

Mypolonga Primary School & Community Newsletter

31st March 2014



Thanks to owners David and Mardi LeBrun, our SRC representatives were very fortunate to travel to the Disco in The Entertainer Limousine!

Teamwork
Integrity
Generosity of Spirit
Excellence
Respect

"When was the last time you did something for the first time?"
~ Unknown ~

Assembly Roster – Term 1 2014

Week 10 - Brayden Vandenberg, Henry Payne, William Schofield

Week 11 - Madeline Sorensen, Larissa Pike, Makayla Stimpson

Dates to Remember

. Mypolonga Primary School Sport's Day
Wednesday 9th April 2014 on the Mypolonga Primary School oval. A detailed program will be sent home in due course.

. Last Day of Term 1

Friday 11th April 2014. Please note times:
Assembly 1:45pm / Dismissal 2:30pm

. 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 Day

Tuesday 10th June 2014, following the June long weekend. The school will be closed on this day to allow for staff to undertake training and development.

2014 Payment of School Fees

A reminder that school fees are due to be paid by Friday 11th April 2014 (last day of Term 1). Please see Annie or Necia if you wish to apply for school card or you would like to arrange a payment plan prior to 11th April. Please also check your child/ren(s) school bags tonight for school account statements which have been sent home to families who have not yet paid their school fees. Thank you.

Enclosed with this Newsletter

. Sports' Day note & lunch order form

Notes to be returned

. Application to Travel on the School Bus (*bus students only*). Last Friday, a meeting was held with bus students to remind them of the appropriate bus procedures and safety. The form which was handed to all bus students last Friday, is to be returned to the school signed by Wednesday 2nd April 2014.

Happy Birthday

31/3 - Coen (Yr 4)
2/4 - Kailan (Yr 7)
9/4 - Jacinta (Yr 1)
10/4 - Baylee (Yr 3)



Rita's Roar

Disco

What a fantastic night we had! The theme of 'Frozen' was an inspired choice and the costumes were sensational. Colleen Wachtel (Nanna Colleen) painted the most amazing art work, including the "Frozen" back drop which was used for the photo booth.

Kelly Kuhn drove the SRC from the Club to the Institute in a limo. This was such a special treat for SRC members. The atmosphere at the Club, where the LMP class reps cooked 150 teas was electric. Thank you to all of the people who helped cook the teas under the leadership of Jane and Necia. I was very proud to see Meg, Chloe and Abbey, who are now in Year 8, volunteer to coordinate the meal orders while all of the children were getting ready. The SRC did a great job in managing the night, under Kerry's leadership. Thank you to all of the parents who helped to decorate the Institute. It looked amazing. Also thanks to Emma Pahl and Karen Ruckentstuhl who dispensed drinks all evening.

The move to first term was a great idea, especially for teachers on 'toilet patrol'. You cannot believe how many times children need to go to the toilet during the disco! When it's cold we freeze outside. We also really appreciated the parents who helped us clean up at the end of the night. Many hands make light work.

Bus

All bus users will receive a copy of our bus policy plus documentation about eligibility/ineligibility. Confirmation of your receipt of these documents needs to be returned to school asap. There have recently been 2 issues on the bus. The first is standing up while the bus is moving. Under no circumstances do children need to be standing, as this is extremely dangerous.

The second issue is around crossing the road once off the bus. Children need to wait until the bus leaves so they can see that both sides of the road are clear before crossing. We have had an incident where children crossed in front of the bus, unaware that a car was coming and they were almost hit. A meeting with all bus users was held on Friday to reinforce how serious these issues are. Bus monitors keep me informed of student behaviour on the bus.

Coming up...

During the holidays many things will be happening. Firstly, the library renovation will occur. Our aim is to use the library space more efficiently, so that we can eventually hold assembly there. The school will be re-cabled to ensure better access to our IT resources. A new PA / siren system will be installed.

Hot Off the Press

The Chief Executive of DECD Tony Harrison and the Chief Education Officer, Jayne Johnston, will be visiting our school on Wednesday 30th April 2014.

Warm Regards, Rita



Counsellor's Corner



Dear Families,

I would like to dedicate this fortnight's Counsellor Corner to a very special lady in our community....**Colleen Wachtel**.

