Dear Parents,

Please join me this evening, 7-8:30pm in the new Innovation Resource Centre for a gathering of the PSPG. We will have the chance to find out what we would like to work on this year and next. It is an opportunity to look to how we might form new processes to energise, enthuse and inspire parents of our School.

This week is marking Reconciliation. The School has been working on the RAP to become more and more conscious of what efforts we can make towards recognition and understanding. Classes 2-7 will walk to Laratinga Wetlands on Thursday to participate in activities there. If you get the chance to come into the front office, have a look at the new display of our Mural created years ago on the Class 3 building wall.

“To truly know the world, look deeply within your own being; to truly know yourself, take real interest in the world”

Rudolf Steiner

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Important Dates

Next week...

MONDAY
JUN 3
CL 10/11 ODE Hike - Heysen Trail
9.30pm Kindergarten Information Session

TUESDAY
JUN 4
9.30pm Kindergarten Information Session

WEDNESDAY
JUN 5
Yoga - 8.30am CL 10-12 Students, 9.15am Parents
CL 7-9 Elective Excursions Squash and Bike Riding
CL 10/11 Heysen Trail Hike
6.30pm High School Information Session

THURSDAY
JUN 6
CL 10/11 ODE Hike - Heysen Trail

FRIDAY
JUN 7
PUPIL FREE DAY
CL 12 Excursion - Tree Climb
Saturday Jun 8
5.30pm Movie Night Chasing Coral Fundraiser in LAC

Front Office

Important Information

Please be aware the office has been informed of a case of Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) within the school community.

The MRSA infection is caused by a type of Staphylococcus (Staph) bacteria that has become resistant to many of the medications used to treat ordinary Staph infections. Staph bacteria are common (carried on the skin and in the nose) but do not always cause infection.

Staph skin infections, including MRSA, generally start as swollen, painful red bumps that might resemble pimples or insect bites. The affected area can be warm to touch, be full of fluid and or accompanied by a fever. The bacteria can remain confined to the skin causing deep, painful abscesses that require medical intervention, but can also make its way deep into the body, causing potentially life-threatening infections.

Monitor any bites, scratches, grazes for signs of infection and seek medical advice with any of the aforementioned symptoms.

Exclusion from school is not necessary unless infected skin lesions on exposed surfaces cannot be completely covered with a dressing.

Further information can be found at www.sahealth.sa.gov.au

Immunisation Reminder

School Consent Card for Class 10 and Class 11 must be returned to the front office by Tuesday 28 May 2019.

Pupil Free Day

Friday 7 June 2019
(next week)
ABORIGINAL CULTURE HAS BEEN WITHIN THE ADELAIDE HILLS FOR OVER 40,000 YEARS

RECONCILIATION EVENT
IN MOUNT BARKER LARATINGA WETLANDS
BALD HILLS ROAD, MOUNT BARKER
FREE BREAKFAST
THUR 30 MAY 8AM-12:30PM

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 2019 27 MAY - 3 JUNE GROUNDED in TRUTH WALK TOGETHER WITH COURAGE
The element Fire – Peramangk land is rich in flint, Sulphur and pyrites and so the first Nation people were the ‘Fire Keepers’. They used it to trade for the reed baskets of Ngarrindjeri and the Red Ochres of Kaurna Peoples and the Adynamathanha Peoples to the far north. The practiced use of fire also gave the Peramangk a reputation for being magicians and sorcerers.

The Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoo and Red-tailed Black Cockatoo were prevalent in aboriginal stories and their feathers are used for important ceremonies.

The eggs of the black swan represent the close relationship of the Peramangk and the Ngarrindjeri. The people of the Coorong would collect eggs which taught the young ones numeracy, geography, the seasons, the stars and environmental laws.

The central image of the mural is the sun, the spirit fire which is the heart of our community. The red coloured horseshoes represent the children who are safely enfolded in the care of the adults – the yellow horseshoes and all together we live under a cluster of sky star beings named the Pleiades; the archetypal story of the seven sisters.
The sacred ibis – Tjilbruji, is the shared creation story of the Peramangk people and the Kaurna. It is the story of creation, a journey including the resting place on Mount Barker Summit (ceremonial place) before undergoing a fire transformation at Brukunga.

