

MYPO NEWS

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Mypolonga Primary School & Community Newsletter

"The pessimist sees difficulty in every opportunity. The optimist sees opportunity in every difficulty."

~ Sir Winston Leonard Spencer Churchill was a British statesman, military officer, and writer who was Prime Minister of the United Kingdom from 1940 to 1945 and again from 1951 to 1955 ~

Term 1, Week 6 4th March 2025

We Roar as One!

Assembly Presenters Term 1

Week 6 - Liam (Year 4), Isabel (Year 5), Harry (Year 6)

Happy Birthday!

6/3 - Harper (Year 3)
8/3 - Winnie (Year 1)
10/3 - Harland (Reception)
10/3 - Jaxon (Reception)

Calendar Updates / Reminders

2025 Student Free Days:

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 photos will be sent to us soon.

Sport's Day - Tuesday 8th April 2025
Further details coming soon. If you have previously indicated you are available to help on the day, or are now able to, we would love to hear from you! Please contact Zoe Diment or Necia Zadow in the first instance.

Parent/Teacher Interviews - Week 9 (from Monday 24/3/25). Booking information will be provided soon.

Need school uniform items?

Hoodies / Jackets / T-shirts

Contact our school stockists:

Intersport Murray Bridge ~ Market Place, Murray Bridge; or

Red Dragon Embroidery & Printing ~ 2441 Mannum Road, Murray Bridge

Mypo School Bags are available to purchase from David Gotch at Intersport in the Marketplace. Bags are \$44.00 each and are available to purchase with or without school logo. Child's name is optional.



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It has been exciting to see the classes begin their more regular teaching and learning routines over the past few weeks. Knowing what is coming up next is a great comfort for children and helps improve their ability to retain the learning happening in the class. I look forward to watching the academic and social learning continue to grow as the year progresses.

Governing Council AGM

Thanks to our parents and staff who came along and attended our AGM Monday fortnight ago. It was great to be able to meet and share the annual report from 2024. I look forward to working closely with our Governing Council to continue improving the great learning that already occurs at Mypolonga Primary School. Our Governing Council members for 2025 are: Ben Burdett, Natasha Hollitt, Bec Hill, Matt Kennedy, Paul Harvey, Jamie Ash, Simon Kruger, Jackie Angove, Jodie Hagger, Alice Hillam, Alecia Anastasiou and Mollie Jones. At our next meeting elections for positions will take place.

Family Fun Night

Thanks to all our families who came along to our Family Fun Night! It was well attended, with beautiful weather and a great festival vibe. It was also great to have our staff and families interact in a relaxed environment. If you have any thoughts on how our Family Fun night, or any other events can be improved, please contact one of our Governing Council members or me via email sunny.vogt64@schools.sa.edu.au. We are always looking to make what we do better.



NAPLAN Testing

Next week (from Wednesday 12th March), NAPLAN testing will begin for all our Year 3 and 5 students. There will be catch up opportunities for those students who are away or unable to complete them in the allotted times. As in all learning, it is important that our children are well prepared with a good sleeping routine, healthy breakfast, snacks and lunch; this is particularly important in the week of NAPLAN assessment, as brain drain is something we wish for our students to avoid. NAPLAN assessments are a great opportunity to get a snapshot in time of where our students learning is, so that we as staff can use the information to plan and deliver their next steps in learning.

Book Club

This Wednesday, (5th March) from 8:30am-9:00am, we are starting a new initiative to assist our students read during the week. We have rostered on parent and community volunteers to assist listening to students read and we look forward to supporting students who are unable to find the time at home.

Building Resilience

Building resilience in our children is a key component of their future success. Having them experience stressful situations, but letting them know we are there to support them through these moments as a stable base, is critical in them navigating these situations.

Defining Stress

- **Stress is essential for healthy development**, and it is the essential element of building **resilience**.
- The key factor in determining whether stress is positive or destructive is the **pattern of stress**.

Working Together, Sunyl Vogt

House Leaders

This fortnight, we continue to introduce our House Leaders for 2025, elected by their peers within their house team. This fortnight, we proudly introduce and congratulate **House Leaders for Hindmarsh, Olivia and Zara.**

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 given the resource to identify which 'habits' they consider the most important to them.



Olivia

#36. Ask 'Are You OK?' - When you notice somebody who doesn't seem happy, be brave and ask them if they are ok. Many people know about the popular 'R U OK? Day' each year, but leaders should get into the habit of asking it regularly.

'I would like to work on asking if people are ok, if I notice that they might need someone to talk to.' Olivia



Zara

#37. Random Acts of Kindness - Everybody likes a fun surprise! You could develop the habit of leaving a chocolate for somebody, or doing a task that is assigned to somebody else.

