

Mypolonga Primary School & Community Newsletter



Junior Youth Forum members (*from left*) Georgia Payne, Abbey Kruschel, Aimee Kelly and Sahara Sullivan Close

Teamwork
Integrity
Generosity of Spirit
Excellence
Respect

20th August 2012

"The pessimist complains about the wind. The optimist expects it to change.
The leader adjusts the sails."
~ John Maxwell ~

Assembly Roster – Term 3 2012

Week 6 – Jacob Orchard, Mostyn Payne, Patrick Hughes

Week 7 – Rex Dankel, Asharnah Hanlon, Abbey Kruschel

Advanced Notices

- Wednesday 22nd August 2012 – Book Fair sales in the Library from 8:30am

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

Coles Sports for Schools /

Woolworths Earn & Learn Program

The last day to return all completed Woolworths sticker cards and Coles vouchers to the school is Friday 24th August 2012. **Please note that uncompleted Woolworths sticker cards will not be validated. If you have stickers that are unable to fill a card, please return just the stickers.**

Reminders

. Junior Primary camp consent forms, together with \$10.00 or commitment to pay required by Monday 17/9/12.

Congratulations

CONGRATULATIONS to our Finance Officer Annie Hughes on completing her Certificate IV in Government Finance.

CONGRATULATIONS to Year 6 student Connor Smelt for advancing through to the grand final of the SAPSASA School Sport Australia Basketball Event played in Melbourne last week.

School Hats

In accordance with our Sunsmart Policy, the wearing of school hats for the warmer months will commence on **Monday 3rd September 2012**. Please ensure that your child(ren)'s school hat is returned to the school clean and mended (if required) prior to this day, if not already.

New legionnaire style hats (\$4.50) and broad brimmed hats (\$7.50) are available to purchase from the front office.

Happy Birthday...

21/8 – Logan Holmes

31/8 – Maddison Bryant



Money Smart

Following our recent attendance at a conference, Anne and I are now trained Money Smart facilitators. The purpose of the Money Smart program is not only to develop the financial literacy of our students, but to also make them better consumers. This Friday, the Money Smart team will be here to interview and film our students, with the purpose of producing on-line resources for use in teacher training for the Money Smart program.

The Reconciliation Board is one of the most significant learning experiences in the School Shop. Students need to be able to explain to the tourists how we balance the books in the Shop. Last week, Chelsea Hagger and SSO, Janice Mildwaters updated the Reconciliation Board so that it looks fresh and new for filming. They have done a superb job. Congratulations to Holly Wachtel and Chelsea, who have successfully completed their Certificate of Business Leadership. This is high level achievement, so well done!

We've found a spinach recipe our kids like!

At the Recognition Ceremony, some of our wonderful parents made their signature dishes: Chris Walmsley made Anzac biscuits, Jan Baker made jelly slice and Jacqui Sorensen made Weet-Bix biscuits. Yvette Rathjen made spinach cobs, which the students loved! We have been growing spinach in our garden and have tried many different recipes, but this one was a hit.

Here is the recipe:

Ingredients

- 250g pack frozen spinach (we used spinach and bok choy from our garden, which we steamed)
- 500g cream cheese (we used light)
- 3 tablespoons cheese spread (we used light)
- 250g bacon, diced
- 1 onion
- ½ cup sweet corn
- 2 cloves garlic
- 2 cobs

Method

- Sauté onion, bacon and garlic.
- Mix together cheeses.
- Add other ingredients.
- Hollow out the cobs, cutting the hollowed-out bread into bite-size chunks.
- Fill the cavities with the spinach and cheese mixtures.
- The cobs can either be served fresh or warmed in the oven.

We will be making this recipe for the Leaders' Meeting on 31st August.



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Electives

Thank you to all our parents and Living Legends who have volunteered to run electives again this year. String Pictures, run by Tony Brown, has been a rite-of-passage for Year 7s for over 30 years. This year, due to a large Year 7 class, we were not able to accommodate all students. Also, as Tony wants to hang up his hammer after next year, we thought that an opportunity exists here to train other people so that we can offer this elective to all Year 7 students in the future. If you are interested in work-shadowing Tony please let us know.

