

Mypolonga Primary School & Community Newsletter

8th February 2016



Term 1 Assembly Roster

Week 2 - No Assembly (due to swimming lessons)

Week 3 – Holly Temby, Linx Baker, Reegan Candy

2016 Permission/Consent Forms

We kindly ask that all 2016 permission slips be returned to the school as soon as possible. Please advise of any change to contact details or medical conditions as they occur during the year.

School Newsletter

Each Monday fortnight, our school newsletter is sent home with the eldest child in the family and also emailed to those families who have requested it.

If you have any community news, which you would like to share with the rest of the community, please provide your written article/note to the office staff or email info@mypolongaps.sa.edu.au on the Wednesday prior to the newsletter being distributed.

Happy Birthday

5/2 – Johannah (Year 7)

6/2 – Amira (Reception)

11/2 – Akira (Reception)

15/2 – Tahlia (Year 2)

16/2 – Benjamin (Year 5)

Student Medications

All medications, which are stored in our first aid room, require an updated and signed *Authorisation for School Staff to Administer Medication to Students* form. This form can be obtained from the office or printed from our website.

Speed Zones - Please Slow Down!

Please be mindful of the 50km per hour change in speed as you come into Mypolonga (near the Institute) and the 25km per hour zone on Williams Street.

Before/After School

For safety reasons, we kindly ask parents/caregivers to drop off and collect their children from the **Williams Street** entrance of the school (not through the staff car park). Thank you.

School Photo Day

School Photo Day will be held on Monday 22nd February 2016. An envelope to order individual and family photos will be sent home in the near future.

Rita's Roar

Welcome Back

We have had an amazing start to the year with our 16 new students settling in well. We welcome Renay Persello and Prue McDonald to Team Mypo and we are all looking forward to creating something really special this year. Mikelle, who was originally to take the Year 1/2 class, has been appointed as Principal of Jervois Primary School for the first two terms and we wish her all the best. We are also very happy to announce the addition of Eva Mae (pictured) to both the Perry and Mypo families. After the challenges of Scarlett's birth, all went well this time around and Hailey and Eva are doing well.

A message to the school community from Hailey follows:

'Steven, myself and big sister Scarlett are very excited to introduce you all to 'Eva Mae' born on 20/1/16. We have been enjoying spending time as a new family of 4 and Scarlett is loving having a sibling!!! Xox'



We have already hit the ground running with a 100th birthday committee meeting on Wednesday night and an Upper Primary tea and information evening on Thursday night, where Mel announced that she and Tom are expecting their second child. The evening was a huge success with great attendance and engagement by parents and kids. We have very high expectations of our Upper Primary students and they are already showing impressive leadership skills and initiative. It's easy though, when we have great role models like Craig and Yvonne Hobbs and Mark Pahl who cooked the barbie for tea.

Partnerships

I am very proud of the way we work together to achieve amazing things at Mypo. On Friday of Week 3, we will be once again holding our Family Fun Night on the river at Woodlane Reserve. The purpose of this is to not only meet our staff, but to meet each other and your children's friends in a relaxed environment. Bonding over a shared meal is a great way to create positive relationships.

We also believe that our voices are equal and we encourage positive participation, especially by our students in decision-making processes. The Governing Council AGM will be held on Monday Week 4, and following that, our committees will meet in Week 7. The Sustainability Committee makes decisions about the school grounds and environment and manages our sustainability programs. Students also have the opportunity to represent the school as Young Environmental Leaders. The Lifelong Learning Community looks at current research, which leads to better engagement and greater challenge and intellectual stretch in learning programs. This committee is really at the cutting edge of innovation and I am so proud of the way it has evolved. If you need more information, do not hesitate to contact me.

Critical Curiosity is alive and well in Mypo!

This year, I have cut back my teaching commitments in the Upper Primary class to teach German from Reception to Year 7. At Mypo we use the Effective Lifelong Learning Inventory (ELLI) as a tool to drive independent learning. One of ELLI's key dispositions is 'Critical Curiosity' where learners engage with learning because they want to, not because they have to. After one week of German, I have been amazed by children who have gone home, downloaded apps, and taught themselves numerous German words and phrases. Some children can already count to 20! This is critical curiosity at its best.

See you at the Family Fun Night!

Warm Regards, Rita

We extend a very big welcome to all our NEW STUDENTS and their families!



