

Mypolonga Primary School & Community Newsletter



Teamwork
Integrity
Generosity of Spirit
Excellence
Respect

16th June 2014

Above: Middle Primary Pop Art by Jackson Hughes, Year 5

'Creativity is contagious, pass it on'. ~ Albert Einstein ~

Assembly Roster

Week 8 - Jessica Donald, Bella Smith, Marcus Hazel

Week 9 - Darcy Elliott, Logan Baker, Kobe Hobbs

Week 10 - Cameron Hazel, Coen Martin, Ava Lindner

Term 3 - Week 1 - Logan Holmes, Holly Rathjen, Jessica Deane

Dates to Remember

. Monday 16th June 2014 - Parent/Teacher Interview online bookings open @ 4:00pm

. Friday 4th July 2014 - Assembly 1:45pm / Dismissal 2:30pm

Relay for Life

Tiger Trekker Mini-Lottery Winners

Week 5 Winner (\$20.00 draw) -

Neil Anderson

Week 6 Winner (\$20.00 draw) -

Mel Dahlitz

Happy Birthday

17/6 - Harry Stone

20/6 - Ruby Montgomery-Pittaway

26/6 - Luke Crouch

26/6 - Logan Rankin

30/6 - Shaeden Lukey

30/6 - Rhiannon Bowley

4/7 - Bella Smith



Student collection times

We kindly ask that parents/caregivers collect their children from the Williams Street entrance of the school between 3:25pm and 3:40pm, where a teacher will be present on yard duty.

We understand that there may be unforeseen circumstances when this is unable to be achieved. In this case, your child/ren will return to the front office with the teacher on yard duty until they are collected. When students leave during school hours, they require parental permission and need to be signed out by an adult.

We also ask that parents / caregivers refrain from using the staff car park area during drop off/pick up times.

Thank you.

Rita's Roar

Real Life Maths

As part of the Mypolonga 2020 consultations conducted by the Rural City of Murray Bridge, the development of the Hill Road Reserve (known by all of us as the 'South End') was awarded a \$5000 grant. Paul Prosser, Jenni Llewellyn and their team spent a day volunteering and installing railings to protect the riverbank. There is some funding still to be spent, so we are able to use this, as a community, to paint the railings to make them environmentally friendly.

We believe that it is important to transfer learning into real-life situations so last Thursday, the Upper Primaries walked to the South End to measure the area of the railings to determine how much paint will be needed to cover them. This was a great way to show students the relationship between volume and capacity. Philippa Ross and Mikelle will help us to stylise our students' designs into a whole-school project to improve our community.

The plan for our Industrial Kitchen has arrived. Annie has driven this project very successfully, but it is amazing how much learning can come from this. Concepts such as scale, reading plans, understanding diagrams, perimeter, area, volume and capacity resonate far more when they are connected to real life experiences and will help our students to transfer mathematical concepts into better ways of knowing.

We Punch Above our Weight

Anne and I were so proud to attend Murray Bridge High School's transition evening, where our former students starred. The evening started with Year 8 student Abbey Kruschel playing flute with the Senior School Band along with Rachel Anderson. We were so proud as teachers to see that the male head prefect was a Mypo boy Luke Johnson. We nearly lost Luke in Year 7 to health issues and we are so happy that not only is he well, but he has embraced the leadership opportunities offered by the High School. Mypo boy, Zac Wachtel, grandson of Masterclass veteran Colleen Wachtel played drums to accompany another student (who didn't come from Mypo but I know is very nice and we won't hold this against her!). Two students were selected to represent Year 8s and explain transition to Year 7 students and parents. Anne and I were so proud that out of the 200 Year 8s, our beautiful Chloe Elliott and Meg Daniel were selected. As teachers, we all love seeing our former students using the leadership opportunities offered at Mypo and transferring them to the High School setting.

Sorely Missed

Two teachers I respect so much are Anne Martin and Mikelle Miegel.

