is currently upgrading our website. Added to it this week is a movie made by the Eat Well Be Active team from DECD about our 'Come and Try' events. It's well worth a look. Jason works above and beyond what is expected, and supports us in so many ways. We appreciate everything that he does and it does not go unnoticed. You are a TIGER Jason!

Warm Regards, Rita

## School Shop

### Anzac Day opening...

Our School Shop will open for business on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April (Anzac Day) during the school holidays. All Reception to Year 7 students are welcome to attend, dressed in school uniform, arriving at 11:50am to approximately 12:45pm.

### Postcard from School Shop visitor...

*'On Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> March, I visited your school with a group from the Proud Mary Cruise. We all enjoyed seeing how well you ran your school shop and all the students were so friendly, welcoming and capable.'*

*I live in a very pleasant retirement village in Doncaster, Victoria approximately 15kms from the city of Melbourne. I have my own villa unit with 2 bedrooms, a study, lounge and kitchen.*

*Thank you for having us to your school.*

*Best wishes for your future,  
(Mrs) Val Thomas'*

### New Enterprise Stock...

As part of their enterprise program, the Lower Middle Primary Class have started making coathangers.

The creative designs on the coathangers reflect students' ideas of Mypolonga and are sold for \$3.00 each in our School Shop.

They also make a great gift idea!

Pictured to the right is LMP student Katie Hutchinson, awaiting the arrival of our school shop visitors.



## Student Representative Council (SRC) Profile

### Introducing...

### Maddison Rathjen SRC Leader



**As an SRC leader, I hope to...** inspire other children to be a leader.

**Something you don't know about me...** in my spare time, I like to dance to my favourite songs.

**I like to read...** Harry Potter novels.

**I like to watch...** Home and Away and My Kitchen Rules.

**I like to listen to...** One Direction and Katy Perry.

**One day I hope to...** travel to Europe.

**If I could change something in the world I would...** stop world hunger.

**The best thing about Mypolonga Primary School is...** the School Shop because I like meeting new people.

**Someone I really look up to is...** Michaela Zadow because she has inspired me to nominate myself to become a House Captain and SRC representative.

## Harmony Day

On Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2014 we celebrated Harmony Day. The message of Harmony Day is Everyone Belongs. It is a day to celebrate Australia's diversity. It is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home – from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world.

During the week, classes were involved in activities to celebrate Harmony Day. Members of the Junior Primary 1 class (pictured below) made colourful harmony balloons.

### Did you know...

- . Around 45 per cent of Australians were born overseas or have at least one parent who was born overseas.
- . People from over 200 countries make up the Australian community.
- . More than 300 languages are spoken in Australian homes.





## Easter/Anzac Day Artwork



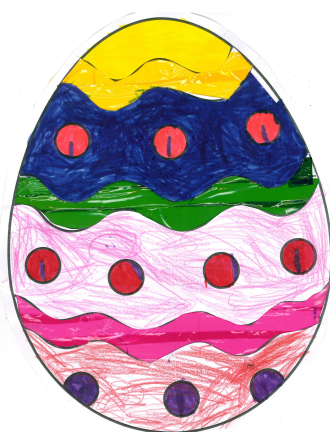
**Poppies** by Benjamin Peterson,  
Year 3



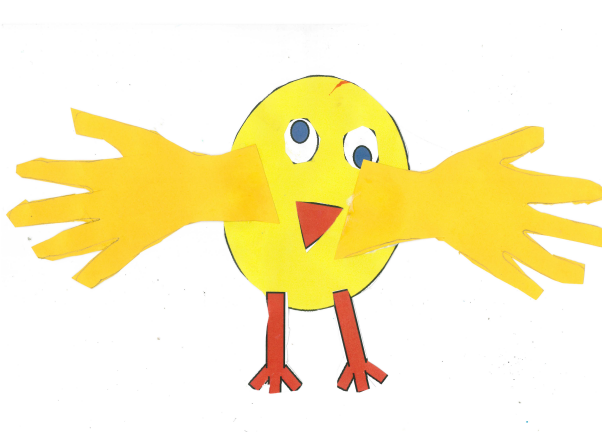
**Hopping into the Spirit of Easter** Year 1 students Jacinta Clark, Isabella Fry, Riley Hagger and Leroy Rathjen



**Easter Bunny** by Blake Kennedy, Reception



**Easter Egg artwork with Playgroup** by Ledja Gray, Reception



**Easter Chicken** by Tehya Fawdry, Reception

## Gymnastics

A reminder that our five week Gymnastics program will commence on the first Monday back at school in Term 2 (Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2014) and will continue until Monday Week 6. (Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2014 is a student free day),

This year, we have engaged the company Primary Sports, who are a qualified company with qualified instructors.

