

# Mypolonga Primary School & Community Newsletter

**\* 100th Birthday  
Edition \***

21<sup>st</sup> March 2016



Time to Celebrate:  
Larissa, Bella & Coen

Teamwork  
Integrity  
Generosity of Spirit  
Excellence  
Respect

## **Term 1 Assembly Roster**

**Week 8** – No Assembly

**Week 9** – Chloe Pahl, Dallas Harrowfield, Jacinta Clark

## **Happy Birthday**

31/3 – Coen (Year 6)

## **LMP Bat Night**

The Lower Middle Primary class has been asked to participate in the Natural Resources program on local bats. We are the first school to use this new resource and we will be conducting a bat monitoring evening for the class in the school grounds on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2016 at 7:00pm. Bat expert Chris Grant will be present and children will have access to iPads to collect bat calls and we may be fortunate enough to catch bats using a harp net to have a closer look.

LMP parents/caregivers are kindly asked to return the note sent home last week to the school asap to indicate their attendance.

## **Sports' Day**

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2016 (last week of Term 1) on the Mypolonga Primary School oval. Further details will be provided in due course.

## **Murray Bridge Christmas Pageant**

Special thanks to the students (and parents/caregivers!), who sourced period clothing to wear at our 100<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations. We enter a float into the Murray Bridge Christmas Pageant biannually, and we are excited to say that our theme for this year's float will centre around our 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. We are just giving you 'heads up' in case you would like to keep the clothing in a safe place until November.

## **2016 Parent/Teacher Interviews**

Parent/teacher interviews for all students will be held during Week 9, commencing **Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2016 until Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016**. Please refer to the note sent home last week re the online booking process. Bookings for interviews close at **9:00am on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2016**.

## **Rita's Roar**

(Extracted from my 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday speech 11/3/16)

'The Hon. Susan Close MP, Minister for Education and Child Development, Tony Pasin, Member for Barker, Adrian Pederick, Member for Hammond, Brenton Lewis, Mayor Rural City of Murray Bridge, Michael Sedgman, CEO Rural City of Murray Bridge, Stan Hagias, Education Director, Noel Kneebone, Principal Consultant, Ian Payne, Governing Council Chairperson, colleagues, families, friends and our students,

I am so proud to lead this amazing school and so proud to see how much our community values our contribution to their, and their children's lives, as we can see by the number of people participating in our 100<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations.

Mypo has a magnificent history, which we honour here today. However, our strength is that we have always been able to balance tradition, where we keep and value things of the past, with innovation, where we move forward and prepare our kids for the demands of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. This is culture, and Mypo has this in spades.

Culture doesn't happen overnight. It takes years to build and can be lost in the blink of an eye. For us to have maintained a culture of success for 100 years is a testament to our community's values and high expectations. Our traditions are the foundation on which our culture is built. This foundation is strengthened by the very real partnership between our school, our families and our community.

Traditions such as Sports' Day, which has changed very little since Marlene Newell designed it over 30 years ago, are embedded in our school culture. Our school concert is a fixture in our community's calendar. Masterclasses (or in the old days, Electives) are still going strong, and the disco is a highly anticipated event each year. These events all contribute to our 'way of being' and help develop pride in our achievements and successes.

And we have been successful. We have been the recipient of many awards and accolades, too numerous to mention here, but again this is about culture. We are nominated for these awards, often by community members, or the Department, who wish to recognise and celebrate our programs and good practice. Last week, the DECD Media Unit organised our Today Tonight feature which has had over 10,500 views on Facebook. If you haven't seen it, go to our Facebook page or the Today Tonight website.

In 2012, we were nominated by the Department of Education and Child Development and recognised by the OECD (Organisation of Economic Cooperation) as an 'Innovative Learning Environment', one of 7 in South Australia for our commitment to developing lifelong learning dispositions in our students.

Some of our innovations have now become traditions. Our School Shop, now a tradition to us, and in its 20<sup>th</sup> year, is still regarded as innovative by state, national and international educators. When student Stephanie Fulwood now 31, suggested we convert the old post office into a shop we gave it a go. Principal John Hackett said OK.

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Our parents made it work. That is the power of Mypo. People are willing to take risks and put in the effort to make it work. That is the connection. Someone has to do the work and that is what we do well. A work ethic is the best gift we can give our children.

This beautiful idea has evolved into such best practice, that students Tyler Martin and Sienna Montgomery-Pittaway were flown to Melbourne last year to present at a conference on the topic 'Powerful approaches to developing creative, curious and engaged learners through relevant real world learning opportunities'. They did us proud and the feedback was outstanding.

