

MYPO NEWS

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Mypolonga Primary School & Community Newsletter

"Be yourself; everyone else is already taken."

~ Oscar Wilde was an Irish author, poet, and playwright. After writing in different literary styles throughout the 1880s, he became one of the most popular and influential playwrights in London in the early 1890s. ~

Term 3, Week 2 28th 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!

25/7 - Joey (Reception)
29/7 - Amitiel (Year 4)
30/7 - Harvey (Reception)
3/8 - Hunter (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

Tiny Tigers starts this week!

Tiny Tigers' sessions commence again this Tuesday 29th July 2025. 9:00am - 10:00am in the School Library.

Masterclass Volunteers

Thank you to our parents and community members who have already offered to run a Masterclass this term. Your support is greatly appreciated.

To keep this much-loved program running, we're still looking for more volunteers to lead an activity. Masterclasses 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!

Please contact Jacob Rance via email jacob.rance149@schools.sa.edu.au if you have any queries.



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We Roar as One

Term 3 is traditionally a very busy time in schools, our calendar has filled up very quickly with so many assessments that need to be completed, including:-

- Year 1 Phonics Screening check

- Progressive Achievement (PAT) testing for students from Year 2-6 in reading and maths

These assessments will be greatly beneficial in showing us where the students are achieving, where the school is placed and will give us direction for what we need to continue to improve for the future. Along with this, there are many extra-curricular activities occurring including Variety Bash visit, camps, SAPSASA district days, Masterclass and Book Week!

Staffing Changes

As indicated last term, Miss Amanda Johns has begun working in the Middle Primary Gold (Yr 2/3 class). We welcome Amanda and look forward to the contributions she will make to the students, staff and school. Other changes this term, due to our mid-year intake, has meant that Mrs Stone is teaching full time, working with our new Reception students for literacy and working across other classes to provide release time.

Our school is currently looking for people to fill a number of positions across the school. If you or someone you know would suit these roles, please direct them toward the department Employee Ancillary Register to apply for the following positions; Grounds person / 2 x SSO - student support by visiting <https://jobs.education.sa.gov.au>.

Parent Survey

You're invited to complete the 2025 annual Public Education Parent Survey. The 2025 parent survey opens late July and closes midnight Sunday 7th September 2025. During the survey window you will receive an email or SMS from the Parent Survey Team with a unique link to participate in the survey. If you have not received an email or SMS with your unique survey link by Friday 15th August 2025, please check your spam or junk folders. Otherwise, please contact education.ParentSurvey@sa.gov.au and include our school's name in your email. A new survey will be sent to you. The survey takes less than 10 minutes and will help us understand what we're doing well, where we can improve and what's important to you. It has been coordinated centrally so that added administration workload isn't placed on the school. Your answers won't identify you or your child. Only collated feedback will be provided to our school. Information collected will inform school improvement planning and activities at the school. The survey closes midnight Sunday 7th September 2025. For more information, visit

<https://www.education.sa.gov.au/parents-and-families/parent-engagement/survey-parent-engagement-schools>.

NAPLAN Results

This week, you will receive your child/rens NAPLAN results. Mypolonga Primary School should be very proud of its continuing strong results, but we must continue to strive and improve. While NAPLAN data can show us many good things that the school is working on and achieving, it also gives us information about what we can do better. The staff at Mypolonga will use this data to do just that and continue to improve what we do, to get best outcomes for all students.

Working Together, Sunyl Vogt

Vale Lyn West

During the school holidays, we were saddened to hear of the passing of Lyn West, a much-loved member of the Mypolonga School family for many years. Lyn served as our Finance Officer from 1994 to 2012, and held the same role at Jervois Primary School for a number of years. Her kind, caring and friendly presence will be dearly missed. We extend our heartfelt condolences to Tom, Jo, Russell and their family during this time.

Illness within our community

We have seen an increase in reports of cold/flu and gastroenteritis symptoms in childcare settings within our community. If your child/ren experience any of these symptoms, please keep them home. Thanks!

Advice provided in the resource *You've Got What?* from the www.sahealth.sa.gov.au website includes:

Influenza or cold/flu like symptoms

. exclude from school until the person has not had a fever for 24 hours (without using fever reducing medication such as paracetamol) and when they feel well enough to return.

Gastroenteritis

. exclude from school until there has been no diarrhoea or vomiting for 24 hours.

The above resource also provides information and advice on many other medical conditions and illnesses.

* Please also remember to contact **your child's classroom teacher** (not the office) of any expected absence due to illness or family reasons (email preferred) :)

Upper Primary Swings - they're in!

"One person (or class) can make a difference"

During our Civics and Citizenship learning, our class explored how citizens - members of communities who share beliefs and values, can work together to achieve civic goals.

During a visit from Courtney Blacker, who won the 2025 Citizen of the Year award, she asked us, "What do you want to change or do?" Inspired by Ruby's suggestion, we decided to work as a class to get swings for our school.

Steps to getting the swings installed:

- Winning a grant
- Coming up with various ways to raise money, including a fruit stall, casual day, donation box and collections at our local football club
- Learning how to write letters and sending them to community members and businesses for support
- Installing the swings - and enjoying them!

We are incredibly excited and proud of what we've achieved. We would like to sincerely thank the following people and businesses for helping make this happen; David Hughes, our Principal Sunny Vogt, our Governing Council, Carstairs Concrete, Mulch & More, Ash Martin and Bunnings Murray Bridge. Thank you to anyone else who has helped in any way, including our community for supporting our fundraising efforts.

