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Mypolonga Primary School & Community Newsletter

"An essential attribute of a good conversationalist is to be an equally good listener."

~ Errol White ~

Term 2, Week 4 19th May 2025

Assembly Presenters Term 2

Week 4 - No Assembly

Week 6 - Ella (Year 4), Tabitha (Year 5), Zara (Year 6)

Happy Birthday!

21/5 - Abby (Year 5)

28/5 - Liam (Year 4)

28/5 - Charlie (Year 5)

1/6 - Jordan (Year 5)

2/6 - Aisha (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

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.



National Volunteer Week is Australia's largest annual celebration of volunteering and is being held from 19-25 May 2025. This special event highlights the important role of volunteers in our community and invites people not currently volunteering to give it a go. To all our wonderful volunteers who support our school and local community groups. THANK YOU!

Literacy Cup Results (end of Week 3 and progressive total)

Red (Murray) 93 / 1173 points
Blue (Hindmarsh) 84 / 1092 points
Gold (Finnis) 72 / 1030 points



Government of South Australia
Department for Education

We Roar as One!

What a busy first three weeks of Term 2 we have had! We are beginning to see absences due to some level of ill health, particularly with the change of season. For the safety of all, we remind you that it is important to keep your children at home when unwell.

School Shop Book

It has been really exciting to see the way staff and students have taken up the deep learning task of our School Shop book. There are many and varied learning opportunities that this is creating beyond the classroom. Our students have been able to visit the Proud Mary as it has docked and passengers disembarked, greeting them with enthusiasm and gaining a deeper understanding of where our shop customers are coming from. Also, having the privilege of going onto the boat and see the workings of a paddle steamer.

Classes are learning about the traditions and history of our School Shop, as well as what makes Mypolonga a unique and special place to live, go to school and be involved in. We look forward to this learning continuing and the great development of pride and belonging that this process will bring.

Junior Primary Gold Excursion

Our Junior Primary Gold students had an exciting and fun filled day at their excursion a couple of Fridays ago, attending the 'Dream Big' Festival in Adelaide. Thanks to Mrs Wagenknecht, Cass and David and to our volunteer parents Alecia, Shannen and Daniel for assisting with the day.

Middle Primary Camp

This Wednesday and Thursday, the Middle Primary unit will be attending their school camp at Woodhouse Adventure Park. This will be a great opportunity for students to continue to develop their skills in building resilience through the challenging activities at the campsite, but also in sleeping away from home. We hope they have a safe and exciting camp.

No Assembly Friday

This week, there will be many interruptions to our regular learning routine, with the Middle Primary unit camp and incursions in our Upper Primary unit. Due to this, we are postponing our Week 4 assembly to allow us to catch up on other pressing learning needs, like our School Shop book. We appreciate your understanding with this, as we continue to build deep learning events into our students' lives.

Upper Primary Swing Development

Congratulations to our Upper Primary Gold class who has been working very hard on a project to reintroduce swings for our Upper Primary students. As you may have seen through our social media, Mypolonga Primary School, through support of the Mypolonga RSL, have been successful in receiving a \$4355 grant from the Rural City of Murray Bridge Council to erect a new swing set. This grant will cover half of the expected cost of purchase and instalment of the swings, with the students now writing letters seeking 'in kind' support for groundwork and donation or reduced costs of further materials to see this idea become a reality. Well done on the initiative and hard work these students are showing.

Working together
Sunyl Vogt

Extracted from Murray
Bridge News article

MURRAY BRIDGE NEWS

COUNCIL

Community grant will help Mypolonga Primary School get their swings back

A student-led fundraising campaign has had a big win at this Murraylands school.

Liana Webster
May 12, 2025 — 2 min read



Students of the Week - Week 2, Term 2

Junior Primary Black (JPB)

Asher - showing growth in engagement and effort towards his learning.

Sadie - showing great independence in her morning routine.

Middle Primary Gold (MPG)

Ruby - constantly showing engagement in her learning.

Billy - having a great growth mindset with his learning.

Middle Primary Black (MPB)

Xander - engagement and effort during all learning tasks and discussions.

Harry - sharing his knowledge and assisting his peers during morphology lessons.

Upper Primary Gold (UPG)

Charlotte - an engaged learner who always tries her best.

Evie - showing leadership and initiative with our Swings Project.

