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Mypolonga Primary School & Community Newsletter

'Once the gloves go on, it's a reminder to show up, give it everything and fight to the last run.'

~ Scotty James is an Australian Olympic snowboarder and multiple X Games gold medallist, widely regarded as one of the world's best halfpipe riders. He is currently competing at the 2026 Winter Olympic Games in Milan-Cortina. ~

Term 1, Week 4 16th February 2026

Assembly Presenters Term 1 2026

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

Week 6 - Lola (Year 4), Jace (Year 5),
Imogen (Year 6)

Happy birthday!

17/2 - Agnes (Reception)

17/2 - Phoenix (Year 4)

20/2 - Jace (Year 5)

20/2 - Parker (Year 4)

22/2 - Max (Year 2)

23/2 - Nash (Year 5)

23/2 - April (Year 5)

24/2 - Aston (Reception)

24/2 - Bohdi (Year 5)

28/2 - Korah (Year 4)

Term 1 'Save the Dates'

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

Disco/Family Fun Night teas - Friday 20th
February 2026

School Photos - Wednesday 18th March
2026. Envelopes to order individual and
family photos will be sent to us soon.

Sport's Day - Wednesday 1st April 2026

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

2026 Student Free Days

Term 1 - Tuesday 10th March 2026
(following long weekend)

Term 2 - Friday 5th June 2026

Term 3 - Thursday 10th September 2026

Term 3 - Friday 11th September 2026
(school closure)

Term 4 - Friday 13th November 2026

Attendance Reminder - Exemptions

Parents/carers seeking extended leave for their children (5 school days or more) ie. for family holidays are asked to apply in writing to the school for an exemption, using the appropriate form available from the office. Advanced notice of extended leave would be much appreciated. Also, a reminder to please notify your child's **class teacher** (email preferred) of any absences during the week. Teachers will follow up any unexplained absences with parents/caregivers direct.

We Roar as One!

We have had a very busy last fortnight with swimming lessons and then trying to work our way back into classroom routines. Thank you for your amazing efforts in returning all the permission forms that have been sent out in the first few weeks of school, this has allowed children to participate fully in all activities that have taken place.

Signing in

Occasionally, we have families who are running late for school, if this is the case for you, it is important that a parent or caregiver comes to the office to sign your child in. Likewise, if you are planning to pick up your child early, signing out at the front office is a requirement in case of an emergency and for tracking attendance. Please also be aware that when you come to assist at school as a volunteer or visitor, you should firstly report to the front office to sign in. Thanks for your cooperation with this.

Tiny Tigers

It was fantastic to have a great turnout to our first Tiny Tigers of 2026 last Tuesday. It is great that we could have preschool children and parents on site to interact and start their learning journey together. Thanks must go to Jess for organising and supporting this fantastic group and the activities to support the young families in our district.

Governing Council AGM

Our Governing Council AGM is tonight, Monday 16th February at 7.00pm in the school library. I look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible to share the 2025 annual report and set our plan for 2026.

Family Fun Night

Our Family Fun Night will be held this Friday 20th February at the Mypolonga Combined Sport's Club, after our school Disco, from 5:30pm. We look forward to seeing many of you there for tea and conversation with classroom teachers.

Class / Unit Activities

Throughout the year, there are often activities and events that are planned for specific classrooms or units, for example an excursion, learning opportunity or extracurricular activity. Due to having many split classes, with students from different year levels in different classes, the activity will not always allow for students from specific year level or classes to participate. This can happen for various reasons, such as minimum/maximum numbers, availability of bus transport, or just that the activity is a focus for a specific class or unit. If you have any questions or concerns about this, please make an appointment to speak to your classroom teacher, or myself.

Integrity

Integrity is a critical component of our TIGER values. This is being honest with ourselves and each other, taking accountability for our actions and words. We continually speak about this with students and work really hard to enact integrity as staff and a school and instil this value in all of our students.

Working together
Sunyl Vogt



Government of South Australia
Department for Education

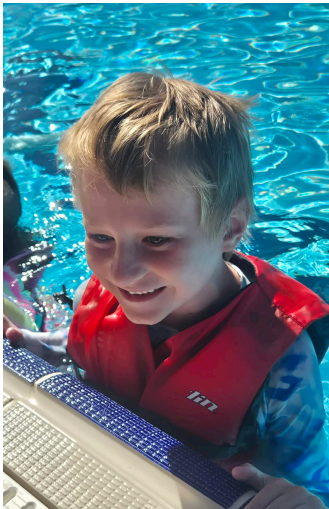
Teach your kids that we are not grown until we know how to communicate, apologise and accept accountability without blaming someone else.

