Term 1 Assembly Roster

Week 10 – Baden Monjean, Madalyn Uren, Thomas Kruschel

Week 11 – Holly Rathjen, Isla Gielen, Hayden Dahlitz

Happy Birthday
9/4 – Jacinta (Year 3)
10/4 – Baylee (Year 5)
16/4 – Judd (Year 3)

Reminders
. School disco form and money (due last Friday 1/4/16).
. Friday night Parents & Friends’ fundraising tea order form & money due Tuesday 5/4/16.
. School fees are due to be paid by the end of the term, Friday 15/4/16.

100th Birthday Celebrations – Photos
100th Birthday attendees: Photos from our 100th birthday celebrations are now available for viewing on the Mypolonga Primary School Facebook page, Mypolonga Primary School 100th Birthday Celebrations Facebook event page and on the Mypolonga Primary School website. Please feel free to tag your friends and download a copy for future printing. If you do not wish for your image to appear on the above sites, please contact the school.

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

We hope everyone had a wonderful Easter break with family and friends... just like family friends Winchester (Playgroup) & Lachlan (Reception).

Anne’s Angle

You often hear us advocating for and praising the merits of the School Shop as a learning tool, and I would like to add another example.

On Good Friday, we opened the Shop, because we had several students who volunteered to work and some enquiries from people who wanted to visit while they were in the area for Easter.

I was feeling a little nervous, as the only staff available were Dee and myself, but I need not have worried! 17 students, 7 parents and 6 past students (Georgia and Mostyn Payne, Mitch Walton, Maddie Rathjen, Sienna Montgomery-Pittaway and Tyler Martin) all arrived as workers. A number of the students mentioned above were also part of the team who worked in the Shop on the Saturday of our 100th birthday celebrations (pictured below).

Not only did our past students maintain an excellent standard, they seem to have forgotten none of their past awesome skills! Our current Upper Primary students always display patience and enthusiasm to their younger peers, and Friday was no exception.

Visitors from the Proud Mary were very impressed that students would dress in school uniform and come to school during their holiday. I was impressed that parents would give up their day off to support their students’ learning!

After everyone had finished and gone, I went to the staffroom, expecting to spend half an hour cleaning up lemonade cups etc, only to find the sink gleaming and the cups washed, dried and stored! Holly Rathjen and Paris Montgomery-Pittaway; champions at using their initiative and completing tasks without adult supervision.

These skills and attitudes prepare students for life and future employment in a way that no reading or Maths lessons or book learning ever could.

Well done and thank you to everyone involved.

Warm Regards,
Anne (Martin)
**Junior Primary class**  
**Monarto Zoo/Beach House filming**

On the 23rd and 24th March 2016, our Junior Primary class travelled to the Monarto Zoo to be part of the filming of a television show for a children’s TV production company ‘Beach House’. The company is based in Singapore and has a co-production being established with the Nine Network. Filming was conducted in and around the zoo, with the help of Ellard, a large puppet who has adventures and interacts with young people.

We were originally approached by Wally from the Monarto Zoo asking if we would like to be part of the filming material for 4-6 episodes... and we jumped at the chance!!

It was also great to visit Lila & Autumn’s mum Michelle, who works at the zoo as a carnivore keeper (pictured right).

We will let you know when the television show is aired for viewing.

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**Parents & Friends’ Fundraising Tea**  
(prior to School Disco)

**Disco Theme:** Fluoro

**When:** Friday 8th April 2016 from 5:30pm  
**Where:** Mypolonga Combined Sports’ Club  
**Menu:** Please refer to the note and order form sent home last week.

This tea is a great opportunity to meet other family members of the school and community. Parents/caregivers are most welcome to stay at the Club while their child/ren are at the disco, before collecting them at 9:00pm. Any help in cleaning up the Mypolonga Institute after the disco, would also be appreciated.

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**Sports’ Day**

**When:** Tuesday 12th April 2016  
**Where:** Mypolonga Primary School oval

All welcome! A program will be sent home soon.

Excitement is building for our school sports’ day being held on Tuesday 12th April 2016.

Please refer to the notes recently sent home regarding;
- a request for help with sprints and tabloid stations
- Mypolonga General Store lunch order form & recess details. We are kindly asking parents/caregivers to provide a plate of savoury or sweets at recess time for adults to share.

Please return both notes to the office on or before Thursday 7th April 2016. Thank you.

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**UP Artwork**

Students in the Upper Primary class recently learnt about the artwork of Australian painter and printmaker Margaret Preston.

Margaret is regarded as one of Australia’s leading modernists of the early 20th Century, who we chose to learn more about to coincide with our school’s establishment in 1916.