Gradually, more and more families heard about us and wanted to share the Mypo experience. For a while, we were worried about losing our Myponess. What we found was that what our new families wanted was our Myponess. They wanted to play netball, football, cricket and tennis and added to our community. They became TIGERS and demonstrated our values of Teamwork, Integrity, Generosity of Spirit, Excellence and Respect and our community is richer for it. We are currently at capacity with a significant waiting list.

Being innovative means seizing every opportunity for improvement. Minister, could we get together and have a chat over morning tea about maybe a new building?

We punch above our weight. I lead a great team who have made today possible, but most importantly we are Mypo and we intend to stay that way!

*Warm Regards, Rita*

### SAPSASA Swimming

CONGRATULATIONS to Harry Stone and Samuel Montgomery-Pittaway on being selected in the Murraylands swimming team, which competed at the SAPSASA Country Swimming Championships in Adelaide on Friday.

Samuel made it to the finals in his breaststroke event, and is now ranked 6<sup>th</sup> in the state for 11 year-old boys breaststroke.

Both boys competed in the 11 year-old boys freestyle relay, finishing 5<sup>th</sup>.

Samuel said, "It was great seeing swimming legend Ian 'Thorpedo' Thorpe poolside." Harry said, "I really liked being part of a big event like this." Well done boys!

### School Shop Open for Business!

Our School Shop will be open for business on Good Friday (Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2016). All Reception to Year 7 students are welcome to attend, dressed in school uniform, arriving at 11:50am to approximately 12:45pm. A number of items, which commemorate our 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, are still available to purchase, including pens, magnetic photo frames and recipe books.



### Parents & Friends (P&F) 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Raffle

We would like to thank our P&F committee for all their hard work during our weekend of celebrations. A lot of the work was 'behind the scenes' and contributed to a very successful weekend.

Congratulations to the following recipients of prizes in our 100<sup>th</sup> birthday raffle, drawn at the school on Saturday afternoon. A total of \$459.00 was raised from the raffle.

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize....Car Care Package...valued at \$470**  
Car wash Kit and Buff and Polish voucher donated by Burgess Paint'n'Panel  
Service voucher donated by DJ's Auto

**Winner: Edwards**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize....Fishing Package....valued at \$400**  
Fishing Rod and Reel, Shrimp Net and Accessories  
Donated by BP Eastside

**Winner: Holly Bettcher**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize....Hair Care Package.....valued at \$150**  
Donated by MB Salon

**Winner: Phillip Bathols**

**4<sup>th</sup> Prize....Ladies' Pamper Package**  
Donated by Priceline, Murray Harvy Jewellers and Watt's the Rush Massage, Your name Frame

**Winner: Annette Kruger**

**5<sup>th</sup> Prize....Gym Bag and 2 months gym membership**  
Donated by SportsScene and Anytime Fitness

**Winner: Jan Wynne**

**6<sup>th</sup> Prize....Dinner Voucher and Wine**  
Donated by Thai to You Restaurant

**Winner: Elouise Kuhn**

**7<sup>th</sup> Prize....Dinner Voucher and Wine**  
Donated by Thai to You Restaurant

**Winner: Cindy Schenscher**

**8<sup>th</sup> Prize....Dinner Voucher and Wine**  
Donated by Wong's Happy Gathering Asian Cuisine

**Winner: Shaeden Lukey**

**9<sup>th</sup> Prize....Kids Toy Package**  
Donated by Murray Bridge Newsagency & Toyworld

**Winner: Joyce Yeo**

**10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Prize....Gym Bag and Thai boxing class**

**Winner: Marg Yelland, Ali Martin & Ben Hutchinson**

Donated by SportsScene and Team Sky Thai Boxing Gym

**Special thanks to the generous businesses who donated the many prizes for our raffle.**

### 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations – Photos

**100<sup>th</sup> Birthday attendees:** Photos from our 100<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations will be posted on the **Mypolonga Primary School Facebook page**, **Mypolonga Primary School 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations Facebook event page** and on the **Mypolonga Primary School website** from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2016. Please feel free to tag your friends and download a copy for future printing. NB. *If you do not wish for your image to appear on the above sites, please contact the school on 85354191.*

**Parents of current Mypolonga Primary School students:** Please be assured that your child/ren's class teachers will include photos of our 100<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations in their portfolio (report folder).





The whole day (Friday) was excellent. All guest speakers were very interesting and it was great to see how much the school has changed since 1994 when my last child finished primary school. A well organised and enjoyable day. Congratulations to everyone involved.

