



Government
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DATES TO REMEMBER

Week 4:

Mon 05/11 -

Year 7 Aquatics Day
Camp Quality Puppet
Show

Tues 06/11 -

Year 6 Aquatics Day
Transition 1:30 - 2:30
Governing Council 7pm

Wed 07/11 -

Transition 1:30 - 2:30

Week 5:

Thurs 15/11 -

Yr 3/4 Bunnings Activity

Week 6:

Tue 20/11 -

Transition 12 - 1:45

Wed 21/11 -

Assembly Primary Yrs
Transition 12 - 1:45

Week 10:

Mon 10/12 -

School Concert
Please arrive by
5:45pm for a 6pm start

Newsletter

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Term 4 — Week 3

Maths Olympiad

Maths Olympiad is a competition for students from all over Australia and New Zealand, and also a personal learning opportunity for those involved.

The main aim is to get experience using different mathematical problem solving skills and have fun doing it!

This year, Mount Barker Primary School had 20 students enter the competition, 7 in the senior section and 13 in the junior section. Bailey, Ned, Ethan, Julianne, Coby, Harrison, Shashini, George and Seb all had commendable results.

Both Bailey, senior, and Ned, junior, had the highest score from our school within their sections. Ned also placed within the top 10% of all students that entered while Harrison was within the top 40% and Shashini and George placing in the top 50%.

A special mention was given to both Seb, senior, and George, junior, for making the most improvement since the previous Maths Olympiad.



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Library News

Welcome back.

I hope everyone had a great break. This term is very busy for everyone, including the library.

As we approach the end of the year we will need all of the library books returned ready for end of year procedures. Students still have a couple of weeks to borrow books. I will let you know the final date in the Week 6 Newsletter.

There are a few competitions at the moment:

- One is guessing the amount of lollies in the jar, yummy.
- For the second competition, students need to put their thinking caps to work out which favourite story book belongs to each staff member.
- Also there is a poster competition about their favourite holiday destination where students need to draw their favourite memory or place.
- And as we are approaching Christmas, I have started a Christmas colouring in competition. There are eight themes to choose from, such as trees, candles and stockings. Good Luck.

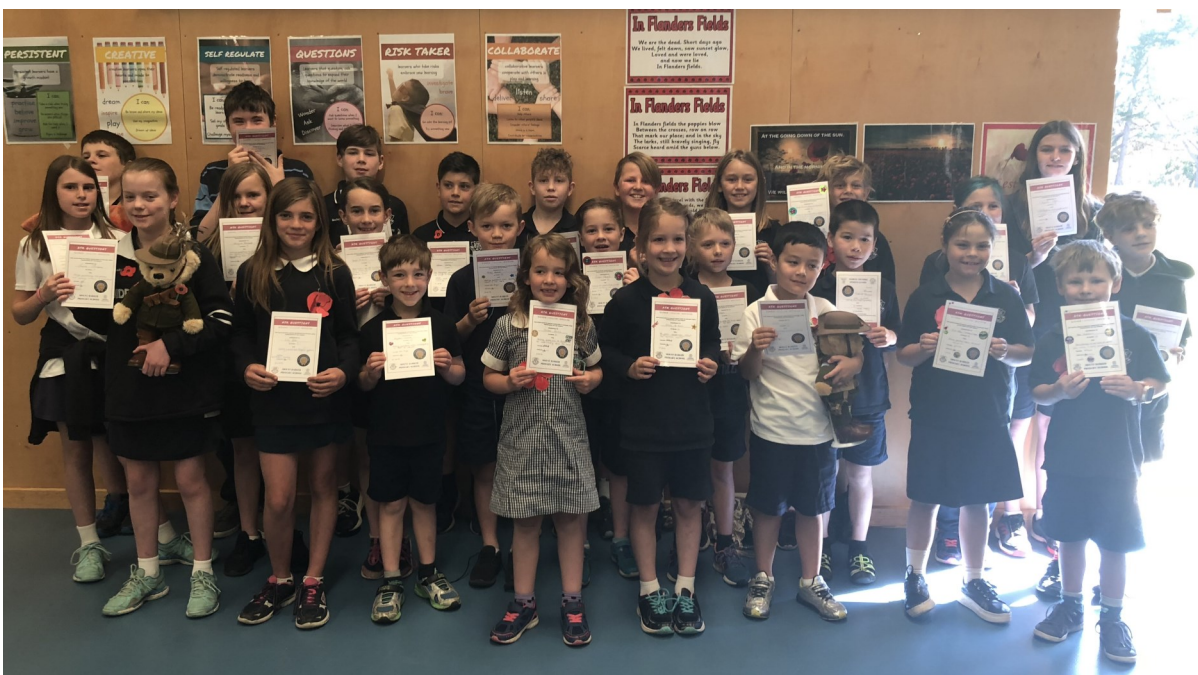
Issue 7 of scholastic book club is out and finishes on Friday 2nd November. There is one more Issue, which will be out in a couple of weeks. It is a great way to start your Christmas shopping.

