

MYPO NEWS

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Mypolonga Primary School & Community Newsletter

"Before you speak, let your words pass through three gates. At the first gate, ask yourself, 'Is it true?'
At the second ask, 'Is it necessary?' At the third gate ask, 'Is it kind?'"
~ Rumi, 13th Century Poet ~

Term 2, Week 10 4th July 2025

Assembly Presenters Term 3

Week 2 - April (Year 4), Cayce (Year 5), Rhys (Year 6)
Week 4 - Van (Year 4), Hamish N (Year 5), Kaylee (Year 6)

Happy Birthday!

5/7 - Olivia (Year 2)
5/7 - Rhys (Year 6)
8/7 - Hunter (Year 5)
9/7 - Stella (Year 2)
12/7 - Taylor (Year 5)
12/7 - Oliver McN (Year 3)
13/7 - Aurora-Mae (Year 4)
13/7 - Joey (Reception)
16/7 - Indianna (Year 3)
19/7 - Ruby (Year 2)
22/7 - Charlotte (Year 4)
25/7 - Blair (Year 1)
26/7 - Rhegan (Year 3)

Calendar Updates / Reminders

2025 Student Free Days:

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

School hats

Upon our return from holidays (and in accordance with our SunSmart policy), students will be required to wear their school hats for all outdoor activities. If you haven't already, we kindly ask that hats be returned to school (**washed and labelled with a permanent marker**) by Monday 21st July 2025 (Week 1 Term 3).

If your child is requiring a new bucket hat for next term, they can be purchased from the office for \$9.50. We have three sizes available; small, medium & large.



Government of South Australia
Department for Education

We Roar as One

The first half of the year has absolutely flown by! We have had another great term of learning and working together. Next term, we look forward to welcoming our new Receptions into the Junior Primary Gold class to begin their learning journey with us.

Staffing Thank You!

Thanks to our amazing staff who have worked so hard this term/semester in supporting your child/rens' learning. The tracking of each individual learner's progress, both academically and in their wellbeing takes a lot of extra time and effort over and above the time they spend with them in class. Along with this, there has been so many other changes and challenges that have given each of us the opportunity to learn and grow in the way we have worked together. Please take the time to thank the teachers if you get the chance. They are very deserving of it!

Staffing Update

I would like to thank Mr Hayden Teunissen who has been working hard in the Year 2/3 Middle Primary Gold class over the last two weeks, to continue the positive learning occurring in their classroom. I have no doubt that we will see Mr T in the school in the future for more relief work.

We look forward to welcoming Miss Amanda Johns to the Mypo teaching team. Amanda will be taking the Middle Primary Gold (Year 2/3 class) from the beginning of Term 3. She comes to us from leadership roles both at EDGE Better Behaviour Centre and Murray Bridge North School, with great skills in inclusion and wellbeing. It was great to have Amanda come and spend some time with the Year 2/3 class on Monday.

Student Reports

Yesterday, you should have received your child/rens' reports. You will also find a DIBELS report, giving you specific information about where your child has tested in the different stages of literacy development, with suggestions and strategies for you to support at home. We hope that these will assist in supporting you with your child/rens' ongoing learning needs. I hope that you can take the time to go through the reports with your children individually and talk about their results and how they are feeling about their learning. These conversations can help your understanding of how they are going, and what they are learning. It might also give you an idea of what you could do at home to help them, through playing games with words or numbers. An important aspect of the report to look at is the effort that your child/ren is putting in. This is one area that the student is in complete control of, it is hard for students to achieve their best if their effort is not high.

Variety Bash Visit

We are very excited to have been included in an upcoming Variety Bash visit. On Friday 8th August, 70-80 cars involved in the NSW Variety Bash will be visiting Mypolonga Primary School. We have been invited to provide breakfast for around 230 participants! This is a great fundraising opportunity for us and the community and we will be looking for some level of support from our families.

We have already received an amazing \$5,000 grant from Variety that has purchased two Phonak sound systems for two of our classrooms. We look forward to providing you with more information as the event nears and your support for the students and the school when they arrive.

I hope that all students, staff and families enjoy the next fortnight, spending time with each other and having a well-earned break. We look forward to picking up and continuing the learning with you again in Term 3.

Working Together, Sunyl Vogt



Students of the Week - Week 8, Term 2



Junior Primary Gold (JPG)

Sophia - improving her class participation during Heggerty and Instructional Routines.

