

Mypolonga Primary School & Community Newsletter

20th October 2014



Teamwork
Integrity
Generosity of
Spirit
Excellence
Respect

**"Life is like riding a bicycle.
To keep your balance you must keep moving."**
~ Albert Einstein, letter to his son Eduard, 1930 ~

Term 4 Assembly Roster

Week 2 - Alys Bockman, Jason Crouch, Leila Dahlitz

Week 3 - Maddi Rathjen, Kye Fawdry, Kiarra Gillett

Dates to Remember

Wednesday 22/10/14

9:30am - Combined Sports' Day with Jervois

7:00pm - Sustainability Committee Meeting

3:30pm Friday 24/10/14

Parents & Friends/C&S Meeting

Monday 27th October 2014

3:30pm - Improvement Committee meeting

7:00pm - Finance Committee meeting
7:30pm - Governing Council meeting

Wednesday 29th October 2014

5:00pm & 7:00pm - Regional Choir Performance (Middle Primary Class)

Happy Birthday

20/10 - Brandan (Reception)

30/10 - Claire (Year 2)

30/10 - Ariel (Reception)



Relay for Life - Tiger Trekkers Team

Best of luck to our staff Tiger Trekkers team as they participate in this weekend's Relay for Life held in Murray Bridge.

Our team will take it in turns to walk continuously with their 'tiger' baton from 2:00pm Saturday until 9:00am Sunday.

A final tally of their fundraising efforts will be advised next newsletter!

Car Parking

For occupational, health & safety reasons, we kindly ask that parents & caregivers drop off and collect their children from the **Williams Street** entrance of the school (not via the staff car park). *Thank you.*



Rita's Roar

Teaching for Effective Learning Pilot 'Tfel'

One of the main, proposed outcomes of the Teaching for Effective Learning Pilot is the development of authentic student voice. At Mypo, we believe that we are on our learning journey together and have had in place processes for students to contribute to improvement for some time. However, it has been great to be able to take this to the next level through the Pilot.

Mikelle Miegel, our pilot leader has been working with the Middle Primary class on feedback. Research has shown that the most significant way to improve student achievement is by the delivery of good feedback. Our 'Feedback Ninjas' in the Middle Primary class have learned all about feedback with Mikelle and today we hosted a workshop with the SRCs from Tailem Bend, Jervois and Palmer, where the Ninjas shared their learning.

A great day was had by all, and we look forward to developing our Student Learning Community further in the future.

A Slight Hiccup

Work has slowed down on the construction of our kitchen due to the discovery of a serious infestation of termites in the building. Luckily, we are all glass-half-full thinkers and were glad to find out that if we had not undertaken to build our kitchen, the structure may have collapsed, as the infestation was so severe! However, we are now back on track and can't wait to see the kitchen finished.

Bikeathon

Congratulations to all involved in the Bikeathon. I was very sad to miss it due to Jane and I needing to attend a Teaching for Effective Learning Workshop in Adelaide, where we learned about 21st Century Learning Design. The Bikeathon was a huge success and we are well on track to raise enough money to support our World Vision child Bryan.

Combined Sports' Day

While we are looking forward to our day with Jervois on Wednesday, we are very mindful of the weather, as the forecast currently is for 34°. We will adjust the program as necessary to ensure the children are not too hot. A reminder that Sports' Day will be held at the Combined Sports' Club and not at school.

Too soon

Our school community sends condolences to the Goldsworthy family following the passing of our former student Kerry Anne from cancer at the age of 32. Our Relay for Life Team, the 'Tiger Trekkers' will be thinking of Kerry Anne this weekend as they participate in the Relay for Life. To Vicki, Ken and Ryan, our heartfelt regards.

Warm Regards, Rita



Counsellor's Corner

**What can families do when their child comes home and says, 'No-one wanted to play with me today?'**

Our first instinct is to comfort and re-assure, perhaps we say, 'Never mind, it will be better tomorrow.'

