

# MYPO NEWS

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Mypolonga Primary School &amp; Community Newsletter

"Leadership is not about making yourself more powerful. It's about making the people around you more powerful."

~ Betty Linton (1927-2018), American Actress ~

## Term 1, Week 4 17th February 2025

### Assembly Presenters Term 1

Week 4 - Ruby (Year 4), Oliver (Year 5),  
Jeremy (Year 6)

### Happy Birthday!

20/2 - Jace (Year 4)  
20/2 - Parker (Year 3)  
22/2 - Max (Year 1)  
23/2 - Nash (Year 4)  
23/2 - April (Year 4)  
24/2 - Bohdi (Year 4)  
28/2 - Korah (Year 3)  
4/3 - Jessica (Year 4)

### Calendar Updates / Reminders

**Governing Council AGM** - 7:00pm Monday  
17th February 2025

**Family Fun Night** - from 5:30pm Friday 21st  
February 2025 at the school. For catering  
purposes, please RSVP by Wednesday 19th  
February 2025.

### 2025 Student Free Days:

- . Term 1 - Monday 3rd March 2025
- . Term 2 - Monday 26th May 2025
- . Term 3 - Thursday 4th September 2025
- . Term 3 - Friday 5th September 2025 (school  
closure)
- . Term 4 - Friday 14th November 2025

**School Photos** - Wednesday 19th March  
2025. Envelopes to order individual and  
family photos will be sent to us soon.

**Sport's Day** - Tuesday 8th April 2025

Further details coming soon!

### Attendance Reminder - Exemptions

Parents/carers seeking extended leave for  
their children (5 school days or more) ie. for  
family holidays are asked to apply in writing  
to the school for an exemption, using the  
appropriate form available from the office.  
Advanced notice of extended leave would  
be much appreciated. Also, a reminder to  
please notify your child's **class teacher** (email  
preferred) of any absences during the week.  
Teachers will follow up any unexplained  
absences with parents/carers direct.

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## We Roar as One!

We have had a very busy fortnight with  
swimming lessons and then trying to  
work our way back into classroom  
routines. Thank you for your patience,  
understanding and continuous checking  
of emails as we adjusted our swimming  
timetable to suit the demands of the  
weather.

### Signing in

Occasionally, we have families who are  
running late for school. If this is the case for you, it is important that a parent/  
caregiver signs their child/ren in at the front office. Likewise, if you are planning to  
pick up your child/ren early, signing out at the front office is a requirement for  
tracking attendance. Please also be aware that when you come to assist at school as  
a volunteer or visitor, you should firstly report to the front office to sign in. Thanks for  
your cooperation with this.

### Tiny Tigers

It was fantastic to have a great turnout to our first Tiny Tigers of 2025 last Tuesday. It  
is great that preschool children and parents are on site to interact and start their  
learning journey together. Thanks must go to Jess for organising and supporting this  
fantastic group and the activities to support the young families in our district.

### Governing Council AGM

The school's Governing Council AGM is tonight, Monday 17th February at 7.00pm in  
the school library. I look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible to share  
the 2024 annual report and set our plan for 2025.

### Family Fun Night

Our Family Fun Night is being held this Friday 21st February on the school oval, with  
BBQ tea supplied from 5:30pm. To help with catering, please RSVP by this  
Wednesday afternoon.

### Executive Functioning

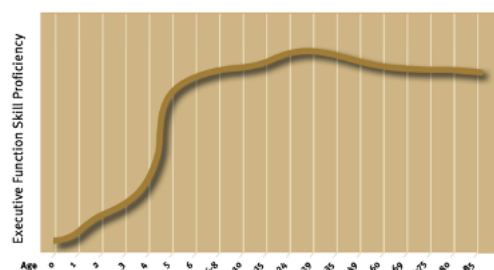
Executive functioning covers a list of skills that develop over time. As you can see  
from the graphic, they develop significantly from age 0-5, and then up until we are  
approximately 25. Many experts say there are between 6-12 of these skills, some of  
them being Self Control (emotional, physical), Organisation, Working Memory and  
The Ability to Think Flexibly. These skills are learned through observation in adult  
role modelling and explicit teaching. As part of our 2025 Site Learning Plan, we plan  
to teach these skills to  
assist our students focus  
more in learning time,  
improve behavioural  
choices and resilience in  
learning tasks. Please  
speak to your child's  
teacher, or contact me if  
you are wanting more  
information in assisting  
your children with this.

### Parent / Teacher Interviews

These will take place in  
Week 9, starting on  
Tuesday afternoon, you  
will receive booking information soon.



