



# MYPO NEWS

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Mypolonga Primary School &amp; Community Newsletter

**'Do the best you can until you know better. Then when you know better, do better.'**

~ Amelia Earhart was the first woman and second person to fly solo nonstop across the Atlantic, and the first woman to fly solo nonstop across the United States. ~



## Term 1, Week 8 16th March 2026

### WEEK 8 ASSEMBLY 2:45pm

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

**Classes showcasing work:** Junior Primary Black, Middle Primary Black, Upper Primary Black

### WEEK 11 ASSEMBLY (THURSDAY) 3:00pm with presentation of end of term awards

**Student Presenters:** Finley (Year 4), Amitiel (Year 5), Taylor (Year 6)

### Happy birthday!

18/3 - Oliver O'S (Year 6)

22/3 - James (Year 5)

25/3 - Paige (Year 6)

30/3 - Finley (Year 4)

### Term 1 'Save the Dates'

**School Photo Day** - Wednesday 18th March 2026. Refer to information on back page.

**SRC Casual Day - theme: Casual/Crazy Socks** - Friday 20th March 2026

**Sports' 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/School Closure

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

### Literacy Cup Results (end of Week 7)

**Red (Murray) 1302 points**

**Blue (Hindmarsh) 1158 points**

**Gold (Finnis) 1113 points**

### Eggs for sale!

Our school chickens are once again laying well so we currently have eggs for sale. If you would like a dozen or two, please contact Annie ann.hughes505@schools.sa.edu.au. They are \$2.50 a dozen and all proceeds go towards the purchase of future chook feed.

### Unnamed containers

We have a **LARGE** number of **UNNAMED** small plastic containers in our lost property box. Please label all items bought to school. Thanks.

## We Roar as One!

We have had a very busy few weeks with a short week as well as the start of NAPLAN testing. With school photos Wednesday and Sports' Day coming up, we will be at the end of the term before we know it! There has been so many great learning opportunities created for our students by our teachers, and I look forward to the continued learning for everyone as we head toward the end of term.

### Student Free Day Learning

Last Tuesday, staff spent time working together at school looking at the tracking of our student data and learning about the updated SA Curriculum that will be fully implemented from the beginning of 2027. A large part of SA Curriculum is the focus on learning dispositions. We discussed what learning dispositions are, the skills to be effective learners and how we can ensure we are embedding these as part of our everyday learning and are part of the culture of our school.

### NAPLAN Testing

Well done to our Year 3 and 5 students who started NAPLAN assessments last week and will continue them over the next couple of days. Most students should be proud of the efforts that they put in and will receive the data which reflects this later in the year. When we receive the results, we look forward to examining the student data to help us further inform our next steps for student learning.

### Book Club

It has been great to see the way so many students have committed to the opportunity provided by our House Leaders, parent and community volunteers to support our Book Club every Wednesday morning from 8:30-9:00am. It is so important you continue to provide the opportunity for students to read at home daily, but that we also support them to read regularly at school. Thanks to our volunteers and student leaders who reinforce this great initiative helping those students who are unable to find the time at home.

### Bus Driver needed

While David continues to drive our bus, he is also looking forward to his retirement! We continue to look for a bus driver to take over from David. The job runs every day from approximately 8:00-8:45am and then again from 3:15-4:00pm. If you know anyone who would be interested and capable, please ask them to contact the school.

Working together  
Sunyl Vogt



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Your child needs to hear,  
"Making mistakes is how  
you learn. I'm not mad. I'm  
curious what you learned."

- @themompsychologist -

INSIDE PARENTING

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**Sports' Day - Wednesday 1st April 2026**

Please find enclosed with this newsletter a special Mypolonga General Store lunch order form for families to order lunches on Sports' Day. Please return all order forms with payment (cash only) to the office by 3:30pm on Thursday, 26th March 2026. On the day, the De-Caf Mobile Barista & Catering van will be on the school oval, offering hot and cold drinks for purchase. We will also have cupcakes available for sale, kindly donated by a couple of our wonderful families. A Sports' Day program will be emailed to parents/caregivers at the start of Week 10. If you have any queries, please contact Zoe Diment or Necia Zadow.

**Students of the Week - Week 6, Term 1**

**Junior Primary Gold (JPG)**

**Eadie** - showing our Tiger value **Generosity of Spirit** by showing kindness to all her classmates.



**Junior Primary Black (JPB)**

**Zaiden** - consistently showing his Tiger values.



**Joey** - showing kindness to his peers.

**Middle Primary Gold (MPG)**

**Emerson** - showing great effort in genre writing by developing creative characters and taking initiative to extend his learning.