Regards, Upper Primary Gold Class



Congratulations Linton!

Congratulations to past student Linton Garner (Class of 2021) on earning a place on the Karate SA State Team – a remarkable feat, especially given his long battle with juvenile arthritis. Diagnosed at just 18 months old, Linton has faced years of joint pain, fatigue and setbacks that at times stopped him from walking, training or attending school. But through determination and discipline, he's pushed through, recently winning gold at the Karate SA Open Championships in the Boys 14 & 15 years Kata. Linton's journey is about more than just sport – it's a story of resilience. With the support of his family and the Murray Bridge community, including funding from the Quick Win Council Grant, he's learned to manage his condition while chasing his passion. Now representing South Australia, Linton hopes his story inspires others facing challenges to keep going. "Not everything is easy," he said, "but you can still chase what you love."

* 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.





Ella



Darius



Raik



Emily



Ava



Kenzie

Last Monday, we welcomed our new Reception students to Mrs Wagenknecht's Junior Primary class.

We look forward to sharing many exciting learning experiences with you!



**You're off to Great Places!
Today is your day!
Your mountain is waiting,
So... get on your way!**

~ Dr Seuss ~

Congratulations Zakariyah!

We're excited to celebrate the achievements of Year 5 student Zakariyah, who was recently honoured with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Female Junior Encouragement of the Year Award in the 5–11 age group.

Zakariyah received the award at the Rural City of Murray Bridge Council Chambers on 7th July 2025, following the Bridge Walk during NAIDOC week. Zakariyah regularly delivers Welcome to Country ceremonies at school and local sporting events. She has also been selected to lead a small group of peers in creating a piece of First Nations artwork, which will feature on the Year 6 shirts next year.

Well done, Zakariyah, we are very proud of you!



2025 Local Drug Action Team Family Calendar

Earlier this year, we were fortunate to receive and send home the 2025 Local Drug Action Team Family Calendar with your children. Just a quick reminder, there's a fun colouring competition inside. Don't forget to scan the QR code in the calendar to check out the awesome prizes your children could win!

Term 3 Classroom Enterprise Recess & Lunch

Our new menu items for our classroom enterprise during recess and lunch have been a big hit! We kindly ask that students place their orders at the kitchen servery window by 8:55am on Monday and Tuesday mornings. Thank you for your continued support!

Funds raised through our enterprise program go directly toward class fundraising, helping to subsidise camps and excursions.



CLASSROOM ENTERPRISE
TERM 3 2025
PROVIDED BY THE
JUNIOR PRIMARY UNIT

MENU

WEDNESDAY RECESS

- Warm Milo & Cookie

\$3.00



THURSDAY LUNCH

- Sausage Roll

*sauce optional

\$3.00ea



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



CONGRATULATIONS
to Amy Webb and Jason Moss on the safe arrive of their dear daughter
Ellie Peta Moss.

Ellie was born on 22nd July 2025, weighing 3.47kg. We wish you all many years of fun, love and happiness!



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 2	28/7 . Newsletter	29/7 . 9:00am Tiny Tigers commences for Term 3	30/7 . JP unit enterprise recess (warm Milo & cookie) . UP unit excursion - 'Chicago' @ Unity	31/7 . JP unit enterprise lunch (sausage roll)	1/8 . 2:45pm Assembly . 5:30pm MCSC bar open	2/8 & 3/8 2/8 RMFL/RMNA -v- Tailem @ Tailem 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 . JP unit enterprise recess (warm Milo & cookie)	7/8 . JP unit enterprise lunch (sausage roll)	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 . JP unit enterprise recess (warm Milo & cookie)	14/8 . JP unit enterprise lunch (sausage roll) . 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 . 7:00pm Mypolonga Cricket Club AGM	16/8 & 17/8 16/8 RMFL/RMNA -v- Imps @ Imps
Week 5	18/8 * Book Week - more info to follow *	19/8 . 9:00am Tiny Tigers	20/8 . Book Week fair (purchase of books) . JP unit enterprise recess (warm Milo & cookie) . 2:25pm-3:25pm Masterclass	21/8 . JP unit enterprise lunch (sausage roll) . ICAS Science assessments (selected students)	22/8 . Book Week dress up parade . 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 . JP unit enterprise recess (warm Milo & cookie) . 2:25pm-3:25pm Masterclass	28/8 . JP unit enterprise lunch (sausage roll) . 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
Week 7	1/9	2/9 . 9:00am Tiny Tigers	3/9 . JP unit enterprise recess (warm Milo & cookie)	4/9 STUDENT FREE DAY	5/9 SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY . 5:30pm MCSC bar open	6/9 & 7/9 6/9 - RMFL 2nd Semi Final / RMNA Prelim Final @ Jervois 7/9 - RMFL 1st Semi Final @ Mypo & Father's Day

Community News

Mypolonga Football Club

- . Saturday 9th August 2025 (last home game). Teas, followed by live music by 'Toooh & the Revue'.
- . This year, Mypolonga Football Club is hosting the RMFL First Semi Final on Sunday 7th September 2025. It promises to be a big day for the Club and we are calling on our Tiger Family to help with filling shifts in our canteen and on barbecues. Please contact Necia Zadow or Jason Stewart to volunteer your time - it would be most appreciated!
- . Junior Presentation Dinner (U13, U15.5 & U18) - Thursday 25th September 2025 at the Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club.
- . Senior Presentation Dinner - Friday 26th September 2025 at the Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club.

Mypolonga Cricket Club

- . AGM - Friday 15th August 2025 @ 7:00pm at the Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club.

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