Next afternoon, parents/carers might anxiously ask their child, 'Did you have any friends to play with today?' A more helpful approach might be to begin by following the usual afternoon routines, make a comment about your own day, then try an open ended question, 'How was your day?' This is less likely to result in 'Yes/No' answers and encourage more positive responses. Try developing a family tradition of each member sharing one or two good or interesting things from the day. For example

- sharing with someone
- answering a question
- completing a task
- helping someone

It is important to build our children's skills in getting on with others and their capacity to make friends and deal with setbacks. Take a problem solving team approach, so a child feels they're not alone with the problem and that there are solutions. Tackle their negative thoughts with bits of positive evidence. By this, I mean when your child says, 'I never have any friends!' think of a recent time they told you about and say, 'What never? What about last week, you told me about that great game of soccer/netball with some other kids.'

The best thing we can do for our children is to teach them the skills to do this on their own. By rescuing them we are doing more harm than good. Remember to keep things in perspective, the way you handle issues is what your child sees and learns from. You might want extra support from your child's teachers or myself as School Counsellor.

For further ideas and a range of other helpful tips, go to www.cyh.com

Cheers, Kerry

Bikeathon / Walkathon

I am constantly overwhelmed by the support our community provides whenever asked to help at a school event. Honestly, we could not do these activities without your help.

To our wonderful parents and grandparents who walked, rode, provided oranges, drove pick-up vehicles, managed first aid or supervised a drink station, thank you very, very much! Pictured on the front page is Matt Sorensen leading the way with some of our bike riders and Brandan Pahl.



We have raised approximately \$2,500.00 for our World Vision Child Bryan (pictured) from Bolivia, South America. Our top 3 fundraising families were the Hearne family (\$280.00), Pahl family (Mitchell & Chloe) (\$165.00) and Hutchinson family (\$123.55).

SRC & Kerry Daniel

UNSW Global - International Competitions and Assessments for Schools

Congratulations to the following students on their recent achievements in the Maths Competition, held on Tuesday 12th August 2014:-

Keeghan Davis (Year 7) - Distinction
Alys Bockman (Year 7) - Distinction
Riley Walton (Year 4) - Distinction
Samuel Montgomery-Pittaway (Year 4) - Credit
Kailan Challinger (Year 7) - Credit
Logan Holmes (Year 7) - Credit
Madison Kruschel (Year 7) - Credit

~ CONGRATULATIONS ~

**Student Representative Council SRC Profile****Introducing...**

Alisha Hutchinson
 (SRC Leader)

As an SRC leader, I hope to... be a good role model for the younger kids and improve the school.

Something you don't know about me is... When I was 2 years old, I lived in Sydney and got to walk across the Sydney Harbour Bridge (several times).



I like to watch... movies that are based on true stories.

I read... books that are true stories like 'The Fault in Our Stars'.

I like to listen to... all types of music.

One day I hope to... travel around the world.

If I could change something in the world, I would... take people off the streets and make sure everyone has a place to live.

The best thing about Mypolonga Primary School is... having great teachers, great friends and an AMAZING Principal!

Someone I really look up to is... my brother Ben

because... he has taught me to never give up on myself.

**Mypolonga Primary School
Parents & Friends'
Fundraiser**

**advancedlife photography Professional
Portrait Session**

**Sunday 16th November 2014
at the Mypolonga Primary School**

Please contact:

**Mary Gill on 0448669957
or email gillie@activ8.net.au**

**to prepay and book
your photographic session.**

**Murray Mallee Primary Schools'
Music Festival 2014**

**Wednesday 29th October 2014
at the Murray Bridge Town Hall**

The Middle Primary Class Choir will be performing 2 concerts on this evening...

Concert 1 @ 5.00pm

Concert 2 @ 7.00pm

Tickets are now available to purchase from
the Murray Bridge Information Centre
Ph: 85391142

\$8.00 adults / \$5.00 concession & students
\$20.00 family (2 adults and 2 children)

All Welcome!

**DON'T MISS OUT!
HELP RAISE FUNDS FOR
Mypolonga Primary School**

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photography

You receive these 3 items for \$20

- 10x15 family portrait
- Or 10x15 family portrait
- Plus Keyring
- Waist sized portrait

Location: Mypolonga Primary School
Date: Sunday, 16 November 2014
Contact: Mary Gill
Phone: 0448 669 957
Email: gillie@activ8.net.au
(TO PREPAY AND BOOK YOUR PHOTOGRAPHIC SESSION)

*Don't wait until it's too late!
Book now and secure
professional portrait
images of this special time
in the life of your family*

**Combined Sports' Day with Jervois
Primary School
Wednesday 22nd October 2014
held at the Mypolonga Combined
Sports' Club**

Please refer to the program sent home/emailed last week and in particular, the following reminders:

BUS STUDENTS Please note that the school bus will not be running in the afternoon on this day. Please contact Necia or Annie if this is inconvenient.