The cost of the program is included in your school fees (so there will be no extra charge) and sessions will be held at the Mypolonga Institute. At the completion of the program, all students will receive a certificate of achievement, which will be placed in report folders.

We remind students to wear appropriate school uniform on these days in order for them to use the equipment accurately.

## Anzac Day Service / Easter Message

On Thursday morning, Eric Burrett, Les Rowe, Adam Czechowski and Ray & Marg Bessen completed the ANZAC Day service. Students also watched a DVD made by Ray of his trip overseas while visiting Fromelles, El Alamein and Gallipoli.

Our visitors also showed a display of medals and weaponry.

In the afternoon, Reverend Frances Bartholomeusz told the Easter story to our students.



## Maths Groups

To learn more about money in a practical way, Miss Polkinghorne's Maths group have been involved in real life money situations 'playing shops'.

This is a first step to learn how to count back change so students are ready to work in the school shop.



## SAPSASA Boys Softball

Last week, Luke Crouch, Mostyn Payne, Rohan Bartholomeusz and Cameron Hazel went to West Beach to compete in the SAPSASA Softball State Carnival.

They really enjoyed their time although they were defeated by most teams, winning one game out of nine. The boys found that most of their opposition were experienced baseball players. Rohan improved hand/eye co-ordination, Cameron learnt to pitch, Mostyn improved in stealing bases and Luke played in catcher and scored the most safe hits.



## Class Awards

### Term 1 Week 9

#### Junior Primary class

**Zenith Smith** - for always completing work on time.

#### Junior Primary 1 class

**Phebe Nutt** - for being a great TIGER and setting a good example for her peers.

**Joe Tidy** - for showing excellent listening skills in group time.

#### Lower Middle Primary class

**Jessica Deane** - excellent work in measurement this week.

**William Schofield** - showing perseverance in learning his States and Capital Cities.

#### Middle Primary class

**Keeley Rathjen** - showing enthusiasm with her Narrative writing.

**Abbey Schofield** - showing maturity in her writing.

#### Upper Primary class

**Madi Kruschel** - for excellent formatting skills and helping others to learn.

**Jessica Donald** - for doing lots of extra work at home researching her project.

### Term 1 Week 10

#### Junior Primary class

**Haydn Castle** - for trying so hard whilst having his broken arm.

#### Junior Primary 1 class

**Hayden Dahlitz** - for having a positive attitude towards learning.

**Riley Hagger** - for working really hard on his counting.

#### Lower Middle Primary class

**Rhiannon Bowley** - enthusiastic narrative writer.

**Benjamin Peterson** - well written narrative.

#### Middle Primary class

**Holly Temby** - showing leadership skills in Sports' Day practice.

**Jackson Hughes** - great positivity and enthusiasm towards his school work.

#### Upper Primary class

**Keeghan Davis** - for sharing his computer skills and teaching others.

**Kailan Challinger** - for great leadership skills as a house captain.

## 2014 International Competitions And Assessments For Schools (ICAS)

Forms have been sent home with students today who have been nominated to sit the 2014 Science, Maths and English Competitions. Please return the signed forms to the office by Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2014 (Week 1 Term 2).

Please feel free to discuss this with your child's teacher if you have any concerns.

### PRIZES

1<sup>ST</sup> \$500  
2<sup>ND</sup> \$300  
3<sup>RD</sup> \$100

### 'Tiger Trekkers' Relay for Life Team Mini-Lottery

(To buy a ticket, see a Tiger Trekker or call into the office by 2/5/14).

TICKETS  
\$20.00 each

\* 9 Weekly Draws of \$20 each (drawn 1:30pm each Wednesday from 7/5/14 at the Mypolonga Primary School)

\* Major Prizes drawn at the End of Term 2 Assembly (Friday 04/07/14) @ 2:00pm

\* Maximum No. of tickets – 100

\* All winners will be notified by telephone and results published in the school newsletter





