

# Mypolonga Primary School & Community Newsletter

Jeremy George flying high during the Jump Rope  
Demonstration with Woodend Primary School



Teamwork  
Integrity  
Generosity of Spirit  
Excellence  
Respect

5<sup>th</sup> July 2013

"I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters  
to create many ripples."  
~ Mother Teresa ~

## Assembly Roster – Term 3 2013

**Week 1** – Keeley Rathjen, Abbey Schofield, Bradley Smart

**Week 2** – Erin McDonald, Holly Temby, Sahara Sullivan Close

## Dates to Remember/Advanced Notice

. **Working bee** - Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2013 at the school

. **School Closure Day** - Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2013

. **Student Free Day** - Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2013

. **Lower Middle/Middle Primary Camp (Victor Harbor)** - Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2013 to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2013.

. **Upper Primary Camp (West Beach)** - Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November to Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2013

. **Junior Primary/Junior Primary 1** visit to Monarto Zoo and sleepover at Mypo Combined Sports' Club - Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2013 to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2013

## Thank you!

Thank you to Lyndon and Linda Grove, Lesley Mavro and Bob Hancock for sorting and transporting our recycling into Murray Bridge this term.

## Class Enterprise Recess/Lunch Term 3

**Tuesday Recess** - provided by the Lower Middle Primary Class

**Milo (warm milk) with 2 biscuits - \$1.50 per cup**

**Wednesday Lunch** - provided by the Middle Primary Class

**Toasted Sandwiches (spaghetti or cheese) - \$2.00 per sandwich**

Students are required to pay at the servery near the Staffroom when they order.

## Happy Birthday

17/7 - Maddison (Year 6)

17/7 - Bailey (Year 5)

19/7 - Reuben (Year 7)

20/7 - Sky (Year 5)

20/7 - Makayla (Year 1)



**Congratulations** to Hollie O'Neil and Cody Gilbert on the safe arrival of **Mackenzie Rayne**, a little sister for Reegan in the Junior Primary 1 class.

## 007 is Coming!

Please get your tickets for our James Bond Night to be held at the Combined Sports' Clubrooms on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July. Sahara, Charlie and Archie's mum and dad Sue and Greg run this business and have kindly donated their management of this event for us. We are very lucky to have such committed parents. The purpose of the night is to have a great time and socialise in a friendly atmosphere. We'd love to see you there. Tickets will be available at the door.



## Cows Create Careers

We won Cows Create Careers! We were not optimistic because we were the only primary school in the competition and were up against high schools and area schools. But our Year 6/7 class put their heads down and went for it. We won the \$500 prize. At the presentation one of the activities was a quiz. Mitchell W was our representative and in the end the organisers took him out because he was blitzing the field (all high school students). He still won and they said that no one had achieved such a high score in the history of the competition.

## Reports and Interviews

We believe that a strong partnership between parents, children and ourselves leads to better learning outcomes for your children. Your interest sends a clear message to your child that you care about their development and that you value your relationship with us. This year 99% of our families attended parent-teacher interviews and as a community, we should be very proud of this statistic.

After reading all the reports, I wish to congratulate our teachers, who take very seriously their responsibility to provide you with clear and detailed information about your child. They spend a great deal of time to produce reports, report folders and conduct interviews of high quality.

## Grandparents' Day

Your child will be bringing home a memento of Grandparents' Day to share with their grandparents. I must acknowledge the work of Kerry and Nicole who Photoshopped 220 photos so that grandparents had truly memorable photos. In footy, this is what is called the 'one percenters' and when you consider Kerry and Nicole have been writing reports and conducting interviews during this time, this was a fantastic commitment.

## Tailem Bend Probus

Last year, a group of people from the Tailem Bend Probus Club visited our school on the Proud Mary. Recently they contacted me to talk about the philosophy of our school at one of their meetings. As one of our school priorities is to develop public speaking skills in our students, I suggested that it would be better if our students presented instead of me.

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Government of South Australia  
Department for Education and  
Child Development

Well done to Sahara, Patrick, Mitchell W, Griffin, Meg, Chloe, Abbey, Georgia, Aimee, Liam and Jack. They did not let me down and spoke clearly and confidently to their audience and I was very proud of them. A big thank you to Annie and Lesley, who helped with transport.

