

Mypolonga Primary School & Community Newsletter

17th March 2014



Teamwork
Integrity
Generosity of Spirit
Excellence
Respect

"Even after all this time the Sun never says to the Earth, 'You owe me.'
Look what happens with a love like that, it lights the whole sky."
~ Hafiz, a Persian Poet of the 1300s ~

Assembly Roster – Term 1 2014

Week 8 - Madison Kruschel, Kane Lavington, Mackenzie Lindner

Week 9 - Amber Nutt, Abbey Schofield, Logan Rankin

Dates to Remember

Improvement Committee meeting
Monday 17th March 2014 @ 3:30pm in the Library

Finance Committee Meeting 7:00pm /
Governing Council Meeting 7:30pm
Monday 17th March 2014

Lower Middle Primary Fundraising tea -
Friday 21st March 2014 from 5:30pm at the
Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club (before
the school disco). A flyer and order form was
sent home last week.

SRC School Disco - Friday 21st March
2014 @ 7:00pm at the Mypolonga Institute.
Payment for the disco is due today Monday
17/3/14. Disco theme: Frozen

Mypolonga Primary School Sport's Day
- Wednesday 9th April 2014 on the
Mypolonga Primary School oval. Detailed
information will be sent home in due course.

2014 Payment of School Fees

If you haven't already paid for or organised
for payment of school fees, they are due by
Friday 11th April 2014 (last day of Term 1).
Please see Annie or Necia if you wish to
apply for school card or a payment plan prior
to 11th April. Thank you.

Junior Primary Enterprise

As part of their enterprise education
program, students from the Junior Primary
classes design and sell bookmarks, key tags
and bag tags to sell in our School Shop. The
designs on the bookmarks and tags reflect
students' ideas of Mypolonga and are sold
from \$2.00 each. They make a great, small
gift idea and can be purchased by calling into
the office or by visiting the school shop
during rotation time (Fridays 12:00pm -
12:45pm). Pictured above is Judd
Ruckenstuhl's (Year 1 student) key tag
design.



Happy Birthday

20/3 - Alyssa (Year 7)

20/3 - Abbey (Year 5)

31/3 - Coen (Year 4)

Rita's Roar

Snakes

We have never had such a year for snakes, with 3 in the last week. We have developed an evacuation policy, which I will outline to you:

- When the snake is sighted the bell is continuously rung.
- The teacher who has sighted the snake is the designated 'watcher', so that the snake may be able to be retrieved.
- A student notifies the teachers who all have designated roles, ensuring all students are aware of the sighting and all pathways are clear.
- Students on the oval go straight to the upper primary class, while students at the top of the school go to the library where they are supervised.

As a form of prevention, we have had the perimeter of the school sprayed for snakes. I would also like to thank Jay and Cass Patrick, Luke's mum and dad for setting up sensors and offering to help us should a snake be sighted. It's great to see our new families rolling up their sleeves to help.

I want to commend our students on the way they have responded to this issue, as they have acted in a calm and careful manner. My information is that snakes generally do not appear after March, so we are hoping this will be the case.

Sustainability Committee

At the Sustainability Committee meeting last week, we discussed the projects we have in the pipeline for this year. The bush tucker garden, outdoor classroom and natural playground – Ian Payne is leading this project and we hope to see some exciting developments during the year. The support of the Mypolonga Landcare Group is a pivotal part of this program. It also links in well with the Young Environmental Leaders' Forum, whose members have an article in this newsletter.

The industrial kitchen renovation in the art room – we have had plans drawn up, but they need to be adapted to meet our needs. Annie, along with Yvette, Mary and myself will be overseeing this project.

Library refurbishment – We aim to create space in the library, so that assemblies can be held there, but also so that we have a practical and more user – friendly space. Daniel Martin, Anne and Annie are managing this project.

Student Leaders

What an amazing group of student leaders we have this year. They have been inspiring their teams to read and have really worked hard at organising Sport's Day. The SRC, under Kerry's leadership has organised an amazing disco, to which we are all looking forward. We hope to see lots of you up at the Club prior to the disco for tea. It's a great way to socialise, while we look after your children! We try to discourage parents and caregivers from staying at the disco, as apart from the purpose of having a great time, we also want to give your children the opportunity to develop skills of independence in a supportive and fun environment. Also congratulations to Nick, Mostyn, Darcy and Tyler from the Young Environmental Leaders' Forum, who are giving up a PE lesson this week to share their new learning from the forum with the 1/2 class. Fantastic leadership!

