

Mypolonga Primary School & Community Newsletter

12th August 2013



Teamwork
Integrity
Generosity of Spirit
Excellence
Respect

"Without a sense of caring, there can be no sense of community."

~ Anthony J. D'Angelo ~

Assembly Roster – Term 3 2013

Week 4 - Bella Smith, Bodi Stewart, Paige Vandenberg

Week 5 - Ryder Egel, Sienna Montgomery-Pittaway, Madeline Sorensen

Dates to Remember/Advanced Notice

. **Book Fair Display** in the Library - Monday 26th August 2013

. **Book Fair Sales** in the Library - Thursday 29th August 2013

. **Combined Sports' Day** with Jervois Primary School - Wednesday 28th August 2013

. **Community & Service meeting** - Friday 30th August 2013 @ 3:40pm in the Library

. **School Closure Day (show day)** - Friday 6th September 2013 (the school will be closed on this day - however, the School Shop will be open for business!)

. **LMP/MP Victor Harbor Camp** - 30th October 2013 - 1st November 2013. Notes were sent home on Friday. Please return the permission slips/commitment to pay by the due dates. *Thank you.*

Award of thanks....

Special thanks to Trish Richter for the many hours spent creating the James Bond themed artwork displayed at the Club for our recent fundraiser. We are sure all who attended will agree, it looked fantastic!

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). *Thank you.*

School Jumpers

A great number of black unnamed jackets and jumpers remain in our Lost Property Box. If you think a jumper may belong to your child, please check the box, which is located in the office. The lost property box is also placed outside the Upper Primary classroom before and after assembly on Fridays. **Please remember to name all items of clothing, containers and drink bottles.**

Happy Birthday

17/8 - Rex (Year 6)
21/8 - Logan (Year 6)



Rogue and Rouge Foundation

Last week, we were visited by Nicole and Lauren from the Rogue and Rouge Foundation. The foundation supports young people to develop resilience, making them less susceptible to mental health problems. Nicole posted this on Facebook:

'This school was a very surreal experience. I've contemplated all night how I want to share this experience with you all - but I've decided writing it down will give me more clarity of thought. Mypo School, about 20kms out of Murray Bridge in SA, was like walking into a school created from my own heart and mind.

My personal motivators and values were posted across each classroom, each child looking out for one another - educators that were using REAL LIFE examples and business ideas to teach young people practically. The school already ran many projects, from a school shop (a famous local tourist attraction with a turnover of over \$18 000 a year), a sustainable food garden and a catering business - and honestly, the list goes on. They were the strongest team unit I've come across in the 90+ schools I've visited so far - and actually, out of all the businesses I've walked into.

I'll share with you a brainstorm where the young people offered me their ideas on what made their community unique and what other schools need to begin integrating. There was no evidence of mental illness, bullying, suicide, or judgments here. It was one of the most powerful affirmations of my career so far and what I envision for Australia's education actually CAN be implemented successfully. This should not be one in a million, this should be every single school in Australia. I still have a smile on my face.'

Growth and Fixed Mindsets

In the last newsletter, information was provided about how people tend to have one of two different mindsets: a fixed mindset where the belief is intelligence can't be changed and a growth mindset where the belief is that success is the result of practice, effort and hard work. The researcher, Carol Dweck, first gave year five children (ten-year-olds) some easy puzzles to solve. When they were solved the children were praised for either their intelligence or their effort. Next, they were given much harder puzzles to solve and the question was, which children were more likely to stop liking the puzzles because they didn't think they were good at them?

Dweck and her colleagues found – and the results have been replicated in subsequent studies – that the children who had been praised for their intelligence preferred to revisit the easier puzzles. They also tended to believe that because they'd struggled with the harder ones, they weren't smart at solving puzzles. This of course is the sign of a fixed mindset.

However, those children praised for their effort showed a growth mindset in that they wanted to work on harder puzzles so they could learn how to be even more successful. They felt smart by applying themselves to a challenging task even though they may have only made beginning steps in solving the puzzle.

Dweck concludes that children and adults are very sensitive to what's going on in a situation - what other people value and how they're being judged.



