

Mypolonga Primary School & Community Newsletter

3rd February 2014



Welcome back to a new school year!

Teamwork
Integrity
Generosity of Spirit
Excellence
Respect

"Do what you love, love what you do." *Molly Kneebone*

Assembly Roster – Term 1 2014

Week 2 - No Assembly (due to swimming lessons)

Week 3 - Alys Bockman, Baden Monjean, Isla Gielen

Included in this Newsletter

- ❖ Family Fun Night Invitation
- ❖ Governing Council AGM note and nomination slip

2014 Permission/Consent Forms

We kindly ask that all 2014 permission slips be returned to the school as soon as possible. Please advise of any change to contact details or medical conditions as they occur during the year.

Dates to Remember

- . Family Fun Night - Friday 14th February 2014 from 6:00pm
- . Governing Council AGM – Monday 17th February 2014 at 7:00pm

School Newsletter

Each Monday fortnight, our school newsletter is sent home with the eldest child in the family and also emailed to those families who have requested it.

If you have any community news, which you would like to share with the rest of the community, please provide your written article/note to the office staff or email info@mypolongaps.sa.edu.au on the Wednesday prior to the newsletter being distributed.

School Office

A reminder our school office hours are 8:30am to 4:30pm. Out of office hours, you may like to leave a message on our voice mail system or send us an email at info@mypolongaps.sa.edu.au

Happy Birthday

- 5/2 - Johannah (Year 5)
- 9/2 - Riley (Year 6)
- 11/2 - Brodie (Year 4)
- 15/2 - Tahlia (Reception)
- 16/2 - Benjamin (Year 3)



Welcome Back!

Welcome back to all of our old faces and our many new ones. We are looking forward to another great year with lots of great learning happening. There is a lovely atmosphere in all of the classes. Please put aside the 14th February for our Family Fun Night at Woodlane Reserve. This is a fantastic opportunity to meet our new families and just catch up with each other over a sausage. A flier is enclosed with this newsletter.

Another date to remember is Monday 17th February, which is the Annual General Meeting of our Governing Council. I am very proud of our community and the way it supports our school and I am sure this meeting will be well attended. If you want to know what's going on in your children's school, join a committee. A nomination form is enclosed.

Farewell Molly

The Mypolonga community joins with the Taillem Bend community in mourning the loss of Noel and Karen Kneebone's beautiful daughter Molly at the end of last term. Never was a child more loved by her family, and respected by her community, as was evidenced by her inspirational funeral. Molly will live long in everybody's hearts.

Noel was our Principal at Mypo before he became the Principal of Taillem, and Molly started school with us. Noel's contribution to our culture was significant and he still has a great impact on our school as a cluster leader. I will always appreciate the way Noel mentored me in my early years as a Principal, and I value his collegiality and advice.

When tragedy like this strikes, people start to look at what really is important in their lives. In the blink of an eye our lives can be changed forever. Honour Molly's memory by telling your children you love them every day.

Parking

As our school expands, we understand that it is becoming more difficult to drop off your children quickly. Could you please drop off your children **at the front of the school**, as a bottleneck is being created at the back of the school near the staff car park. There is not enough room at the back of the school as it is, for all of the staff cars, but it is extremely difficult with parent cars as well.

Congratulations House Captains!

Hot off the press! Well done to the following students:

Red: **Captains:** Paige Vandenberg and Brayden Vandenberg
(Murray) Vice Captains: Alyssa Grove, Amber Nutt and Logan Holmes

Blue: **Captains:** Maddi Rathjen and Keeghan Davis
(Hindmarsh) Vice Captains: Alys Bockman and Jack Harris

Gold: **Captains:** Madi Kruschel and Kailan Challinger
(Finnis) Vice Captains: Madeline Sorensen and Riley Smelt

Warm Regards, Rita

Let's get reading!!

Counsellor's Corner



For my first insert this year, I am hoping to get you thinking about how best you can support your child. Michael Grose has brilliant ideas, lots of things to actually get you thinking about what you already do, and also, what you could improve on. If you go to his website – Michael Grose Parenting Website, you can get help on any topic you can think of.

New Year parenting resolutions, goals & improvements

Submitted by: Michael Grose

'Here are some thoughts and ideas to help you choose your New Year's parenting resolutions this year.

1. Teenagers with good mental health generally live in families that have at least 6 meals together each week with technology off. Will your family come together enough this year?
2. Modern children need parents who are digitally-aware to keep them safe and help them negotiate the online world. Would you consider yourself a digitally-aware parent?
3. Effective parents match their parenting style to kids' current developmental needs. Are you meeting your children's current needs or are you meeting the needs of their previous stage?
4. Gender differences in kids are bigger than we often credit. How gender aware are you as a parent?
5. Sibling relationships generally outlast the parent-child relationship. What are you doing to foster close relationships between children?
6. Parents either make their kids dependent on them or aim at making their kids independent of them. Will you live in Dependency Drive or roll down Redundancy Road this year?
7. Healthy families experience a compliment to criticism ratio of at least 5 to 1. How's the mood in your family and how will you contribute to it this year?
8. Great families are lead by 'intentional' parents with strong values that govern their parenting behaviour. Have you thought about the five key values that you want your kids to develop this year? What will your family's brand look like this year? '

Remember, if you have any questions or need help with anything regarding your child, please don't hesitate to contact me at the school.