Upper Primary Black (UPB)

Abby - showing excellence and a growth mindset by getting multiple drafts in during our HASS project.

Jeremy - enthusiasm in spelling and great leadership in the yard.

The Importance of Good Manners

Good manners cost nothing! These are words that adults probably remember being taught as children, and those of us who are now parents, probably repeat to their own children.

But while these gifts are free to give, the simple offerings of being polite and kind - like saying please and thank you, listening carefully, and making eye contact with people, can bring huge benefits to ourselves and those around us. They can help us appear more confident, maintain good relationships, lead to us prospering at work and generally enjoying happier and healthier lives.

We love hearing and seeing our current and past students use their manners at school and in the wider community. Whether it be ordering food at the football/netball canteens, or holding a door open for someone, these words and gestures don't go unnoticed.

This term, if you see a 'manners sticker' given by office staff and worn by your child when they come home from school, know that they have used their manners without being asked, and we are very proud of them, as we know you would be.

Simple Manners All Kids Should Know (extracted from parents.com/kids)

1. Say 'please'
2. Say 'thank you'
3. Wait your turn
4. Say 'excuse me'
5. Ask permission
6. Reciprocate greetings
7. Express gratitude
8. Knock on closed doors
9. Introduce yourself
10. Hold the door



Walk Safely to School

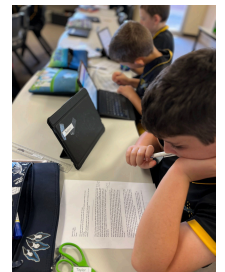
Last Friday, our students took important steps towards a healthier future when they participated in National Walk Safely to School Day.

This year marks the 26th anniversary of the event, championed by the Pedestrian Council of Australia.



Thanks for the visit Kristy!

In Week 1, we were fortunate to welcome published author Kristy Fairlamb (pictured right), a former MB High student, to our school. Kristy engaged our Upper Primary students in a discussion about the editing process, which aligns with our current book project about the School Shop. We were also grateful to receive our own copy of one of Kristy's books, which is now in our school library.



Junior Primary Gold - Dream BIG excursion

In Week 2, our Reception class went to Adelaide for their Dream BIG excursion. Students had a great day making masterpieces from a big pile of recycling and saw the Imagine Live musical, an Alison Lester story they have been reading in class. A big thank you to our volunteers, Alecia, Shannen and Daniel who accompanied Jo, Cass & David.

The DreamBIG Children's Festival is an iconic arts festival for children and young people held every 2 years in South Australia. The festival was originally known as Come Out Children's Festival, and started in 1974. Since then it's become an important part of South Australia's preschool and school calendar.

Imagine Live invites you on a journey of creativity, friendship, and the wonders of our natural world. During the 60-minute interactive musical, performers breathe life into the pages of Alison Lester's beloved book, revealing hidden depths and unexpected adventures. From spotting leopards to diving with dolphins, every moment is a discovery.



Mothers Day

We hope all Mums had a great day and loved receiving their handcrafted and 'made with love' gifts for Mother's Day.

Junior Primary Gold

Monarto Mint Bush and card



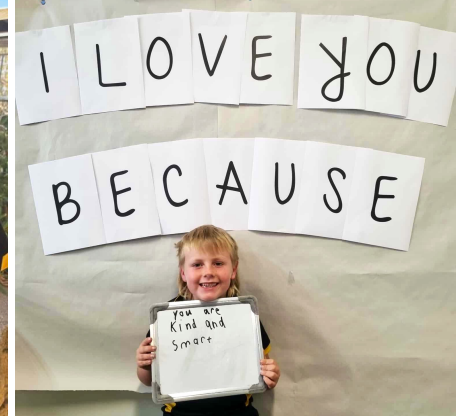
Junior Primary Black

Individually designed magnets and card



Middle Primary Gold

I Love You Because... frames & card



Middle Primary Black

Monarto Mint Bush and card



Upper Primary Gold

Canva created framed chalk board messages of love



Upper Primary Black

Photo Hangers



Precious Plants for Precious People

Our Middle Primary Black and Junior Primary Gold classes took part in a workshop delivered by the Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board.

The *Precious Plants for Precious People* program was an opportunity for our students to learn about the importance of local biodiversity and endangered plants and various animals.

