

## Ways to support your child to read at Mypolonga Primary School.



- ☀ Reading is about having fun. Get comfortable. Snuggle up.
- ☀ Read to your children as often as possible, as well as hearing them read. Just before bedtime is a lovely, sharing time. This helps to build their vocabulary. It is easier to read and spell a word if it is in your vocabulary.
- ☀ Look at the cover. What do you think this book is about? For beginning readers, you may need to read the page first and then they copy you.
- ☀ Show beginning readers where to start. We read from left to right.
- ☀ Let your children use their finger to improve tracking and fluency.
- ☀ Being able to rhyme is a really important part of learning to read. It helps children to sound out words and see patterns.
- ☀ Don't just use sounding out if they don't know a word. Ask them to read on, and then see if they can predict what the word might be. Use the picture for clues as this builds comprehension.
- ☀ Ask your child questions about the story to see if they have understood what they have read.
- ☀ Focus on sounds rather than letter names.
- ☀ At Mypo, reading is a really big deal! We read for our team and have a competition called the Literacy Cup. The House Captains lead this and are very focused about building a culture of reading.
- ☀ Running Records measure growth in reading. We believe it is important not to push our students too fast through the levels, especially if there is little understanding. Take-home readers are at a slightly lower level than what students read at school.
- ☀ By the end of reception, the DECD Standard of Educational Achievement requires students to be at Level 5 of Running Records.