### Executive Function Skills Build Throughout Childhood and Adolescence



A range of tests measuring different forms of executive function skills indicates  
that they begin to develop shortly after birth, with ages 3 to 5 providing a window  
of opportunity for dramatic growth in these skills. Growth continues throughout  
adolescence and early adulthood; proficiency begins to decline in later life.

Source: Weintraub et al. (In Press).<sup>10</sup>

Working Together, Sunyi Vogt



## House Leaders

Over the next few newsletters, we will be introducing our House Leaders for 2025, elected by their peers within their house team. This week, we proudly introduce and congratulate **House Leaders for Finnis, Gracie and Rhys**.

We have a valuable resource at school from GRIPLEADERSHIP, which we have given to our 2025 Leaders; *101 Great Habits for Student Leaders*. Each Leader was recently given a copy of the resource to identify which 'habits' they consider the most important to them.



### Gracie

**#12. Have a 'To Do' List** - Leaders should be reliable, so you don't want to forget things that you have 'to do'. Have a list of these things and make it a habit to add to it every day and cross things off as you complete them.

*'I am currently good at making to do lists. These help me be a good leader because I am able to stay organised and I am able to remember what I need to do.'* Gracie



### Rhys

**#6. Eat Healthy Food** - Everybody has a few unhealthy foods that they find really tasty. Make it a habit to save these foods for a special treat, so that your main habit is to eat the foods that keep you healthy.

*'Eat more healthy food. This will help me be more fit and healthy, which will help me do my best on Sports' Day.'* Rhys

## Literacy Cup

Every year, our three house teams compete for the Literacy Cup. The Literacy Cup is determined by the total number of nights read by each student in their house teams.

If a student reads 3 nights they get 1 point, 5 nights means 2 points, 7 nights means they get 3 points for their team. We count these points by looking through their diary and seeing how many nights have been signed off. This makes it imperative that parents and caregivers are listening to their children read and are signing it off as well.

Through the newsletter, a few times a term, we will keep you updated with the Literacy Cup leaderboard.

Previous winners: 2024 Finnis, 2023 Murray, 2022 Murray, 2021 Murray, 2020 Finnis. Could it be Hindmarsh's turn this year?!

## Swimming Lessons 2025 - Week 2





## Welcome to our new Reception Students who started this year in Mrs Wagenknecht's JPG class!

We hope you all enjoy your learning experiences with us.



Elsie



Clay



Jaxon



Sophia



Lilly



Hudson



Harland



Charlie



Zaiden



Myles

**"You're off to great places. Today is your first day!**

**Your mountain is waiting, so get on your way!" ~ Dr Seuss**

### Student Representative Council 'SRC'

Class elections were recently held and we congratulate the following students on being elected SRC representatives for Semester 1 (pictured right):

**Year 6 Leaders:** Emily, Zara

**Year 5:** Oliver O'S, Zoe

**Year 4:** Marley, Eva

**Year 3:** Hunter, Lola

**Year 2:** Paddy

**Year 1:** Lexi

**Reception:** Maggie

The SRC represents the views of the students of Mypolonga Primary School. It is an integral part of the decision-making which occurs through the school. Our SRC Co-ordinator is Jacob Rance. Among other things, our SRC organises our annual disco and themed Casual Days once a term to raise funds for important charities and causes. Last year, our casual days included raising money for Foodbank and The Smith Family. Our annual Fun Day, organised by our SRC will be held in the last week of the school year.



### Premier's Reading Challenge

Once again, the whole school (and Ryan pictured right) is participating in the Premier's Reading Challenge. The Premier's Reading Challenge is a literacy engagement program that was introduced by the Premier of SA in 2004. It was introduced to encourage students to read more books and enjoy reading. It is a great way to improve their literacy levels while reading books they enjoy.

The Challenge requires students to read 12 books between the beginning of the school year and early September. Once they have completed the challenge, they will be awarded either a certificate or medal depending on the number of years completed. They are awarded to the students in Term 4. Each student has a record sheet kept at school where they record books they have read. Teachers, SSOs, parents and peers chat with students from Years 3 to 6 about the books to establish that the student has comprehended the story. Reception to Year 2 students complete their list from borrowing books from the library. It is a requirement that to finish the Challenge, a student reads a minimum of 8 books from the Premier's list and 4 books of their own choice. The Challenge is to be completed by 5th September 2025. You can help your child/ren by encouraging them to read their library books and returning them to the Library on their borrowing day.



