

Mypolonga Primary School & Community Newsletter

2nd June 2014

Amber & Brayden working at the RSL luncheon



Teamwork
Integrity
Generosity of Spirit
Excellence
Respect

'The world is moved along, not only by the mighty shoves of its heroes, but also by the aggregate of tiny pushes of each honest worker.'

~ Helen Keller ~

Assembly Roster – Term 2 2014

Week 6 - Luke Crouch, Blake Fidge, Jackson Ross

Week 7 - NO ASSEMBLY

Dates to Remember

. Wednesday 4th June 2014 from 7:00pm - 9:00pm Year 7 Transition Information Night @ Murray Bridge High School

. Thursday 5th June 2014 - Casual Day

. Friday 6th June 2014 - C&S meeting (moved to Week 6 due to no assembly being held at the end of Week 7)

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 3 Winner (\$20.00 draw) -

Emma Pahl

Week 4 Winner (\$20.00 draw) -

Dawn Fitzsimmons

Recipe Book

Our Tiger Trekkers' Favourite Recipes book is now available to purchase for \$4.00. Call into the office or see Sharon Marcus to buy your copy. All proceeds support our Tiger Trekkers' team participating in this year's Relay for Life in raising money for the Cancer Council.



Enclosed with this Newsletter...

- . Junior Primary breakfast note
- . School interviews note (applicable to Reception to Year 5 students only)
- . Scholastic Book Club order form (due back by 13th June 2014)



Happy Birthday

11/6 - Elouise (Reception)

15/6 - Jack (Year 7)

15/6 - Zachary (Year 1)

Rita's Roar

Oral Language Skills

This year, the focus of our Site Improvement Plan is the development of oral language skills. In the early years, our focus is on the development of phonological awareness skills to enable students to hear the sounds in words. As our children get older, our focus moves towards using oral language to develop strategies for thinking and communicating.

Vocabulary knowledge is fundamental to being an independent reader, writer and thinker. It is a predictor of comprehension ability. Having a broad vocabulary allows students to process and discuss what they've read. It is also easier to read and spell a word if it is in your vocabulary.

Factors that influence vocabulary development:

- Opportunities to listen to and speak with a range of people about experiences, feelings, visuals, print and digital texts. Watching our students speak with visitors from the Proud Mary is an example of this.
- Listen to read-alouds of fiction and non-fiction texts especially when teachers clarify meanings of important words. Anne reads high quality novels to the Upper Primary class during Sip 'n Crunch every day.
- Reading many fiction and non-fiction texts. As students read more words they are able to make connections between them. Teachers cannot compensate for a lack of reading progress. The Literacy Cup and Premiers' Reading Challenge are strategies we use to build vocabulary by reading widely. Non-fiction reading is an integral part of subjects such as Science, History and Geography. Take home readers are a good balance between fiction and non-fiction texts.
- An increasing general knowledge about the world supports students to extend their vocab. Watching the news and documentaries is one way to extend vocab.
- Teachers having an interest in words and showing enthusiasm for learning new words. When you go into our classrooms you will see word walls, subject specific vocabulary and glossaries. They all help to build vocab.
- Developing a bank of 'technical' words supports students to write better non-fiction.

Another strategy we are working on is the difference between 'fast thinking' and 'slow thinking'. Giving students some thinking time allows them to clarify their thinking before speaking.

RSL Luncheon

This year, the RSL changed their annual dinner into a luncheon. We provided a three-course meal for 80 participants. Thank you to everyone who helped by donating, cooking or working. A big thank you to Mary Gill and Nicole Cain who organised the function, Anne Martin for volunteering her time on the day and Sharleen Vandeleur who always rolls up her sleeves.



RSL Luncheon continued...

Amber Nutt had her parents fighting over who would work with her, and her Dad Chris won. Charlene Vandenberg proudly worked along side her children Paige and Brayden, and they were proud to work along side her.

We sent out forms recently asking for people to either donate, cook or work at our functions. Not as many have been returned as normally are, so if you have not seen the note or have just forgotten to return it please contact us. While lots of people have offered to donate, we still need offers to cook. This might involve cooking a couple of legs of lamb or an apple crumble.

The feedback from the luncheon was outstanding with our local member Adrian Pederick congratulating the school on our efforts.

Warm Regards, Rita

Counsellor's Corner**Teach Your Kids to Shrug!**

Michael Grose has written a book titled, 'Teach your Kids to SHRUG! and 40 more ways to raise your kids to thrive.'

