# Mypolonga Primary School & Community Newsletter



Wishing our students, families, staff and community members a safe and happy Christmas and New Year and we look forward to seeing you all in 2015!

Teamwork

Integrity

Generosity of Spirit

Excellence

Respect

### 11<sup>th</sup> December 2014

### **Assembly Roster - Term 1 2015**

Week 1 - Bodi Stewart, Amber Gielen, Ben Stewart

Week 2 - No Assembly (due to swimming lessons)

### Included in this Newsletter

- Year 7 profile page
- ❖ Student of the Year / Student of the Term / Most Improved for the Year / Most Improved for the Term award recipients

### **School Office Closure**

The School Office will be closed from Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2014 until Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2015.

### 2015 Consent Forms

As in previous years, yearly consent forms, permission slips and a request for family information details will be sent home to families during the first week of Term 1.

### **Happy Birthday**

19/12 - Mackenzie (Year 6)

19/12 - Ben (Year 2)

29/12 - Katie (Year 3)

29/12 - Jade (Year 3)

30/12 - Mitchell (Year 3) 2/1 - Madeline (Year 7)

3/1 - Mostyn (Year 6)

4/1 - Keeley (Year 4)

5/1 - Ledja (Reception)

5/1 - Levi (Reception)

6/1 - Amber (Year 7)

6/1 - Blake (Year 5)

8/1 - Kallan (Reception)

12/1 - James (Year 1)

13/1 - Alarah (Reception)

15/1 - Drew (Year 1)

19/1 - Reagan (Reception)

20/1 - Phebe (Year 1)

21/1 - Brayden (Year 7)

24/1 - Kyal (Year 6)

25/1 - Kobe (Year 3)

28/1 - Maddy (Reception)

31/1 - Kane (Year 5)

### **Recycling Volunteers**

A big thankyou to the **Kuhn, Hazel, Baker, Kempe, Nutt** and **Walton** families who have collected and transported our recycling into Murray Bridge during Terms 3 and 4.







"Christmas gift suggestions: To your enemy, forgiveness. To an opponent,

tolerance. To a friend, your heart. To a customer, service. To all, charity. To every

### Thanks and Goodbye

Well we have come to the end of another fantastic year and are well on the way to planning next year. We are excited about the new learning that is to come and sad to say goodbye to students and families who are moving on.

We say goodbye to all of our Year 7s and some of their families. The following families are leaving:

- . Shaeden Lukey's family; Marilyn, Peter and Bettina
- . Alys Bockman and her mum and dad; Geoff and Shereen
- . Alyssa Groves' family; Linda and Lyndon
- . Maddi Sorensen's family; Matt, Jacqui, Ron and Jettie. Ron and Jettie will be back in a few years with the third generation of their family
- . Logan Holmes' family; Lisa and Tony, Rod and Tina
- . Brayden and Paige Vandenberg's mum and dad; Charlene and Jason but only for a short while, as Jaymie-Lee will be starting school soon
- . Jacinta and Isabella Fry and their parents; Heidi and Jason who are moving to Edithburgh

We wish everyone the best for the future.

### **Volunteers Award**

DECD has provided all schools with a plaque to honour volunteers who provide exceptional service to schools. Our problem is that we have such a wealth of volunteers, who support us, so it is very difficult to single out one or two. But we have bitten the bullet and selected two who exemplify the spirit of volunteerism. The inaugural recipients are Stephen Duell and Tony Brown, who have both worked very hard for the school over a very long time. Tony is here nearly every day, working with small groups to improve literacy and numeracy and Stephen's support with Lego and K'nex is legendary. There are so many people whom we could also have included, but you all know how much we appreciate what you do and how you have helped to create the fantastic culture at Mypolonga Primary School.

