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Mypolonga Primary School & Community Newsletter

'I love those who can smile in trouble, who can gather strength from distress, and grow brave by reflection.'

~ Leonardo da Vinci (1452–1519) was a quintessential Renaissance painter, scientist, and inventor, world-renowned for masterpieces like the *Mona Lisa* and *The Last Supper*.

Term 1, Week 10 30th March 2026

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

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

TERM 2 WEEK 2 ASSEMBLY 2:45pm

Student Presenters: Emily (Year 4), Eva (Year 5), Ollie (Year 6)

Classes showcasing work: Junior Primary Gold, Middle Primary Gold, Upper Primary Gold

Happy birthday!

2/4 - Deni (Year 5)

! Reminders

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

. Thursday 9th April 2026 - 3:00pm end of term assembly with presentation of awards

. Friday 10th April 2026 - 2:25pm dismissal

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

School Photos

Thanks to our parents/caregivers for supporting our new online ordering system for school photos. Once your photo packs arrive, we'd love to hear your thoughts on how the whole process went. Unfortunately, due to rain, we had to postpone the whole school photo. Our photographers will now return on Wednesday morning, 8th April to take the whole school photo and run a 'catch-up' session for any students who were absent on the original photo day.

Buy
your
Easter
Basket
Raffle
Ticket



on
Sports
Day!

We Roar as One!

With a bit over a week remaining in Term 1, it is a great time to reflect on the learning and activities that have taken place during the first term including, welcoming our new reception students, swimming Lessons, disco, family fun night, Life Education visit, Young Environmental Leaders' excursion, choir cluster rehearsal, NAPLAN testing and school photos. With Sports Day still to come, along with our end of term assembly, and all of the learning going on, it is little wonder the term has gone so fast!

Timetable change for Term 2

After conversations amongst staff and at Governing Council, we will be trialling the following timetable in Term 2.

9:00am-10:00am 60 mins Learning Session 1

10:00am-10:20am 20 mins Crunch & Sip

10:20am-11:20am 60 mins Learning Session 2

11:20am-12:00pm 40 mins Lunch Play

12:00pm-12:10pm 10 mins Eating Time

12:10pm-1:35pm 85 mins Learning Session 3

1:35pm-1:55pm 20 mins Recess Play

1:55pm-2:00pm 5 mins Eating Time

2:00pm-3:25pm 85 mins Learning Session 4

With eating at the end of play time, we are hoping that benefits will include the following:

. Opportunity to regulate/ relax at the end of play time

. Opportunity to resolve any issues that occur at play time

. More food being consumed instead of being half eaten and put in the bin. Less rubbish in the yard

As with any changes, there will be some teething problems, if you notice any issues that appear as a result of the changes we welcome your feedback as we try something new.

Listening to Reading

Thankyou! I would like to thank all our parents that continue to work with your children and the school to improve their learning outcomes. Whilst what we are doing is good, it is very important to note that we can always improve what we do. I have listened to many students read over the first term of school and have noticed many small errors in their reading habits. Listening to children read 'aloud' is very important. This allows us to hear errors and assist in correcting poor reading habits. Having children repeatedly read a text that is at their reading level to increase fluency and expression is also very beneficial. I look forward to your ongoing support with this and the further improvement in your children's learning.

Sports Day

Thanks to all those parents who have volunteered for our Sports Day on Wednesday. We look forward to hosting you all to cheer the students on as they put in their best efforts to achieve their personal best. Keep an eye on your emails for this year's Sports Day program and further information on the day, including an Easter raffle!

WWCC and RRHAN Training for Volunteers

It is wonderful to have so many volunteers helping us in the school, an area we are always wanting to grow. To volunteer within the school setting, people must have a Working with Children Check (WWCC) and completed RRHAN - EC (Responding to Risks of Harm, Abuse and Neglect - Education and Care) training. The school is able to support the process of applying for the WWCC and point you toward an online RRHAN-EC training. However, if you would prefer to complete the RRHAN-EC training in a face to face setting, we would be happy to organise this if we have enough people. Please contact the school if you are wanting this as an opportunity.

