

Mypolonga Primary School & Community Newsletter

Combined Sports' Day @ Jervois Primary School



Teamwork
Integrity
Generosity of Spirit
Excellence
Respect

9th September 2013

"Let us always meet each other with smile, for the smile is the beginning of love."
~ Mother Teresa ~

Assembly Roster – Term 3 2013

Week 8 - Larissa Pike, Cameron Hazel, Madison Kruschel

Week 9 - Johannah Hobbs, Riley Smelt, Maddison Rathjen

Dates to Remember/Advanced Notice

Junior Primary Pancake Breakfast - Tuesday 10th September, 2013. Please refer to the pink note sent home last Thursday.

Casual Day - "PJ" theme - Tuesday 10th September 2013. Money raised will go towards the Griffith University Institute of Glycomics in their research to develop a vaccine to prevent Meningococcal.

Lower Middle Primary Fundraising Tea - Friday 18th October 2013 from 5:30pm @ the Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club prior to.....

SRC School Disco (theme; Beauty and The Geek) - Friday 18th October 2013 at the Mypolonga Institute from 7:00pm. Please refer to the note enclosed.

LMP/MP Victor Harbor Camp - 30th October 2013 - 1st November 2013

UP West Beach Camp - 4th November - 6th November 2013

Junior Primary / Junior Primary 1 Sleepover - 7th November 2013 - 8th November 2013. Visit to Monarto Zoo and sleepover at Mypolonga Sports' Club. Notes will be sent home in due course.

Good Luck

Good luck to our 8 students competing at the SAPSASA Country Athletics Championships @ Santos Stadium on Monday 23rd September 2013. We look forward to hearing of their experiences in the next newsletter!

Happy Birthday

10/9 - Griffin (Year 7)

15/9 - Linx (Year 1)

15/9 - Riley (Year 1)

15/9 - Tom (Year 1)

16/9 - Alisha (Year 5)

18/9 - Scott (Year 7)

19/9 - Connor (Year 7)

21/9 - Rohan (Year 5)

21/9 - Ryder (Year 2)

21/9 - James-Noah (Reception)

26/9 - Meg (Year 7)

27/9 - Darcy (Year 5)



Powerful Learning

This week has been exemplified by our community embracing learning opportunities and running with them.

Firstly, I wish to acknowledge our SSOs, Brenton, Sharon, Dee, Janice, Annie and Necia. They contribute so much to our school's success and their character strengths enable your children to have opportunities they may not have had. There is no way our school could have achieved the success it has without the support we have received from our SSOs:

- I personally want to thank Annie and Necia – they allow me to concentrate on what is most important – teaching and learning. Necia designs our fantastic newsletter and Annie makes sure we have the funds to give your kids amazing opportunities. I absolutely could not do my job without them.
- Brenton has made our school a model for healthy eating (more details later).
- Kerry, Kim, Anne and I thank Sharon for her versatility in addressing a multitude of needs.
- Jane loves Janice – need I say more?
- Nicole, Amy and Hailey see Dee as a learning partner in our Early Learning focus including Playgroup.

At Mypo, we believe that literacy is at the heart of all learning. We try to use every opportunity we can to embrace this. The Premier's Reading Challenge is a major commitment we use to challenge our kids to read for pleasure and information. We trust you to support your children to achieve this.

Our Book Week party was a resounding success with amazing costumes. Did you know that Anne cooked 200 cupcakes for the party? She did this because as our Librarian she values the place of literacy in learning. We ask you to support your child to read the books they need to, to achieve the challenge. Our teachers have worked really hard to encourage our children to read. I will follow up personally with every child who did not complete the Challenge to ensure that this improves next year.

Last Thursday, we hosted 30 leaders and teachers from a variety of schools who came to learn about our garden and our bush tucker garden. Brenton has become a leader in our region on all things to do with gardens and he held the audience captive when he showed the various composting systems he uses in the garden.

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Government of South Australia
Department for Education and
Child Development

A big thank you to Ashley Martin and Rodney Baker for giving us soil and rubble to develop our bush tucker garden.

We are so proud of our community which was able to offer our students 22 different Master classes this year. Our students are so excited and love catching up with all the other classes and sharing their learning. I know many of our parents put themselves out of their comfort zones to deliver Master classes and we all appreciate this level of commitment to our school.

