

# MYPO NEWS

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Mypolonga Primary School &amp; Community Newsletter

**"Be yourself; everyone else is already taken."**

~ Oscar Wilde was an Irish poet and playwright. After writing in different forms throughout the 1880s, he became one of the most popular playwrights in London in the early 1890s.

## Term 4, Week 8 2nd December 2024

### Term 4 Assembly Roster

Week 8 - Zoe, Vann, Tayla  
Week 9 - Owen, Alexis, Hannah

### Happy birthday!

Zoe - 8/12 (Year 4)  
Evie - 8/12 (Year 3)  
Aidyn - 11/12 (Year 6)  
Zara - 12/12 (Year 5)  
Piper - 13/12 (Year 2)  
Lexi - 13/12 (Reception)

### Save the Dates!

**School transition day** (Year 6 transition at MBHS & Reception to Year 5 students to next year's classes) - Tuesday 3rd December 2024

**School concert** - Wednesday 4th December 2024 on the school oval

**Fun Day @ the Murray Bridge Pool** - Monday 9th December 2024

**Year 6 Graduation Dinner held at the Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club** - Wednesday 11th December 2024

**End of Year Assembly (held outside at the school - weather permitting)**  
. 2:45pm Thursday 12th December 2024  
. Dismissal @ 3:25pm

**Last day of the school year - Friday 13th December 2024**  
. Casual Day supporting Backpacks 4 SA Kids  
. Early dismissal @ 2:25pm  
. Newsletter sent home

### School Hats

On the last day of the school year, we will be sending home hats to be washed and repaired (if necessary). If you need a new hat for 2025, please call into the office. \$9.50 each (3 sizes), cash, EFTPOS or bank transfer accepted.

### Lost Property

Don't forget to call into the office and check the lost property box for any items which haven't made it home. Any remaining items on the last day of school will be donated to a local charity. :)



### We Roar as One!

With just under a fortnight left in the school year, there are still many events and celebrations to appreciate our collective and individual improvement and growth during 2024. I look forward to seeing many of you at these special occasions, beginning with the School Concert this Wednesday evening.

### Transitions

There are so many moments in our lives where transitions happen. These are handled differently depending on the individual. We must continue to prepare ourselves and our children for these moments in life, as we cannot always stay in the same place. All of our students will encounter change over the next few weeks. We need to continue to provide our children with a strong stable base, so that when there is some wobble in life, there is always a place to come back to and rely on that is strong, dependable and safe.

### Hearing Screenings

Last Wednesday, we were fortunate to have Kirsten Mooney our Special Educator for Hearing attend the school and complete a basic screening assessment for almost every student in the school. Kirsten will be back this week to complete testing for those that were absent. All parents of students who participated will receive a note regarding whether follow up appointments are recommended or not.

### LJP Sleepover

Last Thursday evening, our Lower Junior Primary Class, led by Mrs Stone, had a sleepover at the school. It was great to see the way these young students stepped into the challenge of a night away from home. When I arrived at school to cook their pancake breakfast at 7.10am, students were happily playing in the yard and full of energy to take on the next day. Thanks to Corey Jones for letting the class come and visit the buffalo dairy on Thursday afternoon. Thanks must also go to Mark and Meagan Pahl and Elise Burdett for their support of this experience for the students and Mrs Stone for having the courage to take on the challenge!



### Class Structures 2025

All families would have received letters recently regarding the placement of students in our classes for 2025, in preparation for transition day tomorrow (Tuesday 3rd December). If you are unsure of this, please contact your class teacher.

### Candy Canes

With the giving season approaching, we appreciate the generosity and kindness that goes with giving cards and often candy canes. If you are to keep this tradition, we ask that the candy canes be individually packaged and only handed out at the end of the school day, so that all parents can monitor their child's sugar intake. Thank you!

Working together, Sunyl Vogt



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### What's been happening in our School Shop in Term 4?

We were thrilled to welcome back Bob (95) and Trish (86) (pictured below right) from Perth, who visited our shop for the fifth time. They have been visiting us since the year 2000 and have seen our students develop their business skills, including balancing books and paying commission. They were excited to hear about our students' new initiative to organise markets for Mother's and Father's Day, creating items to sell and calculating costs and profit. They praised our school shop program, noting its growth and improvement over the years. This was a proud moment!

