

Mypolonga Primary School & Community Newsletter

25th September 2015



Teamwork
Integrity
Generosity of Spirit
Excellence
Respect

"Let us not be content to wait and see what will happen, but give us the determination to make the right things happen."

~ Horace Mann ~

Term 4 Assembly Roster

Week 1 – Jackson Hughes, Jayda Stimpson, Dallas Harrowfield

Reminders

. **LMP/MP Illawonga Camp** consent forms and money to be returned (forms by Friday 25th September 2015, full payment to be received by Friday 30th October 2015)
. **UP West Beach Camp** consent forms and money to be returned (forms by Friday 25th September 2015, full payment to be received by Friday 30th October 2015)

With Thanks...

Thank you to Ali & David Crouch, Jamie & Meredith Pontt and Craig Kempe for collecting and delivering the school's recycling into Murray Bridge this term.

Happy Birthday

27/9 – Darcy (Year 7)
27/9 – Jamie (Year 4)
28/9 – Holly (Year 6)
30/9 – Shaylee (Year 2)
6/10 – Hayden (Year 2)
7/10 – Sienna (Year 7)
9/10 – Holly (Year 6)
12/10 – Leila (Year 4)
15/10 – Lyam (Year 1)



Woolworths Earn & Learn program

Thanks to our school community and beyond for supporting this year's Earn and Learn program. We received an overwhelming **24,900 stickers**, which have now been sent to Woolworths for validation. In early Term 4, we will be able to choose from a great range of resources for our classrooms. Thanks again for your support!

Thought for the Day...

Every day missed in primary school is a lost social and educational opportunity that cannot be reclaimed. It increases the child's position of disadvantage.

Rita's Roar

What is the DECD Standard of Educational Achievement?

DECD has introduced the Standard of Educational Achievement to develop consistency in the monitoring of educational progress for all learners. Over the past 3 weeks, all South Australian students from Years 3-7 completed Progressive Achievement Tests (PAT) in maths and comprehension. We have included these results in students' portfolios at the end of the term along with what DECD considers to be the relevant standard for their year level.

DECD has also developed standards around the proficiency bands in NAPLAN for Years 3, 5 and 7 students. These have also been included in your child's portfolio at the end of Term 3. The table below shows how we fared as a whole site and as you can see we were at or above the Standard of Educational Achievement in all year levels and all learning areas.

DECD		Mypolonga Primary School				
Year Level	Proficiency Band	Reading	Writing	Spelling	G & P	Numeracy
3	3 or above	5	4	4	5	5
5	5 or above	7	6	6	7	7
7	6 or above	7	6	7	7	7
9	7 or above	FYI				

The data for Years 3 and 5 was outstanding. Year 7 was somewhat disappointing especially in writing and reading. Grammar and punctuation in isolation was fine, but when students needed to transfer this into writing the Year 7s displayed gaps. This was also borne out by improvement data, which showed that only 6% of Year 7s made upper progress in reading.

This has not been the case at Mypo for many years, however, this has also been a statewide trend. We are concerned that while students get their reading signed off by their parents, their engagement with this process is questioned. Comprehension continues to be an issue, especially of non fiction texts.

We have reviewed our CARS & STARS comprehension program and continue to embed comprehension across the curriculum. PAT Comprehension tests have painted a brighter picture, so we will continue to monitor and review comprehension across the school.

The Mypolonga numeracy story is again a good one, with results at all Year levels well above the Standard of Educational Achievement. As always, there are students who struggle academically, and we believe that all our students should be defined by what they can do, not what they can't do, and our job is to support them to be the best they can be!

Thank you so much to those students and their families who offered to help at the footy dinner especially when you consider it is on during the school holidays. It really shows how committed our families are to our school!

Have a great break.

Warm Regards, Rita

What makes a good wife?