Stop Press!

We love to acknowledge the successes of our former students. Recently, Necia's daughter, Michaela, who was our Student of the Year in 2008, was flown to the Gold Coast by Bond University to attend a Vice-Chancellor's Scholarship Selection Weekend. 8 students are selected across Australia and we are pleased to say that Michaela was successful in receiving this full scholarship. She now intends to undertake a Law/Arts degree at Bond over the next 4 years following her Year 12 studies. This is no mean feat and we are so proud that one of our own has achieved so well. Congratulations Michaela and we will look after your mum for you while you are away.

Warm Regards, Rita

Counsellor Corner



The Three I's of Parenting

I really enjoy reading Michael Grose's blogs about parenting as I feel he makes so much sense and I personally get a lot out of them. I would like to share with you one of his articles titled, 'The three I's of parenting'. I will include the first part in this newsletter and continue the article early next term.

'Parents don't need one philosophy to raise kids; they need to call on many philosophies and principles to raise their children. What works for one child won't work for another. What works at one time, may not work in two or three years' time.

From close observation, it seems effective, modern parents either consciously or unconsciously are guided by these three I's when raising their kids:

1. **Intuition:** This is a mother's strong point and is as old as time itself. But intuition is often a casualty of the information age. We can easily be so bombarded by information that we become confused and forget to follow our gut. By all means, seek out expert opinion; find out what your peers are doing; but follow your gut instinct (intuition) when raising your kids. Intuition is a mother's strong point.'

We know our children better than anyone and will always do what we think is right but I also think sharing our experiences with other parents is a great way to not only learn new things but also to confirm that we are getting some things right.

Cheers, Kerry

Class Awards

Term 3 Week 5

Junior Primary Class

Autumn Stapleton - for brightening up the classroom with her bubbly personality.

Junior Primary 1 Class

Monique Colley - for showing great leadership skills and an enthusiasm for learning.

Jeremy George - for working hard to improve his writing.

Lower Middle Primary Class

Johannah Hobbs - for improvement in handwriting.

Kye Fawdry - for working hard in class this week.

Middle Primary Class

Kyal McDonald - for being an independent learner.

Holly Rathjen - excellent sentences in spelling this week.

Upper Primary Class

Patrick Hughes - for great organisation skills and thinking carefully.

Sahara Sullivan Close - for challenging herself to always achieve to a high standard.

Term 3 Week 6

Junior Primary Class

Maddy Ray - for looking after the new transition students at our school.

Junior Primary 1 Class

Bella Pike - for being a wonderful helper in the classroom.

Ben Stewart - for always putting 100% into his work.

Lower Middle Primary Class

Jason Crouch - willingness to help others.

Erin McDonald - always having a positive attitude.

Middle Primary Class

Cameron Hazel - for persistence in finishing the Premier's Reading Challenge.

Holly Temby - for great sportsmanship and achievement on Sports' Day.

Upper Primary Class

Madeline Sorensen - all-round achievement. Excellence in all areas.

Keeghan Davis - fantastic Federation research.

Where's Jacinta??

As you can see, our lost property box continues to overflow with jackets, jumpers, hats, containers and drink bottles.

Please visit Necia or Annie in the office during the week if

you think an item may belong to your child.

On Fridays, the lost property box is located outside the Upper Primary Class door before, during and after assembly. At the end of this term, all remaining items will be washed and donated to our second hand clothing box for families to purchase.



Also, we are looking for any unwanted yellow or black school shirts that are in good condition, which we may be able to use as spare clothing. Please drop them into the office and we will gladly take them off your hands!



Rugby: Kane

I liked all the Sports' Day activities and the new friends I made. I enjoyed running in the baton relay. It was fun!
Katie Hutchinson



Sprints:
James-Noah

Archery was my favourite rotation. It was fun and I learnt something new, even though I didn't hit the target!
Madeline Sorensen



Reception/Year 1
Tug-o-School

My favourite activity was the relay. I also learnt how to play rugby and made new friends.
Nick Lewis



Baton Relay: Linx

Soccer was my favourite activity. We tried to knock down the cones. Kobe was really good at it and hardly missed. *Mitchell Pahl*

Jervois / Mypo Combined Sports' Day



Zumba: Jessica

I liked the relay race and I learnt how to play soccer. It was fun but I was tired when I got home.
William Schofield



Zen Do Ryu
Karate: Orlando

I learnt karate but I liked tug-o-war the best. *Joe Tidy*



Archery

I liked Games Sense and the different activities using the ball. Rock, Paper, Scissors was also a fun activity.
Shaeden Lukey

Thanks to everyone for attending and supporting this year's Combined Sports' Day. It was a great day with beautiful weather. Thanks also to our friends at Jervois, (particularly Michelle Afford) for their great organisation and lovely morning tea!