### NRM Education Grants

We are excited to announce that we have won a \$500 NRM Education Grant for our Bush Tucker Garden project. This project aims to revegetate the land opposite the school which we have named 'Farmer Jones' Paddock' in honour of the Jones family who have donated the land for us to use. Last week Leon 'Scornsey' Dodd, from Aboriginal Learning on Country, Tim Jenkins from Eastern Hills and Murray Plains Catchment Group and Jenni Llewellyn from the Mypolonga Landcare Group met with our students to design the garden and its surrounds.

### Wonderful Accolades

Please take the time to read the letter from Mrs Jackson of the Ridgehaven RSL later in the newsletter. She wrote to the Mypolonga RSL who forwarded it on to us. She commends our school on the RSL dinner(s). Congratulations to all involved and it is feedback like this that makes it all worthwhile. The things our students learn from events such as this are immeasurable.

In the last 2 weeks, I have been interviewed by ABC Radio in Newcastle, after a listener, who had been on the Proud Mary contacted them, and also by the Advertiser which was doing a story on the importance of numeracy in the curriculum.

### SAPSASA

Congratulations to Kailan and Isaac who were selected in the District SAPSASA soccer team. The boys spent last week competing in Adelaide. Well done.

Have a great break and we will see you at the James Bond Night.

*Warm Regards,  
Rita*

### Schoolkids Bonus

The second payment of the Schoolkids Bonus is coming in July. If you are eligible, you could receive up to \$205 for each primary school student and up to \$410 for each secondary student.

You could receive the Schoolkids Bonus if you have a child in primary or secondary school and receive Family Tax Benefit Part A or you are a primary or secondary student receiving an income support payment.

To ensure you receive the Schoolkids Bonus payment in July, check your availability by visiting [australia.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus](http://australia.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus).



### Counsellor Corner

Holidays are upon us again!!!



"I'm bored, what can I do?" "Are we doing anything today?" These will probably be questions you are all too familiar with. Below are some ideas to keep your children entertained and you sane throughout the holidays...I hope!

Some activities are free and others are at a cost...

- Picnic down at the local park or at the river
- Cubby house inside the house
- Baking
- A good book
- Gardening
- Watching a DVD together
- Going to the movies
- Visit the Adelaide, Monarto Zoo or Gorge Wildlife Park
- Look up where the next market or fair is
- Go to the local Library
- Make up a dance to show the family
- Go for a bike ride / go for a walk
- Go on Athletics
- Go for a drive to a small country town and have a look around
- Visit the Plaster Funhouse in Adelaide (visit [www.plasterfunhouse.com.au](http://www.plasterfunhouse.com.au) for information)
- Practice your times tables!!!!

Enjoy!

*Cheers, Kerry*

### SRC News

#### Casual Day

Thank you for supporting this term's casual day. A total of \$150.00 was raised, which will support the Christian Blind Mission (CBM).

For over one hundred years, CBM have devoted themselves to improving the lives of people living with disabilities in the poorest places in the world. With the money raised, we helped 7 children! You may like to take a further look at the services provided by CBM by visiting [www.cbm.org.au](http://www.cbm.org.au).

#### Community Support - Oliver North

SRC recently donated money to past student Rochelle Klenke and Matt North to help them with costs related to their baby boy Oliver. Three-month old Oliver has been diagnosed with Aortic Stenosis, which is a disease of the heart valves. He recently underwent heart surgery in The Royal Children's Hospital in Melbourne and is recovering well.

We wish Oliver and all his family the very best.



### Chickenpox

We have had a reported case of Chickenpox this week. Chickenpox is a viral infection and symptoms may include slight fever and cold-like symptoms, followed by a rash. For more information, visit [www.health.sa.gov.au/pehs/youve-got-what.htm](http://www.health.sa.gov.au/pehs/youve-got-what.htm)



## Junior Primary 1 Art



Fish by Bella Pike



Rainbow by Stephanie Szewczyk



Penguin by Logan Rankin



Stained Glass Window by Ben Stewart

## SAPSASA Soccer

**Congratulations** to Isaac Matheson-Mitchell and Kailan Challenger on being selected and participating in the SAPSASA Soccer State Carnival last week.

Although the Murraylands team were successful in only one game, they had a fantastic week.

"I learnt new skills to be a good goalie. What I learnt will help me during my Saturday games."  
*Kailan*

"I loved the whole experience and made many new friends."  
*Isaac*



## Letter of Appreciation - RSL Dinner catering

We would like to share with you contents from a letter forwarded to us in appreciation of our catering.