- @danielchidiac -

INSIDE PARENTING



Swimming Lessons 2026



'I liked going into the big pool with my life jacket on.'
- Darius

'Putting my face under water was my favourite thing to do.'
- Ava S

'I liked going down to the deep end. Hopefully next year I will practice survival skills.'
- Legion



'I learnt how to float on my tummy. It was fun!'
- Willow

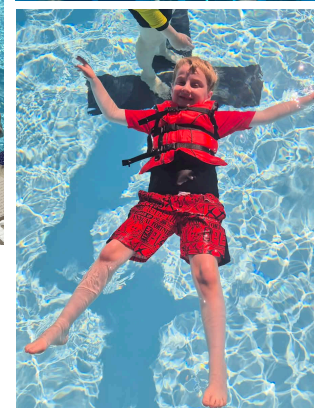
'My swimming teachers taught me how to swim using torpedo arms.'
- Lucy

'I liked jumping into the water. It was warm.'
- Huntley



'I went through a hula hoop under water!'
- Ella F

'I can't wait for swimming lessons next year.'
- Sophia



Mypolonga Primary School

S.R.C. Disco


THEME: ANYTHING GOES

Join the fun and dress to the theme! You have a free choice in any appropriate costume - the options are literally endless!

WHEN? Friday 20th February 2026 Term 1, Week 4) from 3:15pm to 5:00pm, followed by teas at the Club.

WHERE? Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club (students will be transported from school by school bus)

- For Reception to Year 6 students currently attending Mypolonga Primary School
- The Disco is FREE as it is covered by SRC fundraising
- All teachers will be attending for supervision
- At the Disco, we will provide children with a packet of popcorn or chips and water to fill up their drink bottle. We ask that you pack more food in your child's lunchbox to last them until tea. Thanks.



DISCO PARTY

There will be a parade of outfits, lucky door prizes, prizes for dancing, games and lots of FUN! FUN! FUN!

THANK YOU!
SRC & MR RANCE

SRC Disco / Family Fun Night Tea - this Friday night!

Disco: 3:15pm - 5:00pm - all students will be transported to the Club via our school bus. Our theme is 'Anything Goes', so students can wear just that.. anything!

Teas and bar facilities: from 5:30pm

Many thanks to our families for returning your tea order forms together with payment/notification of payment. It has really helped us with catering!

On arrival at the Club on Friday night, and after your much appreciated help with putting out the chairs and tables, please take a seat, enjoy a drink and some good company (rather than waiting in line for your meal).

To ensure everyone receives their food as quickly as possible, we will be staggering the serving of schnitzels and nuggets. When your order is ready, we will call your name over the microphone. If you are in a hurry to receive your meal, please see us at the kitchen servery. Thank you for your understanding, as we have a limited number of fryers operating at one time. Dessert orders will be called shortly after the final serving of main meals.

A big thank you also to our parents and caregivers who have offered to help in the kitchen or donate items. We've had a fantastic response and it is very much appreciated. Within the next day, you will receive an individual email confirming item drop-off times (AM or PM) and/or your arrival time at the Club if you are helping in the kitchen.

We're looking forward to seeing you on Friday night!

House Leaders / Leadership Groups

CONGRATULATIONS to our newly elected House Captains and leadership group members. We look forward to introducing our leaders with you in coming weeks.

Hindmarsh

Captains: Imogen, Isabel

Leadership Group: Oliver O'S, Jordan, Charlie

Finnis

Captains: William, Abby

Leadership Group: Cayce, Taylor, Leila

Murray

Captains: Hamish, Hollie

Leadership Group: Zakariyah, Brock, Tabi, Oliver

Literacy Cup

Every year, our three house teams compete for the Literacy Cup. The Literacy Cup is determined by the total number of nights read by each student in their house teams.

Students should be reading at least three nights each week. If they haven't read three nights, they'll use their Positive Play time at Friday lunch to catch up on their reading.

They earn one point for each night they read. We keep track of this by checking diaries and counting the nights which have been signed off.

This makes it imperative that parents and caregivers listen to their child read and sign the diary to show it's been done.

Through the newsletter, a few times a term, we will keep you updated with the Literacy Cup leaderboard.

Previous winners: 2025 **Murray**, 2024 **Finnis**, 2023 **Murray**, 2022 **Murray**, 2021 **Murray**, 2020 **Finnis**. Could it be **Hindmarsh's** turn this year?

Book Club

Our newly appointed House Captains and student leaders kicked off their first reading session of the year before school last Wednesday, bringing plenty of enthusiasm with them. Junior students eagerly shared their reading skills, while others chose to relax and enjoy listening to stories read by the senior students.