'It was so irritating, yet so effective. When I was a boy, I had a good mate called Terry. Terry had a habit of shrugging his shoulders whenever anyone teased him or tried to persuade him to their way of thinking. 'Hey Terry, you're a *&%*\%\$!' Shrug. 'Hey Terry, everyone says you're **^%\$&!' Shrug. 'Hey Terry, I'm going to tell on you.' Shrug. His nonchalance used to drive everyone nuts ... so much so that Terry was rarely targeted for teasing, despite the fact that he wasn't sporty, wasn't cool and matured late (all of which back then, as today, put most kids like Terry in the 'to be picked on' category). I thought of Terry recently when I was coaching a young person about how to respond to some schoolyard taunts. It occurred to me that Terry's shrugging said a lot more about him than I'd realised at the time. I'd thought he was pretty unflappable, but what I obviously didn't understand was that he was also incredibly resilient. Terry was comfortable in his own skin; he knew who he was and how he was and cared very little what anyone else thought. Shrugging was his way of getting on with life, whatever it served up.' Michael Gross

Talk to your children about what they do if someone says or does something that may hurt their feelings.

If we teach our children that they are good enough and they are worth it, they will develop their own self worth and become resilient citizens of our world. It's our job to set a good example for our children to follow. And remember, it is not always what we say, it is often what we do, that they get their cues from.

Cheers, Kerry

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

Ledja Gray - improved concentration with his learning.

Junior Primary 1 class

Drew Bettcher - for improved self-confidence and a positive attitude.

Craig Gillett - for showing improved focus and enthusiasm towards learning.

Lower Middle Primary class

Luke Abbott - a hard working attitude towards his school work.

Zoe Bettcher - always putting 100% into her learning.

Middle Primary class

Riley Walton - fantastic commitment to his learning.

Johannah Hobbs - for trying her best and working well with others in Maths.

Upper Primary class

Amber Nutt - for a happy attitude and great perseverance.

Riley Smelt - for always sharing his skills and including others.

Term 2 Week 3**Junior Primary class**

Braeden Watts - for showing great improvement in his reading and skipping 4 levels!

Junior Primary 1 class

Ben Stewart - for a huge improvement in his Spelling.

Zac Kennison - for working hard to be a good TIGER this week.

Lower Middle Primary class

Makayla Stimpson - great times tables knowledge.

Logan Rankin - working well in Place Value in Maths.

Middle Primary class

Thomas Tidy - logical thinking in Maths Problem Solving.

Jacinta Fry - for being an active learner in the classroom.

Upper Primary class

Sienna Montgomery-Pittaway - for a fantastic turnaround in her attitude to Maths.

Alys Bockman - for maintaining a high academic standard at all times.

Sammy D Foundation

In Week 5, Neil Davis came in and talked to the Upper Primary class about the loss of his son Sam. In 2008, Sam Davis was at his friend's birthday party but after several fights broke out, the party was cancelled. As everyone was leaving, an argument started between Sam and an uninvited guest. Another unwanted guest decided to king hit Sam from behind. This single punch left Sam lying on the ground without a pulse. After this tragic incident, Sam's parents Nat and Neil decided to create the **Sammy D Foundation** in order to spread the word about how 'One Punch Can Kill'. Neil showed the class a Powerpoint of photos that revealed Sam's personality and his love for friends, family and his sports.

Alys Bockman, Year 7



SAPSASA Netball/Football

Last week, the Netball and Football SAPSASA State Carnivals were held in Adelaide.

Alys Bockman and Mackenzie Rathjen played in Team 1, finishing 4th, while Alisha Hutchinson played in Team 2, finishing 3rd. All games were played at ETSA Park and the girls really enjoyed their week-long experience. Congratulations to Mackenzie Rathjen on being selected in the top 12 Under 12 country players!

Bodi Stewart, Riley Smelt and Kyal McDonald played their carnival at West Beach. The boys finished the carnival winning 3 out of their 9 games. Riley kicked 10 goals, Bodi 6 goals and Kyal played well for the team in the backlines. Although the weather was not favourable, the boys thoroughly enjoyed their week and the travel to Adelaide.



Murraylands Netball Reps
(from left): Mackenzie Rathjen, Alisha Hutchinson and Alys Bockman



Murraylands Football Reps (from left): Bodi Stewart, Riley Smelt and Kyal McDonald

School Hats

In accordance with our Sunsmart Policy, yellow broad brimmed or legionnaire style hats must be worn by students whenever they are involved in outdoor activities, **except during the months of June, July and August.**

Today, we have sent home all school hats, which we kindly ask you to wash and consider whether the hat requires repairing or replacing. The hats can be then brought back to school to be marked off as being returned and will be kept in the classroom until September. New legionnaire style hats (\$4.50) and broad brimmed hats (\$7.50) are available to purchase from the front office.

2014 Parent/Teacher Interviews / Reports

Parent/teacher interviews for Reception to Year 5 students will be held during Week 10, commencing Monday 30th June 2014. We will again be using an online booking facility for interviews with your child/ren's classroom teachers.

