

Mypolonga Primary School & Community Newsletter

14th December 2012



Teamwork
Integrity
Generosity of Spirit
Excellence
Respect

"The joy of brightening other lives, bearing each others' burdens, easing other's loads and supplanting empty hearts and lives with generous gifts becomes for us the magic of the Holidays." ~ W. C. Jones ~

Assembly Roster – Term 1 2013

Week 1 – Logan Baker, Darcy Elliott, Nik Cox

Week 2 - No Assembly (due to swimming lessons).

Inserts to this Newsletter

- ❖ Year 7 profile page
- ❖ Student of the Year / Student of the Term / Most Improved for the Year / Most Improved for the Term award recipients

School Office Closure

The School Office will be closed from Friday 21st December 2012 until Friday 18th January 2013.

2013 Consent Forms

As in previous years, yearly consent forms, permission slips & a request for family information details will be sent home to families during the first week of Term 1.

SRC News

Casual Day - On Tuesday 27th November 2012, we raised a total of \$148.00, which will go towards Operation Santa.



TARGET runs the gift-giving program through Uniting Care. Brayden and Chelsea picked out lovely gifts for approximately 10 children from birth to 13 years of age.

World Vision – We are pleased to report that a portion of our Bikeathon sponsorship money will go towards sending a girl to school in an underdeveloped country. We also take this opportunity to thank our outgoing President Shannen Holmes for all her work over the years.



**THE MYPOLONGA PRIMARY SCHOOL
STAFF WISH ALL OUR FAMILIES AND
COMMUNITY MEMBERS A SAFE AND
HAPPY FESTIVE SEASON!**

I Need Your Help

My mum and her friends in the Tailem Bend Singers have booked a holiday on the Proud Mary, specifically to be able to visit the School Shop. She very excitedly told me about this and then told me the date of 21st December. When I explained to her that school had finished, she looked so disappointed! So, I offered to open up the Shop on that day. I am asking for volunteers to come and help me on that day so that my mum can have a brag.

Concert

Thank you all for your wonderful support of our school concert last week. The attendance was amazing. We thank Unity College for providing us not only with a venue in which we could all fit, but also technical support personnel, Phil Zanker and Daniel Humby and the facilities to change into costumes.

Our usual stalwarts offered to help, which turned the concert from good to great.

- Trish Richter, costume and prop designer extraordinaire
- Yvette Rathjen, hairdresser to the stars
- Cass Rathjen, make – up artist
- Jason Hagger, lights, camera, action, (and he certainly doesn't move like Jagger)

The staff really appreciates the wonderful help they gave us.

The Improvement Committee will review the concert early next year, so if you have any feedback, just pass it on. The concert DVD is now available.

Farewell

We say goodbye to a number of families. This is always a sad time, as we have had some families with us for many years; in fact the Hocking family leave after 21 years.

We thank the following families:

- Holly Wachtel's family: Jason and Glenys, plus grandparents Colleen and Robert
- Chelsea Hagger's family: Peter and Bridget
- Brodie Hocking's Family: Brony and Mark
- Angus Shanahan's family: Robyn and Johnno
- Jakob Langley's family: Shaun and Megan
- Lexie O'Loughlin's family: Shona and Brian
- Hayden Waller's family Naomi, Marty and Adam and grandparents Roy and Lyn
- Amber Strybis' family: Cherie and Pete
- Isaiah and Isabella Janiak's family: Rebecca and Nathaniel
- Elisabeth Jackson's family: Jan and Kim

We wish all of our Year 7s success at High School and draw your attention to the insert in this newsletter with detailed descriptions of our Year 7s.



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Child Development



Literacy Cup

Congratulations to the Blue Team (Hindmarsh) for winning the Literacy Cup. Final results were:

Blue: 2521, Gold (Finnis) 2507, Red (Murray) 2251. The Upper Primary students are already planning how they will inspire their teams to improve their literacy skills.

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I announce the appointment of Kim Polkinghorne to our staff. Kim will be an additional staff member, who will cover teacher non-instructional time and release and support time. All other teachers will be returning. Amy will teach the Junior Primary R/1 class in Term 1 and in Term 2 Hailey Perry will return for 2 days a week, with Amy teaching 3 days a week.

