

# Mypolonga Primary School & Community Newsletter

18<sup>th</sup> February 2013

## Family Fun Night



Teamwork  
Integrity  
Generosity of Spirit  
Excellence  
Respect

*"Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress and working together is success." - Henry Ford*

## Assembly Roster – Term 1 2013

**Week 4** – Harry Stone, Paris Montgomery Pittaway, Chloe Elliott

**Week 5** – Katie Hutchinson, Charlie Sullivan Close, Patrick Hughes

## Dates to Remember

**Governing Council AGM – TONIGHT!**  
Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2013 at 7:00pm

**C&S / P&F Meeting** Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2013 at 3:40pm in the Library.

**Student Free Day** – Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2013 (following long weekend)

**Mypolonga Primary School Sport's Day** – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2013

Our new students have been allocated teams and everyone will be soon getting into Sports' Day mode. On the day, students will need to wear a t-shirt in the colour of their Sport's Day team with black shorts/track pants. Our teams are **Finnis (Gold)**, **Hindmarsh (Blue)** and **Murray (Red)**. Further details will be provided in due course.

## Swimming Lessons – bus travel costs

A reminder that payment of travel costs for swimming lessons is due by 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2013.

## 2013 School Card Applications

School Card Applications are available from the school office for anyone who believes they may be eligible. If you are unsure as to your eligibility, contact Annie or Necia in the office for clarification and/or assistance. Self-employed families and families who are experiencing unusual difficulties may also be eligible.

## Lost Property

A number of **unnamed** black jackets and jumpers, a pair of blue goggles, socks, shorts and a yellow broad brimmed hat remain in our lost property box.

If you think an item may belong to your child, please call into the office. **Please remember to name all clothing items, containers and drink bottles!** Thank you.

## Happy Birthday

24/2 – Keeghan (Year 6)

27/2 – Logan (Year 3)

1/3 – Reegan (Year 1)

2/3 – Kalum (Year 3)



## Family Fun Night

What a fantastic night we had last Friday night. It was great to see so many families socialising and having a great time. We used to have an Acquaintance Night and realised that we knew you all anyway, so our purpose had to change. Our strength is our sense of community, and I love the way our community has broadened, which enriches all our lives.

These occasions don't magically happen and I would like to thank Ian and Dee Payne, Mr Kym and Mrs Kym Walton, Annie and David Hughes and Necia for their leadership and organisation of the event. Karen and Corey Smelt from Top Notch Foods once again supported our school with great sausages and the Rathjen family kindly donated the onions. I would like to thank the Mypolonga Ski Club for allowing us to use their premises (in fact Mr Kym Walton was mowing the lawn as I arrived).

I just loved watching all our kids having such a great time and I enjoyed meeting our new families. Someone was on our side because the weather was kind to us. At Mypo, we believe learning happens everywhere and on Friday Night our children learned about the strength and love of community.

A word for those who couldn't come due to prior commitments: a basketball carnival in the Riverland coincided (and yes Alisha, your parents had booked accommodation, so you had to go) with the night. Another clash was 'In Christ's Company' production of 'Thoroughly Modern Millie.' I always try to see each production the Company presents, not only because of the high standard, but because Monique Colley's dad Ian directs and performs the music, while mum Deb acts. I was so proud of my beautiful Abbey Kruschel, whom I teach (her mum and dad probably think they have something to do with it) who had a major role. Abbey pushed herself through the pain barrier to dance following a foot injury. What a TIGER. I was also impressed with former students Anika Bartholomeusz and Cheyanne Richter-Uren, both of whom had amazing singing and dancing roles, and mum Louise Donald who acted in and choreographed the show.

## Dr Martin Seligman presentation

The reason we had to change our Governing Council AGM was because our staff attended a presentation by Dr Martin Seligman, Thinker in Residence, in South Australia, on our normal AGM night. Anne and I have been studying Dr Seligman's work for some time as part of our OECD 'Innovative Schools' Practitioner Research. We were so happy to hear him validate many of our beliefs and practices. Over this year we will be sharing with you our learning (which is common sense!). One thing he says is that student effort and application has double the impact on achievement than IQ. My experience has been the same and I have always said 'An average kid who works hard will always beat a smart kid who doesn't'.