### **Former Students**

We are always proud to share the successes of our former students and are happy to announce that the following students were recognised at Murray Bridge High School's Presentation Night with the following prizes:

- Rachel Anderson: Dux Year 12, Masonic Lodge Bursary, English Studies and Information Technology
- Luke Johnson: Head Prefect Award
- Stephanie Hagger: Mathematical Applications
- Tom Daniel: School and Beyond
- Jordan Holmes: Mayor's Service Award
- Zac Wachtel: Year 12 German

### **Literacy Cup Results**

The Literacy Cup has been a significant contributor to the improvement of reading achievement across the whole school, so much so that the Upper Primary class has asked that the learning journals they are helping to design have a place to record holiday reading! It was great to see students, especially leaders, receiving their 300 nights reading certificates. The Literacy Cup is so embedded in our culture now that it is just our way of being.

Congratulations to the Blue Team (Hindmarsh) who led from the front all year, followed by the Red Team (Murray) and the Gold Team (Finnis). Next year's House Captains are already preparing their election campaigns by providing evidence of strong leadership by reporting on how many nights they read this year.

### **Goodbye Nicole**

As you are all aware, Nicole has decided to pursue a different career path and has successfully won a position in the photographic field. I am sure you will all join with the staff at Mypo to wish Nicole all the best for the future. Nicole's students will all miss her too, as was evidenced at the concert. Thank you Nicole for the contribution you have made to Mypo and we look forward to catching up with you next year.

### **Stop Press!**

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Linda and Paul Castle on the safe arrival of their daughter Zoe Arwen, born on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2014. Zoe is a little sister for our Reception student Haydn and his younger brother Sam. Sending our best wishes to you all!

Warm Regards, Rita

### ~ Thank you ~

I just want to say a big thankyou to my Mypo family.

The staff, students, parents and community members have been a wonderful support to me during my 4 years teaching here and I am forever grateful.

Although it is sad to say goodbye, and I will miss everyone dearly, I am very much looking forward to my new adventure. For those of you who don't know, I have been lucky enough to win a position working as a Portrait Photographer for School Photo Company Academy Photography.

Thanks to everyone for their messages of support and well wishes on my new job. I wish everyone a safe, happy Christmas break and best of luck for 2015!

Thanks, Nicole Christian





### Kiwanis Club of Murray Bridge Terrific Kids for Term 4 2014...

**Congratulations** to the following students on receiving the 'Terrific Kids' award for Term 4 2014. These awards are presented to students each term who live our TIGER Values:





### **Junior Primary**

Ledja Gray



### **Junior Primary Year 1**



Jacinta Clark



### **Lower Middle Primary**

Jessica Deane



### Middle Primary









Maddison Rathjen





The Murray Bridge Kiwanis Club is a member of the world-wide group of clubs which originated in USA.

We are a small but active group and the focus of the Kiwanis is particularly aimed at children. This year, we have funded the Murray Bridge North School Breakfast Club and next year for Mannum Community College.

We have recently donated \$660.00 to ac.care to include fruit and vegetable vouchers in all their Christmas hampers. During the year, we have been running the Terrific Kids program at eight schools in the area and this year, we have made a donation to one Year 7 student in each of these schools. We have helped fund several students to go on camps and every year we pay to send one student from Murray Bridge to take part in Operation Flinders.

We are always seeking new members and we would welcome any enquiries to Marilyn Pope 8532 5650.

### **Mypolonga Primary School & Community Newsletter**



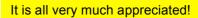








Special thanks to Unity College for allowing us to use their fantastic facilities on Friday night.



**School Concert** 









### Goodbye & Good luck Year 7s

### We will miss you!

### Alys Jaye Bockman

My **best memory** is going on the aquatics camp.

I will miss all my friends and having a teacher who I can also call my friend.

I am aspiring to be someone who can help depressed people and those with anxiety, possibly a psychologist.

### Alyssa Jasmine Grove

I have enjoyed coming to Mypo in Year 6 and appreciate how this school gives student voice in our learning and making decisions.

