

# MYPO NEWS

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Mypolonga Primary School &amp; Community Newsletter

*"The path from dreams to success does exist. May you have the vision to find it, the courage to get on to it, and the perseverance to follow it."*

~ Kalpana Chawla (1962-2003) was an American astronaut and aerospace engineer who was the first woman of Indian origin to fly to space. ~

## Term 2, Week 6 2nd June 2025

### Assembly Presenters Term 2

Week 6 - Ella (Year 4), Tabitha (Year 5),  
Zara (Year 6)  
Week 8 - Nash (Year 4), Will (Year 5),  
Chloe (Year 6)

### Happy Birthday!

2/6 - Aisha (Year 3)  
15/6 - Savana (Year 3)

### Calendar Updates / Reminders

Term 2 - 2:45pm Thursday 3rd July 2025  
End of Term Assembly with presentation of  
school and Kiwani awards  
Term 2 - 2:25pm Friday 4th July 2025 Early  
Dismissal

### 2025 Student Free Days:

Term 3 - Thursday 4th September 2025  
Term 3 - Friday 5th September 2025 (school  
closure)  
Term 4 - Friday 14th November 2025

### Transition Days for mid-year Reception students:

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

### Lost & Found

Please call into the office if your child has misplaced a jumper, jacket, drink bottle, plastic container or lunch box.

To help with the identification of these items, we suggest; using a permanent marker to write names, or, visiting one of the many companies' websites who sell stick on labels. One company which has come recommended by a Mypo parent is Hippo Blue <https://hippoblue.com.au/>. Check it out!

### Student Medication

A reminder that **ALL** medication (including liquids, tablets and lotions), which is stored in our first aid room, needs to have a completed and signed Medication Agreement attached to it (Department policy). This form can be obtained from the office or from the website [www.education.sa.gov.au](http://www.education.sa.gov.au) (search 'medication').

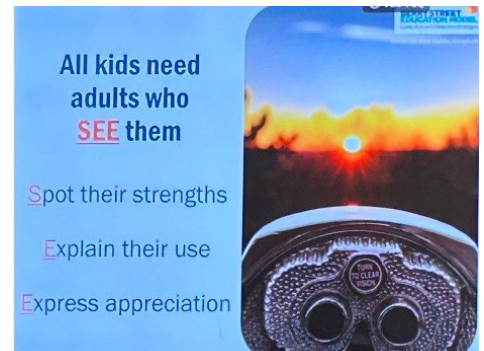


## We Roar as One!

The weeks continue to fly past, and with a four day week last week, and another one next week, the end of term will be upon us in no time at all. A fortnight ago, the Middle Primary unit had a great couple of days at camp, with lots of challenges that related to learning about themselves and building their character and resilience. Along with this, there has been so much work going on to continue to develop the learning skills of every student and staff member in the school.

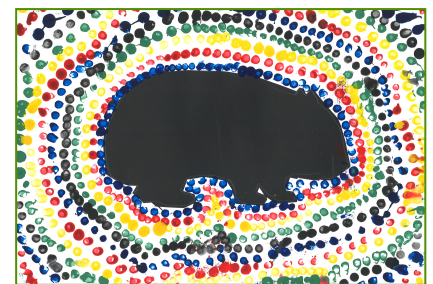
### Student Free Day Learning

Last Monday, Mypolonga Primary School staff combined with other schools across the region to complete our fourth and final day of training on the Berry Street Education Model. It was another day of great learning to assist us not only support successful educational outcomes for your children, but also to support their emotional and physical wellbeing outcomes. A lot of the day focused on ensuring that our school values are being lived out by our staff and students and the different character strengths that we all develop, through our home, family lives and lived experiences. We all have different strengths, and these show out in different moments. We need to work on recognising and developing these character strengths in ourselves and others. We look forward to slowly implementing many of the strategies we continue to learn to provide better experiences for every child in our care.



