

Mypolonga Primary School & Community Newsletter

4th February 2013



Welcome back to a new school year!

Teamwork
Integrity
Generosity of Spirit
Excellence
Respect

"When someone loves you, the way they say your name is different.
You just know that your name is safe in their mouth"
~ Billy (aged 4) ~

Assembly Roster – Term 1 2013

Week 2 – No Assembly (due to swimming lessons).

Week 3 – Jason Crouch, Chloe Pahl, Meg Daniel

Inserts to this Newsletter

- ❖ Family Fun Night Invitation
- ❖ Governing Council AGM note and nomination slip

2013 Permission/Consent Forms

We kindly ask that all 2013 permission slips be returned to the school as soon as possible.

Please advise of any change to contact details or medical conditions as they occur during the year.

Dates to Remember

- . Community & Service/Parents & Friends meeting – Friday 15th February 2013 at 3:40pm in the Library
- . Governing Council AGM – Monday 18th February 2013 at 7:00pm

School Website/Newsletter

Each fortnight the school newsletter is uploaded on our website: www.mypolongaps.sa.edu.au.

On this site, you may also view our School Context Statement, Literacy Plan, Annual Report, Site Improvement Plan, Information booklet, publicity photos and video footage.

Also, if you have any community news, which you would like to share with the rest of the community, please provide your written article/note to the office staff or email info@mypolongaps.sa.edu.au on the Wednesday prior to the newsletter being distributed.

School Uniform Items

Below is a reminder of what items you may like to purchase from the school:

- . School bags \$35.00
- . Iron-on transfers (black or gold) \$2.20 ea
- . School dress fabric \$8.00 per metre
- . Second hand uniform items (shirts, pants, short etc.) starting from \$1.00
- . Hats – Legionnaire style \$4.50 / Broad Brimmed \$7.50

* Please name ALL items!

Sending Best Wishes

We start the year with some sad news. Marlene's husband Dennis has been extremely ill with a heart condition caused by Asthma. We have been very fortunate to secure Melinda Carstairs (formerly O'Connor – Griffin and Bailey's sister) to cover Marlene and we hope she will be able to return in Week 3.

I wish to congratulate the Year 4/5 class for the way they have supported Melinda in the classroom, and I must say we are all realising the things, which Marlene does behind the scenes to ensure things run smoothly.

The latest news is that Dennis will make a slow recovery and we send him all of our best wishes.

Living Legend and former Principal, Tony Brown has also been on the sick list and is currently in hospital. We wish him a speedy recovery and look forward to his return to school.

House Captains

Our Literacy Competition has hit the ground running with house captains elected last week. We were so impressed by the number of students challenging themselves and the quality of the speeches made by them. Here are some excerpts from their speeches.

Meg Daniel (who changed from Gold to Blue due to uneven numbers), wrote: 'I love a challenge and am committed to Blue now. I'll be your role model, your support crew, and your friend, not just your Captain. If you're struggling I'll be there for you. If you fall I will catch you. Leading is what I love to do so please let me lead you to the finish line.'

Mitchell Walton told of former captain Zac Wachtel who had inspired him in the past. He wrote: 'A past Captain I have looked up to is Zac Wachtel. I liked the way he gave everyone a fair go and did everything he said he would. I would like to follow in the footsteps of Zac and lead the team just the way he did. I will definitely include and require help from the other Captains if I'm lucky enough.'

Griffin O'Connor delivered an interactive speech, which had his team shouting out our school values.

This year, we are adding spelling to our literacy plan while continuing with our previous priorities of reading, comprehension and non fiction writing.

Warm Regards, Rita



Government of South Australia
Department for Education and
Child Development

Welcome to our School...



Welcome to our new Reception students in Mrs Stone's Junior Primary Class... (from back left) Leroy Rathjen (brother to Mackenzie and Keeley), Koby Stimpson (brother to Jayda and Makayla, Riley Hagger, Archie Sullivan Close (brother to Sahara and Charlie), Joe Tidy (brother to Nik and Thomas), James Mueller and Phebe Nutt



(left) Welcome to Marcus Hazel (Year 2 - Junior Primary 1 class) and Riley Hazel (Year 1 - Junior Primary class).

(below from left) Cameron Hazel (Year 5 - Middle Primary Class) and Bella Smith (Year 3 - LMP class)



(below from left) Welcome into the Upper Primary Class, Year 6 students Amber Nutt, Alyssa Grove, Aly Bockman and David Hazel



Enterprise Recess/Lunch Term 1 (commencing Week 3)

Tuesday Recess – provided by the Lower Middle Primary Class:

Icecream in cone (vanilla) - \$1.00 ea



Wednesday Lunch – provided by the Middle Primary Class:

Salad Roll (chicken, ham and/or cheese including choice of salad) - \$2.00 ea



Orders will only be taken if payment is made at the same time. Items sold under our Enterprise program comply with the "right bite" Education Department policy. All profit raised contributes to the students' learning, resources, camps and excursions.

Piano Lessons

Private piano lessons will be available for new and existing students, to be held at the school, commencing in Week 3.

We are fortunate to have two piano teachers providing lessons in 2013; Chris Hodgen will provide a 30 minute lesson on Tuesdays after recess, while Catherine Challenger will provide 30 minute lessons on Thursday mornings.

Please contact the school for Chris Hodgen's details or Catherine Challenger direct on 0416772241 to express your interest.

Community News

Mypolonga Combined Sports Club Friday Night Teas

Next Tea: Friday 1st March 2013 at the Mypolonga Combined Sports Club. All welcome!

Mypolonga Football Club player registrations

As you may be aware, the Mypolonga Football Club registration night was held last Friday night. If your child(ren) wish to play football for Mypolonga in 2013, and you haven't registered, please contact Kym Bates (0438311781) as soon as possible.