Gemma Button (nee Geue),  
Parent 1982-1994



## 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations

11<sup>th</sup> March 2016 & 12<sup>th</sup> March 2016

I thoroughly enjoyed seeing, reminiscing and learning a little of the lives of schoolmates on Saturday afternoon and night. Sharing laughter and being infused with the community spirit that embraces Mypolonga left me feeling warm, still part of the town and enlivened. The kitchen service on Saturday night was so efficient and friendly - impressive work! I am looking forward to seeing more photos and have some to upload. I will fondly remember Mypolonga school's 100th birthday celebrations. Congratulations to the organising committee, to the people who loaned items to view and to all of the old scholars who attended.

*Alison Vink, Student 1973-1979  
(via Facebook)*

We dressed up in olden day clothes on Friday.

I liked marching.

Ella O'Shea-Coulter,  
current student,  
Year 1





Congratulations to all the staff, students and supporters for staging a memorable 100 year birthday for the school and community - another very proud moment in Mypolonga's wonderful history. Thank you.

*Ros Kruger, Student 1969-1975 (via Facebook)*



I remember...  
In Year 7, we made ginger beer in the domestic arts room.  
We put it under the school and it all popped!

*Ellen Weinert (nee Grose), Student 1947-1953*



I liked marching, the cake and the speeches.

*Linton Garner, current student, Year 1*

I liked the balloons.  
They were gold and floated in the air.

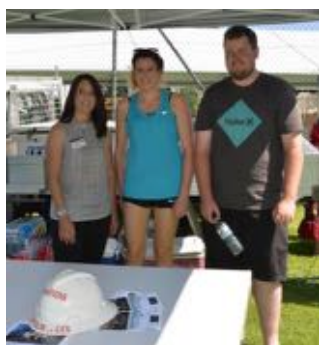
*Braeden Watts, current student, Year 2*



I remember...  
Grade 7 girls were allowed to have a flower garden (between the pine trees as you come into the gate).

I thoroughly enjoyed my Mypo schooling.

*Sandra Baker (nee Mangelsdorf), Student 1951-1958*



So impressed with the school and the students. They conducted themselves so confidently. I was sorry I couldn't catch up with Ronny Blake.  
He was the bane of my life in '44!

*Margaret Yelland (nee Schubert), Student 1944-1950*

I liked the activities on Friday. We played with marbles and elastics.

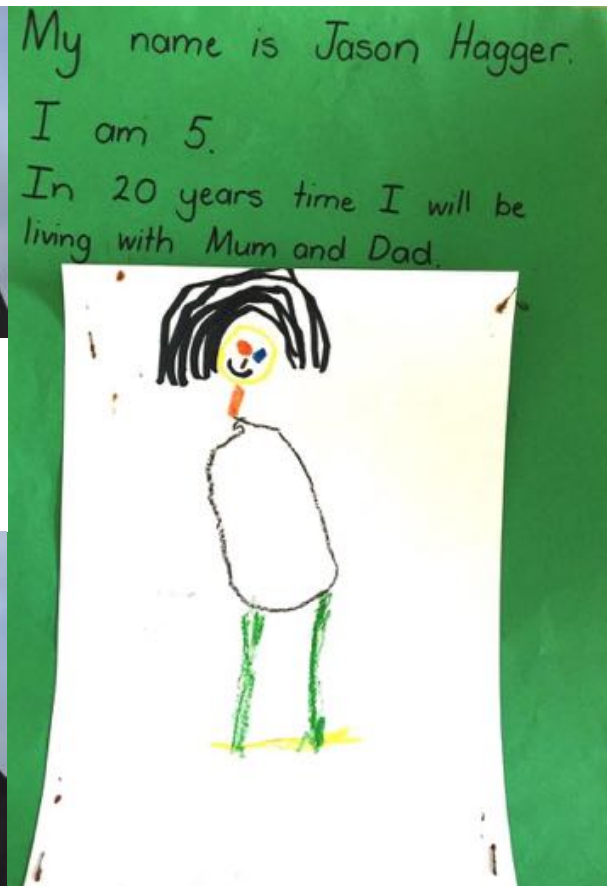
*Marcus Hazel, current student, Year 5*







1996 Time capsule contents by our very own Mel Carstairs (nee O'Connor) & Jason Hagger



I really enjoyed both the days, especially meeting a lot of new people who could tell us about what Mypolonga used to be like. I cannot wait until the next one in 25 years' time!

Chloe Pahl, Year 7 and current SRC Leader



I remember... Every Friday, we sang 'God Save The Queen'. I still know all the words and sing it when we play England in the cricket!

Mypo & Palmer Sports' Days were the highlights of the year.

Folk dancing.. my dance partner was Michael Hocking.

All wonderful memories! Thank you Mypolonga Primary School!