More Success

We love to follow our students as they move through their secondary schooling and take great delight in hearing of their successes. Well done to the following Murray Bridge High School students:

- Courtney Klenke: Dux Year 9
- Rachel Anderson: Dux Year 10

Magazine

This year, we outsourced the printing of our school magazine, and the quality is amazing! Well done to the students in the Upper Primary class who created the magazine, Necia, Kerry, Nicole and Jason, who coordinated and edited it. We are very proud of it.

We hope you have a wonderful break and we look forward to 2013 with excitement and passion.

Warm Regards, Rita

Class Awards**Term 4 Week 7****Junior Primary**

Logan Rankin – Great Spelling homework.

Junior Primary Year 1

Ryder Egel – For excellent Spelling results this term.

Lower Middle Primary

Thomas Tidy – Improved attitude to his work.

Amber Gielen – Working hard in written language.

Middle Primary

Luke Crouch – Putting a lot of thought into comments about his classmates.

Asharnah Hanlon – Putting a lot of thought into comments about her classmates.

Upper Primary

Jack Slattery – for going out of his comfort zone in Maths.

Abbey Kruschel – For great leadership in the Junior Youth Forum.

Term 4 Week 8**Junior Primary**

Jessica Deane – For always having a positive attitude.

Junior Primary Year 1

Maddi Bryant – For trying her very best in all subjects.

Lower Middle Primary

Holly Rathjen – Excellent work on her narrative.

Kane Lavington – Always doing his best.

Middle Primary

Shanae Neale – Excellent Science project.

Charlie Sullivan-Close – Excellent Science project.

Upper Primary

Shannen Holmes – 100% right in Science test.

Meg Daniel – Great problem solving.



2012
Mypolonga Primary School
Concert



"All I Want for Christmas Is My Two Front Teeth"
– Junior Primary



"Santa Koala" – Junior Primary 1



"The Tin Can Can" – Lower Middle Primary



"Wrestling with the Gods" – Middle Primary



"Pirates of the Carob Bean" – Upper Primary

Small Schools Basketball Carnival @ Tailem Bend – Monday 10th December 2012

15 of our students were selected and participated in the Small Schools Basketball Carnival at Tailem Bend on Monday 10th December 2012. The boys and girls' team played three games each against Tailem Bend, Mannum and Swan Reach Primary Schools, which consisted of 2 x 8 minute halves.

Congratulations to the boys team (*pictured right*) on winning the day and the girls for coming second.



Special thanks to Marlene Newell for volunteering her time to coach the team, Annie Hughes for scoring, Rita O'Brien for supervising, Karen Smelt and Sharon Neale for providing transport.

Kiwanis Club of Murray Bridge Terrific Kids for Term 4 2012...

Congratulations to the following students on receiving the "Terrific Kids" award for Term 4 2012. These awards are presented to students each term who live our TIGER Values:

Junior Primary – Craig Gillett
Junior Primary Year 1 – Kalum Cappelluti
Lower Middle Primary – Paris Montgomery-Pittaway
Middle Primary – Shanae Neale
Upper Primary – Connor Smelt

The Kiwanis Club has been working in Murray Bridge since 1995 and during the last year some of their projects have included:-

- . Assisting Palmer and Callington schools with BBQs at Bunnings
- . Purchasing play equipment for Mannum Kindergarten
- . Donation to the Fraser Park School bicycle program
- . Sponsoring a student to attend Operation Flinders
- . Purchasing a new wheelchair for a childhood cancer charity
- . Running the Terrific Kids program at 9 local schools
- . Donation of \$1,200.00 to the Murray Bridge Hospital Oncology Unit

We have also donated thousands of dollars to local community groups and schools, not forgetting the new shirts for the Mypolonga School Cricket team!

We are a small but committed group and would welcome new members. In addition to our charity work, we enjoy socialising with our own, and other Kiwani groups in South Australia.

If you are interested in knowing any further information, please call the Kiwanis Club of Murray Bridge President, Marilyn Pope on 85325650.

Counsellor Corner



I would like to wish all our year sevens all the very best in whatever they choose to do in their future. It's always sad to say goodbye but we know they are ready to go and spread their wings.

Building resilience and independence in our children is the most important thing we can do for them. It is something we can instill from birth until they are young adults.

My final insert for 'Counsellor Corner' is about 'Giving Adolescents freedom and minimising risk' by Michael Grose. I have taken out a few points you may find useful.

