

# Mypolonga Primary School & Community Newsletter

17<sup>th</sup> June 2013



Teamwork  
Integrity  
Generosity of Spirit  
Excellence  
Respect

"Nobody can do for little children what grandparents do. Grandparents sort of sprinkle stardust over the lives of little children."

~ Alex Haley ~

## Assembly Roster – Term 2 2013

**Week 8** – Samuel Montgomery-Pittaway, Shanae Neale, Jack Slattery

**Week 9** – Ryder Egel, Shaeden Lukey, Connor Smelt

## Dates to Remember

- . SRC Casual Day / Friendship photos - Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2013
- . JP/JP1 breakfast - Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2013 (please note change of date)
- . Parent/Teacher Interviews - during week beginning Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2013
- . Last day of Term 2 - Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2013 1:45pm Assembly / 2:30pm Dismissal
- . Working bee - Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2013 at the school

## Inserts with this Newsletter

- . Grandparents' Day feature
- . Mypolonga Landcare note
- . Parent/Teacher Interview note

## Hats

Please remind your child/ren to return their **clean and named** school hats to their respective class for 'safe keeping' during the winter months. We have a number of new legionnaire (\$4.50) and broad brimmed (\$7.50) hats available to purchase from the office.

## Name Badges

If your child wore their name badge home following Grandparents' Day, could you please return it to the school as soon as possible. *Thank you.*

## School Photos

We have received positive feedback following the delivery of our school photos. Year 7 graduation packs will be distributed to students at the end of the year. If you have any queries regarding the school photos, please contact MSP Photography direct on 83913951.

## Happy Birthday

- 26/6 - Luke (Year 5)
- 26/6 - Logan (Year 2)
- 29/6 - Stephanie (Year 1)
- 30/6 - Shaeden (Year 6)
- 30/6 - Rhiannon (Year 1)
- 2/7 - Jack (Year 7)
- 3/7 - Chloe (Year 7)
- 4/7 - Bella (Year 3)



## 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 their 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.



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Child Development

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, 19<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.



## Community News

**SA Country Basketball - Murray Bridge Skills Camp** @ 10:00am-3:00pm on 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> 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.coervera.com.au](http://www.coervera.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 Bartholomeusz** - 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

### 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**

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

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

#### **Middle Primary Class**

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

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

#### **Upper Primary Class**

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

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

## Planning Calendar - Term 2 2013

MCSC – Mypolonga Combined Sports Club

MFC – Mypolonga Football Club

MCC – Mypolonga Cricket Club

MNLC – Mypolonga Netball League Club

MBHS – Murray Bridge High School

8	17/6 Newsletter 3:40pm Improvement 7:00pm Finance / 7:30pm Governing Council meetings	18/6 SRC Casual Day & Friendship photos Interview bookings open	19/6 Jump Rope Demonstration 6:00pm Mypolonga Landcare meeting	20/6 LMP excursion to Mannum and Murray Bridge	21/6 3:00pm Assembly Mypo RSL Bingo BBQ Tea	22/6 & 23/6 22/6 - MNLC & MFC bye
9	24/6	25/6 Junior Primary Breakfast	26/6 Interview bookings close	27/6	28/6 3:00pm Assembly  Reports sent home	29/6 & 30/6 29/6 – Mypo -v- Tailm @ Tailm MFC Rump n Red Night
10	1/7  Parent/Teacher Interviews	2/7	3/7 Jump Rope For Heart 'Jump Off' Day	4/7	5/7 Newsletter 1:45pm Assembly 2:30pm Dismissal Return forms and money for Jump Rope for Heart	6/7 & 7/7 6/7 – Mypo -v- Meningie @ Meningie

## Mypolonga Primary School

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Shanae Neale with Jillian and Pop Leon



Georgia Martin with Grandma and Pop



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



Luke and Jason Crouch with Grandma, Great Grandma, Grandpa and Grandma

## 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!"





by Jeremy George

## Grandparents Are Special

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)



Junior Primary/Junior Primary 1 performance



Henry and Mostyn Payne with Nanna Payne and Mr Sid



Ava Lindner with Nanna Joy

grandparents day

If my Pa was a boat, he would be a fishing boat, strong, calm and keeps us safe. *Logan Holmes*

If my Nana was a biscuit, she'd be a jam drop, sweet-centred, soft all over and she fills me up inside. *Keeghan Davis*

If my Armah was a flower, she'd be a rose, sweet smelling, looking pretty and always there for us. *Maddison Rathjen*

If my Nanny was an insect, she would be a butterfly, colourful, funny and very graceful. *David Hazel*