Anne, you all know and love. Mikelle is our Teaching for Effective Learning Coordinator, based at our school and her children play footy and netball for Mypo. Not only are they taking long service leave for the last 2 weeks of the term, they have recently realised that they are flying out on the same flight to Europe! Not only has Anne written all of her reports, she has also conducted all of her parent teacher interviews as these are usually conducted in the last two weeks of term. She has also organised an excursion to Monarto, a week prior to her trip. Anne's professionalism and commitment to her students is inspirational.

We are also so fortunate to have Mikelle on our team. Her job is to gather data to inspire us to do better.

Warm Regards, Rita



Counsellor's Corner

Helping Kids Manage Big Emotions by Michael Grose



'There are lots of things that happen that can upset our children. Losing a race, experiencing some rejection or not having their best friend in their class at school can be upsetting, but not catastrophic. Kids can sometimes make these issues seem bigger than they are and their emotional response doesn't match the situation.

If we want our children to handle BIG emotions we need to rein in our emotions too. We want our children to mimic our response when they experience problems or difficulties at school.

Start by changing your own thinking. Rather than thinking, "Here we go again. My child won't be able to cope." Replace these thoughts with, "I'd better stay calm. My child needs me to model calm." This will help you rein in your own emotional response. Emotional control is a characteristic shared by resilient children and young people.'

This article provoked a lot of thinking for me. Even though it's not a lot of 'new learning' it's great to be reminded of things we should and could be doing to help skill our children to cope with life.

Early Term 3, I will continue this article with steps to help your child through a problem.

Cheers, Kerry

SRC - New Hope Cambodia

A BIG thank you to all our families for supporting our recent Casual Day. Through your generosity, a total of \$200.00 was raised to support New Hope Cambodia (NHC). This is a non-government organisation and is in a slum area of Siem Reap. NHC educates over 1000 students, supports 330 families with monthly rice supplies and provides otherwise unaffordable health care to approximately 1000 patients per month. It also provides skills training to help people of the area attain employment, while running sewing and computer classes.

Janet Munt recently spoke to our students about NHC and her role in helping the people of Cambodia. Janet left a number of craft and knitted clothing items with our SRC reps, which they have sold at a stall during recess. (Pictured above from left are Riley Walton, Holly Temby and Baden Monjean).



A clothes donation box is also being housed in the school office until the end of this term for any **children's clothing** items families and community members wish to donate (no larger items than approximately size 6 please).

Class Awards

Term 2 Week 5

Junior Primary class

Tahlia Ross - for improving reading skills and moving up reading levels.

Junior Primary 1 class

Thomas Kruschel - outstanding skills in gymnastics.

Claire Ruckenstuhl - a great attitude and fantastic work ethic.

Lower Middle Primary class

Katie Hutchinson - taking extra care with all her bookwork.

Jade Prosser - staying on task and completing work quickly.

Middle Primary class

Kye Fawdry - showing more enthusiasm for learning.

Samuel Montgomery-Pittaway - writing creative and well-structured sentences.

Upper Primary class

Cameron Hazel - for working really well in Geography on an Information Report.

Tyler Martin - for maintaining a high standard in all learning areas.

Term 2 Week 6

Junior Primary class

Kallan Hearne - for being self-reliant.

Junior Primary 1 class

Autumn Stapleton - for brightening up the classroom with her happy and positive nature.

Riley Hazel - for improvement in his reading.

Lower Middle Primary class

Marcus Hazel - good work in Spelling this week.

Leila Dahlitz - excellent Science knowledge!

Middle Primary class

Abbey Schofield - showing maturity in her writing.

Jackson Hughes - being a resilient learner.

Upper Primary class

Alyssa Grove - great commitment to her learning.

Mostyn Payne - being an enthusiastic and thoughtful learner.

