

Mypolonga Primary School & Community Newsletter



Kye and Mackenzie with their Chinese lanterns made during their Asian Studies lesson.

Teamwork
Integrity
Generosity of Spirit
Excellence
Respect

19th October 2015

~ A mind that is stretched by a new experience
can never go back to its old dimensions. ~

Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr.

Term 4 Assembly Roster

Week 2 – Paris Montgomery-Pittaway,

Leila Dahlitz, Rhea Kempe

Week 3 – Blake Fidge, Benjamin

Peterson, Isla Gielen

Reminders

. **MP Regional Choir Performance** consent and photography form to be returned by Friday 23rd October 2015

. **LMP/MP Illawonga Camp** full payment to be received by Friday 30th October 2015

. **UP West Beach Camp** full payment to be received by Friday 30th October 2015

Term 4 Enterprise Recess/Lunch

Tuesdays – LMP Recess

Ice Cream in cone (vanilla) \$1.00 each

Wednesdays - MP Lunch

Salad Roll (chicken, ham and/or cheese including choice of salad) \$2.50 each

* *Payment is required at the time of ordering on Mondays & Tuesdays. Please pay and place orders at the servery near the staff room - not in the office slot **

SAPSASA Cricket/Tennis

Congratulations to students **Kyal McDonald, Bodi Stewart** and **Darcy Elliott** on being selected in the Murraylands team to compete in the **SAPSASA Cricket State Carnival**, being held in Adelaide between 2nd and 5th November 2015.

Congratulations to **Holly Temby** on being selected in the Murraylands team to compete in the **SAPSASA Tennis State Carnival**, also being held in Adelaide between 2nd and 6th November 2015.

Happy Birthday

20/10 – Brandan (Year 1)

26/10 – Linton (Reception)

30/10 – Claire (Year 3)

30/10 – Ariel (Year 1)



Rita's Roar

ACSO Premier's Awards

Chris Thomson, on behalf of the Murray Bridge Apex Club nominated our school for the Association of Community Service Organisations Premier's Awards and we won! Next Sunday Anne and myself, along with Bailey O'Connor and Jess Donald will attend the awards ceremony in Adelaide to receive our \$1000 prize. We try to give our students as many opportunities to speak in public as possible, so Bailey and Jess will be accepting the award on the school's behalf.

We have also been nominated for an Advantage SA Award but we will not know the outcome until the presentation ceremony.

Football Dinner

Having to cater for the footy dinner in the school holidays is much trickier than doing it in term time. I would like to thank Mary Gill and Kane Rankin, Yvette and Holly Rathjen, Dee, Mostyn and Henry Payne, Peter and Nick Lewis, Bodi Stewart, Anne and Annie and volunteers Helen Markobotsaris and Alex Anastasiou. The kids were amazing and I was very proud of them.

We spent the day preparing for the footy dinner but also had to open the school shop as well. Ian Davies, an educator from Victoria contacted me after he had seen the 'Barefoot Investor' article. He is writing a book about engaging students in their learning and thought that the shop was an excellent vehicle to teach kids skills that would prepare them for real world living. He drove over to interview Anne and myself and talk to our kids. What was really impressive was that there were lots of kids here including Mitchell Walton and Meg Daniel in Year 9.

Ian's book will be published next year and I will be very interested to read it.

Vale Eric Burrett

Mr Eric Burrett, who was an ANZAC fixture at our school for over 30 years, passed away recently. He was held in such high esteem by the school community, so we decided it was important for us to express our gratitude to his family. Mostyn Payne, Kenz Rathjen, Kyal McDonald and Anne spoke movingly at his funeral about the impact he has had on our kids and how he epitomised our TIGER values.

Domestic violence

Across Australia the spectre of domestic violence has reared its ugly head and has had a particularly devastating effect on members of our school community. One of the biggest protective factors to guard against domestic violence is to ensure that girls are educated so that they are able to become financially independent, and then able to leave violent relationships.

At Mypo we take financial literacy very seriously and it is embedded into all of our enterprise programs and we aim that both genders are able to achieve financial independence in their later years.

Goodbye Miss Polky, welcome Mrs Merritt!

Warm Regards, Rita

UNSW Global - International Competitions and Assessments for Schools

Congratulations to the following students on their recent achievements in the Mathematics Competition, held on 11th August 2015:

Bailey O'Connor (Year 7) ~ Distinction

Riley Walton (Year 5) ~ Distinction

Nick Lewis (Year 7) ~ Credit

Chloe Pahl (Year 6) ~ Credit

Linx Baker (Year 3) ~ Credit

Makayla Stimpson (Year 3) ~ Credit

Rohan Bartholomeusz (Year 7) ~ Merit

Samuel Montgomery-Pittaway (Year 5) ~ Merit

Harry Stone (Year 4) ~ Merit



~ CONGRATULATIONS ~



'From The Proud Mary...'



