Grandparents’ Day

Grandparents’ Day was such a resounding success; even the terrible weather could not put a dampener on it, try as it did.

So why do we think Grandparents’ Day is so important? Our school believes that strong school community partnerships are paramount in the development of well-rounded, resilient children. Our Mypo community has broadened to include people from outside the immediate area, but what we have found is that this has been a totally enriching experience, which has benefitted the whole community.

A ‘one size fits all approach’ to parenting is no longer the norm and we value the strengths and challenges new parenting and grand-parenting models present us.

Grandparents give unconditional love to their grandchildren. Andrew Fuller, an Australian psychologist has done significant research on the development of resilience, particularly in adolescents. He identified risk factors and protective factors, which contribute to the development of resilience.

He believes that low neighbourhood attachment and community disorganisation are significant risk factors, while a sense of connectedness to family is a strong protective factor.

He also says that the maintenance of family rituals is an important protective factor. Rituals such as sharing food build relationships and create an environment of care. That is why the food we shared on Grandparents’ Day, was an important part of the ritual of the day. Grandchildren from Reception up baked the biscuits for morning tea. A big thankyou to Matt Kruschel, John Mitchell, David Hughes, Karen Montgomery and Pearl Colless who cooked the barbie, and Yvette Rathjen, Mary Gill, Jodie Hagger (and Ava) who coordinated the food for the day.

I want to thank the whole staff, which embraces opportunities such as this to create emotional experiences, which build a culture of pride and love. Their capacity, as a team, to plan, organise and implement highly complex events such as this is outstanding. They take challenges in their stride and come up with amazing solutions to problems (such as the weather!). I talk about our children putting themselves out of the comfort zones to achieve authentic happiness, but this is also modelled by the staff, constantly. I particularly would like to acknowledge Necia and Annie whose leadership of the day was outstanding and moved the day into the realm of excellence.
We had some surrogate grandparents who supported families whose grandparents were not able to attend. I would particularly like to acknowledge Ailsa Brown. Ailsa’s husband Tony, one of our Living Legends has been ill for most of the year. Luckily, his prognosis is good, but on the Saturday evening preceding Grandparents’ Day, he dislocated his hip and was admitted to hospital in Adelaide. Ailsa honoured her commitment to Grandparents’ Day and showed such integrity. Our whole school sends best wishes to Tony and Ailsa and we really miss them.

Landcare

Mypo farmers Paul and Cory Jones have given us a piece of land adjacent to the school to use to implement sustainability programs. This is an opportunity to put into practice our beliefs about sustainability. We need to fence off the area to create a bush tucker garden. A meeting will be held on Wednesday night, 19th June at 6pm. This is a great way to develop resilience in your children by connecting them to the community.

Parent Teacher Interviews

We are implementing an on–line booking system for parent/teacher interviews and a flier is attached with this newsletter. If you need any help to do this do not hesitate to ask.

Warm Regards,
Rita

Lost Property

A large number of jumpers, jackets, drink bottles and plastic containers remain in our Lost Property box.

If you think an item may belong to your child, please look through the box, located in the office.

At the end of this term, any remaining clothing items will be washed and placed on our secondhand clothing stand.

Secondhand clothing items start at $1.00 per item and proceeds go towards our SRC.

Welcome to our School...

Kye Fawdry

On 4th June, we welcomed Year 3 student Kye Fawdry into our Lower Middle Primary Class.

Kye joins us from interstate and we hope he and his family enjoy their learning experiences with us.

Counsellor Corner

Kids Develop At Their Own Rates

During the past 2 weeks, students have been busy completing tests in English and Maths so that we can see the progress they have made over 12 months. We try to make these test situations comfortable and we treat them as an everyday task.

In your report folders, you will have this information and be able to discuss any issues with class teachers at interview times.

We must remember that all children are different and they all develop at different stages. Michael Grose points out in a recent Blog that ‘Comparing your child with others is a stress-inducing and, ultimately, useless activity.’ He also says, ‘Each child has his or her own developmental clock, which is nearly impossible to alter. There are slow bloomers, early developers, bright sparks and steady-as-you-go kids in every classroom. It’s the first group that can cause the most concern for parents who habitually compare children to siblings, their friends’ kids and even themselves when they were in school.