- Being helpful and willing to cook

What makes a good husband? -

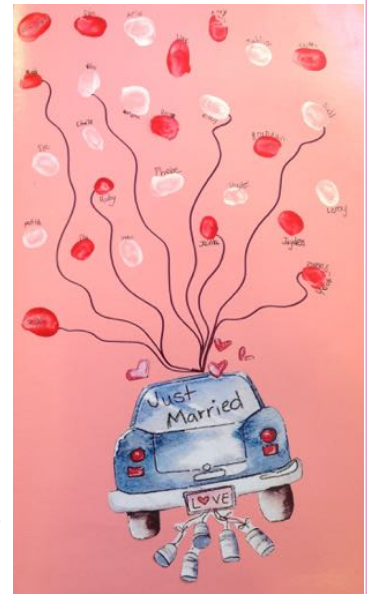
Listening to your wife

Why is love important?

- Love brings happiness

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Wishing you lots of love and happiness for the future Kim & Mason.

Best wishes and from the Mypo school and community. ♥



## ♥ Congratulations on your Wedding Day ♥ Kim & Mason Merritt Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2015

A special assembly was held on Friday afternoon to wish Kim and Mason all the best for their wedding day. Beautiful gifts made by our students included (and pictured): Middle Primary front cover of wedding advice book, Junior Primary 1 wedding card, Lower Middle Primary 'horse shoes' and Junior Primary canvas. The Upper Primary class practised their cake decorating skills by baking wedding cup cakes for the whole school.

### Extracts from the book of 'Wedding Advice' for Miss Polky...

A few of the responses from Middle Primary Students, which have been included in her book...

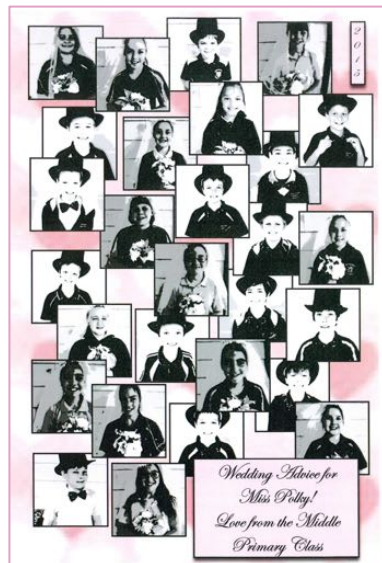
**What is Love? -**  
'Butterflies between two people'

### Rules for a good marriage

- Listen to your partner
- Don't make your partner do everything
- Tell the truth
- Must have a laugh

### What advice would you give Miss Polky about marriage?

- Never take love for granted
- Bake him birthday cakes and let him drink beer!





## Basketball Carnival

On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2015, a selection of year 6/7 girls and boys went to Mannum Leisure Complex to compete in the small schools basketball carnival. The girls' team consisted of: Alisha Hutchinson (C), Chloe Pahl, Holly Temby, Jessica Donald, Abbey Schofield, Paris Montgomery-Pittaway and Mackenzie Rathjen. The boys' team consisted of: Riley Smelt (C), Bodi Stewart, Kyal McDonald, Cameron Hazel, Luke Crouch, Mostyn Payne and Darcy Elliott (Nick Lewis dislocated his finger the night before just missing out!).

The students played against Mannum, Swan Reach and Tailem Bend schools. The kids performed outstandingly and showed excellent teamwork and good sportsmanship.

The boys worked hard and won every game, finishing in first place. Big congratulations to Riley Smelt who won MVP! The girls also played some really good games and won 2 out of 3 (missing out by just 3 goals to Tailem Bend) and finished 2nd overall, which is a great achievement. Big thanks goes to Connor Smelt who was our umpire for the day, Karen Smelt who scored for us and Macca who was my right hand man when coaching! Well done to all the players, you should all be proud of your efforts!



*Cheers, Kim Polkinghorne*



## Murray Mallee 2015 Regional Choir Festival

**Tuesday 27th 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!**

## Kluske Football Cup

This term, the Year 2s, 3s and a selection of year 5/6/7s have been taking part in an AFL football program that gets young people active, developing basic movement and coordination skills and assists in improving the skills of football.

The idea of the program was for the 2/3s to play a modified football game and the older students play the role of coaches, team managers and umpires.



After weeks of lead up, and sessions with SANFL Development Coordinator David Bradley, the students travelled to Jervois Oval to play against Jervois and Tailem Bend Primary Schools.

The day was about participation, being active and was a great opportunity for the development of skills and leadership. The kids enjoyed themselves and we are looking at making the day an annual event.



