

MYPO NEWS

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Mypolonga Primary School & Community Newsletter

"A mother understands what a child does not say."

~ Jewish Proverb ~



Term 2, Week 2 5th May 2025

Assembly Presenters Term 2

Week 2 - Ella (Year 4), Jordan (Year 5), Felix (Year 6)

Happy Birthday!

7/5 - Amelia (Year 1)
8/5 - Emily (Reception)
9/5 - Noah (Year 4)
12/5 - Willow (Reception)
18/5 - Brooklyn (Year 3)
19/5 - Xander (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

Mother's Day Market - Thursday 8th May 2025 (school shop / UP unit enterprise)

Junior Primary Gold excursion in Adelaide (Dream Big Children's Festival) - Friday 9th May 2025.

Walk to School Day - Friday 16th May 2025

Middle Primary Unit Camp - Woodhouse Adventure Park

21st May - 22nd May 2025
Please note that enterprise recess and lunch will not be available during this week due to the Middle Primary unit being on camp.

Transition Days for mid-term Reception students:

Thursday 19th June 2025 (9:00am-2:00pm)
Thursday 26th June 2025 (full day)

Tiny Tigers

We look forward to seeing our littlest Tigers return on Tuesday (6/5/25) for our first Tiny Tigers' session in Term 2. There will be lots of learning and fun things to do!



Government of South Australia
Department for Education

We Roar as One!

Welcome to Term 2! It has been really pleasing to see the way our students have returned to school with great attitude and enthusiasm to continue their learning journey. Thank you to all of our staff who go the extra mile to make sure everything is ready and the learning is prepared!

Focus on Learning

I am excited about some of the new learning opportunities that will be provided this term. In week 3, we are beginning whole school math activities. Every Wednesday, just before recess, all students will be working in small groups according to where they are working developmentally in the Big Ideas in Number. These targeted groups will enable all students to learn where they are and receive support to progress them through the learning stages.

Another exciting project that is taking place is the development of a book documenting the history of the Mypolonga School Shop. Through the leadership of Mr Rance and the support of all staff, students have this amazing opportunity to develop their skills across many curriculum areas in constructing the book. In preparation, we have called on the experience of past Principal and staff Rita O'Brien and Anne Martin to support the process. Last week, our Upper Primary unit students were also visited by an author to talk through the process of developing, editing and preparing to publish a book. I am looking forward to the skills our students and staff will be developing through this process.

Along with these great opportunities, there is a number of excursions and camps that are coming up this term which provide amazing learning opportunities outside of the regular school environment that I am sure all students will benefit from.

NAPLAN

Preliminary NAPLAN results are in, and again our results are pleasing with both the year 3 and 5 cohorts performing strongly in Reading, Numeracy, Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation assessment areas.

Reading at home strongly supports the results of all of our students. Well done to all our students and families who ensure this happens. It makes a huge difference to student outcomes!

Student Wellbeing

Through ongoing staff training in developing student wellbeing, we continue to support and teach students how regulating our emotions allows us to think and learn with clarity. When we are unregulated, our brains work in a purely emotional space and we have difficulty functioning in a safe way. As adults, it is our job to help our children/students to firstly co-regulate, and then develop self regulation skills for themselves, not join them in dis-regulation. These skills will help ourselves and our young people fulfil future potential.

The single biggest predictor of high academic achievement is reading to children. Not flash cards, not workbooks, not fancy preschools, not blinking toys or computers, but mum or dad taking the time every day or night (or both!) to sit and read them wonderful books.



Working Together,
Sunyl Vogt



Mypolonga Primary School - Mother's Day Market Thursday 8th May 2025

On Thursday morning, students will be given the opportunity to purchase a gift for their Mum for Mothers' Day from our Mother's Day Market. There will be a variety of gifts to buy, proudly made by Upper Primary unit students. Prices start at \$1.00. We kindly ask that the **limit spent be \$5.00 (cash)**, proceeds of which will go towards Upper Primary unit enterprise. We also ask that students bring in a paper/plastic bag to store their purchases in for safekeeping.

World Autism Awareness Day

In Week 10, we acknowledged World Autism Awareness Day. This happens annually on 2nd April and this year marks its 18th anniversary.

It's a day recognised by the United Nations to help people around the world learn more about autism. On this day, people come together to celebrate differences, promote understanding, and create communities where everyone feels included.

Pictured below; students from the Middle Primary Black class.