Myles - always sharing his Maths knowledge and being a fantastic friend.



Junior Primary Black (JPB)

Zane - great participation in all learning areas.

Huntley - always having a positive attitude towards his learning.

Middle Primary Gold (MPG)

Della - being a respectful classmate and always willing to help out her peers and teachers.



Middle Primary Black (MPB)

Indianna - challenging her thinking and applying her knowledge during Morphology lessons.

Brooklyn - consistent organisation and responsibility towards her learning.

Upper Primary Gold (UPG)

Ruby - a quiet achiever who supports her peers.

Amitiel - saving the day with her IT skills.

Noah - brilliant effort in running laps on casual day - 43!!



Upper Primary Black (UPB)

Hamish S. - showing his growth mindset during our casual day run and excellence during our Maths lesson.

Hamish N. - always having a growth mindset and demonstrating TIGER values.

Kiwanis Club of Murray Bridge
Terrific Kids for Term 2 2025

CONGRATULATIONS to the following students on receiving a Kiwanis Club of Murray Bridge 'Terrific Kids' award for Term 2 2025. These awards are presented to students in Terms 2 and 4 who live our TIGER values.

Upper Primary Black



Isabel

Upper Primary Gold

Charlotte C.



Middle Primary Black

Bohdi

Middle Primary Gold

Piper

Junior Primary Black

Winnie



Junior Primary Gold

Hudson



Young Environment Leaders - YEL

On Wednesday of Week 7, Taite, Neeve, Olivia, and Hunter from the Upper Primary unit went to the Murray Bridge Community Centre as our Young Environmental Leaders. Other schools involved were Cambrai, Lameroo, Karoonda and Jervois.

We used microscopes to learn about the different microorganisms in the soil, learned how to take better care of the soil, and did some water testing experiments.

The Murray Darling Carpet Python is an endangered species which we were able to meet and hold. We were supposed to meet Dr Karl over video call but he had to cancel.


'My favourite part of the day was learning about the Murray Darling Carpet Python and getting to hold it.' - Taite

'My favourite part was getting to see and learn with my friend who used to go to our school.' - Neeve

'My favourite part was learning about the different types of Science.' - Olivia


'The best part was holding the snake and seeing how long the fungus in the soil was.' - Hunter





Student of the Term

Term 2 2025



Upper Primary Black

Jordan & Rhys

Upper Primary Gold

Hollie

Middle Primary Black

Spencer

Middle Primary Gold

Harper

Junior Primary Black

Lexi

Junior Primary Gold

Emily



Most Improved Student of the Term

Term 2 2025



Upper Primary Black

No most improved student of the term as two students of the term awarded

Upper Primary Gold

Jessica

Middle Primary Black

Aurora-Mae

Middle Primary Gold

Parker

Junior Primary Black

Xavier

Junior Primary Gold

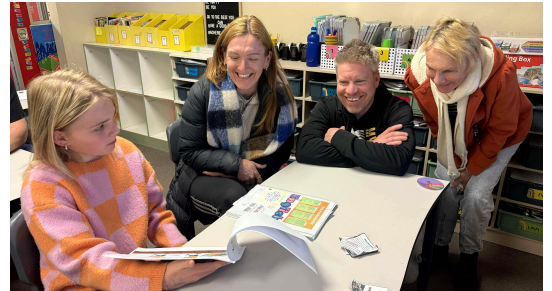
Lucy



Upper Primary Black - Celebration of Learning

On Tuesday night, the Upper Primary Black class held a Celebration of Learning. The students presented to their parents the work they have completed over the past term. We showcased our HASS posters on famous people who impacted the founding of Adelaide. We also shared our map and Tinkercad project, where we designed models in Tinkercad to place on a scaled map of the original CBD of Adelaide.

Students presented books about inanimate objects that they have been working on with Mr Vogt, aiming to bring them to a publishing stage. Finally, we explained the Mother's Day Market project, sharing with parents how it works and what we do to prepare for it.



Junior Primary Gold - Fun Phonics Day

On Wednesday, our Junior Primary Gold Class celebrated their phonics learning by dressing up as their favourite flash card picture cue.

Emily - 'I dressed up as a rabbit. I liked everyone's costumes.'

Joey - 'I had good fun.'

Charlie - 'I dressed up as S sun sss.'

Lucy - 'I dressed up as a Dog. I really liked Elsie's costume.'