Warm Regards, Rita

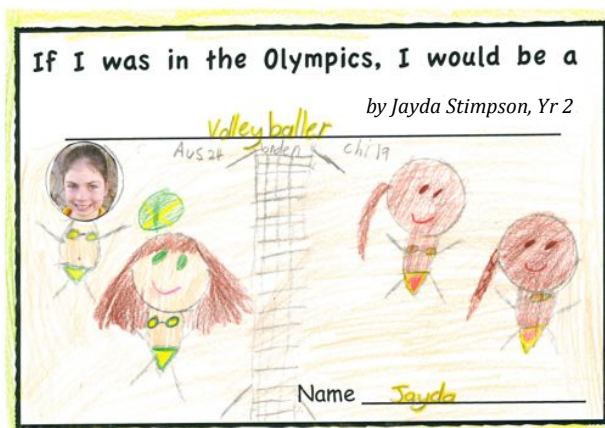
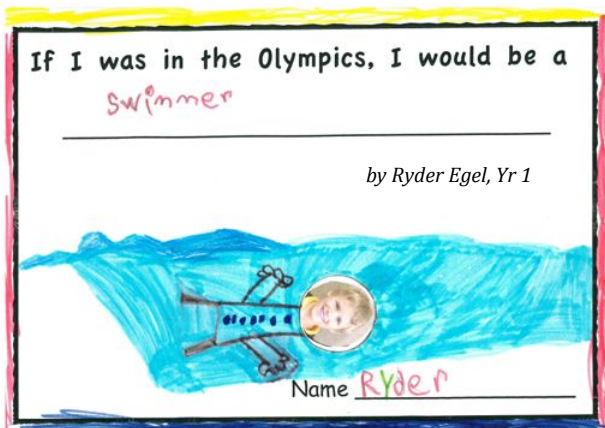
Lost Property

A large number of black jumpers and jackets, plastic drink bottles and lunch containers remain in our lost property box. If you think an item belongs to your child, please call into the office or look through the box, located outside the Upper Primary Classroom on Fridays prior to Assembly.

All unclaimed items will be donated to a local charity at the end of the term (after Friday 21st September 2012).

Junior Primary 1 / Lower Middle Primary Olympic Games Artwork

This term, the students have been learning about the Olympics. For Art, they were asked to think about what sport they would like to compete in if they were in the Olympics.



Book Fair

As mentioned in our last newsletter, we are again celebrating Book Week with a Book Fair. Books for sale will be displayed in the Library from Monday 20th August 2012 and students can add to a wish list with titles and prices. Sales for the Fair will begin at 8:30am on Wednesday 22nd August, and unfortunately, can only be on a first come, first served basis, and there will be no orders taken.

Regards, Anne Martin

Leadership

"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader".
~ John Quincy Adams ~

Rita O'Brien, our Principal, in my eyes is the above and more. Rita always talks about us all (staff and students) as being leaders and yes we are. We all have our strengths and enjoy leading others in different endeavors, but we are also guided by one of the best leaders I have ever known.

Over the past few weeks especially, Rita has worked tirelessly to put us in the best possible position when being assessed for the Business Excellence Awards. The amount of work she put in was nothing short of amazing and we are all very grateful. Everybody rose to the occasion and no matter the outcome, the panel saw the passion, commitment and determination we all have for our school.

The basis of good leadership is honorable character and selfless service to their organization. I believe there is nothing Rita wouldn't do for her staff, students and community.

We are extremely lucky to work for such an amazing person and I wanted to acknowledge Rita in her leadership role and everything she does. She inspires us every day and motivates us to want to do our very best at all times.

On behalf of our school community Rita, a huge thank you for everything you do and for who you are! We are truly lucky to have you.

Cheers, Kerry

Welcome to our School...

Last week, we welcomed Ben Stewart (Reception) and Bodi Stewart (Year 4) into our Junior Primary and Middle Primary classes respectively.

We also welcome Ben and Bodi's parents Emma and Jason, and brothers Luke and Jake into our school community.



Junior Youth Forum

I am part of the Junior Youth Forum, which consists of four students on the Sustainability Committee who try to help sustain our environment.

On Tuesday, the other members of the JYEF, Abbey Kruschel, Georgia Payne, Aimee Kelly and I went to Indaba Bush Camp at Monarto Zoo.



We learnt about Australian native animals, lizard habitats and some of the recycling and sustainability programs in other schools.

We saw food being prepared for some animals, were able to blow an ostrich egg and build a lizard lounge. It was all heaps of fun.

By Sahara Sullivan Close, Year 6

Information Report

As part of our continuing focus on Non-Fiction writing, classes have recently completed writing Information Reports.

The Lower Middle Primary Class researched and wrote about an insect of their choice.