Autism Inclusion

As part of Autism inclusion, classes were provided with sensory boxes filled with tools for students to use to help them regulate. Pictured below are a few of our students giving them a go!



Training for School Volunteers

We love having volunteers in the school and they are essential for so many of the great experiences and days in the school year, from camps and excursions, Master Class, enterprise, Sport's Days, School Shop and listening to reading. We need volunteers on a regular basis, so if you are one of our volunteers, or would like to become one, come along to this training opportunity.

Responding to Risks of Harm Abuse and Neglect training (RRHAN) will be held at the school on Monday 12th May from 6.00pm for any parents, grandparents or community members that would like to assist at the school. This is a compulsory training that is required for all volunteers at the school, or working with children in the community. We welcome you to contact the school to register your interest.

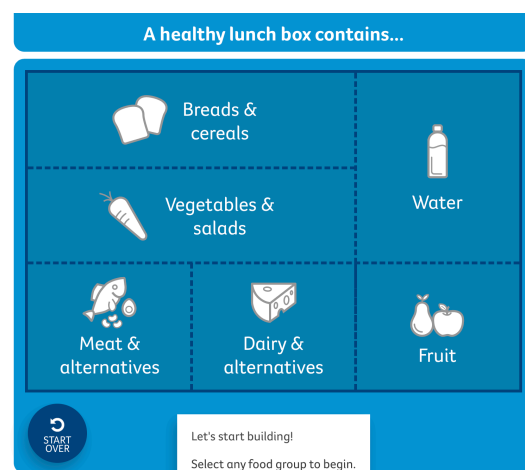
Preventive Health SA

Preventive Health SA is leading a dedicated program of prevention work to support the health and wellbeing of all South Australians. We have recently come across their Facebook account [Preventive Health SA](#).

One of their latest posts includes a 'lunch box builder'. Clicking on different sections of the lunchbox builder will reveal lunch box tips and recipes. Have a play and get some great ideas from the 5 healthy food groups!



The savoury scones (pictured right) sound delicious and easy to make!



A Warm Reception by our Receptions!

On the last day of Term 1, our Reception class went to meet the Proud Mary boat and visitors. They were lucky enough to get a tour of the boat, followed by our visitors touring our School Shop!

During the year, each class will also get to tour the Proud Mary.



School Shop Feature Pt. 2

This newsletter, we continue to showcase our award winning School Shop. Here is Part 2!

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 this fortnight's newsletter, we would like to showcase items from all classes.

Upper Primary unit -

Chocolate coated & plain apricots \$3.00 / Chocolate coated apricots with almond \$1.00 / Pens \$3.00 / Greeting cards \$1.00 / Lemonade .50c Upper Primary students chocolate dip, bag and sell dried apricots on the outside counter. We thank and appreciate our parent volunteers who come in each week to help with chocolate coating. The unit also sells Mypolonga Primary School personalised pens and greeting cards with unique images on the front of the blank card.

Middle Primary unit -

Recipe books \$5.00 / Key rings \$2.50

A range of recipe books are sold by the Middle Primary students. True and tried recipes are brought in from home and recipe themes have included; Winter Warmers, BBQ Salads and Starters and Food from Around the World. When a new recipe book is created, a book launch is held, with students and parent volunteers making some of the recipes for our tourists to try. Call in and view our entire recipe book collection! We also sell key rings. Students are asked to draw something on their key ring which reflects the Mypolonga area and school.

Junior Primary unit -

Magnets \$2.00 / Bookmarks \$2.00

Junior Primary magnets have individual designs with a magnet on the back. Students also individually design bookmarks, which are then laminated and hole punched to allow for a woollen tassel to be attached.



School families and community members are more than welcome to purchase items by calling into the office or by visiting during school shop rotation time (Fridays 10:00am-11:00am), when the Proud Mary visits us. You may even be lucky to purchase something made by your child!

School Shop Book

As mentioned in Sunny's article, we are excited to announce that we are in the process of putting together a School Shop Book to commemorate the 30th year of our School Shop opening (next year). We love seeing the skills that the students learn from participating in the Shop and are proud of the 30 year legacy that has been sustained by all the people involved in our school over the journey.

Our Upper Primary unit, along with each class, together with staff (past and present) will be working this term on creating a piece of work that is of an excellent standard to be put into the book. Our current goal is to have this book professionally published before the end of the year and be able to share with the community at a night to celebrate the learning that occurs because of the Shop.

