

# Mypolonga Primary School & Community Newsletter

1<sup>st</sup> December 2014



Teamwork  
Integrity  
Generosity of  
Spirit  
Excellence  
Respect

**"What if I fall? Oh, but my darling, what if you fly?"**  
~ Erin Hanson ~

## **Term 4 Assembly Roster**

**Week 8 - NO ASSEMBLY**

**Week 9 (Thursday)** - Madi Kruschel, Abbey Schofield, Claire Ruckstuhl

## **Notes to be returned**

. Concert rehearsal bus permission note (green), due 2/12/14.

## **Happy Birthday**

2/12 - Craig (Year 2)  
5/12 - Joe (Year 1)  
5/12 - Mater (Year 1)  
6/12 - Maddison (Year 4)  
7/12 - Jessica (Year 2)  
9/12 - Kye (Year 4)  
10/12 - Chloe (Year 5)  
10/12 - Ella (Reception)  
11/12 - Georgia (Year 2)  
12/12 - Rhea (Year 2)



## **Student Medications**

Please note that on the last day of school (Friday 12/12/14), we will be sending home all student medication, which is stored in our First Aid Room. All medications can be returned to the school upon our return in 2015, together with an updated 'Authorisation for School Staff to Administer Medication to Students' form, which can be obtained from the office or printed from our website.

## **Special Achievements**

Congratulations to Year 6 student Riley Smelt on recently being named in the State Under 13 basketball development squad, which will compete at the South Australian Development Tournament in Adelaide in April 2015. Final team selections are invitation only and held in February 2015.

Congratulations also to Riley's brother, and former student, Connor Smelt on being named in the State SA Country Under 16 basketball squad which is competing in the Australian Country Junior Basketball Cup from 10 January 2015 to 17 January 2015 in Albury.

Good luck boys!

## **Rita's Roar**

### **Kitchen Opening**

The opening of our industrial kitchen last week was fantastic. I was very appreciative of the kind gesture to name it 'Rita's Kitchen', and I can't wait to cook up a storm. The Middle Primary Stephanie Alexander kitchen gardeners christened the kitchen on Wednesday by making zucchini slice and salad. Very yummy! I would like to express my gratitude to Jordan, Anika and Kyra from the band Jakz who entertained us at the opening. I would also like to acknowledge the amount of work Annie put into designing the kitchen. Her knowledge of hospitality really helped to outfit the kitchen in a very practical way. I would also like to thank Necia and Macca who did all the behind the scenes work to make the opening run smoothly.

### **Talent Quest**

Well done to all of our students who performed in the Talent Quest last week. I was really proud of all the performers who took themselves out of their comfort zones to sing, act, dance, and play in front of a large audience. Well done to comperes Madz and Sienna and our 'roadies' led by Macca. Our judges Nicole, Kim, Rohan and Amber gave great feedback and Alyssa and Madi K were great stage managers. This time, Jordan, Anika and Zac from Jakz performed and I was very impressed that Jordan and Zac came in their 2009 Year 7 school jumpers! I want to say a big thankyou to Jordan who helped to set up all the equipment and made sure everything worked. I am sure the talent quest has inspired new and young artists to move to the next level, which will now become another Mypo tradition.

### **Classes for next year**

A large group of Year 4s has meant that classes for next year are very lopsided, creating some significant structural changes to our class compositions. We are very confident that we have placed your children where they will learn best. The classes are as follows:

**Junior Primary - Reception & Year 1:** Amy Stone

**Junior Primary 1 - Year 1 & Year 2:** Hailey Perry and Chris Bennett (Chris is a respected educator who has been a deputy principal at other sites and a previous acting principal here at Mypo)

**Lower Middle Primary - Year 3 & Year 4:** Jane Rumbelow

**Middle Primary - Year 4 & Year 5:** Kerry Daniel and Kim Polkinghorne

**Upper Primary - Years 5, 6 & 7:** Anne Martin, Mel Carstairs and Rita O'Brien

Parents of children who will be in another class other than that expected, will be contacted by their existing class teacher during this week.

### **End of Year Assembly**

Please note that the end of year assembly will be held at the Mypolonga Combined Sport's Clubrooms on **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2014** (not Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December) at 2:30pm. The reason we are doing this is because instead of going to the pool, we will be having a fun day at school with water slides, jumping castles and lots of cool activities provided by the SRC on the last day of school. A great way to end a great year! Don't forget the last day of school ends at 2:25pm.

