

# Mypolonga Primary School & Community Newsletter

26<sup>th</sup> September 2014



Teamwork  
Integrity  
Generosity of Spirit  
Excellence  
Respect

**"Obstacles don't have to stop you. If you run into a wall, don't turn around and give up. Figure out how to climb it, go through it, or work around it."**

~ Michael Jordan, American former professional basketball player ~

## Term 4 Assembly Roster

**Week 1** - Bodi Stewart, Paris Montgomery-Pittaway, Craig Gillett

**Week 2** - Alys Bockman, Jason Crouch, Leila Dahlitz

## Mypolonga General Store Lunch Price List

Please note that chocolate **Billabongs** have now been replaced with chocolate **Paddlepops** at the Mypolonga General Store!

## Enclosed with this Newsletter

. Term 4 Enterprise Recess/Lunch order form \* *please note change of lunch days* \*

. advancedlife photography family portrait fundraising day flyer. To secure your professional portrait and if you have any queries, please contact Mary Gill via the contact information at the bottom of the flyer before Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2014.

## School Shop

Our School Shop will be open for business on both Fridays during the school holidays. All Reception to Year 7 students are welcome to attend, dressed in school uniform, arriving at 11:50am until approximately 12:45pm.

## Happy Birthday

27/9 - Darcy (Yr 6)  
28/9 - Holly (Yr 5)  
30/9 - Shaylee (Yr 1)  
6/10 - Hayden (Yr 1)  
7/10 - Sienna (Yr 6)  
9/10 - Holly (Yr 5)  
12/10 - Leila (Yr 3)  
15/10 - Lyam (Reception)  
16/10 - Madison (Yr 7)  
20/10 - Brandan (Reception)



## Rita's Roar

What an amazing community!

As you read this, I am in New York visiting our daughter Lucy. However, I would never have considered doing this if I did not have total confidence in our team. Anne has taken up my leadership role. She has, as I have, the opportunity to lead a team dedicated to your children.

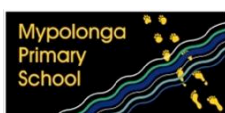
We had such a busy fortnight prior to my leaving and I wish to acknowledge everyone who has helped me:

- Colleen Wachtel (Living Legend, 'Nanna Colleen') has helped us so much with our Picasso Cow aptly currently named 'Ti-Cow' (so far). The transference of our cow into a tiger is magnificent. Colleen has listened to our students' ideas and helped us to transform those ideas into the most amazing artwork. I love that our values resonate so well with all of us. She has also listened to students' stories and told a few herself, during the duration of the project. I think some of our girls have been enlightened! Colleen dropped everything to do this for us and I love that she loves us so much. We have had a great idea to thank Colleen; but you have to wait to hear it. And yes, Keeghan, your udder is awesome!
- The Burgess family; Clay and Jade's mum and dad (from 'Burgess Paint and Panel') who have offered to pick up the cow and take it to their business and varnish it for us.
- Our Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Project with the Middle Primary students is all systems go! 'Pocket Rocket' Annie manages the whole program. Yvette Rathjen, Sharon, Kerry and I manage the kitchen. It has become very clear in two lessons, which students are ready for leadership. There are students who are ready for Upper Primary now. I am sure all students will embrace this opportunity to learn about leadership skills.
- Karen Ruckstuhl, who works at Mitre 10 in Balhannah, has organised pallets and the donation of all of the seedlings we need to be planted. We have not had to buy one thing. Go Karen! Natalie Smith (who has the most beautiful garden) is helping us to design our garden with Ian Oxborrow and our Groundsperson Brenton Prior.
- While we were planting out the garden, our new bus arrived. It has seat belts and is air-conditioned. Excitement plus!
- We are catering for the Mypolonga Football Club senior presentation dinner on the last day of term. Yvette and Mary have coordinated the planning. Thank you to all who are modelling leadership by working alongside your children at the function, to all those cooking and donating, and to my best friend Anne, who has taken my place as assessor at the function.
- Our Tiger Trekkers team fundraising project in support of the Cancer Council. We are taking part in 'Relay for Life'; Kerry, Nicole, Necia and Sharon have organised this project and you may have seen a reference to it in The Standard. A notable mention must go to Nicole for spending many hours organising the friendship photos, which raised in excess of \$300.00 alone! To date, the team has raised a total of approximately \$2,000.00!

Jane has been on long service leave for 2 weeks and we have loved having Chantelle Waldhuter as part of our team. While I have been away, Mel Carstairs has ably taken over my teaching role.

I am so proud of your children, and I am already missing you all!

*Warm Regards, Rita*



## Middle Primary Technology Caine's Games Arcade / Counsellor's Corner

'9-year-old Caine Monroy (from Los Angeles) spent his summer vacation building an elaborate cardboard arcade inside his dad's used auto parts store. The entire summer went by, and Caine had yet to have a single customer. Then, on the last day of summer, a filmmaker named Nirvan stopped to buy a door handle for his car. Caine asked Nirvan to play, and Nirvan bought a \$2 FunPass, becoming Caine's first customer. Inspired by Caine's creativity, Nirvan came back to make a short film about Caine's Arcade and organised a flashmob to surprise Caine with lots of customers.'

