

Mypolonga Primary School & Community Newsletter

29th June 2012



SRC 2012 School Disco 'Country & Western'
from left: Erin McDonald, Mackenzie Lindner, Leila Dahlitz, Maddison Cain, Karl and Brayden George

Teamwork
Integrity
Generosity of Spirit
Excellence
Respect

"A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step."

~ Lao-Tzu ~

Assembly Roster – Term 2 2012

Week 1 – Baden Monjean, Jessica Donald, Hayden Waller

Week 2 – Jayda Stimpson, Riley Smelt, Nik Cox

Welcome to our school...

We wish to extend a very warm welcome to four new students; (from left) Sienna, Paris and Samuel Montgomery-Pittaway and Harry Stone. Sienna, Paris and Samuel come to us from Murray Bridge, while Harry, also from Murray Bridge, is son to our Junior Primary teacher Amy Stone.

We hope both families enjoy their learning experiences with us.



Award of Thanks...

We take this opportunity to thank Bob Hancock (Meg Daniel's Poppa) and the following parents for collecting and delivering the school's recycling over the last two terms...

David & Ali Crouch
Peter & Emily Lewis
Nathan & Jo Hutchinson
Pearl Colless
Daniel & Cass Martin

Happy Birthday...

30/6 – Shaeden Lukey
30/6 – Rhiannon Bowley
2/7 – Jack Slattery
3/7 – Chloe Elliott
17/7 – Bailey O'Connor
19/7 – Reuben Smith
20/7 – Sky Dankel
20/7 – Makayla Stimpson



Exciting Changes

In 2004, the Murray Bridge Cluster, consisting of Murray Bridge High School, Murray Bridge North, Taillem Bend, Jervois and Mypolonga Primary Schools, were successfully accredited to teach the International Baccalaureate Middle Years' Program.

The benefits of the program included:

- A holistic approach to education (how we teach)
- The mapping and implementation of curriculum from Years 6 – 10 consistently across the cluster (what we teach)
- The use of criterion – based assessment practices, which helped students to identify how they could improve. SACSA, the South Australian curriculum framework did not initially have a strong focus on accountability for assessment of student learning or teacher effectiveness. The introduction of the Moving Forward with SACSA strategy, incorporating many of the assessment strategies used in the IBMYP, closed the gap between assessment practices between the two frameworks.
- The development of strong relationships between the high school and feeder primary schools leading to more successful transition processes.

The cluster was successfully re-evaluated in 2008.

2012 saw the introduction of the Australian Curriculum. This Curriculum will be phased in gradually with Maths and Science introduced in 2012 and English and History in 2013. Assessment practices are embedded in the curriculum and significant professional development is available for teachers.

Teaching for Effective Learning (TfEL) is a program introduced in South Australian schools, looking at improving teacher effectiveness and student engagement.

The introduction of these programs has made the cluster question the value of IBMYP currently. The IBMYP fulfilled a need in the past that is now unnecessary.

The cluster proposes:

- To not seek evaluation in IBMYP in 2012 and replace it with the Australian Curriculum and Teaching for Effective Learning Frameworks
- To continue to use the structures currently in place for teacher professional development and consistency of teacher judgment.
- To divert current IBMYP budgets to the continuation of cluster processes.
- That the current IBMYP coordinators work together to support the cluster to develop a new model of middle years' learning.



Government of South Australia
Department for Education and
Child Development



Last Monday night, our Governing Council endorsed this proposal as have all the other cluster Governing Councils. We have the opportunity to create an exciting model where we use what we have learned from the IBMYP but customise it to suit the cluster's specific needs.

Sad Times

Our hearts go out to the Aunger and Hughes' families following the passing of Alex. Every day with your child is precious, so please, love them, hug them and honour them.

Our condolences also to the Donald family following the passing of Michael's father last week.

Warm Regards, Rita

Class Enterprise Recess/Lunch - Term 3

Tuesday Recess – provided by the Lower Middle Primary Class:

Cup of hot Milo and a biscuit - \$1.00

Wednesday Lunch – provided by the Middle Primary Class:

Taco (soft) – includes mince and choice(s) of tomato, lettuce and cheese - \$2.00



Items sold under our Enterprise program comply with the "right bite" Education Department policy. All profit raised contributes to the students' learning. Students are required to pay at the servery near the Staffroom when they order.

Class Awards

Term 2 Week 8

Junior Primary class

Reegan Candy – trying really hard with her sight words.

Junior Primary 1 class

Madalyn Uren – for a commitment to her home reading.

Lower Middle Primary class

Keeley Rathjen – always having a positive attitude towards learning.

Stephanie Thomas - enthusiastic work on her insect report.

