

# MYPO NEWS

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Mypolonga Primary School &amp; Community Newsletter

*"It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas. Soon the bells will start, and the thing that will make them ring is the carol that you sing right within your heart." ~ Meredith Wilson was an American flutist, composer, conductor, musical arranger, bandleader, playwright, and author. He is best known for writing the book, music, and lyrics for the 1957 hit Broadway musical The Music Man.*

Term 4, Week 8 29th November 2021

## Happy Birthday!

8/12 - Zoe (Year 1)  
8/12 - Evie (Reception)  
9/12 - Macie (Year 2)  
10/12 - Ella (Year 7)

## Save the Date!

Dates and information for end of year school events and celebrations (COVID restrictions permitting):-

**Whole School Transition to next year's classes (including 2022 Reception students and current Year 7s Transition to MBHS)**  
Tuesday 30th November 2021

**Year 6 Transition to MBHS**  
Thursday 2nd December 2021

**End of Year Fun Day @ the Murray Bridge Swimming Pool** (whole school)  
Tuesday 7th December 2021.

**Year 6 & 7 Graduation/Dinner**  
(held at the Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club)  
Wednesday 8th December 2021.  
More information to follow.

**End of Year Assembly** (held outside at the school - weather permitting)  
2:45pm Thursday 9th December 2021 - dismissal 3:25pm

**Last day of the school year**  
Friday 10th December 2021 - early dismissal 2:25pm

## Overflowing Lost Property Box

Don't forget to ask your child (which we also do regularly!) to check our lost property box for unnamed jackets, jumpers (some with school logo), drink bottles and containers. They will go to a new home at the end of the term. Thanks.

## We Roar as One!

While we were sad to not win the Agricultural Town of the Year, we were heartened to learn we were just pipped at the post by Kimba, a very deserving winner. Apparently, there was 1% difference between the two towns. The media team followed the judges around and recorded the following video. The URL is: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ShP62AFR3PA>, but if you google 'Mypolonga Agricultural Town of the Year' with a time span of 4 minutes 42 seconds you will find a very professionally made video. Please watch it. Lila and Ruby's profiles are front and centre in the clip and I am so proud of the part our school has played in contributing to the culture, success and wellbeing of our community.



Kerry has been our Wellbeing Leader for many years. Her contribution to our school is immeasurable; her pro-active approach to wellbeing has given our kids opportunities to flourish. We can never thank her enough for the way that our kids feel they have a shining beacon to turn to when they are worried. Her work, organising institutions such as SRC, the disco and White Ribbon has helped our kids to develop the resilience they need to navigate these trying times. However, times change. Kerry wants to go back to teaching full-time, and I am really happy to announce that Jacob is our new Wellbeing Leader. Jacob has done a lot of work leading the Resilience Project, where our kids concentrate and monitor their Gratitude, Empathy and Mindfulness. Kerry will mentor him to grow into his new role.

## School concert

Our decision to move our end of year concert outdoors resulted in some criticism. We agonised over this decision, but I wish to share with you the reality of another Murraylands' school's newsletter which says: 'Due to COVID restrictions on space in our gym only one adult per student can attend the Junior Primary concert on Monday the 29th of November, children arrive at 5:45pm for a 6:00pm start.' We could have made that choice, but we didn't! We try so hard to accommodate everyone's needs.

Having said that, Jane and I were blown away by the way Team Tiger went into action for our farewell. Anne Martin picked up and drove home my mum (who doesn't drive), to Tailm Bend unbeknownst to me. Jane and I were so shocked to see our own kids there. But it just made the moment so precious for both of us. We were both so grateful that our friends, Noel and Karen Kneebone were able to be there to send us off. My friend, colleague and collaborator, Mikelle Miegel described how our school had changed how our system works. Pretty great for a small school!

Thank you to our beautiful team who made Jane and my night so special. We love you all.

Warm Regards, Rita



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### REMINDER!.. 2022 Murray Bridge Rotary Calendars

On behalf of our friends at the Rotary Club of Murray Bridge, we are selling 2022 Rotary Lottery Calendars through the school until **this Thursday 2nd December 2021**. Each individually numbered calendar is \$20.00 to purchase, with 50% (\$10.00) being donated back to the school, and \$10.00 going towards important Rotarian Projects. Lovely images feature each month. Perhaps a timely Christmas present for family &/or friends? Also, when you purchase a calendar, your name will go into a weekly draw (52 in total) for your chance to win either \$100.00, \$30.00 or \$20.00. Further details on terms & conditions of entry are detailed at the back of the calendar. Please refer to the order form emailed to school families recently. If you would like a paper copy of the order form, please contact Necia. Thanks for your support!

