

MYPO NEWS

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Mypolonga Primary School & Community Newsletter

**"One of the most glorious messes in the world is the mess created in the living room on Christmas day.
Don't clean it up too quickly."**

~ Andrew Aitken Rooney (14/1/1919 – 4/11/2011) was an American radio and television writer ~

Term 4, Week 9 9th December 2021

Happy Birthday!

11/12 - Aidyn (Year 3)
12/12 - Zara (Year 2)
23/12 - Dominick (Year 6)
24/12 - Jackson (Year 4)

2022

2/1 - Connor (Year 6)
2/1 - Hamish (Year 2)
3/1 - Marley (Reception)
5/1 - Ledja (Year 7)
5/1 - Levi (Year 7)
5/1 - Haiden (Year 6)
6/1 - Ella (Reception)
7/1 - Ava (Year 6)
8/1 - Kallan (Year 7)
13/1 - Alarah (Year 7)
16/1 - Lachlan (Year 5)
19/1 - Reagan (Year 7)
20/1 - Eva (Reception)
21/1 - Lila (Year 6)
26/1 - Leila (Year 1)
27/1 - Scarlett (Year 4)
28/1 - Madison (Year 7)
31/1 - Tegan (Year 5)
6/2 - Amira (Year 5)

FINAL Champion's Cup Results for 2021

Red (Murray) 80 points / 3667 points
Gold (Finnis) 76 points / 3309 points
Blue (Hindmarsh) 64 points / 2830 points

Congratulations MURRAY on taking out this year's Champion's Cup!

From our family to yours, wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year.



See you in 2022!



Government of South Australia
Department for Education

We Roar as One!

Great Results!

ICAS (International Competitions and Assessments for Schools) are world-wide competitions. They were formerly the University of NSW nation-wide competitions. ICAS competition results were announced last week. Our students achieved excellent results, which are mentioned in this newsletter.

Congratulations Janice!

We are so lucky to have a photographer with the calibre of Janice Mildwaters on staff. Janice recently was notified that she was a finalist in the Department for Environment and Water Heritage Snaps photo competition. It is great to see Janice acknowledged in other forums for her fine work. We are all very proud of you Janice.



Farewell and Thanks!

As Jane and I steel ourselves for our final days, there are also some families whose last child/ren are in Year 6 and 7. I acknowledged those families at the concert, however, there is one person I wish to acknowledge in our newsletter. Kelly Kuhn has been our former Governing Council Chairperson and is currently the Deputy Chair. She has supported new Chairperson Karina Harvie to ably take hold of the reins. Kelly's support of our school has been unwavering, constant and well articulated. I regard her as a friend and on behalf of the team I would like to thank her for the many times she has been our champion. On top of that Kelly, is our relief bus driver. Thank you Kelly.

Wall Flat Bus

Speaking of the bus, the Transport Department has informed us that due to there being only one eligible student in Wall Flat, the bus will only run to Woodlane next year. The Governing Council supported us to argue that we had a number of families at Caloote, however, they are considered ineligible by Transport, as there is a bus to Mannum from Caloote. Should more families move to Wall Flat, the bus route will be revised. Parents will be informed of the new timetable in the near future.

Auf Wiedersehen

I leave as Principal of Mypo with mixed feelings. While I am very much looking forward to the next stage in Bill and my lives, I will miss interacting with the best team and the best kids ever! There will be an element of adjustment at Mypo as Jane retires and Renay goes on parenting leave – the impact they have had on our school is immeasurable. However, I am really confident that we were able to recruit well and things are looking good for 2022. I am proud to leave Mypo well-positioned to continue our team's great work under the leadership of new principal Sunyl Vogt.

I also wish to acknowledge my partnership colleagues – we are a tight group, and collectively believe 'when the water rises, all the boats rise.' The partnership leadership team - Stan, Sue, Mikelle and Sally support us to achieve the best outcomes for our kids.

Keep flying the TIGER flag high and I will look forward to reading about Mypo's continued successes.

Warm Regards,
Rita



Farewell Rita & Jane xx

We will miss you Rita & Jane... thanks for the memories!



