

MYPO NEWS

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Mypolonga Primary School & Community Newsletter

**"If you are planning for a year, sow rice; if you are planning for a decade, plant trees;
if you are planning for a lifetime, educate children."**

~ Chinese Proverb ~

Term 1, Week 2 6th February 2023

Happy Birthday!

7/2 - Carla (Year 6)
10/2 - Mila (Year 6)
10/2 - Gibson (Year 6)
10/2 - Hendrix (Year 6)
12/2 - Tabi (Year 3)
12/2 - Charlotte (Year 2)
12/2 - Emily (Year 1)
12/2 - Oakley (Reception)
16/2 - Bailey (Year 6)
16/2 - Josiah (Reception)
20/2 - Jace (Year 2)

Lost Property

We are already starting to receive **unnamed** drink bottles, plastic containers jumpers and jackets into our lost property box. **Please label all items brought to school.** Necia has a permanent black texta in the office if you would like to use it. Thank you!

Student Medications

A reminder that **ALL** medication (including liquids, tablets and lotions), which is stored in our first aid room, needs to have a completed and signed Medication Agreement attached to it (Department policy). This form can be obtained from the office or from the website www.education.sa.gov.au (search 'medication').

School Newsletter

Each Monday fortnight, our school newsletter is sent home with the eldest child in the family, emailed to parents on our 'family email list' and posted on our school's website and Facebook page. A few copies are also placed in the Mypolonga General Store. Community flyers received by us are attached to the parent email linking the newsletter.

We Roar as One!

Welcome to the new school year at Mypolonga Primary School!

A particularly special welcome must go to all our new students and families. We look forward to you joining us in the great learning environment here at Mypolonga, following our TIGER values of **Teamwork**, **Integrity**, **Generosity of Spirit**, **Excellence** and **Respect**. Ensuring that we continue to embed these values into our practices and habits, is critical to the ongoing improvement of us all and the Mypolonga community.

It was fantastic to be able to welcome our new Reception students and their families into the school last Monday, with so much excitement and enthusiasm.

While there have already been a few challenges this year with changes to our play area, school drop-off and pick-up and other events that will no doubt require alteration and venue changes, I know that we will be able to work together to overcome many of these inconveniences. Even with what has happened already, it is the perfect time to reflect and be grateful for starting the school year as scheduled for the first time since 2020. That has made the beginning of 2023 easier already! If the last few years have taught us anything, it is that we are flexible and resilient in our pursuit of excellence and learning at Mypolonga Primary.

Swimming Lessons

Swimming lessons started today for all students. Just a reminder that you need to ensure your child has: recess, lunch, drink bottle, towel, school hat, t-shirt/ rashie, plastic bag for wet clothes, extra clothing for after swimming and any medication they may require. **Please remember to label ALL items!**

Mypolonga's Amazing Staff

It is great to be able to start the year with very stable staffing. I would like to acknowledge the work that all staff have put in to being prepared for 2023 and look forward to the great learning environment that they provide, no matter their role within the school. Every individual helps to make our team stronger and fulfils their role to get best outcomes for students. I am confident that we will be able to support you and your child/ren the best we can in 2023.

Traffic at Drop-off and Pick-up times

It is very congested on the roads around the school in the mornings and afternoons, and with ongoing road closures, these conditions will be not changing anytime soon. With this in mind I have been working with council to create as many safe options as possible for students and families at these busy times. Please refer to notes emailed last week to do your best to support this.

OSHC Survey

Last week you would have all received an email with a link to complete a survey regarding Mypolonga PS investigating an Out of Schools Hours Care service. I apologise for a double up from last year, but it will be beneficial to have some more up-to-date data, and we have also included the option of School Holiday care for our proposal going forward. Please complete this survey before Friday 3rd March 2023.

PLEASE UPDATE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WITH THE FRONT OFFICE IF ANYTHING HAS CHANGED



HOME/RESIDENTIAL
ADDRESS?



MOBILE
NUMBERS?



EMAIL
ADDRESSES?



EMERGENCY
CONTACTS?



FAMILY
INFORMATION?



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School Assemblies

Our school assemblies are held fortnightly under the pergola near the school oval. Our first assembly for the year will be on Friday 24th February 2023 (end of Week 4) at 3:00pm. Three students from the Upper Primary unit are rostered on to run the assembly each week. Notification of this is on the front page of our fortnightly newsletter. Assemblies involve the presentation of awards, presentation of students' work and an address from Sunny. Anyone is welcome to attend. If you don't usually attend our assemblies, or if this will be your first time, we would love you to join us when time permits. The look on our students' faces when they see their family and/or friends arrive is priceless! Experiences like these also help our students to develop confidence when speaking in front of large groups of people.

Introducing our new students / Consent for images

Due to time constraints with parental consent for images being returned to the school, we will introduce our new students in our next newsletter. Consent for images is now taken at the time of enrolment. Therefore, you won't receive a consent form every year. Please let us know in writing if you don't wish your child's full name or image to appear in our newsletter (which is posted on our website) or on social media (ie. Facebook). Those students without consent from last year have been carried over into 2023.

Classroom enterprise

Classroom enterprise commences next week (Week 3). Please refer to the menu being emailed to families this week. A reminder that orders need to be placed on Monday and Tuesday mornings from the serving window prior to 8:55am.