### Reconciliation Week

As Australians, we should recognise reconciliation as something that is ongoing. Last week, due to Reconciliation Week, our classes completed activities in sharing their understanding of Australia's Indigenous heritage and connection to this country and how we can accept any differences and reconcile disagreements past, present or future. This is another great opportunity for us to highlight the amazing history of this great place we call home. It is about us taking the opportunity to continue to create change in our communities and recognise the long history of Indigenous heritage in Australia. Every one of us is encouraged and challenged to Bridge our Now to Next.



artwork by James

### Mid-year Intake

The school is beginning to prepare for the midyear intake of Reception students. In Week 8 and 9 of this term, we will have transition days to welcome the 6 students joining the school. These transitions will give the new Reception students joining Mrs Wagenknecht, and the 6 Reception students transitioning into Mrs Perry's class to create space, a small taste of what is to come. We look forward to welcoming these students who begin their learning journey at Mypolonga Primary School.

Working Together,  
Sunyl Vogt



Government of South Australia  
Department for Education



## Students of the Week - Week 4, Term 2



### Junior Primary Gold (JPG)

**Ralph** - always being a diligent learner and positive classroom role model.

**Lilly** - participating in class discussions and always striving to do her best learning.



### Junior Primary Black (JPB)

**Xavier** - always trying his very best in every learning task.

**Emerson** - being a very kind, caring and thoughtful class member.

### Middle Primary Gold (MPG)

**Oakley** - showing great resilience and encouraging his peers.

**Legion** - showing great resilience and always willing to help his peers.

### Middle Primary Black (MPB)

**Spencer** - showing kindness and consideration towards his peers.

**Marley** - showing resilience and a positive attitude when tackling all tasks.



### Upper Primary Gold (UPG)

**Jessica** - eagerly sharing ideas and showing enthusiasm in every learning opportunity.

**Eva** - always lending a hand and showing initiative without being asked.

### Upper Primary Black (UPB)

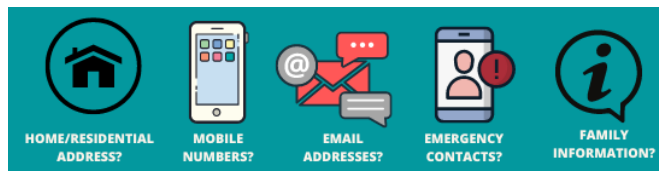
**Charlie** - showing empathy and understanding when working with her pair during our HASS project.

**Will** - being an engaged and enthusiastic learner and challenging himself to improve.

## Parents/Caregivers...

Please update the information below if any of your details have changed or you would like to know what information we have on our database for your child(ren).

You can do this via email or by filling out the enrolment update form available from the office or our website. Thanks.



## Attendance Reminders

### Exemptions

Parents/carers seeking extended leave for their children (5 school days or more) ie. for family holidays are asked to complete an application for exemption from school attendance form available from the office or our website. Advanced notice of extended leave would be much appreciated.

### Notification of Absences

Parents & caregivers are kindly asked to let their child's classroom teacher know of any student absences from school (including reason for absence ie; illness or family). Email notification is preferred.

Any unexplained absences will be followed up by the classroom teacher.

## Old Scholar News!

**Congratulations** to Chloe Pahl (Class of 2016) who officially graduated from Adelaide University on 12th May 2025. Chloe completed her Bachelor of Mathematical Sciences (Advanced) and is now working full time in the defence industry.

**Congratulations** to Jack Kluske (Class of 2011) on signing with the Sydney Swans for the 2025 Victorian Football League (VFL) season.

**Congratulations** to Coen Martin (Class of 2017) on his recent selection to represent South Australia in gymnastics this July on the Gold Coast.