When I was appointed to Mypolonga all those years ago, I didn't know how much it would become a part of my life. It's more than a place to work. It's a place to belong. I am grateful for the community of Mypolonga Primary School and I want to sincerely thank you for all your support. I also want to thank you for putting your trust in me to educate your children. I am grateful for all the wonderful staff I have worked with. Your professionalism and collaborative ethos have always encouraged me. You have also become such good friends and you have made school more than simply a place to work. Finally, I am grateful for the children of Mypolonga Primary School. You made it a joy to teach you every day. I am so proud of you. You have always given me your best, which is all any teacher can ever ask of you. As I say my farewell, I have the fondest memories of my time at Mypo and I will always be proud to say I am a Mypolonga teacher. Thank you everyone. *Jane*



Week 9 was a mixed bag of emotions for our students and staff with Rita and Jane's retirement and Renay's maternity leave farewells.

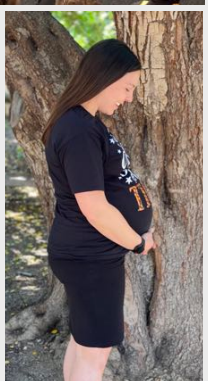
Monday

On Monday, we held a special assembly for our students to present their class cards and gifts to Rita and Jane. We also showed an iMovie of memories over the years. A surprise staff morning tea was held so we could also present Rita and Jane with gifts.



Wednesday

Wednesday was 'Wah Wah Wednesday' to farewell Renay who is going on parenting leave. During the day class units presented Renay with their cards and gifts and staff held ANOTHER delicious morning tea to celebrate the pending arrival of 'little Miss Hein'. Enjoy this special time Renay.. we will miss you! x



If you need a little help these school holidays ;)

CHORES BY AGE

AGES 2-3	AGES 4-6	AGES 7-9	AGES 10+
Pick up toys	Make their bed	Get themselves up in the morning with an alarm clock	Operate the washer & dryer
Wipe up spills	Sort laundry and put away clothes	Make their own school lunch	Mow the lawn
Dust	Feed pet	Manage an allowance	Basic home repairs
Clear place at meal time	Make a small snack	Fold laundry	Family budgeting (help plan for school clothes or family vacation)
Help put away groceries	Set the table	Cook simple foods (ex. hot meals using a cook)	Take an extra job for spending money
Sort recycling	Pull weeds	Load and unload dishwasher	Cook a complete meal
Put dirty clothes in the laundry	Water plants	Vacuum	Wash the car

Medication

All medication stored in the school's first aid room will be returned home with the relevant student on Friday 10th December 2021. Over the holidays, please check the medication's expiry date in readiness for the new year and remember to include a new **Medication Agreement** form when returned. This form can be obtained from the office or accessed on the Department for Education website www.education.sa.gov.au and search 'Medication Agreement'. **As previously advised, we are unable to administer any medication without written advice on a Medication Agreement.**



Middle Primary Gold (above): We have looked at many different countries, cultures and traditions and we have been creative with craft activities that are special to each country.



UNSW Global 2021 ICAS Assessments

Congratulations to the following students on their fantastic achievements in this year's English, Maths and Science ICAS Assessments.

ENGLISH

Scarlette Fulwood (Year 4) - Credit
Mikaela Watts (Year 5) - Credit
Elouise Kuhn (Year 7) - Credit
Ruby Montgomery-Pittaway (Year 7) - Credit
Alarah Sipos (Year 7) - Merit

SCIENCE

Mikaela Watts (Year 5) - High Distinction (top 1% in world!)
Ariel Challenger (Year 7) - Merit

MATHS

Mikaela Watts (Year 5) - Distinction
Jesse Squire (Year 4) - Credit
Charlotte Pahl (Year 5) - Credit
Danté Sandercock (Year 5) - Credit
Ariel Challenger (Year 7) - Credit
Madison Brouwer (Year 3) - Merit
Samuel Castle (Year 4) - Merit
Brandan Pahl (Year 7) - Merit

**School Shop program**

This year, the Proud Mary tour group continued to include our School Shop in its weekly itinerary (when COVID restrictions allowed).

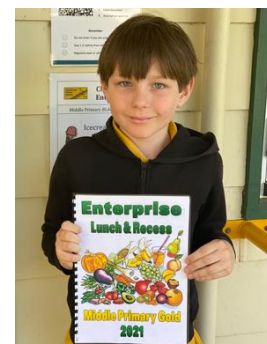
Students in the Upper Primary unit mentored Junior and Middle Primary class trainees, allowing all our students to be involved in the shop in some way.