Last week, Emily, Life Education's Education Manager ran Life Education modules at the Mypolonga Institute. Reception students participated in the Harolds Friendship module where we looked into how to build respectful relationships, recognising and identifying emotions and body clues, strategies to manage big feelings and emotions and looked into their trusted network.

Year 1s participated in the module Ready, Steady, Go where we discussed the benefits of physical activity, building resilience and overcoming challenges, strategies to manage feelings and emotions and looked into other behaviours that promote health and wellbeing such as healthy eating.

Year 2/3s discussed all things 'Friends and Feelings'. Topics covered in this module included empathy, respect, inclusion, consent and conflict. The main outcomes were developing emotional literacy, identifying and practising assertive communications skills and practising emotional regulation skills such as mindful breathing.

Year 3/4s tackled cyber safety this year with the bCyberwise module. This looked into how to recognise, react and report unwanted contact, bullying or predatory behaviours, how to keep personal information safe online and building positive respectful relationships with friends online.

Lastly, the Year 4/5 and Year 5/6 class participated in the Take a Breath module covering the impacts of smoking and vaping on individuals and communities. We looked into the history and social norms around smoking and vaping in the community, discussed how to use critical thinking skills when making big decisions and explored strategies that promote their safety and the safety of others.



CLASSROOM ENTERPRISE
TERM 1 2026
 PROVIDED BY THE
 MIDDLE PRIMARY UNIT

MENU

WEDNESDAY RECESS

- **Ice cream in cone**
 • sprinkles optional
 \$1.50 ea



THURSDAY LUNCH

- **Scrolls**
 • choice of Pizza or Vegemite
 \$3.50 ea



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

Classroom Enterprise Term 1 2026

This term's classroom recess and lunch enterprise is provided by the Middle Primary unit. *Please note we have revised our scroll portion size and price since last week!*

A reminder that students are asked to order and pay for their food at the kitchen servery window on Monday and Tuesday mornings before 8:55am.

In Week 7, as Monday is a Public Holiday and Tuesday is a Student Free Day, students who wish to place an order for that week may submit orders and payments **for two weeks** on Monday and Tuesday of Week 6.

Please encourage your child/ren to order for themselves. Thanks!



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 4	16/2 . Newsletter . 7:00pm Governing Council AGM	17/2 . 9:00-10:00am Tiny Tigers	18/2 . MP unit recess - ice cream in cone	19/2 . MP unit lunch - scrolls . 3:30pm - 4:30pm Cricket Blast program	20/2 . No Assembly . Disco/Family Fun Night tea at the Club . 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 . MP unit recess - ice cream in cone	26/2 . MP unit lunch - scrolls . 3:30pm - 4:30pm Cricket Blast program (FINAL)	27/2 . 5:30pm MCSC open	28/2 & 1/3
Week 6	2/3 . Newsletter	3/3 . 9:00-10:00am Tiny Tigers	4/3 . MP unit recess - ice cream in cone . MFC U15.5s training commences 5:30pm	5/3 . MP unit lunch - scrolls	6/3 . 2:45pm Assembly . 5:30pm MCSC open	7/3 & 8/3 . Mannum Show
Week 7	9/3 Public Holiday	10/3 Student Free Day	11/3 NAPLAN . MP unit recess - ice cream in cone . MFC U13s training commences 4:45pm	12/3 . MP unit lunch - scrolls	13/3 . 5:30pm MCSC open	14/3 & 15/3 . 14/3 - Murray Towns Cricket Association Grand Final
Week 8	16/3 . Newsletter . 7:00pm Finance / 7:30pm Governing Council Meetings	17/3 . 9:00-10:00am Tiny Tigers	18/3 . School Photo Day . MP unit recess - ice cream in cone	19/3 . MP unit lunch scrolls . MFC U9s / U11s / Auskick training commences 4:45pm	20/3 . 2:45pm Assembly . 5:30pm MCSC open . From 5:30pm Mypo RSL bingo/bbq tea	21/3 & 22/3

Community News

Mypolonga Football Club - Registrations are now open for Season 2026!

To register for Junior grades (Under 9s up) and Senior (Reserves and League) grades, please click on the following link <https://www.playhq.com/afl/register/e04d86>. Auskick has a separate registration process, click on the link <https://www.playhq.com/afl/register/9b4f18>. Payment is required at the time of registration. Once again, the State Government is making available x2 \$100.00 Sports' Vouchers for all primary school students (up to Year 9). You will find details of this at the time of registering. If you experience any problems at the time of registering, in the first instance, please contact Play HQ Club Help Ph: 1800 7529 235 or email: clubhelp@afl.com.au. Looking forward to seeing you all out at Tigerland in 2026!

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