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She goes on to ask, "what is the voice in the child's head saying?" A child with a fixed mindset is likely to be thinking, "you better not make a mistake; you better look smart, people are judging you." Yet another child with a growth mindset is likely to be thinking things like, "here is an opportunity; oh, I made a mistake here - what does this teach me about what I need to do differently?"

There is a strong connection here with positive psychology. Educators and parents who provide learning feedback, do not praise merely for good work. They provide feedback about what worked and about how the child/young person might improve what they have done. To do otherwise allows for counter-productive, negative thinking: thinking that supports a fixed mindset.

It is very important for educators and parents to consider the quality of feedback given to their children/young people. Feedback involving challenge and support makes a substantial difference to confidence and progress in learning.

David Joliffe's (our former Regional Director) words resonate very much with us and certainly reflect our own beliefs.

Working Bee

Thank you to all who attended our Working Bee on Sunday. I will go into more detail in our next newsletter.

Warm Regards, Rita

Counsellor Corner



Last newsletter, I focused on some information I found on Michael Grose's Blog about Friendships. I will continue with more information from his blog in this newsletter.

'Here are some ideas if you think your child experiences developmental delay in any of these essential skills or just needs some help to acquire them:

Encourage or insist that kids play and work with each other: Allowing kids the freedom to be kids is part of the message here but parents have to be cunning with the NEW CHILD and construct situations where kids have to get on with each other. For some kids "Go outside and play" is a good place to start!

Play with your kids:

1. Interact with your kids through games and other means so you can help kids learn directly from you how to get on with others.
2. Talk about these skills: If you notice your kids need to develop some of these skills then talk about them, point out when they show them and give them some implementation ideas.
3. Kids are quite ego-centric and need to develop a sense of 'other' so they can successfully negotiate the many social situations that they find themselves in.

As parents, we often focus on the development of children's academic skills and can quite easily neglect the development of these vitally important social skills, which contribute so much to children's happiness and well-being.'

Cheers, Kerry

Combined Sports' Day with Jervois Primary School

Our Combined Sports' Day with Jervois Primary School will be held on Wednesday 28th August 2013. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to socialise and develop new friendships. When our Year 7s go to High School, the relationships they have built over many years with their Jervois friends and rivals make that transition process much easier. Students are required to wear school uniform and proper running shoes on the day.

Parents, caregivers and family members are all welcome to attend. This year, the Combined Sports' Day will be held at Jervois Primary School. Further details will be sent home in due course.

Class Awards

Term 3 Week 1

Junior Primary Class

James-Noah Peterson - for being enthusiastic in returning to school.

Junior Primary 1 Class

Rhiannon Bowley - for helping another student write an information report.

Ava Lindner - for working hard on her sight words during the holidays.

Lower Middle Primary Class

Madalyn Uren - excellent Maths while taking enterprise orders.

Keeley Rathjen - making a clever observation in Spelling.

Middle Primary Class

Darcy Elliott - excellent improvement in Spelling.

Sienna Montgomery-Pittaway - outstanding information report on Prezi.

Upper Primary Class

Mitchell Hobbs - outstanding knowledge of states and cities.

Alyssa Grove - for a positive attitude and good literacy results.

Term 3 Week 2

Junior Primary Class

Archie Sullivan Close - for writing great sentences in Spelling.

Junior Primary 1 Class

Maddi Bryant - for always volunteering to help out in the classroom.

Tyler Cappelluti - for being a great leader and an excellent TIGER.

Lower Middle Primary Class

Larissa Pike - hard working attitude and eagerness to learn.

Kalum Cappelluti - positive approach to the week.

Middle Primary Class

Bodi Stewart - great improvement in Maths.

Abbey Schofield - excellent work with fractions.

Upper Primary Class

Bradley Smart - leading the group making pumpkin soup & cauli-broccs.

Brayden Vandenberg - for a positive attitude to reading group & literature circle.

