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MOUNT BARKER PRIMARY SCHOOL

# Newsletter

**Dates to Remember:**

Week 6, Term 4

24/11/17

## Week 7

Mon 27/11/17  
Monitor Training by  
SAPOL @ 13:30

Fri 1/12/17  
Volunteer Morning  
Tea @ 10:45 in  
Staff Room

## Week 8

Reception/Year 1  
swimming

## Week 9

Mon 11/12/17  
School Concert @  
6pm

Wed 13/12/17  
Assembly @  
2.30pm

Thurs 14/11/17  
Graduation

Fri 15/11/17  
Early finish @  
2.15pm

## Raising the bar

Over the past few weeks I have seen some really high standards of work. One example is the work of Jesse McCathy in year 5 who stood at the whiteboard and explained to his class how to use a table to support his thinking when solving a complex word problem. Jesse was able to clearly explain his learning and give and receive feedback from his class.

Another example is a piece of work from Luke Sayward in year 7. Luke had created a powerpoint explaining tsunamis. Part of this powerpoint included several short videos that Luke had created using 'Stop Motion'. Luke's ability to transfer his knowledge and demonstrate it using other mediums was outstanding.

As educators we are continuing supporting the students to go above and beyond the expectations they set for themselves and I was privileged to see evidence of this in several pieces of work this week.

In assembly this week we presented many different awards recognising achievement and commitment in areas relating to curriculum and community. In addition to our Excelsior Award winners we also celebrated Ben Scott, who was recognised by our school community as being positive role model who seeks to create a harmonious and supportive culture. Teagan Jolly and Angus Douglass were also celebrated for their commitment to the RSL Club and for representing our school at the Anzac Day Service. We are very proud of our students at Mount Barker Primary School.

Acting Principal  
Jo Simpson



# 2018 Exciting Plans

In 2018 we are planning our first whole school performance. Mr Steve, our Performing Arts Teacher, spoke with staff about involving the whole school in an all singing all dancing drama production. We discussed this with Governing Council and it was agreed that we would have a go! This would mean that far more students could be involved in a performance. The Festival Choir, whilst an amazing opportunity, was only open to a small number of school students. By having a whole school performance we can have students involved in a number of different ways, i.e. singers, actors, dancers, stage hands, set designers, musicians, ICT technicians and the list goes on.

We have also discussed assembly times for 2018 and have suggested that we have a morning assembly. In term 1 and term 4 the hall is very hot by the end of the day. Also after a full day of schooling often we do not present the best of Mount Barker Primary as young children are often tired and restless. We are planning on hosting assemblies in weeks 3, 6, and 9 on a Wednesday morning at 9am.

## Library News

**All student books** are to be returned by **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December (Week 8)**. The Library stock-take will begin in Week 8 and all fiction and non-fiction books on the shelves will be checked. Overdue notices will be distributed to all classes on Thursday this week.

### **Scholastic Book Club – Final Issue for 2017**

Issue 8 of the Scholastic Book Club has been distributed to students and is open for orders through [www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP](http://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP) until Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November.

### **Library Used Book Sale**

The Book Sale continues in the Library. Used books are available for a donation of 10c each or 12 for \$1.00. Come to the Library and see what you can find!

## Toilets

Adults, parents and siblings on school grounds are reminded to please use the adult toilets located in the admin building.

Please do not use the student toilets located around the school grounds.

## School Crossing

There will be Monitor Training for the School Crossing on the 27 November at 13:30.

Training will be provided by Senior Constable Michael Lord from SAPOL. All participating students will be issued with a Certificate after the event.

Aspiration Statement:

Mount Barker Primary  
School - A community  
of successful learners

## Music Education Receives a Funding Boost

More than \$5.12 million over the next 4 years will be invested into improving the delivery of music education in public schools.

A new music strategy is set to be developed to support your child to pursue careers in music-related fields within the state.

The strategy will be developed in partnership with instrumental music and classroom teachers, the University of Adelaide's Elder Conservatorium of Music, the Adelaide Symphony Orchestra and various state music bodies.

The initiative is part of the state government's new [Public Education Action Plan: Your Child, Their School, Our Future](#).

## Farewell Message

Just a short message to let the school community know that I will be finishing at Mount Barker Primary at the end of this year.

I have enjoyed 10 years of teaching at this school, but feel ready for a new challenge. I have secured a job at Woodside Primary School which is walking distance from my home!

Thank you for all your support over the years and good luck in the future.

Kind regards,

Lynne Tasker  
Room 15

## Remembrance Day

Room 12 students walked down to the Soldiers Memorial for Remembrance Day.

We played the Last Post and had a minute's silence for those who lost their lives in Wars.

We made a wreath from rosemary that we had grown in our garden at school and then put red poppies on it too. We children show respect to these soldiers and other people who fought in the Wars around the world by remembering their sacrifice. 'We will remember them', rosemary for remembrance.

We were able to touch the monument and read the names on it. The red roses formed a path and they were the same colour as our poppies on the wreath. It was a great commemoration.

—Students of Room 12



## Community News



**COME AND TRY  
WOMEN'S FOOTY!**

**THURSDAY** NAIER BREMER UNITED  
**14 DEC** NAIERNE OVAL  
**6PM - 8PM**



Nairne Bremer United Football Club coaches and current women's team players in attendance

**2018 OPEN WOMEN + UNDER 16 GIRLS TEAM\***

**PLAYERS OF ALL SKILL LEVELS  
MOST WELCOME**

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\*Under 16 Girls Team - if numbers permit

