

Mypolonga Primary School & Community Newsletter

15th June 2015



Teamwork
Integrity
Generosity of
Spirit
Excellence
Respect

**"Give me a fish and I eat for a day.
Teach me to fish and I eat for a lifetime."**

~ Chinese Proverb ~

Term 2 Assembly Roster

Week 8 – Nick Lewis, Baylee Cooper, Rhiannon Bowley

Week 9 – Sky Dankel, Josh Stock, Claire Ruckstuhl

Dates to Remember

Monday 15th June 2015

. Life Long Learning Community meeting at 3:30pm

. Finance Committee meeting at 7:00pm

. Governing Council meeting at 7:30pm

Happy Birthday

17/6 – Harry (Year 4)

20/6 – Ruby (Year 1)

24/6 – Levi (Reception)

26/6 – Luke (Year 7)

26/6 – Logan (Year 4)



Student Injuries

It is DECD policy that if a child injures him/herself at school and receives professional medical treatment (doctor or hospital outpatient visit), the school is required to fill out paperwork and enter it on our Incident & Response Management System "IRMS".

If your child does receive professional medical treatment following an injury sustained at school, a parent or caregiver (not the child) is required to notify the office staff the following day. Please contact us if you have any queries.

Student Collection Times

We kindly ask that parents/caregivers collect their children from the Williams Street entrance of the school between 3:25pm and 3:40pm, where a teacher is present on yard duty. We understand that there may be unforeseen circumstances when this is unable to be achieved. In this case, students will return to the front office with the teacher on yard duty until they are collected.

Upcoming Student Free Days

Monday 22nd June 2015
(Executive Function)

Monday 3rd August 2015

(Numeracy & Literacy Results Plus)

Advanced Notice

Friday 4th December 2015

School Concert at Unity College

Rita's Roar

Feedback

Well done to Sienna and Tyler who presented outstandingly in Melbourne. I am very proud of them and the feedback they received.

'The team from Mypolonga were a big hit. What a lot of trouble and care had gone into their presentation. It was a joy meeting and talking with them'. Michelle Anderson, Conference Organiser

'I just wanted to pass on our absolute thanks for your school's involvement in the recent Rural Education Conference - the contribution of the students especially was met with high praise - and they presented so impressively - very engaging and everyone was "raving about their presentation" after.' Phil Brown, Regional Director, Country Education

Noel Kneebone, former Tailem Bend Principal and now our Partnership Numeracy and Literacy Plus Coordinator, saw Tyler and Sienna practicing and invited them to do the presentation again at our Principal's meeting next Thursday. However, I have decided to 'share the love' and have asked Chloe and Darcy to do this one and I am sure that they will do just as impressive a job. Exciting times!

Gearing Up For Our 100th Birthday

Last week, we had our first planning meeting for our 100th birthday celebrations next year. The meeting was well attended and preparations are already underway. One of the things we will be doing is unveiling the time capsule buried at the eightieth birthday celebrations. We also had heard about another time capsule buried prior to the 80th birthday, which we were not sure about. The word got out very quickly and the following email was received from Karsan Hutchinson, uncle of Alisha and Katie. His words resonated with me and I would like to share them with you.

'Hi Rita, Nathan (Hutchinson) mentioned that you are looking for the time capsules. I remember I think I was in Year 1 (1986) when one was buried near the flagpole/bell near the big tree (if those landmarks remain in the same place). My teacher was Ruth Myer and it was just after Anne Martin got married – she was Miss Padman when I had her in reception. Tony Brown was the Principal. The teaching staff around were Marlene (Newell), Nick Gouge and Irene Hughes; it may have pre-dated Carole Porter.

Other memories I have are in 1988 when Dad and others constructed the playground in front of the JP class – my initials are engraved on the underside saying 'my dad built this'. Sorry for the vandalism. You probably remember mum being the cleaner for 4 years in 1991 – 1995.

I have my old school photos and the old style report cards, if you want memorabilia. I'm happy to offer any recollections from my time there Reception to Year 5 including Mrs Smith being the Easter Bunny; whacking the giant ears against the class windows when students made Easter nets and we'd all get eggs. I still have my string picture I made with Mr Brown in Electives from Year 4. Some nice memories. Looking forward to the celebrations next year. Karsan'



It takes many years to build culture and as you can see from Karsan's letter, our journey started many years ago and continues today. Keep an eye out on our Facebook page, as information about the 100th birthday will be shared with you all. Can you please spread the word around the wider community and it's not too late to join the committee if you wish. I suspect it's going to be a massive event, so it will be all hands on deck next year.

