

# Mypolonga Primary School & Community

## Newsletter

4<sup>th</sup> April 2016

### 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.

. Sports' Day Mypolonga General Store lunch order form & money due Thursday 7/4/16.

. School fees are due to be paid by the end of the term, Friday 15/4/16.

### 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations – Photos

**100<sup>th</sup> Birthday attendees:** Photos from our 100<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations are now available for viewing on the **Mypolonga Primary School Facebook page**, **Mypolonga Primary School 100<sup>th</sup> 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 100<sup>th</sup> 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).*



Filming at the Monarto Zoo



Teamwork

Integrity

Generosity of Spirit

Excellence

Respect

### 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 100<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> 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.



### 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.



### Parents & Friends' Fundraising Tea (prior to School Disco) Disco Theme: Fluoro

**When:** Friday 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Sports' Day

**When:** Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> April 2016. Thank you.

### 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 20<sup>th</sup> Century, who we chose to learn more about to coincide with our school's establishment in 1916.



Artwork by Coen Martin

## 2016 International Competitions And Assessments For Schools (ICAS)

### Sitting Dates

**Science** – Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2016

**English** – Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2016

**Mathematics** – Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

**3:25pm - Dismissal**

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2106**

**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 17<sup>th</sup> April 2016 from 11:00am. All welcome for lunch following service on 17/4/16.

**2:25pm** – Dismissal

Our next and final newsletter for the term will be sent home on this day.

## 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.

### **Awards Term 1 Week 7**

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 100<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> August 2016. The cost of these sessions is included in your school fees.

Further details will be provided in due course.



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

### Planning Calendar Term 1 2016

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

10	4/4 Newsletter	5/4 LMP enterprise recess (icecreams)	6/4 MP enterprise lunch (salad rolls)	7/4 Social Ventures Australia Adelaide Zoo	8/4 3:00pm Assembly <b>from 5:30pm tea @ the MCSC</b> 7:00pm School Disco	9/4 & 10/4 9/4 - MFC & MNLC -v- Imps @ Imps
11	11/4	12/4 <b>NO</b> LMP enterprise recess  <b>Sports' Day</b>	13/4 JP Pancake Breakfast <b>NO</b> MP enterprise lunch Mercer Supercycle visit <b>UP Presentation at MB Probus Club</b>	14/4 <b>2:45pm End of Term Assembly</b> 3:25pm Dismissal	15/4 Last day of Term 1! <b>Newsletter</b> No Assembly 1:45pm ANZAC Day address <b>2:25pm Dismissal</b>	16/4 & 17/4 16/4 - MFC & MNLC -v- Mannum @ Mypo

### Planning Calendar Term 2 2016

1	2/5 8:30am Parents & Friends' morning tea	3/5 LMP enterprise (crumpets)	4/5 MP enterprise (hot chicken & gravy rolls)	5/5	6/5 3:00pm Assembly	7/5 & 8/5 7/5 - MFC & MNLC BYE
2	9/5 Newsletter	10/5 LMP enterprise (crumpets)  <b>NAPLaN</b>	11/5 MP enterprise lunch (hot chicken & gravy rolls)  <b>NAPLaN</b>	12/5  <b>NAPLaN</b>	13/5 3:00pm Assembly	14/5 & 15/5 14/5 - MFC & MNLC -v- Tailern @ Tailern

### Community News

#### Mypolonga Cricket Club Presentation Night

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> 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.



## Mypolonga Football and Netball Club

*Our biggest event of the season!*



# Mamboobies

*The Mamboobies are a very popular and talented Mannum Rock and Roll cover band, catering for all ages. Recently played at Sounds by the River!*

**WHAT'S ON:**

- Live entertainment - Rock and Roll Band "Mamboobies"
- Sit down dinner
- Dress - Cocktail attire

**WHEN & WHERE:**

Saturday 30th April 2016  
Mypolonga Combined Sports Club @ Mypolonga Oval  
Bar opens at 7pm for 7:30 pm Start

**TICKETS:**

\$50.00 p/p includes 3 course sit down meal and live entertainment  
Tables of 10 or single tickets are available to be purchased from  
Elise Altmann 0433900158 Zoe Gepp 0468584103

**This will be a night not to be missed!** **18+**

## Mypolonga Primary School

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