

# Mypolonga Primary School & Community Newsletter



**JP Show & Tell:** It was a special 'show & tell' last week with Hayden Clark introducing twin 'kids' Snowflake & Chocolate Sundae to his class, including our very own Year 1 twins Ledja Gray and Levi Gray (above).

Teamwork  
Integrity  
Generosity of Spirit  
Excellence  
Respect

2<sup>nd</sup> March 2015

'Thousands of candles can be lighted from a single candle, and the life of the candle will not be shortened. Happiness never decreases by being shared.'  
~ Buddha ~

## Term 1 Assembly Roster

**Week 6** - Bailey O'Connor, Bella Smith, Marcus Hazel

**Week 7** - NO ASSEMBLY

## Reminders

- . **Public Holiday** - Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2015
- . **Student Free Day** - Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2015
- . **No Assembly** - Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2015
- . **Community & Service / P&F meeting** - Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2015 at 3:30pm in the Library
- . **Mypolonga General Store Lunch Price List**  
When ordering salad sandwiches, wraps and rolls, please remember to include the cost of extra fillings eg. ham, chicken, tuna, egg (.80c extra) or cheese (.70c extra).
- . **Payment of 2015 School Fees**  
A reminder that this year's school fees are due to be paid by the end of this term, Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2015. If you wish to arrange an instalment plan, please see Annie or Necia in the office.

## Diary Dates / Enclosed with this Newsletter

- . **Junior Primary/Junior Primary 1 enterprise breakfast note** for Wednesday 11/3/15, following long weekend. **(Please note there will be no MP Enterprise lunch (salad rolls) on this day.**
- . **Lower Middle Primary Fundraising tea** - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2015 from 5:30pm at the Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club (before the school disco). A flyer and order form will be sent home in the near future.
- . **SRC School Disco** - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2015 @ 7:00pm at the Mypolonga Institute. Please refer to the enclosed note.

## Happy Birthday

- 3/3 - Jackson (Year 4)
- 4/3 - Jessica (Year 7)
- 5/3 - Cameron (Year 7)
- 5/3 - Haydn (Year 1)
- 8/3 - Kane (Year 6)
- 9/3 - Kai (Reception)
- 10/3 - Marcus (Year 4)
- 10/3 - Autumn (Year 2)
- 12/3 - Blake (Year 1)
- 15/3 - Hayden (Reception)
- 16/3 - Isla (Year 3)
- 16/3 - Felicity (Reception)



## Car Parking

For occupational, health & safety reasons, we kindly ask that parents & caregivers drop off and collect their children from the **Williams Street** entrance of the school (**not via the staff car park**). Please also be reminded that a staff member is on duty **from 8:30am** each morning. Thank you.

## Rita's Roar

### Governing Council/Sub Committees

What a busy fortnight we have had! Most importantly, we have had the AGM of our Governing Council and the formation of committees, which feed into it. I am so pleased to see such an active representation of staff, parents and students on all decision-making bodies. Go TIGERS! I am so proud to see parents walking alongside their children to develop their children's capacity to make things happen so that they can become powerful learners.

Congratulations to the following members of our Governing Council and subcommittees:

### Governing Council

**Ian Payne** - Chairperson  
**Matthew Kruschel** - Vice Chairperson/Treasurer  
**Jo Hutchinson** - Secretary  
**Rita O'Brien** - Principal  
**Kim Polkinghorne/Amy Stone** - Staff Reps  
**Mackenzie Rathjen/Tyler Martin** - SRC Student Reps Terms 1 and 2  
**To be advised** - Parents and Friends'/Community & Service Rep  
**Jodie Hagger** - Playgroup Rep  
**Yvette Rathjen, David Peterson, Kelly Kuhn, Leanne Pittaway**

### Finance Advisory Committee

**Matthew Kruschel** (Treasurer), **Annie Hughes, Rita O'Brien, Claire Garner, Jodie Hagger, David Peterson, Anne Martin**

### Improvement Committee

**Yvette Rathjen, Karen Montgomery, Mary Gill, Mark Pahl, Mrs Kym Walton, Lisa Dankel, Paris Montgomery-Pittaway, Samuel Montgomery-Pittaway, Chloe Pahl, Kane Rankin, Riley Walton, Holly Rathjen and all staff**

### Sustainability Committee

**Ian Payne, Mostyn Payne, Daniel Martin, Tyler Martin, Coen Martin, Jo Hutchinson, Alisha Hutchinson, Ali Crouch, Luke Crouch, Jason Crouch, Sarah Elliott, Darcy Elliott, Peter Lewis, Nick Lewis and Kim Polkinghorne, Rita O'Brien, Amy Stone, Annie Hughes, Chris Bennett** (Staff Reps)