*\* Do you have any old scholar news you would like to share? We love to follow our students' journey when they leave us, whether it be achievements in sport or academic paths.*

## Lunchtime Creativity in the Sandpit!

'In Week 4 this term, Chloe, Olivia and I made a turtle sculpture in the sandpit during one of our lunch breaks. It took us 3 days to complete. We would like to make another sand sculpture sometime soon.' *Jeremy*

'We started the turtle sculpture on a Tuesday. We made the turtle shell with a village on top of it and a moat around it. We then started making the flippers and head. On Wednesday, we had to make the village again because it got destroyed. We first got the idea as the shape of the mound we built looked like a turtle.' *Olivia*

'We made the turtle sculpture out of sticks and leaves. It took a couple of days to make but it was worth it. Before we destroyed it, we made a hole through the shell to see if we could fit through it but it collapsed.' *Chloe*

*Did you know:* The Guinness World Record for the tallest sand sculpture is currently held by a sandcastle built in Denmark, standing at 21.16 metres. This structure was completed in July 2021. It features over 5,000 tonnes of sand and was designed to represent the power of the coronavirus.





### Middle Primary Unit camp - Woodhouse Adventure Park

Our recent camp at Woodhouse Adventure Park was an unforgettable experience, filled with adventure and new experiences. Students took part in exciting activities like the giant slide, rock climbing, challenge hill, and a photo hunt. These challenges encouraged them to step out of their comfort zone, build resilience, and develop persistence. The camp also strengthened friendships, with plenty of laughter, teamwork, and support. Everyone had a fantastic time and created life long memories. Thank you to all of our amazing volunteers.

*"My favourite part of camp was the giant slide because it was so fun and fast and we even got a little bit wet!" - Bohdi*

*"Rock climbing was challenging, but I still enjoyed it. I loved going really fast down the giant slide with my friends." - Xanthe*



### Upper Primary Black - Project Based Learning

This term, during HASS lessons in the Upper Black Class, we are learning about the history of Adelaide and how it was founded. Adelaide was the only settlement which was planned to have only free settlers, not relying on convict labour like many other Australian colonies. Did you know that the youngest convict was 13 years old!

#### Mapping with Ash

For our mapping, we asked Ash Thiele to come in to help us start our sketching, but first we had to choose whether we wanted an old map of Adelaide or a new map of Adelaide. We chose the original map drawn by Colonel Light. Following this, we had to choose a part of the map we were going to work on. Ash asked us to divide our paper into four sections, and then we started sketching. After that, we moved on to sketching on the map with the rest of the group, making sure our drawings lined up with everyone else's. After five weeks working on this, all our lines were matched and we started colouring. We used water pencils and paint brushes to paint the grass, streets etc. We hope to have Ash visit us once more to help us with colours.

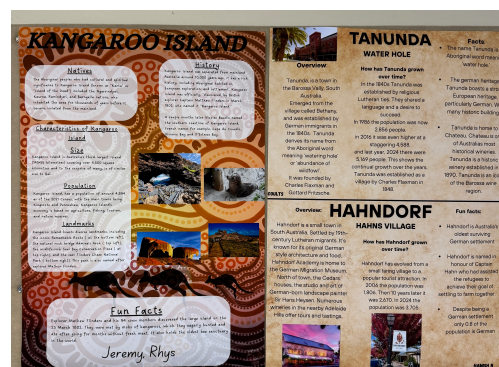
#### Posters

In pairs, we chose who or what we were interested in and looked into why it was important to Adelaide's history. We sent drafts to Mr. Rance, who gave us feedback on what to fix or improve. Each of us chose someone who had a part in Adelaide's early days, like Abby, who researched Dame Roma Mitchell, and Emily, who looked into Colonel William Light. Other groups looked into old towns like Hahndorf, Tanunda, and Kangaroo Island. Some worked on a timeline of Adelaide's history from its founding in 1836 to now. Our A2 posters were generously donated by Officeworks to us.

#### 3D printing using Tinkercad

In the first steps of Tinkercad, we had to decide whether we wanted to create an old or new landmark, and what type of landmark it would be. Then, using the same partners from the poster activity, we chose a landmark to design, eg. Adelaide Oval. We also had to make sure our model was small enough to fit properly on the map. On Tuesday in Week 10, we plan to show our posters, Tinkercad and map to our parents. Stay tuned for more information!