**Blair** - using her initiative in class.



**Oakley** - putting in lots of effort and trying his best.

**Middle Primary Black (MPB)**

**Savana** - always showing generosity of spirit towards her teachers and peers.

**Lola** - showing excellence in all tasks and supporting others to do their best.

**Upper Primary Gold (UPG)**

**Nash** - an engaged learner and excellent role model.



**Amitiel** - stepping up as a leader to help and support others.

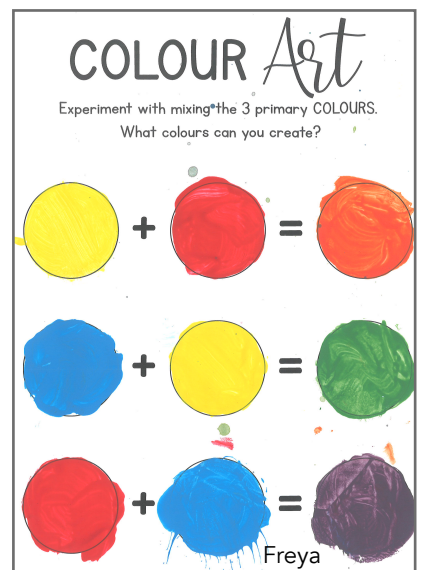
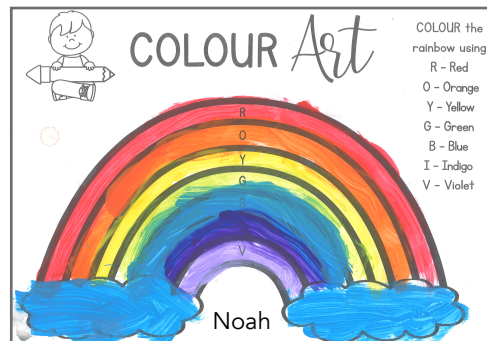
**Upper Primary Black (UPB)**

**Hamish** - consistently being an engaged, respectful and focussed learner in the classroom.

**Ella** - consistently being an engaged, respectful and focussed learner in the classroom.

**Junior Primary Black - Colour Art**

This term in Art, our Junior Primary Black class has been learning about colours. Students have focused on colours of the rainbow and primary and secondary colours. Artworks have also had a focus on learning about warm and cool colours. Everyone has had lots of fun with the paints!



**Thank you Moorundi!**

Our Upper Primary Black class has been exploring and expanding their knowledge of First Nations peoples in our area, with a focus on the Ngarrindjeri people. Our learning so far has centred on connection to land, culture, celebrations and art. We're very grateful to have Moorundi visiting to support our research and share knowledge with our class. Stay tuned for more as our learning continues.



**Email Communication with Families**

Our school regularly uses email as a method of communication between home and school. This may include notifications of upcoming school events, reminders, health information, consent requests and other important updates.

We kindly ask that the email address you have provided to the school is checked regularly, as some communications may require a response within a limited timeframe.

The school's general email address is [dl.0302.admin@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:dl.0302.admin@schools.sa.edu.au), which is monitored by office staff.

Please email your child/ren's class teacher(s) directly to notify the school of any student absenteeism. Any unexplained absences will also be followed up by the classroom teacher. Thanks!

## House Leaders

This fortnight, we proudly introduce and congratulate House Captains for Finnis **Will and Abby**, elected by their peers within their house team. Will and Abby will be supported by their leadership group members **Cayce, Taylor and Leila**.

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.



### Will

**#79. Ask for Others' Ideas** - Leaders often have their own ideas, so you might need to make it a habit to ask others for their ideas too. Asking others for their ideas will create a stronger feeling of teamwork and will give you more ideas to choose from.

*'I will ask others for ideas to help me create excellent work.'*

### Abby

**#33. Lend a Helping Hand** - Many people think that leaders get the special privilege of having other people assist them with whatever the leader wants. When a leader forms the habit of helping others instead, it sends a great message.

*'If I see someone who needs help, I will be generous and give up my time to support them.'*



## Middle Primary Gold (Year 2/3 class) – Sharing Our Learning

Our classroom continues to flourish through our Golden Growth focus: growing myself, growing my learning, and growing our community.

Our Golden Growth Tree captures the ways students are strengthening their learning, building resilience, and contributing positively to our community.

Students have also created personal pot plant goals, identifying the qualities they are nurturing as they continue to grow as confident, reflective learners.



## Our Junior Primary Gold students have learned their primary and secondary colours!

Since colouring our colour wheel, we have been creating primary colour paint wash backgrounds for other artwork pieces using crayons.

When you are next visiting the school, please take a look at our class display boards to see our colour wheels and some future pieces of art!

Pictured right; Theo, Emily, Kenzie & Savannah



## SRC Casual Day - Friday 20th March 2026 / Harmony Day

**World Down Syndrome Day** will be held on Saturday 21st March 2026. To celebrate, we will be holding a Casual Day on Friday 20th March 2026 (this Friday).

Students are encouraged to bring a gold coin donation on the day. All money raised will go towards funding resources for neurodivergent students within our school.

The theme for this Casual Day is **'Casual/Crazy Socks.'**

Students have free choice in wearing appropriate casual clothing, but we would love them to wear their boldest, brightest and most eye-catching socks! Please note that our Sun Smart rules still apply, i.e. shirts with sleeves and longer style shorts or skirts. Appropriate footwear should also be worn for fitness activities. Thank you in anticipation, SRC Leaders Taylor and Paige

This day will also coincide with **Harmony Day** which celebrates diversity and inclusion. We encourage students to wear orange as part of the casual day outfit. Teachers will be teaching the students about this on the day to coincide with World Down Syndrome Day.