Over the last couple of weeks alone, we have had visitors from;

- New South Wales - Orange, Parkes, Newcastle, Lake Macquarie
- Victoria - Kilmore
- Australian Capital Territory - Canberra
- Tasmania
- Queensland - Petrie, Hervey Bay
- Western Australia - Perth



Our School Shop also attracts visitors from around the globe. Recently, Abby was delighted to receive a visit from family travelling from Wales in the UK (pictured below).

### Proud Mary Visitor Feedback

'To Students and Staff of Mypolonga School'

I was recently on board the 'Proud Mary' enjoying your beautiful river. The early morning stillness, the brilliant sunrise and the birds seen along the river will be in my memory for ever. However, I am writing to say 'thank you' for the little bag of chocolate apricots I found in my cabin. What a sweet surprise! I live on the south coast of NSW and can hear the surf from my house, but your river is quite spectacular.

For many years, I was a school teacher and am still involved with local school activities. God bless you all and thank you!

PS. I will reply if any of the children would like to write a letter.

from Joy, Tuross Head, New South Wales (via card 17/11/24)



### Students of the Week - Weeks 6 and 7, Term 4

#### Lower Junior Primary (LJP)

**Maggie** - putting in 100% into her artwork. ★

**Willow** - always showing the Tiger values to her friends.

#### Junior Primary Gold (JPG)

**Huntley** - showing enthusiasm for his learning and helping in the classroom.

**Torrens** - completing a story picture recount about Tiddalik.

#### Junior Primary Black (JPB)

**Talon** - working really hard and staying focused in all learning areas.

**Ryan** - showing great enthusiasm in his learning. ★

#### Middle Primary Gold (MPG)

**Brooklyn** - always offering to help others with their work.

**Harry** - consistently engaged in learning and always handing in his best work.

#### Middle Primary Black (MPB)

**Max** - being more attentive and focussed on his learning.

**Deniella** - showing teamwork and being helpful to others. ★

#### Upper Primary Gold (UPG)

**Brock** - improvement in his learning due to commitment.

**Taylor** - showing extra interest in class activities.

#### Upper Primary Black (UPB)

**Jeremy** - showing leadership and teamwork in the classroom.

**Zara** - keeping children safe at crossing when monitors were absent.

Last Friday, our Proud Mary visitors were very surprised to receive an extra special welcome when they docked at Woodlane Reserve. Mrs Stone's reception class was so excited to be the first to welcome them and meet the captain and staff on board.

Our generous visitors also donated over \$100, as well as buying lots of goodies to take home with them.



### Lower Junior Primary Sleepover

Mrs Stone and her class may have only been at school two terms but we 'jumped in the deep end' with a school sleepover last Thursday. With help from our wonderful dad Mark Pahl, our class walked down the road to meet Farmer Corey Jones, Keegan and the buffalos at South Australian Buffalo Company. We were lucky enough to meet a one day old baby buffalo and pat a four month old. We were shown around the dairy and Farmer Jones explained the whole procedure of how his buffalo cheese is made. It was a fantastic experience!

Our little legs got back to school as the home bell was ringing and then reality set in! We were lucky to have two wonderful mums and absolute legends come to help and stay, Meagan Pahl and Elise Burdett. We saw glimpses of dry weather so we played in the playground and performed for each other around the piano.

We made our own dinner and dessert consisting of home made pizza and decorated biscuits. After dinner, we all got into our pyjamas and made the classroom into our bedroom for the night. We watched a movie, and surprisingly, everyone was asleep by 9.15pm. All children were so brave being away from mum and dad. In the morning, we had Mr Vogt make us pancakes and then we headed to Woodlane Reserve playground. As we arrived, so did the Proud Mary with our shop visitors on board!

We arrived back at school and re-welcomed the Proud Mary visitors. Half the children stayed all day and what a magnificent job they did, still managing to present at assembly whilst the others were lucky to get picked up early! It was a great experience and the children were so well behaved! A massive thank you to Farmer Jones, Keegan, Mark and Meagan Pahl, Elise Burdett, Mr Vogt and Gordon the Proud Mary bus driver. We are truly grateful for their help in making this first camp experience for Mrs Stone's little friends a positive and joyful one. So much fun and so many laughs!!

