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Mypolonga Primary School &amp; Community Newsletter

**Did You Know?** (because we are never too old to learn! :) On 21st June we will experience the winter solstice. The winter solstice marks the exact moment when half of Earth is tilted the farthest away from the sun. Because less sunlight reaches Earth, it is the day of the year with the least amount of daytime, known as the shortest day of the year. But the good news is that every day after the winter solstice will be a little longer, until we reach the day with the most hours of daylight, called the summer solstice.

## Term 2, Week 8 16th June 2025

### Assembly Presenters Term 2

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

Thursday Week 10 - Evie (Year 4), Charlie (Year 5), Taite (Year 6)

### Happy Birthday!

18/6 - Jeremy (Year 6)

19/6 - Bryce (Year 1)

19/6 - Lola (Year 3)

20/6 - Hamish (Year 5)

24/6 - Lucy (Reception)

27/6 - Oliver (Year 3)

29/6 - Harry (Year 3)

2/7 - Freya (Reception)

4/7 - Huntley (Year 1)

### Calendar Updates / Reminders

2:45pm Thursday 3rd July 2025 - End of Term Assembly with presentation of school and Kiwani awards

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)

### CASUAL DAY - this Wednesday 18/6/25

On Wednesday, our SRC are holding a Casual Day to support Kai Martin's quest in raising money for local domestic violence support services. We kindly ask that students bring in a gold coin donation and wear a splash of white, purple or black on the day.



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## We Roar as One ... Welcome to Week 8!

### Staffing Update

Miss Webb will leave us at the end of this week to start her maternity leave. Thanks must go to Amy for showing great persistence and resilience to push through until this week; we wish her and Jason all the best for the exciting arrival of their first child! Mr Hayden Teunissen will step in for the last two weeks of term, as Amy starts her leave. We welcome Mr T to the Mypo teaching team, as he covers the MPG class for the remainder of term 2.

### Student Reports

Staff have been busy writing student reports, which I am beginning to read. In essence, these reports are constructed by your children, as what the staff write merely reflects the work, effort and achievement that each of the students put in. I hope that when they are sent out at the end of the term, you read through them with your child/ren to create conversations about what is in their reports to help direct future improvement. One of the key aspects of reports that I look at is the effort that each child is putting in. This is one area that the student is in complete control of. Always a good starting point for discussion and improvement.

### Co-regulation and Self-Regulation

We have been working hard at school to assist students in developing their skills to regulate their behaviours. We support and recognise that students will all experience a multitude of strong emotions both at school and in their everyday lives, these are normal and should be encouraged. These strong emotions can sometimes make it hard to control our actions, it is at this time we need to regulate. Regulating our behaviours can sometimes be hard, particularly for our youngest students, this is when they may need someone to spend time with them bringing them into a calm spot, this is called co-regulation. As students get older, we need to teach them strategies to self-regulate, so that they can continue to develop what suits them to be successful in controlling themselves. This can be more challenging for some students than others, but as with those students who struggle with learning to read and write, we must persist and continue to practice, so that we can get better. If you have any questions or would like more information about this, please speak to one of the staff, or make an appointment to meet with me.



### School Crossing, Parking and Pickup

Over the last few weeks, I have been made aware of people not adhering to the rules around the school at drop off and pick up time. We ask parents to ensure that they adhere to the 25km/hr limit at pick up and drop off, the crossing monitors and their signs at pick up, as well as not perform U-turns near the school crossing. We also ask that parents only park in designated spaces, not up on the curb. Parking on the curb limits space for students to walk and cross the road, as well as reduces vision for other drivers and pedestrians. It is vitally important we follow these for the safety of all students, staff and road users.

### Mid-year Intake

This Thursday is the first half day transition for our mid-year Reception students. We will have six new students joining the Reception class. To make room for them, six of our current Reception students will be joining our Year 1 class for the remainder of the year. On the following Thursday, these students will join us for a full day. These days will give all students transitioning a small taste of what is to come.