Book Week Parade - Read Across The Universe

Lifetime Distributors Latest Selection

(orders and money due by Monday 16th September 2013)

The Essential Plant Guide (book) - \$20.00

What's For Dinner (cookbook) by Curtis Stone - \$15.00

Double The Fun! Flip the Flap! (set 5 childrens' books) - \$15.00

60 Artist's Pencils in a Tin - \$10.00

2014 Mind, Body & Spirit Diary - \$10.00

Beginners Step by Step cookbook (the perfect guide for new cooks) - \$10.00

Soup Mugs with Spoon (Clearance!) - \$8.00

My Big, Pink Easy To Colour Book - \$7.00

Soothing Gel Eye Mask - \$6.00

A reminder that a selection of books and other items is available to view in the school's office administration area.

You can purchase an item by completing the order form included in the display box. Money is also required at the time of ordering.

Staff Profile

This fortnight, we introduce our School Services Officer Sharon Marcus. Sharon assists in the Middle Primary class and works with small groups of students as part of our intervention program. She capably supervises the outside counter during shop time and co-ordinates Wednesday's enterprise lunches. We also hear she is a 'dab hand' at reshelving books in the library!

Introducing...

Sharon Marcus
School Services Officer



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

Best moment at Mypolonga Primary School... camps with Mrs Newell - they won't be the same without her.

How many pets do you own and what are their names?...
1 dog Rastus.

Why do you like working with children?...Every day is different. It's rewarding to see them learn new things.

What is your favourite piece of Technology?...my phone.

What is a goal you have for 2014?...keep going to the gym.

What 3 words would others use to describe you?...capable, friendly, thorough

What is the best holiday you have ever been on?...going to Queensland.

Do you have any brothers or sisters?...3 older sisters.

Who is the most memorable teacher you ever had?...Mr Long, my year 5 teacher at Mannum Primary School.

What is your favourite app?...Candy Crush

Community News

Mypolonga Football Club

Grand Final - Saturday 14th September 2013 (our school choir will be performing 'Advance Australia Fair' at approximately 2:00pm)

Congratulations to Mypo's Under 15s team for reaching this year's grand final, who are now vying for back-to-back premierships!

Senior Presentation dinner (catered for by the school) - Friday 20th September 2013 @ the Club

Junior Presentation 'roast dinner' lunch - Sunday 29th September 2013 @ the Club. Approximate cost for lunch will be \$10.00.

Mypolonga Netball League Club

Congratulations to the Mypolonga Netball Club on their premierships wins, with some great individual achievements:-
Under 13s Division 2 (coached by our own Dee Payne / Mackenzie Rathjen best on court)

Under 17s (coached by Cass Martin)

A Reserves (Mandy Lindner best on court & RMNA runner-up Best & Fairest)

Congratulations to the following students on receiving awards at Mypo's Junior Presentation / RMNA Presentation:-
Mackenzie Rathjen – Best & Fairest Under 13 Div 2, RMNA runner-up Best & Fairest

Alys Bockman – Runner-up Best & Fairest Under 13 Div 2

Georgia Payne – Best & Fairest Under 13 Div 1

Congratulations also to past student **Catherine Hughes** on receiving the Gert Nuske Award for outstanding voluntary service.

