

Mypolonga Primary School & Community Newsletter

3rd September 2012



Teamwork
Integrity
Generosity of Spirit
Excellence
Respect

"Be the change you wish to see in the world."
~ Ghandi ~

Assembly Roster – Term 3 2012

Week 8 – No Assembly

Week 9 – Kane Lavington, Josh van Piere, Aimee Kelly

Advanced Notices

- Friday 7th September 2012 – School Closure (Show Day). The school will be closed and the School Shop will not be open on this day.

Reminders

- From today, school hats are to be worn during recess, lunch and for all outside activities.
- Junior Primary camp consent forms, together with \$10.00 or commitment to pay required by Monday 17/9/12.
- In following with the school's healthy eating policy, when ordering lunches from the Mypolonga General Store, we would appreciate your cooperation in ordering off the lunch price list. From Tuesday 4/9/12, large 600ml milk drinks and savoury slices will no longer be able to be purchased. Thank you.
- Last day of school term (Friday 21st September - 2:00pm Assembly / 2:30pm dismissal).

Inserts to this Newsletter

- JF Dance & Performing Arts 2012 Concert flyer.
- Murray Bridge Regional Gallery Children's Workshops flyer.

Road Safety Reminders

Students must wait with the yard duty teacher after school until they are collected or catch the bus home.

Students are to be dropped off and collected from the Williams Street entrance of the school.

Please do not park your car on the wrong side of the road as this can cause accidents.

Happy Birthday...

3/9 – Aimee Kelly
3/9 – Amber Gielen
7/9 – Henry Payne
10/9 – Griffin O'Connor
13/9 – Jacob Neale
15/9 – Lincoln Baker
15/9 – Thomas Kruschel
16/9 – Alisha Hutchinson



I am very proud to be honoured as the regional winner of DECD 'Public Teaching Awards – Inspirational Leader', however I see this as recognition of our whole school community; for our commitment to our school and our commitment to our kids. Two people, with whom I particularly share this award are Necia and Annie, who manage many of the administrative tasks which allow me to focus on teaching and learning. Their leadership is outstanding and I honestly believe that I would not be the leader I am without them. We can and should be very proud of what we have achieved, but we cannot rest on our laurels and must continue to strive to do better.

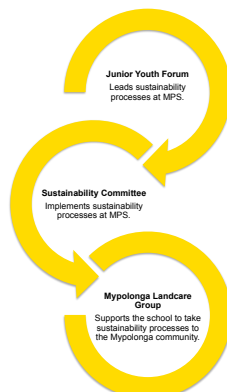
I would also like to acknowledge my colleagues: Mikelle Miegel (currently Acting Principal at Jervois) who is the regional winner of 'Inspirational Primary Teacher' for her work at Mannum Community College and Patty Williamson Daley for Inspirational Secondary Teacher at Murray Bridge High. I respect both of them enormously and wish them every success. I would also like to congratulate the Disabilities Unit at MBHS which has won the regional award for 'Innovative Engagement with Business and the Community' – the award which we won at the state level last year.

SSO Week

SSO week was recently held, and while it is an opportunity to formally recognise our SSOs, I would hope this is a 'way of being' at our school. We are so fortunate to have high calibre SSOs like Sharon, Janice, Dee, Jason and Brenton who support the staff and your children's learning.

Making Connections

Sustainability Curriculum
Civics and Citizenship



Connecting learning to authentic contexts, and transferring and connecting learning across learning areas means students have meaningful and richer learning experiences.

An example of this is the learning students do around sustainability in the science curriculum and the citizenship focus of the Australian Curriculum. Curriculum in action is so much more powerful.

On Wednesday, we had the AGM of the Mypolonga Landcare Group. This group has been in recess for a number of years and is re-forming. We are going to revegetate an area of swamp across the road from the school and create a track to the river. If you are interested in working on any projects please let me know. The Junior Youth Forum and members of the Sustainability Committee will lead this program.



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This meeting was followed by the Sustainability Committee meeting. We discussed and approved a number of exciting improvements, which we will announce after Governing Council. It is so good to see passionate students wanting to make a difference, supported by equally passionate adult mentors.

Another example of connected learning was students preparing for and working at the Regional Leaders' Day at the Combined Sports' Clubrooms. A big thank you to all of the families who donated. The menu was fantastic and it was great to see the discomfort of the leaders as the smells wafted from the kitchen just before lunch. Annie, Yvette and Mary coordinated the event ably supported by Michelle and Cass Martin. Students Brodie, Sahara, Shannen (*pictured*), Jakob L. and Abbey worked so hard and were justifiably tired at the end of the day. I was so proud of our students and I received wonderful feedback from leaders about our students' competence and professional approach to the task at hand.

