

Mypolonga Primary School & Community Newsletter

2nd February 2015

Upper Primary
Family Information Evening



Teamwork
Integrity
Generosity of Spirit
Excellence
Respect

“Change brings opportunity.”
~ Nibo Qubein ~

Term 1 Assembly Roster

Week 2 - NO ASSEMBLY

Week 3 - Riley Smelt, Harry Stone, Reagan Candy

Included in this Newsletter

- ❖ Family Fun Night Invitation
- ❖ Governing Council AGM note and nomination slip
- ❖ Community activities flyer

2015 Permission/Consent Forms

We kindly ask that all 2015 permission slips be returned to the school as soon as possible. Please advise of any change to contact details or medical conditions as they occur during the year.

School Newsletter

Each Monday fortnight, our school newsletter is sent home with the eldest child in the family and also emailed to those families who have requested it.

If you have any community news, which you would like to share with the rest of the community, please provide your written article/note to the office staff or email info@mypolongaps.sa.edu.au on the Wednesday prior to the newsletter being distributed.

Happy Birthday

5/2 - Johannah (Year 6)
9/2 - Riley (Year 7)
15/2 - Tahlia (Year 1)
16/2 - Benjamin (Year 4)



Student Medications

All medications, which are stored in our first aid room, require an updated and signed 'Authorisation for School Staff to Administer Medication to Students' form. This form can be obtained from the office or printed from our website.

Speed Zones - Please Slow Down!

Please be mindful of the 50km per hour change in speed as you come into Mypolonga (near the Institute) and the 25km per hour zone on Williams Street.

Rita's Roar

Welcome to a new school year!

We have certainly hit the ground running in 2015. We welcome the addition of Chris Bennett in the 1/2 class, to the Mypo team and all of our new students.

One of the first and most important tasks that we do is the election of House Captains, who have an incredibly responsible job to do. I congratulate the following students who have been elected as house captains in a closely contested competition:

Red: **Captains:** Darcy Elliott & Jessica Donald
(Murray) Vice Captains: Luke Crouch, Bodi Stewart & Holly Temby

Blue: **Captains:** Nick Lewis & Sienna Montgomery-Pittaway
(Hindmarsh) Vice Captains: Mostyn Payne, Tyler Martin, Alisha Hutchinson

Gold: **Captains:** Mackenzie Rathjen, Riley Smelt
(Finnis) Vice Captains: Cameron Hazel, Bailey O'Connor, Sky Dankel

They are already inspiring their teams to read and have started organising Sport's Day! Due to uneven numbers in house teams, points collected will be adjusted at the end of each term to ensure that scores are fair. We aim that every student will read a minimum of 3 nights per week and hopefully every night.

Upper Primary Family Information Evening

Last Thursday, the Upper Primary class held a family information evening. Congratulations to Jessica, Sky, Luke, Cameron, Abbey and Baden who prepared dinner for nearly 100 people who came to the event. A strong partnership between parents, caregivers, students and teachers is the best way to develop powerful lifelong learners and this partnership was certainly established on Thursday night. We shared our vision and plans for 2015, particularly around the revitalisation of the Improvement Committee.

Site Improvement Plan

Last year, a number of students and their parents and teachers attended a workshop delivered by international educator Guy Claxton. Next Monday, 9th February, we will be meeting in the Upper Primary class with all staff to develop our Site Improvement Plan. We normally do not commence meetings prior to the AGM of the Governing Council, however, we want to get started as soon as possible on our planning. Any parents who have been on the Improvement Committee in the past, or who would like to join, are welcome to attend the meeting at 3:45pm. We have the opportunity to create something unique and powerful at Mypo.

Coming Events

- Swimming lessons from Years R – 5 are taking place this week
- Family Fun Night at Woodlane Reserve, on Friday 13th February
- I will be attending a statewide Leaders conference on Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th February
- AGM of the Governing Council will be held on Monday 23rd February in the Upper Primary classroom at 7pm.

We are looking forward to an incredibly exciting year and I invite everyone to jump on board to share this amazing journey with us.

Warm Regards
Rita



We extend a very big welcome to all our **NEW STUDENTS** and their families!

Counsellor's Corner



Dear Families

Welcome back to the new school year. If you don't already know me, my name is Kerry Daniel and I am one of the year 4/5 teachers and the School Counsellor. I am more than happy to discuss any issues you may have regarding your child with you, but would love you to make an appointment so I can give you my full attention.

Issues are often best solved if they are dealt with immediately and with the person who is involved. Please refer to the Parent Concerns policy included with this newsletter.

