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Mypolonga Primary School & Community Newsletter

"A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing, and the lawn mower is broken."

~ James Dent ~

Term 4, Week 8 1st December 2025

Assembly Presenters Term 4

Week 8 Friday 5/12/25 @ 2:45pm

including end of term awards:

Max (Year 4), Zoe (Year 5), Zakariyah (Year 5)

Week 9 Thursday 11/12/25 @ 2:45pm

including end of year awards:

Charlotte (Year 4), James (Year 4), Brock (Year 5), Abby (Year 6)

Happy Birthday!

8/12 - Zoe (Year 5)

8/12 - Evie (Year 4)

12/12 - Zara (Year 6)

Save the dates!

Full day transition for all students

(Reception to Year 5 in next year's classes / Year 6 transition to MB High School) - Tuesday 2/12/25

Celebration of Learning / School

Concert - from 5:00pm Wednesday 3/12/25 held at the school. Please refer to the note emailed to parents/caregivers last Wednesday and the concert program being emailed today. A paper copy of the program will also be available on the night at the three entrances to the school.

End of Term Assembly with presentation of end of term awards - Week 8, 2:45pm Friday 5th December 2025

Final Proud Mary Shop visit for the year - Friday 5th December 2025

Fun Day @ the Murray Bridge Swimming Centre - Monday 8th December 2025

Year 6 Graduation Dinner - Wednesday 10th December 2025 held at the Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club

End of Year Assembly with presentation of end of year/Kiwani awards (held outside - weather permitting) - Week 9, 2:45pm Thursday 11th December 2025, held at the school

Last Day of School Year - Friday 12th December 2025:

- . Casual Day (Christmas theme)
- . Dismissal time 2:25pm
- . Newsletter sent home

We Roar as One!

With just under a fortnight left in the school year, there are still many events and celebrations to appreciate our collective and individual improvement and growth during 2025. I look forward to seeing many of you at these special occasions, beginning with the School Concert this Wednesday evening!

Transitions

There are so many moments in our lives where transitions happen. These are handled differently depending on the individual. We must continue to prepare ourselves and our children for these moments in life, as we cannot always stay in the same place. All of our students will encounter change over the next few weeks. We need to continue to provide our children with a strong stable base, so that when there is some wobble in life, there is always a place to come back to and rely on that is strong, dependable and safe.

Learning Showcase and Concert

This Wednesday afternoon and evening, we look forward to hosting you all for our learning showcase and concert. We have taken a different approach this year, wanting to celebrate and share the learning students have been completing in their classes as well as a shorter concert performance. We welcome parents to the school from 5:00pm into your child/rens classrooms to have them show you the learning they have completed this year. Further program details for the evening have been sent home, and an additional copy is attached to the emailed newsletter.

Upper Primary Unit Camp

Last Wednesday and Thursday our Upper Primary unit spent time at AFL Max working through their health and wellbeing program. This was a great experience for all students, and I know there were many tired and worn out students when they arrived home. Thanks must go to Mrs Carstairs, Mr Rance, Mrs Daniel, Dee and Tayla for their organisation and support of our students on the camp.

Shout NO!

Last Friday, our JP and MP units travelled into Murray Bridge to attend the Shout NO! Community event. This day aligned with the department and school's values on Respectful Relationships and our support of safe and secure home, school and work environments. Students participated in the march and the Shout NO! to violence. It was great to hear from Kai Martin again and his amazing running efforts in raising funds to support this cause.

Class Structures 2026

All families would have received emails a fortnight ago regarding the placement of students in our classes for 2026 and in preparation for transition day tomorrow (Tuesday 2nd December). If you are unsure of this, please contact your class teacher.

Candy Canes

With the giving season approaching, we appreciate the generosity and kindness that goes with giving cards and often candy canes. If you are to keep this tradition, we ask that the candy canes be individually packaged and only handed out at the end of the school day, so that all parents can monitor their child's sugar intake. Thank you!



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Working Together,
Sunyl Vogt

Students of the Week - Week 4, Term 6

**Junior Primary Gold (JPG)**

Darius - always willing to help with classroom jobs and a kind friend.

Raik - having a go at extending his fine motor skills.

Kenzie - consistently participating with classroom discussion during Maths.

Junior Primary Black (JPB)

Nina - being a respectful and inclusive class member.

Ralph - being a respectful and inclusive class member.

Harvey - being a respectful and inclusive class member.

Middle Primary Gold (MPG)

Ryan - putting lots of effort into making positive changes.

Piper - supporting others and always doing/trying her best.

Middle Primary Black (MPB)

Oliver McP - great problem solving and persistence during Maths.

Deniella - returning with a positive attitude and being ready to learn.

Upper Primary Gold (UPG)

Liam - working hard in all areas and always trying his best.

Nash - stepping out of his comfort zone to do an awesome Surprise Me!

**Upper Primary Black (UPB)**

Zara - consistently showing initiative in the class and around the school.

Kaylee - a great attitude and working hard on her focus in new learning.

**Well done Myles!**

In June, we were thrilled to announce that our Reception student, Myles, had been chosen as 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 event helps Novita provide life-changing services that promote inclusion, celebrate diversity, and empower individuals to live the life they choose.

This year, participants travelled through the stunning river landscapes of South Australia, making their way from Berri to Wellington.

On 13th November, Myles' dream came true when he hopped aboard an official boat with his mum, Angela, and had an absolute ball seeing the entire fundraising fleet up close! Myles also proudly received his Official Ambassador polo shirt at the Closing Night Dinner at The Bend.

