

Mypolonga Primary School & Community Newsletter

10th April 2015



Teamwork
Integrity
Generosity
of Spirit
Excellence
Respect

"Around here, we don't look backwards for very long.. We keep moving forward, opening up new doors and doing new things because we're curious.... And curiosity keeps leading us down new paths." ~ Walt Disney ~

Term 2 Assembly Roster

Week 1 - Sienna Montgomery-Pittaway,
Thomas Tidy, Logan Rankin

Week 2 - Nick Lewis, Keeley Rathjen,
Reegan Candy

Week 3 - NO ASSEMBLY

School Hats

Today, we have sent all school hats home to be washed and mended (if necessary). If your child is requiring a new hat for next term, they can be purchased from the office (legionnaire \$4.60 / broad brimmed \$7.70)

School Photos

On Thursday, we sent home all ordered school photos. Year 7 graduation packs will be distributed to students at the end of the year. If you have any queries regarding the school photos, please contact MSP Photography direct on 83913951.

Congratulations to Tara Nelson and Michael Squire on the safe arrival of their daughter Paige Abbi. Paige is a little sister for brothers Jesse and our reception student Haiden.

With Thanks...

Thank you to Mark Pahl, the Ballantyne/Stimpson, Gillett/Colless, and Hughes families for collecting and delivering the school's recycling into Murray Bridge this term.

School Shop

Our School Shop will be open for business on **Friday 17th April and Friday 24th April 2015** during the school holidays. All Reception to Year 7 students are welcome to attend, dressed in school uniform, arriving at 11:50am to approximately 12:45pm.

Happy Birthday

16/4 – Judd (Year 2)
19/4 – Tyler (Year 7)
21/4 – Ava (Year 3)
22/4 – Samuel (Year 5)
24/4 – Brady (Reception)
4/5 – Jason (Year 5)



Rita's Roar

End of Term

What a great term we have had! We've certainly managed to pack a lot into it. Parent/teacher interviews were conducted last week and I want to extend my congratulations to the school community for a fantastic response.

ANZAC Day Ceremony

The centenary of ANZAC in 2015 has been an extremely significant event. I would like to congratulate Tyler, Sienna, Nick and Riley W who organised and delivered the ANZAC service along with local RSL member Barney Holland who also set up a display in the library for all our students to access. *Pictured right is Barney Holland presenting Nick Lewis, on behalf of the school, with a 'Lone Pine'.* Colleen Wachtel called into school for a visit, saw what Barney was doing and promptly went home and made the most beautiful wreath for the service (pictured above). The service was a great success and our choir performed movingly. I would love to see you at the ANZAC service on the 19th April, where our choir will once more perform and do us proud.



Script Writing Workshops

The Upper Primary class is fortunate to have been offered three script writing workshops by the Australian Children's Television Foundation, which will be run by the creator of the television show 'You're Skitting Me'. The downside is that the first workshop will be held in the school holidays. The upside is that as usual our teachers and community have responded amazingly and there has been significant interest in the program. Well done Upper Primaries!

Sport's Day Rescheduling

Our Sport's Day has been rescheduled to Wednesday 29th April; the first week of Term 2. It is very difficult making these kinds of decisions, however, our prime concern was about children sitting on the wet oval when watching tabloids. Kevin has held over all of the lunch orders for the postponed Sport's Day.

School Shop

Did you know? 30 children turned up on Good Friday to work in the Shop. If that doesn't show strong school/community partnerships I don't know what does! See you next term.

Warm Regards,
Rita

**Student of the Term
for Term 1 2015**

Our Students of the Term receive
a \$15.00 Murray Bridge Newsagency
& Toyworld Gift Card

Upper Primary

**Mackenzie Rathjen &
Mostyn Payne**

Middle Primary

Samuel Montgomery-Pittaway

Lower Middle Primary

Rhiannon Bowley

Junior Primary 1

Jayden Hearne

Junior Primary

Alarah Sipos

Congratulations!

**Most Improved Student
for Term 1 2015**

Middle Primary

Maddi Cain

Lower Middle Primary

Marcus Hazel

Junior Primary 1

Jacinta Clark

Junior Primary

Haydn Castle

Kiwanis Club of Murray Bridge Terrific Kids Awards - Term 1 2015

Each term, the Kiwanis Club of Murray Bridge kindly presents a student from each class with a 'Terrific Kids' award who lives our TIGER values.

CONGRATULATIONS...