SAPSASA Cross Country

On Thursday 5th June 2014, Year 7 student Kailan Challenger represented the Murraylands in the SAPSASA Cross Country event at Oakbank. This one-day event featured 3000 competitors running from schools across the state.

Kailan ran the 3000m on varying terrain in the 12 year old boys' event. He took this all in his stride to lead the team of five local Murraylands boys to finish strongly in the vast field of some 150+ runners. Great perseverance and well done Kailan!

Lost Property Box

Our lost property box is overflowing with black jackets and jumpers (some are brand new with our school logo on them). Please call into the office if you think an item may belong to your child. **At the end of the term, all remaining items will be washed, donated to a local charity or put on our second hand clothing rack.**

PLEASE remember to label all clothing items, plastic lunch boxes and drink bottles.

Young Environmental Leaders' Forum

On Tuesday, 3rd June 2014, Darcy, Mostyn, Nick and myself went to Murray Park in Murray Bridge for the Young Environmental Leaders' Forum with Mr Oxborrow.

We joined in a number of activities with Harry Beauchamp to learn about the environment. We:-

- . made a nature frame using duct tape and natural items we found in the park;
- . showed our environment poster to others, which we had made at school with the younger students;
- . learnt about the endangered silver daisy plant, which we also have planted in our bush tucker garden across the road from the school;
- . learnt more about geo caching and how to use the GPS.



Harry also presented us with a lanyard with 5 badges on it, which reads 'influencing', 'class sharing', 'peer teaching', 'news spreader' and 'presentation'.

by Tyler Martin, Year 6

Class Camps - Advanced Notice

Lower Middle/Middle Primary - El Shadai, Wellington, Monday 1st September - Wednesday 3rd September 2014

Junior Primary/Junior Primary 1 - Barossa Bowland (day excursion), plus sleepover in Mypolonga, Wednesday 3rd September - Thursday 4th September 2014

Upper Primary - Aquatics Camp, Murray Bridge, Monday 10th November - Wednesday 12th November 2014

Further details re costs and itinerary will be sent home in due course.

Asian Studies

The whole school has been learning about foods from different countries in Asia.

Junior Primary

The JP Reception class focused on Japan, so earlier in the term, they made and tried sushi.

The children designed 'Bento Balls' (sushi rice balls) to replicate animals using Nori, (edible seaweed), carrots and beans. *Pictured right is Shelby Rothe with her sushi rice ball.*



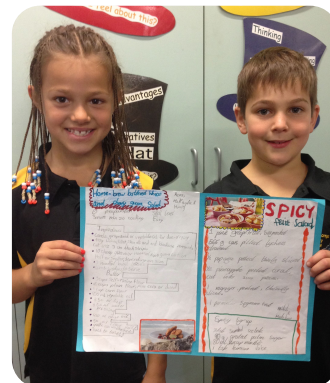
Lower Middle Primary

"Our class learnt about Indonesian food. We went into a group of 2/3 and had to find an Indonesian lunchbox recipe on the Internet."

Mackenzie Lindner

"We had to pick a partner and we made a big poster with either dinner or recess recipes on it. The poster is now in our classroom."

Harry Stone (pictured right with Mackenzie)



Middle Primary

"We have been learning about India. We went onto websites and looked up information to put in our Information Reports. The people of India even have to cut up their own potatoes to make hot chips!"

Sachin Bartholomeusz

Community News

Mypolonga Football Club

Teas - Saturday 21st June 2014 @ the Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club (following home game -v- Tailem). Meals served from 6:00pm - all welcome!

Mypolonga Netball Club

Beach Party - This event, previously scheduled for Saturday 21st June 2014 @ the Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club, will now be held later in the season.

School Dental Service

The School Dental Service is the major provider of dental services for babies, children and young people under 18 years in South Australia. Around 130,000 children attend every year. The Commonwealth Child Dental Benefits Schedule for 2 – 17 year olds started in 2014. **ALL children are very welcome to continue to access dental care at the School Dental Service.** Dental care is FREE for most children and the School Dental Service will bulk-bill Medicare. Children who do not qualify for the Child Dental Benefits Schedule can also attend – a small fee will apply for each course of general dental care provided.