### Thank you Lukey Family

Next time you call into school, drop in to see the beautiful clock the Lukey family donated to the kitchen; it is stunning! The Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program in the MP class is going from strength to strength. We are in the early stages of the program but we are already seeing:

- The strengths of our kids; those who keep going, even when it's tough; use their initiative; and listen to and follow instructions
- Our kids who struggle to do this

This is one of the best ways to build resilience in our kids; to think on their feet and take risks. I want to thank Annie and David Hughes who coordinate the kitchen and garden and our volunteers Nat Smith, Ian Oxborrow and Yvette Rathjen. We also have a significant staff presence: Kerry, Macca and myself.

On Friday, the staff from Auburn Primary School used their Student Free Day to visit the School Shop to see how they could translate our experiences into a shop to sell produce from their Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden to the wider community. We have formed a partnership to share our learning so that both schools move forward.

### Student Free Day

Following the long weekend (Tuesday), practically all sites in the Murraylands from Kindergarten to Year 12 will be participating in a workshop on executive function. We have been working on executive function for a few years and I am really keen to grow this. My philosophy is, 'When the boats rise, all the water rises'. I want all of us, as primary schools, to be the best that we can be, so that we **all** feed powerful learners into the high school and that kindies give our kids the best opportunities to be ready for school.

Ask your kids about ELLI; (Effective Lifelong Learning Inventory) and the animals each dimension represents. More info later!

Warm Regards, Rita

## Junior Primary Art - Self Portraits

Left: Tehya Fawdry / Right: Lyam Marshall



## Counsellor's Corner

### 5 Parenting Goals for Every Family

by Slovie Jungreis-Wolff



*I am continuing to publish one goal each fortnight from an article by Slovie Jungreis-Wolff. Goal number 2 is about working with your child's class teacher. Here at Mypolonga I can honestly say that I believe we work extremely well together. We need our parents and our parents don't let us down. I think that's what makes Mypolonga Primary School so special.*

### '2. Develop a Working Relationship with Teachers

Reach out to your child's teachers before your child reaches 'zero hour.' Many parents feel as if teachers are their opponents and don't realise that we are all here to try and help our children grow in the best way possible. If you think that there may be an issue, it is a good idea to set up a meeting with the teacher and ask how you can work in harmony. Too many parents call teachers to demand and accuse instead of saying that we would like to solve this problem together. Before going to the Principal with a complaint, see if you can first diffuse the situation.

If there are any special concerns going on in your home, do not wait for the teacher to find out through your child's acting up in class or failure to keep up with schoolwork and poor grades. When a grandparent falls ill, if there is a health issue, financial stress, marital upheaval, problems with siblings, or any other factor that may affect your child's academic or social success, it would be wise to enlist your child's teacher as your confidential ally and gain her/his understanding. You can believe that most teachers would go the extra mile and extend to your child an open heart.'

*Please continue to keep in touch with your children's teachers. They really do care and any information you can give them will only benefit your child in the long run. Teachers are more than happy for you to contact them via email if this option is easier...*

**Amy Stone (JP)** - amy.stone336@schools.sa.edu.au

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Cheers, Kerry

February 2015

'From The Proud Mary...'

Dear Children of  
Mypolonga School



We so enjoyed our visit to your school. What lovely new buildings you have, not like the old building on this card. We loved seeing you all taking part. You are especially good at handling money. Loved the chooks and vegetables. Your motto is excellent, and your behaviour wonderful. I was a teacher and it is the best school I have ever seen.

♥ Les and Dorothy Davies

\* The school on the front of the card is the school our children went to in Melbourne 30 years ago (pictured). Also, the jam was yummy and my grandchildren loved their bookmarks and bracelets.





# SRC DISCO

When?: Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2015 (Term 1, Week 9)



Where?: Mypolonga Institute

Time: 7pm ~ 9pm

Who is it for?: R ~ 7 students currently attending MYPOLONGA  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

How Much? ~ \$5.50 per person which includes; one bottle of soft  
drink/fruitbox and one packet of chips/popcorn

Organisers ~ S.R.C.



## Theme: 'Formal'

The S.R.C. would love you to dress in the theme if possible.  
Pretty dresses, shirts and ties/bowties/vests and nice pants would be ideal.