Upper Primary
Rohan Bartholomeusz

Middle Primary
Josh Stock

Lower Middle Primary
Isla Gielen

Junior Primary 1
Phebe Nutt

Junior Primary
Charlie Harrowfield

Murray Bridge High School Transition Program - (Year 7 Parents)

Early in Term 2, Year 7 parents will receive an Intention to Enrol package containing a MBHS enrolment form and invitations to transition evenings. In the meantime, the dates to remember are:

Transition Evening @ St Joseph's Primary School
Wednesday 20th May 2015 from 5:30pm-6:30pm

Information Night @ Murray Bridge High School
Wednesday 3rd June 2015 (times to be advised).
Including...

- . Year 8 student information / panel
- . Middle School information
- . Music performances Year 8-12 Students
- . Tour of the school
- . Light supper provided by the MBHS Hospitality students

Class Camps - Advanced Notice

Lower Middle/Middle Primary - Illawonga Camp (near Swan Reach on the Murray River)
Monday 9th November - Wednesday 11th November 2015

Junior Primary/Junior Primary 1 - Narnu Farm Camp (Goolwa)
Tuesday 22nd September - Wednesday 23rd September 2015

Upper Primary - West Beach Caravan Park
Monday 9th November - Wednesday 11th November 2015

Further details re costs and itinerary will be sent home in due course.

2015 International Competitions And Assessments For Schools (ICAS)

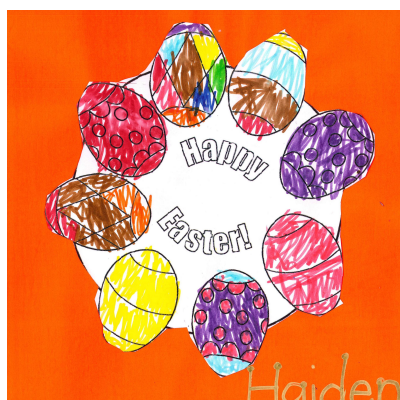
On Wednesday, nomination forms were sent home with students who have been nominated to sit the 2015 Science, Maths and English Competitions. Please return the signed forms to the office by Wednesday 29th April 2015 (Week 1 Term 2).

Please feel free to discuss this with your child's teacher if you have any concerns.

Middle Primary Class Choir Performance at the Mypolonga RSL Sunday 19th April 2015 at 11:00am

On Sunday 19th April 2015 at 11:00am, the Middle Primary class choir (those students who are available during the school holidays), will be performing at the Mypolonga RSL Anzac Day Ceremony. The performance will last for approximately 45 minutes, followed by an optional, light lunch for those students attending. Students will be singing our National Anthem and songs for ANZAC, which is part of their Choir study this year as it is the 100th Anniversary of ANZAC.

All members of our school community are welcome to attend!



Junior Primary Art

Left: Easter egg
art by Haiden
Squire

Upper Primary Narratives

The whole school has been writing narratives as part of this term's genre writing. Here are some wonderful extracts from the Upper Primary's narrative writing:-

Lonely Woods by Nick Lewis

"Legend has it that in the deepest, darkest corner of the lonely woods where no one ever dared to go, lived a witch!" shouted Jared.

Glaring straight back in his eyes, Jared's younger brother Connor was mesmerised. "What did it do?" stuttered Connor. "Well it was one lonely night where everything was still and there was nothing to see or hear, this is the night that it happened," shouted Jared with both eyes wide open.

A full moon glimmered brightly on a cold winter's night, where two twins were playing tag in the lonely woods. Sam and Alex were playing tag and Sam had looked for Alex everywhere. He thought Alex would've gone home but Alex was built like a brick and never gave up on a game, especially when he was playing with his brother. Suddenly an eruption of leaves exploded and Alex was off. Twisting, turning, thrashing through the bushes, Sam's heart was racing as he knew this was his chance. Sam's tall, lanky body was nothing like his brother's and had won the school sprints countless of times, always just beating his brother. He could taste victory already but then Alex turned a sharp corner. Little did they know that their fate was around the corner, little did they know that the legend of the witch had begun.

The End by Bailey O'Connor

I ran my fingers through my short, black hair, brushed off my clothes and lifted myself off the cold, hard ground. My light figure seemed to weigh a tonne to my aching arms. I tried to remember what had happened but my mind stopped me like it did not want me to know. I panicked and tried to remember anything and I got two things. "My name is William, Will". I said these words for no reason other than to convince myself it was my name. The other is that it was my birthday.