"Mr Adam Czechowski  
President, Mypolonga RSL Sub-Branch

Dear Sir

Thank you very much for allowing Fred and I to be present at your sub-branch's annual dinner. Please thank the members and the volunteers who assisted in making the evening great. The raffle prize of the native floral arrangement is still good.

The meals prepared and served by the Mypolonga Primary School volunteers is always outstanding and well worthwhile the one and a half hours it takes to travel from Ridgehaven. These meals are by far the best of any of the sub-branches, even those prepared by catering companies or by hotel chefs.

Please pass on our sincere appreciation to the Primary School for the conduct of their students who are a credit to the school and their parents. Their table service is something to be proud of....."

Kind Regards, Heide Jackson

## Woolworths Earn and Learn Program

Thanks to our school and wider community for supporting the 2013 Woolworths Earn and Learn Program. We have received an astonishing amount of points sheets, each sheet holding 60 Earn and Learn points.

Students from the junior classes have been a great help during their lunch break placing the points on the Earn and Learn sheets.

We will let you know as soon as the resources have been received.



## Staff Profile

This fortnight, we introduce Annie Hughes. Annie is our diligent Finance Officer who also works with small groups of Junior Primary students as part of our intervention program. Annie and David's four children have attended this school, with Patrick ending his time at Mypolonga Primary School this year.

Introducing...

**Annie Hughes**  
Finance Officer

**How long have you been at Mypolonga Primary School?...** Parent since October 1998, Employee since 2010



**Favourite quote...** "The best inheritance a parent can give their children is a few minutes of their time each day".  
*M Grundler*

**Why do you like working with children?...** Innocent honesty.

**What is your favourite piece of Technology?...** my car

**Who do you admire? Why?...** my Mum and Dad because no matter what life threw at them, they didn't give up.

**What 3 words would others use to describe you?...** determined, empathetic, caring

**What is the best holiday you have ever been on?...** every camping holiday I have been on with my family and friends.

**How many pets do you own?...** a dog called Jack.

**What is your favourite App?...** 4 Pictures and a Word.

**Do you have any brothers or sisters?...** 2 brothers Gerard and John & 2 sisters Tess and Trish.

**Who is the best teacher you ever had? Why?...**  
My husband David and my children. They inspire me to be better and appreciate what I have each day.

**What book are you reading now?...** I have just finished reading "Boy with No Shoes". Took a while!

## Mathletics

As you would be aware, our school has a yearly subscription with Mathletics. Mathletics is a web-based numeracy learning program, which integrates home and school learning via the Internet. Your child has 24-hour access to the program by using a unique user name and password.

Three of our students have been identified by the Mathletics team as 'top' Mathletics users at our school. They are:

**Amber Gielen** - mastering 88 activities

**Chloe Pahl** - mastering 43 activities

**Coen Martin** - mastering 42 activities

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

When you have time, visit [www.mathletics.com.au](http://www.mathletics.com.au), so that you can gain a greater understanding of how Mathletics will benefit your child.

## Class Awards

### Term 2 Week 8

#### Junior Primary Class

**Riley Hagger** - for being a gentleman.

#### Junior Primary 1 Class

**Jade Prosser** - for commitment to her homework.

**Leila Dahlitz** - for being a good TIGER.

#### Lower Middle Primary Class

**Johannah Hobbs** - for being a great friend.

**Mackenzie Lindner** - asking great questions on the class excursion.

#### Middle Primary Class

**Shanae Neale** - perfect attendance.

**Cameron Hazel** - showing kindness to others.

#### Upper Primary Class

**Mitchell Walton** - for an outstanding information report about indigenous people.

**Georgia Payne** - for a great information report on religions.

### Term 2 Week 9

#### Junior Primary Class

**Riley Hazel** - for becoming more responsible in the classroom.

#### Junior Primary 1 Class

**Claire Ruckenstuhl** - for showing excellent leadership skills.

**Mitchell Pahl** - for always listening beautifully during group time.

#### Lower Middle Primary Class

**Coen Martin / Jayda Stimpson / Sachin Bartholomeusz** - 30/30 in the school times tables' test.

#### Middle Primary Class

**Shaeden Lukey** - for doing extra work at home to learn new words.

**Kane Lavington** - for trying really hard in Maths.

#### Upper Primary Class

**Alyssa Grove** - for great improvement in Spelling and Reading.

**Liam McDonald** - for a fantastic attitude to all his learning.

## Premier's be active Challenge

Referring to the note sent home last week, all students are participating in the 2013 **Premier's be active Challenge**. This initiative is aimed at improving the amount of physical activity students undertake on a daily basis.



