

Mypolonga Primary School & Community Newsletter

3rd November 2014



Teamwork
Integrity
Generosity of
Spirit
Excellence
Respect

**"All our dreams can come true - if we have
the courage to pursue them."**

~ Walt Disney ~

Term 4 Assembly Roster

Week 4 - Kyly Reen, Clay Burgess, Linx Baker

Week 5 - NO ASSEMBLY

Dates to Remember

Upper Primary Aquatics Camp 12/11/14-14/11/14 - full payment due by 10th November 2014 please.

Enclosed with this Newsletter

- . 2014 Magazine note
- . 2014 Concert ticket note

Notification of Absences

If students are going to be absent from school, we kindly ask parents/caregivers (not siblings or friends) to provide an appropriate reason for absence ie. illness (including medical appointments) or family (social). Usually, this comprises a note in the student's school diary/communication folder, a telephone call or an email. You may also leave a voicemail message on the school's message bank during out of school hours. If there are unexplained absences at the end of the week, our School Counsellor will contact the parent/caregiver to ask for the reason of absence.

Families seeking extended leave for their child (5 school days or more), eg. for family holidays, must apply in writing to the school for an exemption, using the appropriate form available from the school office.

We also ask that when signing students in or out, parents/caregivers indicate the reason for absence ie. **illness** (including appointments) or **family**. If either of these reasons are not stated, the absence will be noted on our database as **unexplained**.

Happy Birthday

4/11 - Jackson (Year 5)
11/11 - Madalyn (Year 3)
11/11 - Matilda (Reception)
14/11 - Bodi Stewart (Year 6)
14/11 - William Schofield (Year 3)
16/11 - Erin McDonald (Year 3)



Rita's Roar

2015 Classes

We are currently organising classes for next year. At the moment, we have advertised our contract positions and are waiting to hear from DECD Human Resources if our teachers have been reappointed.

However, one person who will not be returning next year is Nicole Christian. Nicole is looking forward to new challenges, has thoroughly enjoyed her 4 years at Mypo and is now ready to move on. Everyone here at Mypo wishes her well. She will be missed.

Classes for next year are quite tricky and we have been looking at ways to structure them so that all students have the best opportunities for success. As soon as we are clear about placements we will let you know.

Choir

I was so proud to see our students perform twice at the Town Hall as part of the Festival of Music. Our kids did us proud and many songs tugged at our heartstrings. Well done to our soloists: Maddi Cain, Baden Monjean, Sachin Bartholomeusz, Paris Montgomery-Pittaway and Bella Smith and compere Maddi Rathjen.

I was also pleased to see former students Jordan and Bailee Holmes and Zac Wachtel perform as highly accomplished assisting artists. A big thankyou needs to go to choir trainer Chris Hodgen and Kerry Daniel who spent a great deal of time working with teachers from other schools to manage this great event. Our Education Director, Frank Mittiga attended the event and was very impressed.

*Warm Regards,
Rita*

Counsellor's Corner



Handy Hints for Improving Learning

The following handy hints for improving learning are extracted from Andrew Fuller's book "Help Your Child Succeed At School." I will include some of these in upcoming newsletters.

Handy Hints for Improving Learning No. 1
Most Learning Doesn't Happen At School!

Children spend only 15% of their time at school. They spend more time asleep (33%) than they do at school. Most of their time (52%) is at home, awake, mucking around, playing, and learning about life and it's what they do with that time that is important.

Most of their future learning also won't occur in school. It is estimated that 70% of the jobs that will exist in the year 2020 do not exist now. We know that knowledge is doubling every three years. It is estimated that 50 years ago a high school graduate left school knowing about 75% of what they would need to know in their working life – today's high school graduate will leave knowing about 2%!

This series of handy hints to improve learning are designed to help us work together to ensure that we prepare your children for success.