My Father's Change by Abbey Schofield

The water in the lake glimmered by the sunset, while the ducks paddling around made it look spectacular. I glanced down to where my notepad lay. I started sketching the horizon with the mango sky as the background. I started to forget that I was sketching and I scribbled all over the page. There was a loud bang; the sound of a cannon. I saw dad with the rifle. When he reloaded the gun each cartridge fell onto the wet, soggy ground and his thick leather jacket swayed in the wind. He was carrying a wild rabbit. Its fur was as black as the night sky. "I hope we are not having that for tea", I choked. I went down the old, cracked stairs and sat down at the table ready to eat my tea.

The Lost Child by Sienna Montgomery-Pittaway

Thoughts swirled around in Felicity's mind like the fairy floss machine she once saw at a fair. Her hand shook with worry as she wondered how she still had not dropped the flashlight she was holding. She was walking through the forest, trying to keep up with her parents and her sister. The trees that had once seemed cool and interesting to her, now looked like scary faces wanting to eat 5 year old little boys. Every few seconds someone would call, "Noah!"



Emma Stewart



Our recent SRC casual day raised money for the lovely Stewart family, which will support mum Emma during her breast cancer journey. We are delighted to announce that we raised just over \$500.00 through cash donations and the sale of merchandise. Thank you for your support! *From the SRC (pictured below).*

Below are some comments from students prior to the casual day being held and a thank you letter we have received from Bodi and the Stewart family...



"I think Emma has a growth mindset because she shows resilience." Coen Martin

"Cancer is dangerous so donating is a true tiger thing to do and Emma will appreciate what we are doing for her. I hope good luck for her and a happy future." Thomas Tidy

"We are encouraged to wear pink today for casual day. Emma shows resilience and bravery." Madalyn Uren



"To everyone here at the Mypolonga School and the Mypolonga community.

As most of you all know, our mum was diagnosed with breast cancer back in December last year.

Things can be pretty tough at times but we are strong and dealing with it really well as a tight knit family with wonderful support from family and close friends, which you are all a part of.

On behalf of my mum, dad and brothers, we would like to sincerely thank everyone here at the school and the Mypolonga community as a whole for your continued support, generosity and well wishes.

We have said from the start, we don't expect help from everyone but we definitely do appreciate it. Out of every bad seems to come a good and we are overwhelmed by the support from people, some we don't really know that well.

The fundraiser that we had at the school this week was a real shock to our family and unexpected but as I said, we are extremely grateful for all of your support and to those who organised it, you are fantastic.

Our mum is happy, confident, well loved by many and the strongest person we know. We know she will pull through this with flying colours.

Thanks to you all again and we really appreciate your support. We have a great school and community.

Thanks for your time."

Bodi Stewart & Family

Facebook Pages ~ Staff Picks

We have found that our Facebook page has been an extremely effective form of communication with the school community & beyond. School news, student work, reminders and achievements are often posted onto our page. Below are some pages our staff members recommend you to 'like' (if you haven't already).



Mypolonga Primary School
Mypolonga Football Club
Mypolonga Tigers Social
Murray Bridge High School
Stephanie Alexander

Upcoming Student Free Days (revised)

Tuesday 19th May 2015
(Maths)

Monday 22nd June 2015
(Executive Function)

Monday 3rd August 2015
(Numeracy & Literacy Results Plus)

The school will be closed on the above days to allow for professional development and training.

Student Representative Council (SRC)

Introducing...

Kane Rankin
SRC Secretary



As an SRC leader, I hope to... help everyone out when I can and to be the best I can be.

Something you don't know about me is... I was born in Victoria and I survived a car rollover when I was three weeks old.

I like to read.... Emily Rodda books because I like reading adventure stories.

I like to watch... Big Bang Theory because I think Sheldon is funny.

I like to listen to.... 5 Seconds of Summer.

One day I hope to... visit America.

If I could change something in the world I would... change the legal age to drive.

The best thing about Mypolonga Primary School is... having fun.

Someone I really look up to is... my big sisters **because...** they are really smart and funny.

'From The Proud Mary...'

10/3/15

The Students, Mypolonga
Primary School



Thank you for a delightful visit and your wonderful hospitality last month when we came to see you while we were on The Proud Mary.