Young people typically want more independence. But giving young people more rope can be downright tricky for parents these days. Here are some ideas to help...

Young people are poor assessors of risk, their brains are still 'under construction'. They think they are three years older than they really are. Adolescents often act first and think later. This means parents need to be very hands-on with their parenting in this potentially tricky stage.

It is important parents put processes in place that will help reduce risk and keep their young people in their group safe. There are three things parents need to know when their young people go out:

1. Where are you going?
2. Who are you going out with?
3. When will you be home?

Here are 5 simple parenting ideas to build independence in your young person:

1. Never do for a teenager the things they can do for *themselves*
2. *Monitor* kids' movements without being too restrictive
3. Reduce risks for teenagers through *skilling up and scaffolding*
4. Build *expectations* around remaining in contact and home times
5. *Reward* responsible behaviour with greater freedom

Cheers, Kerry

Community News

Mypolonga Football/Netball Club Registration Night

Friday 1st February 2013 – 5:30pm-7:00pm. Meals available. For all juniors wishing to play for the Mypolonga Football/Netball Club in 2013.

Nebulizer for sale

A school community member is selling a Maymed Breathe Freely Mark VI Nebulizer (useful for asthma sufferers). As new - \$25.00 or near offer. Please contact the school and we will pass on details.

Headspace Holiday Program

1:00pm-4:30pm from 17th-20th December 2012 and 7th-25th January 2013 @ 3-5 Railway Terrace, Murray Bridge. Art, music, games and movies for 12-25 year olds. Ph: 85312122 for more information.

Swimming Lessons

Swimming lessons for all Reception to Year 5 students will be held at the Murray Bridge Swimming Pool in Week 2, Monday 4th February until Friday 8th February 2013. Students will be transported by bus each morning and afternoon to and from Murray Bridge. All children need to attend school in the morning as we only depart for the pool at approximately 11:00am. Murray Bridge students may be picked up from the pool at approximately 2:00pm.

The cost for swimming lessons is included in your child's Materials and Services fees (school fees). However, bus costs need to be passed on to parents, which at this stage will be approximately \$20.00 per student for the week (this equates to \$4.00 per student per day). Families with more than one child will be subsidised. A detailed note will be sent home during the first week of term next year. Please let the office staff know if you have any queries.

Planning Calendar - Term 1 2013

MCSC – Mypolonga Combined Sports Club

MFC – Mypolonga Football Club

MCC – Mypolonga Cricket Club

MNLC – Mypolonga Netball League Club

MBHS – Murray Bridge High School

1	28/1 Australia Day Public Holiday	29/1 Welcome Back! Start of Term 1	30/1	31/1	1/2 3:00pm Assembly MCSC Friday Night tea	2 & 3/2
2	4/2 Swimming Lessons Reception to Yr 5 Newsletter	5/2	6/2	7/2	8/2 No Assembly	9 & 10/2

Happy Birthday...

17/12 – Bradley Smart
18/12 – Asharnah Hanlon
19/12 – Mackenzie Rathjen
19/12 – Ben Stewart
29/12 – Katie Hutchinson
29/12 – Jade Prosser



30/12 – Mitchell Pahl
2/1 – Madeline Sorensen
3/1 – Mostyn Payne
4/1 – Keeley Rathjen
19/1 – Jakob Langley
21/1 – Brayden Vandenberg



24/1 – Kyal McDonald
25/1 – Kobe Hobbs
27/1 – Liam McDonald
31/1 – Kane Lavington

Term Dates 2013

Term 1 – 29th January – 12th April

Term 2 – 29th April – 5th July

Term 3 – 22nd July – 27th September

Term 4 – 14th October – 13th December

Student Free Days

Tuesday 12th March – Staff T&D

Monday 13th May – Australian Curriculum

Tuesday 11th June – Staff T&D

Monday 28th October – Australian Curriculum

School Closure

Friday 6th September – Show Day

Mypolonga RSL

Christmas Tea – Saturday 15th December 2012 @ the Mypolonga RSL. All welcome! Meals from 6:00pm. Santa visit for children to Year 7 @ 7:30pm.



Please BYO salad to share.



Mypolonga Cricket Club

Christmas Tea – Saturday 22nd December 2012 at the Mypolonga Combined Sports Club. Meals served from 6:30pm. Santa visit for young children. All welcome!

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