'Not many people do acts of kindness around the school. I am going to focus on helping people on the buddy bench as my act of kindness.' Zara

Literacy Cup Results (end of Week 5)

Red (Murray) 224 points
Blue (Hindmarsh) 207 points
Gold (Finnis) 201 points

Woolworths Cricket Blast Program

It's always great to see our community groups come together, and this past month, we were lucky to experience just that! For the last three Thursdays after school, representatives from the Mypolonga Cricket Club visited our school to run the highly anticipated Woolworths Cricket Blast program.

The program has been a massive success, with students getting the chance to engage in cricket in a fun and energetic environment.

We look forward to more exciting opportunities like this in the future!



Middle Primary Black - Tiger Survivor!

Each week in teams, students in the Middle Primary Black class complete physical and mental challenges that encourage students to work as a team to problem solve and take risks. Each week, there is a winning team and there will be an end of term winner. Teams earn points not only by how they place in a challenge, but also how they compete as a team and we record the data for each week on a spreadsheet. Posters were constructed in teams showing values that each team represents and follows.

The aim of Tiger Survivor is to promote and practice working together, building resilience, and showing respect to each other and our abilities. Together we are looking at and referring to our TIGER values using real life examples. The program is student led to ensure students build upon their organisation, evaluation and communication skills whilst having 'a voice'.

During these experiences, students are exposed to conflict resolution, giving, and taking on feedback, being accountable, inclusion, trust, honesty, and the power of collaboration.

Come and check out our 'TIGER SURVIVOR' board in the classroom!



Middle Primary Black Affirmations ~ I am...

Awesome

Confident

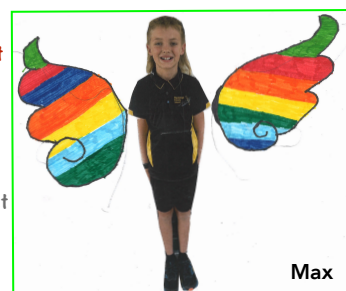
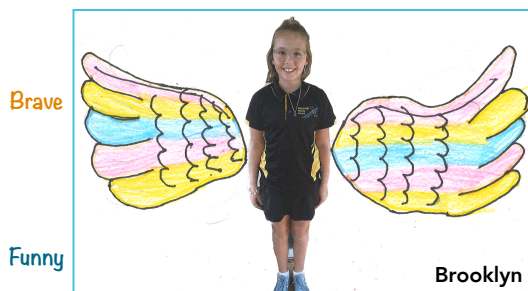
Respectful

Helpful

Unique

Hardworking

Grateful



Family Fun Night

Our Family Fun Night held recently was a great evening, well supported by our families. Thanks to everyone who came along to bring our school community together. Nights like this can't happen without extra volunteer help. Special thanks to Cameron Eckermann (and the Mypolonga Ski Club for the use of their bbq), the Rathjen family from Caloote for their donation of onions, Alecia, Tamara and Danielle for bravely cutting up the onions, Simon and Matt for their help with cooking the bbq and Daniel for his drone footage. It's all very much appreciated. Thanks also to Holly and Ben from Beep Beep Barista who provided hot and cold drinks and soft serve ice creams on the night (who we look forward to seeing again at Sports' Day) and Kevin & Julie from the Mypo General Store for staying open.



Students of the Week - Week 4, Term 1

Junior Primary Gold (JPG)

Elsie - showing resilience and settling into class routines extremely well.

Freya - being a good role model and showing TIGER values.

Junior Primary Black (JPB)

Blair - displaying great TIGER values and leadership within the classroom.

Jackson - having an excellent attitude in all learning areas.

Middle Primary Gold (MPG)

Rhegan - showing great leadership skills and being a great role model.

Paddy - showing great dedication to his learning.

Middle Primary Black (MPB)

Jace - showing leadership and helping his peers.

Savana - showing engagement in all lessons and putting in 100%.

Upper Primary Gold (UPG)

Hunter - excellent attitude towards his learning.

Zakariyah - excellent role model and leader.

Upper Primary Black (UPB)

Taylor - showing leadership by always living out our values even when no-one else is watching.

Imogen - pushing herself to always complete work to an excellent standard.

Upper Primary Gold - Civics & Citizenship

As part of the Upper Primary Gold civics and citizenship unit, students were lucky enough to have their own homegrown celebrity (Courtney Blacker) visit them to chat about her 'Australian Citizen of the Year' award and her role in volunteering. Our students asked lots of questions and were inspired by her question: 'If you could do something to make a difference, what would you do?' We will feature the class' responses in an upcoming newsletter.