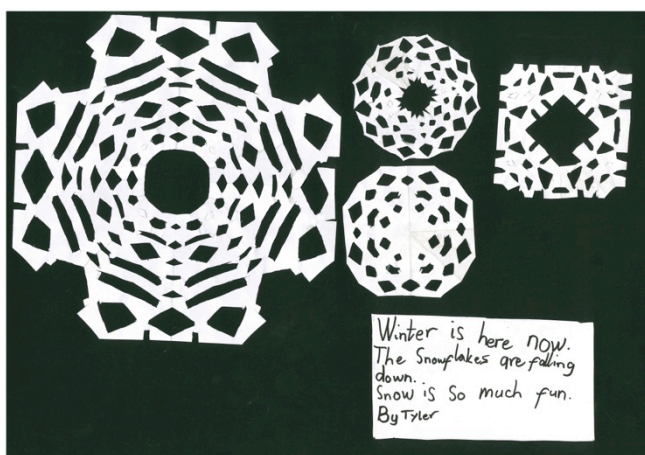
Around the school...



"Smells, feelings, tastes, sounds and sights of Winter", Thomas Kruschel, Year 1



"Snow in the Adelaide Hills", Mackenzie Lindner, Year 2



"Haiku", Tyler Martin, Year 5

Haiku is a very short form of Japanese poetry.

Term 3 Learning Topics

Junior Primary

Maths - ordinal numbers, natural Maths
Geography - mapping
Science - living things
Literacy - procedure, poetry

Junior Primary 1

Maths - money, time, patterning, times tables
Geography - Australia, mapping
Science - water
Literacy - procedure, poetry
History - changes in technology

Lower Middle Primary

Maths - number and place value, fractions, area and perimeter
History - communication
Science - water works
English - procedure
Art - working with water colours

Middle Primary

English - explanation, procedure
Science - light
Maths - fraction and decimals, problem solving, data representation
Art - perspective

Upper Primary

Maths - algebra, pro-numerals
History - Federation
English - procedure and explanation
Science - separating matter (filtration, distillation, decantation)

Whole School

Genre Writing - Procedure (study through Science) and explanation

Middle Primary Class ~ Prezi

The Middle Primary class have been introduced to the computer program Prezi, which is similar to PowerPoint. They used Prezi to present their information reports on their Science topic of desert survivors. Pictured below is the information report of Charlie Sullivan Close.



Lifetime Distributors

Lifetime Distributors "The Book People" is the largest Australian 'direct to customer' display marketing company, supplying a carefully chosen selection of bestselling fiction and non-fiction books, gifts, cards, DVDs, stationery items and educational products at great prices, delivered direct to the workplace at no additional charge. They also make great gift ideas!

Our school receives a selection of products on a fortnightly basis, which are housed in a product display box in the school's office administration area.

If it coincides with our fortnightly newsletter, we will list the selection of books we have on display. An order form is included in the display box and money is required at the time of ordering. Please see Necia or Annie for further information.

Lifetime Distributors Latest Selection

(orders and money due by Monday 19th August 2013)

First Questions and Answers books (set 10) - \$20.00

Women's Weekly Home baked Recipe Book - \$15.00

Makeup - The Ultimate Guide - \$12.00

501 Things for the Quick Draw Kid - \$10.00

We're Going on a Croc Hunt book + CD - \$10.00

Eat Yourself Young book - \$8.00

Microfibre travel/sports towel - \$8.00

Giant Jigsaw Activity Kit - Numbers Train - \$7.00

Yappy Happy Dilly Dog interactive book - \$6.00

UNSW Global - International Competitions and Assessments for Schools

Congratulations to the following students on their recent achievements in the Science Competition held on 5th June 2013:

Samuel Montgomery-Pittaway - Distinction

Bailey O'Connor - Distinction

Keeghan Davis - Distinction

Amber Gielen - Credit

Mitchell Walton - Credit



Master Class

A reminder that our Master Classes will run over 4 weeks at the end of this term. Our first 2 sessions will be in week 7 (Thursday 5th September) and in week 8 (Thursday 12th September). Our second block will be in week 9 (Tuesday 17th September) and in week 10 (Tuesday 24th September). Sessions run for 1 hour in the afternoon (2:30pm-3:30pm).

It's not too late to offer your services to run a master class for either the first or last 2 sessions, or both. Please see Kerry Daniel if you would like an idea on what activity to do.

The Junior Primary Class welcomes...