RECESS/LUNCH It would be appreciated if Mypolonga parents/caregivers could provide either a sweet or savoury option for adults to share at recess time. Lunches ordered through the Mypolonga General Store will be brought up to the Club at lunchtime (approximately 12:30pm).

Community News

Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club Tea

For November only, the regular Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club 'Friday night' tea will be held on Saturday 8th November 2014. Meals will be served from approximately 6:00pm. All welcome!

Vacswim January 2015

The annual SA Water VACSWIM program will be held between the 5th and 13th January 2015 at the Murray Bridge Swimming Centre. Primary school aged children (enrolled in 2015) are eligible to attend the program. Visit www.vacswimsa.com.au or call 82002528 for more information and enrolment details.

Parenting SA Free Parenting Seminar 'Living with Toddlers'

Monday 24th November 2014 from 7:15pm - 9:00pm in the Riverbank Room, Adelaide Convention Centre, North Terrace, Adelaide. Attend in person or view the webcast. Hear how to connect with your toddler and guide their behaviour. For registrations, please call 83031660 or email health.parentingsa@health.sa.gov.au. Visit parentingsa.eventbrite.com.au for further details.

Communities for Children Murraylands / ac.care 'Joining the Dots...Moving Towards Kindy'

For children aged 3-5 years. Commencing Wednesday 22nd October 2014 from 10:00am-11:30am at the Mannum Kindergarten, Male Road, Mannum. To assist adults in helping children understand and follow instructions, routines and develop communication skills. Attendance by registration only, please phone Cathy Rice (Occupational Therapist) or Melanie Kane (Speech Pathologist) on 0457261403.

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

2	20/10 Newsletter	21/10	22/10 Combined Sports' Day with Jervois PS 7:00pm Sustainability Committee Meeting	23/10	24/10 3:00pm Assembly 3:30pm C&S Meeting	25/10 & 26/10 Relay for Life weekend
3	27/10 3:30pm Improvement Committee meeting 7:00pm Finance Committee meeting 7:30pm Governing Council meeting	28/10	29/10 Middle Primary Regional Choir Performance	30/10	31/10 3:00pm Assembly	1/11 & 2/11
4	3/11 Newsletter SAPSASA Cricket & Tennis State Carnival	4/11	5/11	6/11	7/11 3:00pm Assembly	8/11 & 9/11 8/11 - Adelaide Christmas Pageant 8/11 - MCSC tea
5	10/11	11/11	12/11 Upper Primary Aquatics Camp	13/11	14/11 NO ASSEMBLY	15/11 & 16/11 16/11 - advancedlife photography family portrait fundraising day
6	17/11 Newsletter Picasso Cow Presentation	18/11	19/11 Kitchen Opening	20/11	21/11 Junior Primary breakfast 3:00pm Assembly Mypo RSL Bingo BBQ Tea	22/11 & 23/11 22/11 - Murray Bridge Christmas Pageant
7	24/11	25/11	26/11 7:00pm Sustainability Committee meeting	27/11	28/11 3:00pm Assembly 3:30pm C&S Meeting Student Free Day for MB High School students	29/11 & 30/11
8	1/12 Newsletter 3:30pm Improvement Committee meeting 7:00pm Finance Committee meeting 7:30pm Governing Council meeting	2/12	3/12	4/12 Mypo PS whole school transition day (to next years' classes) Year 7 Transition Day @ MBHS	5/12 NO ASSEMBLY MCSC Friday Night tea ★ SCHOOL CONCERT ★	6/12 & 7/12 6/12 - Mannum Christmas Pageant
9	8/12	9/12	10/12	11/12 2:45pm Assembly (inc presentation of term and year awards)	12/12 LAST DAY OF TERM 4 Newsletter NO ASSEMBLY 2:30pm Dismissal	13/12 & 14/12 13/12 - Mypolonga RSL Christmas Party

Diary Dates:

Saturday 20th December 2014 - Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club Christmas Tea

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