

# Mypolonga Primary School & Community Newsletter

8<sup>th</sup> September 2014



Our Junior Primary classes  
at Barossa Bowland

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 ~

## Term 3 Assembly Roster

**Week 8** - Mackenzie Rathjen, Amber Gielen, Jessica Deane

**Week 9 (End of Term Assembly)** - Riley Smelt, Maddi Cain, Reegan Candy

**Week 10** - NO ASSEMBLY

## Dates to Remember!

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2014**

7:00pm Finance Committee meeting  
7:30pm Governing Council meeting

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2014**

2:30pm Dismissal

## End of Term Assembly

We will be presenting our students with Most Improved and Student of the Term awards during our Week 9 assembly (Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2014) due to Rita and Jane being on long service leave during Week 10.

## Notes to be returned...

. Bikeathon/Walkathon note (please return 'help' note by 19/9/14 and sponsorship form and money by 20/10/14)  
. Upper Primary note re health lessons/Aquatics camp

## Happy Birthday

14/9 - Charlie (Reception)  
15/9 - Linx (Year 2)  
15/9 - Riley (Year 2)  
15/9 - Tom (Year 2)  
16/9 - Alisha (Year 6)  
16/9 - Dallas (Year 2)  
21/9 - Rohan (Year 6)  
21/9 - Ryder (Year 3)  
21/9 - James-Noah (Year 1)  
25/9 - Shelby (Reception)



## Rita's Roar

### Camps

It was great to hear fantastic feedback about both the Junior Primary and Lower/Middle Primary camps. I would like to congratulate and thank all of the teachers, SSOs and volunteers who gave so willingly of their time and energy. I think it is also important to acknowledge how hard classes work during the year to raise money to subsidise camps to make them more affordable for you. It was also heartening to hear the feedback from teachers and activity providers about how impressed they were by our students' manners and behaviour. Go Team Mypo!

### Adam Page

Our instrumental music students, Alys, Paige, Kenz and Sienna, were very fortunate to perform with students from many other schools, and renowned musician Adam Page at the Mypo Institute last week. Sean Hickey from Murray Bridge High School organised the event and it was fantastic. Adam will be performing on the 24<sup>th</sup> September at the Town Hall with Alys and Paige and former students Chloe, Nick, Abbey and Georgia. If you can possibly go, do so because it is amazing. We would all like to thank Sean and Murray Bridge High School for organising this fantastic opportunity and Peter Longden for working with our students to prepare for the performance.

### Sustainability Committee News

Last week, we signed off on our kitchen. We are hoping it will be done during the school holidays. This will help us to be able to implement the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program much more effectively. We are about to start this program with the Middle Primary class. As usual, our community has risen to the occasion with Nat Smith, Ian Oxborrow and Karen Ruckenstein supporting Brenton in the garden, with Yvette Rathjen supporting Kerry and myself in the kitchen. Annie, 'the pocket-rocket' will coordinate the program.

**Hot off the Press!** Earlier in the year, the Murray Darling Basin Natural Resources Board nominated Mypo for a KESAB Sustainable Communities Award. We have just been notified that we were successful and will be going to Adelaide to receive the award in November.

### Picasso Cows

Have you noticed a large white cow on the school grounds? This is a project coordinated by Dairy Australia, similar to Cows Create Careers. We have about 6 weeks to develop a design and paint and varnish the cow for competition. Colleen Wachtel (Nanna Colleen) has offered to coordinate this program for us. We get to keep the cow after the program is finished.



### UNESCO and Flinders University Observations

On Thursday, members of the United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organisation and Flinders University will be visiting our school. This is part of the Teaching for Effective Learning Pilot. The purpose of the visit will be to observe teachers in action and then give them feedback about their performance.

**NAPLaN results** are in the process of being posted out to you.

**How clever!** Here is some feedback from the Visitors' Book in the School Shop:  
Think It Great Example: Remarkable

Warm Regards, Rita





## Relay for Life Fundraising Day



What a great day our Relay for Life Fundraising Day was! Thank you to all our families and students for supporting our casual day and sausage sizzle. Through your support, an amazing \$511.00 was raised!