September 2015

Hello from Geelong!

Thank you to those of you who came in to school on your pupil free day for the Adelaide Show. We so enjoyed seeing your shop at work and the lemon cordial was so refreshing after our walk along Reedy Creek. Thank you for making us feel so welcome and for showing us around the shop and helping with our purchases. It was great to see your Stephanie Alexander garden. We have spoken to a lot of people (some teachers) about your wonderful business.

All the best for the future.

Meredith & Bob Stafford, Geelong, Victoria

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September 2015

Dear Teachers & Children

I really enjoyed my visit to your school, together with my fellow passengers from the Proud Mary on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2015.

The children were very enthusiastic about their school, polite and well mannered.

I wish you every success with your fundraising, the apricots are much better than shop bought ones.

Regards and good wishes to you all.

Bev, Victoria

### Counsellor's Corner



#### Help Kids Tap Into Their Capacity To Be Nice ...from a Blog by Michael Grose

*This article is quite large so I will break it up over the next few newsletters.*

'Spend some time in any schoolyard or listen in to some sibling conversations and you'll soon realise that children (your children too) can be very cruel to each other. They can say the most cutting things.

One of the jobs of parents is to help kids tap into their capacity to be kind, to be helpful and to be generous to others.

The capacity to be nice is there. It just needs to be developed, encouraged and nurtured. Some children need more reminding than others, so you may need to persevere and keep reminding kids to do the right thing by others. Thriving parenting is about developing real character in kids.

Tips for tapping into...

1. Develop a No-put down policy: Help kids understand the potential destructiveness of putting kids down because of their weight, looks, intelligence or other personal attributes. If you're told often enough that you're dumb then it can have a way of sticking. As a parent become intolerant of personal put-downs from your kids.'

*It is so important to treat others the way you would like to be treated. If everyone remembered this, what a wonderful world we would live in.*

Stayed tuned for more ideas next newsletter...

Cheers, Kerry

### Student Representative Council (SRC)

#### Introducing...

**Jackson Hughes**  
SRC Upper Primary  
Representative/Treasurer



**As an SRC leader, I hope to...** look after the school and to help kids if they are hurt.

**Something you don't know about me is...** I love sport and my favourite colour is blue.

**I like to read...** Jeff Kiney books.

**I like to watch...** ABC3 and Foxtel.

**I like to listen to....** Ed Sheeran.

**One day I hope to...** be an AFL star.

**If I could change something in the world I would...** stop all wars and robberies.

**The best thing about Mypolonga Primary School is...** the teachers are great and all my friends go to this school.

**Someone I really look up to is...** my Dad **because...** he takes care of me and used to teach footy.



## World Vision Committee

Our World Vision committee sponsors a child named Bryan Brandon Choque Condori from Bolivia, South America (pictured below).

We raise money for him by organising events such as casual days, bike-a-thons and help improve access to clean water and safe hygiene facilities so children can stay healthy and in school in his community.

We also send him and his community gifts to support his life and health. We write letters to him to check up on his progress and also send him birthday cards and presents.

Our proud World Vision committee is pictured right; (from back left) Linx Baker, Madalyn Uren, Koby Stimpson, Amber Gielen, Holly Rathjen and Mackenzie Rathjen.



Visit [worldvision.com.au](http://worldvision.com.au) for more information on their great work.

## Books & Gifts Direct - Latest Selection

(orders and money due by Monday 26/10/15)

A reminder that a selection of books and other items are 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. Books are usually changed over fortnightly and each purchase supports the McGrath Foundation.

**Blue Eco Stone 5 pc pan set** - \$50.00 (RRP \$179.00)

**My Delightful Dolls House** - \$15.00 (RRP \$34.94)

**Clean Living Cookbook** - \$12.00 (RRP \$29.99)

**First World War for Children** - \$12.00 (RRP \$26.95)

**Lift n Look Wooden Puzzles Set 2** - \$10.00 (RRP \$19.99)

**My Australia** - \$10.00 (RRP \$19.99)

**Australian Practical First Aid** - \$8.00 (RRP \$19.99)

**Granddaughter bracelet in gift box** - \$8.00 (RRP \$19.95)

**Peek a Book** - \$5.00 (RRP \$9.99)

## Murray Mallee 2015 Regional Choir Festival

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2015  
at the Murray Bridge Town Hall

The Middle Primary Class Choir will be performing  
1 concert on this evening...