Thanks so much for the inspiring visit Courtney!





Welcome back Proud Mary School Shop Visitors!

We were very excited to welcome back Proud Mary visitors to our School Shop in Week 3. Our Year 6 leaders have really stepped up to the challenge of not only doing their job, but also mentoring younger students in their role. It's always so heartwarming to hear our visitors chatting with our students. If you would like to see our School Shop in action, you are most welcome to call into the school between 10:00am and 11:00am on Fridays when the visitors join us as part of their weekly itinerary.



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

Week 6	3/3 Student Free Day	4/3 . 9:00am Tiny Tigers . Life Education van visiting . Newsletter . 4:30pm MFC U15.5s training commences	5/3 . Life Education van visiting . JP unit enterprise recess (cinnamon doughnuts)	6/3 . Life Education van visiting . JP unit enterprise lunch (hot dogs) . 3:30pm MCC Pop-Up Blast (Week 4/4) held on the oval	7/3 . 2:45pm Assembly . MCSC monthly Friday night tea	8/3 & 9/3 . 8/3 Murray Towns Cricket Association Grand Final
Week 7	10/3 Public Holiday	11/3 . 9:00am Tiny Tigers	12/3 . JP unit enterprise recess (cinnamon doughnuts) . NAPLAN	13/3 . JP unit enterprise lunch (hot dogs) . NAPLAN . 4:45pm MFC U13s training commences	14/3 . 5:30pm MCSC bar open, light tea options available	15/3 & 16/3
Week 8	17/3 . Newsletter	18/3 . 9:00am Tiny Tigers . NAPLAN	19/3 . School Photos  . JP unit enterprise recess (cinnamon doughnuts)	20/3 . JP unit enterprise lunch (hot dogs) . 4:45pm MFC U9s/U11s/ Auskick training commences	21/3 . 2:45pm Assembly . 5:30pm MCSC bar open, light tea options available . Mypo RSL Bingo/BBQ tea	22/3 & 23/3
Week 9	24/3 . Parent/Teacher Interviews →	25/3 . 9:00am Tiny Tigers	26/3 . JP unit enterprise recess (cinnamon doughnuts)	27/3 . JP unit enterprise lunch (hot dogs)	28/3 . Mypo Cricket Club Presentations @ the MCSC	29/3 & 30/3
Week 10	31/3 . Newsletter	1/4 . 9:00am Tiny Tigers	2/4 . JP unit enterprise recess (cinnamon doughnuts)	3/4 . JP unit enterprise lunch (hot dogs) . MFC Thursday night teas commence	4/4 . 2:45pm Assembly . MCSC monthly Friday night tea	5/4 & 6/4 . 5/4 RMFL/ RMNA Round 1 -v- Coorong @ Meningie
Week 11	7/4	8/4 Sport's Day 	9/4 . JP unit enterprise recess (cinnamon doughnuts)	10/4 . JP unit enterprise lunch (hot dogs) . 2:45pm End of Term Assembly with presentation of awards	11/4 . Newsletter . 2:25pm early dismissal . 5:30pm MCSC bar open, light tea options	12/4 & 13/4 . 12/4 RMFL/ RMNA Round 2 -v- Jervois @ Mypo

Community News

Mypolonga Cricket Club - Congratulations & Good Luck

Congratulations to Mypolonga Cricket Club's As and Bs on advancing through to the Murray Towns Cricket Association Grand Finals being held on Saturday 8th March 2025. We wish all players (including our very own Sunyl Vogt) the best of luck!

Mypolonga Football Club - Trainings & Registration

Tuesday 4th March 2025 @ 5:30pm - training commences for Under 15.5s

Thursday 13th March 2025 @ 4:45pm - training commences for Under 13s

Thursday 20th March 2025 @ 4:45pm - training commences for U9s, U11s & Auskick

Registration is now open for all grades. Please note there is a separate registration process for Auskick. Just follow the links on the Club's Facebook page.

Mypolonga Netball League Club - Tiger Cubs

The Club's littlest Tigers will return to training on Thursday 3 April 2025. Tigers Cubs is a fun, informal way for kids aged 5-7 years to learn the skills of netball, form friendships, and have fun. It follows a similar system to the Net, Set, Go program, with some extra fun thrown in with coaches Elise Burdett and Lotte Patten. The 15-week program allows kids to learn, burn energy, and get to know families in the Club who they may play with in future years.

When: Thursday 4.00-4.45pm 3rd April 2025 to 10th July 2025 / Where: Mypolonga netball courts / Cost: \$50 for 15 weeks (includes team shirt & end of program gift). Please register and pay fees via the link <https://www.playhq.com/netball-australia/register/a54744>

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