

Mypolonga Primary School & Community Newsletter



Teamwork
Integrity
Generosity of Spirit
Excellence
Respect

29th July 2013

"What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us."
~ William Morrow ~

Assembly Roster – Term 3 2013

Week 2 - Erin McDonald, Holly Temby, Sahara Sullivan Close

Week 3 - Jackson Ross, Rex Dankel, Reuben Smith

Dates to Remember/Advanced Notice

. **Free lunch (with produce from the school garden)** - this Thursday 1st August 2013 for all students who have returned their note to the office.

. **Master Class (previously known as Electives)** - Thursday 5th & 12th September 2013 and Tuesday 17th & 24th September 2013. Please refer to the note sent home last week.

School Working Bee Sunday 11th August 2013

We look forward to seeing a large number of families helping out at our Working Bee on 11th August!



Please refer to the enclosed note re tasks required.

A lunch will be provided for all attending.

School Fees - Friendly Reminder

A friendly reminder that any outstanding school fees are now due to be paid. The second payment of the Schoolkids Bonus should have been received by eligible families in early July to help with education costs.

School Card applications close early November. Please see Annie or Necia if you need further information on the above.

Happy Birthday

26/7 - Jayda Stimpson
9/8 - Jeremy George



The Effect of Praise

Our former Regional Director David Jolliffe has written an article about something that is very close to my heart and over the next two weeks I would like to share it with you.

'Most people, including parents and teachers believe that praise is important. That's why Fred or Freida are praised whenever they get something right, whether its keeping between the lines when colouring or writing, winning a race, or even coming fourth, being student of the term or getting a sticker for their work.

But how many parents or indeed teachers stop to consider whether **the way** children are praised actually helps or hinders them? Carol Dweck has important things to say about this question. She is a leading Professor of Psychology at Stanford University. Her research focuses on how to foster the motivation and resilience that people need to reach their goals.

According to her, people have two different mindsets: a fixed mindset and a growth mindset. A fixed mindset is the belief that intelligence can't be changed, a growth mindset is the belief that success is the result of practice, effort and hard work.

In a well known study, Dweck and her team examined the effect of praise. They gave some children in Year 5 some puzzles to solve. Initially, they gave the children a set of easier puzzles to do. When these 9 and 10 year olds successfully solved them they were praised for either their intelligence or the effort they made. Next, the children were given a much harder set of puzzles to solve. Some either stopped liking the puzzles because they didn't think they were any good at doing them, or they persisted despite experiencing difficulty.

The question is, which children were more likely to stop liking the puzzles because they didn't think they were good at them? The answer will be in the next newsletter'.

David Jolliffe

James Bond Night

What a fantastic time was had by all! A big thank you to Sue and Greg for their hard work on the night and to Mary, Yvette and Annie for coordinating the food and the venue along with helpers Karen, the two Casses and Necia.



Coming up...

Master Classes

A note went home last week asking for support for our master classes (formerly electives). We changed the name to recognise that mastery is not just the domain of teachers. We all have the ability to master things and then teach others. As our numbers grow, so does the need for people to share their learning. If you are not sure, please contact Kerry or myself for a chat. If you know someone who has a particular skill or interest invite them to participate. Trust me, you get as much out of it as the kids do!

Working Bee

Our working bee, to be held on Sunday 11th August 2013, is fast approaching. This year, our focus is changing from not just at school, but to our bush tucker garden across the road. We have funding to construct a fence and we will also be moving rubble to create a track and meeting area.

*Warm Regards,
Rita*

Welcome to our School...

This term, we extend a very warm welcome to new Reception students (*from left*) Elouise Kuhn, Ruby Montgomery-Pittaway (sister to Sienna, Paris and Samuel), Ellie Pontt and Madison Ray, and their families. All four girls have joined the Junior Primary class and we trust they will enjoy their learning journey at Mypolonga Primary School.



School Shop - Certificate of Retail

CONGRATULATIONS to Year 7 students **Sahara Sullivan Close** and **Georgia Payne** on receiving their **School Shop Certificate of Retail**. This is available to students who have Quality Assurance. As the year progresses, students collect evidence to support their skills in retail by working in different areas of the Shop. Evidence can be as varied as "working unsupervised to a high degree" or "anticipates problems and takes action" to "is able to communicate confidently with visitors". In total, each student collects 20 pieces of evidence.

