

# Mypolonga Primary School & Community Newsletter

17<sup>th</sup> February 2014



Teamwork  
Integrity  
Generosity of Spirit  
Excellence  
Respect

"Every Individual matters. Every Individual has a role to play. Every Individual makes a difference." *Jane Goodall*

## Assembly Roster – Term 1 2014

**Week 4** - Rex, Paris, Rhiannon

**Week 5** - Keeghan, Kane R, Kiarra

## Dates to Remember

**. Governing Council AGM - TONIGHT!**

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2014 at 7:00pm

**. Student Free Day** - Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2014 (following the Adelaide Cup long weekend). The school will be closed on this day to allow for staff training and development.

## Swimming Lessons - bus travel costs

A reminder that payment of travel costs for swimming lessons is due by this Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2014.

## Mypolonga General Store Lunch Orders

To order their lunch at the Mypolonga General Store, families are reminded to write the student's name, class and total cost on the outside of a sealed envelope/money bag with the correct money inside. An updated MGS school lunch price list was sent home during Week 1 and can also be found on our website.

\* Orders for Enterprise recess/lunches are to be handed in at the staffroom servery before school on Monday and Tuesday mornings \*

## Lost Property

A number of **unnamed** items were returned from swimming lessons and remain in our lost property box ie. black jacket, pink goggles, black shorts, yellow t-shirt, blue drink bottle and a Ben 10 towel.

If you think an item may belong to your child, please call into the office. **Please remember to name all clothing items, containers and drink bottles!** *Thank you.*

## Happy Birthday

24/2 - Keeghan (Year 7)

27/2 - Logan (Year 4)

1/3 - Reagan (Year 2)

2/3 - Tehya (Reception)

3/3 - Jackson (Year 3)



## Family Fun Night

What a week last week was! With soaring temperatures and massive rains, we managed to weather the storms and stay learning. It was unfortunate that we were unable to hold the Family Fun Night down at the river, but we are very grateful to the Combined Sports' Club for suggesting and facilitating the venue change.

I would particularly like to thank Necia for coordinating the event, the Rathjen family for donating the onions and Ian Payne and Mark Pahl for cooking the barbecue. It was fantastic to see so many people having a good time.

## Teaching for Effective Learning Framework

The Teaching for Effective Learning Framework (TfEL) is a document produced by DECD, which sits along side the Australian Curriculum. The Australian Curriculum tells us what to teach and TfEL tells us how to teach it. TfEL is one of the 3 priorities in our Site Improvement Plan; the others being the implementation of the Australian Curriculum and Literacy and Numeracy.

TfEL has 4 domains, which help us to identify our strengths and weaknesses as educators, and helps us plan for improvement. For example, last year each teacher was observed teaching in their classrooms by a colleague and given feedback on the learning occurring in the classroom.

The 4 domains are:

- Learning for effective teaching
- Create safe conditions for vigorous learning
- Develop expert learners
- Personalise and connect learning

DECD has chosen 8 schools and clusters in South Australia to become pilot schools in the implementation of the framework. We have been chosen along with our friends from Tailem Bend, Jervois, Palmer and the High School as a pilot cluster. Mikelle Miegel, a wonderful educator, has been appointed to work with us on the pilot. DECD will use the pilot to inform the growth of TfEL into other sites. Phil Fitzsimons from MBHS and myself will be the cluster leaders for the pilot. The project runs for 3 years and we are very excited about what this will mean for us.

## Governing Council

Don't forget that the AGM of the Governing Council is tonight at 7:00pm in the Upper Primary classroom. Congratulations to Jodie Hagger who has been elected as President of Playgroup and Mary Gill who has been elected president of the Parents and Friends' committee. Mary and Jodie will represent these bodies on Governing Council this year.

## Congratulations!

Congratulations to Kim Polkinghorne and Mason Merritt on the news of their engagement on Valentine's Day. Wishing you both many years of love and happiness!

