



Government
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Department for Education

DATES TO REMEMBER

Week 5

BOOK FAIR

Tuesday 28/5 –Rooms 1,2,8 to
Dream Big

SAPSASA cross country

Wednesday 29/5—Rooms 7&8
to Dream Big

Thursday 30/5—Rooms 3 & 4
to Dream Big

Week 6

Wednesday 5/6 - Assembly (R
- 4 focus)

Week 7

Monday 10/6—Queen's Birth-
day Public Holiday

Week 8

Tuesday 18/6—Governing
Council

Wednesday 19/6—Year 7's
excursion to Hahndorf

Week 9

Monday 24/6—Mainstream
Student Free Day

Tuesday 25/6 - Whole school
Student Free Day

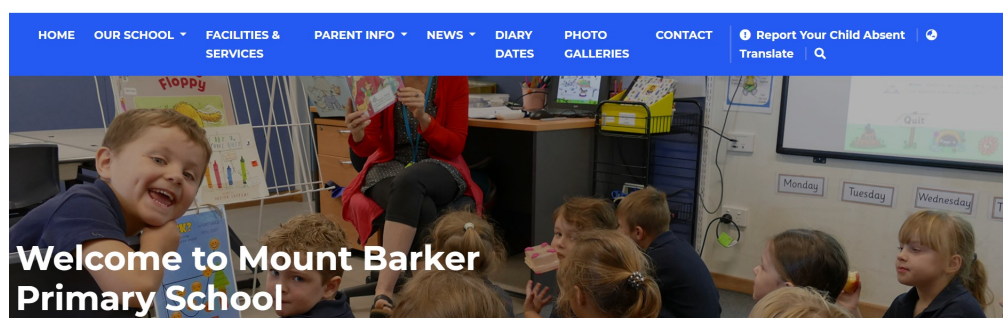
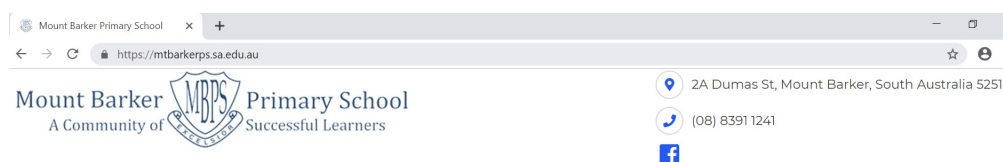
Wednesday 26/6—Assembly
Thursday 27/6—Principal's
Tour 10am

Newsletter

A Community of Successful Learners

Term 2 — Week 5

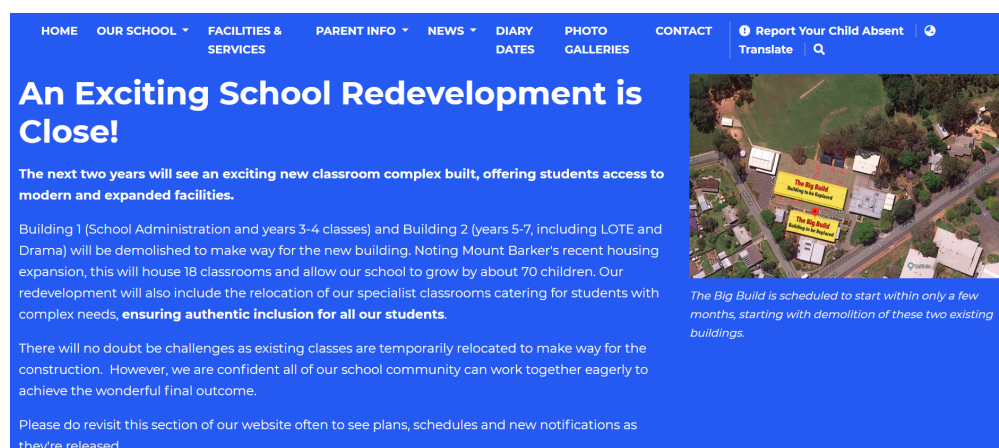
WELCOME TO OUR NEW WEBSITE!



We are pleased to share our new website with the school community. The website provides current and prospective families with up to date information relating to our school.

Please spend some time exploring the new website, it has lots of useful links and downloads.

The website also contains a live link to our Facebook page to enable non Facebook users to receive the same good news stories and friendly reminders!



The website has a section dedicated to our 8.5m rebuild and will enable families to keep up to date with developments, including consultation with the community and planning.

Feedback relating to the new website is welcome by emailing: dl.0285.info@schools.sa.edu.au

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eSafety is the responsibility of our community

In collaboration with our Governing Council our school is embarking in a number of eSafety opportunities. At our recent Governing Council meeting Sally Turra, our student well-being leader, shared a number of concerning incidents occurring after school relating to eSafety. These incidents and the language associated with them are then being shared amongst the students when they return to school and causing upset. It is becoming more and more obvious that our students need significant support to navigate the internet world, including social media. Our children's interactions are very different from our own growing up and as adults we need to educate ourselves to ensure we understand fully the world our children are part of. As a result of our discussions the Governing Council will be hosting a parent information session in relation to eSafety and we will be arranging for our students to begin a series of eSafety workshops. We have also made a commitment to share eSafety information in our school newsletters. Watch this space for more information on the parent information session.

