11th April 2014

Assembly Roster – Term 2 2014
Week 1 - Brayden Vandenberg, Riley Walton, Leila Dahltz
Week 2 - Paige Vandenberg, Jacinta Fry, Benjamin Peterson

Dates to Remember
. Murray Bridge High School Transition evening for Year 7 students
   Wednesday 21st May 2014 from 5:30pm to 6:30pm at St Joseph’s Primary School.
. Student Free Days
   Monday 19th May 2014; and
   Tuesday 10th 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 7th May.

Chief Executive’s Visit
On Wednesday 30th 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.

Wishing everyone happy holidays and a safe and enjoyable Easter
break. We look forward to seeing you all in Term 2!
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 25th 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, 14th 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,\n(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 21st 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 28th April 2014) and will continue until Monday Week 6. (Monday 10th 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.
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.

**SAPSASA Boys Softball**

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**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 30th April 2014 (Week 1 Term 2).

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

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**Maths Groups**

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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 “cooee!” 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
Enterprise Recess/Lunch Term 2 2014

TUESDAY

Lower Middle Primary

Recess

Crumpet

$1.00 each

* Served with a variety of toppings *

WEDNESDAY

Middle Primary

Lunch

Hot Chicken & Gravy Roll

$2.50 each

* Payment is required at the time of ordering *

Community News

Mypolonga Football Club

Home Match Tea - Saturday 12th 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 17th 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 help 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 16th April 2014 at 7:00pm. All welcome! Supper will be provided including an Easter egg hunt.

Mannum Golf Club

Quiz Night - Friday 16th 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 mannungc@baoonline.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 23rd 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 22nd and Wednesday 23rd 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 or call Dave Cohen at the NRL on 0411 159 465.

Coerver Coaching SA

Soccer Clinics - Week 1 at Westminster School 14th-17th April 2014 & Week 2 at Oakbank Area School 22nd-25th 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.coerverssa.com.au.
Student of the Term
Term 1 2014

Upper Primary
Paige Vandenberg

Middle Primary
Abbey Schofield

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

Our Students of the Term receive a $15.00 Murray Bridge Newsagency & Toyworld Gift Card
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**MCSC** – Mypolonga Combined Sports Club  
**MFC** – Mypolonga Football Club  
**MCC** – Mypolonga Cricket Club  
**MNLC** – Mypolonga Netball League Club  
**MBHS** – Murray Bridge High School

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