Upcoming Activities / School Holiday Activities

Murray Bridge Library

Family bowls free-for-all - 2:00pm-3:00pm Tuesday 1st October 2013 (for ages 8 plus)

Hip hop dance experience - 3:00pm-4:00pm Thursday 3rd October 2013 (for ages 11-15 years)

Amazing animal craft - 2:00pm-3:00pm Tuesday 8th October 2013 (for ages 8-12 years)

Wildlife on wheels (come and experience a live Australian animal show) - 2:00pm-3:00pm Thursday 10th October 2013 (for ages 6 plus)

** An adult/carer must accompany children aged 10 years and under. Phone 85391175 for bookings.*

Coerver SA School Holiday Soccer Clinic

Coerver Coaching SA - "the World's No. 1 Soccer Skills Teaching Method" at Oakbank Area School, Oakbank 9:00am-3:00pm Tuesday 8th October 2013 - Friday 11th October 2013. For all levels of youth players (girls and boys) aged 6-16. Visit www.coerversa.com.au for more information.

The Next Step - SANFL Footy Experience

The Next Step program includes playing a football game on AAMI Stadium, a personalised guernsey, access to behind the scenes of AFL facilities and a family pass to the SANFL Grand Final.

5 - 8 year olds - Tuesday 1st October 2013 9:00am - 3:00pm at AAMI Stadium or Tuesday 8th October 2013

9-15 year olds - 9:00am - 3:00pm, Wednesday 9th October 2013 at AAMI Stadium or Thursday 10th October 2013 at Alberton Oval.

Murray Bridge Golf Club - Junior "My-Golf" Clinics

This program is generated by Golf Australia and is based on a progressive skills achievement system. It runs on Monday afternoons commencing at 4:15pm for ages 8 to 14. For further information, contact Stephen Cocks on 85311388 or Ken Graetz 0417326451.

Asthma SA / Adelaide Aquatic Centre Family Fun Day

Monday 30th September 2013, 11:00am to 4:00pm at the Adelaide Aquatic Centre, Jeffcott Road, North Adelaide. There will be a giant 7.5m slide, fun run, imagination playground, water games and giveaways! Entry \$7.50 adults, \$6 concession, \$21 family of 4.

Baseball SA program - "Come and Try Day" - T-Ball or Baseball

Saturday 21st September, 2013, 2:00pm-5:00pm @ West Beach or 10:00am-1:00pm at Salisbury Heights. Visit www.baseballsa.com.au for more info.



City to Bay Fun Run / Alex Aunger Memorial Fund



This Sunday, 14th September 2013, Annie and Patrick Hughes, together with Kerry and Meg Daniel from our school, will be taking part in the City to Bay Fun Run to raise money for the Griffith University Institute of Glycomics in their research to develop a vaccine to prevent **Meningococcal**. To show your support for this worthwhile cause, donations can be made at Mypolonga Murraylands Ag Services, Sports Scene Murray Bridge, Masons Real Estate, Mypolonga Primary School, Murray Bridge Vet Clinic, Duttons Murray Bridge, Salon 125, or online through Griffiths University donations page www.griffith.edu.au/development-alumni/giving-to-griffith.

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

8	9/9 Newsletter 7:00pm Finance / 7:30pm Gov Council	10/9 Junior Primary Breakfast Casual Day "PJ" theme	11/9	12/9 2:30pm-3:30pm Master Class	13/9 3:00pm Assembly MNLC Senior presentation dinner	14/9 & 15/9 14/9 - RMFL Football Grand Final
9	16/9	17/9 2:30pm-3:30pm Master Class	18/9	19/9 Knockout cricket in Murray Bridge	20/9 3:00pm Assembly MFC Senior presentation dinner	21/9 & 22/9
10	23/9 SAPSASA Country Athletics Championships @ Santos Stadium	24/9 2:30pm-3:30pm Master Class	25/9	26/9	27/9 Last Day of Term 3 1:45pm Assembly 2:30pm Dismissal Newsletter	28/9 & 29/9 28/9 - AFL Grand Final 29/9 - MFC Junior presentation lunch Murray Bridge Show weekend

Planning Calendar - Term 4 2013

1	14/10	15/10	16/10	17/10	18/10 3:00pm Assembly LMP Fundraising tea @ MCSC + School Disco @ Mypo Institute	19/10 & 20/10
2	21/10 Newsletter Improvement Committee Meeting (instead of Week 3)	22/10	23/10	24/10	25/10 3:00pm Assembly	26/10 & 27/10
3	28/10 STUDENT FREE DAY (the school will be closed)	29/10 Choir Regional Festival of Music (Middle Primary students)	30/10 LMP/MP Victor Harbor Camp	31/10	1/11 & 2/11 → No Assembly	3/11 & 4/11

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