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Mypolonga Primary School & Community Newsletter

'Climb mountains not so the world can see you, but so you can see the world.'

~ David McCullough Jr., an American, popular historian and author. ~

Term 1, Week 6 2nd March 2026

WEEK 6 ASSEMBLY

Student Presenters: Peyton (Year 4), Nash (Year 5), Paige (Year 6)

Showcasing work: Gold classes

WEEK 8 ASSEMBLY

Student Presenters: Lola (Year 4), Jace (Year 5), Imogen (Year 6)

Showcasing work: Black classes

Happy birthday!

4/3 - Jessica (Year 5)

6/3 - Miles (Reception)

6/3 - Harper (Year 4)

8/3 - Winnie (Year 2)

10/3 - Harland (Year 1)

10/3 - Jaxon (Year 1)

Term 1 'Save the Dates'

School Photos - Wednesday 18th March 2026. Information on how to order individual and family photos will be provided soon.

Sport's Day - Wednesday 1st April 2026

Please note that on Thursday 2nd April 2026, prior to Good Friday, dismissal time will be at 2:25pm.

2026 Student Free Days

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

Term 2 - Friday 5th June 2026 (prior to long weekend)

Term 3 - Thursday 10th September 2026

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

Term 4 - Friday 13th November 2026

Lost Property

We are already starting to receive **unnamed** drink bottles, plastic containers, cutlery, jumpers and jackets into our lost property box. **Please label all items brought to school.** A permanent black texta is available to borrow from the office.

School Hats

New gold bucket hats are now in stock! Recently, we have noticed that some students' hats are in need of a wash or repair. At the end of the week, hats will be sent home for cleaning or mending. A suitable hat is especially important during school shop rotations and when students attend excursions. Hats are available to purchase from the office in three sizes; small, medium and large and are priced at \$9.50 each. Payment can be made by cash, EFTPOS, or bank transfer.

We Roar as One!

The last few weeks have been disrupted with a number of staff out, meaning that not all classes have been able to roll smoothly into their regular teaching and learning routines. We are hopeful that illnesses have been washed away by the weekend rain and that our routines can continue to be built on for the rest of the term. Thanks for your patience with all the changes.

Governing Council AGM

Thanks to the parents and staff who came along and attended our AGM Monday fortnight ago. It was great to be able to meet and share the annual report from 2025. I look forward to working closely with our Governing Council to continue improving the great learning that already occurs at Mypolonga Primary School. Our Governing Council members for 2026 are:

Ben Burdett, Bec Hill, Meagan Pahl, Matt Kennedy, Jamie Ash, Simon Kruger, Jackie Angove, Alice Hillam, Alecia Anastasiou, Mollie Jones and Sarah Rowley.

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden (SAKG) Program

Changes in staffing over the past 12 months has meant that the SAKG program which has been running in the school for a long time has been put on hold. Classes will continue to use the kitchen and garden for learning opportunities, but these will be based on subject or needs basis. If you would like to see this program supported in a more structured manner and you have the time to offer support, please speak to your child's classroom teacher to offer your assistance.

Morning arrival

Families are reminded that staff are not on duty until 8:30am in the morning. It is expected that no students will be on site prior to this time. If your child is dropped at school prior to this, please note they are not being actively supervised.

Unconditional Positive Regard

Every day at school is a fresh start for every student at Mypolonga Primary School. We continue to hold all students with unconditional positive regard, regardless of what has happened the previous day and support every student to improve their decision making. Everyone deserves as many chances as required to learn from mistakes which we all make. We need to continue to show patience and be supportive of each other in our social and emotional learning journey.

Family Fun Night / School Disco

Thanks to all families who came along to our Family Fun Night, which followed the school disco. It was great to have our staff and families interacting in a relaxed environment. A survey has been emailed to receive your feedback on how the afternoon/evening went. It would be greatly appreciated to receive your thoughts and reflections.

NAPLAN Testing

Next week, from Wednesday 11th March, NAPLAN testing will begin for all our Year 3 and 5 students. There will be catch up opportunities for those students who are away or unable to complete them in the allotted times. As in all learning it is important that our children are well prepared with a good sleeping routine, healthy breakfast, snacks and lunch; this is particularly important in the week of NAPLAN assessment, as brain drain is something we wish for our students to avoid. NAPLAN assessments are a great opportunity to get a snapshot in time of where our students learning is, so that we as staff can use the information to plan and deliver their next steps in learning.

Working together
Sunyl Vogt



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Sports' Day - Wednesday 1st April 2026

We are looking forward to hosting our annual school Sports' Day on the school oval on Wednesday, 1 April 2026 (Week 10). All new students have now been allocated to their house teams, and our house leaders have begun preparing for what promises to be an exciting and energetic day. A special Mypolonga General Store lunch price list will be sent home in due course. Thank you to our parents/caregivers who have kindly offered to assist with age groups. We will send individual emails soon to confirm your role and advise which group you will be rotating with on the day. A consent form will be sent electronically via EdSmart today for students aged 10–12 years who will be participating in athletics events involving projectiles, such as shot put and discus. Also, a number of gold t-shirts have been generously donated to the school. If your child is in Finnis and requires a gold t-shirt for the day, please call in and see Necia. Available sizes include 4, 7, 10 and small.

Welcome back Proud Mary School Shop Visitors!