Colleen has been a strong supporter and volunteer at our school for many, many years. She volunteered her time when her own two sons attended our school, she then continued to support the school when her grandchildren came along. Her grandchildren are now in High School and she is still happy and eager to support our school.



Recently, she painted 3 stunning backdrops for our Disco held last week, titled: FROZEN. Her artistic skills are outstanding and her props really make our Disco a stand out!

I would like to thank her on behalf of the whole school community for demonstrating my personal favourite TIGER Value: Generosity of Spirit.

Thanks Colleen, we are truly lucky to have you!

SRC - Disco Thanks

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everybody who helped in any way to make our Disco so successful. From the decorations to the music, from the snacks to the big clean-up!!! Please know that your help is valued, acknowledged and so, so needed!!!! Thank you, thank you, thank you, from the bottom of my heart.

A special mention must go to Kelly Kuhn (Elouise's mum) for offering the services of The Entertainer Limousine. What a surprise and a real treat for our SRC to be transported to the Disco in such luxury. Thanks so much Kelly!

The Entertainer Limousine is based right here in the Murraylands at Big Bend. This Limousine is owned by David and Mardi LeBrun and further information can be found at www.ultimatelimos.com.au/index.html



SRC - Casual Day

Thank you to everyone who supported our last casual day. A total of \$200.00 was raised for BlazeAid, a volunteer-based organisation that works with families and individuals in rural Australia after natural disasters such as fires and floods.

Also, the SRC have donated a small amount of money to Michelle Lloyd (Autumn's mum) towards her recovery after recent surgery.

Cheers, Kerry

Student Representative Council (SRC) Profile

Introducing...

Keeghan Davis
SRC Leader



As an SRC leader, I hope to... lead by example and encourage others.

Something you don't know about me... every third weekend I travel to see my Dad who lives in Port Pirie.

I like to read... Marvel graphic novels like Spider-man and Ghost Rider.

I like to watch... Comedies, family and action/adventure type shows or movies.

I like to listen to... Bon Jovi songs.

One day I hope to... work in the gaming industry or be an Architect.

If I could change something in the world I would... make it possible for people to not live in poverty.

The best thing about Mypolonga Primary School is... the School Shop because of the learning opportunities and the money that is raised.

Someone I really look up to is... Mrs Daniel, she is the School Counsellor, she's a Teacher and she is awesome!

Lower Middle Primary Fundraising Tea

Thank you to everyone who attended the fundraising tea held at the Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club on the Friday night before the school disco. A total of \$590.00 was raised for the Lower Middle Primary class, which will be put towards camp expenses.

It was an enjoyable, casual night at the Club where parents/caregivers and community members were able to meet some new faces, while catching up with old friends.

Special thanks to Jason 'JD' Daniel for cutting up the meat and his work in helping Tom Daniel and Daniel Martin cook the meat, Meg Daniel, Chloe Elliott and Abbey Kruschel for taking orders, Cass Martin, Mary Gill, Carolyn Kirby, Kym Walton, Carol Kruschel and Sandy George for helping in the kitchen and clearing dishes.

Thanks also to Top Notch Foods for their contribution towards the meat and marinade, Coles Murray Bridge for their kind donation of a gift card and the Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club for the use of their facilities.

Kind Regards, Jane & Necia



From top left: Jayden, Tom, Jackson



Above: Maddison & Johannah



Above: Amber, Chloe & Holly



Left: Larissa, Madalyn & Bella

**2014
SCHOOL
DISCO
FROZEN**



Below: DJs Tyler & Keeghan



Above: Ben, Sachin, Jason & Henry

Below from left: Teachers Nicole Christian, Amy Stone, Kim Polkinghorne, Rita O'Brien, Kerry Daniel, Jane Rumbelow, Anne Martin and Hailey Perry



Below from left: Paige, Amber, Riley, Bodi, Jackson and Kyal



Nature Wrist Bands

Thanks to Year 6 students Nick, Mostyn, Darcy and Tyler from the Young Environmental Leaders' Forum, the Junior Primary Year 1/2 class have recently learnt how to make nature wrist bands.

Students went into the garden and chose 'items of nature', which they attached to masking tape.

Pictured is Craig Gillett and James-Noah with their creative designs.