### Letters to Santa

Santa loves receiving letters from school children across the country.

Both our Junior Primary classes have written their own personal letter to Santa at the North Pole through Australia Post.

We are hoping to receive a response from Santa before the end of the school year.

Pictured below is Paige with her letter to Santa, which included '...this year I will spend Christmas with the people who I love. I love how you put other people before you. This Christmas can I please have a painting and drawing kit. I might spend Christmas with a box that plays music. Love from Paige.'



### Junior Primary Gold - Skeletons (using cotton buds)



### Premier's Be Active Challenge

Every year, our school participates in the Premier's Be Active Challenge. To complete the challenge, students are required to do 60 minutes of physical activity a day for 4 or more weeks. Our students completed this last term with a big focus on healthy eating and doing lots of exercise. Here are some photos of the recipients for the medals. Pictured; Noah, Jackson, Trik, Madison, Tayla, Hamish, Jordan, Jeremy, Charlotte, Ruby, Olivia and Alexis.



### White Ribbon Day

Recently, we celebrated White Ribbon Day. The White Ribbon Campaign is a global movement of men and boys working to end male violence against women and girls.

We marched, we recited the oath, we made wrist bands with our buddies,

we painted our white ladies and we ate cake! But most importantly, we spent time talking about this important issue.

Thanks to Brock, our Pastoral Care Worker for donating all the cupcakes and our White Ribbon Ambassadors Brandan, Linton, Ryley, Gibson, Aidyn, Taite, Hamish and Nash for helping to organise the day. Kerry