Warm Regards, Rita



## Counsellor's Corner

### Parent Involvement

by Michael Grose



**'Positive parent participation demonstrates to children that you value learning as well as holding their school in high regard.'**

If you want the best outcomes for your child or young person then it's important that you become involved in as many aspects of your child's education as practical.

The involvement of parents breaks down the mystique about school that can exist for some children. Their chances of success are better when they see school as an extension of home rather than merely an institution for learning.

Positive parent participation demonstrates to children that you value learning as well as their school. Children copy many of their parent's views so your positive attitude to school and learning is catching.'

*There are many ways you can be a part of your child's learning here at Mypolonga Primary School. Teachers love parents listening to children read in the classroom, the Parents and Friends group do lots of different things to help classes especially close to the concert date, we have working bees where 'many hands make light work', and Master Class during Term 3 offers students a lot of new learning. Please ask if you are not sure of anything but one thing you can be sure of is we need you and want you! Thanking you in anticipation.*

Cheers, Kerry

## Attendance Reminders

### Signing In / Out

When a student is late for school (after the start of lesson time at 9:00am), it is asked that a **parent/caregiver** sign the student in at the front office.

Parents/Caregivers who listen to reading or are at the school on a voluntary basis are also asked to sign the visitor's book located in the front office on their arrival and departure.

This year, we are again focusing on recording **0%** unexplained absences. To help us with this goal, we need parents/caregivers (not their siblings or friends) to inform the school on the day, or the following day of their child's absence by either;

- **a phone call** - please remember that we also have a voice mail system so messages may be left prior to 8:30am and after 4:30pm
- **a note in their child's diary**
- **emailing** the office staff via the school's 'general' email address ([info@mypolongaps.sa.edu.au](mailto:info@mypolongaps.sa.edu.au)).

If by Friday, we have unexplained absences for your child, you will receive a phone call from our school counsellor, Kerry Daniel, checking up on the reason for absenteeism.

Thank you.

## Student Representative Council

### "SRC" News

The SRC represents the views of the students of Mypolonga Primary School. It is an integral part of the decision-making, which occurs through the school. Our SRC Co-ordinator is Kerry Daniel. Class elections were recently held and we CONGRATULATE the following students on being elected SRC representatives for Terms 1 and 2:

**Junior Primary Class** - Elouise Kuhn

**Junior Primary Year 1 Class** - Joe Tidy & Claire Ruckenstuhl

**Lower Middle Primary Class** - Linx Baker, Mackenzie Lindner and Ryder Egel

**Middle Primary Class** - Riley Walton, Holly Temby and Baden Monjean

### Upper Primary Class

SRC Treasurer - Tyler Martin

SRC Secretary - Mackenzie Rathjen

SRC Leader - Maddi Rathjen

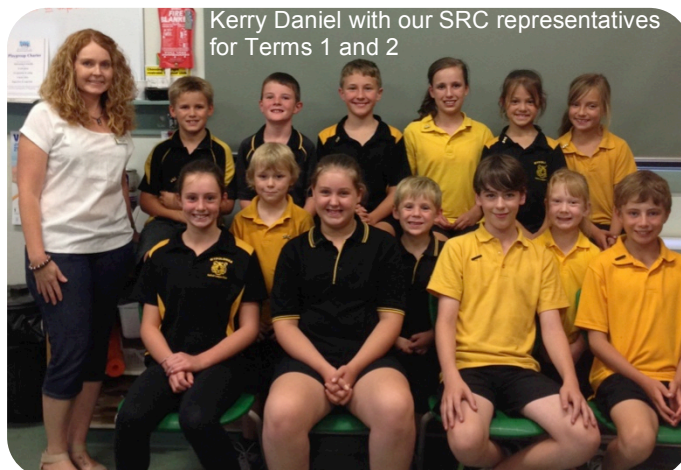
SRC Leader - Keeghan Davis

I am looking forward to working with such a great group of enthusiastic students.

