



MOUNT BARKER
WALDORF SCHOOL

Term 3
Week 10 – 2025
Newsletter

From the Principal

Dear Mount Barker Waldorf School

Here we are at the end of another fruitful term having lived through some wonderful experiences (and also the mundane ones that keep us moving through our lives). I was reminded recently of the nature of time and how we perceive it as we grow older. In our younger years we have many rich and wonderful memories, but as we get older, our memories of everything that happens in our lives gets more sparse – hence we perceive that everything is going faster. Thinking back to when our children were young, it is hardly believable that it was years ago and seems much closer. We say things like, ‘they’re growing up before our eyes’ and, ‘one moment they’re little, the next they’re leading the way’.

When we look at our lives through time like this, we can get a sense of the shape we have on the world around us as we pass through. In Goethean phenomenology, seeing phenomena as a point in time with a rich history behind and ahead is a way to understand and honour that which is observed. Goethean phenomenology is an important part of Waldorf Education and helps us to see not only the child (or school) in front of us, but also to see what has come before and the potentiality that lies ahead – all in the same moment. In this way, we see and honour the human being (or spirit of the school), not just the behaviour or moment in time we are observing this second.

As you head off into the break, I challenge you to raise your ‘eyes’ to see around you not only that which lies directly before you, but what has come before and what lies ahead. It brings a different perspective, a different outlook, and a different enjoyment to what comes.

Have a safe and joyful break and we will see you next term, fully refreshed and ready to go!

Warm regards,

Liam Waterford

Principal

Key dates this week

Sunday 21 September

Japan Trip (select students)

21 September - 5 October 2025

Wednesday 24 September

Leadership, Coaching & Outdoor Education Elective Activity Day (select students)

Beyond Boulderling, Thebarton & Morialta
Conservation Park

8am-3.45pm

Thursday 25 September

Class 9 Outdoor Education Excursion

Woodhouse Adventure Park
9am - 3.15pm

Friday 26 September

Last day of Term 3

Full day as usual.

Class 8 Project - “Sid’s Bake Sale”

Recess & HS lunch

TERM 4, 2025

**Monday 13 October
to
Friday 12 December**

良い旅を！

(Have a good trip!)

On Sunday 21 September, some students with adult chaperones, departed for Japan.

The purpose of the Japan tour for MBWS students is to foster cultural understanding, language learning, and personal growth. By engaging in immersive experiences such as visiting historical sites and participating in a homestay program at our sister school in Kyoto, students will expand their global perspective and deepen their appreciation for cultural diversity.

The entire group will travel to Kyoto to visit our sister school, experience homestays, and explore historical sites. From there, we will visit Himeji, our sister city, followed by Hiroshima, the City of Peace, and conclude the trip in Tokyo, the capital of Japan.



Mount Barker Waldorf School OSHC Service Announcement

Vacation care available from Monday, September 29 to Friday, October 3

Cost: \$75 per child per day (CCS available)

Booking: via the Xplor App,
email: oshc@mbws.edu.au, or mobile: 0491 242 423

Places are limited. Please allow 24 hours for booking or cancellation.

The program will be made available to booked families. We look forward to seeing you there!



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



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**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

Congratulations to our Class 12 students on their Project Showcase last week!

There was a wonderful buzz in the air as families, friends, alumni and staff gathered in the Art Rooms and Gallery on Thursday evening to celebrate the culmination of months of effort. The Project Showcase is always a significant milestone. It gives students a much-needed burst of motivation as the students enter the 'hard yards' of their year-long independent project.

Of course, it's no small thing to stand up and present your work, knowing you'll be asked questions by people you may have never met before! Sharing something so personal; your research, your creativity, your journey, is a courageous step. It is one that helps students begin shaping their work for the world beyond school. We're deeply grateful to our community for the warmth, interest, and encouragement you brought to the evening. Your presence made all the difference, and the students are now riding the high of your engagement and feedback!