As we were racing to the finish line in preparation for the day, I received a phone call from the Minister of Education's PA giving me 48 hours notice that the Minister, the Hon Grace Portolesi, wished to visit the school on the same day as the Leaders' Meeting and the School Shop. I would particularly like to acknowledge the support I received from my class, which supported me when I had to make phone calls and send emails while I was teaching them. Our students rose to the occasion and I was so proud to take her into the classes to see learning in action.

A final word – Anne has gone on long – service leave for 3 weeks to visit her daughter Ali in London. I was very impressed to hear that Lexie and Chelsea stood up at assembly and promised her, on behalf of the class, that they would 'make her proud.'

Warm Regards, Rita

School Holiday Netball/Football Clinics

Netball South Australia

2nd and 3rd October 2012 at Netball SA Stadium, Mile End. Suitable for children between 5-16 years. For more information, contact NSA on 82380500 before 26th September 2012.

The Next Step – SANFL Footy Experience

25th September to 27th September at AAMI Stadium. Suitable for children 5-15 years. For more information, call 84242275 before 10th September 2012.

Combined Sports' Day with Jervois Primary School

A reminder that our Combined Sports' Day with Jervois Primary School will be held at our school on Thursday 20th September 2012. A program for the day and Mypolonga General Store lunch order form will be sent home in the near future.

Congratulations Rita!

I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of the Governing Council, all our school committees, parents, staff, students and wider community to congratulate Rita O'Brien on receiving the Regional Inspirational School/Preschool Leader Award through the SA Public Teaching Awards.

Out of 1700 nominations, 69 regional winners over seven categories were selected. The 69 regional winners will now be in the running for the State Awards later this year.

Many of us would shudder at the amount of 'out of school' hours Rita and the staff put in, to continually improve our school and the education of our children. Rita's passion for the students, her passion for education and for leadership is constantly reflected in the culture of the school and in the results achieved.

So Rita, although we all appreciate your inspirational leadership, it is fantastic that it is recognised at a higher level. We applaud you on receiving this well deserved award and wish you all the best in the State Awards.

Ian Payne, Governing Council Chairperson

Counsellor's Corner



Generosity of Spirit...This is my favourite TIGER Value!

Last year, we participated in Jump Rope for Heart and raised lots of money for this very worthwhile charity. The school was able to keep 10% of the money raised or donate it back to the Heart Foundation. We decided at SRC level that we would donate it to a local family who were about to have a baby in need of heart surgery in Melbourne when she was born.

We are so excited to share with you the news that Dempsey Eckermann will be turning one on 5th September 2012. Dempsey has been through a lot and she is a little fighter...a true TIGER!



Dempsey came along to our Assembly last week to say hello with her Nanna Anne Wynne (*pictured*) and to let you know that she is growing very quickly and doing really well.

Thanks again for showing that Tiger spirit and showing your support to a lovely community family. We wish the Eckermann family all the best and look forward to seeing Dempsey continue to grow healthy and happy and here at Mypolonga Primary School in the near future!

Cheers, Kerry

Welcome to our School...

On 21st August we welcomed Mitchell Pahl (Year 1) and his sister Chloe (Year 3) into the Junior Primary and Lower Middle Primary Classes respectively.



We also welcome Mitchell and Chloe's parents Emma and Mark into our school community and hope they enjoy their learning experiences with us.



Junior Primary Father's Day gifts

*"I'm happy you're my Dad
I feel safe when you are with me
You show me fun things to do
You make my life much better
The best father I know is you."*

*I'm happy you're my Dad
And so I want to say
I love you Dad, and wish you
A Happy Father's Day*