World Vision Leaders, Emily and Abby





**SAPSASA Football**

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

Below is a short reflection from their time participating:-

*"Most of our team stayed at the West Beach Caravan Park and Resort in Adelaide.*

*We played nine games and won three.*

*Something we learnt was when we took a mark, that we should 'roll on', which means to play on after we mark it.*

*We all had a really good time. It was a lot of fun meeting new people, especially Zac, Kaden, Oscar K, Liam, Curtis, Sixton and Nicholas."*

**Upper Primary Gold - Reconciliation Week**

This year's theme for Reconciliation Week is 'Bridging Now to Next' and the ongoing connection between past, present and future. Our Upper Primary Gold class are creating Welcome to and Acknowledgement of Country slides/videos to share at assemblies. Last week, we learnt more about Reconciliation Week and participated in various lessons to extend our learning. Here is some of our artwork where we experimented with dot painting. Below from left, artwork by Jess & Oliver C.

**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

<b>Week 6</b>	<b>2/6</b> . Newsletter	<b>3/6</b> . 9:00am Tiny Tigers	<b>4/6</b> . MP unit enterprise recess (crumpets)	<b>5/6</b> . MP unit enterprise lunch (mini pizzas)	<b>6/6</b> . 2:45pm Assembly . MCSC monthly Friday night tea	<b>7/6 &amp; 8/6</b> . Netball Country Champs
<b>Week 7</b>	<b>9/6</b> <b>Public Holiday</b>	<b>10/6</b> . 9:00am Tiny Tigers	<b>11/6</b> . MP unit enterprise recess (crumpets)	<b>12/6</b> . MP unit enterprise lunch (mini pizzas)	<b>13/6</b> . 5:30pm MCSC bar open	<b>14/6 &amp; 15/6</b> . 14/6 RMFL/ RMNA bye
<b>Week 8</b>	<b>16/6</b> . Newsletter . 7:00pm Finance / 7:30pm Governing Council Meetings	<b>17/6</b> . 9:00am Tiny Tigers	<b>18/6</b> . MP unit enterprise recess (crumpets)	<b>19/6</b> . MP unit enterprise lunch (mini pizzas) . 9:00am-2:00pm Mid-year Reception Transition	<b>20/6</b> . 2:45pm Assembly . 5:30pm MCSC bar open	<b>21/6 &amp; 22/6</b> . 21/6 RMFL/ RMNA Mypo -v- Coorong @ Mypo with Score & Pour bar
<b>Week 9</b>	<b>23/6</b> . SAPSASA Netball Carnival	<b>24/6</b> . 9:00am Tiny Tigers . SAPSASA Netball Carnival	<b>25/6</b> . MP unit enterprise recess (crumpets) . SAPSASA Netball Carnival	<b>26/6</b> . MP unit enterprise lunch (mini pizzas) . 9:00am-3:25pm Mid-year Reception Transition	<b>27/6</b> . 5:30pm MCSC bar open	<b>28/6 &amp; 29/6</b> . 28/6 RMFL/ RMNA Mypo -v- Jervois @ Jervois
<b>Week 10</b>	<b>30/6</b>	<b>1/7</b> . 9:00am Tiny Tigers	<b>2/7</b> . MP unit enterprise recess (crumpets)	<b>3/7</b> . MP unit enterprise lunch (mini pizzas) . 2:45pm End of Term Assembly with presentation of school and Kiwani awards	<b>4/7</b> . 2:25pm Early Dismissal . Newsletter . MCSC monthly Friday night tea	<b>5/7 &amp; 6/7</b> . 5/7 RMFL/ RMNA Mypo -v- Mallee Districts @ Mypo with MNLC Junior & Senior Discos & MFC Sponsors' Day

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