

MYPO NEWS

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Mypolonga Primary School & Community Newsletter

'The harder you work for something, the greater you'll feel when you achieve it.'

~ Anonymous ~

Term 2, Week 3 15th May 2026

TERM 2 WEEK 4 ASSEMBLY 2:45pm

Student Presenters: Peyton (Year 4), Charlotte C. (Year 5), Jordan (Year 6)

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

TERM 2 WEEK 8 ASSEMBLY 2:45pm

Student Presenters: Harry (Year 4), April (Year 5), Oliver C. (Year 6)

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

TERM 2 WEEK 10 (Thursday) ASSEMBLY 3:00pm

Student Presenters: Ellie (Year 4), Ella (Year 5), Will (Year 6)

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

Happy birthday!

18/5 - Brooklyn (Year 4)

19/5 - Xander (Year 4)

20/5 - Emily (Reception)

21/5 - Abby (Year 6)

28/5 - Liam (Year 5)

28/5 - Charlie (Year 6)

1/6 - Jordan (Year 6)

2/6 - Aisha (Year 4)

3/6 - Vann (Year 6)

15/6 - Savana (Year 4)

17/6 - Kenzie (Reception)

19/6 - Bryce (Year 2)

19/6 - Lola (Year 4)

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



Government of South Australia
Department for Education

We Roar as One

Welcome back to Term 2!

It has been really pleasing to see the way our students have returned to Term 2 with great attitude and enthusiasm to continue their learning journey. Thank you to all our staff who go the extra mile to make sure everything is ready and the learning is prepared!

Welcome...

From the beginning of Term 2, we have welcomed a new student Amelia in our Reception class, along with two new staff members. Mrs Sheree Biddle has joined us after doing some relief work with us in Term 1. Mrs Biddle will be teaching across the middle and junior primary classes teaching NIT lessons and Miss Kellie Lord is joining us as an SSO to support students in our Junior Primary Gold class. We welcome Sheree and Kellie to Mypolonga Primary School and look forward to their contribution in our continued growth of learning.

Parent / Teacher Interviews

Last week, we welcomed our parents and students to our interviews. All who attended would have received feedback on how your child/ren have settled at school this year and how they are travelling with their learning, along with some ways in which you can continue to support them with their learning at home. Thank you to all of our families who took the time to come in and share in the learning journey with your children and their teachers. If you missed this opportunity, and would like to speak to your child's teacher, or myself, please contact the school.

Literacy Cup

Reading at home strongly supports the results of all students. Well done to our students and families who ensure this happens. It makes a huge difference to student outcomes!

Student Wellbeing

Staff continue to partner with the Department Self-Regulation Service to improve our knowledge in assisting students develop skills in managing their thoughts and actions during time of stress and challenging situations. Through ongoing staff training in developing student wellbeing, we continue to support and teach students how regulating our emotions allows us to think and learn with clarity. These skills will help ourselves and our young people fulfil future potential. We hope to run a parent session on regulation strategies for those parents/carers who can make it from 2.30pm-3.30pm on Thursday 4th June. Please mark this date on your calendar and we look forward to supporting parents with information and strategies.

Change in school break times

We are now into Week 3 of our adjusted daily schedule, with our lunch break earlier in the day and our recess break in the afternoon. From our end, these changes appear to be going well, with students returning to the learning environment more calm and settled with eating time happening at the end of the play breaks. We are keen to receive your thoughts on how it is working. If you have any strong concerns or positive feedback, we would love to hear it via email or coming in to have a chat.

Working together, Sunyl Vogt



Surprise Me!

Last term, our Year 4, 5 and 6 students showcased their 'Surprise Me' learning. Topics included origami, stars and eclipses, AI, rocket ships, Greek Easter, the history of cars, cooking, and extinct animals - just to name a few! 'Surprise Me' home learning gives students the opportunity to explore something new over two weeks while building independent learning skills, confidence, presentation skills, and public speaking. We are so excited and proud to see these skills develop throughout the year. Thank you to families for supporting your child with this learning at home.



Xanthe: Bearded dragons have many interesting facts that I didn't know before. One of these is that they have venom in their teeth, but it doesn't affect humans - only their prey. I enjoyed speaking in front of my class, and my presentation was graded by my classmates.