This week, the Class 12s turn their attention to Thesis Week, a week-long intensive where, each day after Main Lesson, they work closely with Rose and me to draft their formal write-up of both the research and the practical aspects of their project. They'll continue refining their drafts over the break, ready to submit them on Day 1 of next term. Please keep them in your thoughts, this phase is another learning marathon!

Of course, that means the Project Presentations are just around the corner. We look forward to welcoming you again soon to celebrate the next stage of their Class 12 Project journeys.

Eleanor Waterford
Assistant Principal



Elwin's Proa greeted us at the door

Save the Date

Class Twelve

Special Project Presentations

Friday 14 November 2025

Saturday 15 November 2025

Mount Barker Waldorf School
Living Arts Centre


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Photo credit: Hamish Robinson

2025 Spring Fair is just 5 weeks away!

Hello wonderful Waldorf community,

Our Spring Fair is just a few weeks away and we have been working hard behind the scenes to make this year's fair a truly magical experience. We have some fantastic new attractions on offer this year. Here are a few of them:

- The Anonymous Art Show - there is still some time to get your pieces in and we hope for this to become a regular feature at our fair, so please contribute your creativity.
- Farmer Darcy's Travelling Farm - some beautiful snuggly creatures will be available for a cuddle.
- The Secret Garden PlayGroup with a wonderful nature play area.
- Tony's Circus offering workshops in circus skills.

You will be receiving your Raffle booklets this week so please do get out there and sell these to friends and family, as we have some brilliant prizes on offer this year.

The Spring Fair Raffle is a joyful part of our school's celebration of community. Its purpose is to raise funds that nurture the rich educational experiences at our school supporting the arts, nature-based learning, and the cultivation of beauty and wonder in our classrooms and grounds. Every ticket purchased helps us create an environment where children can grow in imagination, creativity, and a deep connection to the world around them.

If you would like to collect some marketing material to distribute in your local area, please do reach out and we will arrange this for you.

We are very much looking forward to seeing you on the day and welcome all your feedback.

Warm regards,
The Spring Fair Committee
waldorfspringfair@gmail.com

Bringing community
ALL INVITED
together

MOUNT BARKER WALDORF SCHOOL

Spring fair

**Saturday
25 October
10am - 4pm**

FREE ENTRY

- Art Show
- Camel Rides
- Climbing Wall
- Maypole Dance
- Artisan & Food Stalls
- Raffle & Silent Auction
- Children's Games & Delights
- EFTPOS Facilities Available
(no cash out available)

Scan for more information

27 Sims Road, Mount Barker
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Around Our School

Handwork in the Primary School

In Class 1, now that many of our woven recorder bags are finished, we are beginning to see little knitted cats coming to life.

Class 2 continue to work hard on their knitting. The children are working on gnomes or on rainbow balls.

In both classes it has been delightful to see the pride that shines from the children as they finish their work and take their cats and gnomes home.

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Handwork Classes 1 and 2



Japanese Tea Ceremony Incursion

On September 2nd, Class 8, 9, and 10 Japanese students had the opportunity to experience Chadō (the Way of Tea) through a special workshop led by Eriko, a tea ceremony instructor.

Students not only learnt about the history and philosophy of the tea ceremony, but also practised the manners of drinking tea such as showing appreciation to the host, bowing politely, and carefully turning the tea bowl before and after drinking.

This incursion offered students a calm cultural experience and helped their understanding of Chadō and the values of respect and mindfulness.

We are very grateful to Eriko for sharing this beautiful art with us.

Eri Brown
Japanese Teacher



All dressed up for Spring Festival

Loki, in the Primary School HUB, sporting a lovely flower garland for the Spring Festival.



Hackey Sack in the High School

A group of students (Classes 7-11) and teachers playing hackey sack at lunch time.

One of our High School teachers, Bec, has been on a quiet mission to bring hackey sack to the High School students.

We are enjoying the cross-class play emerging as the hackey sack flies!



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


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Anonymous Art Show

A Call for Original Artworks

We invite you to contribute a unique piece to our Anonymous Art Show at the Mount Barker Waldorf School Spring Fair.