Cheers, Kerry Daniel
(School Counsellor)

School Uniform Items

Below is a reminder of what items you may like to purchase from the school:

- . School bags \$35.00
- . Iron-on transfers (black or gold) \$2.20 ea
- . School dress fabric \$8.00 per metre
- . Second hand uniform items (shirts, pants, shorts etc.) starting from \$1.00. We are currently in short supply of black/gold t-shirts. If you have any 'outgrown' shirts you would like to donate to the school, it would be greatly appreciated.
- . Hats – Legionnaire style \$4.50 / Broad Brimmed \$7.50

*** Please remember to name ALL items!**

Enterprise Recess/Lunch Term 1 (commencing Week 3)

Tuesday Recess – provided by the Lower Middle Primary Class:

Icecream in cone (vanilla) - \$1.00 ea



Wednesday Lunch – provided by the Middle Primary Class:

Salad Roll (chicken, ham and/or cheese including choice of salad) - \$2.50 ea



Orders will only be taken if payment is made at the same time. Items sold under our Enterprise program comply with the "right bite" Education Department policy. All profit raised contributes to the students' learning, resources, camps and excursions.

Piano Lessons

Private piano lessons will be available for new and existing students, to be held at the school, commencing in Week 3.

We are fortunate to have two piano teachers providing lessons in 2014; Chris Hodgen will provide a 30 minute lesson, while Catherine Challenger will provide 30 minute lessons on Thursday mornings.

Please contact the school for Chris Hodgen's details or call Catherine Challenger direct on 0416772241 to express your interest.

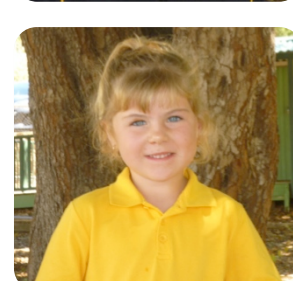
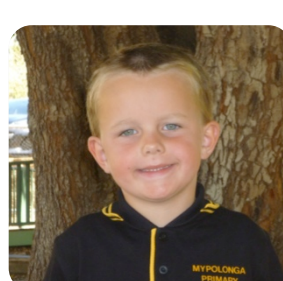
Car Parking

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

School Photo Day

School Photo Day will be held on Wednesday 19th February 2014. An envelope to order photos will be sent home in the near future.

We extend a very big welcome to all our new students and their families!



Junior Primary Class Reception students

Top Row (from left): Blake Kennedy, Alarah Sipos, Ariel Challinger (sister to Kailan), Tahlia Ross (sister to Jackson)

Second Row (from left): Matilda Stone (sister to Harry), Levi Gray, Brandon Pahl, Kallan Hearne (brother to Jayden)

Third Row (from left): Tehya Fawdry (sister to Kye), Lyam Marshall, Ledja Gray, Reagan Martin (sister to Georgia)

Left: Haydn Castle

Junior Primary 1 Class (below)

From left:

Zac Kennison (Year 1), Mater Vandeleur (Year 1), Ethan Kennedy (Year 2), Isabella Fry (Year 1), Drew Bettcher (Year 1)



Lower Middle Primary Class (left)

From left:

Baylee Cooper (Year 3), Zoe Bettcher (Year 3), Luke Abbott (Year 3)

Upper Primary



Jack Harris (Year 7)



Middle Primary Class (left)

From back left: Jackson Hughes (Year 5), Blake Fidge (Year 5), Brodie Hearse (Year 4) and Jacinta Fry (Year 5)

Community News

Mypolonga Football Club / Mypolonga Netball League Club Registration Night

The annual MFC & MNLC player registration night will be held at the Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club on Friday 7th February 2014 between 5:30pm and 7:00pm. Meals will be available from 6:00pm.

Football Training commences:-

U13, U11 & U9 – Wednesday 5th March 2014 from 4:45pm-5:45pm

U17 ½ & U15 - Wednesday 5th February 2014 from 5:00pm-6:30pm.

Trainings for all teams will revert back to Thursdays on 27th March 2014.

A free bus will be provided by the football club to transport players to training from Wednesday 5th March 2014. The bus leaves the Daily Deli (Mannum Road) at 4:30pm sharp and will deliver each player back to their respective homes (they will not drop off anywhere else unless previously arranged).

If you cannot attend the registration night, or do not intend to play for the Tigers in 2014, please notify the Junior Committee Secretary Kym Bates on 0438311781 as soon as possible.

Mypolonga Cricket Club - McGrath Foundation **Pink** Stumps Day

Mypolonga Cricket Club is pleased to be holding a '**Pink** Stumps Day' on Saturday 15th February 2014 at the Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club. The day will commence with the U15s playing Taliesin Bend in the morning, followed by the 'A' grade facing off against Wanderers in the afternoon. The day will include food, drinks, auction of memorabilia and great cricket with great company. Donations to the McGrath Foundation will be kindly accepted on the day or you can donate to our fundraising page:

<http://pinkstumpsday2014.gofundraise.com.au/page/mypolongacricketclub>

Congratulations

Congratulations to Jodie and Derek Hagger on the recent arrival of little Zara. Zara is a sister to Riley in Year 1 and Ava.

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

2	3/2 Swimming Lessons for Reception to Year 5 students Newsletter	4/2	5/2 5:00pm-6:30pm MFC training starts (U17½ and 15s)	6/2	7/2 No Assembly → 5:30pm-7:00pm MFC & MNLC Registration Night and tea from 6:00pm @ MCSC	8/2 & 9/2
3	10/2	11/2 9:00am Playgroup commences	12/2 6:00pm MBHS BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) Information & Acquaintance Evening	13/2	14/2 6:00pm Family Fun Night	15/2 & 16/2 15/2 - MCC Pink Stumps Day
4	17/2 Newsletter 7:00pm Governing Council AGM	18/2	19/2 School Photo Day	20/2	21/2 3:00pm Assembly	22/2 & 23/2

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