I will miss the way we get to have so many choices.

I would like to be a Receptionist in a hotel, which might give me the chance to travel around Australia.

### **Amber Nutt**

My **best memory** at this school is doing Art with Mrs O'Brien.

### I will miss.

- . my friends and all the fun and laughter
- . the school shop and getting to meet new people
- . Mrs Martin for being supportive

My aspirations for the future are to become a Disability Carer and travel to Paris.

### **Brayden Paul Vandenberg**

**I enjoyed** learning about the Sammy D Foundation because I learnt about self-control.

I am looking forward to meeting new friends in High School.

I want to travel to Darwin to go swimming with crocodiles (in a cage).

### **Family Farewell Thoughts**

"Even though the staff & curricular focus may have changed over the years, the one constant at Mypolonga Primary School has been to encourage, enable and empower each child to become the best student and individual they can be."

Matt & Jacqui Sorensen

"The care the teachers provide, and the values taught, match our own and I am grateful and thankful for having such a fantastic foundation for my children's learning. Their passion for children's education is astounding and I love the way they encourage the children to realize their potential. Keeghan has been able to expand the knowledge he has through their guidance and encouragement." Ray Watts

"Although Aly only spent two of her 8½ years there, she will always proudly refer to Mypo as her Primary School. Together, you all relentlessly strive to improve. The school keeps evolving and moving forward, always looking ahead but never leaving anyone behind."

Geoff Bockman







### Goodbye & Good luck Year 7s

### Kailan Zayn Challinger

My best memories have been Sports' Days and representing the district in SAPSASA soccer, athletics and tennis.

I will miss being involved in the School Shop and my leadership roles as House Captain and SRC leader.

Someday I would like to go skydiving.

### **Keeghan Daniel Davis**

I will miss the little kids because they are cute, funny and awesome and the School Shop because you get to meet new people and handle money.

I would like to be an architect or video game designer when I grow up.

One thing I want to do one day is to go skydiving.



**My favourite times** at Mypo would be going on the aquatics camp or the transition day at the High School.

**In the future**, I would like to travel to many places, but mostly America.

**I will miss** being in a class with some of the greatest teachers and the hilarious classmates that make every day memorable.

### **Madison Kate Kruschel**

I will miss all the friends that I have made.

One day, **I would like to** move to the Sunshine Coast and become a Real Estate Agent.

### **Family Farewell Thoughts**

"Amber has blossomed in her time at Mypolonga Primary School. We are very proud of the young lady she has become. She has come out of her shell and grown in confidence and become more assertive. The School Shop, leadership roles and many other opportunities and experiences have been a great learning experience for her. She has also made some fantastic friends. Thank you to all the staff at Mypolonga Primary School." *Kylie and Chris Nutt* 

"Kailan has been blessed. The teachers and support staff are amazing and hold excellence as the goal for every student. Encouraging and supportive, to promote the best. Thankfully, I can be a parent of the school for years yet. Lucky us Ariel!"

Catherine Challinger











### **Family Farewell Thoughts**

"To see the dedication and passion the staff give to every individual child to be the best they can, would make any onlooker proud. Whenever asked where Shaeden attends school, we say with much pride, the Mypolonga Primary School."

The Lukey Family

"We appreciate the effort the teachers go to to ensure our children are well educated! Mypolonga teachers are always approachable and are great communicators."

Carol & Matt Kruschel

### Goodbye & Good luck Year 7s

### Maddison Dale Rathjen

The things **I will miss most** about this school are the teachers, especially Mrs Martin, friendships and the school shop.

**In the future**, I would love to be a Reception Teacher and also have the chance to travel to Europe.

### Madeline Emma Sorensen

I have so many **best memories** of being at this school, I cannot pick one!

I will miss the closeness of all the classes and how everyone is a friend with each other.