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**Lower Middle Primary**  
**Bat Information Evening**

In week 8, the Lower Middle Primary Class took part in a bat information evening at school. Harry Beauchamp from the Natural Resources Management Board ran the evening with bat expert Chris Grant. The children and parents assisted in setting up a harp net and mist nets to try and catch bats, and used iPads to detect bat calls.

The children enjoyed the presentation by Chris and interesting questions by parents and students contributed to everyone’s learning. Harry left a bat box kit for the class to assemble and place in an appropriate place within the school. Let’s hope we have our own bat family soon!

Pictured right are Riley and Ethan in front of a harp net.

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**Artwork by Coen Martin**
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2016 International Competitions And Assessments For Schools (ICAS)

Sitting Dates
Science – Tuesday 31st May 2016
English – Tuesday 2nd August 2016
Mathematics – Tuesday 16th August 2016

There is an opportunity for Year 2-7 students to participate in the 2016 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) in the key subject areas of Science, Mathematics and English. All students receive a certificate and an individual student report indicating which questions they answered correctly and their score compared with the rest of the students tested.

These competitions, unlike NAPLAN, which is for all Year 3, 5 and 7 students, are designed for our “top” students who have an interest and are skilled in a particular learning area.

To guide you, we will nominate students whom we feel will benefit from participating in these tests.

Naturally, the decision is up to you. There is no expectation that your child has to participate because they have been nominated or that they cannot participate if they have not been nominated. Our aim is to support you to make informed decisions.

A nomination form will be sent home to nominated students’ parents/caregivers before the end of this week to inform you of our nominations.

Please feel free to discuss this with your child’s teacher if you have any concerns.

SAPSASA Softball

Congratulations to Year 6 student Clay Burgess and Year 7 student Blake Fidge on being selected in the Murraylands SAPSASA Boys Softball team. The boys will be competing all this week at Barratt Reserve in Adelaide. Well done boys and good luck!

End of Term procedures

Thursday 14th April 2016
2:45pm - End of Term Assembly
At our End of Term Assembly, students will be awarded with Most Improved for the Term, Student of the Term and Kiwani Terrific Kid awards.

Friday 15th April 2016
1:45pm – ANZAC service at the school. Members from the Mypolonga RSL will be present on this day. An ANZAC service will be held in the Mypolonga RSL Clubrooms on Sunday 17th April 2016 from 11:00am. All welcome for lunch following service on 17/4/16.

Student Representative Council “SRC”

Introducing...

Amber Gielen (SRC Year 6 representative executive committee)

As an SRC member, I hope to… make the school a better place and gain leadership skills.

Something you don't know about me is... I love playing video games.

I read… fiction novels.

I watch… lots of YouTube videos.

I listen to... whatever is on the radio.

One day I hope to… go scuba diving.

If I could change something in the world, I would... stop the wars and terrorist attacks all over the world.

The best thing about Mypolonga Primary School is... the support we get to learn at our own pace and there is no bullying.

Someone I really look up to is… my mum because she has persisted through mountains of paperwork for us to be Australian citizens.

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A big thank you to the following students, who were nominated and awarded at a recent school assembly for going ‘above and beyond’ during our recent 100th Birthday Celebrations...

Mitchell Pahl
Jade Burgess
Erin McDonald
Coen Martin
Harry Stone
Jackson Hughes
Henry Payne
Holly Rathjen
Larissa Pike
Samuel Montgomery-Pittaway
Paris Montgomery-Pittaway

Riley Walton
Chloe Pahl
Clay Burgess
Baden Monjean
Holly Temby

Footsteps Dance Company

For our specialised fitness sessions this year, the school has engaged the services of Footsteps Dance Company, which offers a curriculum based school dance program. The program uses dance as a vehicle to develop students’ inter/intra personal skills, fitness levels and provide teachers with classroom resources. The 5-week sessions will begin on Tuesday 9th August 2016. The cost of these sessions is included in your school fees.

Further details will be provided in due course.
**Community News**

**Mypolonga Cricket Club Presentation Night**
Saturday 9th April 2016 from 6.30pm @ the Mypolonga Combined Sports Club

All Mypolonga Cricket Club members, friends & families (U/10 Div 2, U/12 Div 1, U/15, B Grade & A Grade) are most welcome to attend.

Trophies will be presented to U/10s (Div 2), U/12 (Div 1), U/15s, B Grade & A Grade.

Children’s meals $5.00-$10.00
Adult meals $10.00-$15.00

For further enquiries, please contact Kym Walton 0488020715 or Al Schenscher 0400252952.