

# MYPO NEWS

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Mypolonga Primary School &amp; Community Newsletter

*"Nothing is impossible, the word itself says 'I'm possible.'"*

~ Audrey Hepburn was a British actress and recognised as a film and fashion icon. ~

## Term 1, Week 10 31st March 2025

### Assembly Presenters Term 1

Week 11 - Bohdi (Year 4), Leila (Year 5), Emily (Year 6)

### Happy Birthday!

2/4 - Deni (Year 4)

4/4 - Taite (Year 6)

### Calendar Updates / Reminders

**Thursday 10th April 2025 @ 2:45pm** - whole school assembly with presentation of awards. Dismissal at normal time 3.25pm.

**Friday 11th April 2025** (last day of Term 1) - early dismissal 2:25pm

### 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

. A reminder to please return the Mypolonga General Store Sports' Day orders to the office by this Wednesday 2nd April 2025.

. Emails have now been sent to our parent/caregiver volunteers who have offered to help in a group during our tabloid events. Your offers to help were much appreciated and we couldn't run the day without you!

**Junior Primary Gold excursion in Adelaide - Dream Big Children's Festival performances** - Friday 9th May 2025. An EdSmart consent has been forwarded to parents/caregivers.

**Middle Primary Unit Camp - Woodhouse Adventure Park**

21st May - 22nd May 2025

Further details will be provided soon!

### Literacy Cup Results (end of Week 9 and progressive total)

**Red (Murray) 71 / 599** points

**Blue (Hindmarsh) 57 / 553** points

**Gold (Finnis) 67 / 512** points



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## We Roar as One!

With a bit over a week remaining in Term 1, it is a great time to reflect on the learning and activities that have taken place during the first term.

- Welcoming our new reception students
- Swimming Lessons
- Family Fun Night
- Life Education visit
- Young Environmental Leaders excursion
- NAPLAN testing
- School Photos



With Sports' Day still to come, along with our end of term assembly, and all of the learning going on, it is little wonder the term has gone so fast!

## Parent / Teacher Interviews

Last week, we welcomed our parents and students to our interviews. All those that attended would have received feedback on how your child/ren have settled at school this year and how they are travelling with their learning, along with some ways in which you can continue to support them with their learning at home. Thank you to all of the families that took the time to come in and share in the learning journey with your children and their teachers.

## Listening to Reading

Thankyou! I would like to thank all of our parents that continue to work with their children and the school to improve their learning outcomes. Whilst what we are doing is good, it is very important to note that we can always improve what we do. I have listened to many students read over the first term of school and have noticed many small errors in their reading habits. Listening to children read 'aloud' is very important. This allows us to hear errors and assist in correcting poor reading habits. Having children repeatedly read a text that is at their reading level to increase fluency and expression is also very beneficial. I look forward to your ongoing support with this and the further improvement in your children's learning.

## Sports' Day

Thanks to all of our parents who have volunteered for our Sports' Day next Tuesday. We look forward to hosting you all to cheer on the students as they put in their best efforts to achieve their personal best.

## Work Experience

Last week, we hosted Ava Hagger at the school for her work experience. It was great to have another past student gaining experience through working and assisting at the school. We wish Ava well in her future endeavours.

## WWCC and RRHAN Training for Volunteers

It is wonderful to have so many volunteers returning to the school, an area we want to continue to grow. To volunteer within the school setting people must have a Working with Children Check (WWCC) and completed RRHAN-EC (Responding to Risks of Harm, Abuse and Neglect - Education and Care) training. The school is able to support the process of applying for the WWCC and point you toward an online RRHAN-EC training. However, if you would prefer to complete the RRHAN-EC training in a face to face setting, we are looking at running a training for volunteers on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May from 6.00pm. Please contact the school if you are interested in participating in this opportunity.

## End of Term Early Dismissals

The Department allows us to finish an hour early on the last day of each term. Please ensure you have end of term dates marked on your calendar with our earlier finish time of 2.25pm.

*Working Together, Sunyl Vogt*

# School Shop Feature Pt. 1

This newsletter, and in future newsletters, we will showcase our award winning School Shop. Here is Part 1!