The challenge involves students recording the amount of daily physical activity they do on record sheets for a period of 10 weeks. The challenge started this week and will continue for the first 9 weeks of Term 3.

In addition to the activities children undertake at school, they can also include the physical activity they do at home each day towards their 60 minutes.

Please contact the school if you have any queries.

*Regards, Kim*



## Student of the Term for Term 2 2013

Upper Primary

**Patrick Hughes**

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



Middle Primary

**Mackenzie Rathjen**



Lower Middle Primary

**Samuel Montgomery-Pittaway**



Junior Primary 1

**Rhiannon Bowley**

Junior Primary

**Shaylee Martin**

## Most Improved Student for Term 2 2013

Upper Primary

**Aimee Kelly**



Middle Primary

**Rohan Bartholomeusz**



Lower Middle Primary

**Larissa Pike**

Junior Primary 1

**Ava Lindner**

Junior Primary

**Craig Gillett**

## Kiwanis Club of Murray Bridge Terrific Kid – Term 2 2013

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

Upper Primary

**Paige Vandenberg**



Middle Primary

**Riley Smelt**

Lower Middle Primary

**Erin McDonald**



Junior Primary 1

**Mitchell Pahl**

Junior Primary

**James Mueller**



# Grandparents' Day Poems

Please find below Grandparents' Day Poems written by the Upper Primary Class.  
We thought they were too special not to share!

If my Grandma was a food, she'd be a chocolate pudding - sweet and warm and crispy round the edges.  
*Mitchell Hobbs*

If my Auntie was a plant, she'd be a dandelion, tough, strong and always popping up unexpectedly. *Scott Carter*

If my Nan was a star, she'd shine upon the moon, silver, pure and forever young. *Jack Slattery*

If my Granny was a machine, she'd be a truck, slow, steady but adventurous. *Bradley Smart*

If my Grandma was a blanket, she'd be a quilt, warm, comforting and always there for me.  
*Alyssa Grove*

If my Granny was a star, she'd be a shooting star, bright, rare and colourful. *Sahara Sullivan Close*

If my Pa was an old farm implement, he would be a tractor, rusty, useful and a precious thing to have.  
*Meg Daniel*

If my Grandma was a piece of metal, she'd be gold, warm, precious and rare. *Abbey Kruschel*

If my Nanna was a bird, she'd be a blue wren, small, chirpy and amazing. *Chloe Elliott*

If my Nanny was a flower, she would be a daisy, pretty, beautiful and as bright as the sun.  
*Josh Van Piere*

If my Pop was a motorbike, he'd be a Harley Davidson, smooth, loud and great fun to ride with.  
*Brayden Vandenberg*

If my Nanny was an insect, she'd be a butterfly, sweet, colourful and funny. *David Hazel*

If my Poppa were a wine, he'd be champagne, sparking, bright and always causing uncontrollable laughter.  
*Aimee Kelly*

If my Nanna was a song, she'd be the Waltz, simple and lovely. *Patrick Hughes*

If my Grandpa was a book, he would be a history book, wonderful, interesting and you never know what will come next. *Nik Cox*

If my Nanna was a train, she'd be a bullet train, because once she has her mind set on something, she's fast and unstoppable. *Liam McDonald*

If my Nanna was a bird, she'd be a honeyeater, colourful, sweet, busy and full of wonder. *Georgia Payne*

If my Nanna was a piece of jewellery, she'd be a necklace, rare, beautiful and precious. *Kailan Challinger*

If my Pa was a boat, he'd be a fishing boat, strong, calm and keeping us safe. *Logan Holmes*

If my Nanna was a light, she'd be a disco light, colourful, bright and always moving. *Madison Kruschel*

If my Grandma was a jetty, she'd be a long one, strong, supportive and leading me on. *Madeline Sorensen*

If my Nanna was a butterfly, she'd be a Monarch, royal, beautiful and colourful. *Paige Vandenberg*

If my Armah was a flower, she'd be a rose, sweet smelling, looking pretty and always there for me.  
*Maddison Rathjen*