### Paige Louise Vandenberg

I will miss the friendships that have blossomed and the memories lived, which can never be forgotten. Most of all, I'm going to miss the teachers. You have educated us to the best of your ability. Thank you all!

My **dream for the future** is to see a smile from the less fortunate. In fulfilling this wish, I would like to become a Pediatrician and run a foundation for Cambodian kids. I would like to fly over there for five months of the year and volunteer as a Doctor.

### **Rex George Dankel**

One thing I will miss the most will be the teachers because they are so nice and understanding.

**In the future**, I would really like to travel and visit different places around the world.

### Shaeden Jay Lukey

I will miss the year 6/7 aquatics camp and Farmer Jones' Paddock the most.

One day, I would like to go clay target shooting.

### **Family Farewell Thoughts**

"I am so glad we made the move to Mypo Primary School. The change in both Paige and Brayden is mind blowing. Thanks to Mrs O'Brien and all the staff for putting in the hard yards to bring them up to speed and giving them the confidence they both lacked. Thank you from the bottom of my heart." Charlene Vandenberg

"Both Sky and Rex have come along in leaps and bounds! They are both confident, polite and well mannered and I'm sure that a lot of that was gained by attending Mypolonga Primary School." *Chris Dankel* 











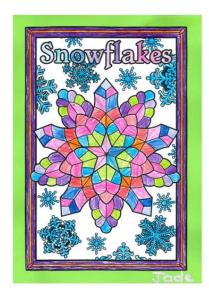




by Ben Stewart



by Charlie Harrowfield and Alarah Sipos



by Jade Burgess



by Katie Hutchinson



by Jeremy George



by Craig Gillett



by Shaylee Martin







**Mater Vandeleur and Drew Bettcher** 



### Young Leader of the Year 2014



This year, our Upper Primary Young Leader Award recipient receives \$50.00, which has been kindly donated by Anne & Graham Martin and Rita & Bill O'Brien.

Madison Kruschel

### Student of the Year 2014



Upper Primary
Alys Bockman

Our Students of the Year receive a \$25.00 Murray Bridge Newsagency & Toyworld Gift Card, kindly donated by Julie & Kevin Savill, owners of the Mypolonga General Store.

Middle Primary

Paris Montgomery-Pittaway

Lower Middle Primary Erin McDonald



Junior Primary 1
Claire Ruckenstuhl

Junior Primary
Elouise Kuhn



## Most Improved Student for 2014

Upper Primary
Alyssa Grove





Lower Middle Primary
Bella Pike

Junior Primary 1

James Mueller

Junior Primary
Brandan Pahl



### Powerful Learner for 2014



Our Upper Primary Powerful Learner recipient receives \$50.00, which has been kindly donated by Kiwanis Murray Bridge.



Paige Vandenberg



# Student of the Term Term 4 2014



Upper Primary
Logan Holmes / Kailan Challinger



Middle Primary
Holly Rathjen / Baden Monjean

Our Students of the Term receive a \$15.00 Murray Bridge Newsagency & Toyworld Gift Card Lower Middle Primary Madalyn Uren

Junior Primary 1
Rhea Kempe



Junior Primary
Ruby Montgomery-Pittaway



# Most Improved Student for Term 4 2014

Lower Middle Primary
William Schofield



Junior Primary 1
Thomas Kruschel

Junior Primary
Ella O'Shea-Coulter



### Counsellor's Corner



Holidays are upon us once again, the year just seems to fly!

I hope my Counsellor Corner has been helpful. While I aim to find information that I think you may find useful, please let me know if you would like any other information on a specific topic. I am open to suggestions, come and see me or put a note in the front office.

Please enjoy your well-deserved break...away from routine! Merry Christmas to you all and I look forward to working with you again next year. To those families who are moving on, I wish you all the very best.

Cheers, Kerry

**Cooking - using** the Middle **Primary** cookbooks!

School Holiday Activity Ideas.... Staff Picks

Catch the O-Bahn from Tea Tree Plaza or the tram from the city to Glenelg

Visit friends or relatives you haven't seen in a while!