## How did the Shop start?

When the Post Office opposite the school became vacant in 1996, a student (Stephanie Fulwood), suggested we convert it into a shop. From humble beginnings, and now on school grounds, a bus load of tourists from the Proud Mary visits the School Shop every Friday, as part of their weekly itinerary. In the past, we have had visits from a variety of community groups ie. Rotary and Probus.



## Rotations

Each week, our Year 5/6 students rotate through different responsibilities; inside counter, outside counter, reconciliation board, visitor's book, chocolate coating, bagging apricots, door, map, garden, lemonade, greeting visitors and supervision of younger students. Reception to Year 4 students rotate and have opportunities to contribute by taking part in the Shop responsibilities each week.

## How are students assessed?

Each rotation has criteria for assessment, which are documented in our shop assessment books. Excellence is an expectation, and is the only assessment that counts. 'OK isn't excellent!' After 20 excellents, we achieve 'Quality Assurance' which means we can assess our peers.

## How are profits spent?

The student led Shop Committee (Shop Leaders Rhys & Taylor *pictured right*) makes decisions on how profits are spent. There are two criteria:

1. Improve our business
2. Improve our learning

In the past, we have bought a dishwasher to wash lemonade cups and art supplies for our school. Classes also use their profits to subsidise camps and excursions.



## Balancing the Books

We are responsible for the financial management of the Shop. Local craftspeople place goods for sale on consignment and we retain 20% commission. When the tour group leaves, we count all the money and make sure that the goods sold balances with the money taken. At the end of each term, we calculate each consignor's sales and take off our commission, which is our profit. Initially, all calculations are made using pen and paper, then a calculator, and then a spreadsheet. We turn over approximately \$18,000 per annum and make around \$6,000 profit. We complete a Certificate of Financial Management.



## Classroom Enterprise

As part of their enterprise education program, students from all classes design and make items to sell on the outside counter of our School Shop. In future newsletters, we will showcase items from all classes, which make great, small gift ideas. School families and community members are more than welcome to purchase items by calling into the office or by visiting the school shop during rotation time (Fridays 10:00-11:00am), when the Proud Mary visits us.



## Award Recipients and Recognition

Our School Shop program has contributed to the school receiving many awards including:

- 2008: Women's Weekly Parents and Citizen's Awards: state winners, third nationally
- 2009: Rural City of Murray Bridge Australia Day Awards: Best Community Initiative
- 2010: NAB School's First Awards \$50,000
- 2011: DECD Public Teaching Awards: Innovative Engagement with Business and the Community \$20,000
- 2012: Recognition by the OECD as an 'Innovative Learning Environment', selection by Australian Securities and Investment Commission as a 'Money Smart' school.
- 2013: Australian Business Excellence Awards: Bronze Award; Advantage SA: Flinders University Education Award
- 2014: TfEL Pilot School
- 2015: Brand SA Education Award – Regional winner
- 2015: South Australian Regional Awards Hall of Fame inductee
- 2015: Winner Association of Community Services Organisations Education Award \$1,000
- 2017: Australia Day Awards Community Event of the Year
- 2025: Rotary Club of South Australia, Harry Tillyer Schools Community Service Award \$1,000

Today Tonight, Channel 7 News and Money Smart have produced video resources based on the school. In 2015, a newspaper article was written by Scott Pape, the Barefoot Investor in Herald Sun syndicated papers.





## Students of the Week - Week 8, Term 1

### Junior Primary Gold (JPG)

**Leroy** - showing great leadership skills with all of his peers.

**Zaiden** - always being a polite and generous class member.

### Junior Primary Black (JPB)

**Bryce** - working really hard on his learning at school and at home.

**Lexi** - being a kind and supportive class member.

### Middle Primary Gold (MPG)

**Jackson** - showing great concentration with his learning and trying his best.

**Josiah** - always being willing to share his ideas and having a great attitude towards his learning.

### Middle Primary Black (MPB)

**Emily** - showing initiative towards taking responsibility for her learning.

**Aisha** - being focused and having a great attitude towards her learning.

### Upper Primary Gold (UPG)

**Van** - excellent attitude and engagement.

**Tabi** - fantastic knowledge of iPads and how to help others.

### Upper Primary Black (UPB)

**Taite** - being a curious and hard worker in HASS.

**Emily** - being an organised and kind leader in class and Shop.

## SAPSASA Nominations

As mentioned in our recent email which attached our last newsletter, Year 5/6 parents/ caregivers can now nominate for a SAPSASA event their child may like to participate in by scanning the QR code (pictured right).

