

Mypolonga Primary School & Community Newsletter

3rd March 2014

Postcard from School Shop Visitor...

"To all the children and teachers. We had a great time at your beautiful school the other Friday when our bus/boat trip stopped there. The lemonade was delicious, especially with the very hot weather. Thank you for showing us your classrooms. We were very impressed with all the children and how comfortable they were talking to strangers and making them feel welcome."

Julie & Brian Paice, Lalor, Victoria

Teamwork
Integrity
Generosity of Spirit
Excellence
Respect

"Courage doesn't always roar. Sometimes courage is the quiet voice at the end of the day saying, 'I will try again tomorrow'." *Mary Anne Radmacher*

Assembly Roster – Term 1 2014

Week 6 - Alyssa Grove, Johannah Hobbs, Madalyn Uren

Week 7 - NO ASSEMBLY

Dates to Remember

. **Student Free Day** - Tuesday 11th March 2014 (following the Adelaide Cup long weekend). The school will be closed on this day to allow for staff training and development. **Please note that there will be no enterprise lunches available on the Wednesday and assembly will not be held on the Friday of this week (Week 7).**

. **Photo Catch Up Day** - Wednesday 12th March 2014 for any students who were absent on our recent photo day. On this day, Year 7 students will have their group and individual photos taken wearing their Year 7 t-shirts/jumpers.

. **SRC Casual Day** - Thursday 13th March 2014. More information to be sent home this week!

. **Junior Primary breakfast** - Thursday 13th March 2014. A detailed note will be sent home this week.

. **Lower Middle Primary Fundraising tea** - Friday 21st March 2014 from 5:30pm at the Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club (before the school disco). Details will be sent home in due course.

Swimming Lessons - bus travel costs

A reminder that payment of travel costs for swimming lessons was due on Friday 21st February 2014.

2014 Payment of School Fees

A reminder that this year's school fees are due to be paid **by the end of the term, Friday 11th April 2014**. If you wish to arrange an instalment plan, please see Annie or Necia in the office.

Happy Birthday

4/3 - Jessica (Year 6)
5/3 - Cameron (Year 6)
5/3 - Haydn (Reception)
8/3 - Kane (Year 5)
10/3 - Marcus (Year 3)
10/3 - Autumn (Year 1)
12/3 - Blake (Reception)
16/3 - Isla (Year 2)



The Community to the Rescue

Last week, one of the globes in the lights in the playground shattered sending miniscule shards of glass into the bark chips. After about an hour of picking up the shards, we realised that we would never be sure that we had picked up all of the glass and that it would be too unsafe for the children to play in the playground.

Once the decision was made, Annie went to work. By the end of the day, she had organised Ash Martin to deliver new bark chips by Saturday so that, on Saturday morning, a team of parents could remove all of the old bark chips and replace them with new ones.

I want to extend my grateful thanks to David Hughes, Daniel Martin, Derek Hagger, Jackson and Robert Hughes, Shaeden Lukey, Ash Martin, Jason Fry, Matt Lindner and Wayne Kuhn for dropping everything to come to school and replace the bark chips. Our community astounds me!

Out of the mouths of babes

Last week, Kerry went into the Reception class to explain her role as School Counsellor to the children and how they can come to her if they have any problems they needed to discuss with her. The conversation turned to other leaders and went as follows:

Child 1: 'Mrs O'Brien is the king of our school.'

Child 2: 'She's not the king, she's the queen.'

Kerry: 'Mrs O'Brien is our boss, but she has a boss too.'

Child 3: 'Yes we know, its Mrs Martin!'

Governing Council

Once again, we have had wonderful support from our community and have a full Governing Council. We thank Mr Kym Walton who retired this year and we welcome Sharleen Vandeleur on to our team.

I would like to congratulate the following members of Governing Council.

Ian Payne - Chairperson

Matt Kruschel - Vice Chairperson / Treasurer

Sarah Elliott - Secretary

Rita O'Brien - Principal

Kim Polkinghorne & Amy Stone - Staff Reps

Maddi Rathjen/Keeghan Davis - SRC Student Reps Terms 1 and 2

Mary Gill - Parents and Friends' Community & Service Rep

Jodie Hagger - Playgroup Rep

Yvette Rathjen, David Peterson, Jo Hutchinson, Prue McDonald,

Karen Montgomery, Jacqui Sorensen, Sharleen Vandeleur

Sub committee members will be announced in the next newsletter.

Student Free Day

Next Tuesday is our student free day. On this day, we will be focussing on the development of oral language across the school, which is a major focus of our Site Improvement Plan this year.