Tiger the Turtle

This Term, our Science topic is "Staying Alive - Life and Living". A major focus is on having a class pet, and we decided on Tiger the Turtle! The children will learn about Tiger's needs and take responsibility for caring for him daily.

During this topic, we will also talk about other living things - plants and humans, what they need to survive and we will ask the question, "do all living things have the same needs in order to survive?"

During Art, we also created turtles using cardboard and yoghurt tubs.

Pictured:

Tiger (right)

Shaylee Martin and Jayden Hearne (below)

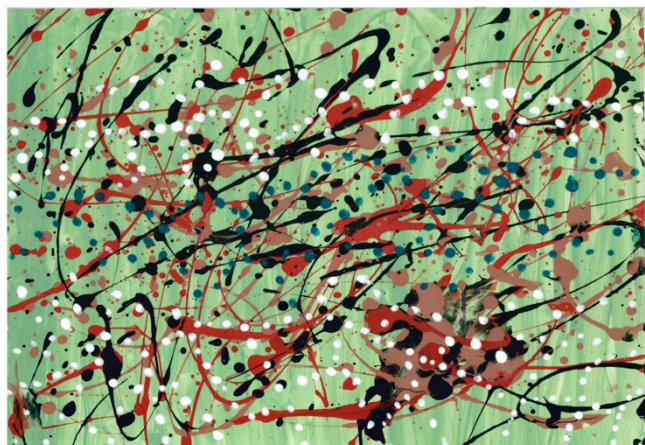


Upper Primary Artwork

~ Vance Kirkland (1904-1981), Painter ~

Vance Kirkland was a distinguished painter, whose major periods included: Designed Realism, Surrealism, Hard Edge Abstraction, Abstract Expressionism and Dot Paintings. He used unique oil paint and water mixtures in a number of his paintings.

Pictured is artwork by **Alyssa Grove**, which was chosen as one of "Rita's Choice."



Staff Profile

This fortnight, we introduce Jane Rumbelow. Jane is our Lower Middle Primary (Year 2/3) teacher, who is highly respected by her work colleagues, parents and students (past and present). Jane is also our 'go to' teacher for literacy learning and our leader in Science.



Introducing...

Jane Rumbelow
Lower Middle Primary teacher

How long have you been at Mypolonga Primary School?...I started in 1988 - 25 years!

Favourite quote..."This too will pass!"

Funniest teaching moment...There are so many! Probably the things the children say that I can't repeat!

How many pets do you own and what are their names?...One dog called Chloe.

Why do you like working with children?...There are many reasons. They have a great outlook on the world and I enjoy watching them learn and progress.

What is your most positive teaching experience?...It would have to be my years at Mypolonga Primary School and the people I have worked with. I have learned so much by teaching here.

What is your favourite piece of Technology?...my iPhone.

What is your favourite App?...'Houzz', probably because I plan to renovate my kitchen.

What is a goal you have for 2013?...To be more organised and keep my pigeon hole empty!

Who do you admire? Why?...I truly admire the people I work with every day. They are so knowledgeable, professional and supportive.

What 3 words would others use to describe you?...Gentle, trustworthy, friendly

What is the best holiday you have ever been on?...Mrs Newell and I went to Phuket last year. It was such a laugh! She is great to travel with.

Do you have any brothers or sisters?...I don't have any brothers or sisters.

Who is the best teacher you ever had?...I'm not sure about the best teacher, but I had a memorable one. Mrs McLeod in Year 7 who wore bright red lipstick and bright red shoes!

What book are you reading now?...World Without End by Ken Follett.

SRC - Minnie Vinnies

We would like to thank those families who have donated their unwanted clothes items to Saint Vincent De Paul. We have just filled another two big bins!! These bins are located in the recycling shed, so any time you have items to donate, you can drop them off at the front office.

Introducing...

Griffin O'Connor
SRC Leader



As a Student Leader, I hope to...make decisions that will influence changes made to the school, benefiting the wellbeing and enjoyment of all the students that attend our incredible school.

Something you don't know about me is...I go up to a mountain in Victoria called Mount Buller and ski for seven days each year.

I read...books that have twists and turns and keep me excited the whole way through.

