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Mypolonga Primary School &amp; Community Newsletter

*"I hope that either all of us, or none of us, are judged by the actions of our weakest moments. But rather, by the strength we show when, and if, we're ever given a second chance."*

~ Ted Lasso is an American sports comedy-drama television series based on a character Ted Lasso, an American college football coach, who is unexpectedly recruited to coach a fictional English Premier League soccer team, AFC Richmond ~

## Term 1, Week 8 19th March 2025

### Assembly Presenters Term 1

Week 8 - Jace (Year 4), Hollie (Year 5),  
Gracie (Year 6)

### Happy Birthday!

18/3 - Oliver O-S (Year 5)  
22/3 - James (Year 4)  
25/3 - Paige (Year 5)  
30/3 - Finley (Year 3)

### 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

**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  
(Monday 24/3/25 - Thursday 27/3/25).  
Bookings are now open until 9:00pm  
Sunday 23/3/25.

#### School Hats

A reminder that new school bucket hats are available to purchase from the office for \$9.50 each. There are 3 sizes; small, medium and large. Also, if your child brings home their hat from school, we kindly ask if you can check to see if it needs labelling and a wash and/or repair. It is always nice to see school hats in good condition when they are worn during a School Shop rotation or on an excursion. Thanks!

### Literacy Cup Results (end of Week 6 and progressive total)

**Red (Murray)** 69 / 350 points  
**Blue (Hindmarsh)** 68 / 341 points  
**Gold (Finnis)** 64 / 329 points



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## We Roar as One!

We have had a very busy few weeks, with some short weeks at school as well, including NAPLAN testing and school photos Wednesday. With parent / teacher interviews and Sports' Day coming up, we will be at the end of the term before we know it!

There has been so many great learning opportunities created for our students by our teachers and I look forward to the continued learning for everyone.

### Student Free Day Learning

Two weeks ago, our staff attended the third of four Berry Street Education Training Modules. The Berry Street model is designed to equip teachers and SSOs with the strategies, processes and skills to assist all students in their wellbeing and educational development.

Our Day 3 focus was on building:

- Positive climate for learning
- High expectations of teachers and learners
- Developing learning stamina
- Developing emotional intelligence and
- Building resilient learners

As a staff, we continue to strive toward the improvement of all students both academically and in their wellbeing.

### Parent / Teacher Interviews

Meetings with parents, students and teachers are a great way to continue to work on the 3-way partnership we foster at Mypolonga Primary School. You would have received communication last week on how to book these conferences online for the meetings being held next Monday to Thursday after school. Please ensure you make these bookings before the deadline this Sunday. We hope, that where possible, you can include your children in the conversations to continue to develop the ownership of their learning.

### NAPLAN Testing

Well done to all of our Year 3 and 5 students who started NAPLAN assessments last week and will continue them over the next couple of days. Most students should be proud of the efforts which they put in and will get the data that reflects this later in the year. When we receive the results, we look forward to examining the student data to help us further inform our next steps for student learning.

### Book Club

It has been great to see the way so many students have committed to the opportunity provided by our parent/community volunteers to support our Book Club every Wednesday morning from 8:30am-9:00am. It is so important you continue to provide the opportunity for students to read at home daily, but that we also support them to read regularly at school. Thanks to our volunteers and student leaders who reinforce this great initiative helping those students who are unable to find the time at home!

Working Together,  
Sunyl Vogt

### Supporting students in building resilience

"Avoiding the things we fear causes us to feel more anxious about those things down the line."

- Dr. Lisa Damour

We don't avoid difficulty. We build student capacity.

Ready to Learn Plans help us plan for speed bumps, not avoid them.





## House Leaders

This fortnight, we introduce our final House Leaders for 2025, elected by their peers within their house team. This fortnight, we proudly introduce and congratulate **House Leaders for Murray, Emily and Alexis.**

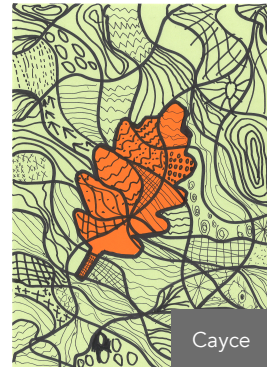
We have a valuable resource at school from GRIPLEADERSHIP, which we have given to our 2025 Leaders; *101 Great Habits for Student Leaders*. Each Leader was given the resource to identify which 'habits' they consider the most important to them.



