



MOUNT BARKER PRIMARY SCHOOL



**Government
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Department for Education

Diary Dates

Week 2:

Year 3/4 camp

Week 3:

Wed 08/08—

Middle Years Assembly

Week 4:

Tues 14/08—Governing
Council @ 7pm

Wed 15/8—Principals tour
@ 9am

Fri 17/08 – Science Fair

Week 5:

Book Week—“Find your
Treasure” theme

Fri 24/08—Book parade in
gym @ 9am & Movie night
R-2 —time tbc

Week 6:

Wed 29/08—Primary Years
Assembly

Fri 31/08—Movie night 3-7
time tbc

Week 7:

Fri 07/09—School Closure
Day (Show Day)

Week 8:

Tues 11/09—Governing
Council @ 7pm

Week 9:

School Performance

Fri 21/09—Pupil Free Day

Week 10:

Wed 29/09—Early Years
Assembly

Newsletter

A Community of Successful Learners

Week 1 Term 3—27/7/18

Term 3, 2018

Welcome Back!

I hope you enjoyed some down time over the holidays. It was great to see the enthusiastic smiling faces coming down the path on Monday morning (and that was just the parents!).

I will be continuing as Principal and am delighted to have the opportunity to work alongside the students, staff and families

here at Mount Barker Primary School. Mr Arney who was placed with us in term 1 has taken up another position within the Department. We wish Mr Arney well at his new school. We are currently advertising for a Deputy Principal. I will keep the school community informed once an appointment has been confirmed.

I would like to alert you to the following changes to teaching staff: Miss Wheeler will start her maternity leave in week 3. Mr Verryt has taken over from Miss Wheeler and will continue in the role of year 6/7 teacher for the remainder of the year. Miss Jennie will continue on personal leave this term and we are currently recruiting for a French specialist teacher. Mrs Yeates will be releasing Mrs Branson on a Friday to undertake her role as STEM Coordinator. Mr Steve has taken on an additional role in our school as Visible Learning Impact Coach and will be working with Mrs Virgo. There is an article on page two of this newsletter providing you with more information. We have a busy and exciting term ahead of us. Please note the important dates outlined in this newsletter, in particular two dates that school will be closed 7th September and 21st September. Please see Loreena in advance if you require OSHC on those dates.

No doubt we will achieve great things this term and I will share these with you via the newsletter and our Facebook page.

Kind regards, Jo



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VISIBLE LEARNING AT MOUNT BARKER PRIMARY SCHOOL

Great news if you haven't heard, Steve (our Performing Arts teacher), has joined the Visible Learning team as an Impact Coach and will be working with Annette on Thursdays to do this role. This will add to the impact we are having on teaching and learning by creating and supporting a community of successful learners.

Our focus on making learning visible this year has been on providing and receiving effective feedback and developing the skills of the learning dispositions or characteristics of successful learners.

Teachers have been using Learning Intentions and Success Criteria to support students to understand what it is we want students to learn and how the learning will be achieved. The Learning Intentions and Success Criteria help to provide students with feedback;

- What am I trying to achieve?
- How much progress have I made so far?
- What should I do next?

At the end of term two, staff attended a visible learning workshop that aimed to support teachers to evaluate their impact and plan and implement change to maximise their impact. Teachers will be gathering evidence this term to inform them of their impact.

Teachers will be supporting students to develop the skills of a successful learner as displayed around the school on the successful learner posters. If you are not familiar with them yet they are displayed in the front office. This term we have decided to change from 'Excelsior Awards' at assemblies to awards that recognize students demonstrating the learning dispositions. They are; Collaborate, Questions, Persistent, Risk Taker, Self-Regulate and Creative. In week three we will be presenting students with an award for the disposition 'Collaborate'. In week six we will present awards for a different disposition.

We invite parents to provide feedback on your thoughts about our Visible Learning journey. Have you noticed a change in the way your child/children speak about their learning? Has their language changed? Would you like more information? Please contact us via the school office or by email dl.0285.info@schools.sa.edu.au

We look forward to hearing from you,

Annette and Steve