Counsellor Corner



Welcome back to Term 3 everyone!

I thought I would start the term with some information I found on Michael Grose's Blog about Friendships.

'Good-looking, easy-going, talented kids usually win peer popularity polls but that doesn't necessarily guarantee they will have friends.

Those children and young people who develop strong friendships have a definite set of skills that help make them easy to like, easy to relate to and easy to play with.

Here are twelve essential skills that children have identified as being important for making and keeping friends:

1. Ability to share possessions and space
2. Keeping confidences and secrets
3. Offering to help
4. Accepting other's mistakes
5. Being positive and enthusiastic
6. Starting a conversation
7. Winning and losing well
8. Listening to others
9. Starting and maintaining a conversation
10. Ignoring someone who is annoying you
11. Cooperating with others
12. Giving and receiving compliments

Friendships' skills are generally developmental. That is, kids grow into these skills given exposure to different situations and with adult help.'

*Parents should always know at any age who their child's friends are and knowing **their** parents is equally important.*

Cheers, Kerry

Letter from School Shop visitor

"Staff and Pupils, Mypolonga Primary School

Hello from New Zealand! We were fortunate to have visited your school last month while on a Murray River tour with the Proud Mary.

Originally, we thought the visit would be to simply buy chocolate dipped apricots. However, what we saw was inspirational. The enterprise/personal development program we saw should be a model for other schools, especially smaller rural schools such as yours.

We were impressed with the confidence of the children, from the young girl who came on the bus to welcome us to the school, to the very young children 'plying' their wares with eager and expectant faces.

Educating children about the importance of financial planning/budgeting etc. will help them in adulthood, be it personal or business, and the confidence the program builds in young people is to be applauded. The former student who suggested the idea and the staff and parents who have embraced it are to be congratulated. So as you can see, we were impressed.

Keep up the great work!

*Kind Regards and Best Wishes,
John and Lesley Cutt, Invercargill, New Zealand*

Staff Profile

This fortnight, we introduce Anne Martin. Anne is our Upper Primary Year 6/7 Teacher and school Librarian. Anne is highly respected by her colleagues and community who admire both her professionalism and her kind personality.

Introducing...

Anne Martin

Upper Primary Teacher / Librarian



How long have you been at Mypolonga Primary School?...on and off for 33 years!

Funniest teaching moment...I usually wear pants, and one day I wore a dress and a little boy commented, "You look like a real woman in that dress."

Why do you like working with children?...to feel that you are helping children develop attitudes that may stay with them for life is a huge responsibility, but so rewarding.

What is your favourite piece of Technology?...My iPad - love it!

What is your favourite App?...Candy Crush

What is a goal you have for 2013?...to learn to be a guide at Monarto Zoo.

Who do you admire? Why?...Rita O'Brien - her passion and enthusiasm for education and Mypo School is boundless!

What 3 words would others use to describe you?...thoughtful, intelligent, Christian

What is the best holiday you have ever been on?...Cruising the Greek Islands with Graham and 14 friends.

Do you have any brothers or sisters?...2 brothers, Stuart and Jonathan.

Who is the best teacher you ever had?...My year 5, 6, 7 teacher, Mr Brookes.

What book are you reading now?..."Jack of Diamonds" by Bryce Courtney.

ABC Reading Eggs

As you may be aware, the Junior Primary Class has a yearly subscription with ABC Reading Eggs. ABC Reading Eggs makes learning to read interesting and engaging for kids, with great online reading games and activities. The students love the games, songs, golden eggs and other rewards which, along with feeling proud of their reading, really motivate them to keep exploring and learning.

Three of our students have been identified by the ABC Reading Eggs team as 'top' Reading Eggs students. They are:

Jayden Hearne - completing 21 activities so far this year
Joseph Tidy - completing 17 activities so far this year
Hayden Dahlitz - completing 17 activities so far this year

Certificates have been provided to these students in recognition of their achievements.

Student Representative Council "SRC" News

The SRC represents the views of the students of Mypolonga Primary School. It is an integral part of the decision-making, which occurs through the school.