Special thanks to Nicole Christian for organising the friendship photos/photo booth, to Nicole and Sharon Marcus for organising the sausage sizzle and to our SRC for organising the casual day. Thank you also to the Kruschel family for the donation of sausages and Meredith Pontt and Bakers' Delight for the bread donation.

A 'snapshot' of the friendship photos is circulating the classrooms, giving students a chance to select which photo they would like to order. Following this, an order form will be sent home over the next week as to which photo(s) students would like to purchase for \$1.00 ea. These proceeds will also go towards our Relay for Life team's fundraising efforts.



## Books & Gifts Direct - Latest Selection

(orders and money due by Monday 15/9/14)

A reminder that a selection of books and other items is available to view in the school's office administration area. You can purchase an item by completing the order form included in the display box. Money is also required at the time of ordering. Each purchase supports the McGrath Foundation.

**10 Animal Magic Stories in a bag** - \$20.00 (RRP \$150.00)

**Food of Italy** (cookbook) - \$15.00 (RRP \$15.00)

**Yoga DVD** (set of 4) - \$12.00 (RRP \$12.00)

**Chalkboard Activity Books Set 2** - \$10.00 (RRP \$23.99)

**'Baby Loves' books (Set 4 in bag)** - \$10.00 (RRP \$23.99)

**Clay Hot & Cold Pack** - \$10.00 (RRP \$24.99)

**How to Draw Animals** - \$10.00 (RRP \$19.99)

**Water Bottles (Set 2 with Freezer Tubes)** - \$8.00 (RRP \$19.99)

**MYO Photo Memories Calendar 2015** - \$6.00 (RRP \$9.99)

## Counsellor's Corner



### A Family Decision-Making Guide

By Michael Grose

'Healthy families share decisions around, in a way that involves kids without parents letting go of the reins. In most families there is a gradual, yet continuous giving over of responsibility and person power to children. It doesn't happen straight away or in one big move. It's gradual, age and ability related. In healthy families, decision-making occurs in three ways:

**1. Parents Rule** – parents as wise leaders with children's best interest at heart make decisions for kids about issues such as health, safety, education and kids' well-being. You may take your five year old's ideas on board about his schooling but you decide the school that he or she goes to.

**2. Kids decide** – there are some issues that kids can decide. Usually parent help is needed though. This will differ for many families but I personally like to give kids latitude over bedroom tidiness; the amount of food they eat; how they spend their pocket-money; what they wear; their choice of leisure, and the like.

**3. Family discussions** – there are times when everyone has some input into how the family operates. Kids have input into routines, sorting out joint problems (eg. what to do with wet towels left on the floor?) and family rules including how mobiles, televisions and computers are used. You know they have reached real independence when you stop telling them what to do as they are responsible enough to make their own choices and capable of recovering from poor ones. Along the way, you involve kids in family discussions so that they feel part of the family and learn how to belong to their group through positive contribution.'

*At school, students are involved in making decisions about their school and their learning everyday. They are encouraged to share their thoughts and ideas through class meetings, sub-committees and SRC. Student Voice is extremely important and valued at our school. A prime example of a student-initiated idea is our School Shop. One student's idea has led to a successful business adventure in which we are all deeply invested and truly grateful.*