Cheers, Kerry



SRC Leaders Maddi Rathjen and Keeghan Davis presenting Elouise Kuhn and Joe Tidy with their SRC badges.



Kerry Daniel with our SRC representatives for Terms 1 and 2

## Staff Profile

This fortnight, we introduce Michael McDonald ("Macca"). Macca is also Kyal (Year 6) and Erin's (Year 3) father. This year he is working in the Upper Primary Class as an SSO. Macca is very enthusiastic about his new role and gained the respect and friendship of both staff and students instantly.



Introducing...

**Michael McDonald**  
School Services Officer

**How long have you been at Mypolonga Primary School?**... this is my first year.

**Favourite quote**..."Do unto others as you would have them do unto you!"

**What is the best holiday you have ever been on?**...Spending 10 days in Queensland with Prue and the kids. Doing the theme parks was awesome fun!!

**How many pets do you own and what are their names?**...

1 dog called Shadow, 1 bird called Ozzy, 1 guinea pig called George and 3 stick insects.

**What is your favourite app?**...Navigation. Prue and maps have never really got along!

## Cancer Council's Relay for Life

The Mypolonga Primary School Staff are excited to announce that the majority of them will be participating in this year's Relay for Life to be held in Murray Bridge on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2014.

Relay For Life is a wonderful overnight event that is an opportunity for family, friends and colleagues to get together with the community and **celebrate** cancer survivors, **remember** loved ones lost to cancer, and **fight back** against a disease that takes too much.

It is a unique event where teams of 10 to 15 challenge themselves to take turns to keep a baton moving in a relay style walk or run overnight. Free entertainment, prizes and ceremonies make Relay For Life so inspirational.

Our team, the "**Tiger Trekkers**", will be fundraising for this event a little later in the year but in the meantime, a collection box will be housed in the school office, in our school shop and at the Mypolonga General Store for anyone wishing to make donations.

We look forward to receiving support from the school and Mypolonga community in our quest to help fight cancer!

For further information on Relay for Life, visit [relayforlife.org.au](http://relayforlife.org.au).

## Premier's Reading Challenge

Once again, we are participating in the Premier's Reading Challenge. Premier Jay Weatherill has agreed to continue to help and inspire children to read. Each student has a record sheet kept at school where they record books they have read. Teachers, SSOs or parent helpers chat with them about the books to establish that the student has comprehended the story.

It is a requirement that to finish the challenge, a student reads a minimum of 8 books from the Premier's list, and 4 books of their own choice.

Please help younger students to read their library books, returning them to the Library on their borrowing day;

**Junior Primary class** - Thursday

**Junior Primary 1 class** - Wednesday

**Lower Middle Primary class** - Monday

**Middle Primary class** - Thursday

*Cheers, Anne Martin*

## School Photo Day

A reminder that school photos will take place this Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2014. Please take time to read all the relevant information on the envelope. Please do not seal envelopes inside each other. You can pay for all children in one envelope. However, EACH child must have their own, clearly marked envelope with them on the day if you plan on ordering photos for them.

You may return the envelopes to the school prior to photo day for 'safe keeping'. Online ordering is now an option (refer to details on the envelope) and family envelopes are available from the front office.

Year 7 individual and group photos will be taken on our photo 'catch up' day to be held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2014, following the delivery of our Year 7 jumpers/t-shirts. This will also allow for photos to be taken of anyone who may have been absent on the 19<sup>th</sup> February.

## 2014 School Card Applications

School Card Applications are available from the school office for anyone who believes they may be eligible. If you are unsure as to your eligibility, contact Annie or Necia in the office for clarification and/or assistance.

Self-employed families and families who are experiencing unusual difficulties may also be eligible.





Our school is registered for the 'Cartridges 4 Planet Ark' program. This means that Planet Ark will arrange for the collection and processing of imaging consumables including toner bottles, laser cartridges, drum units, fuser kits and inkjets used in printers, photocopiers and fax machines.

These items are stored in a collection box, and when the box is full, the cartridges are returned FREE through Australia Post Reply Paid.