Visit the Murray Bridge volleyball nets and Swimming Centre (next door to each other)

Visit the Plaster Fun House (Unley and Brahma Lodge) to create your own plaster mould

Visit www.kidspot.com.au for more great holiday activity ideas in Adelaide

### -They-

Know me in a wav No one else ever has They open me to things I never knew existed They drive me to insanity Push me to my depths They are the beat of my heart. Pulse in my veins

And the energy in my soul

They are my Children

beaches

Visit Sellicks Beach and make some Earth Art using shells and the smooth, oval shaped rocks from the beach

### Go to the movies

Play a game of mini golf / ten pin bowling at Barossa **Bowland** 

> **Visit Mannum:** Main street / picnic at Mary Ann Reserve / water falls

Make it a day trip and visit South Australia's beautiful

Go canoeing on the river

Fly a kite

See a movie at the **Mainline Drive In at Gepps Cross** 

### Pink and Blue Cancer Charity Event River Cruise and Christmas Lunch

ne along on Sunday, December 14 for a cruise on the historic PS Marion and

DETAILS River cruite from 12—12.45gm
 Luncheon event at Palm Court

- Café from Igm Entertainment by Embelish Mu
- sic from 1pm \$39 adults; \$29 kids . Just lunch (no cruise)
- \$20 (adults): \$10 (kids) · Pig ham, chicken platter, sala fruit salad dessert
- . Charity raffles during lunch

### Tickets available from

- Mannum Visitor Inform Centre, 6 Randell Street Man um, or phone 1300 626 686
- · For information or to donat ntact Paul Paech 0427692070

fundraising and awareness. All profits from this event will be split evenly en the BCNA and PCFA





More information: Phone Courtney at Mid Murray OPAL on 6569 0100

Visit a playground

Make a vegie patch in the garden

> Visit the Murray **Bridge Public** Library

### Keep the Dates Free!!....

Mypolonga RSL - Christmas Tea
Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2014 @ the Mypolonga RSL. All welcome! Santa visit for children to Year 7. Meals from 6:00pm - please BYO salad to share.

### **Mypolonga Cricket Club** - Christmas Tea -

Saturday 20th December 2014 @ the Mypolonga Combined Sports Club. Keep this night free and bring along your family and friends to enjoy a Christmas meal together. Santa visit for young children. Meals served from 6:00pm. Winner of the 100 Club will also be drawn!

### **Mypolonga Uniting Church**

A Combined Churches' community Christmas service will be held on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2014 at 7:00pm. A short service with Christmas hymns will be followed by supper. All Welcome!







### Join the Green Army!

Are you aged between 17 and 24, an Australian citizen or permanent resident and would like to be a part of a team that will make a REAL difference to the environment in your local

Would you like to be paid an allowance while gaining skills, training and experience that can help you enter the workforce, improve your career opportunities or further your education and

### Then the GREEN ARMY is for you

The Green Army is an Australian Government initiative open to young people including Indigenous Australians, school leavers, gap year students, graduates and job seekers who are looking to develop skills, undertake training and gain experience in the delivery of conservation projects. Through this, participants will enhance opportunities for careers and further training in conservation.

Biodiversity Recovery - Murray Bridge Starting 24<sup>th</sup> November 2014 This project focuses on improving the condition and connectivity of habitat in the Murray Bridge and Monarto region

### The project will:

Improve biodiversity by activities such as weed and pest animal survey, planning and control; seed collection, plant propagation and revegetation; fire management; fencing.