Below is an article from the Office of Safety relating to Cyber Bullying.



Office of the
eSafety Commissioner

1. Cyberbullying – supporting your child online

Childhood bullying used to be face-to-face physical and verbal behaviour in the playground, classroom and on the way to and from school. Now online technology and constant connectivity has allowed bullying to harm children through often anonymous contact or actions. Cyberbullying can happen at any time and leave a child feeling unsafe and alone.

Cyberbullying commonly occurs through:

- ★ Comments posted in an open online environment such as Facebook.
- ★ Direct text, email or instant messages online or on a mobile phone.
- ★ Private features on social networking services such as Snapchat and Facebook Messenger.

Children can manage cyberbullying with your support by taking the following action:

- ★ **Blocking the person** cyberbullying and changing privacy settings. Retaliating or responding to the perpetrator only gives them the attention and power they want.
- ★ **Reporting the bullying.** Most websites have online [safety centres](#) and reporting facilities. Online abuse is in violation of the Terms Of Use of most social networking sites. The Office of the eSafety Commission can take [complaints](#) and provide assistance in relation to serious cyberbullying material that is directed at a particular child with the intention to seriously embarrass, harass, threaten or humiliate.
- ★ **Collecting the evidence.** Keeping mobile phone messages and printing emails or IM conversations.
- ★ **Talking to someone they trust** like parents or a teacher.
- ★ **Visiting IParent** for a list of sources of professional [support](#) including the Kids Helpline on 1800 55 1800, eheadspace on 1800 650 890 or [parentline](#).
- ★ **Taking the cyberbullying quiz.** There is also a [quiz for parents](#).
- ★ Watch the "Chatterbox" video and listen to the podcast about [cyberbullying](#).

Student Medical Conditions

If your child has a new medical condition please contact the office to discuss how we can best assist your child. We can only administer medication if we have a medication authority completed by your doctor and the medication is clearly labelled in the container from the pharmacy. Information about student's existing medical conditions should be updated annually. Please ask at the office for the appropriate form.

Congratulations!



We are proud to acknowledge our students who excel in sports.

Lachie participated in the 2019 Junior Golf 1st qualifying round event at Echunga Golf Course. He came 2nd out of all the Adelaide Hills Region kids which now means he moves forward to the Regional Competition.

Annabelle competed in the 2019 State Gymnastic Championships competition and came 1st overall and received a trophy. She also won 3 silver medals and 1 gold medal.

If you would like to share your child's out of school achievements please contact the school office.

Woolworths Earn & Learn



Once again our school is collecting the Earn & Learn stickers. Once the total of stickers is tallied up we are able to select educational equipment for our school. The catalogue has a extensive range from arts and craft, stationery to Lego STEM kits.

We have a collection box in the school office and also at the checkouts at Mount Barker Woolworths. Please share this information with friends and family and ask them to collect stickers for our school.

We will need volunteers to help with the big count at the end of the collecting period. If you are able to assist please let the front office know.

The Adventures of Trooper Jones



TROOPER JONES AND HIS HOLIDAY ADVENTURE.

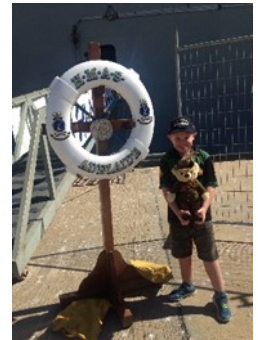
During the school holidays, we celebrated ANZAC Day on Thursday 25th April. Our ANZAC Bear Trooper Jones had a wonderful time attending the Memorial Service with Angus and Kaylee from our school.

Rebecca Douglass from the RSL Club also gave Trooper Jones the opportunity to meet a lot of different service men and women.

Interesting stories of adventures were shared between them.

Trooper Jones was able to have his photo taken with some of them. He was able to sit in one of their helicopters and explore the big Navy Ship. It was a great experience and one that he will remember.

Thank you Rebecca.



Library News

Welcome Back everyone. This is an exciting term for the library as we have our annual book fair. This year it will start on Monday 27th May 2019. The theme is "RIDE THE READING WAVE". You should have received a flyer with information about the fair. Another colouring in competition has started and the winners receive vouchers to spend at our book fair. If you have any questions about the fair please don't hesitate to call or visit the library and see me.

Congratulations to all the students who participated in our Easter competition. There were over twenty prizes handed out at the end of last term. Thank you to all the students who entered and made our library very colourful.

Students need to continue their **PREMERS READING CHALLENGE**. They have until the end of August to complete their forms. It would be great if we have more students complete their PRC compared to last year. Their achievements from completing the PRC encourage them to continue throughout their school years. There are medals and awards for the students depending on what level they have completed and how many years they have taken part.

The Scholastic Book Club orders closed on Monday 20th May. The next issue will be out near the end of the term. All orders are on line. There is an option to have the books kept aside in the library if you wish them to be a gift. I will give you a call when they arrive. Thank you for supporting our school library as we receive rewards to spend on books for all the students to enjoy.

Happy Reading
Suzanne Library Manager.

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