If you have any used consumables (as listed above), you may drop them into the office and we will arrange the recycling of the items for you.

### School Sports' Day

This year's Sports' Day will be held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2014 on the Mypolonga Primary School Oval. Our new students have been allocated teams and everyone will be soon getting into Sports' Day mode. On the day, students will need to wear a t-shirt in the colour of their Sport's Day team with black shorts/track pants. Our teams are **Finnis (Gold)**, **Hindmarsh (Blue)** and **Murray (Red)**. Further details will be provided in due course.

### SAPSASA Softball Tryouts

**\*\* Open to all Year 5-7 girls \*\***

**Date:** Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2014

**Time:** 4:00pm-5:00pm

**Location:** Murray Bridge South Primary School

### Woolworths Earn and Learn program

We will soon be celebrating the arrival of an array of new learning supplies thanks to the support of our school community during the Woolworths Earn & Learn 2013 program.

In early March, each class should receive their resources, ready for the students to enjoy!

### Student Free / School Closure Days

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2014** - Staff T&D

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2014** - Australian Curriculum

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2014** - Staff T&D

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2014** - Show Day

\* The school will be closed on these days \*

### Mypolonga Primary School Facebook Page



We are excited to announce that the Mypolonga Primary School Facebook Page was created last week.

By 'liking' this page, you will receive recent news, reminders and information on all things happening at Mypolonga Primary School.

This is **in addition to** the newsletter, notes and email communication you already receive from the school.

Spread the word and tell other school families to like the Mypolonga Primary School on Facebook!

### Parent's and Friends AGM Minutes

held at 3:30 pm on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2014  
in the Library

#### Present:

Nicole Cain, Amy Stone, Jan Baker, Yvette Rathjen, Cass Martin, Sharleen Vandeleur, Kirsty Gill, Rita O'Brien, Pear Colless

#### Apologies: Mary Gill

2013 Treasurer's report was tabled showing \$6,139.82 profit for the year.

Rita thanked P&F for all their hard work, especially Yvette and Mary.

Ideas for Fundraisers for 2014:

- . Quiz Night
- . Theatre Sports' Night
- . Fete
- . James Bond night
- . Red Faces/Talent Quest
- . Hawaiian Night
- . Christmas in July

Marlene Newell's farewell was discussed with the possibility of holding it at the RSL.

#### Election of Officers for 2014

**President:** Mary Gill

**Vice President:** Yvette Rathjen

**Secretary/Treasurer:** Kirsty Gill

**Catering Co-ordinators:** Mary Gill and Yvette Rathjen

## Swimming Lessons 2014



Braeden  
(Reception)



Madi-  
(Reception)

**Kickboards:** Georgia, Ava and Claire  
(Year 2), Shaylee (Year 1)



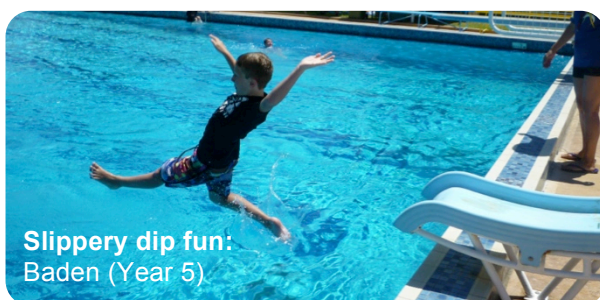
"I liked being in the boat. I learnt what to do in case there was an emergency." Coen (Year 4)

"I liked diving under the water." Reagan (Reception)



Logan (Year 3)

**Boat survival skills:** Bella, Kane (Year 5),  
Luke and Logan (Year 3)



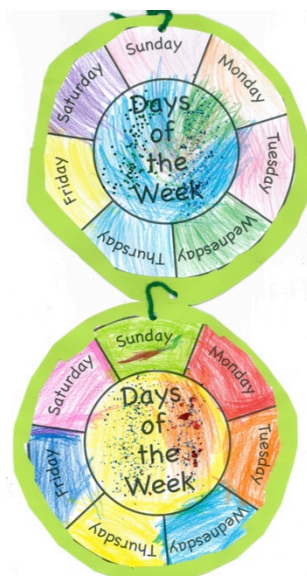
Slippery dip fun:  
Baden (Year 5)

