

Mypolonga Primary School & Community Newsletter

26th August 2013

Assembly Roster – Term 3 2013

Week 6 - Thomas Tidy, Alisha Hutchinson, Kailan Challinger

Week 7 - No Assembly (School Closure)

Dates to Remember/Advanced Notice

. **Book Fair Display** in the Library - Monday 26th August 2013

. **Book Fair Sales** in the Library - 8:30am Thursday 29th August 2013

. **Combined Sports' Day** with Jervois Primary School - Wednesday 28th August 2013

. **Community & Service meeting** - Friday 30th August 2013 @ 3:40pm in the Library

. **School Closure Day (show day)** - Friday 6th September 2013 (the school will be closed on this day - however, the School Shop will be open for business!)

. **LMP/MP Victor Harbor Camp** - 30th October 2013 - 1st November 2013

. **UP West Beach Camp** - 4th November - 6th November 2013

Please return permission slips / commitment to pay by the due dates for the above camps

. **Junior Primary / Junior Primary 1 Sleepover** - 7th November 2013 - 8th November 2013. Visit to Monarto Zoo and sleepover at Mypolonga Sports' Club

Enclosed with this Newsletter

. Mypolonga Primary School Cricket Newsletter #1 (Grades 5-7 only)

. Griffith University/Sunday Mail City-Bay Alex Aunger Memorial Fund note

Mypolonga General Store lunches

The Mypolonga General Store has been receiving a number of lunch orders with incorrect money enclosed. Please ensure:-

. you have the correct money in your child's lunch order;

. label the outside of the bag/envelope with your child's name, class, what they would like to order, how much money is enclosed and how much change is required (if any).

Lunch price lists are available from the office or on our website. Thank you!

Happy Birthday

31/8 - Maddi (Year 2)

03/9 - Aimee (Year 7)

03/9 - Amber (Year 3)

03/9 - Jayden (Reception)

07/9 - Henry (Year 3)



Murraylands Small Schools
Basketball Tournament
2013 Winners!

Teamwork

Integrity

Generosity of Spirit

Excellence

Respect

"Life is a succession of lessons which must be lived to be understood."

~ Helen Keller ~

Working Bee

Thank you to all of our families who attended the Working Bee. Much was achieved on the day and many hands certainly did make light work. The big job to be completed was the erection of the fence around the bush tucker garden and the installation of signs at our Landcare sites. This was really hard work and we thank all who participated.

I would like to give a big thank you to the Kruschel family, who organised and provided food for the barbecue, and to Annie who made everything happen behind the scenes. I am always proud to see our kids working alongside their parents to create a school, which looks beautiful and well cared for. So many people comment on this when they visit us.

SAPSASA Basketball

Our students competed in the SAPSASA Small Schools Basketball Tournament in Mannum recently. As usual, our community supported us well. Nathan Hutchinson coached both teams. The students really appreciated his expertise and were very grateful for his commitment. Bob Hancock drove the bus over for us. Connor Smelt umpired the games in which he did not play and was presented with the Most Valuable Player award. (By the way, Connor was also featured in the SA Footy Budget recently, but he doesn't want me to tell you that!)



Our girls (pictured above) improved in each game they played and achieved a very credible third. Our boys were unbeatable and left all in their wake, however this was done with grace and good sportsmanship. I was very proud of all of our students.

Come and Try

As part of our healthy eating program, we have started using the garden produce to give our students the opportunity to try veggies they may not have tried before. A number of parents have approached me about the cauliflower and broccoli turnovers we made a few weeks ago and would like the recipe. These are simple to make. Just make a cheese sauce and add the cauliflower and broccoli. The trick to a yummy cheese sauce is some parmesan cheese as well as cheddar!

The following percentages of students tried the turnovers. JPR: 55%, JP1/2: 48%, LMP: 41%, MP: 36% and UP: 97%. As the Uppers made the turnovers, this shows us that if kids help to make the food, they are more likely to eat it. There might be a lesson there for us all.

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Government of South Australia
Department for Education and
Child Development

We used the bok choy to make spring rolls for the whole school last week. These were very, very popular. We also tried raw broccoli and steamed broccoli with mint sauce.

We will be making the cauliflower and broccoli turnovers again soon and we hope to improve the number of kids having a try.

Jervois Sports' Day

Thank you to those families who have offered to take children to Jervois on Wednesday. A reminder that all students will need to wear their hats. The temperature is anticipated to be 22° on Wednesday. Go TIGERS!

Warm Regards, Rita

Heart Foundation - Jump Rope for Heart

Thank you to our school community for supporting this year's Jump Rope for Heart fundraising event. Through your generosity, \$3755.25 was raised, which will support the Heart Foundation's lifesaving work. Congratulations to our top 4 money raisers: Georgia Martin \$434.10, Rhiannon Bowley \$301.00, Jayden Hearne \$155.00 and Josh Van Piere \$150.00.

Counsellor Corner



What's all the Fuss about Praise?