Training commences:- U13, U11 & U9 – Wednesday 6th March 2013 from 4:45pm-5:45pm.

Mypolonga Playgroup

Tuesday mornings from 9:00am, held in the Mypolonga Primary School Art Room

Playgroup sessions will commence on Tuesday 12th February 2013 and are held at the school on Tuesday mornings from 9:00am to approximately 11:00am, which includes involvement with the Junior Primary classes. Jodie Hagger is our Playgroup Co-ordinator and we look forward to seeing and hearing of the children's fun learning activities.

House Captains

Counsellor Corner



Red - Murray



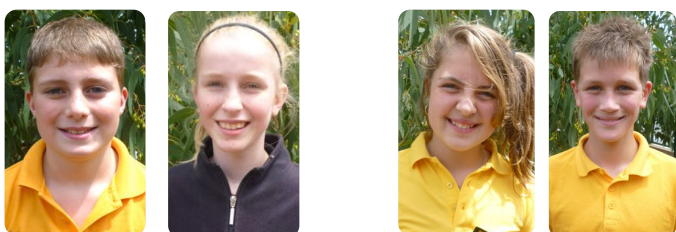
Captains: Chloe Elliott and Mitchell Walton
Vice Captains: Aimee Kelly and Bradley Smart

Blue - Hindmarsh



Captains: Meg Daniel and Patrick Hughes
Vice Captains: Georgia Payne and Liam McDonald

Gold - Finnis



Captains: Griffin O'Connor and Abbey Kruschel
Vice Captains: Sahara Sullivan Close and Nik Cox

Things Teachers Wish Parents Knew....(body & soul KIDS, Sunday Mail edition)

'What happens at home impacts how children perform at school.'

1. Healthy food helps learning – it usually works best not to make a fuss over what children eat... just make sure they have access to healthy food.
2. Kids need help with homework – where possible, create a set routine, the later it gets the more tired children get.
3. Proper sleep habits are critical – end screen time at least 30 minutes before bed and ensure bedtime is regular.
4. Children need help being organised – teachers appreciate a child who is organised! Ask your child questions such as, "What do you need for tomorrow?"

My Counsellor days are every Friday and set Thursdays. Please make an appointment with me if you have any concerns, worries or questions about your children but remember your child's class teacher should always be your first option if you have a concern.

Cheers, Kerry Daniel, School Counsellor

Police and Community – Working Together

Forum – Wednesday 13th February 2013

**Council Chambers, Local Government Centre,
Murray Bridge from 7:00pm-8:30pm**

South Australia Police want to know your views on crime and community safety in the Murray Bridge area. Come and hear what your local police are doing about crime in your area. Questions can be lodged by email to SAPOLMurrayMalleeLSA@police.sa.gov.au.

2013 SCHOOL CARD & PAYMENT OF FEES

School Card Applications are available from the school office for anyone who believes that they may be eligible. The following table will assist you in determining whether or not to make an application.

Number of Dependent Children	Gross Annual School Card Income Limit	Gross Weekly School Card Income Limit
1	\$34,747	\$669
2	\$35,695	\$688
3	\$36,642	\$707
4	\$37,589	\$726
5	\$38,537	\$745
Each additional dependent child	\$948	\$19

We encourage anyone who is unsure as to their eligibility for School Card to talk to either Annie or Necia in the office for clarification and/or assistance. Self-employed families and families who are experiencing unusual difficulties may also be eligible.

PAYMENT OF SCHOOL FEES BY INSTALMENTS

If it would assist you to pay your child's School Fees by using an instalment plan, please also see Annie or Necia to arrange a repayment plan.

Swimming Lessons

All Reception to Year 5 students will be attending swimming lessons this week at the Murray Bridge Swimming Pool. Please refer to the blue note sent home last week as to what the students will require each day. Please remember to label all clothing items, goggles, drink bottles and lunch boxes! We also ask that all long hair be tied back.

If you have indicated that you will be collecting your child from the pool, please notify staff when doing so by signing the sign out sheet held by their class teacher. If your child/ren are not collected by 2:00pm, they will return to school on the bus.

Planning Calendar - Term 1 2013

MCSC – Mypolonga Combined Sports Club

MFC – Mypolonga Football Club

MCC – Mypolonga Cricket Club

MNLC – Mypolonga Netball League Club

MBHS – Murray Bridge High School

2	4/2 Swimming Lessons Reception to Yr 5 Newsletter	5/2	6/2 MFC training commences	7/2	8/2 No Assembly	9 & 10/2
3	11/2	12/2	13/2	14/2	15/2 3:00pm Assembly 3:40pm C&S Meeting Family Fun Night	16/2 & 17/2
4	18/2 Newsletter Governing Council AGM	19/2	20/2	21/2	22/2 3:00pm Assembly	23/2 & 24/2
5	25/2	26/2	27/2	28/2	1/3 3:00pm Assembly MCC Friday Night tea	2/3 & 3/3

Term Dates 2013

Term 1 – 29th January – 12th April

Term 2 – 29th April – 5th July

Term 3 – 22nd July – 27th September

Term 4 – 14th October – 13th December

Student Free Days

Tuesday 12th March – Staff T&D

Monday 13th May – Australian Curriculum

Tuesday 11th June – Staff T&D

Monday 28th October – Australian Curriculum

School Closure

Friday 6th September – Show Day

Happy Birthday...



5/2 – Johannah (Year 4)

9/2 – Riley (Year 5)

11/2 – Georgia (Year 7)

12/2 – Josh (Year 6)

14/2 – Monique (Year 2)

16/2 – Benjamin (Year 2)

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