The Premier's Reading Challenge awards should arrive soon. I will give them to the students as soon as possible. The special awards will be announced and presented to the students at assembly. If there are any problems, please come and see me in the library.

Happy Reading

Suzanne Library Manager

Principal Awards



Class 2019

We are in the process of looking at class placements for 2019. If you are starting a new adventure in 2019 and leaving our school, please can you let the front office know.

If you are aware of any new families that are considering our school for 2019, please can you ask them to contact Jo Simpson to discuss their needs.

Just a reminder, our school is NOT ZONED. Whilst we encourage families to consider their local school as their first choice, we are happy to meet with families and discuss enrolment at our school.

Parent Survey

Each year we survey parents and carers to obtain opinions on aspects of the school. The information we receive tells us what we are doing well and, importantly, helps us to identify aspects of the school which we need to improve.

Please can you spend a few minutes providing us with feedback. Please use this link to access the survey:

<https://www.schoolsurvey.edu.au/s/Q8xNdfgY>

If you wish to participate but are unable to do so on-line please contact the front office.

Zonta Presentation

When we walked in, last Friday 19th October, we saw all the really nice posters and all the people there were waiting for us to sit down. Firstly, we talked about the white ribbon (which is a foundation to stop violence against women) and then we talked about the sponsors of Zonta. Secondly, the Zonta people then announced who was in the calendar.

Then Derick (a worker at Zonta) talked about his former police officer career and how he got shot fourteen times by a semi-auto machine gun and survived. We then went outside and shouted 'NO!' into an instrument that measured our noise.

-Jack from Room 7

Drought Relief

Our school had organized a donation to go towards the farmers in Queensland and New South Wales. The S.R.C executive decided that the school should have a casual clothes day on the last day of school in Term 3. They made sure that everyone had brought a one-dollar coin donation. The classes brought up their money and the school leaders made sure that it was donated to the farmers who had experienced extreme drought conditions.

Mrs. Howland's class made wonderful posters to advertise this day. Their posters were placed all around the school for everyone to see.

The theme the students could follow was "Farmers". Many students dressed up as farmers and some teachers did as well. The reason we chose to have this day was to remind everyone that our food comes from the farmers around Australia. Which means, if they can't plant crops, we can't have food. It also means many animals would have to die as they could not be fed. It is very important that we help them.

- Shashini, Room 4

RSL Visit

On the 31st of October, MBPS had their first assembly of term 4. The theme was Remembrance Day. We had some very special guests come in from the RSL. There were two soldiers that served in Vietnam and one digger who was turning 101 this December. A young woman who also attended our assembly had recently been in Afghanistan and had served there as a soldier. Our students got to know some interesting information about the RSL members and their experiences, including WW1.

The school was given two teddy bears by the RSL members. They have been visiting every class and our job was to write a journal entry about their time spent with our classes. They went on camp with the students, and observed every special activity the school has done.

In respect to the soldiers who had died during the war, we paid our respects by having a minute of silence. We listened to the last post, which was the bugle, and the Ode of Remembrance, which was read by Jack Douglass.

- Shashini, Room 4



BUSHFIRE SEASON - A GUIDE FOR PARENTS

Parents are encouraged to access a brochure which provides important information about what our schools/preschools will do on a catastrophic fire day or in the event of a fire.

Bushfires can occur at any time during summer. It's important that our families understand our Site Emergency Plan and are prepared and have a plan in place for their family when these situations arise.

If there is a bushfire emergency while children are onsite we will keep them safe until the danger has cleared even if this is outside of normal school hours.

Parents are asked to ensure that the school has current information about their child including home address, emergency contacts and medical conditions. In the event of an emergency it may not be possible to contact the school and the school can only release students to people on their emergency contact list.

All students are reminded to bring their drink bottle daily (water only).

For a copy of the brochure, please click [here](#).

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