From "Help Your Child Succeed at School" by Andrew Fuller
www.andrewfuller.com.au

Cheers, Kerry

Murray Mallee Regional Music Festival

The Murray Mallee Regional Music Festival was held at the Murray Bridge Town Hall on Tuesday 28th and Wednesday 29th October 2014. The Mypolonga students were involved in two concerts on the Wednesday. Students who were chosen for soloist parts did an amazing job as did the entire Choir. They made their teachers, our Principal, parents and grandparents very proud! We will have a photo to include in the next issue of our newsletter.

Big thanks must go to Chris Hodgen for the professional training she gives our students every week.

Regards, Kerry and Kim

Class Awards

Term 4 Week 1

Junior Primary class

Brandon Pahl - for a positive start to the term.

Blake Kennedy - for doing extremely well in Cars and Stars.

Junior Primary 1 class

Reegan Candy - for a great work ethic and enthusiasm for learning.

Zac Kennison - for a positive start to the term.

Lower Middle Primary class

Madalyn Uren - excellent work in procedure writing.

Rhiannon Bowley - confident and expressive reader.

Middle Primary class

Riley Walton - showing excellence in Science.

Larissa Pike - takes feedback on board in order to improve.

Upper Primary class

Tyler Martin - for setting a consistently high standard for all his work.

Keeghan Davis - for an excellent, considered audition for the concert.

World Teachers' Day 2014

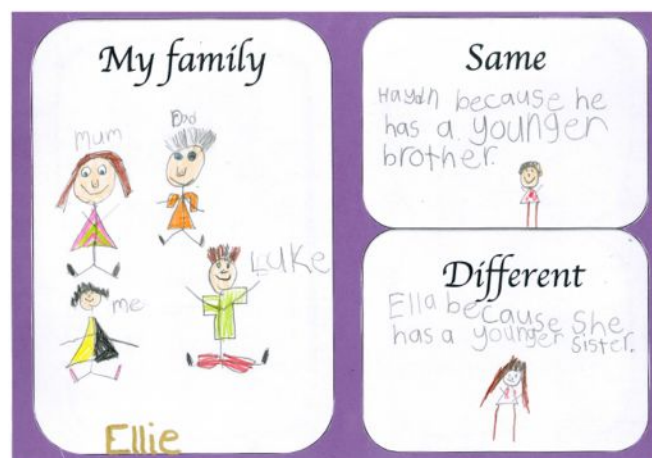
Last Friday, we recognised World Teacher's Day, a day which offers us all a chance to acknowledge our teachers and say thanks for the valuable role they play in our children's lives.

Our SSOs provided a surprise morning tea for all teachers, which was very much appreciated.

We are sure the Mypolonga community will join them in thanking our dedicated and inspiring teachers Rita, Anne, Kerry, Kim, Jane, Nicole, Amy, Hailey and Mel for teaching, motivating and encouraging our children to be life long learners.

Junior Primary Class
~ My Family ~

Our Reception students have recently been looking at their families and have each put together a 'Three Generations of My Family Tree poster'. They were also asked to draw their family members and compare other students families, working out what may be the same or different. Pictured below is work by Ellie Pontt and Maddy Ray.



Lower Middle Primary Information Report ~ Spinning in Space ~

Students in the Lower Middle Primary class have recently been studying the Earth, Sun and Moon. An information report was written, which was later assessed by the student, a peer and teacher. The reports are now on display in the Lower Middle Primary classroom.

Pictured is Year 2 student Rhiannon Bowley's Information Report stating some interesting facts...

"The moon has lots of craters and holes. Asteroids and big rocks caused this to happen. The moon's gravity pulls our oceans back and forth and up and down."

"The moon is 4.527 billion years old and weighs 81 billion pounds. The moon rotates around the Earth."



★ ★ ★ Mypolonga Primary School Concert Friday 5th December 2014 Unity College Steeple Murray Bridge

* Tickets will be available to purchase from the school office on Monday 24th November 2014 until Wednesday 3rd December 2014 *

\$5.00 per seat



Community News

Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club Tea

For November only, the regular Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club 'Friday night' tea will be held on Saturday 8th November 2014. Meals will be served from approximately 6:00pm. All welcome!