**Performance time: 7.00pm**

Tickets are now available to purchase from  
the Murray Bridge Information Centre  
Ph: 85391142 -or- online @  
[www.trybooking.com/159734](http://www.trybooking.com/159734)  
\$8.00 adults / \$5.00 concession & students  
\$20.00 family (2 adults and 2 children)

**All Welcome!**



## Lower Middle Primary Mosaics

Above: *Flights to Freedom* by Rhea Kempe  
Below: *The Sunset on the Bay* by Bella Pike



## COMMUNITY NEWS

**Mypolonga Football Club - Congratulations** to Mypolonga Football Club's Under 15s team on winning the 2015 RMFL Grand Final recently.

**Mannum Community College Trivia Night** – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2015 held at the College in the school staff room. Bar opens at 6:30pm for a 7:00pm start. \$10.00 per person. Phone 85691503 to book a table and join the fun, which includes a silent auction.

**Learn How to Fence @** Headspace Murray Bridge on Tuesdays starting 27<sup>th</sup> October 2015 from 4:00pm – 5:00pm at The Station, Youth Centre, Railway Terrace, Murray Bridge. For more information, contact Headspace on 85312122.

**Murray Bridge Lawn Tennis Association** Friday Night Hot Shots League competition (30/10/15-4/12/15) and Saturday Morning coaching (24/10/15-5/12/15). Enquiries call Sherryn Crane 0414185289.

**Mental Health Expo @** the Murray Bridge Town Hall on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2015 from 10:00am – 3:00pm. Chat with those working in the mental health sector, free massage, healthy lunch, mandala making and 'come and try Djembe Drums'. Enquiries 0417819994.

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

**Planning Calendar  
 Term 4 2015**

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

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| 2 | 19/10<br>Newsletter                                                                                                                                            | 20/10                                                                                                                   | 21/10<br>7:00pm<br>Sustainability<br>Committee Meeting                                                                               | 22/10                                                                                                                        | 23/10<br>3:00pm Assembly                                                                                             | 24/10 & 25/10                                                                      |
| 3 | 26/10<br>3:30pm Life Long<br>Learning Community<br>meeting<br><b>7:00pm Finance<br/>Committee meeting</b><br>7:30pm Governing<br>Council meeting               | 27/10<br>7:00pm - Regional<br>Choir performance<br>at Murray Bridge<br>Town Hall<br>(rehearsals<br>10:30am –<br>1:30pm) | 28/10<br>7:45pm 100 <sup>th</sup> Year<br>Birthday committee<br>meeting                                                              | 29/10                                                                                                                        | 30/10<br>3:00pm Assembly                                                                                             | 31/10 & 1/11                                                                       |
| 4 | 2/11<br><b>Newsletter</b><br>SAPSASA Cricket/<br>SAPSASA Tennis                                                                                                | 3/11                                                                                                                    | 4/11                                                                                                                                 | 5/11                                                                                                                         | 6/11<br>3:00pm Assembly                                                                                              | 7/11 & 8/11                                                                        |
| 5 | 9/11<br>LMP / MP<br>Illawonga Camp<br><br>UP West Beach<br>Camp                                                                                                | 10/11                                                                                                                   | 11/11                                                                                                                                | 12/11                                                                                                                        | 13/11<br>No Assembly<br><br>Murray Bridge<br>Christmas Tree<br>Festival                                              | 14/11 & 15/11<br><br>14/11 – Credit<br>Union<br>Christmas<br>Pageant<br>(Adelaide) |
| 6 | 16/11<br>Newsletter                                                                                                                                            | 17/11                                                                                                                   | 18/11                                                                                                                                | 19/11                                                                                                                        | 20/11<br>Year 7 transition<br>Day @ Unity<br>College<br><b>3:00pm<br/>Assembly</b><br>Myo RSL Bingo<br>BBQ Tea       | 21/11 & 22/11<br><br>21/11 – Murray<br>Bridge<br>Christmas<br>Pageant              |
| 7 | 23/11                                                                                                                                                          | 24/11                                                                                                                   | 25/11<br>7:00pm<br>Sustainability<br>Committee Meeting<br><b>7:45pm 100<sup>th</sup> Year<br/>Birthday<br/>committee<br/>meeting</b> | 26/11                                                                                                                        | 27/11<br>3:00pm Assembly<br><br>Mannum<br>Christmas Tree<br>Festival                                                 | 28/11 & 29/11                                                                      |
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| 9 | 7/12                                                                                                                                                           | 8/12                                                                                                                    | 9/12<br>Year 7<br>graduation dinner<br>(further details to<br>follow)                                                                | 10/12<br>2:30pm<br>Assembly at the<br>Mypolonga<br>Combined Sports'<br>Club (inc<br>presentation of term<br>and year awards) | 11/12<br><b>LAST DAY OF<br/>TERM 4</b><br>* FUN DAY *<br>Newsletter<br><b>NO ASSEMBLY</b><br>2:25pm Dismissal        | 12/12 & 13/12                                                                      |

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