I read an article in the Sunday Mail's Body and Soul magazine that reminded me of an article Rita wrote about recently. The way parents praise their kids...I think it's very topical at the moment and I thought I would share some of the content and also some helpful tips 'to get it right!!!'

Telling your children they're wonderful and patting them on the head simply doesn't cut it. Praise should be specific, genuine and age-appropriate. Michael Hawton, Psychologist and author of Talk Less, Listen More believes that parents use praise too much to get kids to do what they want them to do. He says that praise and rewards don't 'teach children competency or give them the self-satisfaction of a job well done'.

KidsMatter is an Australian mental health and wellbeing initiative that's funded by the Australian Government and Beyondblue. It has some handy information on what it terms as 'effective' and 'ineffective' praise. Here are some examples:

x TOO EVALUATING: "You're a good counter, Libby."

✓EFFECTIVE: "you're excited about doing counting today, Libby."

xTOO GENERAL: "Great work on the painting Yvonne."

✓COMPARATIVE: "You've drawn on so much more of your page than last time, Yvonne".

xTOO REWARD-FOCUSSED: "You caught the ball, Libby – you deserve a star."

✓ACKNOWLEDGES EFFORT AND FEELINGS: " You tried to catch the ball three times, Libby. You seem pleased that you did so well."

Child Psychologist, Dr Louise Porter doesn't even like to use the term "praise", explaining that what kids need is "acknowledgement".

At school, please know that we as teachers are always working hard to 'get it right' too!

Cheers, Kerry

Class Awards

Term 3 Week 3

Junior Primary Class

Craig Gillett - helping his class solve conflict.

Junior Primary 1 Class

Kiarra Gillett - for producing a beautiful scratch painting in Art.

Jessica Deane - for having a positive attitude towards learning.

Lower Middle Primary Class

Henry Payne - excellent strategies in the Maths investigation.

Samuel Montgomery-Pittaway - excellent reporting in the Maths investigation.

Middle Primary Class

Chloe Pahl - for being an enthusiastic focused and capable learner.

Kane Lavington - putting extra effort into his work.

Upper Primary Class

Aimee Kelly - for outstanding response to writing challenge.

Kailan Challenger - for giving helpful support to other students.

Term 3 Week 4

Junior Primary Class

Ellie Pontt - for being a great worker in the classroom.

Junior Primary 1 Class

Makayla Stimpson - for outstanding spelling results all year.

William Schofield - for showing excellent listening skills.

Lower Middle Primary Class

Mackenzie Lindner - working hard in Maths this week.

Ryder Egel - excellent problem solving in Maths.

Middle Primary Class

Jessica Donald - showing extra interest in class topics.

Rohan Bartholomeusz - beautiful handwriting.

Upper Primary Class

Alys Bockman - for great written language.

Connor Smelt - for great sportsmanship and encouraging leadership.

School Garden

Every Wednesday, students from the JP-MP classes work with our groundskeeper, Brenton on a rotation basis in our school garden. Their jobs are varied and may include weeding, assembling new garden beds, trimming trees, installing dripper systems, maintaining the frog pond and acquiring produce in readiness to cook.

As Rita mentioned in her article, we have recently made spring rolls, cauli/broccoli turnovers, pumpkin soup and steamed broccoli drizzled with mint sauce, all for our students to sample.

Pictured with Brenton are students Rohan Bartholomeusz and Baden Monjean.



Staff Profile

This fortnight, we introduce our School Services Officer Janice Mildwaters. Janice works in the Lower Middle Primary and Upper Primary classes supporting students, teachers and has a major role in organising Tuesday's enterprise recess. Janice has an eye for capturing great photos and is a whiz in designing magazine class pages.



Introducing...

Janice Mildwaters
School Services Officer

How long have you been at Mypolonga Primary School?...4 years

Favourite quote..."Don't just hear children - listen to them!"

Funniest moment at Mypolonga Primary School...being scared with Mrs Rumbelow in the Punyelroo Cave on camp - it was funny afterwards.

How many pets do you own and what are their names?...one dog called Lexy,

Why do you like working with children?...they appreciate that you are helping them learn.

What is your favourite piece of Technology?...TV

What is a goal you have for 2013/14?...be healthy & happy.

Who do you admire? Why?...Rita O'Brien. She has so much enthusiasm for our school.

What 3 words would others use to describe you?...creative, caring, capable

What is the best holiday you have ever been on?...Anywhere my children have had fun.

Do you have any brothers or sisters?...3 older brothers.

Who is the best teacher you ever had?...Any teacher who made learning fun and interesting.

Chinese Lanterns

In Term 3, students from the Middle Primary and Upper Primary classes made Chinese lanterns to celebrate the Chinese Dragon Boat Festival, also known as Duanwu Festival and Double Fifth. It is a traditional and statutory holiday originating in China and it occurs on the 5th day of the 5th month of the lunisolar Chinese calendar. Pictured with their lanterns are Bodi Stewart and Kyal McDonald.