School Dental Clinics are located across Adelaide and regional SA. To locate your local School Dental Clinic, and for more information about the Child Dental Benefits Schedule, visit www.sadental.sa.gov.au

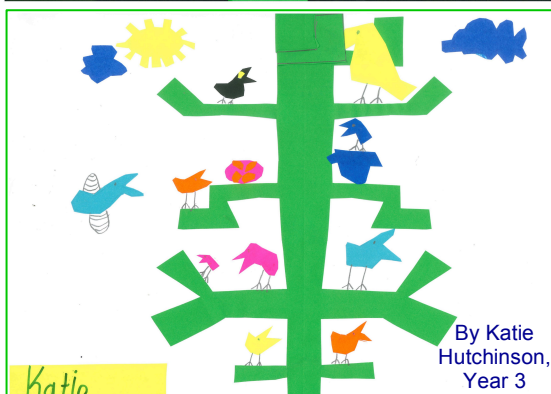
Murray Bridge Basketball Association

Exhibition Wheelchair Game - Saturday 28th June 2014 from 5:00pm at the Murray Bridge Basketball Stadium. The Murray Bridge Basketball Association is holding an exhibition wheelchair basketball game against the Adelaide Red Dust Healers. A fun night out for the whole family including sausage sizzle and raffle. Entry: gold coin donation. Canteen facilities will be available.



Lower Middle Primary Art

Aboriginal Dreaming Story -
How the Birds Got Their Colours



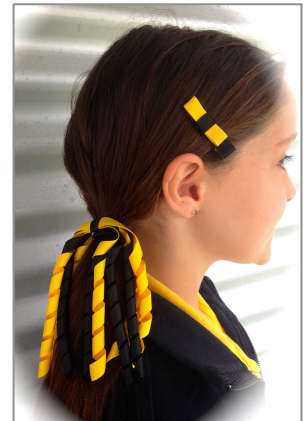
MCSC – Mypolonga Combined Sports Club
MFC – Mypolonga Football Club
MCC – Mypolonga Cricket Club

Black and Gold Hair Accessories

A friend of a family member has kindly offered to make black & gold hair accessories for our students to purchase.

We will be placing an order this **Wednesday 18th June 2014** (and twice a term thereafter if we have enough interest), for anyone wishing to purchase any of the items. To place your order, please call into the office and see Necia, together with money. Prices are as follows:

Headbands (2.5cm wide) - \$10.00
Curly ribbons on clip - \$4.00
Curly ribbons on hair tie - \$4.00
Clips \$2.00



Pictured above is Madalyn Uren wearing a black and gold clip and curly ribbons on a hair tie.

You may also like to contact Brenda direct via email brendaswann@hotmail.com

Please contact Necia in the office if you have any queries.



Planning Calendar Term 2 2014

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

8	16/6 Newsletter 4:00pm Online Parent/Teacher Interviews open 7:00pm Finance Committee meeting 7:30pm Governing Council meeting	17/6 Upper Primary class visit to Monarto Zoo	18/6	19/6	20/6 3:00pm Assembly Mypo RSL Bingo BBQ Tea	21/6 & 22/6 21/6 - MFC/MNLC Mypo -v- Tailem @ Mypo including teas
9	23/6	24/6	25/6	26/6	27/6 3:00pm Assembly Reports sent home Unity College formal	28/6 & 29/6 28/6 - MFC/MNLC Mypo -v- Meningie @ Meningie
10	30/6 Parent/Teacher Interviews	1/7	2/7	3/7	4/7 Newsletter 1:45pm Assembly / 2:30pm Dismissal MCSC Friday Night Tea	5/7 & 6/7 5/7 - MFC/MNLC Mypo -v- Mannum @ Mannum

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