Moran Photography Workshop

Jim Filmer, a professional photographer, is contracted by the Moran Foundation to run free workshops for students on how to take memorable photos.

He spent an hour showing some great photos, and explaining a variety of rules about setting up a good shot. The Upper Primary Class were given a digital camera each and allowed to experiment with as many shots as they liked.

After 'shooting' the garden, Paul Jones' mechanical grave yard and the river, they chose their 5 best photos. The Moran Foundation provided 6 printers, and students were able to print and frame photos. It was an excellent learning experience, and we sincerely thank Jim and the Moran family for their generous support.

The knowledge learnt from this exercise will also help the Upper Primary students in their photography rotation during each visit from the Proud Mary.

Thank you
Moran
Foundation!



2014 International Competitions And Assessments For Schools (ICAS)

Sitting Dates

Science – Wednesday 4th June 2014

English – Tuesday 29th July 2014

Mathematics – Tuesday 12th August 2014

There is an opportunity for Year 2-7 students to participate in the 2014 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) in the key subject areas of Science, Mathematics and English. **All students receive a certificate** and an **individual student report** indicating which questions they answered correctly and their score compared with the rest of the students tested.

These competitions, unlike NAPLAN, which is for all Year 3, 5 and 7 students, are designed for our “top” students who have an interest and are skilled in a particular learning area.

To guide you, we will nominate students whom we feel will benefit from participating in these tests.

Naturally, the decision is up to you. There is no expectation that your child has to participate because they have been nominated or that they cannot participate if they have not been nominated. Our aim is to support you to make informed decisions.

A nomination form will be sent home to nominated students' parents/caregivers before the end of the term to inform you of our nominations.

Please feel free to discuss this with your child's teacher if you have any concerns.

Gymnastics

Our five week Gymnastics program will commence on the first Monday back at school in Term 2 (Monday 28th April 2014) and will continue until Monday Week 6. (Monday 10th June 2014 is a student free day),

This year, we have engaged the company Primary Sports, who are a qualified company with qualified instructors.

The cost of the program is included in your school fees (so there will be no extra charge) and sessions will be held at the Mypolonga Institute. At the completion of the program, all students will receive a certificate of achievement, which will be placed in report folders.

We remind students to wear appropriate school uniform on these days in order for them to use the equipment accurately.

SAPSASA Boys Softball

Congratulations to Rohan Bartholomeusz, Cameron Hazel, Mostyn Payne and Luke Crouch on being selected in the Murraylands' boys softball team. We wish the boys well as they compete in the State Carnival in Adelaide this week.

Class Awards

Term 1 Week 8

Junior Primary class

Lyam Marshall - a happy and polite student who always gives 100%.

Junior Primary 1 class

Ethan Kennedy - for fantastic work in the School Shop last week selling 17 bag tags!

Reegan Candy - for showing huge improvement in all subject areas.

Lower Middle Primary class

Mitchell Pahl - Improvement in Reading.

Leila Dahlitz - always giving 100% to her work.

Middle Primary class

Chloe Pahl - excellent role model in the classroom.

Holly Rathjen - a kind and considerate class member.

Upper Primary class

Brayden Vandenberg - for excellent work in his Maths test.

Shaeden Lukey - for great work on persuasive writing.

Kiwanis Club of Murray Bridge Terrific Kids Awards - Term 1 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
Kyal McDonald



Middle Primary
Henry Payne

Lower Middle Primary
Harry Stone



Junior Primary 1
Joe Tidy



Junior Primary
Alarah Sipos



SAPSASA Swimming

Congratulations to Year 7 student Kailan Challenger (*pictured*) on being selected in the Murraylands SAPSASA team for the Country Swimming Championships on Friday 21st March 2014.

Kailan competed at the SA Aquatic and Leisure Centre in the 12 year old 50m individual freestyle and in the 13 year old 50m freestyle relay team.

In the 50m individual freestyle event, Kailan was placed 16th out of 24 and came 4th in his heat. In the relay, he finished 5th in his heat. Kailan said, 'I got to meet new people and it was a great experience'.