**Class Enterprise Program**

Thanks to everyone who supported our classroom enterprise program this year.

Money raised has helped us subsidise excursions and to purchase resources, whilst teaching our students food preparation and money reconciliation.

Pictured right; Jesse Squire



Kiwaniis Club of Murray Bridge Terrific Kids for Term 4 2021

CONGRATULATIONS to the following students on receiving a Kiwanis Club of Murray Bridge 'Terrific Kids' award for Term 4 2021. These awards are presented to students in Terms 2 and 4 who live our TIGER values.

Junior Primary Gold

Nash Newman

Junior Primary Black

Max Bailey

Middle Primary Gold

Aidyn

Middle Primary Black

Lainie Peacock

Inter Church Council - Schools Ministry Task Group

presented by our PCW Brock Smith, who also presented a voucher

CONGRATULATIONS to **MOLLY DAY** on receiving the Mark Byerlee award for encouragement in that she has made positive lifestyle decisions and is a great role model to her peers.

CONGRATULATIONS to **LEDJA GRAY** on receiving the Rosemary Wells award, presented to a person who has demonstrated passion and enthusiasm towards the Creative Arts or other creative endeavours recognised by staff.



Young Leaders of the Year 2021

Our Upper Primary Young Leader Awards have been kindly donated by
Rita O'Brien, Anne Martin, Kerry Daniel and Mel Carstairs

Ella O'Shea-Coulter, Ellie Pontt (Year 7)

Ava Hagger, Lila Stapleton (Year 6)

Student of the Year 2021

Our Student of the Year recipients receive a Big W Gift Card, which has been kindly donated by
Kevin and Julie Savill from the Mypolonga General Store.

Upper Primary Black

Alarah Sipos

Upper Primary Gold

Amilee Harvie & Jorja Kuhn

Middle Primary Black

Samuel Castle

Middle Primary Gold

Hannah Burdett & Ruby O'Shea-Coulter

Junior Primary Black

Zoe Castle

Junior Primary Gold

Jordan Pope

Most Improved Student for 2021

Upper Primary Black

Fern Sanbang

Upper Primary Gold

(No most improved student for the year as two students of the year awarded)

Middle Primary Black

Siratpreet Judge

Middle Primary Gold

Shayla Pike

Junior Primary Black

Paige Squire

Junior Primary Gold

Alex Hollitt



2021 Academic Excellence Award

Our Upper Primary Academic Excellence awards have been kindly donated by
Di Coventry and Ken Coventry OAM
Elouise Kuhn, Ariel Challenger (Year 7)
Felicity Donald (Year 6)



2021 Tiger Values Award

Our Upper Primary Tiger Values awards have been kindly donated by
the Kiwanis Club of Murray Bridge.
Ruby Montgomery-Pittaway, Reagan Martin (Year 7)
Dominick Swansson, Brady Roden (Year 6)

Student of the Term - Term 4 2021

Our Students of the Term receive a Big W Gift Card.

Upper Primary Black

Braeden Watts

Upper Primary Gold

Sophie Brouwer and Charlotte Ladson

Middle Primary Black

Madison Brouwer

Middle Primary Gold

Gracie Luckett

Junior Primary Black

Cayce McAllister

Junior Primary Gold

Noah Thiele



Most Improved Student - Term 4 2021

Upper Primary Black

Levi Gray

Upper Primary Gold

(No most improved student for the term as two students of the term awarded)

Middle Primary Black

Bailey Harvie

Middle Primary Gold

Olivia Scott

Junior Primary Black

Akim Singh

Junior Primary Gold

Bohdi Shanahan



Goodbye and
Good Luck
Year 7s
We will miss you!



Haydn Castle

Biggest achievement: the year I received the Most Improved Student of the Year award.

Dreams for the future: I would like to become a Farmer or a Mechanic.

Something I will never forget: playing with my friends at recess and lunch.

Ariel Challenger

Dreams for the future: to be a professional athlete or netballer and have a job as a personal trainer.

Favourite memories: doing SEPEP soccer in Year 6 and volleyball in Year 7. Also, getting the opportunity to do different SAPSASA activities.