Student Free Day

Our student free day will be held on 22nd June at the Combined Sports' Club. The theme of the day will be Executive Function: giving our kids the best opportunity to maximise learning through self-regulation. Some of our older students have expressed interest in attending and we are over the moon about this. We are all life long learners!

Warm Regards, Rita

New Student

Last week, we welcomed Year 4 student Spiro Cekanauskas into the Lower Middle Primary Class. Spiro is a cousin to Jamie Cekanauskas, also in the Lower Middle Primary class. We look forward to Spiro and his family being part of the Mypolonga school community.



Class Awards

Term 2 Week 5

Junior Primary class

Kai Patrick – for trying hard with his doubles.

Lyam Marshall – for always showing the "I can do it" attitude.

Junior Primary 1 class

Braeden Watts – having an enthusiastic attitude towards learning.

Judd Ruckenstuhl – doing well with Spelling.

Lower Middle Primary class

Linx Baker – working hard to improve his written language.

Ethan Kennedy – all his Spelling words correct this week.

Middle Primary class

Jayda Stimpson – using her initiative in Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden and Maths.

Benjamin Peterson – excellent problem solving in Maths.

Upper Primary class

Darcy Elliott – great leadership of learning in UP class.

Rohan Bartholomeusz – managing new iPads.

Term 2 Week 6

Junior Primary class

Connor Fulwood – for showing positivity in his journal writing.

Hayden Clark – making a HUGE improvement in oral language.

Junior Primary 1 class

James Mueller – trying really hard with exposition writing.

Autumn Stapleton – working hard in Jolly Grammar group.

Lower Middle Primary class

Craig Gillett – improved effort in Writer's Corner.

Dallas Harrowfield – commitment to his learning and doing his best.

Middle Primary class

Johannah Hobbs – working independently to produce a successful exposition.

Harry Stone – showing initiative in order to complete a set task.

Upper Primary class

Amber Gielen – for great goal setting and achievement.

Rohan Bartholomeusz – for excellent work in Maths making links between fractions and powers.

Counsellor's Corner

The Alannah and Madeline Foundation



Keeping children safe from violence

The Alannah and Madeline Foundation is a National charity, keeping children safe from violence. The foundation was set up in memory of Alannah and Madeline Mikac, aged six and three, who, with their mother and 32 others, were tragically killed at Port Arthur on April 28th 1996.

This Foundation cares for children who experience or witness serious violence and run programs, which help prevent violence in the lives of children.

Our school has recently registered with the Better Buddies program. The Middle Primary Class and the Reception/1 class are both involved. In Better Buddies, older children buddy up with younger children and learn the values: caring for others, friendliness, respect, valuing difference, including others and responsibility through formal and informal activities. Better Buddies enables younger students to feel safe and cared for while older students feel valued and respected.

Buddy Bear is the mascot of Better Buddies. Each child involved in the program receives their very own Buddy Bear.

These classes meet fortnightly under supervision. The students are involved in various activities during this time, which enhance the program's values.

The Buddy Program does not encourage recess and lunchtime play but rather the Buddies are a 'safe face' in the schoolyard where they can ask for help if needed.

So far, the program has been really successful and all students involved are loving it!

Thank you,
Kerry Daniel and Amy Stone



Pictured left; Jackson, Benjamin & Zenith



Pictured below; Keeley & Alarah

Lower Middle Primary Self Portraits

From left: William Schofield & Jade Burgess

**Junior Primary 1
My Favourite Season is...**

by Tahlia Ross

**Junior Primary
Winter Trees**

by Lyam Marshall

**Murraylands Young Environmental Leaders'
Forum (YEL) Forum #2**

As mentioned previously, 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.

Our four Year 7 students; Alisha Hutchinson, Darcy Elliott, Tyler Martin and Mostyn Payne attended forum #2 recently with Michael McDonald, and compiled this report...

"Our topic for the day was 'places to go in your local community'. Firstly, we went to Murray Park in Murray Bridge (Thomas Street). We were asked to explore the park and found insects and plants, which grow naturally in the environment. We were also asked to look out for items that didn't belong. We found a car tyre, jumper and a sock!"

