



Government
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Department for Education

DATES TO REMEMBER

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY

2020

School starts Tuesday 28th January

SPECIAL FAREWELL

To staff members starting new adventures:

Hayley Roberts

Tim Verryt

Lauren Fox

Alix Newberry

Clare Yeates

Newsletter

A Community of Successful Learners

End of term 4

School Pride

As I end the year reflecting on what has been the most significant improvement in our school over the last 12 months, I have come to the conclusion that it is school pride.

This has been seen in a number of ways across our school. The steady increase in enrolments throughout 2019. Each term we had new students starting who were embraced by our student community. New families to our school commented how positive our students are about their school experience and how welcoming everyone is. It can be seen in the high quality teachers that we are lucky enough to have at our school. This year educators have initiated many opportunities for students to be proud and showcase their learning. Examples of this have been the OzAsia Lantern Festival, Maths Olympiad, Climate Change Day, MidSummer Nights Dream and sessions at Oakfield Lodge and Mount Baker Kindergarten. I have received increased positive feedback from the community regarding our students. When our students are out and about in the community they are observed as being respectful and polite. Several organisations have reached out to provide me with this feedback—Hahndorf Art Gallery, Mount Barker Community Library, Woolworths and Mount Barker RSL. I can sense our community pride when we host school events such as assemblies, sports day, school disco, graduation service, pet shows, end of year concert, and the Christmas pageant. We have an increased attendance from community members that want to show support for our students and our school.

Finally I get a very clear message from our students. They are proud to be at Mount Barker Primary School. They are proud to share their work with me, share their strengths and articulate their goals. They understand that things may not always be perfect but that we are a school that stands together and works hard to be the best that we can be. We acknowledge our mistakes and learn from them, we work collaboratively with each other to seek feedback and improve and we celebrate and value diversity amongst our community members.

2020 will be my first year in a five year tenure as the Principal of Mount Barker Primary School and I am incredibly proud to be in this position. A big thank you to everyone that has contributed to our school during 2019. I hope you enjoy a safe and happy holidays.

See you in the new year.

Kind regards

Jo Simpson

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Sports, Sports, Sports

VACSWIM SA 2019 – 2020 Program

VACSWIM is an initiative for primary school aged children to develop water awareness, water safety, water confidence and water skills, all while having fun! It is South Australia's most popular water safety program, providing essential water safety skills to our children for over 50 years.

Cost: Government subsidised to \$31.50 per child + individual location entry fee

Date and time: Majority of programs run between 2 January 2020 and 10 January 2020 (some available in December 2019).

Venue: Over 120 beach and pool locations across South Australia

Phone: 8362 2423

Email: info@vacswimsa.com.au

Website: <https://www.vacswimsa.com.au/>



**Well done to all the students from our school
who have been training regularly at Taekwondo.**

Library News

Thank you for another great year. I hope you all relax and enjoy the holiday break. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. All the best for 2020.

All books are to be returned to the library ASAP, unfortunately we are still missing quite a few. I would prefer to purchase new books for the students to enjoy and not replacing ones that have been lost. If you find any books that belong to our school over the holidays please return them next year. Also if you have any books that you would like to donate to the school that will be greatly appreciated. Look forward to seeing you all again next year.

Happy Reading
Suzanne Library Manager.

Medications

All medications have been sent home at the end of term.

Please take the opportunity to check that the Health Plan is up to date and that the medication has not expired.

Health plans should be reviewed annually.

Please remember to send the plan and medication to school on the first day—Tuesday 28th January, 2020.

REVISED SCHOOL DRESS CODE

**The revised school Dress Code is being send with this news-
letter. Please familiar-
ise yourself with the
code in preparation
for the 2020 school
year.**

SCHOOL LUNCH ORDERS

**Unfortunately due to lack of or-
ders, lunch supplied by Hillbillies
will be cancelled until further no-
tice.**

**Thank you to Hillbillies for provid-
ing the lunch service this year.**

Parent Survey

As we finish another successful year at Mount Barker Primary, please take the time to complete our 2019 Parent Survey. This will help inform future planning for our school.

Please use the link below to access the survey which will take no more than 5 minutes. Many thanks.

<https://www.schoolsurvey.edu.au/s/FZkxUM2c>

Remembrance Day



On November 11th students from Years 5 to 7 attended the Remembrance Day Service at the Mount Barker Memorial on Mann Street.

They presented a wreath and poppies that they had made at school to Mr Colin Wegener who is 102 years young.

We were very proud of our students and the respect that they showed on this Remembrance Day.

Mount Barker Pageant

It was a hot and sunny day for the Christmas pageant. Almost 100 students and their families participated in our MidSummer Nights Dream themed float.

Thank you to David and Susan Martin for allowing us to have some of our cast members travel in their vintage car.

As we hit the main part of the pageant the commentator said "WOW look how many students have come out to support Mount Barker Primary School—that is the place to be!" It sure is!



Maths Olympiad



Each year our top maths achievers participate in the Maths Olympiad program. This enables students to compete Australia wide against other primary aged students. It was another successful year for MBPS and we would like to acknowledge Ned Hardy as our highest scorer student. Congratulations!

Creative Learner Awards



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