



MOUNT BARKER
WALDORF SCHOOL

Term 3 Week 5 – 2025 Newsletter

From the Principal

Dear Mount Barker Waldorf School,

As the days stretch out and the quiet introspection of winter gives way to outwards focused energy, we find ourselves in the heart of Term 3. As we enter week five, the rhythms of learning are alive, and we can feel that there is a lift in the air, both in spirit and in activity.

One of the great joys of my role is stepping into classrooms across the school. Just last week, I watched four-year-olds working together to haul logs (larger than themselves) to build a cubby. Not long after, I found myself listening to senior students in a lively discussion about the ripple effects of Lenin's death in post-revolutionary Russia. Two very different spaces, yet in both the teachers were holding the moment with great care, ensuring that what unfolded was deeply engaging, developmentally sound, and life-giving in its lessons.

This is what we mean when we speak of a holistic education. Our teachers don't just deliver lessons, they craft experiences that meet students right where they are, while also inviting them to stretch beyond. No algorithm or artificial lesson plan can plan for or meet the living, breathing constellation of children in a class. Nor can it match the teacher's capacity to guide with insight, warmth, and connection. That is the essence of our work together and a constant source of inspiration to me as leader of this wonderful staff.

As parents, you also carry this gift. No one else knows your child in quite the same way. The small moments of connection (the story at bedtime, the gentle reminder, the laugh shared over a meal) are what meet your child most deeply. They are the gifts that can't be automated or outsourced.

This week, I encourage you to notice those moments. Treasure the connections only you can bring, and be grateful that they have chosen you as their parent. Thank you for being an important part of our community.

Warm regards,

Liam Waterford

Principal – Mount Barker Waldorf School

Key dates this week

Monday 18 August

Class 6 Kangaroo Island Camp

18 - 22 August 2025

High School Parent/Specialist Teacher Interviews

LAC Foyer

12noon-6pm

Class 9 Parent/Teacher Meeting

IRC

6.15pm-7.45pm

Tuesday 19 August

Class 11 Australian Studies Main Lesson

Parliament House & the AGSA

9.15am-3.15pm

Wednesday 20 August

Class 7 and 10 Immunisations

Thursday 21 August

Class 1 Parent/Teacher Meeting

Classroom

6pm-7.30pm

Friday 22 August

Class 11 Australian Studies Main Lesson

Law Courts & Centre of Democracy

9.15am-3.15pm

OSHC ~Afternoons Only

Monday-Friday PM

School finish-6.00pm

(\$30 flat rate)

To book, please email

oshc@mbws.sa.edu.au

Mount Barker Waldorf School's
production of

Disney and CAMERON MACKINTOSH'S

MARY POPPINS JR.

A Musical based on the stories of P.L. Travers and the Disney film

Original Music & Lyrics by
Richard M. Sherman and Robert B. Sherman

Book by
Julian Fellowes

New Songs and Additional Music and Lyrics by
George Stiles and Anthony Drewe

Co-created by
Cameron Mackintosh

Adapted by librettists under the supervision of
Timothy Allen McDonald

August 26 to August 29, 2025
7pm - 8:15pm | Living Arts Centre
Mount Barker Waldorf School
27 Sims Road, Mount Barker SA 5251

Tickets \$5 at the door

Free admission for children aged 12
years and under.

Licensed exclusively by Music Theatre International (Australasia)

Upcoming important dates

Tuesday 26 August

Classes 11 Australian Studies Main Lesson

Film Screening: The Australian Dream
IRC
9am-11am

Mary Poppins JR Performance

LAC
7pm-8.30pm

Wednesday 27 August

Mary Poppins JR Performance

LAC
7pm-8.30pm

Thursday 28 August

Mary Poppins JR Performance

LAC
7pm-8.30pm

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Mary Poppins JR Performance

LAC
7pm-8.30pm



If you have any feedback for the MBWS Board, please contact them via email at: secretary@mbws.sa.edu.au



Eurythmy for adults

**SESSIONS
ON
HOLD**



Friends of the Plant Nursery

Tuesdays:
9.15 – 10.45am
Meet at School
Plant Nursery



Beehive

Tuesdays
9am - 11am
Cafe and Shop

**PARENT CRAFT
ON
HOLD**



Yoga Thursdays

A slow pace yoga class
suited for everyone.