Our condolences go to the Hughes family on the passing of their grandson and nephew Jackson.

Warm Regards, Rita



Counsellor's Corner

Dear Families,



Each month you all receive the Free Magazine titled 'Adelaide's Child'. I always find at least one advertisement or article I connect with and I encourage you all to make sure you spend a few minutes having a flick through to see if anything catches your eye. In February's issue, I found a short article that I thought you might find interesting.

'Seven low-cost ways to identify and develop your child's talents and abilities beyond the school gates.

1. Praise your child for being a hard worker, to reinforce the idea that effort affects ability.
2. Discuss the merits of one book or film over another to build up critical thinking and creative ability.
3. Get out into the natural world to develop curiosity.
4. Encourage children to stage performances for family and friends to promote group play, their ability to plan, interpersonal skills and creative pursuits. Better yet, take part yourself.
5. Team sports – they don't have to cost the earth, particularly if there are older siblings, cousins, and friends to pass down uniforms and equipment.
6. Attend public performances together. *Child* includes regular listings of what's on and where.
7. Got to an exhibition at a museum or gallery and let that inspire creative thought and play.'

I hope you get some inspiration from the above ideas but the most important thing is to spend time with your child and take every opportunity to bring the world to them.

Cheers, Kerry

Upper Primary Class Narratives

Students in the Upper Primary class have recently completed the whole school writing genre of narratives. Below are extracts from some of their excellent work. The writing will soon be displayed on the Upper Primary verandah display board.

A Strange Day, by Jack Harris, Year 7

One clear summer's day in a land far away there lived two boys who were at the time playing soccer, until they were interrupted by a sudden thunderstorm that came from nowhere. One minute they were playing, the next they were drenched in freezing cold water. They both shivered as the water hit their faces with a splash. So they ran to the house as fast as they could, their dripping cold hair flying back behind them.

The Unknown, by Paige Vandenberg, Year 7

The sand stung Billy's eyes but he insisted on finding the place his grandmother once called The Unknown; a place only someone courageous enough would dare to enter. Someone who would be willing to travel and fight anywhere from the deep dark depths of the Pacific Ocean to the hot dry Sahara Desert, or even in The Unknown. As the town bell rang the light of the full moon covered the secret passage to somewhere no one could really describe. He found a stranger peeking stealthily at the small oval shaped hatch. He snatched the doorknob.

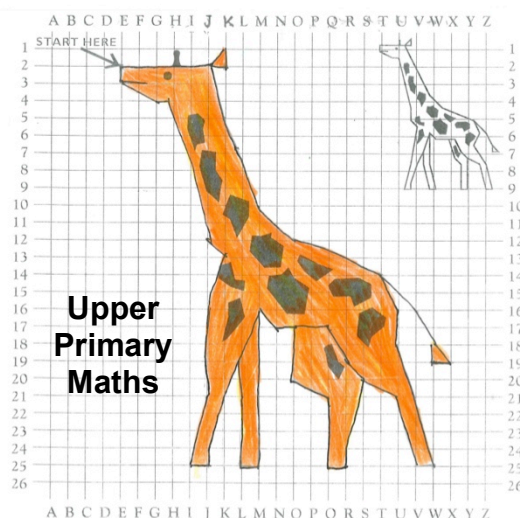
Small boat big shark, by Kyal McDonald, Year 6

"Hop in Bill, come on", shouted John as Bill slowly walked down on the soft sand to the boat. John and Bill had picked the perfect morning to go fishing for sharks, as the sun slowly rose. They knew they needed an early start because that was when they knew the sharks were biting. Bill hopped in the big creamy boat with his large esky, tackle, rod, life jacket and thongs.

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Lost, by Sienna Montgomery-Pittaway, Year 6

The wind ran through Anna's hair while murky water sprayed her face. The world darted past Anna, as if it was in a hurry. She was on the biscuit with her friends Bluebell and Lavender.



Coordinate Geometry by Mackenzie Rathjen (Year 6)

Class Awards

Term 1 Week 5**Junior Primary class**

Levi Gray - for working really hard on his pencil grip.

Junior Primary 1 class

Jayden Hearne - for working hard on his skip counting.

Isabella Fry - for being a wonderful friend and a great TIGER.

Lower Middle Primary class

Isla Gielen - excellent number work in Maths.

Bella Pike - for writing a well structured narrative.

Middle Primary class

Logan Baker - quiet achiever.

Sachin Bartholomeusz - shining in Maths!

Upper Primary class

Rohan Bartholomeusz - for excellent writing, especially in character description.