The trick is to focus on your child’s improvement and effort and use your child’s results as the benchmark for his or her progress and development. “Your spelling is better today than it was a month ago” is a better measure of progress than “Your spelling is the best in the class!”

Cheers, Kerry

Mypolonga Primary School invites you to its

James Bond Themed Party
Friday 19th July 2013
7:30pm to midnight
$20.00 per person
@ the Mypolonga Combined Sports Club

Entry ticket includes
. Supper
. 1 free glass of wine
. Admittance to fun casino

Come dressed in your favourite James Bond character or in neat casual attire

Tickets available from the Mypolonga Primary School office

All Welcome!

(Adults only event)
Staff Profile

This fortnight, we introduce Dee Payne. Dee is a School Services Officer (SSO) and works in the Junior Primary and Junior Primary 1 class.

Dee works with small groups of students and provides invaluable support to both classroom teachers. Dee also has three children attending our school Georgia (Year 7), Mostyn (Year 5) and Henry (Year 3).

Introducing...

Dee Payne
School Services Officer
Junior Primary/Junior Primary 1 class

How long have you been at Mypolonga Primary School?... 7 years as a parent and 4 years as an SSO.

Favourite quote... “Shoot for the moon. Even if you miss, you’ll land among the stars.”

Why do you like working with children?... I love the moments when they “get it” and the light bulbs go on.

What is your favourite piece of Technology?... my mobile phone.

Who do you admire? Why?... my husband Ian. I love the way people just open up to him in conversation.

What 3 words would others use to describe you?... patient, bubbly and honest.

What is a goal you have for 2013?... to get a whole lot fitter.

What is the best holiday you have ever been on?... I flew to Fiji when I was 18.

Woolworths Earn and Learn Program

The Woolworths Earn and Learn program has now finished.

Please return your completed sticker cards (or just the stickers) to the school office on or before Friday 5th July 2013 (the last day of the term).

Our teachers are looking forward to choosing from a great range of resources for our school.

Thank you for your support!!

Lower Middle Primary Class
- Paddlesteamers -

This term, students in the Lower Middle Primary class have studied ‘History of Our Local District.’ Before going on a tour of the PS Marion this week, they made their own paddlesteamers. They used boxes, plastic lids, paper, paint and masking tape to construct their own designs. Pictured below are Ryder Egel and Erin McDonald.

2013 Parent/Teacher Interviews / Reports

As previously advised, this year’s parent/teacher interviews will be held during the week commencing Monday 1st July 2013. We are trialling a new way of booking interviews by using an online booking facility for interviews with your child/ren’s classroom teachers.

Please refer to the attached note regarding the booking process. If you have any queries, please contact Annie or Necia in the office.

Reports will be sent home on Friday 28th June 2013 (at the end of Week 9). Please bring the report folder with you to the interview.

Community News

Adelaide 36s are coming to Headspace Murray Bridge for a basketball skills session with Luke Schenscher and Mitch Creek on Tuesday 18th June 2013 from 3:45pm until 6:00pm @ The Station, Railway Terrace, Murray Bridge. RSVP Headspace 85312122.

Essentials for Coaching Children course @ 6:00pm-9:00pm Wednesday 19th June 2013 at The Station, Railway Terrace, Murray Bridge. A brief, practical, survival course for coaches. Training is free to participants and registration is essential. Contact Laura on 0429048019.

Murray Bridge Annual All Cultures Fest @ 1:30pm Saturday 22nd June 2013 at the Murray Bridge Town Hall. Event includes entertainment for the whole family; colourfest films, dance performances, hair braiding and face painting. RSVP Simone 85391182.
SA Country Basketball - Murray Bridge Skills Camp @ 10:00am-3:00pm on 17th and 18th July 2013 at the Murray Bridge Basketball Stadium. Suitable for U10-U14 girls and boys. To register, phone Lisa Gepp on 85310755.

School Holiday Soccer Clinics on 8-12 July 2013 (Westminster School) or 15-19 July 2013 (Oakbank Area School). For all levels of youth players (girls and boys) aged 6-16 years. For further details and registration visit www.coerversa.com.au or contact Steve 0411797227.