The wattle and gum leaves indicate the powerful relationship of the trees to the cultural needs and life of the people.

The wavy lines represent the waterways, creeks and rock holes on Peramangk land which means it is a strong women’s place.

The native echidna wandering across Mount Barker Summit is surrounded by foraging kangaroo tracks.
Hi, I’m Bianca and I have attended the Mount Barker Waldorf School since play group so going on 15 years. Some of my favourite experiences from my schooling years would have to be the camps! The Class 11 camp in Tasmania including the Overland trek was by far the most challenging thing I’ve ever had to do, but such a rewarding experience.

For my Class 12 Project I have decided to work alongside an awesome non-profit organisation called “Barefoot Initiative”. Since 2004, Barefoot Initiative has worked with the Afar people of Ethiopia on community development projects. Their approach is to listen and support the community members to become their own change makers. To do this Barefoot Initiative provide the community with skills, networking, training, infrastructure, and finances, which enables them to put their development ideas into action.

Current projects include; water carts (makes transporting water to villages much easier) and student scholarships for tertiary education.

There are two different aspects to my project with Barefoot Initiative. The first being to support them through fundraising. My goal is to successfully organise a fundraiser cocktail/ music night with all proceeds going towards an Afar student/s tuition fees. By holding a fundraiser my goal is to engage people my age and to create awareness of the little things we can do to make a difference to another community!

The second part of my project is my very exciting trip in the July holidays. I will travel to Ethiopia with Barefoot to be a part of what they do, to experience the culture and lend a helping hand. I know this will also help me grow and provide experiences outside my comfort zone. When I return, I hope that sharing my story will inspire my peers and community members to give back to our global community in some small way.

I have decided that one of the most rewarding thing in life can be to make a difference for someone however big or small. This could provide the opportunity for them to do something incredible and if I can help make that happen, then that’s awesome!

I am so excited about this challenge I have set myself! I know there are going to be so many hurdles, but I am ready. I’m can’t wait to get you all involved and a part of my project and this remarkable charity.

Stay tuned for the details on my upcoming fundraiser!!! If you would like to see a little bit more about Barefoot Initiative check out their Instagram @barefootinitiative

Bianca x
Celebrating 40 Years
Imagination to Innovation
Experience the Difference

Mount Barker Waldorf School

Come & Try High School

Wednesday, 29 May 2019
11.15am - 3.20pm

Accepting Applications Now for Classes 7 to 10

RSVP 8391 0411 or office@mtbarkerwaldorf.sa.edu.au
27 Sims Road, Mount Barker
Walk Safely to School

Walk Safely to School is its 20th year, it is an annual event in which all schools in Australia are invited to participate in. It is a community event promoting Road Safety, Health and the Environment.

On Friday 17 May, teachers, parents and 70 students from Mount Barker Waldorf School gathered to walk to school through the Wetlands. It was a beautiful, fresh morning, the group arrived at the school with great excitement to a breakfast provided by the SRC, thanks go to Daryl and his team for cooking. Also thank you to Nicholas Sproull (Class 12) for cooking crepes served with fruit to feed our hungry walkers. Thank you to the school community for supporting this initiative.

Debra Lutze

Playgroup

Term 2 at Playgroup is apple crumble term and it is eagerly anticipated by big people and little people alike. We have discovered the hidden star that can be found inside an apple and tasted its juicy, crunchy sweetness.

On a recent rainy day, an excess of energy necessitated a walk out into the big school grounds. Dressed from head to toe in wet weather gear and wooly hats, we ventured out, chased each other on the oval and discovered the wonderful mud slide near the ash tree that is so enjoyed by the Kindergarten children.

I loved watching the children paddling and splashing in the trickle of running water, and trying to climb up the slippery, muddy bank.

