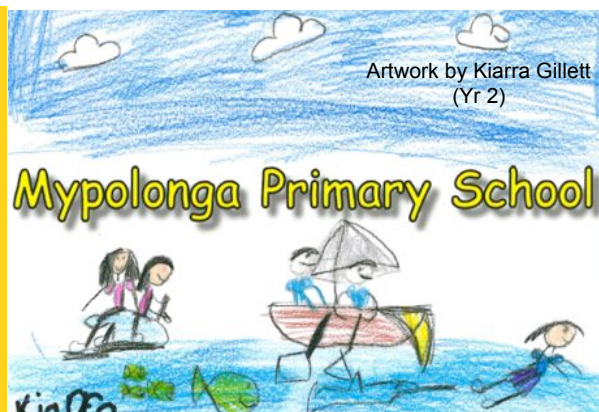


Mypolonga Primary School & Community Newsletter

18th March 2013



Teamwork
Integrity
Generosity of Spirit
Excellence
Respect

"Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much."
~ Helen Keller ~

Assembly Roster – Term 1 2013

Week 8 – Coen Martin, Kyly Reen, Aimee Kelly

Week 9 – No Assembly

Inserts to this Newsletter

. Sport's Day note and lunch price list

Dates to Remember

. **Improvement Committee meeting**
Monday 18th March 2013 @ 3:40pm in the Library

. **Finance Committee Meeting** 7:00pm /
Governing Council Meeting 7:30pm
Monday 18th March 2013

. **Mypolonga Primary School Sport's Day** – Thursday 28th March 2013 on the Mypolonga Primary School oval

Student Free Days

Monday 20th May 2013

Tuesday 11th June 2013 (following the long weekend)

Monday 28th October 2013

School Closure Day

Friday 6th September 2013

2013 Payment of School Fees

A reminder that this year's school fees are due to be paid **by the end of the term, 12th April 2013**. If you wish to arrange an instalment plan, please see Annie or Necia in the office.

Junior Primary Enterprise

As part of their enterprise education program, students from the Junior Primary classes design and sell bookmarks, key tags and bag tags to sell in our School Shop. The designs on the bookmarks and tags reflect students' ideas of Mypolonga and are sold from \$2.00 each. They make a great, small gift idea and can be purchased by calling into the office or by visiting the school shop during rotation time (Fridays 12:00pm - 12:45pm). Pictured above is Kiarra Gillett's (Year 2 student) key tag design.

Happy Birthday

20/3 - Alyssa (Year 6)

20/3 - Abbey (Year 4)

31/3 - Coen (Year 3)

2/4 - Kailan (Year 6)



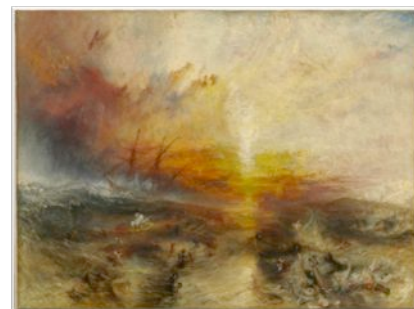
Broadening our Horizons

In Art, the Upper Primary Class have studied the work of artist JMW Turner, to coincide with the exhibition, 'Turner from the Tate' at the South Australian Art Gallery. This was an inspiring exhibition and our students were mesmerised by both the amazing paintings and the commentary provided by the gallery staff.

The class constructed the following recount of the exhibition.

'The Upper Primary class have been studying the art of JMW Turner. He was famous for the way he depicted light in his landscapes. He painted using both watercolours and oils and he documented many famous dramatic events and disasters of his time. 100 of his paintings were displayed at the Adelaide Art gallery, which we visited last week. The tour guides taught us the stories behind the paintings.

The size of the paintings varied from minuscule to massive. Turner was a prolific artist and painted 19,000 sketches in his lifetime. He left his collection to the nation and they are displayed at the Tate Gallery in London. We were fortunate to be able to view the paintings. Following this we created paintings in JMW's Turner's style.'



JMW Turner, The Slave Ship (1840). Oil on canvas.

