

# Mypolonga Primary School & Community Newsletter

4<sup>th</sup> May 2015



Teamwork  
Integrity  
Generosity  
of Spirit  
Excellence  
Respect

**Did you know?...** During the Tang dynasty (an imperial dynasty of China), (ad 618–690 & 705–907), Emperor Xuanzong of Tang promoted large-scale tug o' war games using ropes of up to 167 metres with shorter ropes attached. More than 500 people were on each end of the rope! Each side also had its own team of drummers to encourage the participants.

## Rita's Roar

### Country Education Project Conference in Melbourne

At the end of last term I received a call from Melbourne, inviting us to make a presentation at the Country Education Project Conference. The topic was 'Powerful approaches to developing creative, curious and engaged learners through relevant real world learning opportunities'. How ELLI is this! If you don't know about ELLI, ask your kids.

Dr Michelle Anderson from Victoria has followed our School Shop story for a number of years, and when she asked me to do a presentation at the conference, she was surprised when I said no I wouldn't do it. I said that I wouldn't because our students could tell our story so much better, because that is the way we work. So, Sienna, from the Improvement Committee, and Tyler from the Sustainability Committee, will be flying to Melbourne to present at the conference over two days with Anne and me. (I know we are always telling our kids to say Anne and I; but it's different at the end of a sentence. If you take Anne out of the sentence then you can see if it is I or me). We are so lucky that Mikelle, who is our Teaching for Effective Learning Pilot Leader is also accompanying us.

### Sport's Day

After having to make the decision to cancel Sport's Day last term, and reschedule it this term, there are a number of observations I would like to make:

How great were the house captains! They had to work really hard and now have a new respect for their teachers.

- . The new receptions, who, after being at school for only one term, performed magnificently, even though we had a quiet chuckle at times.

- . David Hughes; he just gets on with it - he had to re-line all the surfaces twice and did an amazing job. Macca did lots of the behind the scenes work and kept the day running smoothly.

- . Necia and Sharon who organise all of the paperwork, certificates and score on the day.

- . All of the station managers; we couldn't do it without you. Let's keep on sharing the love and all take our turn.

- . The yummy morning tea you all brought and everyone who helped set up and clean up.

- . Mary for her first aid skills, and all of you who jumped up to help when Holly was injured.

- . Ben and Alisha Hutchy for their opening remarks.

- . All of the staff who just make everything happen.

- . Kevin from the Mypolonga General Store who gave us his own milk when we bought all he had in stock.

- . There were some amazing performances from our inspiring athletes. You could see the determination on their faces to give it their best shot.

- . The tug o' war – I thought it would never end!

- . How good was the vibe? We all enjoyed ourselves and had a great day.

- . And especially thanks to Kim – it's such a big job and she did it in spectacular fashion.

### NAPLaN is coming up

On Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> NAPLaN tests will be conducted at school. These are just a normal part of our school processes and we try to prepare our kids as professionally as we do all assessment tasks they undertake. NAPLaN is just one of many ways we assess and we trust our kids to do their best. If you have any concerns have a chat to your child's teacher or me.

Warm Regards, Rita

### Term 2 Assembly Roster

**Week 2** - Nick Lewis, Keeley Rathjen, Reagan Candy

**Week 3** - **NO ASSEMBLY** (due to NAPLaN) + Food Revolution Day

### Food Revolution Day 15/5/15

This day is inspired and organised by Jamie Oliver and is a world wide project. It is about educating children about food in a practical, fun and engaging way. Our whole school is excited to be involved this year.

### Dates to Remember

#### Week 2...

- . Sustainability Committee Meeting on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2015 @ 7:00pm
- . Parents & Friends/C&S Meeting on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2015 at 3:40pm in the Library. All welcome!

#### Week 3...

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2015

- . Improvement Committee meeting at 3:30pm
- . Finance Committee meeting at 7:00pm
- . Governing Council meeting at 7:30pm

**Congratulations** to Louise Williams and Jason McCullough on the safe arrival of their son Owen Robin McCullough. Owen is a little brother for our Reception student Felicity and Year 7 student Jessica. Wishing you all much happiness in the years ahead.