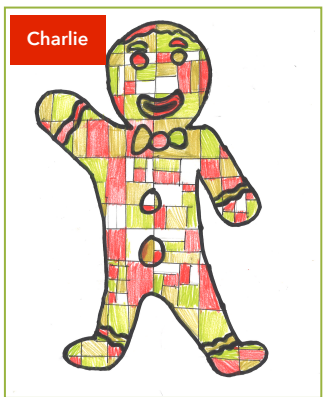


**"It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas"!**

Junior Primary Black - Christmas Trees



Upper Primary Gold - Gingerbread Men inspired by artist Piet Mondrian



Middle Primary Black - Christmas Baubles



Junior Primary Gold - Father Christmas



## Planner - Term 4 2024

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>2/12</b> . Newsletter . 7:00pm Finance Meeting . 7:30pm Governing Council Meeting	<b>3/12</b> . School transition day (Reception to Year 5 students in next year's classes / Year 6 transition at MBHS) . 4:00pm MBHS School Tour	<b>4/12</b> JP unit enterprise recess (ice cream in cone) <b>School Concert held @ the school</b>	<b>5/12</b> JP unit enterprise lunch (toasted sandwiches)	<b>6/12</b> . 2:45pm Assembly . <b>Final</b> shop visit . MCSC Friday night monthly tea (dine in or take away)	<b>7/12 &amp; 8/12</b> 7/12 - Mannum Christmas Pageant
<b>Week 9</b>	<b>9/12</b> . 9:30am-1:30pm SRC Fun Day at the Murray Bridge swimming pool (whole school)	<b>10/12</b>	<b>11/12</b> . Year 6 Graduation at the Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club	<b>12/2</b> . Secret Santa gift giving (whole school) . 2:45pm End of Year Assembly (held at the school) . 3:25pm dismissal	<b>13/12</b> . Last day of the school year . Casual Day . 2:25pm dismissal . Newsletter	<b>14/12 &amp; 15/12</b> . Mypo RSL Christmas Party

## Planner - Term 1 2025

<b>Week 1</b>	<b>27/1</b> Australia Day Public Holiday	<b>28/1</b> . Welcome back!	<b>29/1</b>	<b>30/1</b>	<b>31/1</b>	<b>1/2 &amp; 2/2</b>
<b>Week 2</b>	<b>3/2</b> . Swimming lessons (whole school) . Newsletter	<b>4/2</b> . Swimming lessons (whole school)	<b>5/2</b> . Swimming lessons (whole school)	<b>6/2</b> . Swimming lessons (whole school)	<b>7/2</b> . Swimming lessons (whole school)	<b>8/2 &amp; 9/2</b>
<b>Week 3</b>	<b>10/2</b>	<b>11/2</b> . Tiny Tigers commences	<b>12/2</b>	<b>13/2</b>	<b>14/2</b> . From 5:30pm Family Fun Night (more info to follow)	<b>15/2 &amp; 16/2</b>

MURRAY BRIDGE COMMUNITY  
**CHRISTMAS CAROLS**  
6:30PM **08** 2024  
DECEMBER  
Wharf Precinct, 1 Wharf Rd Murray Bridge

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**MYPOLONGA RSL**  
**CHRISTMAS PARTY**  
Saturday 14th December  
Mypolonga RSL Clubrooms  
326 Mypolonga Road  
BBQ Tea \$ 15.00 - - From 6.00pm  
Children Eat Free  
**Father Christmas arrives 7.30pm**  
Raffles  
Bar Facilities/EFTPOS Available  
All Welcome

Saturday 21st December from 6:00pm  
JOIN US AT THE  
*Christmas*  
DINNER  
@ The Mypolonga Combined Sports Club  
Hosted by the Mypolonga Cricket Club

Menu  
Chicken/Beef Schnitzel \$18  
Steak \$20  
Nuggets & Chips \$6  
Salad Bar Available  
Christmas Pudding with Ice Cream or Custard \$5

**Mannum**  
Progress Association Inc.  
Mannum's Go2 People  
*Mannum Christmas Pageant*  
**2024 Christmas Pageant**  
Randell Street, Mannum  
Saturday, December 7th  
Roads close 4pm - Event start at 5pm  
Pageant starts at 6pm - Fireworks at 9pm

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