Students were given a native Monarto Mint Bush to gift to someone special in their lives for Mother's Day.



Junior Primary Black - our Community

Last week, the Junior Primary Black class took a bus ride around the township of Mypolonga, exploring special places in the community.

We were lucky enough to speak with Jenny Llewellyn at the Mypolonga Institute, showing us displays and photographs of Mypolonga many years ago. We took photos along the way, and we will be using these to help us design and draw postcards as part of our project to help celebrate 30 years of the School Shop.

Thanks also to David for driving the bus.



Mother's Day Market

Prior to Mother's Day, our Upper Primary students successfully organised and executed another Mother's Day Market, providing a valuable opportunity for all students to acquire special gifts. The market featured an array of thoughtful items, including plants, bracelets, chocolates, tea sets, sugar scrubs and lip balms.

We appreciate our community's support of this financial literacy initiative, which enhances our senior students' learning experience.

SAPSASA Football

CONGRATULATIONS to Oliver O'S, Cayce and Will on being selected in the boys Murraylands team participating in the SAPSASA State Football Carnival being held in Adelaide from 26th-28th May 2025.

Well done boys. We look forward to hearing about your week!



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 4	19/5 . Newsletter . UP unit Council visit	20/5 . 9:00am Tiny Tigers	21/5 . NO MP unit enterprise recess . Middle Primary Unit Camp - Woodhouse Adventure Park . UP Fisheries chat	22/5 . No MP unit enterprise lunch . Middle Primary Unit Camp - Woodhouse Adventure Park	23/5 . No Assembly . 5:30pm MCSC bar open, light tea options . 7:00pm MCSC AGM	24/5 & 25/5 . 24/5 RMFL/ RMNA Southern Mallee -v- Mypo @ Pinnaroo
Week 5	26/5 Student Free Day SAPSASA Football Carnival	27/5 . 9:00am Tiny Tigers . SAPSASA Football Carnival	28/5 . MP unit enterprise recess (crumpets) . SAPSASA Football Carnival	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 + 'Thirsty Tiger' social event
Week 6	2/6 . Newsletter	3/6 . 9:00am Tiny Tigers	4/6 . MP unit enterprise recess (crumpets)	5/6 . MP unit enterprise lunch (mini pizzas)	6/6 . 2:45pm Assembly . MCSC monthly Friday night tea	7/6 & 8/6 . Netball Country Champs
Week 7	9/6 Public Holiday	10/6 . 9:00am Tiny Tigers	11/6 . MP unit enterprise recess (crumpets)	12/6 . MP unit enterprise lunch (mini pizzas)	13/6 . 5:30pm MCSC bar open, light tea options	14/6 & 15/6 . 14/6 RMFL/ RMNA bye
Week 8	16/6 . Newsletter . 7:00pm Finance / 7:30pm Governing Council Meetings	17/6 . 9:00am Tiny Tigers	18/6 . MP unit enterprise recess (crumpets)	19/6 . MP unit enterprise lunch (mini pizzas) . 9:00am-2:00pm Mid-year Reception Transition Day	20/6 . 2:45pm Assembly . 5:30pm MCSC bar open, light tea options	21/6 & 22/6 . 21/6 RMFL/ RMNA Mypo -v- Coorong @ Mypo with Score & Pour bar
Week 9	23/6 . SAPSASA Netball Carnival	24/6 . 9:00am Tiny Tigers . SAPSASA Netball Carnival	25/6 . MP unit enterprise recess (crumpets) . SAPSASA Netball Carnival	26/6 . MP unit enterprise lunch (mini pizzas) . 9:00am-3:25pm Mid-year Reception Transition	27/6 . 5:30pm MCSC bar open, light tea options	28/6 & 29/6 . 28/6 RMFL/ RMNA Mypo -v- Jervois @ Jervois
Week 10	30/6	1/7 . 9:00am Tiny Tigers	2/7 . MP unit enterprise recess (crumpets)	3/7 . MP unit enterprise lunch (mini pizzas) . 2:45pm End of Term Assembly with presentation of school and Kiwani awards	4/7 . 2:25pm Early Dismissal . Newsletter . MCSC monthly Friday night tea	5/7 & 6/7 . 5/7 RMFL/ RMNA Mypo -v- Mallee Districts @ Mypo with MNLC Junior & Senior Discos & MFC Sponsors' Day

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