### Emily

**#30. Give Compliments** - Get into the habit of saying positive comments to the people around you. Congratulate them on their actions (like great work), but also on times that you see them demonstrate great character.

*'Give compliments to others. Because saying a nice thing to someone might change their whole day. They could be having a bad day, and a kind word will make them feel happy again.'* Emily



Cayce

## Upper Primary Gold



## Autumn Art line drawing



### Alexis

**#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.

*'It is important to notice how other people are feeling and if they are feeling happy or sad. Having someone to talk to might help them when they are feeling sad.'* Alexis



Liam



Noah

## Chill Out Zone

This year, we have created a Chill Out Zone on Tuesday and Fridays in the library, where the space is filled with colouring activities and soothing music for the students to relax their busy minds. Each session has been well attended filled with smiling faces. *Regards, Morgan Klemm, Student Wellbeing Support Officer*



## Life Education

In Week 6, specially trained educators visited the school and the Mypolonga Institute to present age appropriate, curriculum based modules to our students, which focused on issues around building friendships, safety rules, positive relationships, systems in the body, healthy eating and risks involved in vaping & smoking. Lots of learning in a fun way!

Modules provided by Life Education are designed to help children to develop relationship skills, positive communication (both face to face and online), problem solving and decision making skills. Students are given the opportunity to develop strategies, and practice the skills required to avoid the harms associated with an unhealthy lifestyle.

Life Education has also developed online parent resources to support parents in the home, including information on video gaming, packing healthy lunch boxes and recipes.

Please visit [www.lifeed.org.au](http://www.lifeed.org.au) for further information.

Pictured right; the Junior Primary Gold class and Spencer and Tyson from the Middle Primary Black class.





## Students of the Week - Week 6, Term 1

### Junior Primary Gold (JPG) ★

**Harvey** - going above and beyond to show kindness to his classmates.

**Hudson** - settling into class routines and always trying his best.

### Junior Primary Black (JPB)

**Torrens** - trying really hard in his dictation.

**Nina** - always using her beautiful manners and showing her Tiger values.

### Middle Primary Gold (MPG) ★

**Levi** - showing great teamwork when working in groups.

### Middle Primary Black (MPB)

**Aurora-Mae** - displaying increasing confidence when sharing knowledge and ideas and trying her best.

### Upper Primary Gold (UPG)

**James** - being a great support and showing leadership in Mrs Daniel's absence.

**Cayce** - being a great support and showing leadership in Mrs Daniel's absence.

### Upper Primary Black (UPB) ★

**Neeve** - working hard to improve expression and comprehension in reading.

**Zoe** - showing great progress in reading fluency and comprehension.

## 2026 Transition Events - Introduction to High School

This year, Murray Bridge High School has decided to bring the **Introduction to High School & Tour** evenings forward into Term 1 to ensure families can experience the school before daylight savings ends.



This will allow them to conduct tours during daylight hours, giving families the best opportunity to see Murray Bridge High School in action and experience their facilities at their best.

The event will take place on:

• **Wednesday, 26th March (Week 9) @ 5:30pm**

• **Monday, 31st March (Week 10) @ 5:30pm**

These 90-minute sessions, hosted in the Sturt Building, will give parents and caregivers the opportunity to meet key staff, learn about the transition program, and tour the school.

Further details are on the flyer attached to the parent/caregiver email linking this newsletter.

## Harry Tillyer Schools Award recipient!

Recently, the Mypolonga School Shop was nominated for a community service award through the Mobilong Rotary Club.

The award ceremony was recently held and we are thrilled to announce the Shop won the Harry Tillyer Schools Award, along with \$1000 to put towards the School Shop.

This award was accepted by Isabel and Peyton and then handed to our Shop Leaders Rhys and Taylor (pictured right).

Needless to say, we were excited to read the article about our School Shop on the front page of the latest edition of the Murray Valley Standard!