Tiny Tigers

Tiny Tigers' sessions (for babies to school age children) will commence in Week 3 (Tuesday, 14th February 2023) from 9:00am to 10:00am in the school library. If you haven't already, you may like to follow the *Mypolonga Tiny Tigers* Facebook page where you will receive up to date information on all things happening with our littlest Tigers.

Enclosed with this Newsletter

- . Family fun night note - Please return the RSVP by 15/2/23
- . Pastoral Care Worker / Student Wellbeing Information note

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Volunteers

Thank you to all families who have returned the volunteer expressions of interest. We really look forward to getting you back into the school and your involvement in assisting us achieve the best for your children.

Family Fun Night

Family Fun Night will be held on Friday 17th February on the school oval, with BBQ tea supplied from 6.00pm. Please see the flyer enclosed in this newsletter and attached to the newsletter email link.

Governing Council AGM

Governing Council AGM, Monday 20th February, 7.00pm in the school library. It has been pleasing to have nominations for positions on the Governing Council and I look forward to seeing many of you there to share the 2022 annual report and set our plan for 2023.

Student home internet program

The student home internet program can provide internet access to students who do not have reliable home internet, so they can continue to learn and study at home. Find out more about the program and how parents and carers can apply by visiting the [department's website](#).

Working Together, Sunyl Vogt

Wellbeing Wonders

Hello families... A big welcome back to the 2023 school year! It's so amazing meeting and seeing our new and returning students following a busy and unpredictable start to the year.

My name is Jacob Rance, and I am the school's Student Wellbeing Leader. I will be aiming to build deep relationships with the students and be there to support them with their own health and wellbeing during the year.

At the start of the year, myself and our Pastoral Care Worker (PCW) Brock Smith will work with students who teachers believe may benefit from our support. We have also enclosed a note where you can write down any concerns which you might want support with for your child/ren.

If you would like to organise to catch up at any stage my preferred day is Friday as that is my wellbeing day. However, I will be available before and after school on every other day, just organise over email @ Jacob.Rance149@schools.sa.edu.au or you can phone the school.

I am looking forward to continue improving my relationships with all of your children and being there to help them with any problems that arise.

Be yourself, Jacob Rance

Sports' Day - Wednesday 5th April 2023

Our school Sports' Day will be held on Wednesday 5th April 2023 (Week 10). Due to the high fencing surrounding our oval, the venue is still being decided. Our new students have been allocated house teams and have been notified of their house colour (please contact Necia if you are unsure of your child's house colour). On the day, we ask that all students wear a t-shirt in the colour of their house team, with black shorts / track pants. A note will be sent out soon to see how you might be able to help out on the day!

School Shop

Unfortunately, due to the River Murray flood, passengers from the Proud Mary are unable to visit us as part of their weekly itinerary. We look forward to welcoming them back once boats are allowed back on the river. However, on our Family Fun Night, the School Shop will be open for business between 6:15pm and 6:45pm for you all to visit and make purchases (cash only please). This will include sales of dried apricots, student and consigner made items.

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Junior Primary Gold - In MY Heart

Last week, our Reception students read the book 'In My Heart'.

After reading the book, we discussed the different feelings and emotions that we may have felt in our first week of school. Most of us felt happy and excited but we all felt worried and shy on the first day.

We then painted a background using watercolours and drew a picture of something that makes our 'hearts happy'. We love our display and are very proud of what we have made.



Behind The News (BTN) segment

In late January, ABC's Ella and Michelle from BTN (Behind The News) visited our school. They were filming a report on how the Murray River floods have impacted local kids and youth. Lainie and her grandfather Don, Evie and Abby talked to them about what they've experienced over the past few months, and especially for Don what he experienced back in the 1956 flood. Noah, Austin and mum Ash will also appear in the segment talking about how the flood has impacted their house. Such a special record of history for the river and Mypo community - we were very proud! The segment is being aired on the ABC tomorrow (Tuesday 7th February 2023 at 10:00am, with a repeat on Thursday at 10:25am).



Planner - Term 1 2023

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 2	6/2 . Swimming week (for all students) . Newsletter	7/2 . Swimming week (for all students)	8/2 . Swimming week (for all students)	9/2 . Swimming week (for all students)	10/2 . Swimming week (for all students)	11/2 & 12/2
Week 3	13/2 . Life Education visit	14/2 . Life Education visit . 9:00am-10:00am Tiny Tigers commences	15/2 . Life Education visit . JP unit enterprise lunch (mini pizzas)	16/2 . JP unit enterprise recess (yoghurt pops)	17/2 . 6:00pm Family Fun Night (held at the school)	18/2 & 19/2
Week 4	20/2 . Newsletter . Governing Council AGM	21/2 . 9:00am-10:00am Tiny Tigers	22/2 . JP unit enterprise lunch (mini pizzas)	23/2 . JP unit enterprise recess (yoghurt pops)	24/2 3:00pm Assembly (held outside weather permitting)	25/2 & 26/2
Week 5	27/2	28/2 . 9:00am-10:00am Tiny Tigers	1/3 . JP unit enterprise lunch (mini pizzas)	2/3 . JP unit enterprise recess (yoghurt pops)	3/3 . 6:00pm MCSC Friday Night Tea	4/3 & 5/3 . 4/3 - Mannum Show

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