

Mypolonga Primary School & Community Newsletter

3rd June 2013

Assembly Roster – Term 2 2013

Week 6 – Sachin Bartholomeusz, Rex Dankel, Jack Slattery

Week 7 – NO ASSEMBLY

Student Free Days

. Tuesday 11th June 2013 (following the long weekend). **Staff will be undertaking professional development and the school will be closed on this day.**

Dates to Remember

. Sustainability Committee meeting – Wednesday 5th June 2013 @ 7:00pm **(note change of date)**

. Grandparents' Day - Wednesday 12th June 2013

. C&S Meeting – Friday 14th June 2013 at 3:40pm in the Library

. Parents and Friends' James Bond Night – Friday 19th July 2013 (refer to the invitation sent home recently for further details).

Hats

Please remind your child/ren to return their **clean and named** school hats to their respective class for 'safe keeping' during the winter months. We have a number of new legionnaire (\$4.50) and broad brimmed (\$7.50) hats available to purchase from the office.

Second Hand Uniform Items

A second hand uniform item rack has been set up in the 1st Aid room. Call in to the office to view the items, which includes t-shirts, jumpers and pants, priced from \$1.00. All proceeds go to our SRC.

Reports / Parent/Teacher Interviews

Student reports will be sent home on Friday 28th June 2013. Parent/teacher interviews will take place during Week 10, commencing Monday 1st July 2013. Students are welcome to attend the interviews and further information on interview times will be sent home in the near future.

Happy Birthday

7/6 – Sahara (Year 7)

17/6 – Harry (Year 2)



Walk Safely to School Day



Teamwork **I**ntegrity **G**enerosity of Spirit **E**xcellence **R**espect

Life is like a camera. Just focus on what's important, capture the good times, develop from the negatives, and if things don't turn out - take another shot. ~ Unknown ~

Thank you Bunnings!

Last week, three Bunnings' employees spent the day at school setting up vegetable plots for us. Bunnings kindly donated all of the materials, plus the time of their workers. The Middle Primary class are the leaders of the garden project and worked hard to set the new plots up.



Brenton, our Groundsperson, manages the garden project and does a magnificent job. We used some of the pumpkins we grew to make pumpkin soup for the RSL Dinner last Saturday night. Next week, environmental leaders from many schools will visit our school as part of the Junior Youth Forum. The theme of the forum will be 'Waste Minimisation' and Brenton's amazing composting systems will be a feature.

RSL Dinner

Our first function for the year was held on Saturday 25th May. Congratulations to Brayden and Paige Vandenberg and their mum Charlene, Liam McDonald and his mum Prue, Jack Slattery and his mum Lesley, Kerry, Tom and Meg Daniel, Nicole Cain and convenor Yvette Rathjen. Feedback was excellent and I am very proud of everyone.



You are Heroes in your children's eyes!

This year's NAPLAN writing task asked students to identify a person who should receive a 'Hero' award, and persuade the reader that this person would be a worthy recipient. We always get our Year 4s and 6s to do this task as well, so that they get the opportunity to practise under test conditions.

Lots of kids saw you, their parents, as their heroes, while some wrote about members of the community. What we found so heart-warming was, that what you do does not go unnoticed by children, and their gratitude is very apparent.

Madeline Sorensen in Year 6 wrote about her grandfather Ron, one of our Living Legends. Look at the persuasive devices she has used.

'Ron Mountstephen is his name and being himself is his game! That is hard to find in these modern days of 2013, with all these fake tans and fake nails; but Ron Mountstephen is 100% himself all the time.

Below are three different reasons why **YOU!** should vote for Ron Mountstephen to receive this particular award.



Government of South Australia
Department for Education and
Child Development

To begin with, Ron's character strengths shine through him, like sun through a window. He shows kindness in every act he takes and courage because he stands up for everything he believes in. Last, but not least, he has wisdom and knowledge; he is one of the smartest people I know.

Next is Mr Mountstephen's personality. He is a sweet man with a ginormous heart. You can only say good things about him.

Finally, you **MUST** vote for him because he does everything he can do, and more, much more. People have one conversation with him and walk away saying, 'Oh well, he is really nice. I hope I bump into him again.'

