21st September 2012
Wishing everyone safe and happy holidays!

Assembly Roster – Term 4 2012
Week 1 – No Assembly (due to classes being on camp)
Week 2 – Jacob Orchard, Brayden Vandenberg, Griffin O'Connor

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
. Wednesday 10/10/12 – Friday 12/10/12 (Week 1) Lower Middle/Middle Primary Camp
. Thursday 11/10/12 - Friday 12/10/12 (Week 1) Junior Primary/Junior Primary 1 Camp
. Friday 12/10/12 (Week 1) – Bikeathon / Walkathon ‘offers to help note’ to be returned to the school.
. 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.

Inserts to this Newsletter
. Mypolonga Primary School Uniform Policy
. Mypolonga Primary School Cricket Team note.

Happy Birthday…
18/9 – Scott Carter
19/9 – Connor Smelt
21/9 – Rohan Bartholomeusz
21/9 – Ryder Egel
23/9 – Angus Shanahan
26/9 – Meg Daniel
27/9 – Darcy Elliott
28/9 – Holly Temby
1/10 – Tyler Cappelluti
2/10 – Shanae Neale
7/10 – Sienna Montgomery-Pittaway
8/10 – Hayden Waller
9/10 – Holly Rathjen
11/10 – Kosta Bartholomeusz
11/10 – Brayden George
11/10 – Karl George
12/10 – Leila Dahltz
14/10 – Shane Pike

Parent Leadership
The leadership shown by our parent community is outstanding. A big thank you to Phillippa Ross, who has made a new banner for us based on our new school logo. Phillippa designed our logo based on an idea from former student Samantha Lewis. Phillippa made sure she had the banner ready for Sport’s Day and we really appreciate her commitment to our school.

Last Friday night, we catered for the Indoor Bowls Presentation Dinner. Annie, Mary and Yvette once again led by example ably assisted by Cass Martin. Our students Hayden, Brad and Reuben did the school proud and I was very impressed by the initiative the boys displayed on the night. I would be very proud if they were my children.

The purpose of catering initially was to raise money for the school, but it has grown into much more than that. It has become a rite-of-passage for the upper primary students and they are chomping at the bit to participate.

Hayden’s granny owns the ‘Kitchen Cupboard’ in Murray Bridge and has donated a significant number of items from her business to the school. These acts of kindness epitomise the support we receive from our community.

On the first Friday back after the holidays, we will be catering for the Mypolonga Football Club Presentation Night. This will be massive, as Mypolonga has not had this number of teams in grand finals for many, many years. We will need significant help in the form of cooks and helpers on the night. Please think about how you can help.

Another round of Electives have been completed. A big thank you to our families and extended families who gave our students opportunities to participate in activities they might not be able to experience normally. The buzz around the school was fantastic and we really appreciate the community’s support.

NAPLaN Results
Your child’s NAPLaN results in Years 3, 5 and 7 are included in their Report Folders, which are going home today. An analysis of results will occur in the next newsletter.

“Success is not the key to happiness, Happiness is the key to success.
If you love what you are doing, you will be successful.”
~ Buddha ~
More Visitors

Last Wednesday, we hosted a tour of 48 retired David Jones ladies who visited the School Shop. A big thank you to Mary and Yvette for helping us.

On the first day of next term, we will host a tour from Advantage SA (formerly SA Great). They approached DECD for examples of good practice to visit and we were identified. We have also been nominated for a Regional Award in the Advantage SA Awards.

GO THE TIGERS!
Warm Regards, Rita

Letter received from the Minister

“Dear Rita,

I am writing to thank you for taking the time to show me around Mypolonga Primary School on Friday 31st August 2012.

It was a pleasure for me to meet you and to hear about some of the innovative programs your school runs.

I was particularly impressed by the level of engagement with the local community to improve the outcomes for students, and of course, the impressive entrepreneurial culture within the school.

I wish you, your staff and students continued success and I look forward to seeing you again soon.

Yours sincerely, Grace Portolesi
Minister for Education and Child Development”

Thank you Bridge Carpet Court!
The Junior Primary and Junior Primary 1 class have recently purchased two plush, comfortable rugs for our students to use during reading time. We take this opportunity to thank Merilyn and Steve from Bridge Carpet Court, Murray Bridge for their kind and generous sale of the rugs and cushions.