Nick Lewis - for excellent questioning and interest in History.

Term 1 Week 6**Junior Primary class**

Ellie Pontt - showing her TIGER values and being a wonderful classroom helper.

Junior Primary 1 class

Jacinta Clark - for working hard and always being a good TIGER.

James Mueller - for showing great improvement in all subject areas.

Lower Middle Primary class

Erin McDonald - shows her TIGER values every day.

Jade Prosser - beautiful handwriting using hooks and kicks.

Middle Primary class

Larissa Pike - a great class member who always uses her initiative.

Paris Montgomery-Pittaway - excellent leadership skills and a pleasure to have in the class.

Upper Primary class

Luke Crouch - for a fantastic attitude across all curriculum areas.

Bodi Stewart - for being a positive class member and supporting others.

Young Environmental Leaders' Forum

Once a term, four students from schools around our region meet together at different venues to form a group called the Young Environmental Leaders' Forum to learn about sustainability.

Four of our Year 6 students, (who are also on our Sustainability Committee), Mostyn Payne, Darcy Elliott, Nick Lewis and Tyler Martin (*pictured*) were selected to be this year's representatives to attend these meetings.

Here is their most recent report:

"On Thursday 4th March 2014, Darcy, Mostyn, Nick and Tyler went to Monarto for the Young Environmental Leaders' Forum with Mr Oxborrow.

We participated in a number of activities with Harry Beauchamp to learn about the environment and its natural abilities, including making a nature wristband, geocaching (the recreational activity of hunting for and finding a hidden object by means of GPS coordinates on a website) and picking a spot in a natural setting to see what we could hear. It was very interesting.

by **Mostyn Payne, Darcy Elliott, Nick Lewis and Tyler Martin** Young Environmental Leaders' Forum representatives



Junior Primary Art

Who Am I? by Levi Gray and Reagan Martin (Reception)



Lower Middle Primary Fundraising Tea Friday 21st March 2014

from 5:30pm

at the Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club

(before the school disco - Disco theme: **Frozen**)

CHICKEN YIROS & CHIPS	\$7.00
LAMB YIROS & CHIPS	\$7.00
CHICKEN NUGGETS (x4) & CHIPS	\$3.00
PLATE OF CHIPS	\$2.00
ICE BLOCKS (ASSORTED FLAVOURS)	\$1.00

* Please return the order form sent home last week, together with money to the office by Tuesday 18/3/14

* Community members are welcome! - tea order forms are available from the office

* Parents/caregivers are invited to stay at the Club while the children are at the disco, before picking them up from the Mypolonga Institute at 9:00pm

* If you can stay for a few minutes to help pack up after the Disco, it would be greatly appreciated!

Community News

Mypolonga Football Club

Football Training - Trainings for **all** teams will revert back to Thursdays on 27th March 2014

Trial matches - Come along and support the boys in the lead up to season 2014!

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

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.

Mypolonga RSL Bingo BBQ Tea

Friday 21st March 2014 at the Mypolonga RSL. Bingo teas are inexpensive, fun nights out for the whole family. Teas commence at 6:00pm, bingo starts at 7:30pm. Please BYO salad or plate of sweets to share.

NAB/AFL Auskick Program

To be held at the Murray Bridge High School Oval, Swanport Road, Murray Bridge on Sundays 10:00am-11:00am. Registration day is Sunday 4th May at 9:30am. Auskick is the perfect introduction to Australian Rules Football. The weekly coaching program focuses on teaching the skills and the basics of the game through appropriately modified activities and rules. Auskick is held for a minimum of 10 weeks and registration cost is \$55.00, which includes a benefit pack. Please contact Adrian 'Flash' Gregory on 0400927320 after 4:00pm. Visit www.aflauskick.com.au to register and pay online.

School jumpers/jackets

We have made further enquiries with our friends at Sportscene in Murray Bridge to source black and gold jumpers/jackets. David Gotch and his staff have a range of hooded jumpers and jackets (with gold detail) to order from. Prices are \$32.00 (no logo) or \$40.00 (with our school logo).

To make it easier for families, we have a range of sizes in the office for children to try on before going into Sportscene to purchase/place your order.

Sportscene is located in the Murray Bridge Green complex on Swanport Road, Murray Bridge.

Thanks to Year 6 student Jessica Donald (right) for modelling one of the jackets for us.



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

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 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 Newsletter 2:00pm Assembly 2:30pm Dismissal	12/4 & 13/4 12/4 - MFC/MNLC Mypo vs Jervois @ Mypo

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