*Cheers,  
Kim Polkinghorne*

## SAPSASA Athletics State Carnival

On Monday, 7 of our students went to Santos Stadium at Mile End to compete in the SAPSASA Athletics State Carnival. This opportunity was a result of coming first in events at the SAPSASA Athletics District Day and needless to say, they did our school proud!

Competing on the day were the following students and we are proud to share with you their 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> placings...

**Blake Fidge** – 11yo boys shot put (1<sup>st</sup>) / 11yo boys discus (3<sup>rd</sup>)

**Holly Temby** – 12yo girls relay (4<sup>th</sup>)

**Baden Monjean** – 12yo boys relay

**Kyal McDonald** – 12yo boys shot put

**Henry Payne** – 11yo boys relay

**Mackenzie Rathjen** – 13yo girls high jump / 13yo girls 800m

**Jayda Stimpson** – 11yo girls relay (3<sup>rd</sup>)



*Cheers,  
Kim Polkinghorne*



## Student Representative Council (SRC)

### Introducing...

**Abbey Schofield**  
SRC Upper Primary  
Representative/Treasurer Term 4

**As an SRC leader, I hope to...**  
provide the school with the best things possible.

**Something you don't know about me is...** I used to live in Bridgewater.

**I like to read...** Jackie French books.

**I like to watch...** ABC3 and Channel 23.

**I like to listen to....** Ellie Goulding.

**One day I hope to...** achieve my goal and become a successful Vet.

**If I could change something in the world I would...** make everyone stop burning holes in the ozone layer.

**The best thing about Mypolonga Primary School is...** the opportunities we get.

**Someone I really look up to is...** Travis Boak **because...** he has great leadership skills.



## Middle Primary Choir - Aged Care Visit

On Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2015, the Middle Primary Choir was invited to sing at the Mypolonga RSL for the Mypolonga Kaleidoscope Group.

Students introduced the Choir and their songs and sang beautifully to a very receptive group of people.

Students then mingled with their audience by introducing themselves and having a little chat. It was lovely to see the interaction between the generations and I really hope we are able to do this again. Pictured above is Erin with a member of the Mypolonga Kaleidoscope Group.



## Junior Primary Classes Narnu Farm Camp

Our Junior Primary students returned from their Narnu Farm Camp (on Hindmarsh Island) on Wednesday full of exciting stories, however a little weary! Some of their activities included horse riding, animal feeding, vintage truck farm tour, blacksmithing demonstration, hand ploughing, butter making and chicken hatchery. They also participated in a trail around the park.

Pictured below are Elouise & Levi (animal feeding), Autumn (chicken hatchery) and students horse riding.



## Lower Middle Primary Frog Watch

On Wednesday, the Lower Middle Primary Class went on a frog monitoring excursion.

Harry Beauchamp from the SA Murray-Darling Basin NRM Board led our trip to Anne Martin's property at Wall Flat. We left from the school following a short talk from Harry and a sausage sizzle tea.

We arrived at 6:00pm and taped the frog calls from 2 different locations. The children heard a variety of frog calls and had a great time.

Thank you to Harry, Anne, Macca, Janice, Rita and all the parents who came along with us. It was a wonderful experience.



Kind Regards, Jane Rumbelow

# Kiwanis Club of Murray Bridge

## Terrific Kids Awards - Term 3 2015

### CONGRATULATIONS...

**Middle Primary**  
**Baylee Cooper**

**Lower Middle Primary**  
**Claire Ruckstuhl**

**Junior Primary 1**  
**Elouise Kuhn**

**Junior Primary**  
**Shelby Rothe**

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, as chosen by their classroom teacher.