You can nominate any time for selections.

Murraylands District State  
Carnival/Championship  
Nominations 2025



**SCHOOL FEES REMINDER** Thank you to those who have paid their school fees or applied for school card. We encourage everyone to check if you are eligible for school card; it covers all your school fees (nothing to pay) and the process is easy. There is a simple online process, or if you prefer to complete a paper copy of the application just let me know and I will send one home. If you would like to create a payment plan, please contact me and we will create one that works for your circumstance. Statements will be emailed within the next week; fees are payable in full by the end of this term, 11<sup>th</sup> April 2025 (unless a payment plan is in place). If you need any help with school card or fee payments, please contact me, I am always happy to help. Thanks, Annie ([ann.hughes505@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:ann.hughes505@schools.sa.edu.au))

## Tiny Tigers

Thanks to our littlest Tigers and their parents/caregivers for being part of our Tiny Tigers' sessions this term. Fun and interesting topics planned by Jess Cornish included:

Week 3 - Valentines' Day

Week 4 - Construction

Week 5 - Very Hungry Caterpillar

Week 6 - Where is the Green Sheep?

Week 7 - Letters and Numbers

Week 8 - Farm

Week 9 - Easter

Week 10 - Easter



We look forward to seeing all our Tiny Tigers and their families when we recommence in Term 2 on Tuesday 6th May (Week 2).



## Casual Day

Thank you to our families for supporting last week's Casual Day.

In Harmony Week colours, we proudly raised \$211.50. We also generously received \$50.70 from our School Shop visitors. The total sum of \$262.20 will go towards the purchase of swings for the Upper Primary Unit to use.



### Congratulations and thanks for visiting Jessica!

Last Friday, Jessica Deane (past student of our school) visited the Upper Primary unit to talk about how she won the Young Citizen of the Year Award (2025), and how she became a good leader.

Jessica was in the youth centre, which is where young people can get heard by the Murray Bridge Council. Jessica said that taking interest in the School Shop, smiling and knowing what you are doing, could help you with anything.


Some of the values that helped Jessica to be a leader and to receive the Young Citizen of the Year Award was listening and using her initiative.

Emily & Abby,  
World Vision Leaders



### Planner - Term 1 2025

MCSC - Mypolonga Combined Sports Club / MFC - Mypolonga Football Club / MBHS - Murray Bridge High School / MNLCL - Mypolonga Netball League Club / MCC - Mypolonga Cricket Club / YEL - Young Environmental Leaders

<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> . JP unit enterprise lunch (hot dogs) . 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> . JP unit enterprise lunch (hot dogs) . 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 @ Mypolonga

### Planner - Term 2 2025

<b>Week 1</b>	<b>28/4</b>	<b>29/4</b>	<b>30/4</b>	<b>1/5</b>	<b>2/5</b> . MCSC monthly Friday night tea	<b>3/5 &amp; 4/5</b> . 3/5 RMFL/ RMNA Mypolonga -v- Mannum @ Mypolonga
<b>Week 2</b>	<b>5/5</b>	<b>6/5</b> . 9:00am Tiny Tigers recommences for Term 2	<b>7/5</b>	<b>8/5</b>	<b>9/5</b> JPG excursion - Dream Big Children's Festival in Adelaide	<b>10/5 &amp; 11/5</b> . 10/5 RMFL/ RMNA Ramblers -v- Mypolonga @ Ramblers . 11/5 Mothers' Day

### Community News

#### Mypolonga Football Club / Mypolonga Netball Club

. Thursday night teas commence this week! Join community members and players for affordable meals for adults and children. Meals served from 6:30pm.

. Players, supporters and community members are invited to the Wellington Hotel following Saturday's games against the Coorong Cats. Come for a drink, a chat and dinner.

. The football and netball clubs' Instagram account has Linktree, which acts as a mini-website to share information so supporters can easily access all important links for both clubs. Details are in the *mypofnclub* Instagram bio.

#### Enterprise

Thanks to our families who have supported this term's enterprise program, brought to you by the Junior Primary unit!

In our next and final newsletter for the term, we will provide you with our menu for Term 2, provided by, and supporting the Middle Primary unit.



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