**Book Club**

As a school, we place great importance on reading and the many benefits it brings to young children.

Our weekly Book Club has continued into Term 4, taking place every Wednesday morning before school. During these sessions, children can read to their house leaders or to adult volunteers and have one night's reading signed off.

This year, we have loved seeing our leaders support younger students, and we are grateful to our parent, grandparent and community volunteers for generously giving their time.

**Tiny Tigers**

Thank you to all our youngest Tigers and their wonderful parents and caregivers for being part of our Tiny Tigers' sessions this year. Our program wrapped up last week, and we're so grateful for the enthusiasm and joy they brought each week.

We thank Jess Cornish for planning a fantastic range of fun and engaging topics for this term, including:

Week 3 - Garden Stew

Week 4 - Bugs & Insects

Week 5 - Christmas

Week 6 - Christmas

Week 7 - Christmas

All the fun and excitement from throughout the year has been captured on our Mypolonga Tiny Tigers Facebook Page.



Upper Primary Unit Camp @ AFL Max

Our Year 4, 5 and 6 students had an unforgettable camp at AFL MAX! We focused on mental health, perseverance and resilience, while building teamwork skills and supporting one another. Students also learned about caring for their bodies by eating well, staying active and getting 9–11 hours of sleep.

A fun, energetic camp to remember!



Shout NO! To Family and Domestic Violence

On Friday, our Junior and Middle Primary unit students joined the local community at the Place of Courage on Sturt Reserve to Shout NO! to family and domestic violence. They took part in a march along the riverfront, heard from guest speakers and enjoyed a free community BBQ cooked by the Mobilong Rotary Club. This annual event is part of the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence campaign, a global initiative calling for a future free from violence and discrimination.



Variety Children's Charity Christmas Party

Last week, a group of our students attended the Variety Children's Charity Christmas Party at Wayville Showgrounds in Adelaide.

This annual event welcomed more than 1,600 children from across South Australia for a day filled with fun and festive excitement. Students enjoyed a range of activities including face painting, dancing, balloon swords, exploring a fire truck, visiting Santa's Cave, and watching Santa make his grand arrival. A huge thank you to Mrs Hillam, Mrs Marcus and Mrs Diment for supporting our students and making this special excursion possible.



'It was so much fun. The balloons looked like water towers.' Asher

'I love my Homer face painting.' Tyson

'It was the best Christmas party.' Amelia

'That was such a good fun day.' Myles

Chill Out Zone

This year, we have created a Chill Out Zone on Monday and Fridays in the library, where the space is filled with colouring activities, Lego and soothing music for the students to relax their busy minds. I am constantly impressed with the student's ability to recognise when they are requiring some time to regulate. Each session has been well attended filled with smiling faces.

Regards, Morgan Klemm, Student Wellbeing Support Officer



Planner - Term 4 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 8	1/12 . Newsletter	2/12 . School transition day (Reception to Year 5 students in next year's classes / Year 6 transition at MBHS)	3/12 . from 5:00pm Celebration of Learning/School Concert . FINAL MP unit recess - ice cream in cone	4/12 . FINAL MP unit lunch - chicken nugget roll	5/12 . FINAL School Shop visit (run by Yr 4/5 students) . 2:45pm End of <u>Term</u> Assembly (held at the school)	6/12 & 7/12 . 6/12 - MCC -v- MFC Presidents XI T20 match, teas from 6:00pm . 6/12 Mannum Christmas Pageant
Week 9	8/12 . SRC Fun Day at the Murray Bridge Swimming Centre	9/12	10/12 . Year 6 Graduation at the Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club	11/12 . 2:45pm End of <u>Year</u> Assembly (held at the school) . 3:25pm dismissal	12/12 . Casual Day . Last day of the school year . 2:25pm dismissal . Newsletter	13/12 & 14/12 . 13/12 - from 6:00pm Mypo RSL Christmas Show

Planner - Term 1 2026

Week 1	26/1 Australia Day Public Holiday	27/1 . Day 1 - Welcome!	28/1	29/1	30/1	31/1 & 1/2
Week 2	2/2 . Swimming lessons (whole school) . Newsletter	3/2 . Swimming lessons (whole school)	4/2 . Swimming lessons (whole school)	5/2 . Swimming lessons (whole school)	6/2 . Swimming lessons (whole school)	7/2 & 8/2

Classroom Enterprise - JP & MP Classes

Thanks to our families who supported classroom enterprise recess and lunches this year. It has been very much appreciated. All profits have gone back into classroom budgets to help subsidise camps and excursions. We look forward to bringing you new menu items next year. Pictured with their chicken nugget rolls and ice creams; Ruby and Xavier, Darius and Rhegan. Week 8 is our last week to order and purchase class enterprise recess & lunch.



Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to our students who recently completed the Premier's Reading Challenge. This program not only builds strong literacy skills but also fosters a lifelong love of reading.

Pictured are our Premier's Hall of Fame stars, who have completed the challenge every year of primary school - Neeve, Gracie, Chloe, Zara, Emily and Olivia (Absent - Alexis). Well done!



Community News

Mypolonga Cricket Club -v- Mypolonga Football Club Presidents XI T20 Match under lights! - Saturday 6th December 2025 / 8:00pm match starts / teas from 6:00pm / bar facilities available from mid afternoon.

Be a part of history as we celebrate the first official use of our community's brand new lighting upgrade! Bring your mates, cheer on your team! Prizes for Best Dressed and Loudest Supporter! Keep an eye on the MCC & MFC social media accounts for more information on team selections and rules.

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