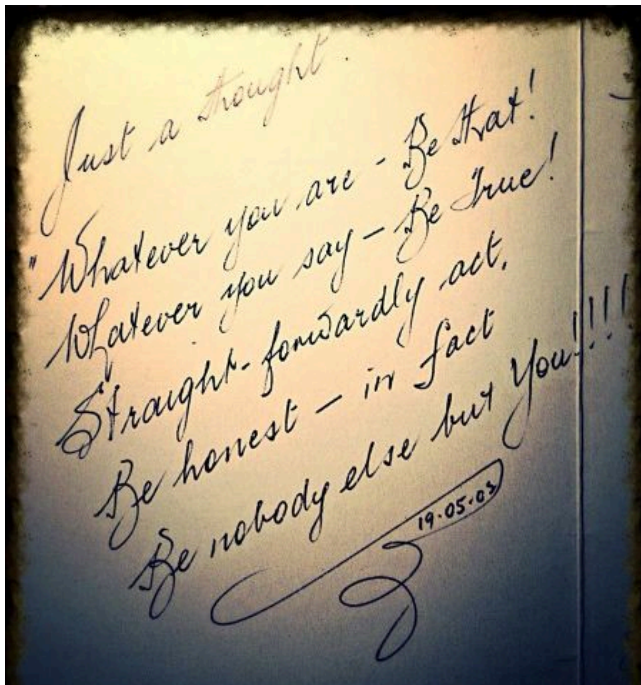
Did you know?

Last year, we were able to create 3 Maths classes from years 4-7 to create smaller groupings, but to also give students targeted support or extension at their level. This was such a success and we have continued with this, this year. We have also been able to do the same from Years 1 -3. This again means smaller groupings, but also consistent approaches across year levels.

Warm Regards, Rita

Counsellor's Corner**Just a Thought...**

This fortnight, I thought I would like to share with you some beautiful words written by Fred Faehrmann (Hailey's special Pappa) who passed away last year. He wrote these words to his grandson, but I think they are words that can inspire us all.



Thanks Hailey, for letting me share your Pappa's wisdom with the Mypolonga Community.

Cheers, Kerry

Mathletics

Our school has once again paid for registration of Mathletics for Year 1 to 7 students. Mathletics is a web-based numeracy and literacy-learning program, which integrates home and school learning via the Internet. Your child has a 24-hour access to the program by using a unique user name and password, which they can also use at home.

When you have a free minute, take a look at the program, so that you can gain the great understanding of how Mathletics will benefit your child. To view the program, visit www.mathletics.com.au.

Class Awards**Term 1 Week 4****Junior Primary class**

Tehya Fawdry - for always trying her very best in every learning activity.

Junior Primary 1 class

Drew Bettcher - for being a great TIGER and encouraging his friends.

Shaylee Martin - for a great work ethic and always working hard in class.

Lower Middle Primary class

Kiarra Gillett - improved focus on her work this week.

Linx Baker - great number work this week.

Middle Primary class

Coen Martin - excellent work on Homophones.

Jason Crouch - great improvement in writing.

Upper Primary class

Logan Holmes - for using her initiative to challenge herself in Maths.

Paige Vandenberg - for excellent writing in Narrative.

SRC News**Disco**

Our school disco will now be held on **Friday 21st March 2014** at the Mypolonga Institute. We have had to reschedule the date (from Friday 28th March 2014) as it coincided with a scouting event a number of our students were participating in. Details of the disco were provided last Friday.

Casual Day

Thursday 13th March 2014. A note will be sent home this week.

Woolworths Earn and Learn

We have recently received a number of boxes of learning resources, which we were able to purchase from the thousands of stickers sent in by the Mypolonga school community during last year's Woolworths Earn and Learn program.

Some of the resources included:

- . Adventure jigsaw puzzle set
- . Sea life weaving mats
- . Swivel world globe
- . Alphabet stamp set
- . Magnetic whiteboard sets
- . Classroom playing card set

Students from all classes are already using the wide selection of resources received. Pictured below are Ryder Egel, Mackenzie Lindner and Erin McDonald with some of the items.

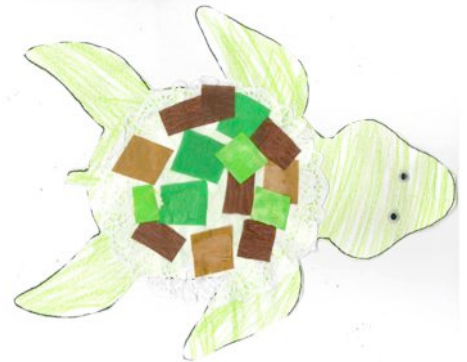


Junior Primary's Class Pet Tiger the Turtle....