We look forward to seeing you modelling leadership for your children by joining one of our committees or coming to the AGM tonight. If you want your children to lead, show them how!

Warm Regards, Rita



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## Class Awards Term 1 Week 1

### Junior Primary class

**Craig Gillett** – for showing great leadership to the new reception students.

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**Reegan Candy** – for showing great leadership to the new reception students.

**Jeremy George** – for helping the new students settle into our classroom.

### Lower Middle Primary class

**Keeley Rathjen** – showing Generosity of Spirit – working hard to help others.

**Henry Payne** – excellent start to the term.

### Middle Primary class

**Bodi Stewart** – very positive and hard working start to the year!

**Holly Temby** – very helpful and organised class member.

### Upper Primary class

**Abbey Kruschel** – for helpful, patient teaching of a student.

**Connor Smelt** – a great role model in Maths.

## Swimming Lessons 2013



Kickboards:  
Hayden  
(Reception)

"My favourite thing about swimming lessons was doing backstroke." – Kiarra Gillett (Year 2)

"I loved going under the water." – Jayden Hearne (Reception)

"I learnt how to do backstroke without my board." – Jessica Donald (Year 5)



Boat survival skills: Years 3 and 5 students Riley, Mostyn, Thomas and Darcy

"I enjoyed going in the boat. This was part of the boat survival skills." – Kyal McDonald (Year 5)

"I liked doing the torpedo, it was fun! – Ryder Egel (Year 2)

"The dolphin weave was my favourite activity." – Shaylee Martin (Reception)

## Same First Day

Is your child starting preschool or school? There are some important changes you need to know about. In 2013, children will only be able to start preschool in terms 1 and 2. Children will no longer be able to start in terms 3 and 4. By 2014, all children will start preschool and school on the same day; the first day of term 1.

For more information, please contact the school or visit [www.earlyyears.sa.edu.au](http://www.earlyyears.sa.edu.au) and follow the 'Same First Day Information' link.

## Community News

### Mypolonga Combined Sports Club Friday Night Teas

**Next Tea:** Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2013 at the Mypolonga Combined Sports Club. All welcome!

### Mypolonga Football Club

**Training commences:-** U13, U11 & U9 – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2013 from 4:45pm-5:45pm. Training for **all teams** will revert back to Thursdays on 21<sup>st</sup> March.

**Bus Service:-** The MFC will again supply a free bus to transport players to and from training on (initially Wednesdays from 6<sup>th</sup> March) Thursdays from 21<sup>st</sup> March. The bus leaves from the Daily Deli (Mannum Road) at 4:30pm sharp and will deliver each player back to their respective homes (they will not drop off anywhere else unless previously arranged) after training.

### Asthma Inhaler Recall (limited batch numbers)

Asthma Australia has been advised that several batches of Ventolin and Asmol inhaler medication for the treatment of asthma have been recalled. This recall has been initiated due to a fault in the delivery mechanism of a small number of inhalers within each affected batch. This can lead to less than the full dose being delivered for each puff.

The only batches affected are as follows:

**Ventolin** batch numbers KN7170, KN7173, KN7178 and KN7179 and **Asmol** batch numbers KL6790, KL6795, KL6796, KL6797, KL6798 and KL6799

Please check the batch number of all asthma puffers/inhalers and if these match any of the above batches, take the inhaler to your pharmacy and exchange it for a new one.

### "Isaac & Josh's Vietnam Expedition Fundraising Tea" (a Murray Bridge High School program in conjunction with World Challenge)

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2013 from 6:00pm at the Mypolonga Combined Sports Club**

Proceeds will help fund Isaac and Josh's trip to Vietnam and raise money for projects in underprivileged communities. There will be an auction, raffles and door prizes. Tickets: \$20.00 adult/\$12.00 kids (under 12) from the door or pre-purchase and save! Contact Beck 0401930512 or Trudie 85324946 for further information.