Teachers: 8–8.30am
Students: 8.30–8.55am
Parents: 9.15–10am

2025 Senior School End of Year Dates

Parents and Caregivers of Senior Students,

Please note the revised end of year dates for Senior students only (Classes 10 - 12)

Please put these important dates in your calendar.

From this year, Senior Students will conclude their school year on **Friday 5 December (end of Week 8 instead of Week 9)**. This brings our schedule more closely in line with the end-of-year timing at other schools and reflects feedback from our students and High School faculty.

This change allows for:

- A more cohesive and purposeful finish to the year for Classes 10 and 11
- Earlier release of results for Class 12 students, supporting their SATAC university applications
- A schedule that better aligns with the natural conclusion of senior learning programs

Please find below some important details to note and update in your calendars:

Senior Dates for End of Year
Final Day for Senior Students (Classes 10-12): Friday 5 December will be a full school day. After the Rose Ceremony, students will engage in end of year activities with their class.
Rose Ceremony: The Rose Ceremony will be held on Friday 5 December at 11:15am . All Senior Students are expected to attend this special community event.
Class 12s will have a separate communication about what Term 4 looks like for further detail.
Class 11 Research Week, Community Projects: Class 11 Research week will prepare students for their independent projects (Week 7). The Class 11 community projects will take place in a consolidated, on-site one-week block. It remains an important part of their leadership and learning program (Week 8). Full attendance is expected in these weeks.
Class 10 Work Experience: Class 10 Work Experience will run for nine days. Class 10 students will return to school on Friday 5 December for the Rose Ceremony and their final school day.

We look forward to sharing these significant end-of-year moments with you and your students. If you have any questions or need further information, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Warm regards,

Eleanor Waterford,
on behalf of the Senior Leadership team

SAVE THE DATE:

Dear School Community,

Please note the revised date for The Rose Ceremony.

All are warmly invited to join us on **Friday 5 December at 11.15am.**

Please update this date on your calendars!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
17 Week 6	18	19	20	21 Class 10 finish classes
Class 11 Research Week				
Class 12 Play rehearsals				
24 Week 7	25	26	27	28
Class 10 Work Experience				
Class 11 Research Week				
Class 12 Play rehearsals				
1 Dec Week 8	2	3	4	5 Rose Ceremony 11.15 Final Day for Senior Students (Cl. 10-12) Class 10 return for Rose Ceremony
Class 10 Work Experience				
Class 11 Research Week				
Class 12 Play rehearsals				
8 Week 9	9	10	11	12 Cl 7-9 last day 12.30 finish
No senior classes				



Around Our School

Winter Holiday Professional Development Opportunity.....

“At the heart of Waldorf Education lies an approach that seeks to meet each child on their terms, and yet the new and greater challenges presented by many children today lie outside the traditional training of most teachers.”

How can we meet the diverse needs of the children who come to us today, bringing obstacles and challenges we may feel ill-equipped to meet? How can we support all our children to develop into well-rounded individuals and maintain calmer, more productive classrooms? These questions and more are prevalent in our daily work with the students and led several staff from early childhood, primary school and student support to attend a professional development workshop with Robyn Brown on ‘Curative Education in the Classroom’.

Robyn has worked for many years with the indications and ideas from Rudolf Steiner’s Curative Education lectures, shining a light for us to develop a lens we can use to observe and meet the child. When we really observe the child, without judgement, it becomes clear how we can foster their ability to access their own capacity for growth and learning, strengthening the will and in turn developing their individuality body.

Robyn walked us through how the pictures of the polarities Steiner gives in Curative Education can be understood, and how the conditions of the polarities affect the child & their relationship to the 12 senses. She gave examples of what we can do in our care & education settings to support the child to overcome any hinderances and/or challenges.

Since attending the workshop, there has been great interest to continue working with the Curative Education indications and further develop an observational lens as we walk alongside the children in our care. Our ongoing commitment to this work will be a combination of regular study and the development of practical applications within the curriculum.

For anyone who is interested in this work, I recommend Robyn Brown’s book *‘A Practical Guide to Curative Education: The Ladder of the Seven Life Processes’*.