After recess, we walked around the park and found the endangered silver daisy. We built a cubby house out of natural resources ie. twigs, sticks, bark and even moss for carpet!. We enjoyed geo-caching but found it frustrating because someone had removed the cache so we couldn't find it.

After lunch, we revisited what we had learnt from our first forum.

The day was adventurous, a great experience and exhausting. We all slept well that night!"

Pictured below and enjoying the day... Mostyn & Darcy



This initiative is funded by the South Australian Murray-Darling Basin Natural Resources Management Board through the NRM levy.

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program/ Middle Primary Class

The Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program has been a very successful and positive addition to the Middle Primary class. In the short time we have been involved, we have seen huge learning journeys in all students. As part of our home learning this week, students were asked to prepare and cook a meal (breakfast, lunch or tea) for their family on their own and produce photographic evidence. We have been overwhelmed with the response. We are very proud of our students and their commitment to learning. Coen Martin went above and beyond with a whole day's menu (pictured right)...WOW! Even our staff members are eager to cook the recipes at home, which we trial at school. Pictured on the front page of this newsletter are the many aspects to the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program.

Keep cooking! Kerry, Kim and Annie

Coen's Country Kitchen
Menu

Breakfast
Bacon, Egg and Toast Cups
Served with crunchy, golden hash browns

Lunch
Zucchini and Bacon Fritters
Served with fresh garden salad

Dinner
Honey Soy Marinated Chicken Wings
Accompanied with a baked potato topped with your choice of butter, sour cream or grated cheese

Dessert
Golden Syrup Dumplings
Topped with whipped cream, custard or ice-cream

COMMUNITY NEWS

Mypolonga Football Club

Club Reunion – Saturday 18th July 2015 (home game against Ramblers)

Dig out your old Tiger apparel, catch up with old mates, relive old times and see how the club YOU helped has evolved. If you can't make it at 8am to see the under 7s, under 9s or under 11s kick off, then perhaps arrive at a more civilised time for the official opening of the new 'caravan'. Michael "Kingo" Taylor (of Norwood fame) will officiate the opening ceremonies where we will have a goal kicking competition arranged during the A grade break. There are cash prizes on offer so why not see if you still have the skill! A 'traditional', and delicious Mypo dinner will be on offer, so why not make a day of it. Meals served from 6:15pm.

Mypolonga Netball League Club

Tiger Ball – Saturday 27th June 2015 at the Mypolonga Combined Sport's Club

Tickets have arrived and are ready for purchase. Please catch up with Lauren Nolan, Kim Polkinghorne or Sarah Gillett at the netball/football. \$40.00 each.

Mypolonga RSL – Bingo BBQ Tea - Friday 19th June 2015 at the Mypo RSL

Mypo RSL Bingo BBQ 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 if attending the tea.

Murray Bridge Studio Gallery 'Channeling Monet' by Selena Smith – June 10th to 25th July 2015

Selena Smith has explored the landscape with emotive abstraction from the Victorian countryside to Canberra gardens. Visit the Studio Gallery, 8 Railway Terrace, Murray Bridge. Phone 85325452.

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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| 8 | 15/6 Newsletter 3:30pm Life Long Learning Community meeting 7:00pm Finance Committee meeting 7:30pm Governing Council meeting | 16/6 | 17/6 UP Monarto Zoo iPad application trial | 18/6 | 19/6 3:00pm Assembly Mypo RSL Bingo/BBQ tea | 20/6 & 21/6 20/6 – MFC & MNLC -v- Taillem @ Mypo |
| 9 | 22/6 Student Free Day | 23/6 | 24/6 | 25/6 | 26/6 3:00pm Assembly | 27/6 & 28/6 27/6 – MFC & MNLC -v- Jervois @ Jervois 27/6 – MNLC Tiger Ball |
| 10 | 29/6 | 30/6 MP/Australian Girls Choir performance | 1/7 SRC Casual Day 'Christmas Child' | 2/7 2:45pm End of Term Assembly 3:25pm Dismissal | 3/7 Newsletter No Assembly 2:25pm Dismissal MCSC Friday night tea | 4/7 & 5/7 4/7 – MFC & MNLC BYE |

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