

Mypolonga Primary School & Community Newsletter

15th October 2012



Teamwork
Integrity
Generosity of Spirit
Excellence
Respect

"When performance exceeds ambition, the overlap is called success."

~ Cullen Hightower ~

Assembly Roster – Term 4 2012

Week 2 – Jacob Orchard, Riley Smelt, Griffin O'Connor

Week 3 – Orlando Reddin, Kyal McDonald, Liam McDonald

Keep the Date Free!!

. On the evening of Friday 7th December 2012, our school concert will be held at a new venue - the Unity College Steeple.

Further details to follow in due course.

Reminders

- . Monday 15/10/12 (Week 2) (**change of date**) – Improvement / Finance / Governing Council committee meetings
- . Friday 19/10/12 (Week 2) – C&S Meeting at 3:40pm in the Library
- . Monday 22/10/12 (Week 3) – Regional Choir Performance
- . Monday 29/10/12 (Week 4) – Bikeathon / Walkathon sponsorship forms and money to be returned to the school.

Woolworths 2012 Earn & Learn Program

We have recently been contacted by Woolworths to advise that we are now able to spend our points raised from the 2012 Earn & Learn Program. A staggering **32,210 points** was raised, which will be divided up by the classes to buy resources. The resources should then be delivered to the school during Term 1 next year.

School Uniform Items

Below is a reminder of what items you may like to purchase from the school:

- . School bags \$35.00
- . Iron-on transfers (black or gold) \$2.20
- . School dress fabric \$8.00 per metre
- . Second hand uniform items (shirts, pants, shorts etc) starting from \$1.00.

Grandparents' Day

Due to the busyness of the last couple of terms, we have decided to hold our Grandparents' Day early next year.

Happy Birthday...

- 16/10 – Madison Kruschel
- 21/10 – Lexie O'Loughlin
- 26/10 – Nik Cox
- 28/10 – Charlie Sullivan-Close
- 29/10 – Chelsea Hagger



Our New Look

Congratulations to the Sustainability Committee, which led the process to resurface both the tennis court and the back of the school. Our students are very proud of their environment, which contributes to a positive school culture. Our retractable basketball rings will make swapping from basketball to netball very simple. *Pictured above are Upper Primary students Scott Carter, Mitchell Walton and Kosta Bartholomeusz.*

Cricket

Research shows that one of the greatest risk factors for the development of resilience in children is low neighbourhood attachment and community disorganisation. Andrew Fuller, a clinical psychologist, identifies resilience as the happy knack of being able to bungy jump through the pitfalls of life. When challenges and adversity arise, it is as if the person has an elasticised rope around them that helps them to move from surviving to thriving.

Last year, we were able to increase the size of our oval by acquiring the corner of land owned by the Council. Some of our parents thought it would be a good idea to move the cricket pitch down to the bottom of the oval and consequently just did it! Then, Kym Walton and Peter Lewis thought we should get schoolboy (and girl) cricket going again and just did it! Then they realised we needed equipment and uniforms and they organised sponsors and just did it! Then they decided they needed better practice nets so David Hughes just did it! Then they had to have practices. Last week I saw 5 dads helping out at practice and boys totally excited and immersed in the game. I saw high neighbourhood attachment and a high level of community organisation. At next week's assembly, Marilyn Pope from Kiwanis and Steve Hein from the Mypolonga CFS, both sponsors, will present the Mypo cricketers with their new fantastic tops.

NAPLaN

No student, without a disability, has ever made low progress in numeracy from Years 5 – 7 at Mypo, since the inception of NAPLaN and I am pleased to say we have continued to uphold that tradition. Across the state, it is expected that 25% of students will make an improvement in the lower range, 50% in the medium range and 25% in the upper range. Our data shows us that we consistently have less improvement in the lower range and more improvement in the middle and upper range. It is interesting that, in the main, those students who made low improvement in reading do not consistently read at home.

At Mypo, we can't draw conclusions by comparing this year's Year 5's to last year's Year 5's. This is because we have small numbers of students in each year level. What we look at is the same group of students from Year 3 to Year 5 to Year 7.