Above from left: Reception students; Lilly Lear, Sophie Brouwer, Drazic Ryles, Lachlan Ash, Mikaela Watts



Above from left: Reception students; Bella Pope, Pippa Smith, Akira Harris, Ryley Schwarz, Danté Sandercock



Above from left: Reception students; Makayla Baker, Amira Egel, Jai Bowley, Charlotte Pahl, Tegan Elliott

Below: Millie Olsson (Year 7)



Mypolonga Playgroup

When: Tuesday mornings from 9:00am until approximately 10:20am

Where: Junior Primary classroom

Commencing: Tuesday 16th February 2016

Amy Stone and Dee Payne are our Playgroup Co-ordinators and we look forward to seeing and hearing of the children's fun learning activities throughout the year.

Counsellor's Corner



Welcome to the 2016 School Year! My name is Kerry Daniel and I am the School Counsellor here at Mypolonga Primary School. If you need to contact me feel free to ring the school to make an appointment or email me on kerry.daniel277@schools.sa.edu.au I teach on Monday through to Wednesday; Fridays and every second Thursday are my Counsellor days.

I love reading Michael Grose's blogs so often, I will share this information with you in my Counsellor Corner.

As this is the beginning of the year, I thought this article would be appropriate. I will continue the rest of the article next fortnight.

10 of the best parenting ideas for 2016

Welcome to 2016! Everyone wants to be the best parent they can be, and a new year offers the chance for renewal and rejuvenation. Here are 10 HOT ideas to help you be on top of your parenting game this year.

1. Put gender on your agenda. Gender matters so much. For instance, a recent Australian study into children's separation anxiety found girls experience higher levels of anxiety than boys when they are 3, but it levels out by age 5. It's refreshing to see so much research, such as this, now rightfully highlighting gender differences. So start nuancing your parenting to account for gender differences.

2. Give the gift of restraint. At a time when kids receive so much it's easy to forget that restraint is virtue. Just because you can afford to give kids what they want, doesn't mean you do. Differentiate between a want and a need and encourage restraint, goal setting and saving in kids. It'll help them to be successful at school and beyond.

3. Build your developmental knowledge. Lucky you have two eyes, as you need to keep one parenting eye on meeting kids' current needs and the other on preparing them for their next stage. If starting school or secondary is a year away then start thinking how you can make sure your child is school-ready this year. Not all stages are so obvious so it helps to tune in to the minor changes in your child, as well as purposefully and intentionally building your developmental knowledge.

4. Reinforce self-regulation. "You waited your turn! Great stuff!" "Thanks for packing away the toys without being told." "Good on you for staying in bed when you woke up rather than come to our bedroom to wake me up." A child's ability to self-regulate behaviour (like the ability to self-soothe and self-occupy) is highly under-rated, and doesn't come naturally to all kids. That's where consistent parenting that uses visual management and behavioural consequences comes in.

5. Practise digital parenting. The most tech-savvy current generation ever raised needs digitally aware parents. The Internet is fun and it's here to stay, but it can pose risks for some kids. Digital parenting means providing guidelines for safety without limiting children's opportunity to learn and communicate in the online world. It also requires you to understand the digital world that your kids inhabit.

Michael Grose

Enterprise Recess/Lunch Term 1 2016

TUESDAY

Lower Middle Primary **Recess**

Icecream in Cone (vanilla)

\$1.00 each

Starting in Week 3!



WEDNESDAY

Middle Primary **Lunch**

Salad Roll

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

\$2.50 each

* Payment is required at the time of ordering on Mondays and Tuesdays. Please pay and place orders at the staffroom servery - **not** in the office slot *

School Uniform Items

Below is a reminder of what items you may like to purchase from the school (please note updated prices):

- . School bags \$43.00
- . Iron-on transfers (black or gold) \$2.20 ea
- . School dress fabric \$8.00 per metre
- . School dress buttons .35c ea
- . Hats:

- Legionnaire style \$5.00
- Broad Brimmed \$7.70
- Bucket Hats \$7.00 * **Newly stocked item (and pictured right)**

- . Drink bottles \$2.00

- . Hair clips & headbands (black & gold), as displayed in the office. Details on how to order will be included with the next newsletter



* **Please remember to label ALL items! Thank you.**

SRC Second Hand Clothing

A number of clothing items have been kindly donated by a number of families whose children have outgrown or transferred to High School. If you would like to view the items, please see Necia or Annie in the office. Clothing items are \$2.00 each and include t-shirts, jumpers, pants and school bags (\$5.00).

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.