Middle Primary class

Kailan Challenger – excellent skills in all subjects.

Luke Crouch – excellent PE leader and helper.

Upper Primary class

Damon Sorensen – for a fantastic work ethic and always aiming for the highest standards.

Holly Wachtel – for excellent leadership and role modeling.

SRC – Casual Day

Term 3, Week 1 – Thursday 19th July 2012

Well done to Connor Smelt on been selected for the following sporting achievements;

. U12 Invitational State Australian Football Team, which will play in Adelaide between 21-29 July 2012.

. U12 State Basketball team, which will play in Melbourne between 11-17 August 2012.

. TI Talent Squad, and if selected, Connor will represent South Australian in a country basketball squad at the end of August.

It is very rare for a student to be selected in two different sports to play for the State and we are extremely proud of Connor. We would like to support him by donating this casual day money to help with his travel expenses.

Class Awards Term 2 Week 9

Junior Primary class

Isla Gielen – for beautiful colouring in.

Junior Primary 1 class

Mackenzie Lindner – for working hard to produce an excellent information report.

Lower Middle Primary class

Holly Temby – supporting and helpful to the relief teacher.

Kane Lavington – co-operative team member.

Middle Primary class

Jack Hutchens – working hard to improve his neatness.

Shaeden Lukey – excellent disco decoration helper.

Upper Primary class

Brodie Hocking – for enthusiastic work in his Gold Rush Research.

Amber Strybis – for taking responsibility to improve her Maths.

Upper Primary - History

As part of the new Australian Curriculum, students study History. One topic is immigration, and our Year 6/7 students had a choice of studying the Australian Gold Rush of 1851, or researching their family to find an ancestor's immigration story.

Here are some snippets of their research.

Friedrich Gutsche – The reason why Friedrich moved to South Australia was because there was a war based around religions in Prussia. The war was between the Christians and the Lutherans. If a person who practiced the Christian faith caught a Lutheran believer doing the same thing, then they would be jailed.
By Abbey Kruschel, Year 6

William Gould Read – At the age of 11, William attended a workhouse, learning how to write his name and basic skills of reading and writing. William was also involved in making shoes. The students that made the shoes were called cordweiners. *By Meg Daniel, Year 6*

Waclaw Janiak – Waclaw Janiak lived in Poland at the time of the war and was put in a youth camp. The Germans attacked the Polish for a battle that could not be lost by the Germans. Waclaw Janiak was about to be sent off in a battle ship full of prisoners into enemy territories. The German enemies didn't know that the battle ship had civilians in it. Just before they loaded the ships, he noticed that a guard was busy, so he sneaked up and stole the weapon of a soldier and knocked him out. Unexpectedly, another soldier was right behind him and then Waclaw got knocked out. Waclaw Janiak was put in a metre deep hole and was left there for 3-4 months. He survived on the good water from the rain and cockroaches. *By Isaiah Janiak, Year 7*

Josiah Oakley – The Buffalo was built as a royal navy ship but came to Australia in 1836. Captain John Hindmarsh commanded the ship. There were 175 other people on board. Two people died along the way. The Buffalo was destroyed in a storm in Mercury Bay, New Zealand on 28th July 1840. *By Chloe Elliott, Year 6*

Community & Service Committee

Letter of Appreciation

"Dear Madam

On Saturday, 26th May my husband Fred and I were guests at the Mypolonga RSL Sub-Branch Annual Dinner where the catering was provided by the volunteers and staff of your Primary School.

Congratulations on the excellent food that was appreciated by all those present.

The main reason for this letter is to congratulate the three young male students who were the food waiters for the night. Their conduct was exceptional.

Guests were asked for their choice of soup, which was then placed carefully on the table in front of them. Our side of the table was served after those across from us and the young student who served me apologised for being late.

Once again, congratulations to the students, as well as the teachers and parents who have instilled this great behaviour in them.

We have heard that the school also runs a shop, which is staffed and run by them. We hope to come for a visit sometime in the not too distant future.

Kind Regards,
Heide Jackson, Ridgehaven, SA"

Family Portrait Fundraiser

Thank you to the families who supported the Advanced Life Photography family portrait fundraiser last Saturday. A total of 25 families attended, which raised a total of \$500.00 for the school. Special thanks to Rita O'Brien for being at the school for most of the day to ensure the day ran as smoothly as possible. Advanced Life Photography will visit the school on Thursday 26th July 2012 between 2:00pm and 4:30pm for families to view their portrait and purchase extra photos, if required.

Next Meeting

The next Community & Service meeting will be held at the school on Friday 27th July, 2012 at 3:40pm.

