**Junior Primary News**

We welcome Hailey back to the R/1 class on Thursdays and Fridays. The Hailey and Amy team will give our young children an excellent start to their school lives. Amy will continue to run Playgroup. We believe that learning begins at birth and we are passionate about the importance of Playgroup, to the point where Playgroup has a representative (Jodie Hagger), on Governing Council. DECD is also passionate about strong beginnings and has selected 20 schools in the state to be part of the ‘Playgroup in Schools Program’. We were selected and have received a $2 000 grant as well as professional development for Amy and Jodie and Dee (the Playgroup coordinator) to ensure we provide high quality outcomes for our young children. Playgroup, which is held in the R/1 classroom, helps our young children transition seamlessly into school life.

**Fantastic SAPSASA Results**

SAPSASA (South Australian Primary Schools Sport’s Association) is the next level students achieve following our sport’s day. Schools compete at the district level and are then selected to compete at the state level. As a small school, we have never been in contention for a major place, or so we thought! This year we achieved third place behind Unity and St Jo’s (being only 3 points behind St Jo’s).

The achievements of our students was fantastic, but it is also a reflection of strong school / community partnerships around physical activity. I would like to thank, on behalf of the students, Catherine Challinger for specific athletics training. Her input is extremely valuable. Marlene was very proud! A list of selections for SANTOS Stadium will be published in the next newsletter.

**NAPLaN**

NAPLaN for Years 3, 5 and 7 will occur next week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. We believe it is very important to support our students to be as comfortable as possible with the tests, so in that vein we have provided them with opportunities for practise, and explicit teaching for success.

However, NAPLaN is only one measure. We use many other assessment processes, which give us information about your child’s achievement and progress. As parents you can support your children by ensuring they get enough sleep and have a good breakfast.

**Australian Business Excellence Awards Presentation**

On the last day of first term, Mr David Sikorski presented us with our Bronze Award. There was one other Bronze Award Winner in Australia, last year, which was NAB Financial Services. He commended us on being only 10 points away from a Silver Award.

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Resilience Robbers

This term, I will continue my articles around, ‘7 Common Resiliency Robbers’ by Michael Grose, ‘Australia’s No. 1 parenting educator’.

Resilience Robber No. 5...

‘Parents let kids give in too easily’

Parents can sometimes let children give up a learning or leisure activity too easily. Research shows that resilient learners link success with effort so allowing kids to give in too easily is poor parenting practice. Resilient learners don’t give up because they don’t like a teacher or when they’re confronted with multi-step or more complex activities. Similarly, they don’t bail out of a sporting team half way through the season because the team is not winning or they are not enjoying it.’

Encourage your children to persist with whatever task they may tackle and encourage them to take risks. If you never try you will never know exactly what you are capable of. Persistence is a skill for life and we are all lifelong learners!

Cheers, Kerry

The Calves are Coming

Next Monday our calves Dev and Dale, provided by the Martin family will be delivered to school. In the following 3 weeks Year 6/7 students will care for the calves and collect data on their growth. We will compete in the ‘Cows Create Careers’ competition, which gives our students the opportunity to use real life contexts to create scientific learning.

Linda Pike has opened a café. If you are up Adelaide Road way, drop in at Zingg. The coffee is delicious!

Warm Regards, Rita

Welcome to our School...

This fortnight, we welcome back Hailey Perry from maternity leave. Hailey will be teaching on Thursdays and Fridays, sharing the role of teaching the Reception and Year 1 students with Amy Stone.

Introducing...

Hailey Perry
Junior Primary Teacher

How long have you been at Mypolonga Primary School... 8 years.

Favourite quote... “There is no ‘I’ in TEAM!”

How many pets do you own and what are their names?... One cat called Millee.

Why do you like working with children?... There is never a dull moment!

What is the best holiday you have ever been on?...
My trip to the USA and also my driving holiday along the Great Ocean Road.

What is your favourite piece of technology?...
My iPhone.

Do you have any brothers or sisters? What are their names?... Yes – a twin sister Sarah, younger sister Kristyn and a younger brother Ryan.

Community & Service Committee

Next Meeting: Friday 10th May 2013 at 3:40pm in the Library. All welcome!

Save the Date: Friday 19th July 2013 for a major school fundraiser evening at the Mypolonga Combined Sports Club. Further details will be provided in due course.

Woolworths Earn & Learn Program

Thanks to everyone who has been supporting the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. The program gives our school the chance to earn new educational resources.

Simply:
. shop at Woolworths and you will receive a Woolworths Earn & Learn Point for every $10.00 spent.
. stick the Woolworths Earn & Learn Points onto the Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheet.
. once it’s complete, pop it into the collection box located in the office or in the allocated Mypolonga Primary School boxes situated in both Woolworths stores in Murray Bridge.