The students were very impressed with Caine's creativity and his persistence. He was a little boy who believed and the end result is amazing!



Students were inspired by Caine's story and eager to make their own cardboard arcade. This arcade took on a life of its own!!! This week, the class had the arcade up and running during break times for the whole school to try out their arcade games and have some fun!

During the holidays, why not Google 'Caine's Arcade' and watch the youtube to see his story, and then watch "Caine's Arcade Part 2" to see what happened next.

You too may be inspired to make your own arcade game. This would be an excellent thing to occupy those hours when all your hear is...."Mum, dad, there's nothing to do!" Pictured above with their 'Flick-a-ball' game are Jason Crouch, Keeley Rathjen, Blake Fidge, Jacinta Fry and Bella Smith. Below are Maddison Cain and Larissa Pike with their 'Magnet Machine'.

Have a great holiday and stay safe ☺

*Cheers, Kerry*



## UNSW Global - International Competitions and Assessments for Schools

**Congratulations** to the following students on their recent achievements in the English Competition, held on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2014:

**Rhiannon Bowley** (Year 2) - Credit

**Jackson Ross** (Year 3) - Credit

**Madalyn Uren** (Year 3) - Merit

**Amber Gielen** (Year 4) - Distinction

**Samuel Montgomery-Pittaway**  
(Year 4) - Merit

**Alys Bockman** (Year 7) - Merit

**Madeline Sorensen** (Year 7) - Credit



**~ CONGRATULATIONS ~**

## Student Representative Council SRC Profile

### Introducing...

### **Darcy Elliott** (SRC Leader)

**As an SRC leader, I hope to...** be someone people look up to.

**Something you don't know about me is...** I play the drums.

**I like to watch...** AFL football.

**I read...** sporty books.

**I like to listen to...** songs by Nickelback or songs I can play on the drums.

**One day I hope to...** become a drama teacher.

**If I could change something in the world, I would...** remove poverty.

**The best thing about Mypolonga Primary School is...** the School Shop.

**Someone I really look up to is...** Mrs O'Brien

**because...** she has changed the school for the better.



## Kiwanis Club of Murray Bridge Terrific Kids Awards Term 3 2014

Each term, the Kiwanis Club of Murray Bridge kindly presents a student from each class with a 'Terrific Kids' award who lives our TIGER values.

### CONGRATULATIONS...



**Upper Primary**  
**Rex Dankel**



**Middle Primary**  
**Blake Fidge**

**Lower Middle Primary**  
**Ava Lindner**



**Junior Primary 1**  
**Drew Bettcher**



**Junior Primary**  
**Ella O'Shea-Coulter**



### SAPSASA Basketball Carnival

In Week 8, our school competed in the small schools SAPSASA basketball carnival at Tailem Bend. We had a girls' team and a boys' team who consisted of the following students (and pictured on the front page of this newsletter):

**Girls:** Alyssa Grove, Alys Bockman, Madison Kruschel, Chloe Pahl, Alisha Hutchinson, Holly Temby and Mackenzie Rathjen

**Boys:** Riley Smelt, Bodi Stewart, Kyal McDonald, Brayden Vandenberg, Kailan Challinger, Darcy Elliott and Nicholas Lewis

They did our school proud by never giving up and always showing our TIGER values. The girls put up a good fight and ended up 2<sup>nd</sup> overall with 1 win, 1 loss and a draw. The boys came home winners with a nail biter in the last game, winning by 2 points in the final moments of the game. A big highlight was our very own Riley Smelt winning MVP! We would like to extend a huge thanks to Nathan Hutchinson for doing a fantastic job of coaching and umpiring, Macca for scoring all day and to the parents who took children out and stayed to support us. It was a very successful day and we look forward to next year!

### SAPSASA Athletics Country Championships

On Monday, four of our students went down to Santos Stadium at Mile End to compete in the SAPSASA Athletics Country Championships. This opportunity was a result of coming first in events at the SAPSASA Athletics District Day.

Competing on the day were the following students and we are proud to share with you their 1<sup>st</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> placings...

**Kailan Challinger** competed in the 12yo 800m (4<sup>th</sup>), 100m (1<sup>st</sup> heat, 4<sup>th</sup> overall), discus and relay (2<sup>nd</sup>)

**Kyal McDonald** competed in the 11yo long jump (3<sup>rd</sup> on count back) and relay (3<sup>rd</sup>)

**Clay Burgess** competed in the 10yo high jump

**Jayda Stimpson** competed in the 10yo high jump (4<sup>th</sup>), relay

This is an achievement of which they should all be very proud. Well done!