Upper Primary Gold - Fruit & Veg stall

Late last term, our Upper Primary Gold students organised and ran a fruit and vegetable stall outside their unit following Sports' Day and at school pick up time. We are pleased to advise a total of \$330.00 was raised.

The unit is continuing to raise funds for swings and all donations have been greatly appreciated. Other initiatives to raise money have been a donation box on the School Shop counter and a casual day held in Term 1. Watch this space for the next event!



Brrr! Don't Forget Those Winter Uniform Must-Haves

As the cooler weather sets in, it's a good time to check that your child is ready to rug up! School jumpers and jackets are available for purchase at Intersport (Marketplace Murray Bridge) or Red Dragon Embroidery (Mannum Road).

Please make sure all clothing is clearly labelled with your child's name. Black and white permanent markers can be borrowed from the front office if needed.

Intersport also stocks a wide range of Mypolonga Netball and Football Club gear in black and gold. If you're cheering for the Tigers this season, head to the MFC apparel page: <https://5ec5f5-5.myshopify.com/> to browse beanies, scarves, hoodies and more in true Mypo style.

Also, our lost property box is once again overflowing with unlabelled items, including jackets, drink bottles and lunch boxes. Please call into the office to check if anything belongs to your family. An email was recently sent to all parents/caregivers attaching a photo of what the box contains.



CLASSROOM ENTERPRISE
TERM 2 2025
PROVIDED BY THE
MIDDLE PRIMARY UNIT

MENU

WEDNESDAY RECESS

- Crumpets**
with your choice of jam, Vegemite or just butter
\$1.50 ea

THURSDAY LUNCH

- Mini Pizzas**
with your choice of ham & cheese or ham, cheese & pineapple
\$2.50 ea

Students are asked to order and pay for their food at the kitchen service window on Monday and Tuesday mornings before 8:55am. Thanks!

Mypolonga Football Club

THURSDAY NIGHT IS SCHNITZEL NIGHT!

Join us in the Clubrooms on Thursday nights from 6:00pm

Schnitzels - \$18.00 full / \$14.00 half
Chicken Nuggets & Chipis - \$6.00
Chips - \$3.00

Cash & EFTPOS accepted
Take-aways available

Player selections and occasional Thursday night footy on the big screen!

We look forward to seeing all our Tiger families!

Support the Mypolonga Football & Netball Clubs.
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- Click the settings button
- Select Community Dollars
- Search or scroll to find your local community, select and press save

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Planner - Term 2 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 2	5/5 . Newsletter	6/5 . 9:00am Tiny Tigers recommences for Term 2	7/5 . MP unit enterprise recess (crumpets)	8/5 . MP unit enterprise lunch (mini pizzas) . Mother's Day market (school shop/UP unit enterprise)	9/5 . School bus not running (a.m. & p.m.) . JPG excursion - Dream Big Children's Festival in Adelaide . 2:45pm Assembly . 5:30pm MCSC bar open, light tea options	10/5 & 11/5 . 10/5 RMFL/RMNA Ramblers -v- Mypo @ Ramblers . 11/5 Happy Mother's Day
Week 3	12/5 . 6:00pm RRHAN-EC training face-face session @ the school . 7:00pm Finance / 7:30pm Governing Council Meetings	13/5 . 9:00am Tiny Tigers	14/5 . MP unit enterprise recess (crumpets)	15/5 . MP unit enterprise lunch (mini pizzas)	16/5 . Walk to School Day . 5:30pm MCSC bar open, light tea options	17/5 & 18/5 . 17/5 RMFL/RMNA Mypo -v- Tailen @ Mypo
Week 4	19/5 . Newsletter	20/5 . 9:00am Tiny Tigers	21/5 . NO MP unit enterprise recess . Middle Primary Unit Camp - Woodhouse Adventure Park	22/5 . No MP unit enterprise lunch . Middle Primary Unit Camp - Woodhouse Adventure Park	23/5 . 2:45pm Assembly . 5:30pm MCSC bar open, light tea options . Mypolonga Combined Club AGM	24/5 & 25/5 . 24/5 RMFL/RMNA Southern Mallee -v- Mypo @ Pinnaroo
Week 5	26/5 Student Free Day	27/5 . 9:00am Tiny Tigers	28/5 . MP unit enterprise recess (crumpets)	29/5 . MP unit enterprise lunch (mini pizzas)	30/5 . 5:30pm MCSC bar open, light tea options	31/5 & 1/6 . 31/5 RMFL/RMNA Mypo -v- Imps @ Mypo

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