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MYPO NEWS

Est. 1916 Mypolonga Primary School & Community Newsletter

'At times, our own light goes out and is rekindled by a spark from another person.'

- Albert Schweitzer was most famous for winning the 1952 Nobel Peace Prize and for founding a medical mission hospital in Lambaréné, Gabon, Central Africa

Term 4, Week 7 23rd November 2026

TERM 4 WEEK 8 END OF TERM ASSEMBLY
3:00pm - Friday 4th December 2026
Student Presenters: Tabi, Max, Piper, Zoe

TERM 4 WEEK 9 END OF YEAR ASSEMBLY
2:45pm - Thursday 10th December 2026
Student Presenters: Isabel, James, Hunter, Vann

Happy birthday!

Hollie, Peyton, Eadie, Zoe, Evie

Save the Dates!

Half day transition for 2027 Reception students (beginning of year intake) - 8:30am - 2:00pm Thursday 26th November 2026

School Concert/Celebration of Learning/BBQ tea - from 5:15pm Wednesday 2nd December 2026 held at the school. FAQ emailed today / program will be sent home soon!

Full day transition for all students (Reception to Year 5 in next year's classes /Year 6 transition to MB High School) - Thursday 3rd December 2026

End of Term Assembly with presentation of awards - Week 8, 3:00pm Friday 4th December 2026

Instrumental and Choir students' performance 2:30pm Monday 7th December 2026 at the Mypo Institute (parents of those students invited to attend)

SRC Fun Day @ the Murray Bridge Pool - Tuesday 8th December 2026

Year 6 Graduation Dinner - Wednesday 9th December 2026 held at the Mypolonga Combined Sports' Club

End of Year Assembly with presentation of awards - 2:45pm Thursday 10th December 2026, held at the school

Last Day of School Year - Friday 11th December 2026. Dismissal time 2:25pm

School Hats

On the last day of the school year, we will be sending home hats to be washed and repaired (if necessary). If you need a new hat for 2027, please call into the office. $9.50 each (3 sizes), cash, EFTPOS or bank transfer accepted.

Our final classroom enterprise recess (biscuits) & lunch (hot dogs) will be held in Week 8.

We Roar as One

Term 4 is really zooming past! With so many great whole school and community events ahead of us to wind up what has been a busy 2026, the remaining three weeks of school will move by very quickly!

Instrumental Music

Last Thursday, our Instrumental Music students travelled into Murray Bridge North School to participate in the Beginner Band Workshop. It was a great day with our students participating with students from other schools across the partnership, learning to play together in a large ensemble of 150 students. The skills developed through this process are invaluable for music, in developing rhythm, and performance skills. Well done to all the students who participated.

Student Free Day

On our Student Free Day, staff had a productive day learning together. We reflected on some of the data we had collected during the year, examining what we had done and what we need to improve on to ensure the continued growth and improvement of ourselves and your children. We continue to strive to develop habits of self-improvement for ourselves to model to our students and community, as life is an ongoing process of learning and growing.

Transition Days

This Thursday, 26th November, we have the first of our two transition days, with next year's reception students coming for their first visit. Our second transition day is on Thursday 3rd December, when all students will transfer to the classes they will be part of in 2027, with our year 6 students also transitioning to high school on this day.

Learning Showcase and Concert

Next Wednesday afternoon and evening (2nd December), we look forward to hosting you all for our learning showcase and concert. We are again wanting to celebrate and share the learning students have been completing in their classes along with our concert performance. We look forward to welcoming families to the school from 5:15pm for a BBQ tea and then from 5:30pm to walk through your child/rens classrooms to have them show you some of the learning they have completed this year. A list of frequently asked questions on the evening is attached to the newsletter email link. A full program of the evening will be forwarded soon!

Staffing Changes and Class Structures 2027

All families would have received emails last Wednesday regarding the placement of students in classes for 2027, in preparation for transition day next Thursday 3rd December. If you are unsure of this, please contact your class teacher. You will notice a few changes in staff positions for 2027, with Mrs Hailey Perry reducing her time to three days in the first half of the year to have more time for family and pursue other interests, Mrs Sheree Biddle and Mrs Renay Hein take on the Year 1 class. Most other classes remain the same. We look forward to working with all students and families for a great 2027.

Candy Canes

With the giving season approaching, we appreciate the generosity and kindness that goes with giving cards and often candy canes. If you are wanting to keep this tradition, we ask that the candy canes be individually packaged and only handed out at the end of the school day, so that all parents can monitor their child's sugar intake. Thank you!

Working together, Sunyl Vogt

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Remembrance Day

On Wednesday 11th November, our students came together to commemorate Remembrance Day.

At 11:00am, we held a whole-school assembly, taking a moment to pause, reflect and remember the brave men and women who have served and sacrificed for our country.

Throughout the day, each class also participated in meaningful activities, including the colourful artwork pictured here.



Upper Primary Gold collage poppies - Nash

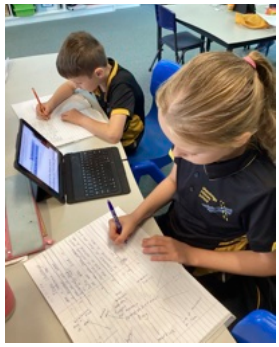


Junior Primary Gold - Poppy Wreath



Our Middle Primary Gold class marked **Remembrance Day** with a QR Team Challenge. Students worked in teams to scan QR codes, read the information they found and record their answers. They explored what Remembrance Day was originally called, how people commemorate it and who we remember on the 11th of November.

