



MOUNT BARKER PRIMARY SCHOOL

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# Newsletter

Week 1, Term 4

16 / 10 / 17

Dates to Remember:

## Week 3

Tues  
31/11/17  
Rm 1 and 8  
Excursion

Weds 1/11/17  
Lightning  
Carnival

Weds 1/11/17  
Assembly at  
2.30pm—  
hosted by Rm  
17

## Week 4

Tues 7/11/17  
Governing  
Council meet  
7pm in staff  
room

## Welcome back to term 4

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

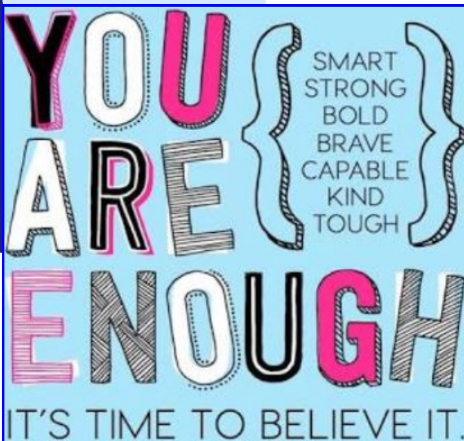
We trust that you enjoyed some time with loved ones over the holiday and we welcome you back to our school community for the final term of the year.

At a recent Governing Council meeting the matter of school uniform was raised for discussion. As you will be aware the school has a Uniform Policy that is endorsed by the Governing Council. School uniform is an important aspect of school life as it identifies our young people as belonging to the school community. Wearing school uniform also instils a sense of pride in young people and eliminates the unnecessary competition that can arise in relation to having certain types of clothing or shoes. Our Uniform Policy is available on our school website and we also have copies in the office.

Over the next few weeks staff are going to be celebrating students that are wearing school uniform. The class awards in assembly which were previously for the tidiest class area are now going to be awarded for the best dressed class. Students who come to school wearing items that are not part of our uniform will be given an alternative item of clothing to wear. We keep a selection of clean spare clothing at school to provide to students if they come to school wearing clothing that is not endorsed as uniform. If your child has come to school wearing an item that is not school uniform we will communicate this to you by sending a note home.

We know that at times it can be difficult to source school uniform especially towards the end of the year. If this is the case for your family please come into the office and we will be happy to see if we have any spare clothing in the sizes you need. At the end of term we sort through our lost property and any unnamed items that are in good quality are washed and then offered to families.

This term we are focusing on students wearing the correct tops – blue or white polo shirt, middle years polo shirt and navy jumper, and correct bottoms – navy pants, shorts, skirts or 'skorts'. Summer dresses are also available from the Uniform Shop in the Homemaker Centre.



A reminder that during Term 4 we are required to be sun safe with all students wearing a navy wide brim hat during playtimes. If your child comes to school without a hat they will be directed to play only in the shaded areas of the school. Hats are not to have toggles or ties on them as they have been identified by DECD as a potential risk.

Should you have any questions regarding this letter please do not hesitate to contact myself or Alan Harvey, in his role as Chairperson of the Governing Council.

Kind regards,

Jo Simpson  
Acting Principal



Government of South Australia  
Department of Education and  
Children's Services

## Staffing Update



STEM in Action  
Room 4

Jo Simpson will be continuing on as Acting Principal for term 4. Michele Duthy has extended her leave until the end of the year so she can focus on her rehabilitation. Wendy Branson will continue in the Deputy role and Sally Turra will be teaching in room 11.

Michele Koehler is returning to school this week and will be team teaching with Clare Yeates in room 18.

Ingrid Lippett and Lorraine Colvin have returned from leave and will be returning to their normal roles.

Rowan Blake will be teaching in room 9 on a Friday and will also be teaching full-time when Jemma Richards begins her maternity leave later this term.

We welcome all our staff back and look forward to our team finishing the year!

## School Surveys

Below are the links for two surveys. The first link is to our annual school survey. This is important information for us as it provides community opinions regarding our learning environment, programs, pedagogy and facilities. The second survey is about the communication methods that are used across our school. We know that different teachers use different methods, i.e. to communicate with parents and the school also uses different platforms, i.e. emails, skoolbag etc..

School survey: <https://www.schoolsurvey.edu.au/s/sJuFd5QQ>

Communication survey: <https://www.schoolsurvey.edu.au/s/VLyf7Eke>

Aspiration Statement:

Mount Barker Primary School  
- A community of successful  
learners

“ THE DIFFERENCE  
BETWEEN ORDINARY  
AND EXTRAORDINARY  
IS THAT LITTLE  
EXTRA. ”

Jimmy Johnson