To summarise, my grandpa, Ron Mountstephen is kind and sweet and so perfect for this award. My teacher Mrs O'Brien says, 'a leader knows the way, shows the way and goes the way.' If this is true, then he is a true and utter leader.'

We have been working on identifying our character strengths and it's great to see this transferring into our students' ways of thinking.

Grandparents' Day

Excitement is growing and we are looking forward to this day. Lots of grandparents have let the office know if they are attending. Can you please remind grandparents to let us know for catering purposes.

Warm Regards, Rita

Staff Profile

This fortnight, we introduce Kerry Daniel. Kerry teaches our Middle Primary students on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesdays. Kerry is also our School Counsellor, working in this role every second Thursday and on Fridays. As our Student Representative Council (SRC) Co-ordinator, Kerry works closely with our student representatives, who are an integral part of the decision-making that occurs throughout the school.

Introducing...

Kerry Daniel
Middle Primary Teacher /
School Counsellor



How long have you been at Mypolonga Primary School?... 18 years

Favourite quote... 'It takes sunshine and rain to make a rainbow.'

Why do you like working with children?... They are fun to be around and I learn from them everyday.

What is your favourite app?... Shazam!

What is your favourite piece of Technology?... my iPhone, iPad and MacBook Pro.

Do you have any brothers or sisters?... I have two brothers Stephen and Chris.

Who do you admire? Why?... I admire people who find strength to go on when life has thrown a curve ball at them and their family.

What book are you reading now?... The Mockingjay by Suzanne Collins.

Counsellor Corner



Resilience Robbers

'7 Common Resiliency Robbers' by Michael Grose, 'Australia's No. 1 parenting educator'.

Resilience Robber No. 7 (final)

Parents rescue kids from challenging or stretch situations

There are many times kids are put in situations that are outside their comfort zones. For instance, giving a talk, singing at the school concert or going on school camp may be challenges for some kids. Children often put pressure on their parents to rescue them, so they make excuses or allow them to stay home. When parents rescue children from learning situations they are robbing them of opportunities to challenge themselves, and learn from these experiences.

Overcoming challenges enables kids to grow and improve.'

Being able to deal with hardships that come our way help us to grow, develop and realise that we are capable of coping in difficult situations. Life can be hard but we all need coping strategies to get through them.....at any age.

I hope there has been some light bulb moments for you whilst reading the Resilience Robbers articles as there has been for me... And remember if you need help, don't be afraid to ask someone.

Cheers, Kerry

Lower Middle Primary - Science -

In Science this term, we are learning about mixtures. So far we have discovered that, when mixed together, icing sugar, cocoa and rice bubbles make a crunchy, crackly mixture.



We also learned that oil and water, no matter how long we stirred it will not mix together.

Pictured above are Maddison Cain and Coen Martin.

Woolworths Earn and Learn Program

The Woolworths Earn and Learn program ends this Sunday, 9th June 2013.

Please continue to collect your stickers from Woolworths' stores this week and return your completed sticker cards (or just the stickers) to the school office, or the Mypolonga General Store, on or before Friday 5th July 2013 (the last day of the term).

The more we collect, the more our school will benefit.

Thank you for your support!!

Class Awards

Term 2 Week 3

Junior Primary class

Jacinta Clark – for a brilliant start at school and trying her very best!

Junior Primary 1 class

Makayla Stimpson – for a superstar effort in gymnastics this week.

Bella Pike – for having a great attitude towards learning.

Lower Middle Primary class

Samuel Montgomery-Pittaway – using his initiative.

Ryder Egel – learning his 2x tables.

Middle Primary class

Kyal McDonald – persistence in all learning areas.

Mackenzie Rathjen – for becoming an independent worker.

Upper Primary class

Patrick Hughes – for excellent reading and a great attitude.

Chloe Elliott – for a positive attitude and displaying persistence.

Term 2 Week 4

Junior Primary class

Hayden Dahlitz – for being a great worker in the classroom.

Junior Primary 1 class

Logan Rankin – for always listening beautifully in group time.

Stephanie Szewczyk – for lovely presentation of her work.

Lower Middle Primary class

Maddison Cain – for always being willing to help others.