We were very excited to welcome back Proud Mary visitors to our School Shop in Week 3. Our Year 6 leaders have really stepped up to the challenge of not only doing their job, but also mentoring younger students in their role. It's always so heartwarming to hear our visitors chatting with our students. If you would like to see our School Shop in action, you are most welcome to call into the school between 10:00am and 11:00am on Fridays when the visitors join us as part of their weekly itinerary. We also look forward to showcasing our School Shop program in upcoming newsletters.



School Shop Visitor Feedback

We always appreciate receiving feedback, and we're delighted to share an email we have received from a recent School Shop visitor.

'Hi all, I must say I was a little sceptical and not keen on this excursion. WOW! I am glad I made the effort. Unfortunately, my wife couldn't join me as she has difficulty walking. However, she didn't miss a thing. My wife heard about the experience from everyone who visited. Our group from Latitude 25 (Lifestyle Village), Hervey Bay, QLD, agreed that it was the highlight of our trip. From the welcome on the bus, the guided walk, and for me, talking with the first graders about what they were having for morning tea. It was obvious that watermelon was the pick! Right through to the send off, with the kids chasing the bus as we left, what a great initiative and well done to all. More schools should adopt this format. Whilst going through check-in at the airport, one of our group, wearing the Proud Mary badge, was welcomed by security, and as it turned out, he was an ex-student of Mypolonga. The gentleman spoke very highly of how the experience had helped him in later life. Again, many thanks for the reassurance that our kids are in good hands. I also have a jug of Mypolonga Primary School lemonade in the fridge. Have a great day! Warren (Wazza)'

Middle Primary Black students captured a fun movement pose and transformed it into bold silhouette artwork using layered coloured paper. They surrounded their figures with positive affirmations that reflect how they see themselves. The finished pieces displayed on our outside display board combine creativity with self-belief.



House Leaders

Over the next few newsletters, we will be introducing our House Captains for 2026, elected by their peers within their house team. This week, we proudly introduce and congratulate House Captains for Hindmarsh, **Imogen and Isabel**, who will be supported by their leadership group members **Oliver O'S, Jordan and Charlie**.

We have a valuable resource at school from **GRIPLEADERSHIP**, which we have given to our 2026 Captains; *101 Great Habits for Student Leaders*. Each Captain was recently given a copy of the resource to identify which 'habits' they consider the most important to them.



Imogen

#16. Set Yourself Reminders - It is suggested that leaders use a diary or calendar to remember dates and events. You can also use it to remind you of things that you want to remember on a certain date down the track, and many apps will help make this easy.

'I wake up at 6:30am so I can get to school early.'

Isabel

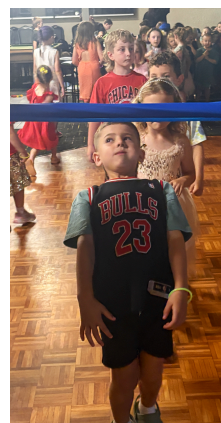
#36. Ask 'Are you OK?' - When you notice somebody who doesn't seem happy, be brave and ask them if they are ok. Many people know about the popular 'R U OK? Day' each year, but leaders should get into the habit of asking it regularly.

'When I see someone sad or angry I ask them if they are ok.'



2026 SRC DISCO ANYTHING GOES!

Thank you to everyone who helped make our annual Disco and Family Fun Night Tea such a success! Whether you ran games on the dance floor, drove the limousine, helped tidy the clubrooms, attended the teas, donated food items or lent a hand in the kitchen - **we appreciate you!** We look forward to receiving feedback via the link emailed to you last week. SRC & Mr Rance



Planner - Term 1 2026

MCSC - Mypolonga Combined Sports Club / MFC - Mypolonga Football Club / MBHS - Murray Bridge High School / MNLCL - Mypolonga Netball League Club / MCC - Mypolonga Cricket Club / YEL - Young Environmental Leaders

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 testing commences . 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
Week 9	23/3	24/3 . 9:00 -10:00am Tiny Tigers	25/3 . MP unit recess - ice cream in cone	26/3 . MP unit lunch scrolls	27/3 . 5:30pm MCSC open	28/3 & 29/3
Week 10	30/3 . Newsletter	31/3 . 9:00 -10:00am Tiny Tigers	1/4 Sports Day 	2/4 . MP unit lunch scrolls . 2:25pm Dismissal . No MFC training due to Easter	3/4 Good Friday	4/4 & 5/4

Cricket Blast

The Woolworths Cricket Blast program wrapped up its final session last Thursday afternoon. It's been fantastic to see the children (and parents/families!) getting involved each week, building new skills, growing in confidence, and most importantly, having plenty of fun along the way. Our school is proud to have supported the program by providing the oval, and we thank the Mypolonga Cricket Club for delivering such a positive and engaging experience for our students and other children in the community. We'll be keeping an eye out to see if there are any budding future Mypolonga senior cricketers in the group!



Community Social Media Accounts

Keep up to date with all things happening in our Mypolonga community.

If you aren't already following, here are a few social media accounts you

may like to follow, including our own Facebook accounts; **Mypolonga Primary School R-6 / Mypotinytigers**

Mypolonga Football Club - Facebook: **mypolongaafc** / Instagram (combined with Netball): **mypofnclub**

Mypolonga Netball League Club Inc - Facebook: **MNLCligers** / Instagram (combined with Football): **mypofnclub**

Mypolonga Cricket Club - Facebook: **MypolongaCC** / Instagram: **mypolongacc**

Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club - Facebook: **Mypolonga Combined Sports Club**

Mypolonga Progress Association - Facebook: **mypolongacommunity**

Mypolonga Buzz - Facebook: **mypolongabuzz**

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