Ruby - 'I dressed in a dress.'

Jaxon - 'I liked getting dressed up in my costume and doing the Flash Cards.'



SAPSASA Netball

CONGRATULATIONS to Abby, Alexis, Emily and Gracie who were selected and participated in the Murraylands team in the SAPSASA State Netball Carnival held at ETSA Park, Mile End (Priceline Stadium) from 23rd-25th June 2025. Below is a reflection from their time participating:-

Team 1 Division 2 - Abby and Alexis

We played a total of 9 games. We won 4 games, lost 4 games and tied in 1 game. Our coach's name was Jaelee.

Abby - 'My favourite thing from participating in SAPSASA was meeting new people in my team and becoming good friends with them.'

Alexis - 'I really enjoyed hanging out with my friends and the amazing food. We all loved it and would definitely do it again.'

Team 2 Division 4 - Emily and Gracie

We played a total of 9 games. We won 7 games, but lost to Barossa and Gawler. We had a great time, our team was amazing and they were very kind. Our coach's name was Pheobe and she was so encouraging and loving.

Some of the teams we played included Murray Mallee, Kangaroo Island, Eastern Eyre Peninsula, Barossa & Light, Whyalla, Port Pirie, Southern Yorke Peninsula and Gawler.

Emily - 'I enjoyed playing netball with new teammates and a new coach.'

Gracie - 'I really enjoyed the Boost Juices, playing with such amazing people and having one of the best coaches.'



World Vision

Our World Vision Committee is made up of students who were voted in by their peers in their classrooms. They were chosen because they consistently show our TIGER values. These students are responsible for raising money for our World Vision child, Julia, and for communicating with her. Students can be voted onto the World Vision Committee in Year 2 and remain members for the rest of their primary school years.

Julia

Julia lives in Mozambique, which is in Southeast Africa. She is 16 years old and was born on the 11th of October, 2008. She has four siblings. Her favourite subject at school is National Languages, and in her spare time, she enjoys skipping rope. Both of her parents are agricultural labourers.

We raise money for our World Vision child by organising a fundraiser every third year. This includes events such as a Colour Run. We also send Julia and her community gifts to support their wellbeing and health.

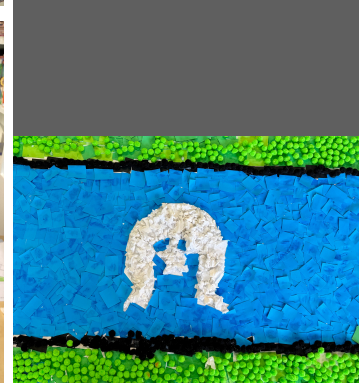
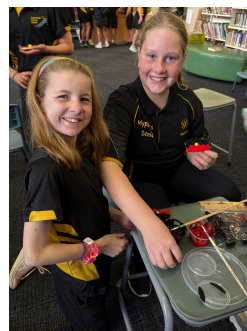
Our World Vision Committee, voted in by their peers for their kindness, includes Emily (President), Abby, Nash, Korah and Hannah, with support from Annie and Jacob. In an upcoming assembly, we will be talking about World Vision and the work our group does to support Julia and her community.



Moorundi Visit

Last Friday, we were extremely fortunate to host Stevie, Kelly and Phoebe from Moorundi, who delivered two informative presentations. The first presentation, geared towards our younger students, focused on Dreaming stories, while the second presentation, targeting our older students, centered on learning names and Ngarrindjeri words. Both groups also gained insight into the significance of the Aboriginal flag, the Ngarrindjeri flag and the Torres Strait Islander flag. Students were also given the opportunity to create a visual representation of one of these flags on various objects to retain. We created canvas displays of the three flags to be showcased at our school (pictured right).

Attached to the email sent to families linking the school newsletter are a number of flyers for NAIDOC Week activities being held from 6th July to 13th July 2025.



Parents/Caregivers...

Please update the information shown here 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.

PLEASE UPDATE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WITH THE FRONT OFFICE IF ANYTHING HAS CHANGED



HOME/RESIDENTIAL
ADDRESS?



MOBILE
NUMBERS?



EMAIL
ADDRESSES?



EMERGENCY
CONTACTS?



FAMILY
INFORMATION?