### Happy Birthday

7/5 – Ellie (Year 1)

11/5 – Baden (Year 6)



### Upcoming Student Free Days

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2015**

(Anne Baker 'Maths')

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2015**

(Executive Function)

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2015**

(Numeracy & Literacy Results Plus)



## Middle Primary ANZAC Day Wreaths



## Mypolonga Tiger Scarves

With Winter just around the corner (where has the year gone?), we have some lovely & warm, black and gold scarves for sale in the school office.

As modelled by our Tiger Georgia Martin (right), the scarves are embroidered with the words 'Mypolonga Tigers' and would make a great accessory for Mypolonga Primary School students, Mypolonga Football & Netball club players, supporters and community members.



The scarves are \$20.00 each and can be viewed and purchased from Necia in the office. Proceeds go to the Mypolonga Football Club.

## Sport's Day 2015

## Final scores

**Hindmarsh 1023 points**

**Murray 872 points**

**Finnis 885 points**

**Congratulations** to Year 5 student **Jayda Stimpson** on receiving perfect scores in sprints and tabloid events!



## Enterprise Recess/Lunch Term 2 2015

## TUESDAY

Lower Middle Primary Recess

## Crumpet

(\*served with a variety of toppings)

**\$1.00 each**



## WEDNESDAY

Middle Primary Lunch

## Hot Chicken &amp; Gravy Roll

**\$2.50 each**

**Commencing this week!**

*\* All proceeds from our Enterprise recess/lunches support classroom fundraising \**

*\* Orders will not be taken without payment \**



## School Shop - Mother's Day Purchases

Dear Dads/Caregivers

On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2015, students will be given an opportunity to purchase a small gift for their Mum/Caregiver for Mother's Day from the Mypolonga School Shop.



Students can bring along their money on the day and purchase gifts such as soaps, notepads, bookmarks, magnets, bracelets, crystal hangings, pot pourri bags, candles etc. ranging from \$2.50-\$5.00.

All items purchased from our School Shop contribute to our Enterprise Education.

## SAPSASA Football & Netball / Website

Congratulations to the following students who will be representing the Murraylands in the SAPSASA State Netball and Football Carnivals being held in Adelaide from 25<sup>th</sup> May 2015 – 29<sup>th</sup> May 2015:-

**Netball - Mackenzie Rathjen & Alisha Hutchinson**

**Football - Riley Smelt, Nicholas Lewis, Kyal McDonald, Bodi Stewart & Mostyn Payne**

Well done! We look forward to hearing of your experiences!

Also, SAPSASA Murraylands now has a website. To pay fees online and view event information, visit <http://www.palmerps.sa.edu.au/murraylandssapsasa>.

## Welcome to Student Teacher Narelle Simons

Narelle is in her 2<sup>nd</sup> year at Tabor College and is completing a Bachelor of Primary Education. Narelle will be with us for 3 weeks in the Middle Primary class working closely with Kerry Daniel and Kim Polkinghorne.

Narelle is a local girl and has lived in Mannum all her life.

We are excited to have Narelle here and are sure you will also make her feel welcome.



## 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. This is the final Goal. Number 5 is about communicating with your child.*

### '5. Communicate with Each Child

Our children should never be afraid to speak with us. No matter how tough the topic, even if they messed up badly, they should not fear that we will hate them or want to close the door on them. Our love must be unconditional. True, there may be consequences or emotions of disappointment, but they must know that we are here for them. After all, we are their parents and if they cannot believe in our love for them, whose love can they believe in? Work on communicating with your child this year. I am not just speaking about when you must call him in with a problem like failing grades or after you received a call from his teacher. I am talking about daily interactions where you share a smile, a good word, a laugh, a story, or a meal together. The main thing is that you put the time and energy in so that he knows that he matters in your life.

. Talk to your child every day-even if it's just for a few minutes.

. Put down your iPhone and turn off your laptop when your child (or you) return home, at mealtimes, story times, and when you pick your child up from school. Look at him and make eye contact while having a conversation.

. Speak to your child in the tone and with the words that you wish he would use with others.

. Express your love every day, no matter how tough the day.

I know that some days will bring unforeseen difficulties and that some children seem more challenging than others. But at least we will know in our hearts that we have tried our best to help our children navigate the road of life successfully.'