Working Together, Sunyl Vogt

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## Students of the Week - Week 6, Term 2

### Junior Primary Gold (JPG) ★

**Noah** - being a helpful classmate.

**Jaxon** - showing great progress with his decoding and blending skills.

**Maggie** - becoming a more confident student, especially during instructional routines. ★

### Junior Primary Black (JPB)

**Max** - displaying great phonics knowledge in instructional routines.

**Winnie** - being a kind class member and always displaying his TIGER values.

### Middle Primary Gold (MPG)

**Parker** - being a focused and engaged learner.

**Harper** - showing great teamwork and showing initiative.

### Middle Primary Black (MPB)

**Finley** - assisting his classmates in Maths games with enthusiasm and patience.

**Bohdi** - showing initiative in the classroom and shop as well as great customer service. ★

### Upper Primary Gold (UPG)

**Ella** - showing leadership in group work and making sure everyone is included.

**Hollie** - open and eager for any and every learning opportunity.

### Upper Primary Black (UPB)

**Jordan** - showing his 'love of learning' character strength during our HASS project.

**Paige** - being an engaged and enthusiastic student in class and school shop.

## Go Myles! – Mighty River Run 2025

We're excited to announce that our Reception student, Myles, has become a Client Ambassador for the 2025 Novita Mighty River Run.

The *Mighty River Run* is a five-day boating adventure that raises vital funds to support people living with disability. The Run has helped Novita deliver life-changing services that promote inclusion, celebrate diversity, and empower individuals to live the life they choose.

This year, participants will journey through the stunning river landscapes of South Australia, travelling from Berri to Wellington and Myles will be right there with them!

Since joining Novita, Myles has made amazing progress. With support from his therapy team, he's successfully transitioned from kindy to school, grown in confidence, and made significant strides in both his motor and communication skills. He's currently working on expressing his emotions and building skills like handwriting. He's full of energy, loves making new friends, playing games, and enthusiastically shares his favourite things with anyone who'll listen.

Myles is especially excited to be part of the River Run – he loves being on the water and helping his dad with the family boat. As his therapist Kate shares, "One of Myles' favourite things is being out on the boat with his family – he's going to have the best time as an Ambassador!"

We can't wait to hear of your experiences Myles! Have fun!

You can learn more about the Mighty River Run by following their Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/MightyRiverRun/> or by visiting <https://mightyriverrun.novita.org.au/>.

## Tiny Tigers

9:00am-10:00am

### Tuesdays in the library

Bring a hat, drink and snack for some fun in the playground after the session. Newborn to school age children welcome!

\$5 donation per child, per term to assist with costs associated with activities is appreciated.



## Junior Primary Unit - Messy Play

The Junior Primary classes attended a Messy Play afternoon at the Mypolonga Institute on 30th May. All students enjoyed playtime with sand, rocks, shells, slime, Play-Doh and grain. Students made their own Play-doh to take home. They were treated to pop corn, juice and toasties. Students were also given a gift bag to explore more messy play at home. We thank the Murray Bridge Wellbeing Hub for organising the afternoon's activities.



### RSL Presentation

On the evening of Wednesday, 4th June, our Shop Leaders, Taylor and Rhys, attended a meeting with members of the Rotary Club of Mobilong to share insights about the operation of our School Shop. They spoke about who uses the shop and outlined their responsibilities as shop leaders. Both students, along with Mrs Carstairs, were presented with certificates in appreciation of their participation. Students Hamish, Isabelle, Spencer and Peyton also attended the talk. Together, the group expressed their gratitude to the Rotary Club for honouring them earlier this year with the Harry Tillyer Award.



### Exciting Learning Experiences for our Upper Primary Unit students in May

Our Upper Primary students had a busy month in May, with two special visits that brought real-world learning into the classroom.

#### Local Councillor Visit

Students welcomed local councillors for a valuable discussion about a proposed play space in Murray Bridge. They explored maps, considered different perspectives, and contributed some fantastic ideas. It was a great opportunity to see how community planning works and to have their voices heard! A big thank you to Samara (Youth Development Officer) and Eleni (Planning Officer) for their time. We're looking forward to seeing how the play space project unfolds.