Here is a sample:-

Ants

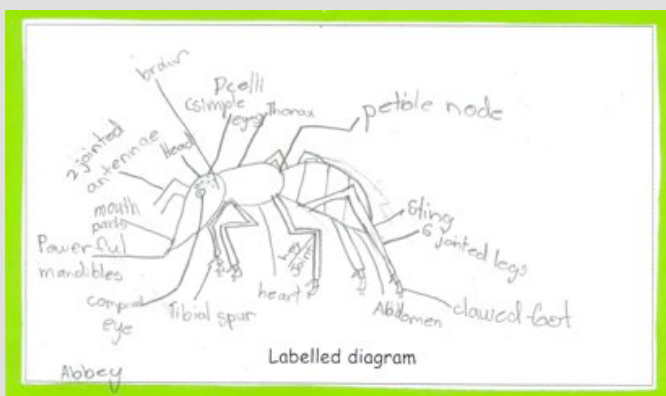
Insects can be found all over the world. Sometimes you walk out the door and you can find or see lots of different kinds of Insects. Insects have three body parts and they are the head, thorax and the abdomen. An ant is part of the insect family.

An ant has an interesting appearance. They are brown and slim. They can be 1cm long, which is very small. Ants have bones on the outside, which is called an exoskeleton. Ants have six legs and three body parts.

Ants live in sand and dirt mounds under the ground. They eat just about anything that has fallen on the ground. They mainly eat fruit and leaves.

I like ants because they take care of the environment.

By Abbey Schofield, Year 3



Community News

Mypolonga Football Club

Saturday 25th August 2012 – game -v- Mannum. Final home match tea commences at 6:00pm, followed by an ‘Around the World’ night and music!

Sunday 26th August 2012 – Under 13s Carnival/Minis Netball Carnival

Sunday 9th September 2012 – 1st Semi Final

MFC wishes to thank all community members who have volunteered their time so far this season. It will be ‘all hands on deck’ for the final minor round game, Under 13s carnival and 1st Semi Final with our canteen and bbq open for business. If there is anyone who would like to help out on any of the above days, please contact Necia at the school and she will pass on your name to the organisers. Thank you.

Mypolonga Scout Troop

St Johns Visit – Monday 20th August 2012 from 5:30pm-7:30pm at Mannum

Working Bee – Sunday 26th August 2012 at the Wall Flat Hall from 10:00am. All help appreciated!

Orienteering and GPS – Monday 27th August 2012 from 5:30pm-7:30pm at Warralilla

Phone Group Leader Kelly Johnson on 0410041222 for any information.

Mypolonga Tennis Club AGM

Friday 24th August 2012 at 7.30pm at the Mypolonga Combined Sports Club. All welcome!

Murray Mallee Community Health Service Children and Families Team

Is your child aged 0-6 years? Do you have concerns about their walking, talking, eating playing, behaviour or concerns about your family relationships and wellbeing? The Children and Families Team can offer you free therapy assessment, counselling, parenting workshops, support, fun and friendship. The team is available to see you at their office or community house in Joyce Street, Murray Bridge, in your home, childcare, school or playgroup. For further information, contact the Murray Mallee Community Health Service on 85356800 or visit sahealth.sa.gov.au.

Electives Program

Our Electives program will begin on Tuesday 28th August 2012 (Week 7) from 2:30pm-3:30pm.

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to run an Elective this year. The students have been able to choose from a wide variety of activities including basketball, chess, hackey sacks, scoobies, cooking/Asian cooking, finger stitch, mobiles, plaster painting, bush art, designs on calico bags, first aid, face painting, volleyball, string pictures, crochet, dance, 3D canvas art, knot tying, cricket, Gameboys/Lego, drawing, puppets and harma beads.

We hope that your children come home and tell you about what they have learnt and get to demonstrate their new skills!

Cheers, Kerry Daniel

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

6	20/8 Newsletter Book Fair books on display SSO Week →	21/8	22/8 8:30am Book Fair sales in the Library	23/8	24/8 3:00pm Assembly Mypolonga Tennis Club AGM 7:30pm	25 & 26/8 25/8 – MFC/MNLC -v- Mannum @ Mypo 26/8 – MFC Under 13s carnival/Minis Netball Carnival
7	27/8 Upper Primary 'Antarctic' excursion	28/8 2:30pm-3:30pm Electives	29/8	30/8	31/8 3:00pm Assembly	1/9 & 2/9 2/9 – Father's Day
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 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
10	17/9 2:30pm-3:30pm Electives	18/9	19/9	20/9 Combined Sports Day with Jervois Primary School @ Mypolonga	21/9 Newsletter 2:00pm Assembly 2:30pm Dismissal	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	20/10 & 21/10

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