# 51 things

## TO DO BEFORE you're 12



- 1 Climb a tree
- 2 Sleep under the stars (even in your backyard)
- 3 Fall off a bike
- 4 Learn to swim
- 5 Build a cubby or a tree house
- 6 Find a geocache in your neighbourhood
- 7 Go beach combing after a storm
- 8 Cook damper in a campfire
- 9 Go on a school camp in the bush
- 10 Catch a wave (start with a small one)
- 11 Play chasy in the rain
- 12 Catch a yabby in a dam (or at least have fun trying)
- 13 Make a water slide with builders plastic and a hose (do it on your watering day)
- 14 Find a cave
- 15 Make something with things you find
- 16 Play in a creek
- 17 Do something you're scared of
- 18 Watch kangaroos in the wild
- 19 Slide down a grass hill on cardboard
- 20 Yell "cooeee!" in a gorge or a valley
- 21 Camp on a beach
- 22 Build a sandcastle city
- 23 Skim a stone
- 24 Plant something and watch it grow
- 25 Play spotlight
- 26 Ride your bike on a bush trail
- 27 Visit an island
- 28 Go for a two-day hike
- 29 Snorkel at the beach or on a reef
- 30 Ride a flying fox
- 31 Play under a sprinkler
- 32 Climb a big rock
- 33 Play in the bush for a whole day
- 34 Visit a waterhole
- 35 Meet kids in a park and invent a game
- 36 Paddle a kayak
- 37 Dig for worms in your backyard
- 38 Catch a crab
- 39 Learn the Aboriginal names for five plants and five animals
- 40 Visit a national park
- 41 Catch a fish
- 42 Play on a rope swing
- 43 Eat bush tucker
- 44 Make a kite and fly it
- 45 Jump in a muddy puddle
- 46 Identify the birds in your backyard
- 47 Go abseiling
- 48 Catch a tadpole (and release it)
- 49 Make a mud pie
- 50 Find a lake, puddle, pond etc and use a magnifying glass to spot the creatures in it
- 51 Play beach cricket

Find out why at [www.natureplaysa.org.au](http://www.natureplaysa.org.au)

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# Enterprise Recess/Lunch Term 2 2014

## TUESDAY

Lower Middle Primary  
Recess

# Crumpet

\$1.00 each



## WEDNESDAY

Middle Primary  
Lunch

# Hot Chicken & Gravy Roll

\$2.50 each

\* Served with a variety of toppings \*      \* Payment is required at the time of ordering \*

## Community News

### Mypolonga Football Club

**Home Match Tea** - Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2014 at the Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club. Meals served from 6:00pm - Chicken Schnitzel \$12.00, ½ Chicken Schnitzel \$8.00, Steak \$13.00 (with choice of gravy or chasseur sauce (add \$3.00)), Chicken Nuggets (x4) \$4.00. All meals served with chips and self serve salad. Dessert: small pavlovas with chocolate mousse & strawberries \$3.00, icecream with topping \$1.00.

**Website** - Keep an eye on the Mypolonga Football Club Facebook page....a new and exciting official website is about to go live!



### Mypolonga Netball League Club

**Tiger Ball** - All tickets to the Tiger Ball on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2014 have now been allocated. If you have requested tickets to be held, please see Kelsey Milne as soon as possible with payment.

**Frahn Family Cake Stall Fundraiser** - As you may be aware, the Frahn family was recently affected by a tragic motor cycle accident, which left their husband and Dad, Wayne severely injured and in hospital for what will possibly be a lengthy period of time. As a way of helping to support their family at this difficult time, the netball club is donating the first week's takings from our cake stall to them. So please head over to the cake stall this week and grab some yummy home-made goodies and a cup of tea or coffee and help support the Frahn family at the same time. We will also have a collection bucket there for anyone who would like to make an additional financial contribution – no matter how small, every little bit counts.

### Mypolonga Uniting Church

**Easter Service** - Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2014 at 7:00pm. All welcome! Supper will be provided including an Easter egg hunt.

### Mannum Golf Club

**Quiz Night** - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2014 at 7:30pm at the Mannum Golf Club, Douglas Street, Mannum. Great prizes and raffles. \$8.00 per person. Make up a table of 8 and bring along a BYO basket supper. For bookings, phone Club House 85692066 or email [mannumgc@baonline.com.au](mailto:mannumgc@baonline.com.au)

### Rural City of Murray Bridge

**Holiday Performance** - 'Hocus Pocus by the Sea' a magical adventure... at the Murray Bridge Town Hall at 11:00am on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2014. \$9.00 per ticket (children must be accompanied by a paying adult). Book at the Visitor Information Centre, 3 South Terrace, Murray Bridge or phone 85391142 during 10:00am & 4:00pm. A fun, interactive theatre performance for children.