*I think this one is my favourite goal! It's such an easy one to do but is often easy to forget! It is so important to take the time to talk to your child! I am guilty of being busy and saying to my child, 'just wait a minute...' then that minute passes. Let's make that goal together to put our children first. Time flies and they are not children for long.*

Cheers, Kerry



## 2015 Tiger's Social Calendar - Keep the Dates Free...



**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2015 – Mypolonga Netball Club Mexican Night**

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2015 – Mypolonga Football Club Sponsor's Day**

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2015 – Mypolonga Netball Club Tiger Ball**

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2015 – Mypolonga Football Club Reunion**

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2015 – Mypolonga Football Club Gala Dinner**

Keep an eye out for further details of these events on the Mypolonga Football Club, Mypolonga Netball Club and Tigers Social Facebook Pages and in the Tiger Talk publication given out at home games.



## Community News

### Mypolonga Football Club – Teas

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2015 following games -v- Meningie from 6:00pm. All welcome!

### Mypolonga Netball League Club - Mypo's Mexican Fiesta

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2015 @ 6:00pm at the Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club. Grab your sombreros and enjoy Mexican food, DJ, drink specials, games & prizes. Pre-purchase tickets from Lauren Nolan, Sara Rowley or Kim Polkinghorne. \$35.00 per head.

### Murray Bridge Players and Singers Inc. presents... The Wizard of Oz

To be held at the Murray Bridge Town Hall on 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> June 2015. Performance times are Friday 8:00pm, Saturday 2:00pm & 8:00pm, Sunday 2:00pm. Adults \$20.00/Concession \$10.00. Students from our school will be performing!

### Murray Bridge All Culture Fest (Refugee Week) Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2015 at 1:30pm

The Rural City of Murray Bridge, in collaboration with the Migrant Resource Centre and ac.care invite you to join in this community inclusive, fun filled event at the Murray Bridge Town Hall. This is a free event for all the family including entertainment, afternoon tea, citizenship ceremony and Colourfest films. RSVP 20/6/15 to Simone Zrna 85391182 or email s.zrna@murraybridge.sa.gov.au.

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

## Planning Calendar Term 2 2015

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

2	4/5 Newsletter	5/5 <b>LMP Enterprise Recess commences</b>	6/5 <b>MP Enterprise Lunch commences</b> 7:00pm Sustainability Committee Meeting	7/5 SAPSASA Cross Country	8/5 3:00pm Assembly  3:30pm Parents & Friends' meeting in the Library	9/5 & 10/5 9/5 - MFC & MNLC -v- Meningie @ Mypo + teas <b>10/5 - Mother's Day</b>
3	11/5 3:30pm Improvement Committee meeting <b>7:00pm Finance Committee meeting</b> 7:30pm Governing Council meeting	12/5  NAPLaN	13/5  NAPLaN	14/5  NAPLaN	15/5 <b>NO ASSEMBLY</b> Food Revolution Day MBHS formal Mypo RSL BBQ/Bingo Tea	16/5 & 17/5 16/5 - MFC & MNLC -v- Ramblers @ Ramblers + Mypo's Mexican Fiesta
4	18/5 Newsletter	19/5 <b>Student Free Day</b>	20/5 5:30pm-6:30pm MBHS Yr 7 Transition Evening held at St Joseph Primary School	21/5	22/5 Walk Safely to School Day 3:00pm Assembly	23/5 & 24/5 23/5 - MFC & MNLC byes
5	25/5  SAPSASA Football/Netball	26/5	27/5	28/5	29/5  3:00pm Assembly	30/5 & 31/5 30/5 - MFC & MNLC -v- Mannum @ Mypo Sponsor's Day + teas 31/5 - Mypo RSL Annual Dinner
6	1/6 Newsletter	2/6	3/6 <b>Science Competition</b> Year 7 Transition Information Night at MBHS	4/6	5/6  MCSC Friday Night Tea	6/6 & 7/6 6/6 - MFC & MNLC -v- Imps @ Imps
7	8/6 <b>Public Holiday</b>	9/6	10/6 7:00pm Sustainability Committee Meeting	11/6	12/6 3:00pm Assembly 3:30pm Parents & Friends' meeting in the Library	13/6 & 14/6 13/6 - RMFL Game only

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