Meanwhile, the babies are beginning to move from lying on their backs and rolling over to crawling and exploring all that is around them. They are beginning to taste solid foods for the first time, some with gusto and others with trepidation. Their curiosity and delight in each new discovery is a joy to observe!
Autumn is here and dressed in our wet weather gear and beanies, Melaleuca Kindergarten have been collecting kindling, planting bulbs in the garden, building “campfires” and cooking stone soup in the mud kitchen. The caterpillars living on our Swan plants have captivated the children! What a gift it was to have seen a caterpillar spinning its green and gold cocoon. Weeks later, while munching on our morning tea, we witnessed it awaken as a beautiful Monarch butterfly! Can you spot the cocoon in the photo?

Christy | Kindy Teacher
Class 2 have just finished their second main lesson on animal stories from around the world. As part of this we have spent many weeks making animal head meccas. This involved papermache over balloons, then exploring different sounds with rocks and gum nuts inside. We then used wire, more paper, masking tape and more papermache, then finally we painted them. The children were really excited put the finishing touches on such a big project and then present them at assembly.

As always, stories and bookwork is also one of my highlights of the literacy main lessons.

Emily | Class Teacher
Photo Gallery

Tech Studies
40th Anniversary 1979-2019...

DISCO
LIKE IT'S 1979

7pm
SATURDAY
15TH JUNE
Mt Barker Town Hall
Gawler Street

LIVE!
Disco band
BLISS featuring
Nikki Heuskes

Tickets $15
ph 8391 0411
Mt Barker Waldorf School Office
($20 at door)

Prizes for best
70s/80s dress up!
BYO Supper
Coffee and cakes available to purchase
Community

**Reflection for Direction**

- Labyrinth Walk to the sweet sounds of the cello
- Guided Meditation to aid contemplation
- Experience a Family Constellation group session to aid in releasing the past.
- Light meal included

**SAT 22 JUNE 2019 1.00-6.00 PM**

**THE FARM FOR WELLBEING, FLAXLEY**

FIND US ON FACEBOOK FOR MORE INFO & BOOKINGS

SLIDING SCALE PAYMENT OPTIONS

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**Centacare**

**Bringing Up Great Kids for Separated Parents**

This course is for families experiencing separation

A FREE workshop for Parents to encourage parenting practices that build competence, optimism and capability in Children

**Date and Time:**
- Tuesday 25th June 2019 1pm – 3pm
- Tuesday 2nd July 2019 1pm – 3pm
- Tuesday 9th July 2019 1pm – 3pm

**Venue**
- Centacare Level 2, 45 Wakefield Street, Adelaide 5000

Bookings essential. Please contact Centacare on 8215 6700 or email your details to: registrations@centacare.org.au

This project is jointly funded by Centacare Catholic Family Services and the Department of Social Services

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**Auditions Sunday 2nd June, 2019**

Mount Barker Town Hall
Corner Gawler & Stephen Street

**PLEASE CHECK YOU ARE AVAILABLE FOR ALL THE DATES (at the bottom of this page) BEFORE APPLYING**

This is a community theatre production that is not able to offer to pay performers – but it is EASY because you don’t have to learn any lines!!!

And it’s FUN because you get to pretend to be a radio star from the 1940’s...... AND we only need 7 rehearsals of your time plus 3 weekends of performances

**INK POT RADIO PLAY**

– STAGE PERFORMANCE –

**“IT’S A WONDERFUL LIFE”**

We need 11 mature voice actors with a total of 36 voices between them ranging from young children voices to ‘very old’ voices, both guys and girls. Possibly able to do American accents????

Group round-table casting-style which will be recorded for review

3 audition sessions with 10 applicants per session
- 10am
- 12 noon
- 2pm

Bookings: .... Rina Me ‘Gus’ Saunderson 0409 490 005

7 x weekly rehearsals on Wednesday nights
7.30 pm-9.00 pm commencing 12th of June

5 x Performances over 3 Saturdays in a row
10.00 am-9.00 pm commencing 27th of July

(These times are flexible so please let us know if you can’t make it)

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