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)
- * **Direct Deposit** **BSB: 065505**
 Account No. 10018637
 Description: Your Customer ID No

* Payment by Instalments

Please contact Annie or Necia in the 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.

The DECD website also has information regarding school card applications.
<http://www.sa.gov.au/topics/education-skills-and-learning/financial-help-scholarships-and-grants>

Regards, Annie Hughes, Finance Officer

The best gift any parent can give a child is the love of good books and the joy and benefits of good reading. Children who read at home, or are read to, have a head start on reading success in school.

Our school participates in **Scholastic Book Club** over the year. During the school year, I will send home a Club catalogue. You'll find award-winning books, as well as old and new favourites.

It is easy to order. Just look over the catalogue with your child, select the books you want, mark them on the order form on the back of the catalogue, and return the order form to me with payment via the Office returns/money slot. **Or** You can order online at <http://www.scholastic.com.au/schools/bookclub/> further information in catalogue. The books will arrive around two weeks after I send the order to Scholastic. There is no obligation to order. If you have any questions please call and I will endeavour to help you.

Thank you, Annie Hughes

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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!

Staff Profile

Introducing...

Renay Persello Teacher (Year 1/2 teacher)



This year, we welcome Renay Persello to our teaching staff. Renay has previously provided relief teaching in our school and this year will be teaching the Year 1/2 Junior Primary 1 class, initially for the first six months. We look forward to sharing our learning journey with Renay.

Favourite quote... "The only difference between ordinary and extraordinary is that little extra".

What is your favourite app?... Pinterest – I find lots of fun activities for our class to do on Pinterest.

How many pets do you own and what are their names?... Lucy is my dog and Charlie is my cat. Justin is my turtle.

What is the best holiday you have ever been on?... Europe in 2014. I travelled around Europe for 5 weeks and had a white Christmas in Venice!

Do you have any brothers or sisters?... I have a big brother Jake and a little sister Kristy.

Who is the best teacher you ever had? Why?...

My Year 4 teacher. She was the reason I wanted to become a teacher! She made each lesson super interesting and had the most crafty art lessons. I was so happy when I found out I was having her for Year 5 as well!

School Assembly

Our school assembly is held in the Library every Friday afternoon from 3:00pm, which includes the presentation of awards and students' work. Students are dismissed following the assembly at 3:25pm. Three students (from the Lower Middle, Middle and Upper primary classes) run the assembly, with names being published in the fortnightly newsletter.

SCHOLASTIC
Book Club



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

2	8/2 Newsletter Swimming Lessons (Reception to Year 5 students only) Port Power visit	9/2	10/2 Mypolonga SKA (Karate) from 6:00pm	11/2	12/2 No Assembly (due to swimming lessons)	13/2 & 14/2
3	15/2	16/2 Playgroup commences LMP enterprise recess commences	17/2 Middle Primary enterprise lunch commences Mypolonga SKA (Karate) from 6:00pm	18/2	19/2 6:00pm Family Fun Night (Woodlane Reserve)	20/2 & 21/2 21/2 – MFC & MNLC Season Opening Day
4	22/2 Newsletter School Photo Day 7:00pm Governing Council AGM	23/2	24/2 Mypolonga SKA (Karate) from 6:00pm	25/2	26/2	27/2 & 28/2
5	29/2	01/03	02/03 Mypolonga SKA (Karate) from 6:00pm	04/03	05/03	06/03 & 07/03

Community News

Mypolonga Football & Netball League Clubs – Season Opening Day

Mypolonga Football Club and Mypolonga Netball League Club's 2016 Season Opening Day will be held from 11.30am on Sunday February 21st February 2016.

This will also be the football club's junior sign up day and we will have some fun kicking the footy with our senior players. Lunch will be available (at a small cost) & bar facilities available. Come along to watch & barrack for your favourites in the girls -v- boys netball pre-season match starting at 1:30pm. We hope you can join us!

Diary Dates for Terms 1 and 2 (subject to change)

Friday 11th March and Saturday 12th March 2016 - **Mypolonga Primary School's 100th Birthday Celebrations**

Tuesday 15th March 2016 - **Student Free Day (the school will be closed on this day)**

Tuesday 29th March 2016 - Thursday 31st March 2016 - **Parent/Teacher interviews**

Friday 8th April 2016 - **School Disco**

Tuesday 12th April 2016 - **School Sports' Day**

Tuesday 17th May 2016 - **Back Up Sports' Day** (if inclement weather on the 12th April 2016)

Tuesday 14th June 2016 - **Student Free Day** (the school will be closed on this day)

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