Students also created Remembrance Day silhouette artworks, setting dark figures against skies shaded in colour. Through their research and artwork, students reflected on the service and sacrifice of those who have served and remembered those who lost their lives. *Lest we forget.*





Semaphore Carousel

In Week 4, our Junior Primary and Middle Primary units attended an excursion to the Semaphore Carousel on the Esplanade at Semaphore. They enjoyed a ride on a vintage carousel, all made possible by the Murray Bridge and Henley Beach Rotary Clubs, who generously donated their time and money. The students also checked out some pretty cool playgrounds and went for a walk along the jetty!











Lost Property - Please call into the office if your child has misplaced their jacket, jumper or plastic container. There are a number of unnamed items in our lost property box waiting to find their way home! All remaining items at the end of the school year will either be placed on our SRC second hand clothing rack, donated to a local charity or disposed of.

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.



A Day of Adventure at Belair National Park!

On Thursday 19 November, our Reception and Year 1 students headed off to Belair National Park for a wonderful day of cubby building with Nature Play SA! With plenty of sticks, branches and lots of imagination, the students had a fantastic time working together to create their very own bush cubbies. It was lovely to watch them share ideas, solve problems, help one another and proudly show off their creations!

The day was filled with exploring, creativity, teamwork and plenty of outdoor fun. What a wonderful opportunity for our junior primary students to enjoy the natural environment while learning through play.

A big thank you to the Nature Play SA team and our fantastic parent helpers for making the day possible.



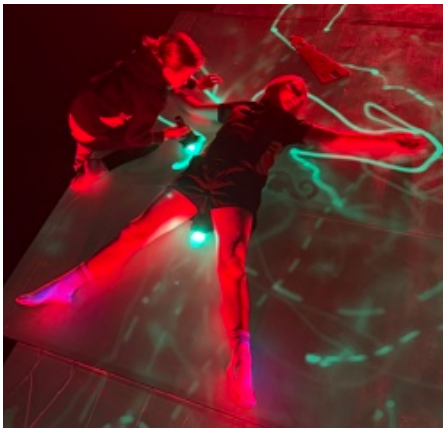




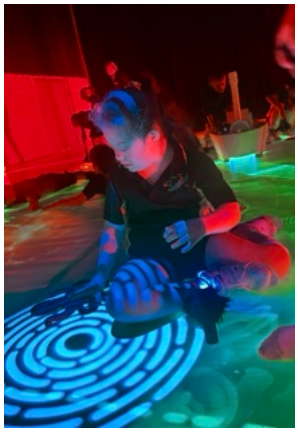
Sea of Light Excursion

In Week 4, the whole school attended the Sea of Light excursion to the Murray Bridge Town Hall. This was a an interactive, glowing light and sensory installation. Students stepped into a darkened, immersive environment where they used specialised UV torches, glowing props, and physical movement to 'paint' light paths and navigate shimmering ships across a reactive sea floor.









Working Bee

Thank you to our wonderful parents, grandparents, staff and students who gave up their time recently to help at our working bee. So much was achieved tidying, cleaning and dismantling across our school gardens and grounds, helping create a safer and more enjoyable environment for our students. We are incredibly grateful for everyone's time, hard work and support including the generous use of a skip bin, backhoe, tractor and whipper snippers.







Planner - Term 4 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 7	**23/11** . from 7:00pm Finance Meeting / Governing Council Meeting	**24/11** . Tiny Tigers 9:00am-10:00am FINAL	**25/11** . JPG Enterprise Recess (biscuits) $1.00 *Mobile Dental Services Australia forms to be returned	**26/11** . 8:30am - 2:00pm Transition for 2027 Reception students (beginning of year intake) . JP Enterprise Lunch (hot dogs) $4.00	**27/11** . 5:30pm MCSC bar open / meals from 6:00pm	**28/11 & 29/11**
Week 8	**30/11** . Mobile Dental Services Australia dental visit	**1/12**	**2/12** . JPG Enterprise Recess (biscuits) $1.00 FINAL . 5:15pm Celebration of Learning / School Concert / BBQ Tea	**3/12** . JP Enterprise Lunch (hot dogs) $4.00 FINAL . Whole School Transition - (Reception to Year 5 in next year's classes /Year 6 transition to MB High School)	**4/12** . FINAL School Shop visit . 3:00pm End of Term Assembly/Award Presentations held at the school . 5:30pm MCSC bar open / meals from 6:00pm	**5/12 & 6/12** . 5/12 5:00pm Mannum Christmas Pageant
Week 9	**7/12** . 2:30pm Instrumental and Choir students perform at the Mypo Institute (parents of those students invited to attend)	**8/12** . SRC Fun Day at the pool (whole school)	**9/12** . Year 6 Graduation Dinner at the MCSC	**10/12** . 2:45pm End of Year Assembly/Award Presentations held at the School	**11/12** . Last school day of the year! . 2:25pm Dismissal . Final newsletter sent home . 5:30pm MCSC bar open / meals from 6:00pm	**12/12 & 13/12** 12/12 - 6:00pm Mypo RSL Children's Christmas Party

Mypolonga Cricket Club - Christmas Tea @ the Mypolonga Combined Sports Club

Saturday 19th December 2026

1:00pm bar opens / 6:00pm meals served

Keep an eye out for an upcoming flyer and social media post.



Planner - Term 1 2027

Week 1	**25/1**	**26/1** Australia Day Public Holiday	**27/1** School starts Welcome back!	**28/1**	**29/1** . 5:30pm MCSC bar open / meals from 6:00pm	**30/1 & 31/1**
Week 2	**1/2** Swimming lessons (Whole school) . Newsletter	**2/2** Swimming lessons (Whole school)	**3/2** Swimming lessons (Whole school)	**4/2** Swimming lessons (Whole school)	**5/2** Swimming lessons (Whole school) . 5:30pm MCSC bar open / meals from 6:00pm	**6/2 & 7/2**

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