*Regards, Kim Polkinghorne*

## Enterprise Recess/Lunch Term 4 2014

### TUESDAY

Lower Middle Primary **Recess**

**Icecream in Cone (vanilla)**

**\$1.00 each**



### THURSDAY

Middle Primary **Lunch**

**Salad Roll**

\*(chicken, ham and/or cheese including choice of salad)

**\$2.50 each**

*\* Payment is required at the time of ordering on Mondays*

*Please pay and place orders at the servery near the staff room - not in the office slot \**

# Student of the Term

## Term 3 2014



Upper Primary

**Madz Sorensen**

Our Students of the Term receive  
a \$15.00 Murray Bridge Newsagency  
& Toyworld Gift Card



Middle Primary

**Holly Temby**

Lower Middle Primary

**Leila Dahlitz**



Junior Primary 1

**Georgia Martin**

Junior Primary

**Reagan Martin**



# Most Improved Student

## Term 3 2014



Upper Primary

**Rohan Bartholomeusz**

Middle Primary

**Kye Fawdry**

Lower Middle Primary

**Luke Abbott**

Junior Primary 1

**Phebe Nutt**

Junior Primary

**Tehya Fawdry**





## RAA / MAC Street Smart Primary Program

Recently, Catherine Berry, a trained and qualified Street Smart teacher, delivered an interactive and age appropriate road safety lesson to all our students.

The program, run by the RAA and MAC, emphasises pedestrian, passenger and cycling safety so students can start to develop appropriate skills and knowledge that will help make them safer in the road environment.

Pictured (from left) is Chloe Pahl, Jessica Donald, Catherine Berry and Jacinta Fry.

It was a timely lesson with our Bikeathon/Walkathon being held on Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> October 2014 (Week 1, Term 4). Please check your bikes out over the holidays!



## Community News

### Mypolonga Football Club

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Mypolonga Football Club's Under 15s team on winning last week's Grand Final by 1 point, making it three in a row!!

**Junior Presentation Lunch** - Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2014 @ 11.00am for a 11:30am start @ the Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club. Lunch will be available at a reasonable cost. It would be appreciated if families of junior players could bring along either a tossed, coleslaw or noodle salad. Please call Eddie Allchurch on 0417598340 or Mary Gill on 0448669957 if you have any queries.



### Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club Friday Night Teas

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2014 at the Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club from 6:00pm. All welcome!

### Mypolonga RSL Bingo BBQ Tea

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October 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.

### Saints / Falcons Basketball Clubs - Nominations for 2014-2015 Season

Saints and Falcons Basketball Clubs would like to invite new and returning players to nominate for next season. Indications of intention to play are required by the Murray Bridge Basketball Association so they can begin to put the program together. The season commences in the second week of Term 4, running only during school terms. Please see Necia in the office for nomination forms for either club or call Robyn Hampton-Allen (Saints) on 0416032357 or email woodlands63@bigpond.com. If you are interested in playing for the Falcons Basketball Club, please contact Paul Knitschke via email paulknitschke@hotmail.com.

### Murray Bridge Basketball Association - Bridge Hoops

Term 4 Bridge Hoops will commence on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2014 until 26<sup>th</sup> November 2014 from 5:00pm-6:00pm. For 5-8 year old boys and girls. Cost is \$30.00 for 6 weeks. Please call the Stadium Coordinator on 85310755 or email admin@mbba.com.au for registration details.

### Murray Bridge Players & Singers present 'A Festival of One Act Plays'

Six fun and entertaining plays for all ages. Performances Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October @ 7:30pm, Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November @ 2:00pm and 7:30pm and Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2014 @ 2:00pm at the Mypolonga Institute. Tickets go on sale 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2014, \$10.00 per person/\$30.00 for family of four. Purchase from Ray White Real Estate, Bridge Street, Murray Bridge or at the door.

### 'Space Encounters' - School Holiday Performance

A 50-minute interactive Children's Opera suitable for ages 5 to 12 years @ the Murray Bridge Town Hall. Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2014 at 11:00am. All tickets \$9.00. Book at the Murray Bridge Visitor Information Centre, 3 South Terrace, Murray Bridge or call 85391142 (7 days 10am to 4pm).

### ASIAFEST Food & Cultural Festival - October Long Weekend 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> October 2014 @ Rymill Park, Adelaide

A three-day culinary delight of exquisite and exotic Asian Food teamed with traditional beverages and entertainment. ASIAFEST will be shining the spotlight on Japan, China, Korea, Thailand and Vietnam as well as showcasing a 'Melting Pot' of many other Asian cuisines and culture. This inaugural festival will bring together 20 of Adelaide's very best Asian Restaurants, nestled amongst the beautiful Rymill Park, in the heart of Adelaide. Traditional drumming, dance, food art, massage, and sport will be featured throughout the event.

In addition to a range of performances from Asia, the art of Sumo Wrestling will be a feature. Direct from Japan, Sumo Mania brings a traditional Sumo experience including professional Japanese Sumo Wrestlers, referees, ring announcers and sumo barbers. For more details, visit [www.asiafest.com.au](http://www.asiafest.com.au)

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

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

## Mypolonga Primary School

**Principal: Rita O'Brien**

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