Each fortnight, I include articles in the newsletter that I feel will help parents with the huge role we have...Parenting! If you have an idea for a topic you would like me to cover, please let me know. My first article in the next newsletter will be around parenting goals for every family.

I look forward to meeting many of our new families and reconnecting with existing families for a very successful and rewarding school year.

Cheers, Kerry

Mypolonga Playgroup

Tuesday mornings from 9:00am & held in the Junior Primary classroom

Playgroup sessions will recommence on Tuesday 10th February 2015 and are held at the school on Tuesday mornings from 9:00am to approximately 10:30am, which includes involvement with the Junior Primary class.

Jodie Hagger is our Playgroup Co-ordinator and we look forward to seeing and hearing of the children's fun learning activities.

School Photo Day

School Photo Day will be held on Monday 23rd February 2015. An envelope to order individual and family photos will be sent home in the near future.

Term 1 & Term 2 Anticipated Diary Dates

(subject to change)

- Tuesday 10th March 2015 - **Student Free Day**
- Friday 27th March 2015 - **School Disco**
- Monday 30th March until Thursday 2nd April 2015 - **Parent/Teacher Interviews**
- Wednesday 8th April 2015 - **School Sport's Day**
- Wednesday 29th April 2015 - **School Sport's Day Back Up Day** (if bad weather on the 8th April)
- Friday 5th June 2015 - **Student Free Day**



Above left: Reception students **Brady Roden, Kai Patrick** (brother to Yr 4 student Luke Abbott)
Above right: Year 5 student **Joshua Stock**



Above left: Reception students **Connor Fulwood, Dominick Swansson, Felicity Donald** (sister to Yr 7 student Jessica Donald & step sister to Yr 5 & Yr 1 students Kye Fawdry and Tehya Fawdry) & **Hayden Clark** (brother to Yr 2 student Jacinta Clark)



Above left: Reception students **Linton Garner, Haiden Squire, Ava Hagger** (sister to Yr 2 student Riley Hagger)
Below left: **Levi Nutt** (brother to Yr 2 student Phebe Nutt), **Lila Stapleton** (sister to Yr 2 student Autumn Stapleton) & **Jorja Kuhn** (sister to Yr 1 student Elouise Kuhn)



Enterprise Recess/Lunch Term 1 2015

TUESDAY

Lower Middle Primary Recess

Icecream in Cone (vanilla)

\$1.00 each

Starting in Week 3!



WEDNESDAY

Middle Primary 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
Please pay and place orders at the kitchen servery - **not** in the office slot *

Lost Property

A number of **UNNAMED** towels, thongs, black jackets, jumpers, cardigans, gold hats and plastic containers remain in our Lost Property box. If you think an item may belong to your child, please call into the office.

At the end of the school term, all remaining items will be washed and donated to a local charity or put on our second hand clothing rack for purchasing.

School Uniform Items

Below is a reminder of what items you may like to purchase from the school:

- . School bags \$35.00
- . Iron-on transfers (black or gold) \$2.20 ea
- . School dress fabric \$8.00 per metre
- . School dress buttons .35c ea
- . Hats – Legionnaire style \$4.60 / Broad Brimmed \$7.70

* **Please remember to label ALL items!**

School T-shirts

Looking for a black & gold t-shirt, jacket or jumper for your child to wear to school?

Call in and see David Gotch & staff at Sportscene in Murray Bridge (Murray Bridge Green) who have a range of items to order from. T-shirt prices; \$20.00 (no logo) or \$30.00 (with our school logo). Jackets and hooded jumpers; \$32.00 (no logo) or \$40.00 (with our school logo).

T-shirts, jumpers and jackets are on display in the office for you to view before going into Sportscene.

Mypolonga Primary School Facebook Page



If you are on Facebook, have you liked the official Mypolonga Primary School Facebook page yet?

By 'liking' this page, you will receive recent news, reminders and information on all things happening at Mypolonga Primary School.

This is **in addition to** the newsletter, notes and email communication you already receive from the school.

Spread the word and tell other school families to like the Mypolonga Primary School on Facebook!

Staff Profile

In 2015, we are pleased to introduce Chris Bennett to our staffing team. Chris is a respected educator who has been a deputy principal at other sites and a previous acting principal here at Mypo. Chris will be with us full time, including team teaching with Hailey Perry in the Junior Primary Year 1/2 class on Thursdays and Fridays.



Introducing...

Chris Bennett
Teacher

Favourite quote...

"Worry is wasted imagination."

Funniest teaching moment... Discovering a student patting a fish he'd taken out of the tank - it lived to tell the tale!

Why do you like working with children?... Kids make every day worthwhile.

What is your favourite piece of Technology?... The 'Black Beast' ~ my ride on lawnmower.