### **Financial Literacy Grant**

We have been awarded a grant for \$25 000 to:

- Develop financial literacy resources for teachers to use to implement the new Economics and Business curriculum.
- Develop and document the financial literacy processes used in catering.
- Write a history of the school shop.

The next few weeks are very hectic with something on nearly every day. See you at the concert!

Warm Regards, Rita



## Class Awards

### Term 4 Week 4

#### Junior Primary class

**Alarah Sipos** - wonderful storywriting in RAP time.

**Ellie Pontt** - becoming a real independent writer.

#### Junior Primary 1 class

**Joe Tidy** - for being a TIGER and helping his fellow classmates.

**Claire Ruckenstein** - outstanding achievements in all subject areas.

#### Lower Middle Primary class

**Jackson Ross** - excellent acting in our concert item.

**Zoe Bettcher** - excellent work on her part in the concert item.

#### Middle Primary class

**Keeley Rathjen** - a very engaged participant in our class.

**Clay Burgess** - a fantastic effort in the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen workshop this week.

#### Upper Primary class

**Logan Holmes** - for fantastic writing of a response to a text.

**Darcy Elliott** - for exceptional communication skills in the School Shop.

### Term 4 Week 6

#### Junior Primary class

**Matilda Stone** - very neat and helpful in Asian Studies.

**Elouise Kuhn** - for always having such a helpful and positive attitude.

#### Junior Primary 1 class

**Craig Gillett** - very neat, fast work in Asian Studies.

**Ethan Kennedy** - for a huge improvement with his sight words.

#### Lower Middle Primary class

**Baylee Cooper** - acting upon feedback to improve the History Walk.

**Logan Rankin** - working very hard to improve his handwriting.

#### Middle Primary class

**Samuel Montgomery-Pittaway** - improved neatness in Maths.

**Sachin Bartholomeusz** - for showing perseverance and positivity in all his learning.

#### Upper Primary class

**Riley Smelt** - for being an obliging helper whenever requested.

**Alyssa Grove** - for working hard to achieve in all subject areas.

### Term 4 Week 7

#### Junior Primary class

**Ariel Challenger** - for moving up in reading levels.

**Zenith Smith** - quiet achiever in the classroom.

#### Junior Primary 1 class

**Isabella Fry** - for a huge improvement with her reading.

**Jacinta Clark** - for showing excellent leadership skills and helping her peers.

#### Lower Middle Primary class

**Kobe Hobbs** - always being bright, cheerful and helpful.

**Harry Stone** - showing persistence and knowledge in Maths.

#### Middle Primary class

**Johannah Hobbs** - showing leadership skills in our concert item.

**Jacinta Fry** - showing willingness to assist others.

#### Upper Primary class

**Madi Kruschel** - for getting very high marks in Maths revision.

**Maddi Rathjen** - for a great improvement and positive attitude in Maths.

**Alys Bockman** - for committing her own time to complete tasks (iMovie and chocolate coating).

## Counsellor's Corner



### Handy Hints for Improving Learning

Continuing with handy hints for improving learning are extracts from Andrew Fuller's book "Help Your Child Succeed At School."

#### **No. 4 How much television viewing should I allow my child to watch if I want them to succeed at school?**

There is growing evidence to suggest that any TV viewing for children under the age of two impairs their ability to concentrate. As children develop, a small amount of television viewing is positively associated with academic achievement. A nine year old shouldn't watch more than one and a half hours per day. A thirteen year old shouldn't watch more than one hour a day. Bad news for those of you with older children! At 17 years of age the optimal amount of TV viewing is half an hour per day.

While there is no real evidence on the amount of time spent playing computer games, it is a good idea to keep televisions and computers out of children's bedrooms.

#### **No. 5 How much sleep does my child need to succeed at school?**

A good night's sleep (at least 8 hours) is essential for optimal brain functioning at school. Memory consolidation occurs during sleep, especially during dream (or REM) sleep. During the normal 8-9 hours of sleep, five dream (REM) cycles occur. Adolescents getting only 5-6 hours of sleep lose out on the last two REM cycles and thereby reduces the amount of time the brain has to consolidate information. Teenagers need as much sleep as children, partly because their brains are doing so much development.