If the checkout operator does not give you points after your purchase, please ask! We have enclosed with this newsletter points sheets for you to use. Additional sheets are available in-store, from the school office or by downloading them from www.woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn.
**SAPSASA District Athletics**

We are proud to list for you, first, second and third placing of students from last term’s successful SAPSASA District Athletics Day finals:

- **Riley Smelt** 10yo boys long jump – 1st place
- **Riley Smelt** 10yo boys high jump – 1st place
- **Kailan Challinger** 11yo boys 100m – 1st place
- **Kailan Challinger** 11yo boys long jump – 1st place
- **Kailan Challinger** 11yo boys 200m – 1st place
- **Alys Bockman** 12yo girls shot put – 1st place
- **Isaac Matheson** 12yo boys high jump – 1st place
- **Kyal McDonald** 10yo boys shot put – 2nd place
- **Baden Monjean** 10yo boys 100m – 2nd place
- **Holly Temby** 10yo boys 200m – 2nd place
- **Mackenzie Rathjen** 11yo girls high jump – equal 2nd place
- **Liam McDonald** 12yo boys long jump – 2nd place
- **Georgia Payne** 12yo girls long jump – 2nd place
- **Connor Smelt** 13yo boys shot put – 2nd place
- **Connor Smelt** 13yo boys discus – 2nd place
- **Aimee Kelly** 13yo girls shot put – 2nd place
- **Reuben Smith** 13yo boys 200m – 2nd place
- **Riley Smelt** 10yo boys 800m – 3rd place
- **Holly Temby** 10yo girls 100m – 3rd place
- **Holly Temby** 10yo girls high jump – 3rd place
- **Paris Montgomery-Pittaway** 10yo girls 800m – 3rd place
- **Nick Lewis** 11yo boys high jump – equal 3rd place
- **Liam McDonald** 12yo boys shot put – 3rd place
- **Isaac Matheson** 12yo boys 200m – 3rd place
- **Georgia Payne** 12yo girls 200m – 3rd place

Congratulations also to our relay teams:

- **12/13 year olds:** 1st place
- **10/11 year olds:** 2nd place

Pictured right is Kailan Challinger who was awarded joint Champion Male Athlete.

Well done to all our students on their outstanding behaviour and sportsmanship on the day.

**SAPSASA Netball**

Congratulations to students Meg Daniel, Chloe Elliott, Georgia Payne, Alys Bockman and Alyssa Grove (Reserve) on being selected to represent the Murraylands in the SAPSASA Netball State Carnival.

**SAPSASA Football**

Congratulations to student Connor Smelt on being selected to represent the Murraylands in the SAPSASA Football State Carnival.

All our SAPSASA Netball and Football representatives will be competing in Adelaide from Monday 20th May 2013 until Friday 24th May 2013. Good luck!
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Mypolonga Football Club
Home Match Tea - Saturday 11\textsuperscript{th} May 2013 at the Mypolonga Combined Sport’s Club. Teas available from 6pm.
Rump & Red Night - Saturday 29\textsuperscript{th} June 2013 at the Mypolonga Combined Sport’s Club. This evening promises to be a mesmerising night of entertainment, music and includes a 3-course meal. Tickets are $50.00 per person and are available to purchase from Necia at the school or Merilyn Jones at Bridge Carpet Court, Murray Bridge.

Mypolonga Netball Club
A Night at the Races – 8:00pm until 1:00am - Saturday 11\textsuperscript{th} May 2013 at the Mypolonga Combined Sport’s Club. An exciting night of racing and fashion featuring; racing, fashions on the field, drink specials and DJ Hagger!
Tiger Ball – Saturday 1\textsuperscript{st} June 2013 at the Mypolonga Combined Sport’s Club. Tickets are $50.00 each, which includes a live band, food throughout the night and photo booth. Contact Necia at the school if you are interested in attending. Tickets are selling fast!

Mypolonga RSL Bingo BBQ Tea – Friday 17\textsuperscript{th} May 2013 at the Mypolonga RSL
Mypo RSL bingo teas are inexpensive, fun nights out for the whole family. Teas commence at 6:00pm, bingo starts at 7:30pm. Please BYO salad or plate of sweets to share.

Murray Bridge Players and Singers presents...High School Musical @ the Murray Bridge Town Hall
Performances commence 18\textsuperscript{th} May 2013. Tickets available from the Visitor Information Centre, 3 South Terrace, Murray Bridge. We are proud to say a number of our students will be performing in this production; Abbey Kruschel, Madison Kruschel, Sienna Montgomery-Pittaway, Amber Nutt, Madeline Sorensen and past students Kosta and Anika Bartholomeusz. Ph: 85391142 for further information.

Murraylands Young Professionals is a not-for-profit volunteer group, which aims to connect young people in the Murraylands. The group is open to anyone between the ages of 21-40 who lives, works, studies or spends time in the Murraylands. The group meets on the first Friday of each month at the Murray Bridge Hotel at 6:00pm. A member of the local community speaks on various topics of community and personal development. Call Tamara at Regional Development Australia on 85 357 170 if you have any queries.