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 2: Mother's Day

Week 3: Colours

Week 4: Under the Sea

Week 5: Jungle Animals

Week 6: Dinosaurs

Week 7: Vehicles

Week 8: Seasons

Week 9: Bugs & Insects



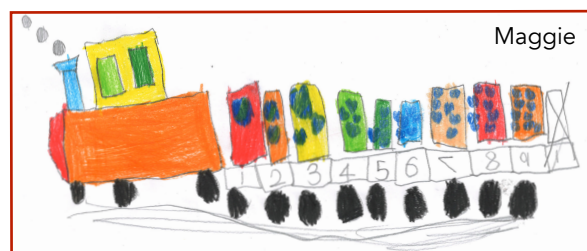
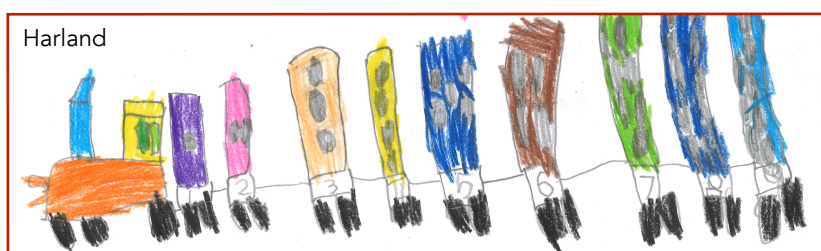
We look forward to seeing everyone back for Tiny Tigers in Week 2, Term 3 (Tuesday 29th July 2025).



Masterclass Volunteers - Term 3

A big thank you to our parents and community members who have already offered to run a Masterclass next term. Your support is greatly appreciated! To keep this much-loved program running, we're still looking for more volunteers to lead an activity. Master classes will take place on Wednesday 20th and 27th August, from 2:25pm to 3:25pm. If you're interested in getting involved, we'd love to hear from you! A further copy of the information note is attached to the email linking this newsletter. Thank you in advance for your support!

Junior Primary Gold ~ Number Trains

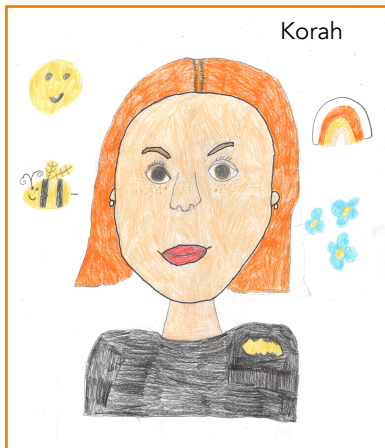


Junior Primary Gold ~ 'What I like about Australia'



Casual Day - Supporting 'Kai's Run for Domestic Violence'

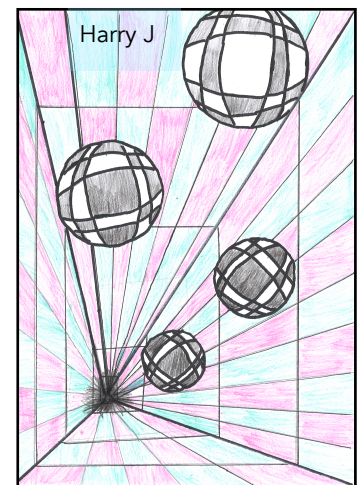
On 18th June, our school held a casual day in support of Kai Martin's inspiring charity, Kai's Run for Domestic Violence. Motivated by Kai's mission, our students took part in a school-wide run, collectively covering 325 kilometres. Kai joined us on the day, running alongside our students and sharing his powerful message. Even after his visit, many students continued to run during their recess and lunch breaks. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Kai for visiting and inspiring us all with his message: *everyone deserves to feel safe and loved*. Thanks to the efforts and generosity of our school community, we raised \$285 for this important cause.



Middle Primary Black - Artwork Showcase

Our talented and busy Middle Primary Black students have been exploring a range of creative art projects this term. We would like to showcase: (from above left):

- Frida Kahlo inspired self-portraits, using symbolism to represent interests
- ANZAC poppy fields, a tribute to commemorate ANZAC Day
- Autumn perspective art
- Optical illusion spheres, designed to create a striking 3D effect



Staff Picks for the July School Holidays!

With the July school holidays upon us, we thought it would be fun to share some of our staff's top holiday picks to help inspire your family plans, whether you're heading out or staying close to home. Whatever you get up to...have fun!