Something I will miss/never forget: all the friendships I have made and all the support that the teachers have given to be able to become a better student.



Tehya Fawdry

Biggest achievement: students and staff helping me to come out of my comfort zone and growing confidence to talk to younger students when I thought I wouldn't have been able to.

Advice to Reception students: never give up and always ask for help when you need it. Believe in yourself because nobody is perfect.

Something I will never forget: how everyone is so kind to each other and they show their TIGER values.

Ledja Gray

Biggest achievement: making childhood friends that I will have forever and learning TIGER values, which I will use for the rest of my life.

Dreams for the future: to become an actor/performer. A goal of mine is to have a lead role and perform at the Entertainment Centre.

Something I will never forget: going on all the camps and the memories I have made. I will miss all the teachers who have taught me over the years. I will miss all of you!



Levi Gray

Biggest achievement: I have learnt a lot of different skills and have learnt TIGER values.

Dreams for the future: to be a tradie.

Something I will never forget: all of the fun school camps and family fun nights at the river.



Kallan Hearne

Biggest achievement: maths has been hard but I have finally got better and I'm writing neater.

Dreams for the future: I would like to be a Mechanic.

Something I will never forget: the friends I have made and having strong relationships with my teachers.



Blake Kennedy

Biggest achievement: learning my times tables.

Dreams for the future: to work at Kentucky Fried Chicken.

Something I will never forget: being selected and playing for the Murraylands in the SAPSASA football team in 2021.

Elouise Kuhn

Biggest achievement: receiving my School Shop Quality Assurance and being elected House Captain.

Advice for our Reception students: always ask for help if you need it. There will always be someone there for you.

Something I will never forget/miss: working in the School Shop and all the supportive teachers at the school.



Lyam Marshall

Biggest achievement: twice representing the school at SAPSASA District Day.

Dreams for the future: to be a truck driver or work in the meat industry.

I will miss: all the kind and helpful staff.

Farewell Thoughts... "Where do I even begin! I cannot believe our time at Mypolonga Primary School is coming to an end. As incredibly emotional as it is for me, I'd like to say I will be forever grateful for the guidance, encouragement, support and love my boys Jayden & Kallan have been given by the most amazing teachers & staff, past & present. You have given my boys the very best education and helped them grow and become the best version of themselves. I cannot thank you all enough.. you are all beyond exceptional & I'm going to miss each & every one of you so very much. I will always be so proud to say my boys went to Mypolonga Primary School! Our time here will never be forgotten." *Sarah Brooks*

Farewell Thoughts... "Our family time at Mypolonga Primary was inclusive, fulfilling and simply wonderful. From the moment we first saw how the older children welcomed the younger ones, our heart just sings every time we step onto the school grounds. The school prides itself on community connections and this is what makes us amongst the best. We truly value the positive contribution the school has made to Elouise and Jorja's life journey." *Kelly & Wayne Kuhn*

Reagan Martin

Biggest achievement: being House Captain of the winning sport's day team.. Hindmarsh!

Dreams for the future: to become a veterinary nurse and to be happy and successful.

Something I will never forget: being part of the SAPSASA basketball team.



Ruby Montgomery-Pittaway

Favourite memory: the moments I got to spend with my friends.

Advice to Reception students: always put 100% in to everything you do.

Something I will never forget: I will never forget the teachers who have made such a big impact on my life.

Ella O'Shea-Coulter

Biggest achievement: growing in confidence and taking on leadership roles eg. SRC, House Captain, Sustainability, School Shop

Advice for our Reception students: believe in yourself and you are halfway there.

Career idea and dream for the future: to become a vet so I can help and care for animals.



Brandan Pahl

Biggest achievement: representing the Murraylands in SAPSASA football twice, athletics and cricket, but cricket clashed with camp, so I chose camp.

Career ideas: my dream is to be a professional football player for Port but a career idea would be to be a doctor.

Something I will never forget/miss: how easy going the teachers are and something I will never forget is how good the school is.



Ellie Pontt

Favourite Memory: my last school camp at West Beach.

Advice to Reception students: always work hard and be yourself.

Something I will miss/never forget: the amazing relationships I have made with my teachers and peers.



Farewell Thoughts...