*There'll be a parade of outfits, lucky door prizes, prizes for  
dancing and games and lots of...*

**Fun! Fun! Fun!**

We would like you to pay for your ticket before the night, this will save handling money on the night and help  
with catering. We will have water available on the night for thirsty dancers. Children are welcome to bring  
their own water bottle if they wish to do so.

*Thank you, S.R.C. & Mrs Daniel*

**ALL MONEY RAISED GOES TO S.R.C.**

**LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!!**



Return with payment to Front Office by Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2015



**Name/s of children attending:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cost ~ \$5.50 per child .....**      **Total cost enclosed ~** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent name &  
signature**

\_\_\_\_\_

**DISCO**



## R/1/2 Enterprise Breakfast Pancakes



**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2015** between 8.15am – 8.50am we will be holding a breakfast as part of our Enterprise Program.

We are offering pancakes (with a choice of toppings eg jam, cream, maple syrup, lemon and sugar, vegemite). These will be sold for **\$1.50** each. We have also decided to offer a cup of juice for **\$1.00** each. The children can choose between orange or apple.

As we need to know exact numbers, orders must be taken to the front office (with correct money) no later than Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2015.

Thanks  
Amy, Hailey and Chris

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Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2015

Please return tear off slip by Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2015

Name\_\_\_\_\_ How many? ..... Pancakes @ \$1.50 ea \$.....  
How many? ..... Orange Juice @ \$1.00 ea \$.....  
How many? ..... Apple Juice @ \$1.00 ea \$.....

Name\_\_\_\_\_ How many? ..... Pancakes @ \$1.50 ea \$.....  
How many? ..... Orange Juice @ \$1.00 ea \$.....  
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How many? ..... Apple Juice @ \$1.00 ea \$.....

**Total Amount Enclosed \$.....**



## Mathletics

Our school has once again paid for registration of Mathletics for all Junior Primary 1, Lower Middle Primary, Middle Primary and Upper Primary students.

Mathletics is a web-based numeracy and literacy-learning program, which integrates home and school learning via the Internet. Your child has a 24-hour access to the program by using a unique user name and password, which they can also use at home.



The program is trusted and used by more than 10,000 schools and over 3.5 million students. It covers all aspects of Mathematics and contains more than 1000 learning activities.

When you have a free minute, take a look at the program, so that you can gain a better understanding of how Mathletics will benefit your child. *Pictured above is Makayla Stimpson using the Mathletics program.*

To view the program, visit [www.mathletics.com.au](http://www.mathletics.com.au).

## Student Representative Council (SRC)

### Introducing...

### Mackenzie Rathjen SRC Leader

**As an SRC leader, I hope to...** lead by example and hope kids look up to me.

**Something you don't know about me...** My mum is a twin and I look like my cousin. We often get mistaken for sisters.

**I like to read...** books that relate to real life.

**I like to watch...** netball games.

**I like to listen to...** every type of music.

**One day I hope to...** help animals in need.

**If I could change something in the world I would...** make everyone equal.

**The best thing about Mypolonga Primary School is...** seeing my group of friends every day.

**Someone I really look up to is...** my Mum, my Auntie and my Dad  
**because...** they help me when something goes wrong and they go to most of my netball games.



## Class Awards

### Term 1 Week 4

#### Junior Primary class

**Charlie Harrowfield** - fantastic imagination in free writing.

#### Junior Primary 1 class

**Hayden Dahlitz** - responsible and helpful class member.

**Leroy Rathjen** - good effort in all areas.

#### Lower Middle Primary class

**Luke Abbott** - working hard in narrative writing.

**Claire Ruckstuhl** - positive work ethic.

#### Middle Primary class

**Bella Smith** - for positive attitude and her ability to work independently in the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program.

**Henry Payne** - for having a great attitude towards his learning and the learning of others.

#### Upper Primary class

**Mostyn Payne** - for displaying a growth mindset in narrative writing.

**Sky Dankel** - setting goals and achieving them.

## Cricket comes to Mypolonga!

On Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2015, the South Australian Cricket Association visited us and conducted a range of cricket activities with students from Reception to Year 7.



The activities focused on the main skills of cricket, which included batting, bowling and fielding, as well as teamwork and having fun!

SACA Participation Manager, Alice Johnswood said, "We love getting out into the schools and working with the students and teachers. Our programs are designed to be fun, fast-paced and give the kids a taste of what cricket is like. Hopefully, from here, the kids will transition through into one of our other programs. We have programs to cater for all ages and abilities, so there really is something for everyone."



