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Mypolonga Primary School & Community Newsletter

"A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step."

~ Lao Tzu, legendary Chinese philosopher ~

Term 1, Week 2 2nd February 2026

Assembly Presenters Term 1 2026

Week 4 - Peyton (Year 4), Nash (Year 5), Paige (Year 6)

Happy birthday!

1/2 - Marley (Reception)
3/2 - Savannah (Reception)
7/2 - Xavier (Year 2)
7/2 - Sophia (Year 1)
10/2 - Rupert (Reception)
12/2 - Oakley (Year 3)
12/2 - Emily (Year 4)
12/2 - Charlotte (Year 5)
12/2 - Tabbi (Year 6)
16/2 - Josiah (Year 3)

Term 1 'Save the Dates'

Governing Council AGM - 7:00pm
Monday 16th February 2026

Student Free Day - Tuesday 10th
March 2026 (following long weekend)

Disco/Family Fun Night - Friday 13th
March 2026

School Photos - Wednesday 18th
March 2026

Sport's Day - Wednesday 1st April 2026

* Further details on all events/activities
will be provided in due course.

School Disco / Family Fun Night held at the Club! Friday 13th March 2026

This year, we are holding our school
disco and family fun night on the
same day to allow for families to
get together and socialise at the
beginning of the school year.

It is anticipated the school disco
will be run from 2:30pm until
5:00pm. Teas will be served
following the disco from 5:30pm.

Further details will be provided
soon!



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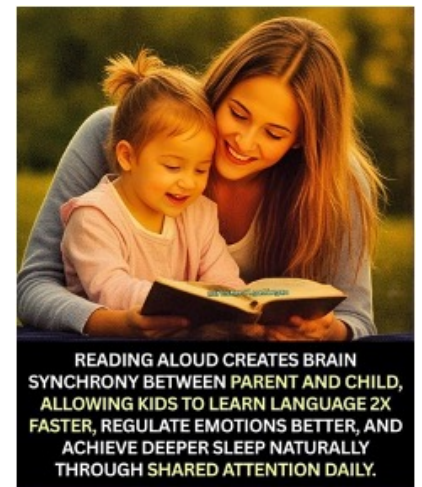
We Roar as One!

Welcome!

Welcome to the new school year at Mypolonga Primary School! A particularly special welcome must go to all our new students and families. We look forward to you joining us in the great learning environment here at Mypolonga, following our TIGER values of Teamwork, Integrity, Generosity of Spirit, Excellence and Respect. Ensuring that we continue to embed these values into our practices and habits is critical to the ongoing improvement of us all and the Mypolonga Community.

Importance of nightly / weekly reading

The benefits of early assistance from home in verbal conversations and children being read to, or reading aloud to you, cannot be understated. By the end of Year 1, it can mean a huge difference in word exposure and knowledge. We ask that you help support your child/ren reading with them regularly at home. And it is just nice to spend time and sit and read with your children!



READING ALOUD CREATES BRAIN
SYNCHRONY BETWEEN PARENT AND CHILD,
ALLOWING KIDS TO LEARN LANGUAGE 2X
FASTER, REGULATE EMOTIONS BETTER, AND
ACHIEVE DEEPER SLEEP NATURALLY
THROUGH SHARED ATTENTION DAILY.

Swimming Lessons

Swimming lessons started today for all students. Just a reminder that you need to ensure your child has: recess, lunch, drink bottle, towel, school hat, t-shirt/ rashie, plastic bag for wet clothes, extra clothing for after swimming and any medication they may require. **Please remember to label ALL items!** The weather for the week looks much kinder to us than last week, allowing the students to enjoy the full benefits of the swimming program.

Mypolonga's Amazing Staff

It is great to be able to start the year with very stable staffing again, with the fantastic addition of Miss Rachel Keller, working with our new Reception students on Friday and new Groundsman Dan Pisulak. I would also like to acknowledge the work that all staff have put in to being prepared for 2026 and look forward to the great learning environment that they provide, no matter their role within the school. Every individual helps to make our team stronger and fulfils their role to get best outcomes for students. I am confident that we will be able to support you and your child/ren to be their best in 2026.

Volunteers

We are always seeking volunteers to be involved in activities, events and supporting the school. A volunteering note is included in this newsletter for you to complete and show your interest and availability to help out. Please also contact your child/rens' teacher if you can help in any way. We really look forward to getting you into the school and having you involved in assisting us achieve the best for your children.

Governing Council AGM

Our Governing Council AGM is being held on Monday 16th February, 7.00pm in the school library. A Governing Council nomination form is included in this newsletter. I look forward to seeing many of you there to share the 2025 annual report and set our plan for 2026.

Working together
Sunyl Vogt



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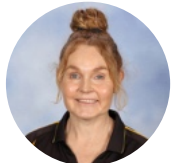
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OUR 2026 STAFF

School Assemblies

Our school assemblies are held fortnightly in the Library. Our next assembly will be held on Friday 20th February 2026 (end of Week 4) at 2:45pm. Three students (from Years 4, 5, 6) are rostered on to run the assembly each fortnight. Notification of this is on the front page of our fortnightly newsletter. Assemblies involve the presentation of awards, presentation of students' work and an address from our Principal Sunny. Anyone is welcome to attend. If you don't usually attend our assemblies, or if this will be your first time, we would love you to join us when time permits. The look on our students' faces when they see their family and/or friends arrive is well worth the visit! Experiences like these also help our students to develop confidence when speaking in front of large groups of people.