"It's hard to believe that after nearly 10 years, the twice daily (now carpooled) trips from Murray Bridge to Mypo will come to an end! When all four kids were at Mypo it could take us up to an hour to do each round trip ... But gosh it was worth it! Moving our kids from a Murray Bridge school to Mypolonga was one of the best decisions we have ever made! As a two mum family, we wanted a safe, accepting environment for our children - and we definitely got that and so much more! From the first contact with Rita, we were welcomed with open arms into this wonderful school community and this has never wavered. The leadership and teaching have been exceptional - these teachers really care about the kids and each other - which creates such a wonderful space for them to learn and grow. We have only ever known support, care and encouragement for our kids (and ourselves). Our love, thanks and best wishes go to all the wonderful staff, but especially to Rita and Jane - enjoy your well deserved retirements!" *Karen Montgomery & Leanne Pittaway*

Madison Ray

Biggest lesson learnt: OK isn't excellent! If you say something is OK, the teachers know you can do better. It might be hard but you can still do it!

Career idea for the future: from a young age, I have wanted to be a Hairdresser. I gradually got more into it and can now braid and do different hairstyles.

Advice to Reception students: never give up, even if something is harder than normal.



Tahlia Ross

Biggest achievement: pulling off a surprise birthday party for Mrs Carstairs.

Dreams for the future: to be a teacher at this school, teaching art and history.

Something I will never forget: kneeboarding at our Aquatics camp in 2020 and my teachers, who taught me everything I know.

Farewell Thoughts... "A BIG thank you to all the staff and students for their support and help during Madison's time at Mypolonga Primary School." *Jamie Ray*

Fern Sanbang

Biggest achievement: Finishing my homework.

Dreams for the future: To be a car mechanic.

Something I will never forget: Playing cricket, making new friends and going on camp.



Alarah Sipos

Biggest achievement: becoming a SRC Leader.

Dreams for the future: to become a Neonatal Nurse.

Advice to our Reception students: don't be afraid to try new things. The biggest lesson I learnt since Reception was 'OK isn't excellent'.

Zenith Smith

Biggest achievement: Representing the Murraylands in the Year 6/7 boys SAPSASA cricket team.

Advice to our Reception students: Enjoy your time at school and take your education seriously.

Dreams for the future: To become a professional cricket or rugby player.



Farewell Thoughts... "We really appreciate the commitment and time you have all put in towards teaching our children. Thank you!" *Natalie & Brad Smith*

Farewell Thoughts... "Thanks to all the teachers and staff at Mypo Primary. You've definitely given Alarah the right start for preparing herself for High School, not just in the classroom but with life skills eg. helping out with Shop. I will always have fond memories from all the sports' days and especially the end of year performances. Thanks again!" *Bronwyne Schubert and Jason Sipos*



Matilda Stone

Biggest achievement: receiving my Quality Assurance, becoming a shop tour leader, but most of all, winning Mypo's Got Talent with my brother Harry.

Favourite memory: my first day of school when I met all of my best friends, who are still my friends in Year 7.

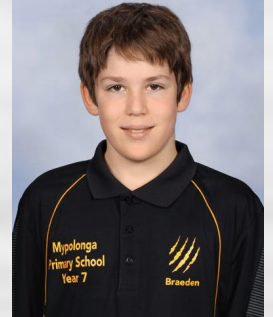
Something I will miss/never forget: talking in front of a bus load of people (I love it) and I will miss seeing Necia everyday.

Braeden Watts

Biggest achievement: receiving the 'Most Improved Student' award in Year 2 with Mrs Hein.

Biggest lesson learnt: learning Algebra and becoming extremely confident at it.

Something I will never forget/miss: the amazing staff and community and the beauty of Mypolonga.



Farewell Thoughts... (in part) "How do you thank an entire school, teachers and students past and present for the last 8 years of the boys schooling? I don't know how. But what I would like to pass on is a big, huge thanks to Rita O'Brien. Being the Principal of the school, and the way students and staff behave, I believe she has had a lot to do with this.

Remembering what all the teachers have done for my boys is going to be hard.

Rita O'Brien.. You have gone beyond what any other Principal would have done for Ethan. You made me feel at ease with sending not only Ethan, but Blake to school here. You will surely be missed.

Amy Stone.. You have been there from day one with Blake and I thank you for always looking out for him and Ethan for that matter. Your duty of being a teacher doesn't just stop at school, you take it into the community as well.