Leesa Kerr
Early Childhood Education Leader

MBWS Sports News

On Monday 11 August, MBWS sent two teams of students to compete in the School Sport SA Year 11/12 District Volleyball Knockout Competition at Victor Harbor High School. Both teams demonstrated great courage and commitment – two of our core school values. Despite facing intimidating opposition, it was pleasing to see both teams win many points and enjoy the challenge.

Rebecca Salvado
Bothmer Gym & History Teacher



2025 Great Book Swap - Accepting Book Donations Now!

This year, MBWS will be participating in the Great Book Swap and are in the process of accepting book donations now to the front office or Primary Library.

If you would like to make a monetary donation, please click on the flyer that is linked to the School's donation page. There will be a gold coin donation on the day for our students to take a book home if they wish.



Wednesday 3 December 2025

10.50am - 11.15am | LAC Verandah

The **Great Book Swap** is a fantastic way to celebrate reading locally, learn more about Indigenous languages and culture, and raise funds for a great cause. This year the ILF are aiming raise \$300,000 to gift 30,000 new books to remote Communities.

We will be Collecting Donations at the Primary School Library up until the Day of the Swap.

Please bring high quality children and teen reads in good condition.

*MBWS Language House is **Bigibigi***

Donate
HERE



WANTED:

Student Stall Holders



Are you artistic? Love making craft? Or do you have a cause that you are passionate about?

Maybe you should have a stall at this year's Waldorf Spring Fair? Show your mad skills, sell your wares, raise some funds or just have some fun with your friends!

All students of MBWS are encouraged to apply*

Find out more by emailing waldorfspringfair@gmail.com

Attention: Stall Coordinator

*Subject to conditions

Spring
Saturday
25 Oct 2025
10am - 4pm
fair


MOUNT BARKER
WALDORF SCHOOL

From the Canteen

HOT FOOD

Spinach & feta triangle (V)	\$ 5.00
Vegetable roll (V)	\$ 5.00
Sausage roll	\$ 4.50
Pasty (contains meat)	\$ 5.00
Meat pie	\$ 5.00
Garlic Bread (Monday only)	\$ 3.00
Toasted sandwich	\$ 4.50
on Brezel bread	

Cheese & tomato (V) or

Ham & cheese

SNACKS

Simply DK Potato Chips (90g bag – Classic or Purple)	\$4.00
Fresh Brezel pretzels	\$ 2.50
Anzac cookies (Vegan)	\$ 0.50
Choc chip biscuits	\$ 0.50
Choc chip biscuits (GF)	\$ 0.50
Daily baked treat	\$ 3.50
Bliss ball (Vegan)	\$ 1.00

DRINKS

Spring water 600ml	\$ 2.50
Besa juice 300ml	\$ 3.50

(V) – Vegetarian

(GF) – Gluten Free

**For all special dietary needs, please speak to the Canteen staff – we can accommodate all requests!*

LUNCH SPECIALS

\$7.50

Monday

Lentil & Vegetable Soup

With garlic bread and spiced yoghurt.

Tuesday

Baked Potato

With bean sauce and coleslaw, sour cream and cheese. Vegetarian and gluten free.

Wednesday

Chicken or Vegetarian Yiros

Vegetarian option with beans and halloumi.

Thursday

Veggie Curry

With raita and papadum.

Friday

Beef or Veggie burger

With Tuckshop special sauce, tomato, cheese and lettuce.



Passport to Everywhere

*Pacifica College of Eurythmy senior students
on tour*

from Samford Valley to Sydney, Adelaide Hills, Perth, and Yallingup.

*A rich collage of story, poetry and music brought to life
through the movement art of Eurythmy*

THU 4th SEPT 6:30pm Samford Valley Steiner School: Narrawa Rd, Wights Mt, QLD

TUES 9th SEPT 6:30pm Lorien Novalis School: 423-521- Old Northern Rd, Castle Hill, NSW

THU 11th SEPT 2:15pm Willunga Waldorf School: 1 Jay Dr, Willunga SA

FRI 12th SEPT 2:15 Mt Barker Waldorf School: 27 Sims Rd, Mt Barker, SA

TUES 16th SEPT 6:30pm Perth Waldorf School: 14 Gwilliam Dr, Bibra Lake, WA

Tickets \$20 and \$15, children free. Book online or buy at the door.