Cheers, Kerry

## Student Representative Council SRC Profile

### Introducing...

### Rex Dankel (SRC Leader)

**As an SRC leader, I hope to...**  
help people out when they get hurt or are in trouble.



**Something you don't know about me is...**  
My Dad, Chris, works as a Plumber on Barrow Island.

**I like to watch...** Adventure Time.

**I like to listen to...** Nickelback songs.

**One day I hope to...** be a game console creator.

**The best thing about Mypolonga Primary School is...** all the kids.

**Someone I really look up to is...** Bailey O'Connor

**because...** he is funny and a good friend. Bailey and his family recently invited me to stay in the snow with them.

## Class Awards

### Term 3 Week 5

#### Junior Primary class

**Madison Ray** - always trying hard with her school work.

#### Junior Primary 1 class

**Leroy Rathjen** - for excellent team work in Maths.

**Ethan Kennedy** - for always having a go and trying his best.

#### Lower Middle Primary class

**Dallas Harrowfield** - enjoying his written language.

**Ava Lindner** - working hard on improving her procedure writing.

#### Middle Primary class

**Thomas Tidy** - excellent expression when speaking publicly.

**Kane Rankin** - for showing great improvement during procedure writing.

#### Upper Primary class

**Shaeden Lukey** - for excellent work helping and teaching the Reception class.

**Rohan Bartholomeusz** - for a very helpful attitude to his teachers and his classmates.

### Term 3 Week 6

#### Junior Primary class

**Ruby Montgomery-Pittaway** - for moving up to Level 16 readers!. Well done!

**Elouise Kuhn** - moving up to Level 12 readers. Well done!

#### Junior Primary 1 class

**Autumn Stapleton** - for always producing beautifully presented pieces of work.

**Ben Stewart** - for showing outstanding leadership skills.

#### Lower Middle Primary class

**Marcus Hazel** - working hard to improve his procedure writing.

**Mitchell Pahl** - working hard to improve his procedure writing.

#### Middle Primary class

**Baden Monjean** - for seeking feedback in order to do his best.

**Chloe Pahl** - a positive and committed attitude across all curriculum areas.

#### Upper Primary class

**Cameron Hazel** - for an improved attitude to all his learning.

**Paige Vandenberg** - for consistently aiming for a high standard in all subjects.

## Upper Primary Class History and Social Sciences

Miss Amanda Kuchel, our student teacher, asked the Upper Primary class to explore their ancestors and their past in History and Social Sciences. She asked us to tie our research into immigration and try to discover why our ancestors came to Australia. We then created a web page using a website called Wix.com. Students presented their web pages to each other so we could learn the stories behind migration. Students, parents and even grandparents learnt lots about their family history.

Keeghan Davis learnt his great, great, great grandfather had his leg shot off by a cannonball in the Battle of Waterloo. He later came to Australia and fathered 22 children!! Below is a 'screen shot' of Madeline Sorensen's Wix web page.



## Community News

### Mypolonga Football Club

**GOOD LUCK** to Mypolonga Football Club's Under 15s team competing in the RMFL Grand Final on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2014!

**Senior Presentation Dinner** (catered for by the Mypolonga Primary School) - Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2014 @ the Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club.

**Junior Presentation Lunch** - Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2014 from 11:30am @ the Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club. Lunch will be available at a reasonable cost. Please call Eddie Allchurch on 0417598340 if you have any queries.

### Mypolonga Netball League Club

**GOOD LUCK** to Mypolonga Netball League Club's B Grade & A Reserves teams competing in the RMNA Grand Final this Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2014!

**Junior Presentation Afternoon Tea** - Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2014 @ the Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club.

**Senior Presentation Dinner** - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2014 @ the Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club. Please RSVP no later than Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2014 and refer to the Mypolonga Netball League Club Facebook page for details.

### Mypolonga Stretch & Relaxation

Rev. Frances Bartholomeusz is currently offering wellness, rest and relaxation classes on Monday mornings from 9:15am-10:15am. Sessions are held at the back of the Uniting Church Hall, Green Street, Mypolonga followed by a coffee & chat. Simply wear loose, comfy clothing. All welcome. If times don't suit, please call Frances on 0407687311 to discuss.

### Come 'n' Try Tennis Day

Meet the Coach and Come 'N' Try Tennis Day - Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2014. Registration at 9:30am & held at Christian Reserve, Murray Bridge. Free prizes & giveaways! All ages welcome. Please call Hayley Davids (Club Professional) on 0418217356 for further information.