On 22nd and 23rd March 2014, Kailan also competed in the Athletics State Individual Championships at Santos Stadium. He competed in 5 events, with outstanding achievements of being placed 4th in the Under 12s Triple Jump event and 5th in the Under 12s Javelin event. Well done Kailan!

**Class Camps - Advanced Notice**

Lower Middle/Middle Primary - El Shadai, Wellington, Monday 1st September - Wednesday 3rd September 2014

Junior Primary/Junior Primary 1 - Barossa Bowland (day excursion), plus sleepover in Mypolonga, Wednesday 3rd September - Thursday 4th September 2014

Upper Primary - Aquatics Camp, Murray Bridge, Monday 10th November - Wednesday 12th November 2014

Further details re costs and itinerary will be sent home in due course.

Murray Bridge High School**2014 Student Representative Council**

In Week 5, the 2014 Murray Bridge High School SRC were inducted. We **congratulate** and are proud to say a number of Mypolonga Primary School's former students were included in this induction:

Year 12: Luke Johnson (Head Prefect)

Year 10: Cooper Walton (Year 10 Captain)

Year 9: Kosta Bartholomeusz (Year 9 Vice Captain)

Year 8: Isaac Matheson (Year 8 Captain)

Murray Bridge High School Transition Program - (Year 7 Parents/Caregivers)

Early in Term 2, Year 7 parents/caregivers will receive an Intention to Enrol package containing a MBHS enrolment form and invitations to transition evenings. In the meantime, the dates to remember are:

Transition Evening @ St Joseph's Primary School
Wednesday 21st May 2014 5:30pm-6:30pm

Information Night @ Murray Bridge High School
Wednesday 11th June 2014 (times to be advised)

**Community News****Mypolonga Football Club**

Merchandise - That time of year again TIGERS! Polo shirts, long sleeve shirts, anoraks, hoodies & sports bags all with the MFC logo - ready to be yours! Call in and see Stuart and his team at Im-Press Promotions, 132 Adelaide Road, Murray Bridge (Ph: 85324283) to place your order. Prices and details can be found on the Mypolonga Football Club Facebook page or see Necia at the school for a price list. Also, a merchandise tent will be set up near the Canteen at the first couple of home games.

Home Match Teas - Saturday 12th April 2014 at the Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club. Meals served from 6:00pm.

Keep the Date Free!...

Premiership Reunion Day - Saturday 12th July 2014 at the Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club. Catch up with supporters, community members and players (past and present). Relive the premiership wins of the 1989 (As and Bs side), 1994 (As side) and 2004 (15s side).

Mypolonga Netball League Club

Tiger Ball - an event not to be missed! From 7:00pm on Saturday 17th May 2014 at the Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club, featuring top Adelaide band Idle Saints. Cocktail attire, nibbles supplied and bar facilities will be available. \$50.00 per person. For tickets and information, contact Kelsey Milne on 0431563839 and also keep an eye out for details posted on the Mypolonga Tigers Social Facebook page and Mypolonga Netball Club Facebook Group.

Mypolonga Cricket Club

Annual Presentation Dinner - Saturday 5th April 2014 from 6:30pm. Main meals \$10.00-\$15.00. Children's meals \$5.00-\$10.00. All junior members and their families are most welcome. Trophies will be presented to U10s, U12s, U15s, Bs and As. For further enquiries, please contact Kym Walton 0488020715 or Al Schenscher 0400252952. Congratulations also to the Mypolonga CC Under 15's team (coached by Mark Elliott), who remained undefeated all season and reached the grand final against Palmer CC. Unfortunately, the boys didn't come away with a win but had a terrific season nonetheless!

Headspace

Skate Competition - Friday 4th April 2014 from 5:00pm-9:00pm at the Murray Bridge Skate Park. Entry forms available from Hittin' The Street, Murray Bridge. **Battle of the Bands** - Saturday 12th April 2014 from 5:00pm-10:00pm, live at The Station. 10 bands will be competing.

SA Excellence in Public Education Awards

The **SA Excellence in Public Education Awards** is a prestigious annual awards scheme supported by the State Government. It recognises, rewards and celebrates the valuable contributions of dedicated and effective education, child support and child protection workers who help to change lives for the better and make a difference for students and school communities. Help us to celebrate their achievements and reward their dedication by nominating outstanding professionals for an award, by visiting <http://www.decd.sa.gov.au/teachingawards/pages/default/nominate>. Anyone can nominate, so don't miss out on the opportunity to show your appreciation for an inspirational role model who is making a difference for children and young people in your community.