**Class Awards - Term 4 Week 1****Junior Primary Gold**

**James Rathjen** - being a great leader and guiding our new team member through the week.

**Jordan Pope** - using his initiative and always volunteering to help others.

**Junior Primary Black**

**Marley Smith** - making a fabulous start to her learning in Term 4.

**Middle Primary Gold**

**Soren Young** - being strong in working through emotions in a mature manner.

**Jordan Pouw-Bray** - being responsible and making good choices in the classroom and in the school yard.

**Middle Primary Black**

**Aila Young** - outstanding home reading in the holidays.

**Mia Rathjen** - outstanding home reading in the holidays.

**Upper Primary Gold**

**Sophie Brouwer** - creative, independent student who always gives 100%.

**Upper Primary Black**

**Haydn Castle** - showing an improved desire to live out our class values and improve in his learning.

**Felicity Donald** - consistently working hard to improve in all subject areas.

**Class Awards - Term 4 Week 2****Junior Primary Gold**

**Aurora-Mae Cassidy** - being a focused and engaged learner.

**Zakariyah Sumner** - putting a lot of effort in to her reading practice at home and at school.

**Junior Primary Black**

**Hamish Newman** - having a positive attitude towards all learning areas.

**Oliver O-Shea-Coulter** - showing great leadership at school.

**Middle Primary Gold**

**Charlotte Pope** - putting lots of effort in to her handwriting.

**Aidyn** - helping his peers always in a kind manner.

**Middle Primary Black**

**Hendrix** - excellent improvement in handwriting.

**Emilia Carstairs** - working hard in Financial Literacy calculations.

**Upper Primary Gold**

**Molly Day** - showing amazing support for a friend in need.

**Willow S** - showing amazing support for a friend in need.

**Upper Primary Black**

**Tehya Fawdry** - working diligently to improve in Maths lessons.

**Levi Gray** - working hard to improve in all learning areas.

**Class Awards - Term 4 Week 5****Junior Primary Gold**

**Ella Brouwer** - always being a responsible and helpful student in the classroom.

**Junior Primary Black**

**Hunter Nash** - practising letter sounds and going up a reading level.

**Upper Primary Gold**

**Lila Stapleton** - showing leadership in a Maths problem.

**Brady Roden** - consistently displaying our TIGER values.

**Upper Primary Black**

**Matilda Stone** - living out our class and school values consistently.

**Alarah Sipos** - going above and beyond in her role for our PE unit.

**Class Awards - Term 4 Week 6****Junior Primary Gold**

**Isabel Hillam** - being a kind, focused learner and showing respect to other during listening tasks.

**Charlie Rohde** - making thoughtful comments and being accepting of others ideas.

**Junior Primary Black**

**Zoe Castle** - respectfully sharing ideas and understanding about White Ribbon Day.

**Paige Squire** - respectfully sharing ideas and understanding about White Ribbon Day.

**Middle Primary Gold**

**Olivia Scott** - challenging herself with her sentence goal.

**Emily Rathjen** - putting lots of effort into her recount.

**Middle Primary Black**

**Zara Preston** - positive attitude to learning.

**Madison Brouwer** - excellent understanding of fractions.

**Upper Primary Gold**

**Lachie Ash** - very respectful and kind member of our class.

**Amilee Harvie** - very respectful and kind member of our class.

**Upper Primary Black**

**Levi Gray** - very respectful and kind member of our class.

**Linton Garner** - very respectful and kind member of our class.

**Premier's Reading Challenge**

Congratulations to all those students who completed the Premier's Reading Challenge this year. We held our presentation ceremony on Wednesday 24th November 2021, where children were given their medals and certificates. They were also given a small bag of treats in recognition of their efforts. A special thank-you to all families for supporting your children this year with their reading. Congratulations to our Year 7 students pictured below on receiving their PRC Reader for Life awards. The school also received a certificate for being one of 55 high achieving schools invited to the 2021 Premier's Reading Challenge Reception.



## Governing Council End of Year Report 2021

I feel like I say this every year but my gosh 2021 has flown by! Despite the challenges COVID has thrown us this year, Mypolonga Primary staff have gone above and beyond to work within the restrictions whilst providing opportunities for the children to grow, learn and develop leadership skills. I know my children were most excited to see the return of the shop and camps. Thank you to those who have spent hours planning and organising the camps and giving up time from their own families to accompany and supervise the children during their camps, they had an absolute blast!

Schools in South Australia are reviewed regularly. This year was our turn. As Governing Council members, we were interviewed about the three focus areas the school has been working towards; increasing student reading achievement levels in years Reception–2 and 5-7 and increasing writing achievement in years 3-5. There is an incredible amount of work that goes into preparing all the data for these reviews. Thank you to our Principal Rita O'Brien for your leadership during this process. The reviewers couldn't speak more highly of our school, students and staff. They particularly noted how ready and confident our year 6/7 students are in making the transition to high school. It made me feel so proud to be part of the school community.

As the year comes to an end we say goodbye to some council members as their children move on to the next chapter in their schooling lives. One of these lovely members is Kelly Kuhn who has been a member for the last 5 years. During this time she has held various positions including Vice Chairperson and Chairperson. Her support and guidance to me this year has been incredible and I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for all she has contributed to Governing Council and the Mypolonga Primary School. This is an opportune time to encourage anyone who has wanted to be more involved in the school to consider being a Governing Council member. We meet twice a term on a Monday night at 7.30pm in weeks 3 and 8. We discuss upcoming events and listen to standing reports from the Principal, SRC, playgroup, staff and finance. Come along to our AGM next year (early term 1).

The saying goes, as one chapter closes another begins. We sadly say goodbye to two inspirational women, Rita O'Brien and Jane Rumbelow. You both go above and beyond in all that you do. The commitment and dedication to the school, community and children in your care is nothing short of extraordinary. You have both shaped this school and have played a significant role in the high reputation it holds today. We are saddened to see you go and wish you all the very best as you begin retirement. You are both an inspiration and have shaped the lives of many young minds. Thank you.

Our next chapter begins with a warm welcome to our new principal Sunyi "Sunny" Vogt. Whilst Rita has left some big boots to fill we have no doubt Sunny will lead us strong in the TIGER values as we enter this new chapter. We look forward to working with him in the coming years.

With Christmas fast approaching we hope you enjoy the last few weeks of the term before a much earned break. A chance to slow down, with no more school drop offs/pick ups and the dreaded daily lunches.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Karina Harvie, Governing Council Chairperson





Goodbye and  
Good Luck Year 6s  
We will miss you!