## Junior Primary Black - About Me

Come and learn more about US by viewing all our work on the display board outside the Junior Primary class.





**Book Club has commenced at MPSI**


As a school, we highly value reading and the benefits it has for young children. On Wednesday 5th March, we started our weekly 'Book Club' group, which will be running every Wednesday morning before school. The children were able to read to their house leaders or to parent volunteers and get signed off for one night's reading. We loved seeing our leaders supporting other students and were so grateful for the generosity of our parent volunteers who came in.



If you would like to volunteer for Term 2, please email Jacob Rance [jacob.rance149@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:jacob.rance149@schools.sa.edu.au). Thanks!

**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 8</b>	<b>17/3</b>	<b>18/3</b> . 9:00am Tiny Tigers . NAPLAN	<b>19/3</b> . School Photos . JP unit enterprise recess (cinnamon doughnuts) . Newsletter	<b>20/3</b> <b>JP unit enterprise lunch (hot dogs)</b> . 4:45pm MFC U9s/U11s/ Auskick training commences	<b>21/3</b> . 2:45pm Assembly . 5:30pm MCSC bar open, light tea options available . Mypo RSL Bingo/BBQ tea	<b>22/3 &amp; 23/3</b> . 11:00am MFC trial match -v- Plympton at Mypo
<b>Week 9</b>	<b>24/3</b> . Parent/Teacher Interviews →	<b>25/3</b> . 9:00am Tiny Tigers	<b>26/3</b> . JP unit enterprise recess (cinnamon doughnuts) . 5:30pm MBHS tour evening	<b>27/3</b> <b>JP unit enterprise lunch (hot dogs)</b> . 6:30pm MFC trial match -v- Mannum at Mannum	<b>28/3</b> . Mypo Cricket Club Presentations @ the MCSC	<b>29/3 &amp; 30/3</b>
<b>Week 10</b>	<b>31/3</b> . Newsletter . 5:30pm MBHS tour evening	<b>1/4</b> . 9:00am Tiny Tigers	<b>2/4</b> . JP unit enterprise recess (cinnamon doughnuts)	<b>3/4</b> <b>JP unit enterprise lunch (hot dogs)</b> . MFC Thursday night teas commence	<b>4/4</b> . MCSC monthly Friday night tea	<b>5/4 &amp; 6/4</b> . 5/4 RMFL/ RMNA Round 1 -v- Coorong @ Meningie
<b>Week 11</b>	<b>7/4</b>	<b>8/4</b> <b>Sport's Day</b> 	<b>9/4</b> . JP unit enterprise recess (cinnamon doughnuts)	<b>10/4</b> <b>JP unit enterprise lunch (hot dogs)</b> . 2:45pm End of Term Assembly with presentation of awards	<b>11/4</b> . Newsletter . 2:25pm early dismissal . 5:30pm MCSC bar open, light tea options	<b>12/4 &amp; 13/4</b> . 12/4 RMFL/ RMNA Round 2 -v- Jervois @ Mypo

**Community News****Mypolonga Cricket Club - Congratulations**

Congratulations to Mypolonga Cricket Club's B grade team on winning the Murray Towns Cricket Association B Grade premiership on Saturday 8th March. This team consisted of our very own Sunyl Vogt, his daughter Bailey and past students of our school. This was also the fourth premiership the B grade team has won in a row. Well done!

**Mypolonga Football Club - Trainings & Registration**

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

. Player registration is open! Please note there is a separate registration process for Auskick. Follow the links on the Club's Facebook page. Don't forget to use your x2 Sports' Vouchers to put towards registration fees :)

. Senior trial games: 11:00am Saturday 22nd March 2025 -v- Plympton @ Mypo / 6:30pm Thursday 27th March 2025 -v- Mannum @ Mannum

**Mypolonga Netball League Club - Tiger Cubs - Reminder!**

Tiger Cubs is a fun, informal way for kids aged 5-7 years to learn the skills of netball, form friendships, and have fun.

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> If you have any queries at all, please contact coach Elise Burdett on 0427878963.

**Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club** - The next Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club monthly tea will be held on Friday 4th April 2025. Teas commence at approximately 6:00pm and it is a great way to get to know people in our community!

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