<https://collections.humanitix.com/passport-to-everywhere-pacifica-college-on-tour>

Enquiries: pacificacollege@gmail.com



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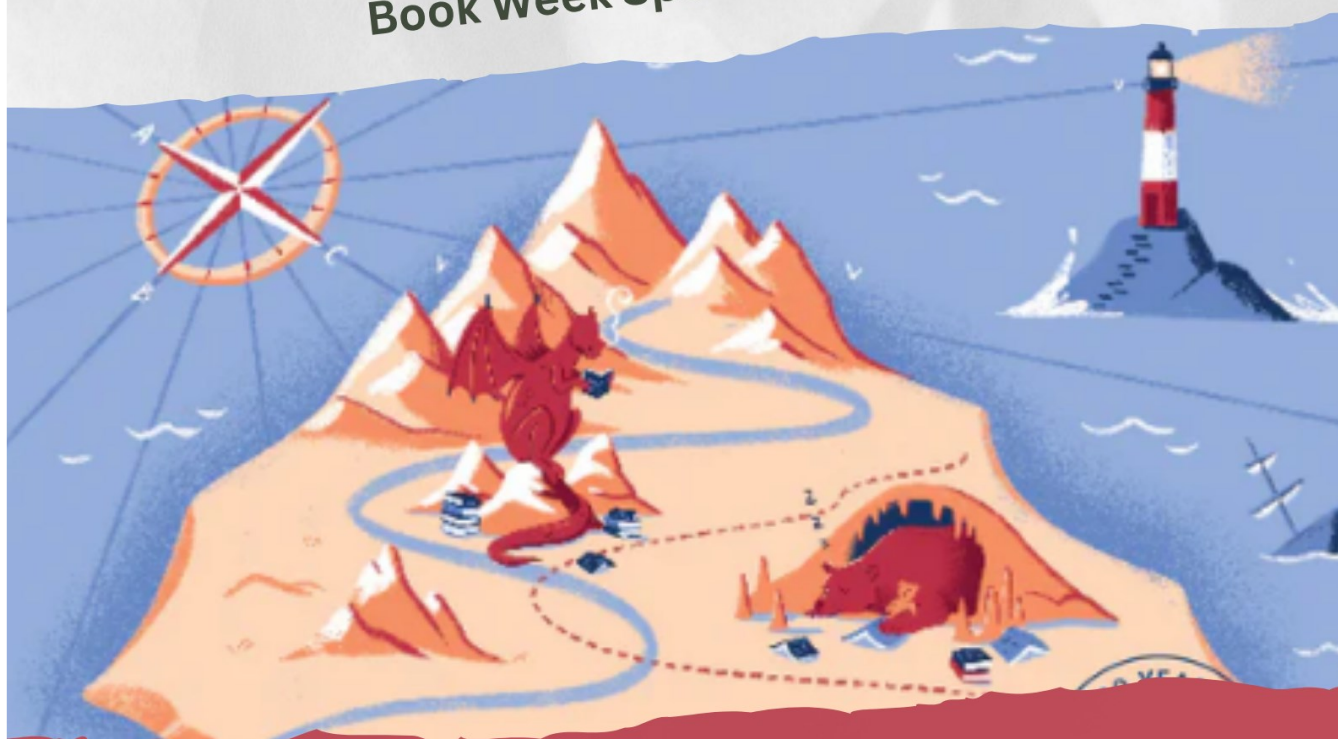
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MOUNT BARKER
COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Book an Adventure

Book Week Special Storytime



🚩✨ Join us for a Book Week wrap up party with storytelling, music, crafts, and fun — where you get to choose your own storytrail!

Multiple tales will be told throughout the library... which path will you take?

🎭 **Dress up** in your best Book Week costume and take part in our library parade.

🍪 Afternoon Snacks will be provided.

🕒 **When:** Friday 22nd August 4:30pm – 6pm

📍 **Where:** Mount Barker Community Library, 5 Dumas Street Mount Barker

👤 **Who:** Families, children, and curious explorers ages 4 – 12 years!



SCAN ME

Bookings essential
mbcl.eventbrite.com.au