by Isla Gielen, Reception



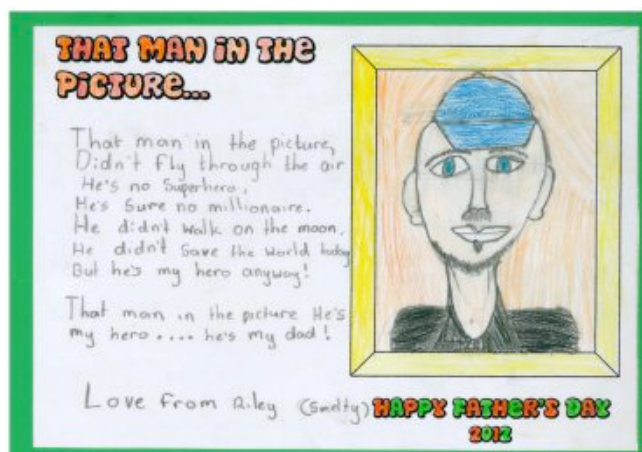
Junior Primary 1 Olympic Art

by Madalyn Uren, Year 1



Lower Middle Primary Aboriginal Dot Painting

by Stephanie Thomas, Year 3



Middle Primary Father's Day Poems

by Riley Smelt, Year 4

Upper Primary Bird Water Colours

by Amber Strybis, Year 7



Community News

Mypolonga Football Club

Sunday 9th September 2012 – 1st Semi Final

If there is anyone who would like to volunteer their time in the canteen or bbq on this day, please contact Necia at the school. Thank you.

Under 13s Carnival – Congratulations to Mypolonga Football Club on winning the Under 13s Carnival on 26th August 2012.



Congratulations to our students who were part of the winning Under 13 side; Patrick Hughes, Rueben Smith, Connor Smelt, Mitchell Hobbs and Angus Shanahan. Well done!



Finals Fever –

Congratulations to the Mypolonga Football Club on having all four teams advance through to this year's 2nd semi finals (the first time all four teams have reached this stage of the competition together!)

Medal Winners – Congratulations to Mypolonga's Josh Hein on winning the Connolly medal as the River Murray's best and fairest in the under 17.5 competition. Special mention also to past student Jack Kluske on coming third in the Bryan Medal (Under 15) count. Well done!

Senior Presentation Dinner – Friday 12th October 2012.

Junior Presentation Luncheon – Sunday 7th October 2012.

Mypolonga Netball Club

Congratulations to the Mypolonga Netball Club on having 2 teams advance through to this year's RMNA grand final. Six of our teams will also compete on Saturday in the preliminary finals. Good luck!

Senior Presentation Dinner – Friday 21st September 2012.

Junior Presentation Afternoon – Sunday 16th September 2012.

Mypolonga Scout Troop

State Hike Preparation – food packing – Monday 3rd September 2012 5:30pm-7:30pm at the Wall Flat Hall

State Hike – from Saturday 8th September 2012 at Mount Crawford

Clean Up and Games – 10th September 2012 5:30pm-7:30pm at the MCSC

Phone Group Leader Kelly Johnson on 0410041222 for any information.

Class Awards - Term 3 Week 2

Junior Primary class

Thomas Kruschel – fantastic copying off the board.

Junior Primary 1 class

Kalum Cappelluti – for always trying his very best.

Lower Middle Primary class

Rex Dankel – careful work on his dot painting.**Henry Payne** – hard working attitude.

Middle Primary class

Alisha Hutchinson – excellent lunch monitor.**Darcy Elliott** – always has a positive attitude.

Upper Primary class

Chelsea Hagger – for having a positive attitude and being helpful.**Abbey Kruschel** – for being polite and helpful to Mr Leoni.

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

8	3/9 Students to commence wearing hats Newsletter 3:40pm Improvement Committee Meeting 7:00pm Finance / 7:30pm Governing Council meeting	4/9 2:30pm-3:30pm Electives	5/9	6/9	7/9 SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY (SHOW DAY) NO SCHOOL SHOP	8/9 & 9/9 8/9 – RMNA Presentation Night 9/9 – RMFL 1 st Semi Final @ Mypolonga Combined Sports Club
9	10/9 2:30pm-3:30pm Electives	11/9	12/9	13/9	14/9 3:00pm Assembly 3:40pm C&S Meeting	15/9 & 16/9 15/9 – RMNA Grand Final 16/9 – MNLC Junior Presentation
10	17/9 2:30pm-3:30pm Electives	18/9 SRC Casual Day (money raised will go to the Mypolonga Junior Cricket Club)	19/9	20/9 Combined Sports Day with Jervois Primary School @ Mypolonga	21/9 Newsletter 2:00pm Assembly 2:30pm Dismissal MNLC Senior Presentation Dinner	22/9 & 23/9 22/9 – RMFL Grand Final Murray Bridge Show weekend

Planning Calendar - Term 4 2012

1	8/10 Welcome Back!	9/10	10/10 Lower Middle/Middle Primary Camp	11/10 Junior Primary/ Junior Primary 1 Camp	12/10 NO ASSEMBLY MFC Senior Presentation Dinner	13/10 & 14/10
2	15/10 Newsletter	16/10	17/10	18/10	19/10 3:00pm Assembly 3:40pm C&S Meeting 6:00pm - Mypo RSL Bingo Tea	20/10 & 21/10

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