For further information on SACA's programs, please contact Steve Kavanagh via email [skavanagh@saca.com.au](mailto:skavanagh@saca.com.au) or visit the South Australian Cricket Association website at [www.cricketsa.com.au](http://www.cricketsa.com.au).

## SAPSASA Softball

**Congratulations** to Year 6 student **Blake Fidge** on being selected in the Murraylands SAPSASA Softball team, competing in Adelaide from 16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> March 2015. Good luck Blake!



### Swimming Lessons - bus travel costs

Payment of bus travel costs for swimming lessons (\$15 per child) **was due** on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2015. If you haven't already, please make payment to Annie or Necia asap!



## Community News

### Mypolonga Football Club - Training commences...

U13, U11 & U9 - This Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2015 from 4:45pm-5:45pm. Trainings for all teams will revert back to Thursdays on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2015.

### Australian Air Force Cadets Murray Bridge - Interest Night

622 Squadron (AAFC) Murray Bridge is holding an Interest Night on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March from 7.30pm to 9.30pm at their Squadron address 19 Caroline Street Murray Bridge. Everyone is invited to come along and see the challenging and fun activities offered in training, survival camps, field craft, navigation, flying, water activities, abseiling, caving and much more. The program is accredited for SACE and Duke of Edinburgh Awards. 622 Squadron (AAFC) Murray Bridge was established in January 2010 by our local youth from the Murraylands, Mid Murray, Mallee, Bremer and Strathalbyn regions. Suitable for girls and boys from ages 13 to 17 years of age. Learn life skills, leadership, initiative, self- confidence and discipline, teaching skills, loyalty and fun in a military environment. For more information about the AAFC come along or log onto [www.aafc.org.au](http://www.aafc.org.au) or contact 622 Squadron on 0417 203 196.

### Murray Bridge Golf Club Presents... Legends Tribute Show

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2015, 8:30pm-11:30pm (dinner from 6:00pm). A dedication to singers/songwriters Bob Dylan, Elton John, Joe Cocker and James Taylor as performed by singing sensation David McMillan, accompanied by multitalented David Allardice on piano and Hammond organ. Show \$25 / Dinner & Show \$49. For further details:- phone Murray Bridge Golf Club 85311388, email [mbridgegc@internode.on.net](mailto:mbridgegc@internode.on.net) or visit [www.murraybridgegolfclub.com.au](http://www.murraybridgegolfclub.com.au).

### Jervois Tennis Club - Trivia Night

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2015 @ 7:00pm for a 7:30pm start at the Jervois Combined Sporting Club. Tables of 10 (max). \$10.00 per head/kids \$5.00. Fantastic prizes, loads of fun! BYO supper. For bookings, please call Michelle 85726081/0412697742, Jenni 0418856080 or Sally 85723313/0427181504 by 11<sup>th</sup> March 2015.

## Term 1 & Term 2 Anticipated Diary Dates (*subject to change*)

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2015 - **Student Free Day**

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2015 - **School Disco at the Mypo Institute and Lower Middle Primary fundraising tea at the MCSC**

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March until Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2015 - **Parent/Teacher Interviews**

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2015 - **Sport's Day** (Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2015 - **Sports' Day Back Up Day** if bad weather on 8/4/15)

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2015 - **Student Free Day**

MCSC – Mypolonga Combined Sports Club

MFC – Mypolonga Football Club

MCC – Mypolonga Cricket Club

## Planning Calendar Term 1 2015

MNLC – Mypolonga Netball League Club

MBHS – Murray Bridge High School

6	2/3 Newsletter	3/3	4/3 MFC U13, U11 & U9 training commences	5/3	6/3 3:00pm Assembly	7/3 & 8/3 7/3 - Mannum Show
7	9/3 <b>Public Holiday</b>	10/3 <b>Student Free Day</b>	11/3 <b>Junior Primary breakfast (no MP lunch/salad rolls)</b> 7:00pm Sustainability Committee meeting	12/3	13/3 <b>NO ASSEMBLY</b> 3:30pm - Community & Service / P&F meeting	14/3 & 15/3
8	16/3 <b>Newsletter</b> 3:40pm Improvement comm. meeting <b>6:45pm Finance Meeting</b> 7:30pm Governing Council meeting	17/3	18/3	19/3	20/3 3:00pm Assembly  <b>Mypo RSL bingo bbq tea</b>	21/3 & 22/3
9	23/3	24/3	25/3	26/3 MFC footy training reverts back to Thursdays for all teams	27/3 3:00pm Assembly <b>LMP Fundraising Tea / Disco</b>	28/3 & 29/3

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