

Mypolonga Primary School & Community Newsletter



Teamwork
Integrity
Generosity of Spirit
Excellence
Respect

20th May 2014

Congratulations to team Hindmarsh on winning this year's Sports' Day.
Pictured above with Joel Eckermann are captains Maddi Rathjen, Keeghan Davis and Vice Captains Alys Bockman and Jack Harris

Assembly Roster – Term 2 2014

Week 4 - Brayden Vandenberg, Shaeden Lukey, Holly Temby

Week 5 - Rohan Bartholomeusz, Jackson Ross, Erin McDonald

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

Tuesday 10th June 2014 (following the June long weekend)
The school will be closed on this day to allow for staff T&D.

Relay for Life Tiger Trekker Mini-Lottery Draw Winners

Week 1 Winner (\$20.00 draw) -

Doug French

Week 2 Winner (\$20.00 draw) -

Sarah Bolt

Happy Birthday

21/5 - Bella (Yr 2)
24/5 - Kyly (Yr 6)
25/5 - Riley (Yr 4)
25/5 - Kiarra (Yr 3)
28/5 - Alys (Yr 7)
28/5 - Mackenzie (Yr 3)
29/5 - Thomas (Yr 4)
29/5 - Ethan (Yr 2)



Enclosed with this Newsletter...

. SA Health Fact Sheet (we would appreciate it if you could discuss this with your child(ren) as we enter the flu season;
. Aroona Scout Group 'Come & Try' flyer

Lost Property Box Contents...

. Various black jackets and jumpers
. Navy blue jacket (size 5)
. Black Mambo t-shirt (size 10)
. Blue plastic drink bottle
. Looming kit
. Ben 10 towel
. Pink goggles
. Various plastic lunch boxes
. Asthma puffer

Please remember to label all items!



Rita's Roar

You Get It!

A fantastic Sports' Day and a great Governing Council Meeting recently, has given me pause to reflect on why we are able to achieve so much at our little school. I realised that you, as parents, 'get it'. You **get** that:

- the best way to help your child to achieve, is to ensure that the relationship between you, your child and us is a good one.
- we are a team and we work together for the good of all.
- it is important to have high standards and not compromise them.
- you need to trust us as educational professionals to know what is best for your children.
- it is important to have respectful conversations.
- it's not just about your child – it's about all of our children being successful and you actively work towards this happening.
- we work really hard to help your children reach their full potential.

Your support is the key to our school's success, and as staff, we are very grateful for it.

Nowhere was this more obvious than on Sports' Day. We were overwhelmed by our community's involvement, especially considering the day had been postponed. Thank you to everyone who helped on the day. Once again, our House Captains managed the day very successfully and I congratulate them on their leadership. Well done to Kim who did an outstanding job to organise the day. We are currently reviewing the structure of Sports' Day, given that, with increasing numbers, it was hard to complete all events. Congratulations to Kailan Challenger and Riley Smelt (pictured right) on achieving perfect scores.



I also wish to acknowledge the work and support of our Governing Council and its respective committees. Last week, the Council passed a unanimous motion of support for our school processes and procedures. As a staff, it means so much to us to have the unwavering support of our Governing Council.

Catering

We have catered for 2 small functions recently. The first was the Leaders' Day at the Club and the second was a Local Action Planning Meeting, attended by our Federal Member Tony Pasin, here at school. I would like to thank Annie, Sharleen Vandeleur, Cass Martin, Mary Gill and students Alyssa, Bodi, Jessica and Luke. The learning opportunities, given to our students in these situations, is priceless. Thanks also to Kathy Prosser and Jenny Llewellyn for the donation of goods.

NAPLaN

Another round of NAPLaN testing is over. Thank you to all of our students who participated. At assembly prior to NAPLaN, I talked about the fact that most parents have expressed to me over many years that there are 2 things they want to know about their children.

NAPLaN continued...

Interestingly, it's not what grade they got, but its 'Have they done their best?' and the other thing they want to know is: 'Are they nice?' Over the next few weeks, we will be conducting a series of other tests which complement NAPLaN and help us to determine our teaching and learning programs and how we can best support individual children to achieve.

SAPSASA Netball

Congratulations to Alys Bockman, Alisha Hutchinson and Mackenzie Rathjen who have been selected for SAPSASA Netball. Go TIGERS!