#### Class Awards

##### Term 3 Week 5

##### **Junior Primary class**

**Lyam Marshall** – showing great knowledge on our excursion.

**Brady Roden** – being so brave with changes to his usual routine.

##### **Junior Primary 1 class**

**Elouise Kuhn** – for always trying her very best in every learning activity.

**Brandon Pahl** – trying very hard to master quality in his work.

##### **Lower Middle Primary class**

**Luke Patrick** – great perseverance to learn a new skill.

**Mitchell Pahl** – focused effort in Spelling.

##### **Middle Primary class**

**Leah Ferguson** – Welcome to our school.

**Mackenzie Lindner** – enthusiasm for learning.

##### **Upper Primary class**

**Bailey O'Connor** – for teaching the Middle Primary class geocentric & heliocentric theories of the Universe

**Rohan Bartholomeusz** – for teaching the Middle Primary class geocentric & heliocentric theories of the Universe.

##### Term 3 Week 8

##### **Junior Primary class**

**Ava Hagger** – for always showing her TIGER values.

**Blake Kennedy** – for getting full marks in his spelling.

##### **Junior Primary 1 class**

**Matilda Stone** – working hard to manage her behaviour in the classroom.

**James Mueller** – being a fabulous helper and role model with the Year 1 Maths group.

##### **Lower Middle Primary class**

**Makayla Stimpson** – positive and focussed class member.

**Jessica Deane** – great persistence in the Jervois football competition.

#### Class Awards

##### Term 3 Week 8 continued

##### **Middle Primary class**

**Thomas Tidy** – excellent introduction @ the RSL Aged Care afternoon.

**Benjamin Peterson** – showing persistence with the Premier's Reading Challenge.

##### **Upper Primary class**

**Riley Walton** – for finding every opportunity to enhance his learning.

**Kane Lavington** – for accepting advice in a positive way to complete great writing.

##### Term 3 Week 9

##### **Junior Primary class**

**Levi Nutt** – willingness to help others at all times.

**Dominick Swansson** – learning to work faster on set tasks.

##### **Junior Primary 1 class**

**Ellie Pontt** – for always producing work of a very high standard.

**Reagan Martin** – keeping up with her spelling words.

##### **Lower Middle Primary class**

**Reegan Candy** – precise work in Fraction Art.

**Kobe Hobbs** – always a co-operative worker.

##### **Middle Primary class**

**Erin McDonald** – an enthusiastic student who always tries her best.

**Jade Prosser** – improvement in oral language skills.

##### **Upper Primary class**

**Mostyn Payne** – enthusiastically engaging in all areas of arts.

**Kyal McDonald** – for using his initiative consistently in all areas.

**Student of the Term**  
**Term 3 2015**



**Upper Primary**  
**Alisha Hutchinson**



**Middle Primary**  
**Keeley Rathjen**



**Lower Middle Primary**  
**Ava Lindner**

**Junior Primary 1**  
**Ella O'Shea-Coulter**



**Junior Primary**  
**Linton Garner**

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



**Most Improved Student**  
**for Term 3 2015**

**Upper Primary**  
**Holly Temby**



**Middle Primary**  
**Leila Dahlitz**



**Lower Middle Primary**  
**Ethan Kennedy**

**Junior Primary 1**  
**James Mueller**



**Junior Primary**  
**Brady Roden**





# Enterprise Recess/Lunch Term 4 2015

## TUESDAY

Lower Middle Primary **Recess**

**Icecream in Cone (vanilla)**



## WEDNESDAY

Middle Primary **Lunch**

**Salad Roll**

\*(chicken, ham and/or cheese including choice of salad)

\* 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 \*

**\$1.00 each**

**\$2.50 each**

### Life Education Van

Last week, the Life Education Van visited our school to run their annual drug and health education program, focusing on issues around food and nutrition, personal safety, physical activity, cyber safety, safety with medicine and legal drugs, tobacco, alcohol and caffeine.

"It takes approximately 1 hour for the liver to take the nasty substance out of alcohol." *Rohan Bartholomuesz*

"Giving people your passwords is not a good idea." *Bella Smith*

"I learnt not to drink too much alcohol when I'm older because it can be fatal." *Bodi Stewart*

"We were taught to not talk to strangers online." *Ryder Egel*

"It is suggested that adults only have one standard glass of alcohol per hour." *Riley Walton*



### School Uniform Items

**Items available to purchase from the school office:**

- . Legionnaire style gold hats \$4.60
- . Broad brimmed gold hats (3 sizes) \$7.70
- . Plastic drink bottles (with Crunch and Sip logo) \$2.20
- . School bags (with school logo) \$43.00
- . Dress fabric (refer below)

With the warmer weather approaching, this is a timely reminder that school dress material is available to purchase from the school for \$8.00 metre. Dress patterns are available to borrow from the office (\$10.00 refundable deposit) in a range of sizes.

