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## Mid Year News

The end of term 2 is fast approaching and teachers are busy finalising mid-year reports. We have high expectations for all our students and want each and every one to achieve their potential. Please read through the explanations for the grades given by your child's teachers and remember that a 'C' grade means that your child is on track and achieving the standard that is expected of their year level and this is to be celebrated. Often there are misconceptions about a 'D' grade in a mid-year report. The outcomes that are being assessed and reported on are covered throughout the school year. If your child receives a 'D' grade it means that they are demonstrating some of the objectives but not all. These remaining objectives will be the focus of your child's learning for the second half of the school year and hopefully by the end of the year the 'D' grade will become a 'C'. If you have any concerns or questions about your child's report I would urge you to book an appointment to see your child's class teacher at the start of term 3.

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July (Day 1, Term 3) is a student free day for the schools in the Heysen Partnership. We are coming together to continue our journey with Visible Learning and engaging in some professional development relating to the most effective ways we can support our students in the learning process. We will share more information in the next newsletter.

At Mount Barker Primary we encourage teachers and parents to work together in partnership to support academic and emotional learning. If you have any concerns regarding your child's school day we would ask that you first to discuss these concerns with your child's class teacher. If matters are not resolved satisfactorily the next step would be to make an appointment with a member of the leadership team. This process is in line with the 'Raising a Complaint with DECD' process and our Mount Barker Primary Grievance Procedure. Once the school has investigated the concerns if you still feel the matter is unresolved you can contact the Education Complaint Unit for advice and the last step in the process is the SA Ombudsman's Office. The 'Raising a Complaint with DECD' brochure and our school Grievance Procedure are available from the school office and can also be viewed on the website.

A reminder that on the last day of Term 2 we are going to be wearing our pyjamas! Dressing for the day in our PJs is fun but it bears a deeper meaning and reminds us of the children with asthma around Australia who often have to spend time away from school at home or in hospital. One in every nine Australians is living with asthma, many of them children. We are combining this fundraising event with the Red Shield Appeal which was also supported by the Early Years classes earlier this term. We will be splitting the funds raised between these two worthy charities. Stay safe and enjoy the holidays – see you all again on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July.

Jo Simpson  
Deputy Principal



## FIDGET SPINNERS

Generally at school we ask students not to bring toys in to school in case they get lost or damaged. The latest fidget spinner craze has been carefully marketed at helping students concentrate in class and improve learning. Some of our students have been identified as having sensory needs and require input throughout the school day. Please be aware that your child's teacher may decide to ask students not to bring their spinners into the classroom if they do not have sensory based needs. Thank you for your support.



## SERVICE PROVIDERS

If your child has any additional support needs and you are working with a service provider such as speech pathologist or occupational therapist please be aware that they will need to attend a site induction before they can begin sessions during the school day. We are hosting induction sessions on a termly basis. Where possible we ask families to try and arrange sessions after school hours however we know that this is not always possible. We are able to offer service providers the library space to work with students during the school day. If you are working with a service provider and they wish to conduct the session during the school day please ask them to contact me for further information.

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Thank you

Jo Simpson  
Deputy Principal

## TRAINING FOR VOLUNTEERS AT MOUNT BARKER PS

Jill Meszaros (Counsellor) will be running a training session for volunteers in term 3. The session includes the RAN-EC training, site induction and information about obtaining a DCSI clearance. This training is an essential requirement for anyone wishing to volunteer at a school or care setting. The session will be on **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> August at 9:30-10:30** (term 3, week 2).

Please let the front office know if you are attending.

## NEWS FROM NARELLE - PASTORAL CARE WORKER

Hello Everyone! I have enjoyed working at Mount Barker Primary School for the first half of the year and have loved getting to know the staff, students and families. I have loved running parent coffee n chat, lunchtime programs including games, dress ups and skipping, working with students and helping out however I can. Sadly I am finishing up at the end of this term as my family and I have decided to go travelling around Australia which has come up as an unexpected and exciting opportunity! We are leaving in the holidays in our camper trailer and going up to Darwin and around Western Australia and planning to be back by Christmas and then heading off again to do the other half of Australia. Thanks for welcoming me and the position will be advertised and a new person appointed. All the best and will miss you all. Governing Council are working with the School Management Team on the recruitment and selection process for our new Pastoral Care Worker. This should be completed by the end of Term 3.

Narelle.

## EARLY YEARS, JOLLY PHONICS, OXFORD WORDS AND EXCELSIOR AWARDS WELL DONE EVERYONE !



# School Uniform

With the winter weather approaching we are noticing that many students are wearing jumpers and hoodies that are not part of our school uniform. A copy of the school Dress Code is available from the office. We have a large number of unloved warm winter items if you are finding it a challenge to find stock in the local shops. The Uniform Shop in Mount Barker Homemaker Centre stocks our full range of uniform including jumpers with our school logo. Iron on logos can be purchased from the school office to customise items purchased from other shops. Please note that jeans are not part of the school uniform.

Our school dress code aims to:

- Consider the safety and well being of our students – Children/Youths not complying with the school dress code are clearly visible in the schoolyard. Action can be taken by teachers on yard duty to keep all students safe if unwelcome children/youths enter the school grounds. Students complying with the school dress code are clearly visible when away from the school during excursions.
- Provide a sense of belonging and citizenship amongst our students
- Address notions of peer pressure with regard to fashion and appearance
- In the long term, assist families with the cost of clothing for their children

Please respect our policy which was reached after extensive consultation with our school community.