Always remember there is no such thing as a sleep bank. So just because you slept 10 hours one night, doesn't mean you can get away with only sleeping six hours the next night. Students who don't get enough sleep have to work much harder to do well at school.

From "Help Your Child Succeed at School" by Andrew Fuller [www.andrewfuller.com.au](http://www.andrewfuller.com.au)

*You may or may not agree with the above statements but it is always a good idea to hear what others have to say and then adapt it to suit your individual needs and what works for your family.*

Cheers, Kerry

## Loaded Dog Performance

Recently, all students were entertained by experienced performer and storyteller Chris John at the Mypolonga Institute.

Chris told the explosive tale of The Loaded Dog, one of Henry Lawson's best known and most popular comic stories. It involves three gold miners and their dog Tommy. Their overgrown pup steals a stick of explosives and it ignites when he runs past the fire, resulting in mayhem and chaos.

*"It was awesome! I liked it when the people chased each other."* Erin McDonald

*"It was fun watching them turn gun powder into a bomb."* Isla Gielen

*"Chris told us about the time he climbed up the tree because the dog was chasing him with a cartridge in his mouth."* Jade Prosser





## Junior Primary / Playgroup Kite Flying

In Playgroup, we made our own kites, thanks to our wonderful parent Jodie Hagger.

The children had the opportunity to decorate and fly them.

We all joined together and went out onto the asphalt for a trial run, then down to the oval where all the children could run wild!!



## ac.care - Communities for Children Murraylands

### Mannum Toy Expo

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2014

1:00pm - 5:00pm at the Mannum Recreation Centre  
Come along and look, listen, touch, smell and try toys to find out...

- . what toys will help develop your child's gross motor, problem solving, and imagination skills.
- . what toys are age appropriate for your child.
- . what toys will help your child reach their full potential.

Contact Cathy Rice (Occupational Therapist) or Melanie Kane (Speech Pathologist) on 0418851626.

### Murray Bridge Carols by Candlelight

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2014

Carols from 7:00pm at the Murray Bridge Race Course

Come along to a fun family night with lots of local artists performing on stage at the race course.

**Free School Holiday Activities... for 9 - 12 year olds.** Bookings required 83885234 for the following:

### Big Adventure Day @ Mylor

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2014 in the Adelaide Hills  
Adventure activities include giant swing, water activities and flying fox.

### Adventure Day

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2015 @ Mannum Community Hub

Giant challenge course, fun group activities, indoor & outdoor fun.

### Drumming Workshop

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2015 9:30am-1:00pm @ Mannum Community Hub

Give it a go! Lunch included.

## End of Year Reminders/Notices

### ♦ Secret Santa

Your child should now have received a note advising which classmate they are buying for in this year's Secret Santa. Between now and the last day of school, the wrapped gift can be handed to your child's classroom teacher or SSO (without indicating who it is from on the gift tag).

### ♦ School Magazine/Concert DVD

School magazines will be ready for distribution at the school's final assembly on Thursday 11th December 2014.

We will again be taping the school concert for families to buy their own DVD. An order form will be included in the concert program.

### ♦ Concert - Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2014

The purchase of concert tickets can be made until Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2014. Tickets are \$5.00 each.

Please return the note (green) giving permission for bus travel/travel arrangements to the concert rehearsal by Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2014.

A final, detailed note regarding student arrival times etc at the concert will be sent home in the next few days. A program of the evening will be available at the door.

### ♦ Year 7 Graduation Dinner - Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2014

We are in the process of confirming numbers for our Year 7 graduation dinner to be held at the Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club at 6:30pm. Year 7 families, if you haven't already, please notify the office staff of numbers attending on or before Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2014.

### ♦ End of Year Assembly - Thursday 11th December 2014

#### Assembly 2:30pm / Dismissal 3:25pm

To accommodate the large number of families who attend our end of year assembly, we have once again decided to hold this at the Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club. For those of you who don't know, the clubrooms are on your right hand side just past the turn off you would normally take to get to the school. Students will be transported by our school bus and will be dismissed from there at 3:25pm, with their school bag. Our Wall Flat/Caloote bus students will board the bus at the club to be taken home, if required.