Over the years, parents/caregivers have also chosen to make shorts and skirts from this material. Buttons are also available to purchase (35c ea). If a dressmaker is needed, we are happy to recommend one.

Please call into the office and see Necia or Annie if you would like to purchase any of the above items.

### UNSW Global - International Competitions and Assessments for Schools

**Congratulations** to the following students on their recent achievements in the English Competition, held on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2015:

**Jessica Deane (Year 3) ~ Credit**

**Madalyn Uren (Year 4) ~ Credit**

**Zoe Bettcher (Year 4) ~ Credit**

**Baylee Cooper (Year 4) ~ Credit**

**Samuel Montgomery-Pittaway (Year 5) ~ Credit**

**Nick Lewis (Year 7) ~ Credit**

**Sienna Montgomery-Pittaway (Year 7) ~ Merit**

**~ CONGRATULATIONS ~**



### 'From The Proud Mary...'

13<sup>th</sup> September 2015

Hi Rita,



I want to congratulate you and your staff and your great kids at Mypolonga Primary School. We visited you on Friday, 11th September with the Proud Mary Crew.

We had been on the Proud Mary two years previous and one of our hopes was that we would go back to Mypolonga Primary School.

And we sure did! Because I had worked in Admin in Schools for 26 years, I was anxious to see the office again. It was lovely to meet the ladies in the office and to see how things worked there. Your children were so polite, helpful and very knowledgeable about the items they were selling. Everyone was very excited to see this lovely school and lovely kids.

Keep up the good work and we look forward to coming back again in another two or so years. Once again, please congratulate your kids for us.

Regards,

Carol Stumbles, Dapto, New South Wales

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**Mypolonga Football Club**

**Good Luck** to Mypolonga Football Club's Under 15s team, competing in the RMFL Grand Final at Ramblers on Saturday.

**Calendar Dates** - Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2015 – Junior Presentation Lunch

**Mypolonga Netball League Club**

**Congratulations** to the Mypolonga Netball League Club on a very successful grand final campaign. RMNA Premiers in A Reserves, B Grade, C Grade and Under 15s Div 2.

**Mannum Little Athletics Free Come 'n' Try Day** - Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2015, 11:00am start @ Mannum Community College Oval. Gold Coin BBQ and entertainment for the kids. Please BYO hat, water bottle & appropriate shoes. For further information contact Meghan Mangelsdorf, Mannum Little Athletics 0407 729 623

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Natasha and Rick Hollitt on the safe arrival of their baby boy, a little brother for Zac (Year 2) and Winchester. Wishing you all lots of happiness for the future.

**JF Dance & Performing Arts 2015 Concert** – Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2015 at the Murray Bridge Town Hall. Concert starts @ 7:00pm. Tickets available at the door (Adults \$15/Concession \$10/Children under 4 free). Many of our students will be performing at this annual concert. If you require further information, please call Louise 0488333457.

**School Shop**

Our School Shop will be open for business on both Fridays during the school holidays. All Reception to Year 7 students are welcome to attend, dressed in school uniform, arriving at 11:50am until approximately 12:45pm.

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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| 1 | 12/10                                                                                                                                            | 13/10                                                                   | 14/10                                                                                                                            | 15/10 | 16/10<br><b>3:00pm Assembly</b><br>Mypo RSL Bingo<br>BBQ Tea | 17/10 &<br>18/10 |
| 2 | 19/10<br>Newsletter                                                                                                                              | 20/10                                                                   | 21/10<br>7:00pm<br>Sustainability<br>Committee Meeting<br><b>7:45pm 100<sup>th</sup> Year<br/>Birthday committee<br/>meeting</b> | 22/10 | 23/10<br>3:00pm Assembly                                     | 24/10 &<br>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>Regional Choir<br>performance at<br>Murray Bridge<br>Town Hall | 28/10                                                                                                                            | 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                                         | 14/11 &<br>15/11 |

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