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MOUNT BARKER PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

Week 3, Term 1

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Dates to Remember:

Week 5:

Mon 26/02—
Pupil Free Day

Tues 27/02—
School Photos

Wed 28/02—
9am Principal's
Tour

Wed 28/02—
Governing
Council AGM

Week 6:

Wed 7/03—
9am Assembly

Week 7:

Mon 12/03—
Adelaide Cup
Day

Week 9:

Wed 28/03—
9am Assembly

Thurs 29/03—
Sports Day

The End of Day Grunt

If your child is anything like mine it is hard to get answers to any questions at the end of the school day. It usually goes like this:

Me: How was your day?

Daughter: 'Grunt' usually accompanied with a shoulder shrug.

After I attended the positive psychology training a couple of years ago I was made aware of an alternative approach to engaging in conversations with children at the end of a long, sometimes hard day at school. It revolved around giving the children opportunities to share information with a positive, fun twist.

Some suggested alternatives to 'How was your day?' are below:

What games did you play at recess?

What was the funniest thing that happened today?

Did anyone do anything super nice for you?

What was the nicest thing you did for someone else?

Who made you smile today?

Which one of your teachers would survive a zombie apocalypse? Why?

What new fact did you learn today?

Who brought the best food in their lunch today? What was it?

What challenged you today?

If school were a ride at the fair, which ride would it be? Why?

What would you rate your day on a scale of 1 to 10? Why?

If one of your classmates could be the teacher for the day who would you want it to be? Why?

If you had the chance to be the teacher tomorrow, what would you teach the class?

Did anyone push your buttons today?

Who do you want to make friends with but haven't yet? Why not?

What is your teacher's most important rule?

What is the most popular thing to do at recess?

Does your teacher remind you of anyone else you know? How?

Tell me something you learned about a friend today.

If aliens came to school and beamed up 3 kids, who do you wish they would take? Why?

What is one thing you did today that was helpful?

When did you feel most proud of yourself today?

What rule was the hardest to follow today?

What is one thing you hope to learn before the school year is over?

Which person in your class is your exact opposite?

Which area of your school is the most fun?

Which playground skill do you plan to master this year?

Does anyone in your class have a hard time following the rules?

Please note the diary dates. We have a busy term ahead and look forward to sharing it with you all.

Kind regards
Jo Simpson
Acting Principal

Student Free Day

There is an upcoming Student Free Day on Monday 26th February.

OHSC is available on the day.

School Photos

School photos will be taken on Tuesday 27th February by MSP Photography. Envelopes will be sent home soon. Parents can send money in the envelope on the day or follow the instructions for on line ordering.

ALL envelopes must be returned ON PHOTO DAY. Family envelopes (students at this school only) are available from the office.

Chemical Sciences in the Early Years

This term the Early Years children will be exploring materials and their properties. Our lessons consist of the sharing of information from the teacher and the students through class discussion, student expert sharing time, pair sharing and group work. Children have the opportunity to discuss their learning while taking part in exploration at stations. Photo posters are displayed outside the Early Years art room showing the science activities.

Content for the term:

Week 1 : Introduction of the properties of materials: Learning Intention: We are learning about the materials around us.

Weeks 2 & 3 : The use of materials around us: Learning Intention: We are learning about the uses of materials.

Week 4 : Natural and Manufactured materials: Learning Intention: We are learning about the origins of materials.

Week 5 : Change and the movement of materials: Learning Intention: We are learning about the way materials move.

Weeks 6 & 7 : Change, mixing, dissolving: Learning Intention: We are learning about the way materials change when mixed.

Weeks 8 & 9 : Change from heat and cold: Learning Intention: We are learning about the way materials change when heated or cooled.

Week 10 : Reduce, reuse, recycle materials: Learning Intention: We are learning about the materials that can be recycled.

Week 11: Review and assessment of the term: Learning Intention: We are reviewing the terms work on materials

—Ingrid Lippett



Medical Updates

DECD have advised us that parent/carers are no longer allowed to administer non-prescription medication (pain relief, antihistamines) on site.

Any student requiring non-prescription medication during school hours will need to go home with their parent/carer for the remainder of the day.

A reminder to parents that healthcare forms are updated annually. Please return forms as soon as possible. Contact the office if you need new forms.

Library News

Welcome back. There are a few small changes in the library this year. At this stage it will only be open in the mornings from 8:30am every day, but not after school.

Also a friendly reminder that the scholastics book club orders close on Monday the 19th Feb. There will be another one coming out towards the end of the term.

Some students have not been able to borrow books this year, as they have overdue books from 2017. Please return any overdue books to the library as soon as possible. Thank you.

AGM

All parents are invited to attend the AGM of Mount Barker Primary School Governing Council on Wednesday 28th February in the library at 7pm. The Governing Council meets twice a term on Tuesday nights in weeks 4 and 8 at 7pm. The meetings generally finish between 8.30 and 9pm.

If you would like to know more about your children's school and contribute to school development and decision making, please consider nominating for the Governing Council.

If you would like to nominate for a position, please ask in the office for a Nomination Slip.

MBPS Courier Cup Swimming Team

Girls

Alicia Tucker	Evie Simpson
Alannah Linke	Ashley Adams
Georgia McDonald	Cammie Paech
Annabelle Scott	Summer Rist
Lilly Santibanez	Naomi Baird
Emma Baird	Charli Kern
Hayley Seward	

Boys

Patrick Hardy	Charlie Millington
Colin Paterson	
Marrakai Miller	
Jack Hancock	
Tom Matthews	
Ned Hardy	
Michelangelo Silvestri	

These students will compete in the Courier Cup Swimming Carnival on Thursday 1st of March at the Mountain Pool.

A big thanks to all the students who tried out. Please contact Mr. Tobin if you have any questions.



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We would love your help collecting Coles Sports for Schools for our school. Tell your friends and family to get involved as well, because the more vouchers we collect, the more sports gear our school will receive.

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Mitcham Girls School




MITCHAM GIRLS
HIGH SCHOOL

OPEN DAY 2 MAY 2018
9-11am and 5-8pm
Principal's address 9.10am | 5pm | 7.15pm
School tours during opening times

A girls' school | A public school | An unzoned school

Kiss & Drop

Our Kiss and Drop Zone is located on Apollo Street. Please note the following information – The solid yellow line in front of the Staff Car Park means cars are not permitted to stop where there is a solid yellow line. The first car in the kiss and drop line should be parked up at the collection point. Please do not drive through or park in the staff car park at any time.



GiFT Dance at Mitcham

The GiFT Dance Program at Mitcham Girls High School offers girls the opportunity to develop their skills and passion for dance performance. Students develop creative, technical and physical understanding and an appreciation of dance as an art form.

With intensive and skilful coaching students become successful performers. Our GiFT dance teacher is recognised as a leader in Dance Education. She has had professional experience with teaching expertise in ballet, contemporary dance and jazz dance technique, including choreography for musical theatre productions and national choirs. She has also played a significant role in the development of the SACE Dance curriculum and the management of Dance assessment in South Australia.

For those of you who love dance and want to share and develop your gift, GiFT Dance at Mitcham Girls High School is for you.

Entry by Audition:

Year 7 students: Monday 19 March, 9:15am & Tuesday 15 May, 9:15am
Years 8, 9 & 10 students: By appointment

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