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
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
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

**Enterprise Recess/Lunch Term 1 2015**

**TUESDAY**

Lower Middle Primary [**Recess**](#)

**Icecream in Cone (vanilla)**

$1.00 each

*(Payment is required at the time of ordering on Mondays)*

**Starting in Week 3!**

**WEDNESDAY**

Middle Primary [**Lunch**](#)

**Salad Roll**

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

$2.50 each

*(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!

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.


Regards

Annie Hughes, Finance Officer

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 lawnower.

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.

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.
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

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