Nina Bau, Student 1969-1975

I was so humbled and proud all at the same time knowing that we have had the privilege of being part of this wonderful school and community for the past 12 years. It was great to go back to the school and see so many people enjoying reminiscing of times past. A great night had at the Club, good food, good company and fantastic music from Woolshed Road. I have sore feet today from all the dancing! Sharee Kelly, Parent 2005-2013 (via Facebook).





I remember...

The intense games of footy at recess and lunch. Year 7s onto the rest!  
Corey Jones, Student 1995-2002

It was great to walk through the classrooms and see how much things have changed but still somehow remained the same. A wonderful school to attend and I look forward to coming back and doing it again at the next birthday.

Jasmine Irvine (nee Traeger), Student 1995-2002



Above: Class of the 1930s.. Jean Kruger, Josie Hutson - Josie's father being a head teacher, Pat Wynne, Rosa Martin, Des Wynne and Bob Traeger

I remember ...

The old tin toilets and the little bottles of milk that were never very cold. We used to have to walk 1 mile to school on dirt roads as we did not have bikes.

Liz Martin (nee Chambers), Student 1960s

On Friday, the parade was very enjoyable. I liked wearing the old fashioned clothing and the slideshows in the Upper Primary class were great! Also, I stepped out of my comfort zone when speaking to hundreds of people.

Baden Monjean, Year 7 and current SRC Leader



What a fantastic evening on Saturday night...still being talked about today. Well done to all involved in the organisation over the past few days.

Claire Garner, Current Parent (via Facebook)



## SRC Disco

**When:** Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2016 (Week 10)

**Where:** Mypolonga Institute

**Time:** 7:00pm-9:00pm

**Theme:** Fluoro

**Cost:** \$5.50 per student, which includes one bottle of soft drink/fruitbox and one packet of chips/popcorn

Please return the note sent home last week, together with money, by Friday 1/4/16. Thank you!

## School Tea (prior to Disco)

On the evening of the disco, we will be holding a tea at the Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club. This is a great opportunity for families to have tea, drop off their children at the Mypolonga Institute and return to the club for a 'get together', before picking up their children around 9:00pm. Further details and an order form will be sent home in the near future.

## Upper Primary "Dear Future Self"...

To coincide with our 100<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations, Upper Primary students were asked to write a letter to their 'future self', each one being included in the time capsule buried last Friday, and due to be unveiled in 2041.

Dear future self, what will my job be? Will I be a professional at something or will I be an Inventor, a Builder or even a Lawyer? Have I achieved many good things or even better things in my continued life? So, what new devices are there in the future? Hover crafts, hover boards or any other things? I have many hobbies and hope I still have many today. My favourite hobby is going on the trampoline. What's going on? Who else is not part of this generation? Have I changed my dreams & hopes? Do you have any new friends? What do you remember of your eleven-year-old self? I certainly hope you will remember your old dreams as well.

From your 11 year old past, Logan (Baker)

Dear future me, in 25 years when I'm reading this, I want you to know, I'm 11 years old and in Year 6...Right now I love playing netball and my team is Mypolonga, also known as the Mypo Tigers. My dream job is a Police Officer. Just wondering, do I have a family and a husband and do I have kids, and if I do, how many?...Do I still live in Australia?...Do I live in Murray Bridge?.. And by the way, if you smoke or take drugs you're just STUPID!

From Larissa (Pike)



## Payment of 2016 School Fees

A reminder that outstanding school fees are due to be paid by the end of Term 1 (Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2016), unless otherwise arranged with the front office. If you wish to arrange an instalment plan, please see Annie or Necia in the office. Family Statements with any outstanding fees will be sent home on 1st April 2016.

## Student Representative Council "SRC"

Introducing...

**Chloe Pahl (SRC Leader)**

**As an SRC Leader, I hope to...** help improve the school and for younger children to look up to me.

**Something you don't know about me is...** I used to go to Murray Bridge North School before I came to Mypo.

**I read...** all types of books and thoroughly enjoy them.

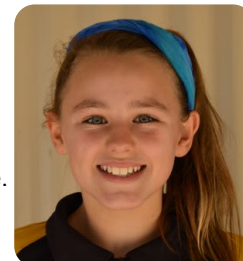
**I watch...** random TV shows.

**I listen to...** most types of music, which I find really calming.

**One day I hope to...** change the world in a positive way.

**If I could change something in the world, I would...** get rid of poverty and stop all the wars, create peace and make everyone happy.

**The best thing about Mypolonga Primary School is...** The teachers because they are really good at helping us learn and are really kind to everyone.