Sincerely
Kaye and Warwick Shaw
Bendigo, Victoria

March 2015

To the Mypolonga Primary School

Recently, we visited your lovely school while we were on the Proud Mary. We really enjoyed our visit. I hope you like these post cards. As you can see, we have lots of turtles. Mon Repos is close by, which is where the turtles come in and lay their eggs. At the moment, all the baby turtles are hatching. If you are ever up this way, it is worth visiting. The turtles also lay their eggs at Bargara Beach.

Thanks again
Don & Pat McKewen
Bargara, Queensland

Enterprise Recess/Lunch Term 2 2015

TUESDAY

Lower Middle Primary Recess

Crumpet

(*served with a variety of toppings)

\$1.00 each



WEDNESDAY

Middle Primary Lunch

Hot Chicken & Gravy Roll

\$2.50 each

Commencing in Week 2

** All proceeds from our Enterprise recess/lunches support classroom fundraising **

** Orders will not be taken without payment **



Thank you to the following people who made our **Formal themed Disco** so great... Karen Montgomery, Emma McKay and Holly Bettcher (drinks & snacks station), Nicole Christian (photos), Jason Hagger (lights & sound), Sanderson family (red carpet), Easy Travel & Cruise (bollards to 'set the scene'), Kathy Prosser (snacks organisation), Colleen Wachtel (banner), Trish Richter (decorations and set up), Hobbs family, Cass Martin, Cass Rathjen, Emily Lewis, Emma Stewart, Jo Hughes, Liss Harrowfield, Macca (set up), Kelly Kuhn (limousine chauffeur), Mardi and David LeBrun (for the use of The Entertainer Limousine – 'the perfect party transport'). Further information can be found by visiting www.ultimatelimos.com.au/index.html and all Mypolonga Primary School staff for always going 'above & beyond'.

Pictured from top left: our SRC preparing to board The Entertainer Limousine, a group of happy 'discoers', Ruby Montgomery-Pittaway with Coen Martin, Erin McDonald with Katie Hutchinson, our lovely staff, DJs Tyler Martin and Darcy Elliott, our party-goers, Craig Gillett with Thomas Kruschel.

Further Disco photos will be featured in our end of year school magazine!

ANZAC Day Service

On Thursday afternoon, Mypo RSL members Barry Holland, Eric Burrett and Ray Bessen visited us to conduct an ANZAC Day service. We were also very grateful to Barry Holland for bringing in and setting up a large display of photos, medals, uniform items and weaponry for us to view. Pictured below are Zac Kennison and Drew Bettcher looking at the items on display and Harry Stone and Nick Lewis with Ray Bessen.



Middle Primary Enterprise

Greeting Cards

Middle Primary class students sell greeting cards on the outside counter of our school shop. The unique Mypolonga images are on the front of the blank card, which are a big hit with our visitors. The greeting cards are sold for \$1.00 each.

Recipe Books

Every second year, the Middle Primary class puts together a recipe book to sell in the School Shop. True and tried recipes are brought in from home and recipe themes have included, *Winter Warmers*, *Apricot Recipes*, *Walnut Recipes*, *Favourite Christmas Recipes*, *Chocolate Lovers*, *BBQ Salads and Starters*, *Collection of Cookies*, *Get your...Just Desserts*, *Let's Party...Kid's Party Food Ideas*, *Food from Around the World*, *Lunchbox Ideas*, *Biscuit & Slice Recipes*, *Nothin' but Muffins*. A book launch is held with the Middle Primary class students also running the shop on this day. Students, with help from parent volunteers, make some of the recipes and give samples to the tourists to try. Needless to say, the class sells lots of recipe books and can be bought for \$4.00 each. Pictured below are Middle Primary students Maddi Cain and Johannah Hobbs.



School Shop Class Enterprise programs



As part of their enterprise education program, students from all classes help design and make items to sell on the outside counter of our School Shop.

This fortnight, we are showcasing items from the Middle and Upper Primary classes.

All items make great, small gift ideas and are available to purchase by calling into the office or by visiting the school shop during rotation time (Fridays 12:00pm-12:45pm).



Upper Primary Enterprise Lemonade

Every week, students are rostered on to make refreshing homemade lemonade. Cups of lemonade are sold during school shop time on Fridays for .50c a cup. Lemonade recipes can also be bought for .50c.

Chocolate Coated Apricots / Peaches

Students are involved with chocolate coating/bagging apricots and peaches as part of the weekly rotations. A parent volunteer is rostered on each week to help supervise the students with chocolate coating. Plain and chocolate coated apricots sell for \$2.50 a bag and peaches \$4.00 a bag.