If my Grandma was a bird, she'd be a blue wren, happy, chirpy and a beautiful part of nature. *Alys Bockman*

If my Nanna was a flower, she'd be a sunflower, tall, strong and making the sun look like the moon.  
*Connor Smelt*

If my Nanna was a flower, she would be a rose, fearless, kind and loving. *Amber Nutt*

# MYPOLONGA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Invites you to our

## James Bond themed party

Date: Friday 19 July 2013

Time: 7.30 to midnight

Cost: \$20 per person

Venue: Mypolonga Combined  
Sports Club



Entry ticket includes

- *Supper*
- *1 free drink from bar*
- *Admittance to fun casino*

***Come dressed as your favourite James Bond  
character or in neat casual attire***

Tickets available at the door on the night.

Please note: This event is for adults only (18 years  
and over)

*Major sponsors are itravelandcruise (51 Bridge Street, Murray Bridge) and  
Pokerface ([www.blackjackknights.com.au](http://www.blackjackknights.com.au)). The Mypolonga Combined  
Sports Club has kindly donated use of the venue*

## Community News

**Jane Eyre - a musical drama** - Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July 8pm, Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2pm & 8pm and Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July at 2pm at the John Dohler Hall, Swanport Road, Murray Bridge. All tickets are \$10.00 and will be available at the door, through cast members or at Christ Church Lutheran (ph: 85326553).

**Mr Snot Bottom's stinky, silly show** - Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2013 at the Murray Bridge Town Hall at 11am and 2pm. All tickets are \$10 and are available 1 hour before the show. Visit [www.mrsnotbottom.com](http://www.mrsnotbottom.com) for further information.

**NAIDOC Bridge Walk (sponsored by the Rural City of Murray Bridge)** - Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2013. East side of the Bridge (meet below RSL at 10:00am) followed by NAIDOC awards and morning tea at 10:30am at the Local Government Centre.

**Bangtastic!** - a noisy, fun and interactive exploration of the humble balloon - and a lot of liquid nitrogen! Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2013 @ 11am at the Murray Bridge Town Hall. For children aged 4-11 years. Presented by The Rural City of Murray Bridge. Tickets available at the door, at the Murray Bridge Visitor Information Centre or by calling 85391142.

**Murray Bridge Library - School Holiday Activities** on at various times and dates during the July School Holidays. Activities include mask making with African storytelling, a bike & scooter maintenance workshop and Bollywood dance experience. Bookings are essential and can be made at the Library or phone 85391175.

**Headspace Murray Bridge - School Holiday Activities** on at various dates and times during the July School Holidays. Activities include cooking, playing pool, air hockey and arts and crafts. Phone The Station 85391157 for further information.

**Cirkidz Circus Workshops** - Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2013 at The Station, Murray Bridge. Join Cirkidz elite emerging artists and learn to juggle, balance and tumble. Workshops for 6-16 year olds at 11am and 12pm. Performance by Cirkidz Emerging Artists Ensemble at 3pm. Contact The Station for bookings 85391157.

**Softball Clinics for boys** - Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2013 and Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2013 at Softball SA Headquarters, West Beach. 10:00am-3:00pm daily. For more information, please contact [admin@softballsa.com.au](mailto:admin@softballsa.com.au) or call 83536766.

## 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

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|---|---|------|--------------------------------|------|--|--|
| 1 | 22/7  | 23/7 | 24/7                           | 25/7 | 26/7<br>3:00pm<br>Assembly                         | 27/7 & 28/7<br>27/7 - Mypo -v-<br>Mannum @<br>Mypo. MFC<br>home match<br>tea   |
| 2 | 29/7<br>Newsletter  | 30/7 | 31/7<br>English<br>Competition | 1/8  | 2/8<br>3:00pm<br>Assembly<br>3:40pm C&S<br>meeting | 3/8 & 4/8<br>3/8 - Mypo -v-<br>Meningie  |
| 3 | 5/8<br>3:40pm<br>Improvement<br>7:00pm Finance /<br>7:30pm Governing<br>Council meeting | 6/8  | 7/8                            | 8/8  | 9/8<br>3:00pm<br>Assembly                          | 10/8 & 11/8<br>10/8 - Mypo -v-<br>Imps @ Mypo,<br>including 'Miss<br>Mypolonga'<br>11/8 - Working<br>bee @ the<br>school |

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