Spencer: I chose this topic because I'm interested in becoming an astronaut. I learned how the fire from a rocket is created and how it is propelled. The most interesting thing I discovered was that the top of the rocket is used to store robotic rovers, as it is cooler than the bottom where the hot gases are produced. The rovers are tucked away in airbags.



Welcome to our School Amelia!

At the start of Term 2, we welcomed Amelia into Mrs Wagenknecht/Miss Keller's Junior Primary Gold Class.

We hope you and your family enjoy your learning experiences with us Amelia, and welcome to our community!

Walk Safely to School Day – Advance Notice!

At the end of Week 4, on Friday 22/5/26, our school will be taking part in Walk Safely to School Day.

Parents and caregivers are encouraged to walk to school with their children. Staff will be at the Mypolonga Institute from 8:40am to walk with students, including those arriving by bus who will be dropped off there.

Parents and caregivers are also welcome to meet us at the Institute to join the walk.

Mypo Combined Sports' Club - Playground upgrade!

Keep an eye on our Mypolonga community social media accounts for all the updates on the new Tiger-themed all-ages playground being installed at the Combined Sports' Club. We can't wait to see all the children enjoy this at our next home game and into the future!



Walk Safely to School Day!

FRIDAY 22ND MAY 2026
IS NATIONAL WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY!



National Walk Safely to School Day in Australia is held annually in May (Friday, 22nd May 2026) to encourage primary school children to walk to school. This initiative promotes healthy, active habits, improves road safety awareness, and reduces car traffic around schools, aiming to boost children's physical activity.

Updated Contact Information

If you are unsure whether the school has the most up-to-date contact details for your child, including emergency contacts, phone numbers and addresses, please contact the office to check. Thanks! Department requirements state that personal information forms/details are not to be sent home in students' school bags.

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



HOME/RESIDENTIAL
ADDRESS?



MOBILE
NUMBERS?



EMAIL
ADDRESSES?



EMERGENCY
CONTACTS?



FAMILY
INFORMATION?

Students of the Week - Week 2, Term 2

Junior Primary Gold (JPG)

Agnes - always trying her best and always willing to help others.

Kenzie - for having a positive attitude for learning.

Junior Primary Black (JPB)

Ruby - being a great TIGER, displaying her values and always trying her best.

Lily - showing confidence when journal writing.

Middle Primary Gold (MPG)

Lylah - for her ongoing effort and persistence.

Asher - for his participation and effort in the morning circle routine.

Middle Primary Black (MPB)

Jojo - putting effort into completing tasks to the best of his ability.

Stella - always being engaged and a fantastic role model.

Upper Primary Gold (UPG)

Peyton - brings a positive and helpful approach to everything she does.

Max - great expression and voice in Dreamtime story.

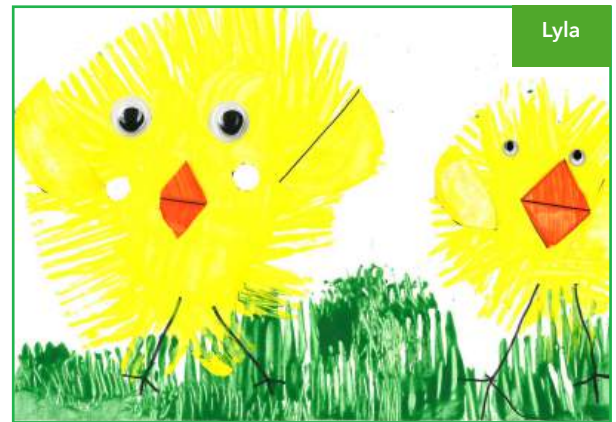
Upper Primary Black (UPB)

Noah - excellent participation and inclusion of others at the soccer clinic.

Hunter - displaying resilience and persistence in his sewing activity.

Middle Primary Black - Easter Inspired Art

Students in the Middle Primary Black class used forks and paint to create these adorable little chicks. They added their own inspired features and creative touches, bringing each one to life in a unique way!