Renay Hein.. I know you only had Blake for a short time but you continued on with what Amy had done and continued to shape him into a good student.

Jane Rumbelow.. What you did with Ethan was amazing. You continued with what Nicole had put in place for Ethan with calming and focussing strategies. You gave him very old reading books that helped him remember words and helped him read. You were there when I needed to talk to you about his schooling and always had praise for him. You also did a great job with Blake.

Kerry Daniel.. What can I say about you. You have been a rock for me during the times you had my boys. You love both of them like they are your own. (I don't know why, or how sometimes. LOL). While Ethan was only with you for a short time, you managed to somehow make him a little man. While Blake was in the early stages of not wanting to do homework, you managed to steer him in the right direction.

Mel Carstairs.. You have put up with Blake and his not wanting to do things on his own, but somehow you have stayed there with him. I am hoping that your words of wisdom will eventually rub off on him come high school next year and he will grow to love doing his own work and not needing help to finish it.

Jacob Rance.. you have been the male role model that Blake has needed in the last few years. You have talked footy and cricket with him and made his year when he was selected for SAPSASA Football.

To all the SSO's that have put their time and effort into providing a helping hand to my boys.. I thank you very much. Dave, he still talks about being your elf on Secret Santa Day! You ALL know how to make children feel warm and welcome.

Ethan, Blake and myself are going to miss every one of the teachers and SSO's friendly smiles and warm chats that we have had over the last 8 years. We wish you all the best in your future careers, motherhood, grandmother hood and retirement.

With love and warm wishes from the Kennedys.

Be the **CHANGE**
you wish to see in
the **WORLD**
-Gandhi



Your education
is a
dress rehearsal
for a life
that is yours
to lead.

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Planner - Term 1 2022

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

Week 1	31/1 . Welcome back! (term 1 commences)	1/2	2/2	3/2	4/2	5/2 & 6/2
Week 2	7/2 . Newsletter . Swimming Lessons (whole school)	8/2 . Swimming Lessons (whole school)	9/2 . Swimming Lessons (whole school)	10/2 . Swimming Lessons (whole school)	11/2 . Swimming Lessons (whole school)	12/2 & 13/2
Week 3	14/2	15/2	16/2	17/2	18/2 . Family Fun Night @ the river (proposed)	19/2 & 20/2

Community News

Shukokai Karate Alliance Mypolonga & Murray Bridge has had a busy couple of months. Students, including Mypolonga residents and school students, have not only graded, but have taken part in competitions.

Congratulations to Mypolonga Primary School students Kallan, Noah and Charlotte who have successfully passed their 3rd brown belt, red belt and 1st brown belt respectively.

Linton has competed, coming in the top 3, in the Karate SA Open Championships and the Adelaide Grand Slam in both kata and kumite (sparring). He has also been invited to train with the South Australia State Squad.

Mypolonga Community Church service Monday 20th December 2021 from 7:00pm - 8:00pm at Mypolonga Uniting Church, Green Street, Mypolonga. There will be a Christmas story and carols for all ages. Supper provided.

Congratulations to Brooke Fulwood and Braiden Hocking on the safe arrival of Joey Andrew Hocking. Joey is a little brother for Scarlette in Year 4 and Connor in Year 6. We wish you all many years of fun, love and happiness.



LinkSA

School Holiday Exclusive Deal
From 11th December 2021 to 30th January 2022
With the purchase of an adult or concession ticket
1 child may travel free on any LinkSA Route Service

- Barossa Valley
- Murraylands
- Fleurieu Peninsula

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**MT PLEASANT
CHRISTMAS TWILIGHT
FARMERS MARKET**

Thursday 23 December
5pm - 9pm

Dinner Stalls
Music
Father Christmas
Easy Parking
Friendly Stall Holders

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Bread, Cakes & Pastries, Wine & Beer, Honey, Jams
& Olive Oil, Chocolate & Dried Fruit, Plants & So
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**Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club
Christmas Tea**

Saturday 18th December 2021
@ 6:00pm

Come and catch up with friends and
enjoy a buffet style tea.
Beef, pork, turkey, ham and chicken
along with vegetables and salad.
\$15.00 adults (16 & above)
\$8.00 kids
Kids under 5 free

Father Christmas will be visiting!
All welcome!