## Class Awards

### Term 1 Week 5

#### Junior Primary class

**Bella Pope** - showing wonderful persistence in Jolly Phonics.

**Charlotte Pahl** - for always being an enthusiastic learner.

#### Junior Primary 1 class

**Lyam Marshall** - for being polite and caring when working with his peers.

**Elouise Kuhn** - for being a great leader and showing great teamwork skills.

#### Lower Middle Primary class

**Koby Stimpson** - excellent enterprise monitor.

**Zac Kennison** - for working as a good team member and including classmates.

#### Middle Primary class

**Jade Prosser** - a kind student who is showing excellent leadership skills.

**Dallas Harrowfield** - showing persistence in P.E.

#### Upper Primary class

**Clay Burgess** - for using his initiative in creating learning opportunities.

**Larissa Pike** - for a positive attitude and great leadership.

## Diary Dates for Term 1

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2016 - **JP Pancake Breakfast & SRC Casual Day** (this term, our casual day proceeds will be going to Mercer Supercycle, which has partnered with The Hospital Research Foundation in raising much needed funds to build accommodation in Adelaide for country cancer patients.)

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2016 -Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016 -  
**Parent/Teacher interviews**

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2016 - **Tea @ Club / School Disco**

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2016 - **School Sports' Day**

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

### Planning Calendar Term 1 2016

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

8	21/3 <b>Harmony Day</b> Meetings: 3:30pm Life Long Learning Community 7:00pm Finance 7:30pm Governing Council <b>Newsletter</b>	22/3 LMP enterprise recess (icecreams)	23/3 MP enterprise lunch (salad rolls) <b>Interview bookings close @ 9:00am</b> LMP 'Bat Night' (further details to follow)	24/3 JP Pancake Breakfast  <b>SRC Casual Day (proceeds to Mercer Supercycle)</b>	25/3  <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>	26/3 & 27/3  <b>EASTER SATURDAY</b>  <b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>
9	28/3  <b>EASTER MONDAY</b>	29/3 LMP enterprise recess (icecreams)  Parent/teacher Interviews	30/3 MP enterprise lunch (salad rolls)  Parent/teacher Interviews	31/3 Parent/teacher Interviews  MFC Thursday training commences	1/4 3:00pm Assembly  from 6:30pm MCSC Friday Night Tea	2/4 & 3/4 2/4 – MFC & MNLC -v- Rambler @ Mypo Teas from 6:00pm  3/4 - Daylight Savings Ends 9/4 & 10/4 9/4 – MFC & MNLC -v- Imps @ Imps
10	4/4 Newsletter	5/4 LMP enterprise recess (icecreams)	6/4 MP enterprise lunch (salad rolls)	7/4 JP Pancake Breakfast	8/4 3:00pm Assembly  Tea @ the MCSC  <b>School Disco</b>	
11	11/4	12/4  <b>Sports' Day</b>	13/4 MP enterprise lunch (salad rolls) Mercer Supercycle visit <b>UP Presentation at MB Probus Club</b>	14/4  <b>2:45pm End of Term Assembly</b> 3:25pm Dismissal	15/4 Last day of Term 1! <b>Newsletter</b> No Assembly 1:45pm ANZAC Day address <b>2:25pm Dismissal</b>	16/4 & 17/4 16/4 – MFC & MNLC -v- Mannum @ Mannum

### Community News

#### Mypolonga Football Club

**Junior Training** - Training for all grades will revert back to Thursdays on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016

For any MFC junior football enquiries, please contact Mark Pahl (President) 0429881573 or Mary Gill (Secretary) 0448669957.

**League & Reserves Trial Game** - Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2016 at Hahndorf. Game starts at 7:00pm. Canteen and bar facilities will be available.

**Saturday Night Tea** – Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2016, following games -v- Ramblers from 6:00pm. All welcome!

#### Mypolonga Cricket Club

CONGRATULATIONS to Mypolonga Cricket Club's B Grade division 2 team on winning the 2015/2016 Murray Towns Cricket Association Grand Final on Saturday. Back to Back Premiers! Well done to Matt Lindner (Mackenzie & Ava's Dad), who scored 106 runs and took 2 wickets! The A Grade team unfortunately just missed out, with Mannum making the runs required with just 3 balls to spare. The Under 15s team also just fell short, making 102 runs, chasing 109.

#### Mypolonga Primary School Cricket 2015/16

CONGRATULATIONS to the players, parents, coaches (Mark Pahl Div 1, David Peterson, Div 2) and Kym Walton (Co-ordinator) on another successful and well attended season of school cricket. All games were consistent throughout the year and many skills continued to improve along the way. Pictured above is our 2015/16 Div 1 team.



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