School Sport SA - Football

CONGRATULATIONS to Will, Cayce, Noah and Oliver O'S who have been selected in the Murraylands team in the School Sport SA State Football Carnival being held at Barratt Reserve, West Beach from 25th May-27th May 2026.

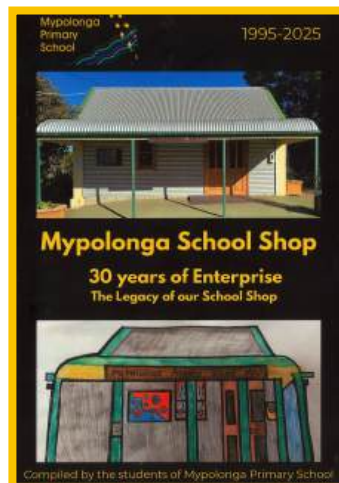


We look forward to hearing of your experiences boys!

School Shop Book

As you may be aware, last year, under Mr Rance's guidance, our classes spent a lot of time putting together a School Shop Book to commemorate the 30th year of our School Shop opening.

Our Upper Primary unit, along with each class, together with staff (past and present) worked on creating a piece of work that is of an excellent standard to be put into the book. The book was professionally published and now available to purchase through the office or by visiting during school shop rotation time (Fridays 10:00am-11:00am), when the Proud Mary visits us.



We love seeing the skills which our students learn from participating in the Shop and are proud of the 30 year legacy that has been sustained by all the people involved in our school over the journey.



Literacy Cup Results (end of Week 2)

Red (Murray) 2676 points

Blue (Hindmarsh) 2356 points

Gold (Finnis) 2201 points

Please call into the office if your child has misplaced their jacket, jumper, drink bottle or plastic container.
There are a number of unnamed items in our lost property box waiting to find their way home!
Please remember to clearly label all items brought to school.
Thanks :)



**LOST
PROPERTY!**

Murray Bridge High School @Work Students Support Mypolonga Primary!

Mypolonga Primary School has recently welcomed students from Murray Bridge High School's Year 9 @Work class as part of a collaborative garden clean-up project.

Working alongside our Year 6 students, the group has been busy weeding garden beds, removing old shrubs, cleaning the chicken coop, tidying up irrigation and assisting with general maintenance around the school grounds.

A special focus this year has been preparing the vegetable garden area for the establishment of a bush tucker garden. This exciting project will create a meaningful space for learning about native plants and Indigenous perspectives.

The partnership has provided valuable opportunities for all students to build communication, teamwork, and initiative, while contributing positively to the school environment.

We thank the @Work students and our Mypo Year 6 students for their enthusiasm and hard work, and we look forward to continuing this partnership.



Variety Kids Easter Picnic

Last term, a group of students travelled to the Adelaide Zoo for the annual Variety Kids Easter Picnic. We explored the zoo and followed the map to see some of our favourite animals including giraffes, meerkats, monkeys, and the new capybara exhibit. We ate lunch cooked by the Rotary Club and had some special Easter treats (yum!). A huge thank you to Variety Kids for the opportunity. A great day was had by all.

Mrs Hillam & Mrs Marcus

* The annual Variety Kids' Easter Picnic creates a space where every child can feel included, celebrated and part of the fun! More than 2300 children and their carers came together for this year's joyful day out.



Term 2 Timetable Change

As advised, this term we made a change to our timetable and have been gathering student feedback on our lunch and recess routine. Many students like having playtime first, saying it helps them use up energy, feel more settled, and leaves them with plenty of time to eat afterwards. Others prefer to eat first, as they feel it leads to a longer, more enjoyable break later in the day. Some students mentioned the change can feel a little confusing at first, but are happy to give it time to adjust.



Mothers Day

We hope all Mums had a great day and loved receiving their handcrafted and 'made with love' gifts for Mother's Day.