Mypolonga Netball League Club - AGM

Friday 28th November 2014 at the Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club @ 6.30pm. All welcome!

Mypolonga Football Club - AGM

Friday 28th November 2014 at the Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club. Time to be advised. All welcome!

Murray Bridge Basketball Next Level Shooting & Dynamic Scoring Camp - Saturday 3rd January 2015 from 10:00am-3:30pm

David Nurse has been secured to run a shooting camp in Murray Bridge. He has helped develop the shots and offensive game of high-level NBA players. The camp will focus on developing high level shooting and elite offensive skills. Open to boys and girls (players will be split up according to age/skill level). Fee is \$75.00 (early registration) and can be made online at perfectshotsshooting.co/camps.

International Day of People with a Disability - Friday 28th November 2014 from 10:00am-2:30pm at Sturt Reserve, Murray Bridge

The Rural City of Murray Bridge in partnership with Starclub and OPAL will host the 2014 Physical Activity Showcase. Activities will include sail ability, adaptive rowing, croquet, Milo into Cricket, soccer and active play activities. A free healthy BBQ lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to Faith Box by 19/11/14 on 85 391126 or email f.box@murraybridge.sa.gov.au

Reminder! Mypolonga Primary School Parents & Friends' Fundraiser

advancedlife photography Professional Portrait Session

Sunday 16th November 2014
at the Mypolonga Primary School

Please contact:

Mary Gill on 0448669957
or email gillie@activ8.net.au

by Friday 7th November 2014 to prepay and book your photographic session.

Anyone is welcome to participate in this fundraiser for the school!

* A minimum number of 25 bookings are required for this fundraiser to go ahead *

AROONA SCOUT GROUP (MANNUM'S LOCAL SCOUT GROUP)

Will be hosting a

"WHO WANTS TO BE A MILLIONAIRE" THEMED QUIZ NIGHT

SATURDAY 15TH NOVEMBER 2014

MANNUM COMMUNITY CLUB

7:00PM FOR A 7:30PM START

Why not make a night of it and book in for Dinner at 6:00pm!

\$15 PER HEAD INCLUDING NIBBLES

Kindly donated by the Mannum Community Club

Drinks available for purchase from the bar

Children 12 and under free when accompanied by an adult

BOOKINGS

Bookings can be made by phoning Roni 85310897

or email secretary.aronna@sa.scouts.com.au

Maximum of 8 people per table

EARLY BIRD PRIZE

Pre-pay for your ticket by the 1st Nov 2014 to be in the running

PRIZES GALORE

Bring some extra gold coins for your chance to

Win additional prizes between rounds

THE BIG WINNERS

Money raised will go towards our Scouts heading to Jamboree in 2016 and new equipment for our local group



Tug o War:
Kyal McDonald &
Shaeden Lukey

"I loved playing with the giant snakes & ladders." Jackson Ross / "I liked the team games." Mackenzie Lindner" / "My favourite activity was Darts." Holly Rathjen

Mypolonga / Jervois Primary Schools Combined Sports' Day

"I loved being in the sumo suits. They were fun." Zoe Bettcher / "I liked meeting the people from Jervois and doing the health hustle." Johannah Hobbs / "The best thing about Sports' Day was all the activities in the Opal trailer." Erin McDonald

** Pictured on the front page of this newsletter is Linx Baker (Wheel Relay), Bella Pike (Sumo Wrestler) and (cheering their friends on) Luke Crouch, Paige Vandenberg & Kyal McDonald*



Baton Relay:
Ben Stewart



Sumo Wrestler:
Riley Hazel



Wheel Relay:
Logan Holmes

Minister's Children's Week Award

CONGRATULATIONS to Year 7 student Amber Nutt on recently receiving a Minister's Children's Week Award.