Jackson Ross – positive attitude and working hard on his spelling.

Middle Primary class

Kane Rankin – beautiful work presentation.

Sienna Montgomery-Pittaway – completing her work to a high standard.

Upper Primary class

Amber Nutt - for great leadership and kindness on the 'Walk Safely to School'.

Kailan Challenger – for an improved attitude to challenging himself.

SAPSASA Football

The Murraylands SAPSASA football team had a very successful week in Adelaide recently, being undefeated by winning all 10 games.

Our school's representative Connor Smelt (pictured) said, "I learnt that teamwork is the way to win games against harder teams". Connor also mentioned that his Coach Tyson Wait was very encouraging in teaching the players how to work as a team.



SAPSASA Netball

During the week commencing 20th May 2013, Meg, Chloe, Georgia and Alys represented the Murraylands in SAPSASA Netball at ETSA Park.

We won 4 games, drew 2 and lost 3 out of a total of 9 games. We learnt new drills to take back to our netball club and made plenty of new friends.

We all agreed, the best part of the experience was playing netball for one whole week!

by Meg Daniel, Georgia Payne, Alys Bockman and Chloe Elliott (pictured).



Asthma

Now that the weather is becoming cooler, we have seen an increase in incidents of colds and 'flu in the classrooms.

Viral infections (colds) are the most common triggers causing asthma symptoms in children.

We have been provided with information on the best practice asthma management for students with asthma, which in winter includes:-

- students seeing their GP to discuss a 'flu vaccination.
- always carrying their reliever medication and spacer.
- continuing to take their preventer medication regularly.
- having a current Asthma Care Plan to guide the management of their asthma. This requires visiting a GP to develop the plan with the student, tailored to their needs.
- avoiding exercise if they have a cold or 'flu or are unwell.

• information provided by the Asthma Foundation SA (www.asthmasa.org.au)

Community News

Mypolonga Football Club

Home Match Tea – Saturday 15th June 2013 following game -v- Mannum. Meals served from 6:00pm followed by a 'Reverse Raffle' night. All welcome!

Murray Bridge High School Centenary Arts Showcase presents... 'I Remember When'

Friday 14th June 2013 at 7:00pm. Tickets \$15.00 / Concession \$10.00, available from the Murray Bridge Visitor Information Centre, South Terrace, Murray Bridge. Phone 85391142.

Bedwetting

The Bedwetting Institute has designed an effective DVD based program that addresses the causes of bedwetting and offers a practical and achievable method of curing the problem. For more information and a free bedwetting fact sheet, visit www.bedwettinginstitute.com.au or phone 1300 135 796.

Planning Calendar - Term 2 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	3/6 Gymnastics Hats not required to be worn until September Newsletter	4/6 Junior Youth Forum	5/6 ICAS Science Competition 7:00pm Sustainability Meeting	6/6	7/6 3:00pm Assembly Murray Bridge High School Formal	8/6 & 9/6 KNTFL -v- RMFL football competition
7	10/6 QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	11/6 STUDENT FREE DAY	12/6 Grandparents' Day Year 7 Transition Information Night at MBHS 7:00pm-9:00pm	13/6	14/6 NO ASSEMBLY 3:40pm C&S Meeting	15/6 & 16/6 15/6 – Mypo -v- Mannum @ Mypo, including home match tea and Reverse Raffle night
8	17/6 Newsletter 3:40pm Improvement 7:00pm Finance / 7:30pm Governing Council meetings	18/6 Casual Day Junior Primary Breakfast	19/6 Jump Rope Demonstration	20/6	21/6 3:00pm Assembly Mypo RSL Bingo BBQ Tea	22/6 & 23/6 22/6 - MNLC & MFC bye
9	24/6	25/6	26/6	27/6	28/6 3:00pm Assembly Reports sent home	29/6 & 30/6 29/6 – Mypo -v- Tailem @ Tailem MFC Rump n Red Night
10	1/7 Parent/Teacher Interviews	2/7	3/7 Jump Rope For Heart 'Jump Off' Day	4/7	5/7 Newsletter 1:45pm Assembly 2:30pm Dismissal	6/7 & 7/7 6/7 – Mypo -v- Meningie @ Meningie

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