End of Term Early Dismissals

The Department allows us to finish an hour early on the last day of each term and on the day before Easter, this Thursday. Please ensure you have this Thursday and end of term dates marked on your calendar with our earlier finish time of 2.25pm.

Working together,
Sunyl Vogt



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Students of the Week - Week 8, Term 1 ★

Junior Primary Gold (JPG)

Ella - always striving to achieve the TIGER value Excellence in all areas of the curriculum.

Ashton - continually showing the TIGER value Excellence by presenting neat colouring in. ★

Junior Primary Black (JPB)

Ava - always trying her very best with everything she does within the classroom.

Harvey - demonstrating great leadership within the classroom and displaying TIGER values.

Middle Primary Gold (MPG)

Nina - consistently striving for excellence and implementing feedback.

Levi - consistently putting effort into improving his handwriting.

Middle Primary Black (MPB)

Billy - consistently demonstrating respect and excellence in the classroom.

Harper - displaying respect and generosity and contributing positively to our classroom. ★

Upper Primary Gold (UPG)

Marley - showing great emotional intelligence and kindness in class.

Charlotte C. - achieving and showing greater confidence in Maths.

Upper Primary Black (UPB)

Isabel - showing resilience and being a great problem solver during Shop.

Taylor - consistently showing resilience and great leadership.

School Sport SA Swimming

CONGRATULATIONS to Year 5 student James who was selected and participated in the Murraylands team in the School Sport SA State Swimming carnival held at the SA Aquatics & Leisure Centre on Monday 23rd March 2026.

'I would like to compete again so I can see my improvement. I was nervous but got more excited as the day went on. My results were:

10yr old boys

4th - 50m backstroke

7th - 50m freestyle

2nd - 50m breaststroke

11yr old boys

2nd - relay 4x50m freestyle'



* SAPSASA stands for the **South Australian Primary Schools Amateur Sports Association**. Established in 1912, it provides competitive sporting opportunities, such as carnivals and knockout competitions, for primary-aged children across South Australia. It is now commonly known as School Sport SA.



Young Environmental Leaders (YEL) - Term 1

The Young Environmental Leaders program is open to students in Years 5 and 6, providing them with unique opportunities to learn about, connect with, and respect their local environment. Congratulations to Year 6 students Paige, Charlie, Zakariyah and Hunter (pictured right) who have been elected our YEL representatives for this year.

During the year, students participate in hands-on activities and projects, while also learning and practising skills in leadership, communication and public speaking. All of these experiences will assist them in developing as leaders in their school community. In 2026, forums will be held each term in the Murraylands and Riverland areas.

In Week 8, our YEL students attended their first forum for the year at the Pangarinda Botanic Garden in Wellington East. They learnt about the importance of pollinators, flowering plants and were hands-on making bee hotels and insect watering stations. This was all part of the 2026 Precious Plants program.



Butterfly bath & native wasp bath



Up close with magnifying glasses



Making bee hotels



House Leaders

This fortnight, we proudly introduce and congratulate House Captains for Murray **Hamish and Hollie**, elected by their peers within their house team. Hamish and Hollie will be supported by their leadership group members **Zakariyah, Brock, Tabi and Oliver C.**

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.



Hamish

#3. Go to Bed at Regular Times - If you're not careful you may get into the habit of staying up late playing video games or watching YouTube. Decide on a bedtime that gives you the amount of sleep you need and get into the habit of shutting your eyes by that time.

'I try my best to go to bed and wake up at the same times. I wake up early to be ready on time.'

Hollie

#30. Give Compliments - Get into the habit of saying positive comments to the people around you. Congratulate them on their actions (like great work), but also on times that you see them demonstrate great character.

'If I see someone being kind or doing something good, I will give them a compliment.'