Who do you admire? Why?... Professor Tim Flannery ~ environmentalist.

What 3 words would others use to describe you?... Hardworking, Compassionate, Creative

What is your most positive teaching experience?... I love helping students with learning difficulties.

Achievement you are most proud of... building the walls of my own house in 2013.

What is the best holiday you have ever been on?... South Island, New Zealand ~ so much water!

What book are you reading now?... 'The Intelligent Gardener' - about sustainable land use.

School Fees / School Card

School fees have now been sent home via your child. If you have not received the invoice/s, and information re payment, please contact Necia or myself in the front office.

The following **payment methods** are available at our school:-

* **Cash or Cheque to Front Office**

* **EFTPOS**, (Credit or Savings Card). Due to DECD policy, we ask that you come into the office personally, as we are not able to accept card information via phone or in written form.

* **Direct Deposit BSB: 065505**

Account No. 10018637

Description: Your Customer ID No

* **Payment by Instalments**

Please contact Annie or Necia in the Front Office for a form and further details.

School Card

If you think you may qualify, or would like further information regarding School Card, please contact Necia or myself in the front office for a form.

The DECD website also has information regarding school card applications. <http://www.sa.gov.au/topics/education-skills-and-learning/financial-help-scholarships-and-grants>

Regards

Annie Hughes, Finance Officer

Community News

Mypolonga Football Club

The annual MFC junior player registration night will be held at the Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club on Friday 6th February 2015 between 5:30pm and 7:00pm. Meals will be available from 6:00pm.

Football Training commences:-

U13, U11 & U9 - Wednesday 4th March 2015 from 4:45pm-5:45pm.

U17½ & U15 - Wednesday 4th February 2015 from 5:00pm-6:30pm.

Trainings for all teams will revert back to Thursdays on 26th March 2015.

A free bus will be provided by the football club to transport players to training from Wednesday 4th March 2015. The bus leaves the Daily Deli (Mannum Road) at 4:30pm sharp and will deliver each player back to their respective homes (they will not drop off anywhere else unless previously arranged).

If you cannot attend the registration night, and intend playing for the Tigers in 2015, please notify the Junior Committee Secretary Mary Gill on 0448669957 as soon as possible.

Mypolonga Cricket Club presents...“Al Fresco” Fundraising Night

Saturday 21st February 2015 from 7:00pm - 1:00am at the Wall Flat Hall, Wall Flat (near Caloote)

Join our Mypolonga Cricket Club friends at their upcoming fundraising night. For \$20.00 per head, be entertained with live music by Barossa Valley artist Cloudy and enjoy pizzas prepared by the former cook of the Cambrai Hotel. Bar facilities will be available (sorry, no BYO). Nibbles will also be provided.

Mypolonga Cricket Club is promoting responsible service of alcohol by offering people the opportunity to camp on the grounds or, alternatively, a bus could be organised if enough people register their interest. Money raised will help to provide first class facilities for the club's junior and senior players as well as the wider Mypolonga community. It is also looking to provide funds to the Mypolonga Oval Committee as well as supporting the local Scouts.

Please support this event and invite friends and family to enjoy this unique evening.

School Dental Service

All babies, children and young people under 18 years are welcome to attend the School Dental Service. **Dental care is FREE for most children.**

SA Dental Service participates in the *Child Dental Benefits Schedule*. A small fee may apply for children who are not eligible for the *Child Dental Benefits Schedule*. **All dental care provided is FREE for preschool children.**

To locate your local School Dental Clinic, or for more information about the *Child Dental Benefits Schedule*, please visit www.sadental.sa.gov.au

Planning Calendar Term 1 2015

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

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

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| 2 | 2/2 Swimming Lessons (Reception - Year 5 students only) Newsletter | 3/2 | 4/2 | 5/2 | 6/2 No Assembly 5:30pm MFC junior player registration night | 7/2 & 8/2 |
| 3 | 9/2 3:45pm Improvement Committee Meeting | 10/2 9:00am Playgroup commences Enterprise Recess commences | 11/2 Enterprise Lunches commence | 12/2 | 13/2 3:00pm Assembly 3:30pm C&S Meeting 6:00pm Family Fun Night | 14/2 & 15/2 |
| 4 | 16/2 Newsletter | 17/2 | 18/2 | 19/2 | 20/2 Swimming (bus) costs due 3:00pm Assembly | 21/2 & 22/2 MCC Al Fresco Evening |
| 5 | 23/2 School Photo Day 7:00pm Governing Council AGM | 24/2 | 25/2 | 26/2 | 27/2 3:00pm Assembly | 28/2 & 1/3 |

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