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Even that can be inconclusive as we have students coming to Mypo from other schools all the time. 42% of our current Year 7's came to us after Year 3. We track individual student achievement over Years 3, 5 and 7 and each student's results generally mirror what was expected. We will be doing a deeper analysis after this round of camps is completed.

Camps

Receptions to Year 5s have just braved the trying conditions on camp. The younger children had a sleepover at school, while the older children went to Woodhouse. The 'Woodhouse Curse' struck again and Kerry's husband JD had to drive through the snow at 2:00am to pick up a vomiting Kerry. Fortunately, only one other student came down with the bug. Our students showed a great deal of resilience by remaining upbeat in the dreadful conditions.

Camps help to create a cooperative culture in the school and we try very hard to keep the costs down so all children can participate. Well done to the staff who organised the camps, and the staff and parents who helped supervise. It was also lovely that Amy and Nicole invited our friends from Jervois to join in on the Ticklish Allsorts performance.

Bus

We have a new bus! It is a 51 seater, which means we will be able to fit a whole class on the bus for excursions. Ineligible students (who live under 5kms away), and live on the current bus route will now be able to be picked up.

Warm Regards, Rita

Welcome to our School

Last week, we welcomed four new Reception students to our school; James-Noah Peterson (brother to Benjamin), Hayden Dahlitz (brother to Leila), Shaylee Martin (sister to Tyler and Coen) and Jayden Hearne.

We welcome Jayden and his family to the Mypolonga school community and, together with the other new students, hope they enjoy their learning experiences with us.



SRC News

Introducing...

Chelsea Hagger
(President, SRC)



As the SRC President, I hope to...make everyone happy by listening to their ideas and hopefully make them happen.

Something you don't know about me is...I like to play tennis, netball and dance.

I watch...Revenge and the Twilight series

I listen to...One Direction, Reece Mastin, Katy Perry etc.

One day I hope to...become a Police Officer or a Photographer.

If I could change something in the world, I would... I wouldn't change anything.

The best thing about Mypolonga Primary School is...the amount of opportunities we get.

Community & Service Committee

On behalf of the Community & Service Committee, I would like to extend a big thank you to all our parents for their donations and support with the catering of the Mypolonga Football Club Senior Presentation Dinner held last Friday night. Congratulations to the awesome students; Patrick Hughes, Damon Sorensen, Lexie O'Loughlin, Chloe Elliott and Holly Wachtel on their amazing job. Congratulations and thanks also to the parents and staff who helped on the night; Rita O'Brien, Sarah Elliott, Jacqui Sorensen, Yvette Rathjen, Annie Hughes and Shannon Gill.

Great job everybody! The night was a great success.

Regards, Mary Gill (President)

CanTeen's National Bandanna Day Friday 26th October 2012



The school will be supporting CanTeen's National Bandanna Day on Friday 26th October 2012. CanTeen is the Australian organisation for young people living with cancer.

Bandannas (\$3.00) and Pens (\$2.00) will soon be available for students, family members and friends to purchase from the front office.

Class Awards Term 3 Week 9

Junior Primary class

Craig Gillett – trying really hard with his spelling test.

Junior Primary 1 class

Harry Stone – for working hard in Chinese.

Lower Middle Primary class

Abbey Schofield – positive attitude to learning.

Stephanie Thomas – keen participant in Science.

Middle Primary class

Dylan Thomas – great lizard presentation.

Tyler Martin – bright and positive personality.

Upper Primary class

Liam McDonald – great persistence in Technology.

Meg Daniel – 100% effort at all times.

Enterprise Recess/Lunch Term 4

Tuesday Recess – provided by the Lower Middle Primary Class:



Icecream in cone (vanilla) - \$1.00 ea

Wednesday Lunch – provided by the Middle Primary Class:

Salad Roll (chicken, ham and/or cheese including choice of salad) - \$2.00 ea



Orders will only be taken if payment is made at the same time. Items sold under our Enterprise program comply with the “right bite” Education Department policy. All profit raised contributes to the students’ learning.

Email from School Shop Visitor

Dear Students

Bill and I visited your shop on Friday 14th September during our five day Proud Mary Cruise, and for us it was a highlight of our trip. You all work so very hard to produce your wonderful stock and with the guidance and help from school volunteers, you are learning so much.