**Term 2 Week 5**

**Junior Primary Class**

**Leroy Rathjen** - for becoming a more independent learner.

**Junior Primary 1 Class**

**Maddi Bryant** - for always trying her very best and putting 100% into her work presentation.

**Marcus Hazel** - for working hard to improve his reading.

**Lower Middle Primary Class**

**Sachin Bartholomewus** - persevering with his Maths.

**Madalyn Uren** - improving in her Exposition Writing.

**Middle Primary Class**

**Sky Dankel** - excellent support for the new Receptions.

**Rex Dankel** - being an enthusiastic learner.

**Upper Primary Class**

**Joshua Van Piere** - great writing of discussions.

**Mitchell Hobbs** - great leadership.

**Class Awards**

**Judd Ruckenstuhl** - for showing confidence in the classroom and school yard.

**Isla Gielen** - for an excellent effort in gymnastics this term.

**Linx Baker** - for being a great role model in gymnastics.

**Henry Payne** - excellent skills in gymnastics.

**Samuel Montgomery-Pittaway** - for helping Kye settle into school.

**Alisha Hutchinson** - showing leadership in Dance.

**Paris Montgomery-Pittaway** - outstanding skills in gymnastics.

**Reuben Smith** - for excellent comprehension skills.

**Sahara Sullivan Close** - for maintaining an excellent standard of work at all times.

**Term 2 Week 6**

**Junior Primary Class**

**Judd Ruckenstuhl** - for showing confidence in the classroom and school yard.

**Junior Primary 1 Class**

**Isla Gielen** - for an excellent effort in gymnastics this term.

**Linx Baker** - for being a great role model in gymnastics.

**Lower Middle Primary Class**

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**Planning Calendar - Term 2 2013**

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**Mypolonga Primary School**

**Principal:** Rita O’Brien

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Calico hands: Gran and Jackson Ross

Hayden and Leila Dahlitz with Nanna Dahlitz and Nanna Bolt

Pop
My Pop has grey hair
He is slightly bald
He is tall
He likes to play tennis and enjoys it
Pop never gives up
Pop spoils me a lot
He is a fabulous cook
I love my Pop and he loves me too!

by Abbey Schofield

My Nanna!
My Nanna has short, straight hair
She doesn’t smile much but I know when she is happy
She is nice and caring
She likes to ride her horse Elmo
My Nanna comes to my dance performances
She’s a bit wrinkly and she wears glasses for reading
She cooks sometimes
She says prayers with her friends
I love her and I know she loves me
I love my Nanna!

by Sienna Montgomery-Pittaway

Responses from our Special Day...
The best thing about being a Grandparent is....
“Being part of my grandchildren’s lives. What a wonderful day! I haven’t seen one face not smiling.”
“The special relationships only grandparents and grandchildren have. We connect on several levels.”
“Sharing your life with them, lots of kisses and hugs and watching them grow into wonderful people.”
“Watching the development and progress of my grandchildren without the financial and work pressures that I had as a parent.”

The best advice I could give my grandchild would be...
“To say, ‘I Love You’ to their parents often.”
“Be true to yourself.”
“Never be afraid to learn and attempt new things – enjoy what you do. If you enjoy what you do, you will do it even better.”
“Always treat people the way you want to be treated. Do the best you can and be the best you can – Be Happy!”
Grandparents are special in so many different ways,
Their hearts are filled with love and they brighten up our days.
Grandparents are great listeners when we need them to advise,
Because they’re always understanding and are truly very wise.
Grandparents have great smiles because they’ve been smiling for so long,
And they even make us smile when everything is going wrong.
Few can bring the warmth that can be found in their embrace,
And little more is needed to feel loved than the smile on their face.
They’re a supply of precious stories yet they’ve time to wipe a tear,
And give us reasons to laugh as they grow more precious through the years.
Nobody can do for grandchildren what grandparents are willing to do,
Because grandparents sprinkle stardust over our lives in all that we do.
Grandparents are so generous and they make sure we have the best,
So I’m thankful for my grandparents and I know I’m truly blessed.

(poem read by Lower Middle Primary students)