Class elections were recently held and we **CONGRATULATE** the following students on being elected SRC representatives for Terms 3 and 4:-

Junior Primary Class - Craig Gillett

Junior Primary 1 Class - Mitchell Pahl and Isla Gielen

Lower Middle Primary Class - Jayda Stimpson, Coen Martin and Madalyn Uren

Middle Primary Class - Bailey O'Connor, Abbey Schofield and Kyal McDonald

Upper Primary Class

SRC Leader - Georgia Payne

SRC Leader - Griffin O'Connor

SRC Secretary - Paige Vandenberg

SRC Treasurer - Amber Nutt

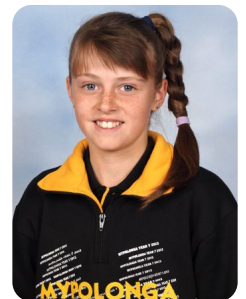
I look forward to working with such a great group of enthusiastic students.

Cheers, Kerry

Introducing...

Georgia Payne SRC Leader

As a Student Leader, I hope to...create the best disco and make the right decisions.



Something you don't know about me is...

My family and I sponsor a South African girl called Benna.

I read...Michael Morpurgo books.

I watch...The Block.

I listen to...A variety of tunes.

One day, I hope to...make the Thunderbirds netball team.

If I could change something in the world, I would...ban bad news on TV.

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

Someone I really look up to is...Michaela Zadow because she has amazing leadership skills that I want to follow.

Community News

Mypolonga Football Club Home Match Tea (following game -v- Imps) on Saturday 10th August 2013 at the Mypolonga Combined Sports Club from 6:00pm. All welcome!

Mypolonga Football Club presents...Miss Mypolonga 2013 on Saturday 10th August 2013 from 8:30pm at the Mypolonga Combined Sports Club. This promises to be a fun night where a few of our footballers will give us their best Miss Universe impersonations, while contesting for the title of Miss Mypolonga 2013. Entrants will compete in sportswear, swimwear and formal, all to be judged by the crowd on the night. Music will be provided by DJ Jagger throughout the night. All welcome!!

Anxiety and Your Child Workshop on Wednesday 25th September 2013 9:00am-2:00pm at the Uniting Church, Narooma Blvd, Murray Bridge. This free workshop is for parents, health professionals, teachers and support workers who work to help children struggling with anxiety. Phone 85326303 for further information.

SA Police - Local News Page - SA Police is taking community policing to a whole new level, inviting the public to sign up to local policing news. For people interested in news in the Murray Mallee Local Service Area, the webpage is www.sapolice.com.au/murraymallee. You can subscribe to news pages by entering an email address and you will be notified when new content is added. The webpage will be in addition to the SA Police News website, Facebook page, Twitter feed and You Tube account. The Blue Light SA website has also been overhauled and provides information about upcoming events in our region. Visit www.bluelightsa.com.au/branches/murraylands.

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

2	29/7 Newsletter	30/7	31/7 English Competition 7:00pm Sustainability Meeting	1/8 Free lunch (using school garden produce)	2/8 3:00pm Assembly 3:40pm C&S meeting	3/8 & 4/8 3/8 - Mypo -v- Meningie
3	5/8 3:40pm Improvement 7:00pm Finance / 7:30pm Governing Council meeting	6/8 Junior Primary breakfast (note will be sent home soon!)	7/8	8/8	9/8 3:00pm Assembly	10/8 & 11/8 10/8 - Mypo -v- Imps @ Mypo, including tea & 'Miss Mypolonga' 11/8 - Working bee @ the school
4	12/8 Newsletter	13/8 Maths Competition Basketball Carnival in Mannum	14/8	15/8	16/8 3:00pm Assembly Mypo RSL Bingo BBQ Tea	17/8 & 18/8 17/8 - Mypo -v- Ramblers @ Ramblers 18/8 - MFC U13 Football Carnival/ MNLC Minis Netball Carnival @ Tailem Bend
5	19/8	20/8	21/8	22/8	23/8 3:00pm Assembly	24/8 & 25/8 24/8 - MFC Qualifying Final @ Mannum 25/8 - MFC Elimination Final @ Imps

Mypolonga Primary School

Principal: Rita O'Brien

www.mypolongaps.sa.edu.au



17-27 Williams Street
 Mypolonga SA 5254
 p 85354191
 f 85354160
info@mypolongaps.sa.edu.au