Student Representative Council 'SRC' - Semester 1

Class elections were recently held and we congratulate the following students on being elected SRC representatives for Semester 1 (pictured below):

Year 6 Leaders: Taylor, Paige **Year 5:** James, Nash

Year 4: Oliver McPh, Harper **Year 3:** Jackson, Ruby C

Year 2: Nina **Year 1:** Freya **Reception:** Ava

Our SRC Co-ordinator is Jacob Rance.

Our SRC plays an important role in the school, running events throughout the year and helping to solve problems raised by students.

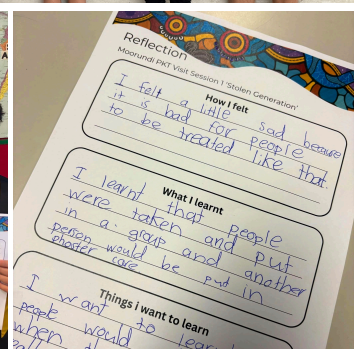
In Years 5 and 6, SRC representatives are elected based on a one-to-five voting scale reflecting how well students demonstrate our TIGER values. In other classes/year levels students present a speech and classmates vote to choose their representatives.

Already this semester, our SRC reps have organised a very successful School Disco and Casual Day (with more to come next term)! At SRC meetings, we discuss any issues raised by classes and work together to find solutions. We also plan events and select SRC award recipients from each unit to be acknowledged at assemblies. We also present our reports to Governing Council during Week 3 and Week 8 of every term.





Thanks for visiting Phoebe!

Recently, our Upper Primary unit were fortunate to welcome Phoebe from Moorundi, who spoke with us about NAIDOC Week, Reconciliation Week and the Stolen Generations - an experience that has directly impacted her family. While some students had prior knowledge, all recognised that this is a deeply sad part of Australia's history. We are grateful for the opportunity to learn, reflect, and continue working together to recognise and celebrate First Nations peoples in our community and beyond.



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 10	30/3 . Newsletter . MBHS Introduction to High School & Tour evenings	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 Easter Saturday Easter Sunday 
Week 11	6/4 Easter Monday	7/4 . 9:00 -10:00am Tiny Tigers	8/4 . MP unit recess - ice cream in cone . MSP Photography catch up day	9/4 . MP unit lunch scrolls . 3:00pm End of Term Assembly with presentation of awards	10/4 . 2.25pm Dismissal . Newsletter . 5:30pm MCSC open	11/4 & 12/4 11/4 - Round 1 RMFL/RMNA – Mypo -v- Suns @ Mypo

Planner - Term 2 2026

Week 1	27/4	28/4	29/4	30/4	1/5	2/5 & 3/5 2/5- Round 4 RMFL/RMNA – Mannum -v- Mypo @ Mannum
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Casual Day - supporting World Down Syndrome Day and Harmony Day

We would like to thank our school families for their wonderful support of our recent Casual Day. We are delighted to share that we raised \$200.00, which will go towards funding resources for neurodivergent students within our school.

The theme for the day was Casual/Crazy Socks, with a touch of orange in recognition of Harmony Day - a celebration of diversity, inclusion and belonging for all. And didn't we brighten things up, with students wearing their brightest colours and loudest socks!



Community News

Mypolonga Football Club / Mypolonga Netball League Club

- . Thursday night teas return on Thursday 9th April 2026, prior to Round 1 (11/4/26). Kruges and his team will be back providing meals from 5:30pm. Enjoy chicken & beef schnitzels, salads, nuggets & chips for the kids. Bar facilities will be available.
- . The football and netball clubs' Instagram account has Linktree, which acts as a mini-website to share information so supporters can easily access all important links for both clubs. Details are in the mypofnclub Instagram bio.
- . Reminder: Junior and senior football player registrations are open! Please make sure to register by the end of this week to avoid any delays if issues arise. Please note that Auskick has a separate registration process. Follow the links on the Club's Facebook page to get started. Also, don't forget to use your TWO Sports Vouchers to help cover your registration fees.

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