## Junior Primary / Junior Primary 1 Camp Barossa Bowland / Mypolonga Combined Sports Club Sleepover

**Mini Golf:** Ella, Reegan, Jayden, Riley & Jacinta



'I really enjoyed playing mini golf and ten pin bowling.' Claire Ruckenstein, Yr 2

'The best part was sleeping over at the Club'. Ben Stewart, Yr 2



**Club Activities:** Tom, Leroy, Braeden, Reagan, Matilda



'There are too many good things that happened on camp to tell you my favourite.' Riley Hagger, Yr 1

## Lower Middle / Middle Primary Camp El Shaddai Camp, Wellington

**Vertical Challenge:** Riley



**Wetlands:** Jeremy & Logan



'I enjoyed all the activities. My favourite was the challenge of rock climbing.' Jayda Stimpson, Yr 4

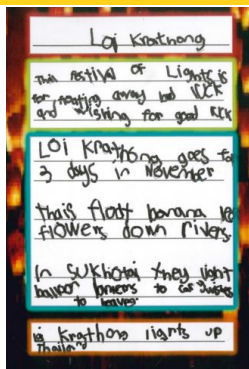
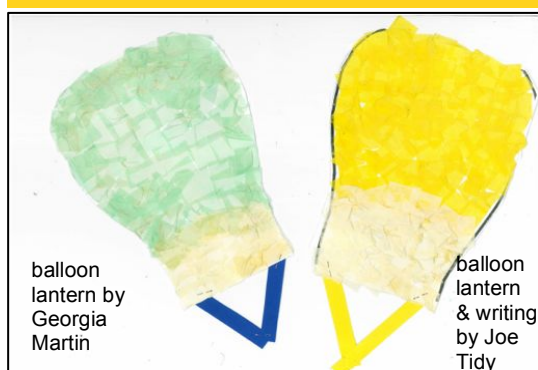
'The scariest activity was the giant swing.' Jason Crouch, Yr 4

'I was surprised that there were 2 trampolines and a flying fox at the camp.' Keeley Rathjen, Yr 4



**Giant Swing:** Bella





## Asian Studies - Loi Krathong Festival

Loi Krathong is a Thai festival of lights. It goes for 3 days in November. Thai people float banana leaf flowers down rivers. It is thought to float away bad luck and wish for good luck. In Sukhotai, they light balloon lanterns to carry wishes to Heaven. Students in the Junior Primary 1 class recently worked with Mrs Carstairs to make balloon lanterns using tissue paper and write about the festival.

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

## Planning Calendar Term 3 2014

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

8	8/9 Newsletter 3:30pm Improvement Committee meeting 7:00pm Finance Committee meeting 7:30pm Governing Council meeting	9/9	10/9	11/9 Murraylands Small Schools Basketball Carnival	12/9 3:00pm Assembly	13/9 & 14/9 13/9 - RMNA Grand Final & RMFL Preliminary Final @ Meningie 14/9 - MNLC Junior Presentation
9	15/9	16/9	17/9	18/9	19/9 2:45pm Assembly (incl. presentation of Term Awards) <b>MNLC Senior Presentation Dinner</b>	20/9 & 21/9 20/9 - RMFL Grand Final @ Jervois
10	22/9	23/9	24/9	25/9	26/9 <b>NO ASSEMBLY</b> 2:30pm Dismissal <b>Newsletter</b> MFC Senior Presentation Dinner	27/9 & 28/9 27/9 - AFL Grand Final 28/9 - MFC Junior Presentation Lunch

## Planning Calendar Term 4 2014

1	13/10 Welcome back!	14/10	15/10	16/10 Bikeathon / Walkathon	17/10 3:00pm Assembly	18/10 & 19/10
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### Diary Dates for Term 4...

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2014 - **Combined Sports' Day** with Jervois Primary School at Mypolonga Primary School

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2014 - Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2014 **Upper Primary Aquatics Camp** in Murray Bridge

**\*\*Please note change in camp dates\*\***

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2014 (evening) - **School Concert** to be held at Unity College.

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