### Hayden Clark

**Biggest achievement:** becoming more friendly and intelligent and being awarded Student of the Term in Year 2.

**Advice to our Reception students:** concentrate when sitting tests.

**Something I will miss:** hanging out with all my friends in and out of the classroom.

### Molly Day

**Favourite memory:** being able to have fun in the Upper Primary Unit and the discos.

**Career ideas:** I would really like to be an actress.

**Something I will never forget:** the people I have met, all of my friends and teachers and how it has warmed my heart.



### Felicity Donald

**Biggest achievement:** being a soloist in the Choir performance.

**I will miss:** all the teachers because I have known them since I was young, so it will be very hard to leave them.

**Favourite memory:** playing the silent game in Mrs Stone's class.

### Connor Fulwood

**Advice to Reception students:** be nice..be responsible. Treat others the way you want to be treated. Respect your teachers.. it will make them nicer. You only get out what you put in.

**Biggest achievement:** receiving a Most Improved Student award a couple of times and achieving Reading Level 30, after I found reading difficult to begin with.

**Something I will never forget:** how all the teachers are funny and helpful, but are still really good at teaching.



### Linton Garner

**Biggest achievement:** being able to join multiple committees and then get to lead them.

**Advice to our Reception students:** if you fail don't give up. Keep going until you succeed.

**Something I will miss:** working in the School Shop.

**Farewell Thoughts...** "We would like to thank Mypolonga Primary School for the great start that they have given Linton on his student journey. We love the dedication of the teachers and the strong work ethic that they install in the children. We are going to miss you all." *Claire & David Garner*





### Ava Hagger

**Biggest achievement:** working in the School Shop and receiving my Financial Management Certificate; being House Captain for Hindmarsh and being elected SRC Leader this year.

**Dreams for the future:** to become a doctor, nurse or teacher.

**Biggest lesson learnt:** how to count back change, how to write a job application and learning Maths to help me in every day life.

### Amilee Harvie

**Advice to Reception students:** follow your dreams and do what you love and what makes you happy.

**Career ideas:** I would love to be a teacher. I have wanted to be a teacher since my first day of school.

**I will miss:** the amazing teachers and staff and I will never forget the memories I have made, with not only my friends but the teachers as well.



### Jorja Kuhn

**Advice to Reception students:** friends will help you through the tough times, and always ask for help when you need it because you may learn something.

**Dreams for the future:** to become an artist, both with music and art because I love both of them and they are my passion.

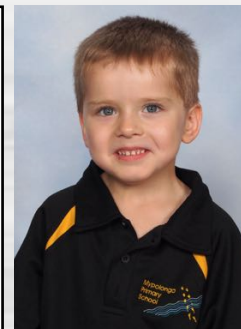
**I will miss and never forget:** my teachers because of how kind and supportive they have been over the years. I will also miss the School Shop.

### Brady Roden

**Biggest achievement:** firstly, learning how to write, and then how to write neatly! Also, learning how to write recounts.

**Dreams for the future:** to be an Australian cricket player.

**Something I will never forget/miss:** Mrs Stone being my teacher because she taught me good stuff, and doing fun PE activities with Mr Rance.







### Willow Sharrad

**Biggest achievement:** I have achieved a lot, but my biggest achievement has been learning most of my times tables.

**Dreams for the future:** to be a musician.

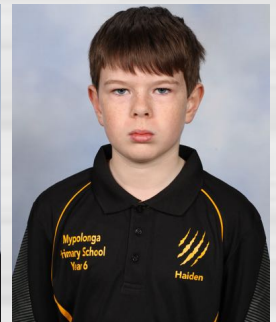
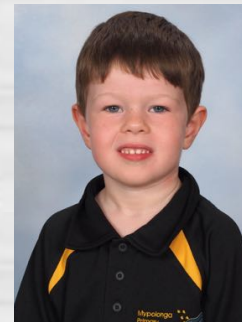
**Things I will miss:** the students, teachers and also working in the School Shop.

### Haiden Squire

**Biggest achievement:** I have really improved my sentences in writing and my times tables.

**Career ideas:** maybe something to do with video games.

**Something I will miss/never forget:** doing some rotations in the School Shop and all the things we get to do at play time, because there's a lot to do.



### Lila Stapleton

**Biggest achievement:** this year, finally, I have a better understanding of Maths. I am now really enjoying Maths and I find it's lots of fun.

**Advice to Reception students:** never give up on your dreams. Even if things get hard, if you believe in yourself, you'll get there.

**Something I will never forget:** the amazing staff who have helped me through my journey so far. I will miss my beautiful teachers who have watched me grow as a learner and as a person.