Amber Nutt was nominated by AC Care for this award because of her work in Art classes, and then teaching others in Master Classes.

Amber was presented with her award by Hon Jennifer Rankine (Minister for Education) at a ceremony at Fulham North Primary School.

Well done Amber!



SAPSASA News

SAPSASA Cricket

CONGRATULATIONS to Year 6 students **Kyal McDonald** and **Nick Lewis** on being selected in the Murraylands SAPSASA Cricket team, which will compete in the State Carnival from 3rd November until 6th November 2014. Good luck boys! We look forward to hearing about your experiences when you return!

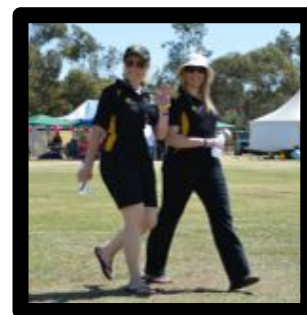
SAPSASA Tennis

CONGRATULATIONS to Year 5 student **Holly Temby** on being selected in the Murraylands SAPSASA Tennis team, competing in the State Carnival at Seacliff from 3rd November until 7th November 2014. We wish Holly well as she competes against other teams from around the state.

Relay For Life

25th-26th October 2014

'Tiger Trekkers'



Thank-you to everyone for your support. We are proud to say that we raised just over \$2,000.00 for the Cancer Council. 😊



Transition Day

A whole school transition day will be held on Thursday 4th December 2014, where students will spend a day in their 2015 classes. Parents will be notified of the class allocations in the near future. All Year 7s (who are attending Murray Bridge High School in Year 8) will spend the day at the High School. Anne Martin will accompany the students, where they will attend lessons and take a tour of the school.

Year 7 Graduation Dinner

Our Year 7 graduation dinner will be held on Wednesday 10th December 2014 at the Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club for Year 7 students and their families. This is a special occasion where students are farewelled and an iMovie is shown to celebrate and reflect on the students' time at Mypolonga Primary School. A detailed note will be sent home soon.

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

4	3/11 Newsletter SAPSASA Cricket & Tennis State Carnival	4/11 LMP Historical Excursion	5/11	6/11	7/11 3:00pm Assembly	8/11 & 9/11 8/11 - Adelaide Christmas Pageant 8/11 - MCSC tea
5	10/11 UP Camp money due PE Week →	11/11	12/11 Upper Primary Aquatics Camp	13/11 Guy Claxton workshop @ West Lakes (Improvement committee)	14/11 NO ASSEMBLY	15/11 & 16/11 16/11 - advancedlife photography family portrait fundraising day
6	17/11 Newsletter Picasso Cow Presentation	18/11 'Loaded Dog' Drama performance (whole school)	19/11 12:00noon - 2:00pm Kitchen Opening	20/11	21/11 Junior Primary breakfast 3:00pm Assembly Mypo RSL Bingo BBQ Tea	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 3:00pm Assembly 3:30pm C&S Meeting Student Free Day for MB High School students	29/11 & 30/11
8	1/12 Newsletter 3:30pm Improvement Committee meeting 7:00pm Finance Committee meeting 7:30pm Governing Council meeting	2/12	3/12	4/12 Mypo PS whole school transition day (to next years' classes) Year 7 Transition Day @ MBHS	5/12 NO ASSEMBLY MCSC Friday Night tea ★ SCHOOL CONCERT ★	6/12 & 7/12 6/12 - Mannum Christmas Pageant
9	8/12	9/12	10/12 Year 7 Graduation Dinner	11/12 2:45pm Assembly (inc presentation of term and year awards)	12/12 LAST DAY OF TERM 4 Newsletter NO ASSEMBLY 2:30pm Dismissal	13/12 & 14/12 13/12 - Mypolonga RSL Christmas Party

Diary Dates:

Saturday 20th December 2014 - Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club Christmas Tea

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