These were the responses from individual students:

'There was one painting I just loved. I got lost in it.' *Asharnah*

'The Turner Exhibition was a once in a lifetime experience. The paintings were amazing. It was inspiring how he used light in his paintings.' *Chloe*

'I thought it was a great opportunity because I am a huge fan of dramatic painting like JMW Turner's paintings. I was disappointed that I didn't get to see 'The Slave Ship', but overall it was a great day.' *Paige*

'It was a magnificent journey through the Turner from the Tate Exhibition. The painting that really captured me was 'Peace Burial at Sea'. *Georgia*

'The Turner exhibition was a marvelous way of learning the background stories of all the paintings and I was privileged to see such magnificent art.' *Aimee*

'I was lost in Turner's world of light, vibrant colours and emotions.' *Griffin*

'I was amazed at how Turner was able to capture these scenes. It felt like I was in his time.' *Liam*



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Child Development

Our Spelling Focus

We have added spelling to our Site Improvement Plan. Last Tuesday, on the Student Free Day, we developed a whole school and community approach to teaching spelling. We will be implementing this over the year, just as we have with reading, comprehension and non-fiction writing. I will be informing you of our plans in subsequent newsletters.

Speaking of non-fiction writing, please take time to read the recounts on class boards around the school. They are excellent. We put a great deal of effort into publishing your children's writing to celebrate their achievement. A big thank you to Sharon, Janice and Dee for their hard work over some very hot days!

Our next genre is exposition or persuasive writing, in preparation for NAPLAN tests early next term. One way you can support us, is by talking to your children about the persuasive techniques used by advertisers in the media.

Warm Regards, Rita

Class Awards

Term 1 Week 4

Junior Primary class

Archie Sullivan-Close – for trying really hard at his learning.

Junior Primary 1 class

Kobe Hobbs – for being an excellent helper in the classroom.

Rhiannon Bowley – for excellent spelling results so far this term.

Lower Middle Primary class

Ryder Egel – working hard in Writer's Corner.

Jayda Stimpson – excellent start to Year 3.

Middle Primary class

Abbey Schofield – great attitude and work skills.

Riley Smelt – for having a positive and energetic attitude in class.

Upper Primary class

Asharnah Hanlon – for excellent written work completed independently.

Madeline Sorensen – for careful listening and using suggestions.

Term 1 Week 5

Junior Primary class

Joe Tidy – for trying really hard with writing the date.

Junior Primary 1 class

Ava Lindner – for working hard on her poetry.

William Schofield – for beautiful and neat handwriting.

Lower Middle Primary class

Logan Baker – writing an excellent swimming recount.

Benjamin Peterson – working well with his hooks and kicks in handwriting.

Middle Primary class

Jessica Donald – beautifully presented bookwork.

Luke Crouch – improved attitude and responsibility.

Upper Primary class

Logan Holmes – great work in Maths.

Griffin O'Connor – maintaining an excellent standard in Writing.

Counsellor Corner



This fortnight, I will be continuing my article around, '7 Common Resiliency Robbers' by Michael Grose, 'Australia's No. 1 parenting educator'.

Resilience Robber No. 3

Parents give their kids too much choice

In this era of giving children a voice, some parents go too far allowing their children too much say. Kids will often take the easy option to avoid hard or unpleasant situations.

For instance, some kids wouldn't go to school on Sport's Day if they weren't involved if their parents gave them a choice. BUT this is an issue where parents need to be firm and make decisions for their children. Going to school is a non-negotiable, any day!

Sport's Day isn't really an issue for our students as they are all involved and they are aware that Sport's Day is definitely a day to be at school.

However, occasionally I hear students being given a choice to have a day off for their birthday and this one often astounds me. In the workplace this would never happen. By allowing our children to have days off when they feel like it, tells them that school is not that important.

What message will you be sending your child?

Cheers, Kerry

Staff Profile

This fortnight, we would like to introduce our Chinese Language Teacher **Weiwei Li**. Weiwei works with us on Thursdays, teaching Chinese to all students.

Introducing...

Weiwei Li
Chinese Language Teacher

How long have you been at Mypolonga Primary School... 1 year.

Favourite quote... "Attitude is everything".

What is a goal you have for 2013?... gain more experience and learn more skills.

What is the best holiday you have ever been on?... any holiday that I have been on with my parents.

What is your most positive teaching experience?... I've got so much positive teaching experience here at Mypo. I feel very grateful to be working here with friendly staff and kids.



Junior Youth Environment Forum

Once a term on a Tuesday, four students from public schools around our region meet together to form a group called the Junior Youth Environment Forum. This year, Abbey Kruschel, Meg Daniel, Chloe Elliott and Georgia Payne were selected by their class mates to attend these meetings.