Zoe Diment recommends visiting **EGO Farm**. Born from a family's journey with autism and mental health, they've created a peaceful 65-acre farm in Jervois where young people can feel safe, free, and supported. With animal therapy, wellbeing activities, and plenty of space to just be, their goal is simple - to help youth feel seen, valued, and enough. Enjoy a coffee, treat and tour the farm feeding the animals. For more info visit <https://egofarm.com.au/services>.

Kim Merritt suggests visiting the **Monarto Zoo** on one of the Dino Days at the Outpost (July 7, 10, 14, 19 from 10-11am). Prehistoric playtime with interactive workshops uncovering fascinating dino traits, plus sensory pits where you can dig, learn and play!

Sharon Marcus is heading to the local library with her grandchildren for their free holiday programs and library borrowing (check out the **Murray Bridge Library** Facebook page to see what's on!)

Necia Zadow has previously visited **Barossa Bowland** with her family and loved it! A family-fun centre with bowling, a mini-golf course featuring interactive model dinosaurs, a dinosaur maze and walk experience. Situated in Tanunda, it also has a bar & cafe!

Mel Carstairs & family go to the snow, so skiing is a favourite! Also, big walks exploring new places as a family. They love to bake and do gardening, work on a family puzzle, play Uno, and have snuggly movie afternoons with popcorn and lots of blankets.



Planner - Term 3 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 1	21/7 .	22/7 .	23/7 .	24/7 .	25/7 . 5:30pm MCSC bar open	26/7 & 27/7 . 26/7 RMFL/ RMNA -v- Ramblers @ Mypo with MFC Back to Mypo Day & Goods & Services Auction
Week 2	28/7 . Newsletter	29/7 . 9:00am Tiny Tigers commences for Term 3	30/7 .	31/7 .	1/8 . 2:45pm Assembly . 5:30pm MCSC bar open	2/8 & 3/8 . 2/8 RMFL/ RMNA -v- Tailern @ Tailern 3/8 - Sub Junior 3 Netball Carnival
Week 3	4/8 . 7:00pm Finance / 7:30pm Governing Council Meetings	5/8 . 9:00am Tiny Tigers . SAPSASA District Day	6/8 .	7/8 .	8/8 . Variety Bash visiting Mypo Primary School! . 5:30pm MCSC bar open	9/8 & 10/8 . 9/8 RMFL/ RMNA -v- Southern Mallee @ Mypo with band
Week 4	11/8 . Newsletter . UP unit parliament excursion	12/8 . 9:00am Tiny Tigers	13/8 .	14/8 . JPB camp (Monarto) . ICAS English assessments (selected students) . SAPOL visit (Yrs 4/5)	15/8 . JPB camp (Monarto) . 2:45pm Assembly . 5:30pm MCSC bar open	16/8 & 17/8 . 16/8 RMFL/ RMNA -v- Imps @ Imps
Week 5	18/8 .	19/8 . 9:00am Tiny Tigers	20/8 2:25pm-3:25pm Masterclass	21/8 . ICAS Science assessments (selected students)	22/8 . 5:30pm MCSC bar open	23/8 & 24/8 . 23/8 RMFL/ RMNA - MYPO BYE
Week 6	25/8 . Newsletter	26/8 . 9:00am Tiny Tigers	27/8 2:25pm-3:25pm Masterclass	28/8 . ICAS Maths assessments (selected students)	29/8 . 2:45pm Assembly . 5:30pm MCSC bar open	30/8 & 31/8 30/8 - RMFL & RMNA Qualifying Final @ Karoonda 31/8 - RMFL & RMNA Elimination Final @ Pinnaroo

Community News

Mypolonga Football Club

- . Thursday night teas from 6:00pm - 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.
- . Saturday 9th August 2025 (last home game). Teas, followed by live music by 'Tooch & the Revue'.

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.

Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club

Enjoy Friday nights with the local community at the Mypolonga Combined Sports Club, featuring hearty meals and occasional live football on the big screen. Stay updated on weekly menus and upcoming events by following the Club's Facebook page 'mypolonga combined sports club'.



Mypolonga Netball Club
Saturday 5/7/25

2025 STAYIN' ALIVE

dress up in your best
70s fits and join us for a
live at our

JUNIOR + SENIOR DISCOS

JUNIORS

3 - 5pm in the clubrooms
gold coin entry includes
games, ice-cream bar
and more!

SENIORS

silent disco from
7:30pm until late

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