### ♦ Whole School 'Fun Day' - Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2014

A detailed note regarding our 'Fun Day' will be sent home this week. Dismissal on the last day is at 2:25pm.



If you have any queries on the above, please do not hesitate to contact Necia or Annie in the office, in the first instance.





## Industrial Kitchen Opening

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2014

KITCHEN



Catamarans ~ Kayaking  
~ Canoeing ~ Water  
Skiing ~ Kneeboarding  
Small Boat Handling ~  
Sit-ons ~ Bowling

**FUN!**



## Upper Primary Aquatics Camp

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November - Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2014



### Lower Middle Primary History Tour

In History this term, the Lower Middle Primary class has been learning about how Bridge Street has changed over time. Mr Ken Wells, from the Murray Bridge Historical Society, has been helping the class with their study. He showed slides of the early days of Murray Bridge and later took the students on a tour of the main street.

The class also visited Old Taillem Town to deepen their understanding of life then and now.

A special thank you to Mr Wells for his time, enthusiasm and extensive knowledge.



### Mypolonga Primary School Talent Quest



**Dance:** Madalyn Uren / **Advance Australia Fair:** Rhea Kempe & Georgia Martin / **Electric Guitar:** Cameron Hazel



### Basketball Carnival

Congratulations to students Alisha Hutchinson, Alyssa Grove, Amber Nutt and Chloe Pahl (*pictured right*) on their recent achievements at the basketball carnival held in Mt Gambier. The four girls played for Bullets in the Division 2, Under 14s competition and were successful in winning the grand final! Well done girls!



Also, special mention must go to students Katie Hutchinson and Jade Prosser (*pictured right*) who also competed in the carnival. Katie and Jade represented Bullets in the Under 12s competition, having an amazing time together as a group.



The girls lost all games but never gave up, showing perseverance and a great attitude.



### Community News

#### Mypolonga Football Club

Interested in being involved with the Tigers as a Sports' Trainer? Mypolonga Football Club would like to hear from anyone who would consider being trained & mentored in this field. Skills you learn can be used in all sports. Have a chat with Steve on 0408 097 653.

#### Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club tea

The 'first Friday of the month' Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club tea will not be held on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2014 due to the school holding its school concert and other commitments on this day.

#### 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 20<sup>th</sup> December 2014 at the Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club. Everyone welcome! Bring along your family and friends to enjoy a pre Christmas meal with each other. There will be a visit by Santa himself! Winner of the Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club 100 Club will also be drawn!

## ~ ac.care Christmas Hamper ~

### Making Christmas cheerful...

Thank you to those families who donated food items towards the ac.care Christmas hamper. We managed to fill a BIG box, which will be given to individuals and families who are accessing ac.care services.

Kind Regards, SRC

## 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.

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

## Musical Instruments

Students undertaking musical tuition with Peter Longden this year are asked to return their school-owned musical instruments to the office by Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> December 2014. This will enable us to conduct a stock take of the instruments and make sure the instruments are in peak condition for next year.

## SRC Casual Day

Thank you to all families for supporting our recent casual day. Through your generosity, a total of \$200.00 has been donated to Operation Christmas Child.



**Mypolonga Primary School Concert**  
**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2014 from 7:00pm**  
**Unity College Steeple, Murray Bridge**

**\* Tickets are available to purchase from**  
**the school office on Monday 24<sup>th</sup>**  
**November 2014 until Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**December 2014 \***

**\$5.00 per seat**



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

8	1/12 Newsletter  6:30pm Governing Council meeting in Murray Bridge	2/12	3/12	4/12 Mylo PS whole school transition day (to next years' classes) Year 7 Transition Day @ MBHS	5/12 Full day concert rehearsal @ Unity College NO ASSEMBLY SCHOOL CONCERT	6/12 & 7/12 6/12 - Mannum Christmas Pageant
9	8/12	9/12	10/12 Year 7 Graduation Dinner @ the MCSC	11/12 2:30pm Assembly (inc presentation of term and year awards)	12/12 LAST DAY OF TERM 4 Newsletter NO ASSEMBLY 2:25pm Dismissal	13/12 & 14/12 13/12 - Mypolonga RSL Christmas Party



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



## Planning Calendar Term 1 2015

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

## Mypolonga Primary School

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