Junior Primary Gold

'You are my Sunshine' card & candle



Junior Primary Black

'Best Mum' Key Chains



Middle Primary Gold

'I Love You Because...' vases



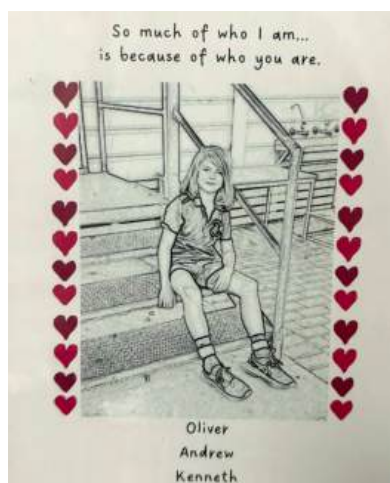
Middle Primary Black

'Love you to the Moon and Back' art



Upper Primary Gold

Students took photos of each other and chose their favourite to turn into a sketch and frame for their Mums.



Upper Primary Black

Handmade sugar scrub and string art



Mother's Day Market

Prior to Mother's Day, our Upper Primary students successfully organised and ran another Mother's Day Market, providing a valuable opportunity for all students to purchase special gifts. The market featured an array of thoughtful items, including bookmarks, candles, body scrubs and 'tea-rific!' cards.

We appreciate our community's support of this financial literacy initiative, which enhances our senior students' learning experience.



AFL Max - Soccer Clinic

Last week, our students were lucky enough to have visitors from AFL Max come and run a soccer clinic with each of our classes. Throughout the sessions, students participated in a range of fun activities, games and competitions designed to improve their dribbling, passing and shooting skills.

During these activities, the students also developed valuable life skills such as teamwork, resilience and gratitude. A big thank you to Little Seb, Big Seb and Karly for running these fantastic sessions with our students.



Nina

Middle Primary Gold - Abstract Art

With Mrs Hein, students created inspiring artwork pieces influenced by Artist Wassily Kandinsky.

Artwork Reflections:

How does this style of art make you feel?

Nina: 'Excited, calm, happy.'

Reflection of your own art

Jackson: 'My abstract art is really good.'

Nina: 'It was fun and I liked using the crayons.'

Your opinion on this type of art

Jackson: 'It was very calming.'



Jackson

CLASSROOM ENTERPRISE
TERM 2 2026
PROVIDED BY THE
JUNIOR PRIMARY UNIT

MENU

THURSDAY RECESS

- Biscuits (x2)
 - choc chip

\$3.00

FRIDAY LUNCH

- Hot Dogs
 - choice of tomato sauce, bbq sauce, mustard

\$4.00

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

Our Recess/Lunch Enterprise for Term 2 began last week with great anticipation. This term's menu includes:

- Thursday (Recess): Biscuits (x2)
- Friday (Lunch): Hot dogs

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



Upper Primary Gold Art - Wandjina-inspired art

Students created Wandjina-inspired artworks while learning about First Nations Australian creation stories in HASS. Their artworks explored the cultural meaning and importance of storytelling, connection to Country and spirituality.



Aurora-Mae



Makenna

Upper Primary Gold Art - Sunflowers

These vibrant sunflowers were created last month, exploring step by step watercolour techniques and colour blending.



Harry



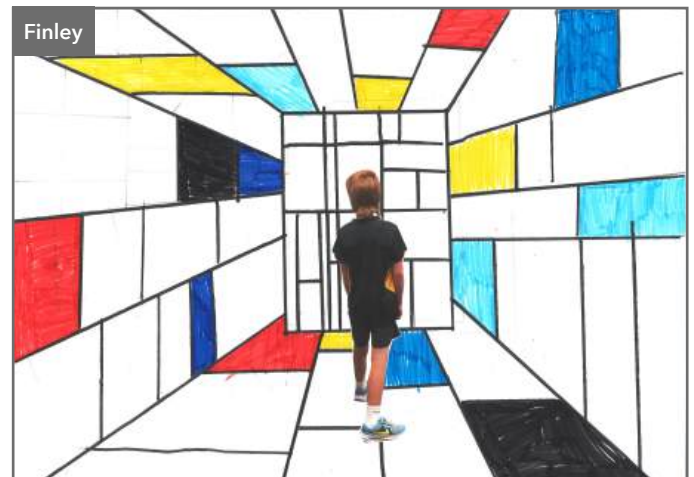
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Upper Primary Gold Art - Illusions

This artwork was inspired by the geometric style of Piet Mondrian and uses one-point perspective to create the illusion of depth and a three-dimensional space.



Peyton



Finley

Tiny Tigers is back!