Warm Regards, Rita

Sports' Day**Final Scores:**

1st Hindmarsh (blue) 1069 points
2nd Finnis (gold) 865 points
3rd Murray (red) 856 points



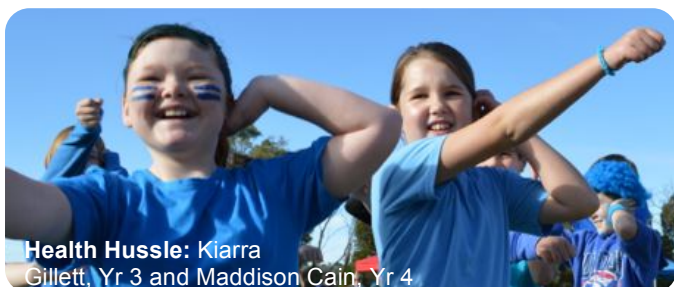
Relay: Mitchell Pahl, Yr 3



Accuracy Throw: Hayden Dahlitz, Yr 1



Discus: Sienna Montgomery-Pittaway, Yr 6



Health Huddle: Kiarra Gillett, Yr 3 and Maddison Cain, Yr 4

More photos of our Sports' Day will be featured in our school magazine, which will be available to purchase at the end of Term 4.

Class Awards**Term 2 Week 2****Junior Primary class**

Ruby Montgomery-Pittaway - working really hard in classroom activities this week.

Blake Kennedy - good improvement in his writing.

Junior Primary 1 class

Koby Stimpson - excellent work in gymnastics.

Thomas Kruschel - working hard on his writing.

Lower Middle Primary class

Madalyn Uren - being an independent learner.

Ava Lindner - attentive and positive learner.

Middle Primary class

Maddison Cain - persistence with her learning.

Jayda Stimpson - excellent recall of facts in Maths.

Upper Primary class

Kyal McDonald - for using his initiative and taking responsibility - a wonderful effort!

Maddison Rathjen - for great leadership leading up to and on Sports' Day.

Counsellor's Corner**Well Being in the Classrooms**

Some students at Murray Bridge High School (Year 10 and up) are lucky enough to participate in a program called 'Youth Opportunities – Personal Leadership Program'. This program addresses a range of topics such as; bullying, peer pressure, confidence, self-belief, improving communication, developing relationship skills, goal planning and motivation that relate to students' lives and their individual goals. These concepts provide young people with a framework for thinking that assists them in developing values, knowledge and skills to make positive and productive choices.

I have heard great things from both students and parents about this program. One particular area that caught my attention was the language used for positive and negative communication. I have been using this language in fortnightly 'Well Being' lessons with students and I thought it would be a good idea to explain it to you as parents.

The topic is Stars and Black Holes

A **Star** is a positive communication message that brightens someone's self image aura. It makes them feel good about themselves eg. a smile, a 'hello', 'how are you' or 'well done'.

A **Black Hole** is a negative communication message which when absorbed by a person reduces their self-image aura eg. a rude gesture, poking your tongue out or a 'I don't like you'. It makes them feel bad about themselves.

- When you send stars to others, you tend to get stars in return.
- When you send black holes to others, you tend to get black holes in return.
- You can brighten your own self image aura by sending yourself stars rather than black holes.

If we all use this language and understand how our words and actions can affect someone else...what a great place we will all be in!

I also talk to the students about feelings being contagious... interesting concept but true! A quote, which I love and often say, is 'Be responsible for the energy you bring in to a room'.

Cheers, Kerry

"The lunge and sore leg moves are my favourite." Linx Baker, Year 2

Gymnastics

"I like going on the rings and I have learnt new moves." Jessica Deane, Year 2



Zenith Smith,
Reception



William
Schofield,
Year 3



Leila Dahlitz,
Year 3



Kane
Lavington,
Year 5

"My favourite activity is the parallel bars because you get to do pike, soldier, soldier walk, straddle and tuck moves.
Kobe Hobbs, Year 3

SAPSASA

Cross Country

Congratulations to Year 7 student Kailan Challinger on representing our school in the Murraylands Cross Country Championships (3km event) held on 2nd May at Unity College. Kailan finished FIRST for his age group of 12 year olds, and ran marvelously against those in the age group above also, being the 13 year olds. He placed second against the age group above his. A fantastic result Kailan, you displayed great perseverance and determination! This puts him in good stead for the State competition held at Oakbank in Week 6. Well done and good luck!