### Dominick Swansson

**Advice to our Reception students:** never throw rubbish on the ground and do the right thing.

**I will miss:** not being able to see my teachers... it makes me sad.

**Something I will never forget:** celebrating our school's 100th birthday on the Murray Bridge Pageant float.



**Farewell Thoughts...** Our journey with Mypo Primary and the wonderful Mypo community began when way back we were choosing a school for Miss Autumn. Amy Stone said, "You have to come out to Mypo." Well, when we first saw the school, we fell in love with not only its size but its beautiful sense of belonging. So much so we had to make the area our home. What a gorgeous journey our two girls have had through their time at Mypo. We have loved the involvement with the school as well, from the master classes, to making music with the kids and I've loved being able to involve the school with raising money for cheetahs too. I can't go without saying how much we appreciated the love and support you gave over our tough time as well. We truly want to say thank you to all the teachers and EVERYONE for all you've done for our girls Autumn and Lila over their primary years. We will always cherish the memories and be forever grateful. *Michelle, Paul, Autumn and Lila*

## Planner - Term 4 2021

MCSC - Mypolonga Combined Sports Club / MFC - Mypolonga Football Club / MBHS - Murray Bridge High School / MNLC - Mypolonga Netball League Club / MCC - Mypolonga Cricket Club / YEL - Young Environmental Leaders

<b>Week 8</b>	<b>29/11</b> . Newsletter . 7:00pm Finance meeting . 7:30pm Governing Council meeting	<b>30/11</b> . School transition day (Reception to Year 6 students in next year's classes / Year 7 transition @ Murray Bridge High School)	<b>1/12</b>	<b>2/12</b> . Year 6 transition to Murray Bridge High School	<b>3/12</b> . Last School Shop for the year . From 6:00pm MCSC tea . MNLC AGM 7:00pm at the MCSC	<b>4/12 &amp; 5/12</b>
<b>Week 9</b>	<b>6/12</b>	<b>7/12</b> . 9:30am SRC Fun Day @ the Murray Bridge Swimming Pool	<b>8/12</b> . Year 6/7 Graduation Dinner @ the MCSC	<b>9/12</b> . 2:45pm school assembly outside (weather permitting) . <b>3:25pm dismissal</b>	<b>10/12 - Last day of the school year</b> . Newsletter . <b>2:25pm early dismissal</b>	<b>11/12 &amp; 12/12</b>

## Planner - Term 1 2022

<b>Week 1</b>	<b>31/1</b> <b>Welcome back!</b>	<b>1/2</b>	<b>2/2</b>	<b>3/2</b>	<b>4/2</b>	<b>5/2 &amp; 6/2</b>
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## Community News

## Mypolonga Netball League Club

**AGM** Friday 3rd December 2021 @ 7:00pm at the Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club.

## Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club

**Friday Night tea** held at the Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club on Friday 3rd December 2021. Teas commence at 6:00pm and it is a great way to get to know people in our community!

## Mypolonga Progress Association

**Meeting** being held at 7:00pm at the Mypolonga RSL on 7th December 2021. An invitation has been extended to Elected Members of the Rural City of Murray Bridge to attend to discuss all things Mypo - both current & future. All Welcome!

## Mypolonga Football Club

## People's Choice Credit Union Community Lottery

Mypolonga Football Club is registered for online ticket sales in this year's People's Choice Credit Union Community Lottery. Click on the link below and buy your tickets today for the chance to WIN some great prizes! There are 40 prizes on offer, worth more than \$300,000! And... the Club retains 100% from each \$2 ticket sold. This may be a great Christmas gift idea for family & friends! Visit <https://communitylottery.peopleschoice.com.au/collections> and search 'Mypolonga Football Club'. Thanks for your support and good luck!

## Murray Bridge New Years Eve Event

Sturt Reserve will be the place for families to welcome 2022 with family friendly New Year's Eve celebrations including fireworks, local musicians, a kids' zone, plenty of food and drink options. Commencing at 5pm / fireworks display at 9:45pm. The New Year's Eve celebrations will also kick off the Splash Family Festival, with the kid's zone offering a taste of what is in store for Sturt Reserve during January. The very popular inflatable water super slide, mini golf, bouncy castle, a balloon artist and glitter tattoos will ensure that Sturt Reserve is the place to be for families that want to have fun on New Year's Eve.