Pictured are Harry Stone, Madalyn Uren, Erin McDonald from the Junior Primary 1 class and Logan Rankin from the Junior Primary class.

Counsellor’s Corner

How Special is our School?
We all think our school is really special but it’s only when someone new comes in and feels the same way that you really acknowledge all the great things that happen here.

Valerie Scott was here with us as a student teacher in her final year for nearly 2 terms. She finished her time here with us at the end of Week 7. Valerie fitted in really quickly and was an asset to our school. We hope to see her back here very soon.

At our Assembly, Valerie read out a speech, which touched us all and I would like to share it with you.

Cheers, Kerry

What is Mypolonga Primary School?
It’s showing a child who doesn’t get maths- how to love it
It’s a child who puts down the remote- and picks up a book instead
It’s a mum or dad who sees their child smile about a test- for the very first time
It’s a girl who speaks in front of the class- without fear
It’s the confidence to do better in school- and on the field or court
It’s a child who gets butterflies before taking a test- the kind that feel good
It’s a boy who’s happy to show his report card- and a family that’s proud to see it
It’s teachers who don’t quit- until every child gets it
It’s the joy of learning- and the joy of being a parent
It’s the girl who says, “Now I read just because I want to.”
It’s the boy who says, “Now homework’s no problem.”
MPS is all of you.

What does MPS mean to me?
It means going to a job that feels less like business- and more like a pleasure
It means being a child’s superhero- if only for an hour
It means igniting a spark in a child’s eyes- that lights up my whole day
It has been an honour and privilege to teach here and I shall always remember the warmth, kindness and caring community you are all part of.
I will miss trackie Thursdays and my wardrobe now contains a lot more yellow and black than I ever imagined it would
I will miss coming out and seeing those magnificent cliffs each day in my little Morris car and I apologise if you have ever been stuck behind me, 50mph is top speed. I will miss the good times and laughs in the staffroom with a great bunch of teachers and staff, I have learnt so much from all of you and especially my mentor teachers, Mrs Daniel and Mrs Newell and of course Mrs Marcus. But most of all I will miss the Middle Primary Class. These are some of the most wonderful children I have met and I am very proud of you all.

Thank-you, Valerie
Electives 2012

“With Kym Walton, we made chocolate crackles and rainbow slice. They were really nice.”
Jack Slattery, Year 6

School Shop – Open for Business
Our School Shop will remain open for business on both Fridays during the school holidays. All Reception to Year 7 students are welcome to attend, dressed in school uniform, arriving at 11:45am to approximately 12:45pm.

Enterprise Recess/Lunch Term 4
Tuesday Lunch – 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

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.

UNSW Global - International Competitions and Assessments for Schools
Congratulations to the following students on their recent achievements in the English Competition held on 31st July 2012:
Damon Sorensen (Year 7) – Distinction
Jack Slattery (Year 6) – Credit
Sahara Sullivan Close (Year 6) – Credit

Well done!

SRC Casual Day
Thank you to everyone who supported Tuesday’s casual day. A total of $140.00 was raised, which will be donated to the newly formed Mypolonga Primary School Cricket Team.

Combined Sports’ Day
What a great day and beautiful weather we had for our Combined Sports’ Day with our friends and rivals from Jervois Primary School. Thank you to everyone for attending and supporting our students.

The day would never have occurred if it weren’t for Marlene Newell. Well done Marlene! The fact that we won (while it was great!) was not the point of the exchange. Final scores were Mypo 156 Jervois 150.

Pictured during the Sports’ Events:
Table Tennis: Hayden Waller
Rowing: Shanae Neale

Cooking with Kym Walton: Griffin O’Connor, Hayden Waller, Riley Walton, Jayda Stimpson, Kane Lavington, Madison Kruschel and Jack Slattery.

“Playing Chess was fun! I learnt that if you moved a pawn to the end of the board, you could get your queen back.”
Josh Van Pier, Year 5

Chess with Mrs O’Brien: Liam McDonald and Josh Van Pier.