Tiger Trekkers



**Relay for Life Team
Saturday 18th October 2014**

As mentioned in an earlier newsletter, a number of the Mypolonga Primary School Staff will be participating in this year's Relay for Life to be held in Murray Bridge on Saturday 18th October 2014.

Relay For Life is a wonderful overnight event that is an opportunity for family, friends and colleagues to get together with the community and **celebrate** cancer survivors, **remember** loved ones lost to cancer, and **fight back** against a disease that takes too much.

It is a unique event where teams of 10 to 15 challenge themselves to take turns to keep a baton moving in a relay style walk or run overnight. Free entertainment, prizes and ceremonies make Relay For Life so inspirational.

Our team, the "**Tiger Trekkers**", have begun fundraising for this event by creating a Mini-Lottery. Ticket information is detailed below and tickets can be purchased from one of our Tiger Trekkers or by calling into the front office. Collection boxes are also housed in the school office, in our school shop and at the Mypolonga General Store for anyone wishing to make donations.

We look forward to receiving support from the school and Mypolonga community in our quest to help fight cancer!

* For further information on Relay for Life, visit relayforlife.org.au.

PRIZES

1ST \$500
2ND \$300
3RD \$100

**Relay for Life Team
Mini-Lottery**

TICKETS
\$20.00 each



* 9 Weekly Draws of \$20 each (drawn 1:30pm each Wednesday from 7/5/14 at the Mypolonga Primary School)

* Major Prizes drawn at the End of Term 2 Assembly (Friday 04/07/14) @ 2:00pm

* Maximum No. of tickets – 100

* All winners will be notified by telephone and results published in the school newsletter

Staff Recipe Book

As part of our "Tiger Trekker" fundraising, staff members have chosen two of their favourite 'tried & true' recipes (one sweet/one savoury) to make up a recipe book. Our SSOs Sharon and Janice have kindly offered to collate the recipes to make the recipe books available for families, community members and school shop visitors to purchase in Term 2.




Planning Calendar - Term 1 2014

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

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

10	31/3 Newsletter	1/4	2/4	3/4	4/4 3:00pm Assembly	5/4 & 6/4 5/4 - RMFL/RMNA season commences Mypo vs Ramblers @ Ramblers 6/4 - Daylight savings ends
11	7/4	8/4	9/4 School Sports' Day	10/4	11/4 *School fees due* Last day of Term 1 Newsletter 1:45pm Assembly 2:30pm Dismissal	12/4 & 13/4 12/4 - MFC/MNLC Mypo vs Jervois @ Mypo
	14/4 Week 1 School Holidays	15/4	16/4	17/4	18/4 Good Friday → School Shop open for business!	19/4 & 20/4 Easter Saturday & Sunday No MFC Football / MNLC Netball
	21/4 Easter Monday Week 2 School Holidays	22/4	23/4	24/4	25/4 Anzac Day → School Shop open for business!	26/4 & 27/4 26/4 - MFC/MNLC Mypo vs Tailam @ Tailam

Planning Calendar - Term 2 2014

1	28/4 Gymnastics	29/4	30/4	1/5	2/5 3:00pm Assembly	3/5 & 4/5 3/5 - MFC/MNLC Mypo vs Meningie @ Mypo
2	5/5 Gymnastics Newsletter	6/5	7/5 7:00pm Sustainability Committee Meeting	8/5	9/5 3:00pm Assembly 3:30pm C&S meeting in the Library	10/5 & 11/5 10/5 - MFC/MNLC Mypo vs Mannum @ Mypo 11/5 -  Mothers' Day
3	12/5 Gymnastics 3:30pm Improvement Committee meeting 7:00pm Finance Committee meeting 7:30pm Governing Council meeting	13/5 NAPLaN	14/5 NAPLaN	15/5 NAPLaN	16/5 3:00pm Assembly Mypo RSL Bingo BBQ tea	17/5 & 18/5 17/5 - MFC/MNLC Mypo vs Imps @ Imps 17/5 MNLC Tiger Ball

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