Complete the application form on www.conservationvolunteers.com.au/green-army

### More Information

Visit: www.environment.gov.au/green-army Phone: 08 8232 0777

Connecting people with our environment

### **Christmas Twilight Market**

### Tuesday 23 Dec Mount Pleasant Showground 5--9pm





Fresh fruit & vegetables cheese, preserves, plants Tastings - Easy Parking . Father Christmas

enquiries magermpfm@bigpond.c NO Market on Sat. 27 Dec

### **School Holiday Activities**

at the Murray Bridge Library

### Robogals

### **Build and Program a Robot**

Monday 12th January Session 1 - 10 to 11.30am

Session 2 - 1 to 2.30pm

Recommended for ages 8 to 12

MINECHAFT



### Minecraft

Friday 16th January 2 to 4pm

Recommended for ages 10 to 15



Monday 19th January Recommended for ages 6+





### **Dragon Kites**

How to make your dragon Wednesday 21st January Recommended for ages 6 to 10

### Phone 8539 1175 to book your place

An adult must accompany children aged 10 years and under



### Lost Property

A number of **UNNAMED** black jackets, jumpers, cardigans, gold hats and plastic containers have arrived in our Lost Property box this term. If you think an item may belong to your child, please call into the office tomorrow!

During the school holidays, all remaining items will be washed and donated to a local charity or put on our second hand clothing rack for purchasing.

Looking for strong, adhesive labels to label clothing, containers and drink bottles? Visit stuckonyou.com.au to see their extensive range, which was also featured on the back page of the Child magazine sent home earlier in the week. They also have great iron on clothing labels to solve the 'black tag' problem!

### **Special Achievements**

Congratulations to Year 6 student Sienna Montgomery-Pittaway on recently receiving the trophy for Intermediate Classical Ballet, as well as the Perpetual Encouragement Award Trophy for 2014!

Well done Sienna and we hear it is very well deserved with all the hard work you have put in this year!



Year 7 student Madz Sorensen is also part of the Unlimited Feet Dance School and received the Intermediate Tap Trophy!

### Murraylands SAPSASA

Special message from Mike Innes...

As I am retiring after 8 years as Murraylands SAPSASA Convenor, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff (teaching and non-teaching), the families and especially the students of our district schools, for all the support you have given me and SAPSASA during that time.

Giving young people the opportunity to find their potential in various fields, in this case sport, is an important part of education, and I appreciate your commitment to giving that opportunity to the children in our schools.

My successor is Kellie Klose, who is based at Palmer Primary School. I wish Kellie every success and hope that the job will give her the same satisfaction and enjoyment that I have been fortunate enough to have.

Regards, Mike Innes



On behalf of Mypolonga Primary School, I would like to send our best wishes to Mike Innes on his retirement. Mike has worked tirelessly to promote sport in the Murraylands and we appreciate the time and effort he has put in to our young sports people.

Regards, Rita

MCSC – Mypolonga Combined Sports Club MFC – Mypolonga Football Club

MCC – Mypolonga Cricket Club

### Planning Calendar Term 4 2014

MNLC – Mypolonga Netball League Club MBHS – Murray Bridge High School

9	8/12	9/12	10/12 Year 7 Graduation Dinner @ the MCSC	11/12 Newsletter 2:30pm Assembly (inc presentation of term and year awards) at the Mypolonga Combined Sports'	12/12 LAST DAY OF TERM 4 SRC Fun Day NO ASSEMBLY 2:25pm Dismissal	13/12 & 14/12 13/12 - Mypolonga RSL Christmas Party
				Combined Sports'		



### Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2014 - Mypolonga Cricket Club Christmas Tea



### Planning Calendar Term 1 2015

1	26/1	27/1	28/1	29/1	30/1	31/1 & 1/2
	AUSTRALIA DAY	Term 1		7:00pm	3:00pm	
	PUBLIC	commences		Upper Primary	Assembly	
	HOLIDAY	Welcome Back!		Class Meeting		
2	2/2	3/2	4/2	5/2	6/2	7/2 & 8/2
	Swimming				No No	
	Lessons				Assembly	
	(Reception - Year					
	5 students only)					

### **Mypolonga Primary School**

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