### Class Library Days

Monday - Junior Primary Gold, Upper Primary Gold, Upper Primary Black

Wednesday - Junior Primary Black

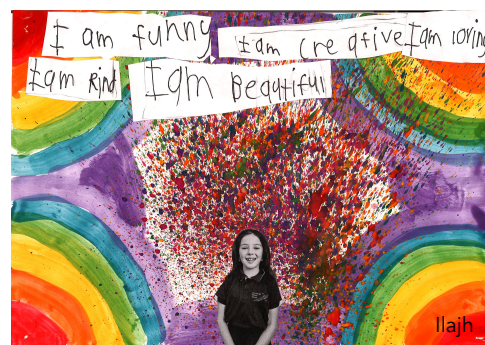
Thursday - Middle Primary Black, Middle Primary Gold



### Middle Primary Gold - Affirmations

*I will do amazing things  
because...*

Call into the school and check out all other Middle Primary Gold students' affirmations on the display board outside the staffroom.



## Planner - Term 1 2025

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 4</b>	<b>17/2</b> . Newsletter . 7:00pm Governing Council AGM	<b>18/2</b> . 9:00am Tiny Tigers	<b>19/2</b> JP unit enterprise recess (cinnamon doughnuts)	<b>20/2</b> JP unit enterprise lunch (hot dogs) . 3.30pm MCC Pop-Up Blast (Week 2/4) held on the oval	<b>21/2</b> . 2:45pm Assembly . From 5:30pm Family Fun Night . 5:30pm MCSC bar open, light tea options	<b>22/2 &amp; 23/2</b>
<b>Week 5</b>	<b>24/2</b>	<b>25/2</b> . 9:00am Tiny Tigers . NAPLAN Practice Test	<b>26/2</b> JP unit enterprise recess (cinnamon doughnuts)	<b>27/2</b> JP unit enterprise lunch (hot dogs) . 3.30pm MCC Pop-Up Blast (Week 3/4) held on the oval	<b>28/2</b> . 5:30pm MCSC bar open, light tea options available	<b>1/3 &amp; 2/3</b>
<b>Week 6</b>	<b>3/3</b>  <b>Student Free Day</b>	<b>4/3</b> . 9:00am Tiny Tigers . Life Education van visiting . Newsletter . MFC U15.5s training commences	<b>5/3</b> . Life Education van visiting JP unit enterprise recess (cinnamon doughnuts)	<b>6/3</b> . Life Education van visiting JP unit enterprise lunch (hot dogs) . 3.30pm MCC Pop-Up Blast (Week 4/4) held on the oval	<b>7/3</b> . 2:45pm Assembly . MCSC monthly Friday night tea	<b>8/3 &amp; 9/3</b>
<b>Week 7</b>	<b>10/3</b>  <b>Public Holiday</b>	<b>11/3</b>	<b>12/3</b> JP unit enterprise recess (cinnamon doughnuts) . NAPLAN	<b>13/3</b> JP unit enterprise lunch (hot dogs) . NAPLAN	<b>14/3</b> . 5:30pm MCSC bar open, light tea options available	<b>15/3 &amp; 16/3</b>
<b>Week 8</b>	<b>17/3</b>	<b>18/3</b> . NAPLAN	<b>19/3</b> . School Photos JP unit enterprise recess (cinnamon doughnuts)	<b>20/3</b> JP unit enterprise lunch (hot dogs)	<b>21/3</b> . 2:45pm Assembly . 5:30pm MCSC bar open, light tea options available	<b>22/3 &amp; 23/3</b>

## Community News

### Mypolonga Netball League Club

. Through the office, we are selling Tiger Jibbitz - decorative charms for Crocs footwear (\$5.00 each) and Tiger temporary tattoos (\$3.00 each). All proceeds support the Mypolonga Netball Club. Cash only please.

### Mypolonga Football Club

Tiger merchandise portal is now open for orders. Click on the link <https://5ec5f5-5.myshopify.com/> to see what's available in Season 2025! \$5.00 from each purchase goes back to the Football Club. Supporters can also call into Intersport Murray Bridge to view and try on merch. Any queries, please contact Mark Pahl 0429881573.

### Mypolonga RSL

BBQ & Bingo Teas - every third Friday of the month. \$15 adults / \$10 children for bbq, salad & chips.

Assorted homemade sweets available to purchase for dessert.

### Mypolonga Buzz

The Mypolonga Buzz was created for the community to share; news, history, events, local business information etc. If you would like to share any information, be on the subscription list or find out how you can help, please email [myponews@yahoo.com](mailto:myponews@yahoo.com).



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