## Murray Bridge High School - Introduction to High School & Tour Evenings

Year 6 families... this year, Murray Bridge High School will again be hosting *Introduction to High School & Tour Evenings* at the end of Term 1 to ensure families can experience the school before daylight savings ends.

This allows them to conduct tours during daylight hours, giving families the best opportunity to see Murray Bridge High School in action and experience their fantastic facilities at their best.

The events will take place on:

**5:30pm Wednesday 25th March (Week 9, Term 1)**


**5:30pm Monday 30th March (Week 10, Term 1)**

These 90-minute sessions, hosted in the Sturt Building, will give parents and caregivers the opportunity to meet key staff, learn about the transition program, and tour the school.



### 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

<b>Week 8</b>	<b>16/3</b> . Newsletter . 7:00pm Finance / 7:30pm Governing Council Meetings	<b>17/3</b> . 9:00 -10:00am Tiny Tigers	<b>18/3</b> <b>School Photo Day</b>  . MP unit recess - ice cream in cone	<b>19/3</b> . YEL Year 6 students attending forum in Wellington . MP unit lunch scrolls . MFC U9s / U11s / Auskick training commences 4:45pm	<b>20/3</b> . SRC Casual Day - theme: Casual/Crazy Socks . 2:45pm Assembly . 5:30pm MCSC open (subject to building works) . From 5:30pm Mypo RSL bingo/bbq tea	<b>21/3 &amp; 22/3</b> 21/3 World Down Syndrome Day / Harmony Day
<b>Week 9</b>	<b>23/3</b>	<b>24/3</b> . 9:00 -10:00am Tiny Tigers	<b>25/3</b> . MP unit recess - ice cream in cone . MBHS Introduction to High School & Tour evenings	<b>26/3</b> . MP unit lunch scrolls	<b>27/3</b> . 5:30pm MCSC open	<b>28/3 &amp; 29/3</b>
<b>Week 10</b>	<b>30/3</b> . Newsletter . MBHS Introduction to High School & Tour evenings	<b>31/3</b> . 9:00 -10:00am Tiny Tigers	<b>1/4</b> <b>Sports' Day</b> 	<b>2/4</b> . MP unit lunch scrolls . 2:25pm Dismissal . No MFC training due to Easter	<b>3/4</b> <b>Good Friday</b>	<b>4/4 &amp; 5/4</b> <b>Easter Saturday</b> <b>Easter Sunday</b> 
<b>Week 11</b>	<b>6/4</b> <b>Easter Monday</b>	<b>7/4</b> . 9:00 -10:00am Tiny Tigers	<b>8/4</b> . MP unit recess - ice cream in cone	<b>9/4</b> . MP unit lunch scrolls . 3:00pm End of Term Assembly with presentation of awards	<b>10/4</b> . 2:25pm Dismissal . Newsletter . 5:30pm MCSC open	<b>11/4 &amp; 12/4</b> 11/4 - Round 1 RMFL/RMNA - Mypo -v- Suns @ Mypo

#### 2026 School Photos - Key Reminders!

- School photo orders will be placed online this year. A limited number of cash envelopes are available from the office - please contact Necia asap if required.
- Order online at: <https://mypolongaps-sa.msp.photos/Photos/>
- **Sibling orders close Tuesday 17th March 2026 at 4:00pm.** Please remind siblings to attend on the day, as MSP Photography and the school cannot guarantee missed sibling photos will be taken.
- Orders can still be placed after photo day; however, a \$20 late fee will apply once photos have gone to print (approximately two weeks after photo day).
- For any online ordering issues, please contact MSP Photography directly.

## 2026 SCHOOL PHOTOS

### PHOTO DAY: Wednesday 18th March - 2026

#### HOW TO ORDER

Ordering online is quick and easy using the steps below!

**Step 1**  
Click below to go to our portal or scan the QR Code

<https://mypolongaps-sa.msp.photos/Photos/>


**Step 2**  
Click "Sign in with Student Details"


Sign in with Student Details

Enter your child's surname and Date of birth. You will be prompted to create an account. Once logged in, you will be able to add additional children and place sibling orders. **Please note sibling orders will cut off at 4pm the last school day before photo day.** (for example, if photo day is a Monday, sibling orders will close on the Friday before)

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION - PLEASE READ CAREFULLY**

1. Adding additional children to your MSP online account will activate the sibling packs to appear for ordering
2. MSP cannot be held responsible for any siblings not appearing for their photo's so please remind them
3. Any orders placed AFTER the sibling cut off time will not be guaranteed a photo
4. Ordering will remain open indefinitely, but an archive retrieval/delivery fee of \$20 will apply to all orders placed after the school has gone to print.
5. Re Co-parenting orders - please advise us if you need to collect your order from the school's front office





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#### Community News

**Mypolonga Netball League Club's** canteen has commenced serving up the perfect post-training feed on Thursday afternoons! Swing by after training and grab something tasty including; toasted sandwiches, fresh baked goods, lollies, cold drinks and ice-creams. Visit Kelly and the team from 4:30–6:30pm. EFTPOS and cash facilities available.

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