Tiny Tigers

Tiny Tigers' sessions (for babies to school age children) will commence in Week 3 (Tuesday, 10th February 2026) from 9:00am to 10:00am in the Library. We are pleased to report that our Tiny Tigers Co-ordinator (and new parent to the school) is Jess Cornish. If you haven't already, you may like to follow the *Mypolonga Tiny Tigers* Facebook page where you will receive up to date information on all things happening with our littlest Tigers.

Facebook

If you aren't already following, our school's Facebook account is **Mypolonga Primary School R-6**. Here you will be able to follow all the great things that have been happening throughout the school. Reminders of school activities are also posted on this page.

Enclosed with this Newsletter

- . Governing Council AGM/Finance Committee nomination form
- . Sports' Day parent help request form
- . Volunteering note

Student Drop Off/Pick Up

Please note/be reminded that we have two 'student pick up' points. A second teacher is on yard duty at the gate along North Bokara Road (other side of the school oval) from 3:25pm until 3:35pm.

Also, we are mindful that there may be times when you are not there to collect your child by 3:35pm. In this instance, your child will return to the library with the yard duty teacher until collected.

Please refrain from collecting and dropping off your children at the back of the school (in the staff car parking area) as space is limited and a bottle-neck occurs. This is a significant safety concern and we need to keep everyone safe. Thank you!

Welcome to our new Reception Students who started with us this year in Jo Wagenknecht/Rachel Keller's Junior Primary Gold (JPG) class!

We hope you and your families enjoy your learning experiences with us.



Agnes



Arlo



Ashton



Aston



Charlie



Eadie



Lauren



Marley



Miles



Rupert



Savannah



Theo

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



HOME/RESIDENTIAL
ADDRESS?



MOBILE
NUMBERS?



EMAIL
ADDRESSES?



EMERGENCY
CONTACTS?



FAMILY
INFORMATION?

Premier's Reading Challenge

Once again, the whole school is participating in the Premier's Reading Challenge. The Premier's Reading Challenge is a literacy engagement program that was introduced by the Premier of SA in 2004. It was introduced to encourage students to read more books and enjoy reading. It is a great way to improve their literacy levels while reading books they enjoy.

To complete the Challenge, a student reads a minimum of 8 books from the Premier's list from the library and 4 books of their own choice. The Challenge is to be completed by 4th September 2026. You can help your child/ren by encouraging them to read their library books and returning them to the Library on their borrowing day.

Once they have completed the challenge, they will be awarded either a certificate or medal depending on the number of years completed. Each student has a record sheet kept at school where they record books they have read. Teachers, SSOs, parents and peers chat with students from Years 3 to 6 about the books to establish that the student has comprehended the story. Reception to Year 2 students complete their list from borrowing books from the library. You can help your child/ren by encouraging them to read their library books and returning them to the Library on their borrowing day.

Class Library Days

Monday - Upper Primary Gold, Upper Primary Black

Wednesday - Junior Primary Gold, Middle Primary Black

Friday - Middle Primary Gold

**Junior Primary Black to be confirmed*

Planner - Term 1 2026

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	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) . 3:30pm - 4:30pm Cricket Blast program recommences	6/2 . Swimming lessons (whole school)	7/2 & 8/2
Week 3 Classroom enterprise recess & lunch commencing this week!	9/2 . Life Education Van visiting	10/2 . 9:00-10:00am Tiny Tigers . Life Education Van visiting	11/2 . Life Education Van visiting	12/2 . 3:30pm - 4:30pm Cricket Blast program	13/2	14/2 & 15/2
Week 4	16/2 . Newsletter . 7:00pm Governing Council AGM	17/2 . 9:00-10:00am Tiny Tigers	18/2	19/2 . 3:30pm - 4:30pm Cricket Blast program	20/2 . 2:45pm Assembly . From 5:30pm Mypo RSL Bingo BBQ Tea	21/2 & 22/2
Week 5	23/2	24/2 . 9:00-10:00am Tiny Tigers	25/2	26/2 . 3:30pm - 4:30pm Cricket Blast program (FINAL)	27/2	28/2 & 1/3

Community News

Woolworths Cricket Blast Continues in 2026!

The final four weeks of this fun-first cricket program kicks off on Thursday 5th February 2026. Our Mypolonga Cricket Club reps can't wait to welcome all our young cricketers back to the oval from 3:30pm to 4:30pm for more skills, smiles and cricket action!

Murray Bridge United Football Club (Soccer)

The 2026 playing season is expected to start soon! Pre-nominations are welcome via <https://form.jotform.com/252897188497077>. Please direct all enquiries to Kate registrar.mbufc@mail.tidyhq.com.

Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club

The Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club invites community members to attend social gatherings every Friday night. The Clubrooms and its bar facilities are open each Friday night from 5:30pm onwards for social connection and teas are held most weeks. Teas are inexpensive and the nights are a great way for members of our community to get together and enjoy each other's company. Keep an eye on their Facebook page 'Mypolonga Combined Sports Club'. Please drop in and say hello! :)

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