## Upper Primary "The Highwayman"

The Upper Primary class read a famous poem "The Highwayman" by Alfred Noyes. They created artwork in the style pictured with the poem.

They are also creating a podcast featuring all of their artwork, which will be placed on our website soon.



**"The Highwayman Artwork"** by  
Above: Reuben Smith, Year 7  
Below: Madison Kruschel, Year 6



## Coles Sports for Schools Program

Once again, thank you for supporting last year's Coles Sports for Schools program.

Our items have now arrived, will soon be unpacked, balls pumped and ready for the students to use!

Pictured are Riley, Alisha, Tyler, Shanae and Reegan with some of the items redeemed from the vouchers.



## Counsellor Corner



### Resilience Robbers

Over the next few weeks I will be putting together the '7 Resilience Robbers' according to Michael Grose – Australia's No. 1 parenting educator.

Below is the first way parents can 'over-parent' and therefore do their children more harm than good. Most of the time we know we are doing it and just need a little reminder to stop and not to make the biggest mistake of doing for our children what they can do for themselves.

#### *Resilience Robber no. 1:*

**Parents fight children's battles for them and don't give them a chance to solve their own problems.**

There's nothing wrong with a parent going into bat when kids struggle or meet with difficulties inside or outside school but solving children's problems for them should be the last resort, not the first option that parents take.

Cheers, Kerry

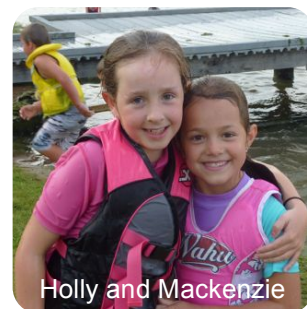
## Family Fun Night



Jetty jumping: Bodi and friends



Backyard cricket: Kalum, Luke, Kane and Henry



Holly and Mackenzie



## 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

4	18/2 Newsletter <b>Governing Council AGM</b>	19/2	20/2	21/2 MNLC junior training commences 5:30pm @ Christian Reserve, Murray Bridge	22/2 3:00pm Assembly <b>C&amp;S / P&amp;F Meeting 3:40pm</b>	23/2 & 24/2
5	25/2	26/2	27/2	28/2	1/3 <b>3:00pm Assembly</b> MCC Friday Night tea	2/3 & 3/3 2/3 – Mannum Show
6	4/3 Newsletter	5/3	6/3 MFC U13, U11 & U9 training starts 4:45pm- 5:45pm	7/3	8/3 3:00pm Assembly	9/3 & 10/3
7	11/3 <b>Public Holiday</b>	12/3 <b>Student Free Day</b>	13/3	14/3	15/3 3:00pm Assembly <b>Mypo RSL Bingo BBQ Tea</b>	16/3 & 17/3
8	18/3 Newsletter	19/3	20/3	21/3 MFC training back to Thursdays!	22/3 3:00pm Assembly	23/3 & 24/3
9	25/3	26/3	27/3	28/3 <b>Sport's Day</b>	29/3 <b>Good Friday</b>	30/3 & 31/3 <b>Easter Saturday/ Sunday</b>
10	1/4 <b>Easter Monday</b>	2/4 Newsletter	3/4	4/4	5/4 3:00pm Assembly <b>MCC Friday Night tea</b>	6/4 & 7/4 6/4 – RMFL/RMNA season begins Mypo -v- Ramblers @ Ramblers
11	8/4	9/4	10/4 SAPSASA District Day	11/4 SRC Casual Day	12/4 <b>Newsletter</b> 2:00pm Assembly 2:30pm Dismissal	13/4 & 14/4 13/4 – Mypo -v- Imps @ Mypo

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