Jo Simpson, Deputy Principal



## FRENCH NEWS - TERM 2

Bonjour Tout Le Monde!

This semester in the French room we have been socializing and communicating about ourselves, feelings and the weather. Here are some examples of our text message conversations and other art work regarding the weather on display at the front office!



Early years students have also been learning the sounds of the French alphabet, and joining in with dances and songs. You may have even heard them singing "Il fait froid" at home!

Next Semester we are introducing La Tour Eiffel en d'or ( The Golden Eiffel Tower) Award. Each week a class will be named "French Class Of The Week" for showing excellence in demonstrating our school values in French lessons. They will be able to proudly display their award in their classroom for the week! Next Term we will continue speaking, listening, reading and writing in French. We will also be learning about French language and culture.



Here are some websites to help you encourage your child/children to speak French at home:

Duolingo. Great online language learning site for students in years 5-7:

<https://www.duolingo.com/course/fr/en/Learn-French-Online>

La Chaine De Madame Duckworth on youtube.

Fabulous collection of songs, dances, cartoons etc in categories for the learning of French . For students of all ages, even adults!!

<https://www.youtube.com/user/sduckworth100>

Education Victoria, languages on line, French topics.

Great online games for the learning of French.

Students from Year 3 and up:

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/languagesonline/french/French.htm>

Students have also been asking for the link to the dance choreography of a song we have been learning in French lessons: Magic System, "Feel the Magic in the Air" so that they may practice at home!

The youtube link is:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B\\_TKPI-NSvQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B_TKPI-NSvQ)

Also, a great collection of Kids United Songs:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w6TuFQnygio&list=PLgflciPB9ECf9xCcRZ9V8OURUq-Pi09f-&index=5>

Merci!

Jennie Spick ( French Teacher)

## WHO IS HOSTING ASSEMBLY?

Term 2	-	Week 9	-	28 <sup>th</sup>	June	-	Middle Years
Term 3		Week 3	-	9 <sup>th</sup>	August	-	Primary Years 3
		Week 6		30 <sup>th</sup>	August	-	SRC
		Week 9		20 <sup>th</sup>	September	-	Disability Unit
Term 4		Week 3		1 <sup>st</sup>	November	-	Early Years 2
		Week 6		22 <sup>nd</sup>	November	-	Early Years 1
		Week 9		13 <sup>th</sup>	December	-	Primary Years 2

## SCIENCE - TERM 2

This term the Early Years children have been learning about Earth and Space Sciences.

The unit has covered :

- \* day/night
- \* the sky and landscape
- \* light: natural and manmade
- \* the sky, moon, sun, clouds
- \*space ; movement of planets
- \* seasons
- \* Earth's resources
- \* weather changes rainbows, thunder, lightning, wind, rain
- \* our environment

The children take part in a range of discovery stations where they use equipment that will further develop their understanding and knowledge.

Some of the activities they have participated in include :

- \* making pretend clouds rain
- \* making static electricity with balloons
- \* making water cycles
- \* looking at water absorption of soil
- \* making seasonal trees with fruit loops
- \*making comets and shooting stars



### DATES TO REMEMBER

#### Term 2

#### Week 10

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July

Term 2 ends – Early Dismissal 2.10pm  
Casual Day (PJ's with a RED accessory –  
**Gold coin donation to Red Shield Appeal**)

#### Term 3

#### Week 1

Monday 24/7/17

Tuesday 25/7/17

STUDENT FREE DAY

Term 3 commences

#### Week 2

Tuesday 1/8/17

Volunteer Training 9.30 -10.30am

#### Week 4

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> August

Governing Council meet 7pm in the Staffroom

#### Week 5

Book Week - Splash Theatre Company Performance

#### Week 6

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> August

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September

Principal's Tour 10am

Student Free Day

#### Week 7

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September

School Closure Day

#### Week 8

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September

Governing Council meet 7pm in the Staffroom

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**School Holiday Program** – Sports Star Training. 17th & 18th July (Full day & Half days available). For ages 5-15. Cost from \$40. At **Mt Barker**; For more information contact Shane on 0474 844 672 or [hello@sportstartraining.com.au](mailto:hello@sportstartraining.com.au).

To register visit: [sportstartraining.com.au](http://sportstartraining.com.au)

**Come'n'Try Gaelic Football & Hurling** Association of South Australia - 5-16 year olds. Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July from 12-1.30pm at Park 17 in the Parklands. Visit [www.comentry.com.au](http://www.comentry.com.au)

**YMCA Winter Fun School Holiday Camps** – ages 8-13 and 13-16 years. [campingsa@ymca.org.au](mailto:campingsa@ymca.org.au) or 82002514.

**State Swim** holiday classes. Call 83911213.

**Revamp School Holiday Activity Program** – Paper Craft, Art Journal, Jewellery and more at Littlehampton. Ph 0437034806 or visit [www.facebook.com/HillsreVamp](http://www.facebook.com/HillsreVamp)



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## Care for children is always available

Winter can be a busy time for emergency departments and it is important to consider whether it really is an emergency.

For minor illness or injury, there are a range of care options to consider, including your local GP or pharmacy. Local health services, including information about after hours services, can be found through the National Health Services Directory at [www.nhsd.com.au](http://www.nhsd.com.au).

If it is an emergency, emergency care for children is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Some conditions that are not life-threatening for an adult can be more serious for babies and young children. In particular, young babies with fever need to be assessed by a doctor. In an emergency or life threatening situation, always call triple zero (000) for an ambulance.

For more information, including emergency department locations and information about other care options, visit [www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/careforchildren](http://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/careforchildren).