Recently, the four girls went to Jervois Primary School with Mr Oxborrow and talked about how to be sustainable at Mypo. They took down some ideas and the group decided that they were going to focus on biodiversity. One of the ideas was to create a bush tucker garden on the land across from the school.

by Georgia Payne, Meg Daniel, Chloe Elliott and Abbey Kruschel

Junior Youth Environment Forum representatives



Student Representative Council (SRC)

Introducing...

Patrick Hughes
SRC Leader

As an SRC leader, I hope to...
be a great leader and help everybody out.

Something you don't know about me... I love to play cricket and football.



I read... the 39 Clues.

I watch... The Simpsons and Futurama.

One day I hope to... be an Engineer or an Electrician.

If I could change something in the world I would...
stop people killing animals.

The best thing about Mypolonga Primary School is... the teachers and the School Shop.

Someone I really look up to is... Damon Sorensen (former student) **because** he wasn't just intelligent, he was a great leader, great academically and was really friendly, really funny and a great friend.



Upper Primary Artwork "The Scream"

During Art, students were asked to recreate Artist Edvard Munch's masterpiece "The Scream". They chose between drawing on white or black paper and using chalk or oil pastels. Pictured is Keegan Davis' (Year 6) drawing, which was chosen as "Rita's Choice".

Community News

Mypolonga Netball League Club ~ Tiger Ball ~

Save the Date!... Saturday 1st June 2013 at the Mypolonga Combined Sports Club. Further details on this popular 'cocktail style' evening and information on ticket sales will be provided in due course.

Mypolonga Football Club ~ Rump and Red Night ~

Save the Date!... Saturday 29th June 2013 at the Mypolonga Combined Sports Club. Enjoy music, entertainment and a sit down meal. Further details and information on ticket sales will be provided in due course.

Mypolonga Cricket Club
CONGRATULATIONS to the Mypolonga Cricket Club's A Grade team on winning the 2012/13 Grand Final on Saturday. Special mention to Matt Lindner (Mackenzie and Ava's dad) on taking 5/25 !!

For Sale!

Two wooden single beds, both with two drawers. A small donation would be appreciated. Please call into the office to view the beds or call Annie or Necia for further details.

Murray Transport Connections

Murray Transport Connections is a program being delivered by the Mid Murray Council in partnership with the Rural City of Murray Bridge. Services include:

- . providing **information** on transport services in our region.
- . helping **coordinate transport services** including bookings for the Medical Bus, which provides a door to door, wheelchair/gopher accessible medical transport service from Keith to Adelaide, Monday to Friday.
- . providing a **transport website** that you can visit for transport information in the Murray Mallee region.

For further details, contact Karyn Baker / Natalie Davis at Murray Transport Connections on 1300 190 869.

Mannum Community College Swimming Pool

The pool will be open when the temperature is 25° or higher until the end of March. Weeknights 4:00pm-6:00pm, weekends 2:00pm-6:00pm. All welcome!

Woolworths Earn and Learn

We have recently received a number of boxes of learning resources, which we were able to purchase from the thousands of stickers sent in by the Mypolonga school community during the Woolworths Earn and Learn program.

Some of the resources included:

- World Wall Map
- Hand Puppets
- World Globe Class Set
- Inflatable Solar System Set
- Hammer and nail play set
- Puzzles
- Art and craft supplies
- Alphabet Play Mat

Students from all classes are already using the wide selection of resources received. *Pictured are Craig, Holly, Harry and Rhiannon with some of the items.*



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

8	18/3 Newsletter 3:40pm Improvement Committee meeting 7:00pm Finance / 7:30pm Governing Council meeting	19/3	20/3	21/3 MFC training back to Thursdays! Harmony Day	22/3 Choir meeting 9:00am-1:30pm @ Taillem Bend PS 3:00pm Assembly	23/3 & 24/3
9	25/3	26/3	27/3	28/3 Sport's Day	29/3 Good Friday	30/3 & 31/3 Easter Saturday/ Sunday
10	1/4 Easter Monday	2/4 Newsletter	3/4 Upper Primary class attending "Grease" performance at Unity College (further details to follow)	4/4	5/4 3:00pm Assembly MCC Friday Night tea	6/4 & 7/4 6/4 – RMFL/RMNA season begins Mypo -v- Rambles @ Rambles 7/4 – Daylight savings ends
11	8/4	9/4 SRC Casual Day Junior Primary Pancake Breakfast	10/4	11/4 SAPSASA District Day	12/4 Last day of Term 1 Newsletter 2:00pm Assembly 2:30pm Dismissal	13/4 & 14/4 13/4 – Mypo -v- Imps @ Mypo

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