We bought luggage tags, dried apricots and lots of pens, we also bought two bags in the shop for our grand-daughters, one bag is now with Chelsea in Northern Ireland, United Kingdom and the other is with Jasmine in New Hampshire, United States of America. They are both delighted with them.

Keep up your wonderful work.

With much love and happy memories
Ruth and Bill

Community News

Mypolonga Football Club

Premiers: Congratulations to the Mypolonga Football Club's Under 15s team on winning the 2012 RMFL Grand Final.



Congratulations also to the Club on being awarded the 2012 Lyall Parker Club Championship and the Radio Rentals 2012 Junior Development Award (together with the Mypolonga Netball Club).

AGM: Friday 30th November 2012 – to be held at the Mypolonga Combined Sports Club.

Mypolonga Netball Club

AGM: Friday 16th November 2012 @ 7:00pm – to be held at the Mypolonga Combined Sports Club.

Mypolonga RSL

Bingo BBQ Tea: Friday 19th October 2012 @ the Mypolonga RSL. Bingo teas are fun, inexpensive nights out for the whole family. Teas commence at 6:00pm, Bingo starts at 7:30pm. Please BYO salad or plate of sweets to share.

Mypolonga General Store

Hot food, drinks, coffee, ice creams, fish & chips, hamburgers, hot dogs etc.

Opening hours:

Monday-Thursday...9:00am-5:00pm

Friday...9:00am-7.30pm

Saturday...Closed

Sunday...9:00am-1:00pm

Friday night is Pizza Night! Prices start at \$12.00

Choose from Hawaiian, supreme, bbq meat lovers and garlic prawn - Ph: 85354091.

Murray Bridge Basketball Association

The Murray Bridge Basketball Association is seeking players for its upcoming summer season.

Game times: Girls – early Tuesday evenings, Boys – early Monday evenings. Contact 85310755 for further information.

MILO in2CRICKET Program

MILO in2CRICKET is a fun introduction to the game of cricket for boys and girls in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. It provides children with an enjoyable and safe environment where they can learn skills and play games.

Our nearest Centre will be run at Imperial CC, starting Friday 19th October from 5:00-6:00pm, at Johnstone Park, Adelaide Rd, Murray Bridge, Wanderers CC at Showground Oval, Murray Bridge (more details to follow), Mannum CC, starting Thursday 8th November from 5:30-6:30pm, at Mannum Cricket Oval, Mannum.

The cost of the Program is \$60 per participant.

Log on to www.in2cricket.com.au for more information.

Planning Calendar - Term 4 2012

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

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

2	15/10 Newsletter 3:40pm Improvement Committee Meeting 7:00pm Finance / 7:30pm Governing Council meeting	16/10	17/10 7:00pm Sustainability Committee Meeting	18/10	19/10 3:00pm Assembly 3:40pm C&S Meeting 6:00pm Mypo RSL Bingo Tea	20/10 & 21/10 20/10 – First Mypolonga PS cricket team game
3	22/10 Regional Choir Performance	23/10	24/10	25/10	26/10 3:00pm Assembly World Teacher's Day	27/10 & 28/10
4	29/10 Newsletter Bikeathon / Walkathon sponsorship forms and money to be returned	30/10	31/10	1/11 Bikeathon Junior Primary Breakfast	2/11 3:00pm Assembly	3/11 & 4/11
5	5/11	6/11	7/11 Upper Primary Aquatics Camp	8/11	9/11 NO ASSEMBLY	10/11 & 11/11
6	12/11 Newsletter	13/11	14/11	15/11	16/11 3:00pm Assembly 7:00pm Mypolonga Netball Club AGM	17/11 & 18/11 17/11 – Murray Bridge Christmas Pageant
7	19/11	20/11	21/11 7:00pm Sustainability Committee Meeting	22/11	23/11 3:00pm Assembly 3:40pm C&S Meeting	24/11 & 25/11
8	26/11 Newsletter 3:40pm Improvement Committee Meeting 7:00pm Finance / 7:30pm Governing Council meeting	27/11	28/11	29/11	30/11 3:00pm Assembly 7:00pm Mypolonga Football Club AGM	1/12 & 2/12 1/12 – Mannum Christmas Pageant

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