#### Fishcare Presentation

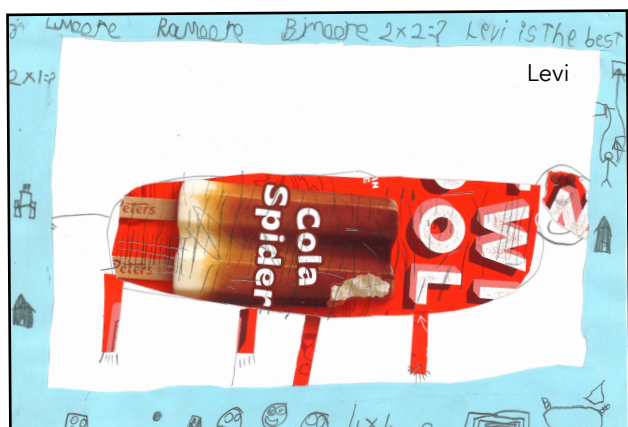
We were also fortunate to host volunteers from Fishcare, who delivered an engaging session on sustainable fishing. Students learned why fish are important to our ecosystems, why fishing rules exist, and how to follow them responsibly.

They practiced identifying different fish species, learned about size and catch limits, and discovered how to humanely handle carp. Special thanks to Graham and Emily for making fishing education both informative and fun.



### Middle Primary Gold - Creative Creatures

In Art, Middle Primary Gold students looked at the book *The Lost Thing* by Shaun Tan and how *The Lost Thing* was made from different things. They had a go at creating their own Lost Things. Check out the students' work on the display board outside the staffroom.



### Digital Technology - Buddies

In Digital Technology with Mrs Stone, Middle Primary Black students have been busy developing their skills using Bee-Bot mats and coding cards. During lesson time, they had the opportunity to share their learning by partnering with their Junior Primary Black buddy class.



## 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 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> . Casual Day . 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 . 5:30pm-9:00pm Mypo Progress Association Beyond the Paddock BBQ & Bon Fire @ Mypo RSL	<b>21/6 &amp; 22/6</b> . 21/6 RMFL/ RMNA Mypo -v- Coorong
<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 . 29/6 Auskick carnival
<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 Stayin' Alive, Junior & Senior Discos & MFC Sponsors' Day

## Planner - Term 3 2025

<b>Week 1</b>	<b>21/7</b>	<b>22/7</b> . 9:00am Tiny Tigers	<b>23/7</b>	<b>24/7</b>	<b>25/7</b> . 5:30pm MCSC bar open	<b>26/7 &amp; 27/7</b> . 26/7 RMFL/ RMNA -v- Rambblers @ Mypo with MFC Back to Mypo Day & Goods & Services Auction
			Class Enterprise Recess/ Lunch info to follow!			
<b>Week 2</b>	<b>28/7</b> . Newsletter	<b>29/7</b> . 9:00am Tiny Tigers	<b>30/7</b>	<b>31/7</b>	<b>1/8</b> . 2:45pm Assembly . 5:30pm MCSC bar open	<b>2/8 &amp; 3/8</b> . 2/8 RMFL/ RMNA -v- Taillem @ Taillem
			Class Enterprise Recess/ Lunch info to follow!			

### Community News

#### Mypolonga Football Club

- . Thursday night teas - join community members and players for affordable schnitzels, chips, veg & salad - \$18.00 / \$14.00 (half serve), followed by player selections.
- . Saturday 5th July 2025 - Sponsors' Day.
- . Saturday 26th July 2025 - teas, Back to Mypo Day & Goods & Services Auction evening.

#### Mypolonga Netball League Club

- . Thursday night netball canteen open from 4:00pm-6:00pm. Enjoy hot drinks, toasties & snacks.
- . Saturday 5th July - teas, 2025 Stayin' Alive, Junior & Senior Discos.
- . Netball Photo Night - Thursday 26th June 2025 in the clubrooms.

#### Mypolonga RSL

Open from 5:30pm every Wednesday, including members' draw & meat raffle. The next Mypolonga RSL Bingo / BBQ tea is being held on Friday 15th August 2025 from 6:00pm. (No bbq and bingo in June & July). All welcome!

**Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club** is open on Friday nights from 5:30pm. Teas are available on the first Friday of every month with occasional teas every other Friday. Dine in or take away. EFTPOS facilities available. Everyone welcome!

**Mypolonga Progress Association** - Beyond the Paddock BBQ & Bon Fire at the Mypo RSL 5:30pm-9:00pm Friday 20th June 2025. All community residents are invited. Please RSVP for catering purposes <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/beyond-the-paddock-bbq-bon-fire-mypolonga-tickets-1380520256249?aff=oddtcreator> or sms 04077692250.

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