## Junior Primary 1 Class



**Self Portrait:** Reegan Candy

**Days of the Week:** Zac Kennison (top) and  
Ethan Kennedy (below)



## Lower Middle Primary Class

Students in the Lower Middle Primary class were recently asked to paint a sunflower design on their English book covers using crayons and a wash. The colourful designs below are by Mitchell Pahl (Year 3) and Isla Gielen (Year 2).





## Family Fun Night



Thanks to everyone who attended our Family Fun Night last Friday. It was great to see so many new and familiar faces and we look forward to socialising and learning together during the year!



## School t-shirts

Looking for a black & gold t-shirt for your child to wear to school?

Due to a large request from families for black t-shirts, we have recently made some enquiries with our friends at Sportscene in Murray Bridge. David Gotch and his staff have a range of black t-shirts (with gold detail) to order from. T-shirt prices are \$20.00 (no logo) or \$30.00 (with our school logo).

To hopefully make it easier for families, we have a range of sizes in the office for children to try on before going into Sportscene to purchase/place your order.

Sportscene is located in the Murray Bridge Green complex on Swanport Road, Murray Bridge.

Thanks to Matilda Stone (right) for modelling one of the t-shirts for us.



## School Dental Service

A new children's dental benefits schedule for 2 – 17 year olds started in January 2014. It is called the Child Dental Benefits Schedule.

The School Dental Service is a Child Dental Benefits Schedule provider and welcomes babies, children and young people under 18 years.

**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 still attend – a small fee may apply for each course of general dental care provided.

There are no waiting times at the School Dental Service. To keep your children's teeth and gums healthy we encourage them to attend the School Dental Service.

To locate your local School Dental Clinic, and for more information about the Child Dental Benefits Schedule, visit [www.sadental.sa.gov.au](http://www.sadental.sa.gov.au)

## Community News

### Mypolonga Football Club

#### Football Training commences

U13, U11 & U9 – Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2014 from 4:45pm-5:45pm. Trainings for all teams will revert back to Thursdays on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2014.

#### Trial matches

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2014 @ 6:30pm vs Hahndorf @ Hahndorf (Seniors only)

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2014 vs Nairne Bremer @ Mypo. Seniors 12:40pm/2:20pm ~ U17s 11:15am ~ U15s 10:00am. Come along and support the boys in the lead up to season 2014!

#### Facebook Page

The official Mypolonga Football Club Facebook page is now up and running! By 'liking' the **Mypolonga Football Club** page, you will receive recent junior and senior news, results, photos, details of upcoming events and all things happening at Tigerland in your news feed.

### Mypolonga Netball League Club

#### Save the Date - Tiger Ball!

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2014 @ the Mypolonga Combined Sports Club. More information will be provided in due course. Have you joined the Mypolonga Tigers Social Group on Facebook? Joining this group keeps you updated on upcoming social events for the Mypolonga Netball and Mypolonga Football Clubs.

### Mypolonga Cricket Club

Congratulations to the Mypolonga Cricket Club and especially Kym Walton and his family on organising a great **Pink Stumps Day** held at the Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club on Saturday.

The merchandise, lucky squares, auction, bbq and donations raised a significant amount of money for the McGrath Foundation in its quest to raise awareness in the early detection of breast cancer in Australian women and to support the wonderful work of breast care nurses.



### Mypolonga RSL Bingo BBQ Tea

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2014 at the Mypolonga RSL. Bingo teas are inexpensive, fun nights out for the whole family. Teas commence at 6:00pm, bingo starts at 7:30pm. Please BYO salad or plate of sweets to share.