Last week, our Playgroup friends were introduced to the Junior Primary's Class Pet "Tiger the Turtle". Mrs Stone spoke about Tiger's needs and his characteristics. Following the talk, the students were asked to make their own Tiger artwork, which is now proudly on display in the Junior Primary classroom.



Meet Tiger: Reception student
Lyam Marshall with Tiger



Tiger the Turtle artwork: by
Reception student Ellie Pontt

SAPSASA Swimming Trials

**** All boys and girls born in 2004 or earlier are eligible to try out **** Swimmers selected will represent the Murraylands in the SAPSASA Country Championships at Marion on Friday, 21st March 2014.

Date: Tuesday 4th March 2014

Time: from 4:00pm

Location: Murray Bridge Swimming Pool

Community News

Mypolonga Football Club

Football Training commences - U13, U11, U9 & U7s – Wednesday 5th March 2014 from 4:45pm-5:45pm. Trainings for all teams will revert back to Thursdays on 27th March 2014.

Trial matches - Wednesday 19th March 2014 @ 6:30pm vs Hahndorf @ Hahndorf (Seniors only)
Saturday 29th March 2014 vs Nairne Bremer @ Mypo. Seniors 12:40pm/2:20pm ~ U17s 11:15am ~ U15s 10:00am. Come along and support the boys in the lead up to season 2014!

Mypolonga Netball League Club

Junior Netball Training commences - Thursday 6th March 2014 @ 5:30pm at the Christian Reserve Courts, Murray Bridge.

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 presented to U10s, U12, U15s, Bs and As. For further enquiries, please contact Kym Walton 0488020715 or Al Schenscher 0400252952.

Netball SA

School Holiday Netball Clinics - Wednesday 23rd and Thursday 24th April 2014 at Netball SA Stadium. Have fun while learning new netball skills, drills and techniques. Register at <http://www.trybooking.com/EEYF>. For costs, times and age levels, please contact 82380500.

International Women's Day

International Women's Day celebration - Thursday 6th March 2014 from 10:00am to 12:30pm at the Murray Bridge Regional Gallery. Everyone is welcome to attend a free morning tea, entertainment and inspiration. Ph: 85391420 for further information.

Communities for Children - Cooking Capers for Kids

Cupcake decorating - Saturday 29th March 2014 at the Murray Bridge Farmers Market, Wharf Road, Murray Bridge. Free, creative, fun food sessions for children aged 3 to 12 years. All decorations and ingredients supplied. For further details on session times and registrations, please contact Karen at ac.care - Communities for Children on 85326303.

Murraylands Career Expo

Friday 9th May 2014 at the Murray Bridge Basketball Stadium. Students, parents and community members are welcome to attend this community event. Visit <http://www.murraylandscareerexpo.org.au> for further information.

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

6	3/3 Newsletter	4/3	5/3 4:45pm-5:45pm MFC U13, U11, U9 & U7s training starts	6/3 5:30pm - MNLC junior training commences @ Christian Reserve Courts	7/3 3:00pm Assembly from 6:00pm MCSC tea	8/3 & 9/3
7	10/3 PUBLIC HOLIDAY (ADELAIDE CUP)	11/3 STUDENT FREE DAY	12/3 No enterprise lunches Photo catch up day / Year 7 individual and group photos	13/3 SRC Casual Day Junior Primary breakfast	14/3 NO ASSEMBLY 3:30pm C&S Meeting	15/3 & 16/3
8	17/3 Newsletter 3:30pm Improvement Committee meeting 7:00pm Finance Committee meeting 7:30pm Governing Council meeting	18/3	19/3 6:30pm MFC Seniors Trial Match 6:30pm vs Hahndorf @ Hahndorf	20/3	21/3 3:00pm Assembly Harmony Day Mypo RSL Bingo BBQ tea from 5:30pm Lower Middle Primary Fundraising tea 7:00pm School Disco	22/3 & 23/3
9	24/3 Upper Primary Moran Photographic visit	25/3	26/3	27/3	28/3 3:00pm Assembly	29/3 & 30/3 29/3 - MFC trial matches vs Nairne Bremer @ Mypo
10	31/3 Newsletter	1/4	2/4	3/4	4/4 3:00pm Assembly	5/4 & 6/4 6/4 - Daylight savings ends
11	7/4	8/4	9/4 School Sports' Day	10/4	11/4 Newsletter 2:00pm Assembly 2:30pm Dismissal	12/4 & 13/4

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