Pens/Pens with Pouches

We order in 'Mypolonga Primary School' labelled pens, which we sell in the shop for \$3.00 (without a pouch), \$3.50 (with a pouch).

Inside Counter Consignee Items

Items sold in our Inside Counter are on consignment and we retain 20% of what is sold. Items include jewellery, candles, knitted items, coat hangers, placemats, wall hangings, tea towels and lots more!



Community News

Mypolonga Football Club

Social Night @ Rathjen's Shed, Woodlane, Mypolonga - Saturday 11th April 2015 following Round 1s game against Mannum @ Mannum. All welcome! Enjoy a bonfire, music, food and great company.

Mypolonga Netball League Club - Mypo's Mexican Fiesta

Saturday 16th May 2015 @ 6:00pm at the Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club. Grab your sombreros and enjoy Mexican food, DJ, drink specials, games & prizes. Tickets can be pre-purchased from Lauren Nolan, Sara Rowley or Kim Polkinghorne. \$35.00 per head.

Mypolonga RSL ANZAC Commemorative Service @ the Mypo RSL Clubrooms - Sunday 19th April 2015 at 11:00am, with a performance by our School Choir.

Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club – Teas – TONIGHT (Friday 10th April 2015). Enjoy yummy, homemade chicken lasagne! Bar open from 5:30pm / meals served from approximately 6:30pm. All Welcome!

MCSC – Mypolonga Combined Sports Club

MFC – Mypolonga Football Club

MCC – Mypolonga Cricket Club

Planning Calendar Term 2 2015

MNLC – Mypolonga Netball League Club

MBHS – Murray Bridge High School

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|---|--|---------------------------------------|---|--------------------------|--|---|
| 1 | 27/4 | 28/4 | 29/4 | 30/4 | 1/5 | 2/5 & 3/5 |
| | | | Sport's Day (rescheduled) | | 3:00pm Assembly | 2/5 - MFC & MNLC -v- Jervois @ Mypo + MNLC teas |
| | | | | | MCSC Friday Night Tea | |
| 2 | 4/5 | 5/5 | 6/5 | 7/5 | 8/5 | 9/5 & 10/5 |
| | Newsletter | LMP Enterprise Recess commences | MP Enterprise Lunch commences 7:00pm Sustainability Committee Meeting | SAPSASA Cross Country | 3:00pm Assembly | 9/5 - MFC & MNLC -v- Meningie @ Mypo + teas |
| | | | | | 3:30pm Parents & Friends' meeting in the Library | 11/5 - Mother's Day |
| 3 | 11/5 | 12/5 | 13/5 | 14/5 | 15/5 | 16/5 & 17/5 |
| | 3:30pm Improvement Committee meeting 7:00pm Finance Committee meeting 7:30pm Governing Council meeting | NAPLaN | NAPLaN | NAPLaN | NO ASSEMBLY | 16/5 - MFC & MNLC -v- Rambles @ Rambles + Mypo's Mexican Fiesta |
| | | | | | Food Revolution Day | |
| | | | | | MBHS formal | |
| | | | | | Mypo RSL BBQ/Bingo Tea | |
| 4 | 18/5 | 19/5 | 20/5 | 21/5 | 22/5 | 23/5 & 24/5 |
| | Newsletter | Student Free Day | 5:30pm-6:30pm MBHS Yr 7 Transition Evening held at St Joseph Primary School | | Walk Safely to School Day 3:00pm Assembly | 23/5 - MFC & MNLC byes |
| 5 | 25/5 | 26/5 | 27/5 | 28/5 | 29/5 | 30/5 & 31/5 |
| | SAPSASA Football/Netball | | | | 3:00pm Assembly | 30/5 - MFC & MNLC -v- Mannum @ Mypo + teas |
| | | | | | | 31/5 - Mypo RSL Annual Dinner |
| 6 | 1/6 | 2/6 | 3/6 | 4/6 | 5/6 | 6/6 & 7/6 |
| | Newsletter | | Science Competition Year 7 Transition Information Night at Murray Bridge High School | | MCSC Friday Night Tea | 6/6 - MFC & MNLC -v- Imps @ Imps |
| 7 | 8/6 | 9/6 | 10/6 | 11/6 | 12/6 | 13/6 & 14/6 |
| | Public Holiday | | 7:00pm Sustainability Committee Meeting | | 3:00pm Assembly | 13/6 - RMFL Game only |
| | | | | | 3:30pm Parents & Friends' meeting in the Library | |

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