I watch...TV shows and movies that excite, interest or make me laugh.

I listen to...music that has a good rhythm and lyrics that amuse or interest me.

One day, I hope to...make a significant difference to people everywhere in a beneficial way. Sorry, I can't be specific, I just don't know what that difference is yet.

If I could change something in the world, I would...change all the schools in the world in some way that would bring communities closer to schools for the benefit of the children. "It takes a village to raise a child."

The best thing about Mypolonga Primary School is...the variety of beneficial activities such as the school shop, which provides all students in the school with an opportunity to enhance their skills both financially and socially.

Someone I really look up to is...Damon Sorensen because he is a great leader, a very wise person and he was very highly respected throughout the entire school.

Book Fair

This year, we are again celebrating Book Week with a Book Fair. Books for sale will be displayed in the Library from Monday 26th August 2013 and students can add to a wish list with titles and prices.

Sales for the Fair will begin at 8:30am on Thursday 29th August 2013, and unfortunately, can only be on a first come, first served basis, and there will be no orders taken.

Regards,
Anne Martin

Community News

Mypolonga Football Club

Free 'thank you' Tea (Junior players) - after training Thursday 15th August 2013. Hot dog, chips and a drink. The bus will be leaving a little later, at 7:00pm.

Grand Final - Saturday 14th September 2013

This year, Mypolonga Football Club is hosting the RMFL Grand Final to be held on Saturday 14th September 2013. Hosting this day requires the help of families and community members to assist with canteen and barbecue duties etc. This may include working a 1-2 hour shift in the canteen or on the bbq, helping clean up after the A grade game or in the kitchen during the night. If you are free on this day and would like to help out in some way, please contact Necia by calling the school or by email necia.zadow256@schools.sa.edu.au. Many hands make light work!!

Senior Presentation dinner (catered by the Mypolonga Primary School) - Friday 20th September 2013 @ Mypolonga Combined Sports Club

Junior Presentation 'roast dinner' lunch - Sunday 29th September 2013 @ Mypolonga Combined Sports Club from 11:30am. Approximate cost for lunch will be \$10.00. A note regarding this, and details on the U13s Carnival was supplied to all junior players last Saturday.

Mypolonga Netball League Club

Junior Presentation afternoon tea - Sunday 8th September 2013 @ Mypolonga Combined Sports Club

Senior Presentation dinner - Friday 13th September 2013 @ Mypolonga Combined Sports Club

Further details will be provided by the netball club in due course.

Planning Calendar - Term 3 2013

MCSC – Mypolonga Combined Sports Club

MFC – Mypolonga Football Club

MCC – Mypolonga Cricket Club

MNLC – Mypolonga Netball League Club

MBHS – Murray Bridge High School

4	12/8 Newsletter	13/8 Basketball Carnival in Mannum	14/8 Maths Competition	15/8	16/8 3:00pm Assembly Mypo RSL Bingo BBQ Tea	17/8 & 18/8 17/8 - Mypo -v- Ramblers @ Ramblers 18/8 - MFC U13 Football Carnival/ MNLC Minis Netball Carnival @ Tailem Bend
5	19/8	20/8	21/8	22/8	23/8 3:00pm Assembly	24/8 & 25/8 24/8 - RMFL Qualifying Final @ Mannum 25/8 - RMFL Elimination Final @ Imps
6	26/8 Newsletter Book Fair preview	27/8	28/8 Combined Sports' Day at Jervois Primary School (the Wall Flat/Caloote school bus will not be operating on this day)	29/8 8:30am Book Fair Sales School Shop sales for Father's Day	30/8 3:00pm Assembly 3:40pm C&S Meeting	31/8 & 1/9 31/8 - RMFL Second semi- final @ Meningie 1/9 - RMFL First Semi Final @ Jervois 1/9 - Fathers' Day
7	2/9	3/9	4/9	5/9 2:30pm-3:30pm Master Class	6/9 School Closure (the school will be closed on this day)	7/9 & 8/9 7/9 - RMFL Preliminary Final / RMNA Netball Grand Final @ Tailem 7/9 - Federal Election 8/9 - MNLC junior presentation

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