Our Tiny Tigers sessions recommenced last week, with our first theme celebrating Mother's Day. Some lovely craft creations were made during the session!

Where: School Library

Time: 9:00am – 10:00am

Cost: \$5.00 per term

We look forward to welcoming families along for more fun and learning throughout the term!



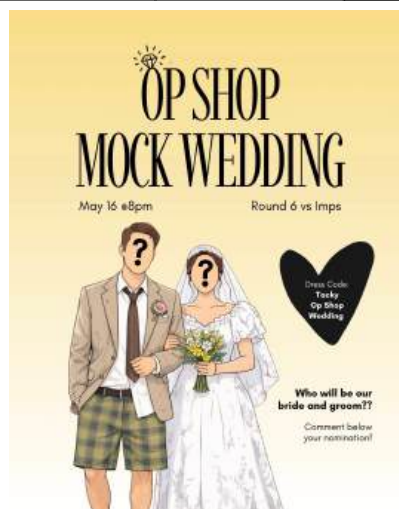
Planner - Term 2 2026

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

Week 4	18/5	19/5 . Tiny Tigers 9:00am-10:00am	20/5	21/5 . JP Enterprise Recess (biscuits)	22/5 . Walk to School Day . JP Enterprise Lunch (hot dogs) . 2:45pm Assembly . 5:30pm MCSC bar open/meals	23/5 & 24/5 23/5- Round 7 RMFL/ RMNA Coorong -v- Mypolonga @ Meningie (MB Hotel post matches)
Week 5	25/5 . School Sport SA Football Carnival	26/5 . Tiny Tigers 9:00am-10:00am . School Sport SA Football Carnival	27/5 . School Sport SA Football Carnival	28/5 . JP Enterprise Recess (biscuits)	29/5 . JP Enterprise Lunch (hot dogs) . 5:30pm MCSC bar open/meals	30/5 & 31/5 30/5- Round 8 RMFL/ RMNA Storm -v- Mypolonga @ Peake (MB Club post matches)
Week 6	1/6	2/6 . Tiny Tigers 9:00am-10:00am	3/6	4/6 . JP Enterprise Recess (biscuits) . 2:30pm-3:30pm Self Regulation Parent Session	5/6 Student Free Day . 5:30pm MCSC bar open/meals	6/6 & 7/6 . Interleague Football . Country Champs Netball
Week 7	8/6 Public Holiday	9/6 . Tiny Tigers 9:00am-10:00am	10/6	11/6 . JP Enterprise Recess (biscuits)	12/6 . JP Enterprise Lunch (hot dogs) . 5:30pm MCSC bar open/meals	13/6 & 14/6 . 13/6- Round 9 RMFL/ RMNA Mypolonga -v- Jervois & Mypolonga (Disco & Darts night)
Week 8	15/6 . 7:00pm Finance / 7:30pm Governing Council Meetings	16/6 . Tiny Tigers 9:00am-10:00am	17/6	18/6 . YEL forum . JP Enterprise Recess (biscuits)	19/6 . JP Enterprise Lunch (hot dogs) . 5:30pm MCSC bar open/meals	20/6 & 21/6 . 20/6- Round 10 RMFL/RMNA Suns -v- Mypolonga @ Lamerook
Week 9	22/6	23/6 . Tiny Tigers 9:00am-10:00am	24/6	25/6 . JP Enterprise Recess (biscuits)	26/6 . JP Enterprise Lunch (hot dogs) . 5:30pm MCSC bar open/meals	27/6 & 28/6 . 27/6- Round 11 RMFL/RMNA Mypolonga -v- Ramblers @ Mypolonga (MFC Back to Mypolonga Day)
Week 10	29/6	30/6 . Tiny Tigers 9:00am-10:00am	1/7	2/7 . JP Enterprise Recess (biscuits) . 2:45pm End of Term Assembly incl. awards	3/7 . JP Enterprise Lunch (hot dogs) . 2:25pm early dismissal . 5:30pm MCSC bar open/meals	4/7 & 5/7 . 4/7- Round 12 RMFL/ RMNA Taillem -v- Mypolonga @ Taillem (Swanport Hotel post matches)



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