### NRL - National Rugby League

**Come'n'Try Tackle Rugby League Clinic** - Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2014 from 9:00am until 12:00pm each day @ Le Messurier Oval (Ramblers). Staff from the NRL are holding a FREE two-day clinic during the upcoming school holidays. This will be a tackle based program that will be taught by experts in that area. This is a unique opportunity to learn about the game and improve your tackling. All participants will receive their own football to keep. To register for the clinic please visit [www.sadevelopment.leaguenet.com.au](http://www.sadevelopment.leaguenet.com.au) or call Dave Cohen at the NRL on 0411 159 465.

### Coerver Coaching SA

**Soccer Clinics** - Week 1 at Westminster School 14<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> April 2014 & Week 2 at Oakbank Area School 22<sup>nd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> April 2014. Coerver® Coaching SA the "World's No.1 Soccer Skills Teaching Method" is offering players the opportunity to participate in a school holiday clinic. For all levels of youth players (girls & boys) aged 6-16. The programs will be conducted by former Socceroo, FFSA Hall of Fame member and Player Life Member Steve Maxwell. For details, visit [www.coerversa.com.au](http://www.coerversa.com.au).



## Student of the Term Term 1 2014

Upper Primary

**Paige Vandenberg**

Middle Primary

**Abbey Schofield**

Our Students of the Term receive  
a \$15.00 Murray Bridge Newsagency  
& Toyworld Gift Card

Lower Middle Primary

**Mackenzie Lindner**

Junior Primary 1

**Claire Ruckenstuhl**

Junior Primary

**Ellie Pontt**

## Most Improved Student for Term 1 2014

Upper Primary

**Brayden Vandenberg**

Middle Primary

**Kane Lavington**

Lower Middle Primary

**Kobe Hobbs**

Junior Primary 1

**Reegan Candy**

Junior Primary

**Tahlia Ross**



## Planning Calendar - Term 2 2014


MCSC – Mypolonga Combined Sports Club

MFC – Mypolonga Football Club

MCC – Mypolonga Cricket Club

MNLC – Mypolonga Netball League Club

MBHS – Murray Bridge High School

1	28/4 <b>Gymnastics</b>	29/4	30/4 <b>Chief Executive Visit 3:15pm Assembly</b>	1/5	2/5 3:00pm Assembly	3/5 & 4/5 <b>3/5 - MFC/MNLC Mypo vs Meningie @ Mypo</b>
2	5/5 Gymnastics Newsletter	6/5	7/5 <b>SPORTS' DAY</b>  7:00pm Sustainability Committee Meeting	8/5	9/5 3:00pm Assembly <b>3:30pm C&amp;S meeting in the Library</b>	10/5 & 11/5 <b>10/5 - MFC/MNLC Mypo vs Mannum @ Mypo</b> 11/5 -  <b>Mothers' Day</b>
3	12/5 <b>Gymnastics</b> 3:30pm Improvement Committee meeting <b>7:00pm Finance Committee meeting</b> 7:30pm Governing Council meeting	13/5 <b>NAPLaN</b>	14/5 <b>NAPLaN</b>	15/5 <b>NAPLaN</b>	16/5 <b>3:00pm Assembly</b>  Mypo RSL Bingo BBQ tea	17/5 & 18/5 17/5 - MFC/MNLC Mypo vs Imps @ Imps <b>17/5 MNLC Tiger Ball</b>
4	19/5 <b>STUDENT FREE DAY</b>	20/5	21/5 MBHS Yr 7/8 Transition evening at St Joseph's School 5:30pm-6:30pm	22/5	23/5 <b>3:00pm Assembly</b>	24/5 & 25/5 24/5 - MFC/MNLC bye
5	26/5 <b>Gymnastics</b>  SAPSASA Football/Netball State Carnival	27/5	28/5	29/5	30/5 <b>3:00pm Assembly</b>	31/5 & 1/6 31/5 - MFC/MNLC Mypo vs Ramblers @ Mypo
6	2/6 <b>Gymnastics</b>	3/6	4/6 <b>Science Competition</b>	5/6	6/6 <b>3:00pm Assembly</b>	7/6 & 8/6 7/6 - RMFL Game Only
7	9/6 <b>PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b>	10/6 <b>STUDENT FREE DAY</b>	11/6	12/6	13/6 <b>NO ASSEMBLY</b>	14/6 & 15/6 14/6 - MFC/MNLC Mypo vs Jervois @ Jervois

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