### Jervois Tennis Club - Trivia Night

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2014 from 7:30pm at the Jervois Combined Sports' Club. Fantastic prizes, loads of fun and a great social night out. Tables of 10 (max). \$10.00 per head / children \$5.00. BYO supper. Bar facilities will be available. Contact Michelle 85726081 or 0412697742 by 19<sup>th</sup> February 2014.

### Murray Bridge United Soccer Club

#### Registration/Information Night

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2014 from 4:30pm-7:00pm at their clubrooms, Beatty Terrace, Murray Bridge. New and past players welcome, including boys, girls, juniors and seniors. (There have also been some 3 year old children participate in "Rooball" in previous years!) For more information, please contact Grant Klenke on 0411057039.

### In Christ's Company Presents...

## Hairspray

(Broadway's Musical Comedy)

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2014 @ 8.00pm

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2014 @ 8:00pm

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2014 at 2:00pm & 8:00pm

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2014 at 2:00pm

John Dohler Hall, Swanport Road, Murray Bridge

Tickets \$10.00 at the door or call 85326553

One  
Weekend  
Only!

We are proud to say a number of our students and parents are involved and will be performing in this exciting production!

**Term 1 Week 1****Junior Primary class**

**Elouise Kuhn** - for a wonderful start to the school year.

**Junior Primary 1 class**

**Claire Ruckenstein** - showing excellent leadership skills and helping the new students to settle in.

**Māter Vandeleur** - for great enthusiasm and a smile that lights up the classroom.

**Lower Middle Primary class**

**Ryder Egel** - showing leadership in the classroom this week.

**Mackenzie Lindner** - excellent help in the classroom this week.

**Middle Primary class**

**Kane Rankin** - showing excellent leadership skills.

**Kane Lavington** - great start to Year 5!

**Upper Primary class**

**Sky Dankel** - for a great start to writing her recount.

**Darcy Elliott** - for an enthusiastic attitude to all his learning.

**Class Awards****Term 1 Week 3****Junior Primary class**

**Ariel Challenger** - for making a wonderful start to her schooling.

**Junior Primary 1 class**

**Georgia Martin** - for excellent results in her spelling test.

**James-Noah Peterson** - for working really hard in Maths this week.

**Lower Middle Primary class**

**Jackson Ross** - outstanding teamwork in Maths.

**Harry Stone** - outstanding teamwork in Maths.

**Middle Primary class**

**Bella Smith** - excellent effort in sentence writing.

**Amber Gielen** - excellent knowledge in Science.

**Upper Primary class**

**Bailey O'Connor** - for doing a fantastic explanation in Maths.

**Jack Harris** - for taking responsibility for adding the Literacy points.

**Planning Calendar - Term 1 2014**

MCSC – Mypolonga Combined Sports Club

MFC – Mypolonga Football Club

MCC – Mypolonga Cricket Club

MNLC – Mypolonga Netball League Club

MBHS – Murray Bridge High School

4	17/2 <b>Newsletter</b> 7:00pm Governing Council AGM	18/2	19/2 <b>School Photo Day</b>	20/2	21/2 <b>3:00pm Assembly</b> 6:00pm Mypo RSL Bingo BBQ tea	22/2 & 23/2
5	24/2	25/2	26/2	27/2	28/2 <b>3:00pm Assembly</b>  'Hairspray' the Musical →	1/3 & 2/3 1/3 - Mannum Show
6	3/3 <b>Newsletter</b>	4/3	5/3 4:45pm-5:45pm U13, U11, U9 Mypo footy training starts	6/3	7/3 <b>3:00pm Assembly</b>  from 6:00pm MCSC tea	8/3 & 9/3
7	10/3 <b>PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b>  (ADELAIDE CUP)	11/3 <b>STUDENT FREE DAY</b>	12/3  Photo catch up day / Year 7 individual and group photos	13/3	14/3  3:00pm Assembly	15/3 & 16/3

**Mypolonga Primary School**

**Principal: Rita O'Brien**

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