Netball

Congratulations to Year 7 student Alys Bockman and Year 6 students Mackenzie Rathjen and Alisha Hutchinson on being selected in the Murraylands team to compete in the SAPSASA Netball State Carnival to be played in Adelaide between 26th May and 30th May 2014. We wish all three girls the best of luck and look forward to hearing of their experiences.

Community News

Mypolonga Football Club

Home Match Tea / Tiger Talent Night - Saturday 31st May 2014 at the Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club. Meals served from 6:00pm. All welcome! Following teas, stay around for the Tiger Talent Night, a night to witness some of the Club's hidden talents!

Bon Fire Night - Saturday 14th June 2014 (following games at Jervois). Our committees invite all supporters and community members back to the Club to attend an old-fashioned social bon fire evening. Further details to come!

Website - Check out Mypolonga Football Club's new and exciting website www.mypolongaafc.com.au. Here you will find all things relating to the Club including the latest Mypolonga Football and Netball Club's 'Tiger News', photos, sponsors, membership and contact details with links to the official Facebook page and the RMFL 'foxsportspulse' site. Special thanks to IT guru Jason Hagger on spending many voluntary hours in setting up the site. A few tabs on the site are still being developed and if you're viewing the site on a smartphone, just hit the Navigation link to access the various tabs.

Mypolonga Netball Club

Thursday night snacks! On Thursday training nights, the netball club offer toasties, hot chocolate, tea and coffee between 5:00pm and 6:30pm to keep you warm on those chilly winter nights.

Murray Mallee Aged Care Group ~ Volunteers Needed ~



Murray Mallee Aged Care conducts a social group for older community members from the Mypolonga area once a month in the RSL Hall at Mypolonga on the second Tuesday of each month from 10.30am to 2.30pm. We are looking for community minded volunteers to assist us to provide this social outlet by assisting with refreshments and catering, talking with the participants and helping with activities. If you can spare a few hours each month we would love to hear from you. Please call 8532 2255 and ask for Linda or Sharron.



Walk Safely to School Day**Friday 23rd May 2014**

Walk Safely to School Day asks that we consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around.

Walking all the way to school isn't realistic for many of us, so at 9:30am on Friday 23rd May, we will be going on a whole school walk around our community. Parents are welcome to walk with us.

Cheers, Kerry

Premier's Reading Challenge

It is really pleasing to see that half way through the Challenge, most students are at least half way, with some dedicated readers already finished!

Congratulations to:-

Paris Montgomery-Pittaway, Larissa Pike, Henry Payne, Chloe Pahl, Amber Gielen and Holly Temby

If your child has read only one or two books in the Challenge, can you please encourage them by reading some pages for them or hearing them read a little instead of their reading books? We want everyone to attend the Premier's Party at the completion of the Challenge!

Many thanks, Anne

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

4	19/5 STUDENT FREE DAY	20/5 Newsletter	21/5 MBHS Yr 7/8 Transition evening at St Joseph's School 5:30pm-6:30pm	22/5	23/5 3:00pm Assembly Walk Safely to School Day	24/5 & 25/5 24/5 - MFC/MNLC bye
5	26/5 Gymnastics SAPSASA Football/Netball State Carnival	27/5	28/5	29/5	30/5 3:00pm Assembly	31/5 & 1/6 31/5 - MFC/MNLC Mypo vs Ramblers @ Mypo including teas & Tiger Talent Night
6	2/6 Gymnastics Newsletter	3/6	4/6 Science Competition	5/6	6/6 3:00pm Assembly Junior Primary breakfast	7/6 & 8/6 7/6 - RMFL Game Only
7	9/6 PUBLIC HOLIDAY	10/6 STUDENT FREE DAY	11/6	12/6	13/6 NO ASSEMBLY	14/6 & 15/6 14/6 - MFC/MNLC Mypo vs Jervois @ Jervois & bon fire night @ Mypo
8	16/6 Newsletter 3:30pm Improvement Committee meeting 7:00pm Finance Committee meeting 7:30pm Governing Council meeting	17/6	18/6	19/6	20/6 3:00pm Assembly	21/6 & 22/6 21/6 - MFC/MNLC Mypo -v- Tailam @ Mypo including teas

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