Please refer to the enclosed note regarding the booking process. If you have any queries, please contact Annie or Necia in the office.

Reports will be sent home on Friday 27th June 2014 (at the end of Week 9). Please bring the report folder with you to the interview. Student attendance at the interview is at the discretion of parents/caregivers.

Community News

Mypolonga Football Club

Bon Fire Night - Saturday 14th June 2014 (following games at Jervois). Our committees invite all supporters and community members to attend an old-fashioned social bon fire evening. Keep an eye on the Mypolonga Football Club Facebook page for further details re venue, times etc.

Tiger Scarves - With the arrival of Winter, (where has the year gone?), we have some lovely & warm black and gold scarves for sale in the school office. As modelled by our Tigers Matilda & Harry (right), the scarves are embroidered with the words 'Mypolonga Tigers' and would make a great accessory for Mypolonga Primary School students, Mypolonga Football & Netball club players, supporters and community members. The scarves are \$20.00 each and can be viewed and purchased from Necia in the office. Proceeds go to the Mypolonga Football Club.

Mypolonga Netball Club

Beach Party - Saturday 21st June 2014 @ the Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club (following home game -v- Tailem). Dress up in your beach gear for a classic Mypo night! Teas will be available from 6:00pm, DJ from 8:00pm and prizes for best dressed!

Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club

Friday Night Tea - Friday 6th June 2014 at the Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club from 6:00pm. All welcome!

Aroona Scout Group

AGM - On Tuesday 10th June 2014 from 5:30pm at the Wall Flat Hall. Bring the kids along and watch the annual Joey, Cub, Scout & Venturer i-Movie. Tea & coffee provided. Please bring along supper to share. For further information, please contact Kelly 0410041222 or Roni 85310897/0402853108.

Murray Bridge Annual All Culture Fest

Saturday 21st June 2014 in the Murray Bridge Town Hall at 1.30pm. The Rural City of Murray Bridge in collaboration with the Migrant Resource Centre and ac.care are running the event during Refugee Week 2014. There will be a variety of talented performances including singing and multicultural dancing, children's activities, afternoon tea and Colourfest films will be showcasing the best of short Australian multicultural films. Contact Simone Zrna by 16th June 2014 s.zrna@murraybridge.sa.gov.au or 85391182.

Engagement News!

Congratulations to Louise Donald and Jason McCullough on their recent engagement. We wish you both many years of happiness.



Walk Safely to School Day - Friday 23rd May 2014

Thanks to our staff, students and family members who attended our recent whole school walk around the Mypolonga community on Walk Safely to School Day. From all reports, everyone had an opportunity to take in some breathtaking views after walking up some very steep roads!



MCSC – Mypolonga Combined Sports Club
MFC – Mypolonga Football Club
MCC – Mypolonga Cricket Club

Planning Calendar Term 2 2014

MNLC – Mypolonga Netball League Club
MBHS – Murray Bridge High School

6	2/6 Gymnastics Newsletter Hats sent home and not required to be worn until September	3/6	4/6 Science Competition Year 7 Transition Information Night 7:00pm-9:00pm @ Murray Bridge High School	5/6 SRC Casual Day (proceeds to New Hope Cambodia)	6/6 Junior Primary Breakfast 3:00pm Assembly 3:30pm C&S Meeting MCSC Friday Night Tea	7/6 & 8/6 7/6 - RMFL Association Games Only
7	9/6 PUBLIC HOLIDAY	10/6 STUDENT FREE DAY	11/6	12/6	13/6 NO ASSEMBLY Scholastic book orders to be returned	14/6 & 15/6 14/6 - MFC/MNLC Mypo vs Jervois @ Jervois & bon fire night
8	16/6 Newsletter 3:30pm Improvement Committee meeting 7:00pm Finance Committee meeting 7:30pm Governing Council meeting	17/6 Upper Primary class visit to Monarto Zoo	18/6	19/6	20/6 3:00pm Assembly Mypo RSL Bingo BBQ Tea	21/6 & 22/6 21/6 - MFC/MNLC Mypo -v- Tailam @ Mypo including teas & MNLC Beach Party
9	23/6	24/6	25/6	26/6	27/6 3:00pm Assembly Reports sent home Unity College formal	28/6 & 29/6 28/6 - MFC/MNLC Mypo -v- Meningie @ Meningie
10	30/6 Parent/Teacher Interviews	1/7	2/7	3/7	4/7 Newsletter 1:45pm Assembly / 2:30pm Dismissal MCSC Friday Night Tea	5/7 & 6/7 5/7 - MFC/MNLC Mypo -v- Mannum @ Mannum

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