Premier's Reading Challenge

As you may be aware, the whole school is participating in the Premier's Reading Challenge. The Challenge is a literacy engagement program that was introduced by the Premier in 2004 to:

- . encourage students to read more books and enjoy reading; and
- . improve literacy levels.

The Challenge requires students to read 12 books between the beginning of the school year and early September. Congratulations to those students who have completed or are well on the way to completing the challenge.

Lower Middle Primary class Fundraising Tea

A big thank you to all those families and community members who supported our tea before the disco last Friday. A total of \$560.00 was raised, which will contribute towards the cost of this year's camp.

An extra thank you goes to all who helped with the night especially co-ordinators Mary Gill and Yvette Rathjen, "Cooks Extraordinaire" Cass and Daniel Martin, Di Hutchens, Janet Gielen, Michelle Thomas, Necia Zadow, Kirsty Gill, Meg Daniel and Abbey Kruschel.

Kind Regards
Jane Rumbelow

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.

Written comments by visitors to our School Shop

An Upper Primary student greets visitors at our visitors' book stand every Friday (Shannen Holmes is pictured below) as part of our weekly rotations, as passengers off the Proud Mary visit us as part of their itinerary.

We would like to share with you some of the comments written in our visitor's book...

*"What a lovely school and children."
Don, Kinton, New South Wales*

*"You are so privileged to have such a wonderful school."
Judy, Swanbourne, Western Australia*

*"We are so very impressed with the maturity of these young people, who are lucky to have such caring teachers."
Jenny, Parkarra, Queensland*

*"What a great school, wish I had it when I was young."
Pam, Marlborough, New Zealand*

*"Full marks for your skills."
Marie, Lithgow, New South Wales*

*"Thank you for teaching us so much about your wonderful school."
Monica, North Moreton, Queensland*

*"A great school to attend. I wish I went to one like this."
Pam, Willaston, South Australia*

*"Very confident pupils, very interesting project."
Merle, Riverton, South Australia*





Student of the Term

Term 2 2012

Upper Primary

Karl George

Our Students of the Term receive
a \$15.00 Murray Bridge Newsagency
& Toyworld Gift Card



Middle Primary

Madeline Sorensen



Lower Middle Primary

Elisabeth Jackson



Junior Primary

Jessica Deane

Junior Primary 1

Katie Hutchinson

Most Improved Student for Term 2 2012

Upper Primary

Lexie O'Loughlin



Middle Primary

Bailey O'Connor



Lower Middle Primary

Kyly Reen

Junior Primary

Kobe Hobbs

Junior Primary 1

Maddison Bryant

Kiwanis Club of Murray Bridge Terrific Kid - Term 2 2012

Upper Primary

Mitchell Walton



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

Middle Primary

Darcy Elliott



Lower Middle Primary

Rohan Bartholomeusz

Junior Primary

Georgia Martin

Junior Primary 1

Jade Prosser

SRC School Disco 'Country & Western'

What a great night was had by all!! Our Country and Western theme was very successful.

A big thank you must go to Trish Richter for her creative ideas and implementation of all the disco decorations. I would also like to thank the Uren family for their generous discounting of cowboy hats and accessories, which so many children purchased.

Thank you to all the parents who helped set up on the day. To Steve Duell, for all his help with decorations, to Colleen Wachtel for her magnificent artwork and to Jacqui Sorensen who supervised the food stall out the back of the hall, which was freezing cold! And to our amazing staff who go above and beyond, a BIG thank you to you all!!

I would also like to acknowledge The Reject Shop and Neds for their kind donations of glow sticks. Lastly, but not least, I would like to thank my hardworking and enthusiastic members of our SRC. We could not have had such a great night without so much help from many great people!!



DJs: Patrick Hughes and Damon Sorensen



Cowgirls: Above: Johannah Hobbs and Maddison Cain Below: Keeley Rathjen, Elisabeth Jackson and Holly Temby



Indians and Cowboys: Linx Baker and Craig Gillett



A picture worth framing: Below: Jane Rumbelow, Nicole Christian, Amy Stone, Anne Martin, Marlene Newell and Kerry Daniel



Community News

Mypolonga Combined SC - Friday Night Teas

Next Tea: Friday 6th July 2012 at the Mypolonga Combined Sports Club, including member's draw. All welcome! Bar opens from 5:30pm, teas 6:30pm.

Mypolonga Football Club

Home Match Tea/Change Room Honour Roll/ Auction Night – Saturday 30th June 2012 at the MCSC following the annual Armfield/Martin/Noble Cup game against Mannum. Teas served from 6:00pm. All welcome!

Following the after match presentations, at 7:00pm the Mypolonga Football Club will be unveiling the updated change rooms displaying the new change room honour roll. The roll acknowledges achievements by Mypolonga players including player life memberships, mail medals and premierships.