Book Fair ~ Parade ~ Performance

Premier's Reading Challenge Morning Tea

This year, we are again celebrating Book Week with a Book Fair. Books for sale will be displayed in the Library from Monday 26th August 2013 and students can add to a wish list with titles and prices.

Sales for the Fair will begin at 8:30am on Thursday 29th August 2013, and unfortunately, can only be on a first come, first served basis, and there will be no orders taken.

Also, please refer to the note sent home last week regarding **Wednesday 4th September 2013** - our Book Parade, Premier's Reading Challenge morning tea and Splash Theatre Company performance!

The Premier's Reading Challenge officially ends on 6th September 2013. However, all students who have completed the Challenge **by 4th September 2013** can participate in the morning tea.

School Shop

School Closure Day - Our School Shop will remain open for business on the School Closure Day (Friday 6th September 2013). All Reception to Year 7 students are welcome to attend, dressed in school uniform, arriving at approximately 11:50am to approximately 12:45pm.

School Hats

In accordance with our Sunsmart Policy, the wearing of school hats for the warmer months will commence on **Monday 2nd September 2013**. However, we are asking that all students wear their school hat on Sports' Day this Wednesday. Please ensure that your child(ren)'s school hat is returned to the school clean and mended (if required) prior to this day, if not already.

New legionnaire style hats (\$4.50) and broad brimmed hats (\$7.50) are available to purchase from the front office.

Tiger Scarves

Feeling the cold this Winter? The Mypolonga Football Club is now selling scarves as part of its merchandise collection. The 'Mypolonga Tiger' scarves are very warm, priced at \$20.00 and would be most appropriate for Tiger students, netballers, footballers, supporters and community members - just like Ben and Ava!



To place an order, please see Necia in the school office, Kara at Bridge Carpet Court (Adelaide Road, Murray Bridge) or alternatively, email necia.zadow256@schools.sa.edu.au.

Community News

Mypolonga Football Club

Grand Final - Saturday 14th September 2013 (our school choir will be performing 'Advance Australia Fair' at approximately 2:00pm!)

This year, Mypolonga Football Club is hosting the RMFL Grand Final to be held on Saturday 14th September 2013. Hosting this day requires the help of families and community members to assist with canteen and barbecue duties etc. This may include working a 1-2 hour shift in the canteen or on the bbq, helping clean up after the A grade game or in the kitchen during the night. If you are free on this day and would like to help out in some way, please contact Necia by calling the school or by email necia.zadow256@schools.sa.edu.au.

Senior Presentation dinner (catered by the Mypolonga Primary School) - Friday 20th September 2013 @ Mypolonga Combined Sports Club

Junior Presentation 'roast dinner' lunch - Sunday 29th September 2013 @ Mypolonga Combined Sports Club from 11:30am. Approximate cost for lunch will be \$10.00.

Mypolonga Netball League Club

Junior Presentation afternoon tea - Sunday 8th September 2013 @ Mypolonga Combined Sports Club

Planning Calendar - Term 3 2013

MCSC – Mypolonga Combined Sports Club
 MFC – Mypolonga Football Club
 MCC – Mypolonga Cricket Club

MNLC – Mypolonga Netball League Club
 MBHS – Murray Bridge High School

6	26/8 Newsletter Book Fair preview	27/8 Music Workshop @ Tailem Bend (Yr 7 flute students)	28/8 Combined Sports' Day at Jervois Primary School (the Wall Flat/Caloote school bus will not be operating on this day)	29/8 8:30am Book Fair Sales	30/8 3:00pm Assembly 3:40pm C&S Meeting	31/8 & 1/9 31/8 - RMFL Second semi-final @ Meningie 1/9 - RMFL First Semi Final @ Jervois 1/9 - Fathers' Day
7	2/9	3/9	4/9 Book Parade ~~~ Premier's Reading Challenge Morning Tea ~~~ Splash Theatre Company performance	5/9 2:30pm-3:30pm Master Class	6/9 School Closure (the school will be closed on this day - however, the school shop will be open)	7/9 & 8/9 7/9 - RMFL Preliminary Final / RMNA Netball Grand Final @ Tailem 7/9 - Federal Election 8/9 - MNLC junior presentation
8	9/9 Newsletter	10/9 Junior Primary Breakfast Casual Day "PJ" theme	11/9	12/9 2:30pm-3:30pm Master Class	13/9 3:00pm Assembly MNLC Senior presentation dinner	14/9 & 15/9 14/9 - RMFL Football Grand Final
9	16/9	17/9 2:30pm-3:30pm Master Class	18/9	19/9 Knockout cricket in Murray Bridge	20/9 3:00pm Assembly MFC Senior presentation dinner	21/9 & 22/9
10	23/9 SAPSASA Country Athletics Championships @ Santos Stadium	24/9 2:30pm-3:30pm Master Class	25/9	26/9	27/9 Last Day of Term 3 1:45pm Assembly 2:30pm Dismissal Newsletter	28/9 & 29/9 28/9 - AFL Grand Final 29/9 - MFC Junior presentation lunch Murray Bridge Show weekend

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