“I really enjoyed doing my elective because we made a lion.”
Bradley Smart, Year 6

3D Canvas Art with Colleen Wachtel: Paige Vandenberg, Madeline Sorensen, Bradley Smart and Aimee Kelly.
**Class Awards**

**Term 3 Week 5**

**Junior Primary class**
- **Makayla Stimpson** – always presenting beautiful work.
- **Maddison Bryant** – for brightening up the classroom with her happy and friendly attitude.

**Lower Middle Primary class**
- **Paris Montgomery-Pittaway** – excellent Spelling results.
- **Holly Temby** – always having a positive attitude and doing her best.

**Middle Primary class**
- **Jessica Donald** – neat, beautifully presented work.
- **Bailey O’Connor** – answering questions thoughtfully.

**Upper Primary class**
- **Jacob Neale** – for excellent work in Spelling.
- **Bradley Smart** – for much improved communication skills.

**Community & Service Committee**

On behalf of the Parents and Friends’ committee, we would like to say a big thank you to all our parents for their support in donating for the Indoor Bowls Association Presentation, which took place at the Mypolonga RSL on Friday night.

The night was a great success, our children Reuben Smith, Bradley Smart and Hayden Waller rose to the occasion and all did an outstanding job. Thanks to Rita O’Brien, Annie Hughes, Cassie Martin and Yvette Rathjen who made up the team.

We would like to call upon your support once again with the upcoming Mypolonga Football Club Presentation, which is to be held on Friday 12th October 2012. Donation notices will be sent out on the first Monday of Term 4. We graciously thank you for your ongoing support.

**Term 3 Week 6**

**Junior Primary class**
- **Linx Baker** – excellent work and helping a ‘new’ teacher.
- **Benjamin Peterson** – for being an enthusiastic learner.

**Lower Middle Primary class**
- **Sky Dankel** – using her initiative to help in the classroom.
- **Riley Walton** – positive, hard working attitude.

**Middle Primary class**
- **Mitchell Hobbs** – working extra hard in Spelling.
- **Nicholas Lewis** – an excellent monitor at putting up the volleyball net.

**Upper Primary class**
- **Reuben Smith** – for doing extra work in his own time to improve his writing.
- **Mitchell Walton** – for maintaining a high standard in all his work.

**Term 3 Week 7**

**Junior Primary class**
- **Stephanie Szewczyk** – for very neat work.

**Lower Middle Primary class**
- **Baden Monjean** – practising his 9 times tables everyday so he could complete all his tables.

**Middle Primary class**
- **Sienna Montgomery-Pittaway** – neat, quiet work.
- **Kyal McDonald** – excellent artistic skills for his Fathers’ Day card.

**Upper Primary class**
- **Hayden Waller** – for working hard on his descriptive writing.
- **Holly Wachtel** – for soldiering on in difficult circumstances.
## Upper Primary Art
- Water Colours -

By Brodie Hocking, Year 7

By Karl George, Year 7

By Holly Wachtel, Year 7

### Planning Calendar - Term 4 2012

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**Notes:**
- MCSC – Mypolonga Combined Sports Club
- MFC – Mypolonga Football Club
- MCC – Mypolonga Cricket Club
- MNLC – Mypolonga Netball League Club
- MBHS – Murray Bridge High School

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**Mypolonga Primary School**

**Principal: Rita O’Brien**

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Student of the Term for Term 3 2012

Upper Primary
Brayden George

Middle Primary
Maddison Rathjen

Lower Middle Primary
Riley Walton

Junior Primary
Linx Baker

Junior Primary 1
Jackson Ross

Most Improved Student for Term 3 2012

Upper Primary
Kosta Bartholomeusz

Middle Primary
Paige Vandenberg

Lower Middle Primary
Jayda Stimpson

Junior Primary
Claire Ruckenstuhl

Junior Primary 1
Ryder Egel

Kiwanis Club of Murray Bridge
Terrific Kid – Term 3 2012

Upper Primary
Bradley Smart

Middle Primary
Mostyn Payne

Lower Middle Primary
Amber Gielen

Junior Primary
Reegan Candy

Junior Primary 1
Madalyn Uren

The Kiwanis Club of Murray Bridge will kindly present a student with the 'Terrific Kids' award each term who live our TIGER values.