An Auction will then be held at 8:00pm, where you can bid on items such as houseboat holidays and TVs.

Legends' Game – Sunday 1st July 2012 at Mannum Football Club. All welcome!

Rump & Red Night – Saturday 21st July 2012 @ the Mypolonga Combined Sports Club. For \$40, be entertained by popular Musician 'Mick Kid' / 2-course meal / entertainment and prizes throughout the night. See Necia or call James on 0400799931 to book a table of 8 or 10 or for any information.

Mypolonga Netball League Club

Tiger Ball – Saturday 7th July 2012 at the Mypolonga Combined Sports Club. Tickets are \$50 each, which includes a 2-course meal, dessert, entertainment, wine & soft drink for the table. See Laura Johns or Krystal Parker at the netball for tickets.

Home Match Tea – Saturday 14th July 2012 at the MCSC following game against Imperials. Teas served from 6:00pm. All welcome!

Headspace Winter Holiday Program

Monday 2nd July – Friday 13th July 2012 at The Station, Railway Terrace, Murray Bridge. Fun and entertaining activities include a movie afternoon, drumming sessions, bridge walk and drama lessons. Contact Headspace 85312122 for further information.

Murray Bridge Blue Light Disco

Friday 6th July 2012 from 4:00pm-6:00pm at The Station, Railway Terrace, Murray Bridge. Free entry for ages 5-17. Police and police volunteers will be supervising the event. Contact Murray Bridge Crime Prevention for further details 85356020.

~~~~ Thank you ~~~~

On behalf of our family, we would like to sincerely thank everyone for their thoughts and love. The support we have received from the school community has been extraordinary.

Annie, David, Madeline, Victoria, Catherine and Patrick Hughes

Port Power Visit

Last Tuesday, Port Power players Tom Logan and Daniel Webb (pictured below with the Middle Primary Class) visited our school.

The players spoke to all students about maintaining a healthy lifestyle and talked about the roles and responsibilities of playing AFL football.

Tom has played a total of 95 games in the AFL and wears guernsey No. 44. He had a standout season last year, finishing third in the Port Power's best and fairest.

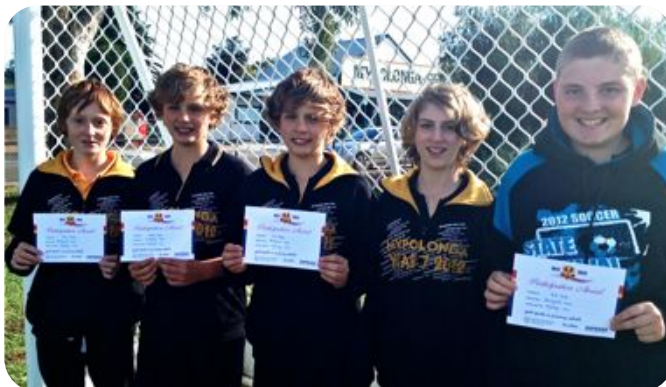
Daniel enters his second season on the Power's rookie list and is currently playing SANFL senior football with West Adelaide. He hopes to play for the Power later in the season.

At the end of the talk, students were able to ask questions and receive signatures from the players.



SAPSASA Soccer

During the week beginning 18th June 2012, the SAPSASA Soccer State Carnival was held in Adelaide. Well done to (from left; Damon Sorensen, Brayden George, Karl George and Jacob Neale on being selected to represent the Murraylands district and to Georgia Davis for being selected in the Mid North team.



"Participating in SAPSASA improved my skills and it was great to meet people that liked the same sport as me." *Damon Sorensen*

"It was a good experience and was nice to meet new people." *Brayden George*

"It was good to talk to other people I hadn't met before." *Karl George*

"It was a great opportunity and I got to meet a lot of new people, some from where my Dad lives." *Georgia Davis*

"I learnt more skills and it was nice to meet other people." *Jacob Neale*

Planning Calendar - Term 3 2012

MCSC – Mypolonga Combined Sports Club

MFC – Mypolonga Football Club

MCC – Mypolonga Cricket Club

MNLC – Mypolonga Netball League Club

MBHS – Murray Bridge High School

1	16/7 Welcome back!	17/7	18/7	19/7 Casual Day	20/7 3:00pm Assembly	21/7 & 22/7 21/7 – MFC/MNLC -v- Ramblers (Rump & Red Night)
2	23/7 Newsletter	24/7	25/7 7:00pm Sustainability Committee meeting	26/7 Advanced Life Photography visiting (family portraits to be collected)	27/7 3:00pm Assembly 3:40pm C&S Meeting	28/7 & 29/7 28/7 – MFC/MNLC -v- Taillem Bend

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