What to create:

- One original artwork (A5 size)
- Unsigned and anonymous – no signatures or identifying marks
- Must be suitable for a family-friendly community event.



Deadline for submissions
26th September 2025



Exhibition & Sale
25th October 2025
at the Mount Barker Waldorf School Spring Fair

Entries
due this
week!

Spring
Saturday
25 Oct 2025
10am - 4pm
Fair

✉ For more information and full terms & conditions, please contact:
waldorfspringfair@gmail.com

Class 4 & above: Student Musicians WANTED!



Calling all budding musicians in Class 4 and above! Show off your skills at the Spring Fair's Busking Stage. Whether you're a solo act or part of a band, we want to hear you perform!

Sign up now and let your music shine. For more information or to book your spot, visit **Marta** in the Music Room during school hours.

**Spring
fair**
Saturday
25 Oct 2025
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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.



Community News & Events



Human Being, Human Becoming

A guided Introduction to Anthroposophy
& Rudolf Steiner's insights into human development

Online Course Enrolling Now for 2026

Join us for an immersive introductory course that explores the principles of Steiner education and anthroposophy as the foundation of Steiner/Waldorf education.

A course for anyone seeking new perspectives in understanding the nature of the human being and human development, covering all essential topics recommended **for educators, support staff, and parents new to Steiner/Waldorf education.**

Presented by international speaker and experienced Steiner/Waldorf educator, **Sven Saar.**

Delivered online across 13 webinars, Wednesday evenings from 7pm – 8.30pm (AET)

No previous experience is necessary. International students are welcome.

Begins Wed 18 Feb 2026

[Enrol Now](#)

Dadhood

A course for Dads

6 week course



with Joshua Withers



and Andrew Banks

Calling all Dads!

Join a community of fathers who are ready to grow, share, and be inspired on the journey of fatherhood. Together, we'll explore how self-reflection and deeper understanding can help you step into the Dad you truly want to be.

STARTING 13TH OF OCTOBER 2025
to be held weekly in McLaren Vale

Guided by Joshua and Andrew—two dads and educators passionate about learning and connection—you'll take part in weekly sessions filled with:

- **Practical** tools you can use straight away
- **Inspiring** insights to spark new perspectives
- **Creative** activities that bring out fresh possibilities
- **Open sharing** with other dads who get it
- And of course, plenty of laughs along the way

This is your chance to find support, inspiration, and a deeper sense of confidence in being the Dad your kids need.

**TO BOOK SCAN THE QR
OR VISIT**

[HTTPS://WWWINNERDOORS.CO](https://www.innerdoors.co)



Registration closes
6th of October

\$360

early bird offer
& a payment plan
also available

Nature
Festival



*The Farm for
Wellbeing*

11 Willis Rd, Flaxley SA 5153

Forest Festival

Friday 3 October - Monday 6 October

A Space for Sharing or Joining in
what you Love

Music



Art



Healing



Camping



An off-grid Forest Gathering for All
Camping Style Event - tents, swags, vans
Open to Everyone - Individuals, Couples,
Families with Children

BYO Food and Drinks *drug and alcohol FREE

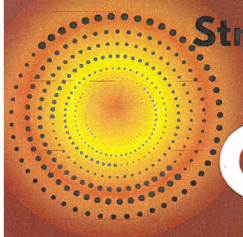


Come for a Day OR
Come for the Whole Weekend
Adults: From \$60 - \$168 (+BF)
Youth (13 - 17): From \$30 - \$84 (+BF)
Children Under 13: FREE

Scan the QR Code for more information or go to:

<https://www.naturefestival.org.au/event/forest-festival>



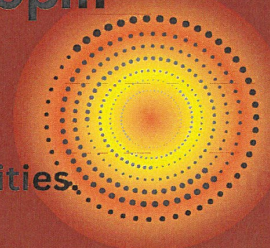


Strathalbyn Aboriginal Action Reference Group Inc.
(SAARG)

Cultural Day 2025



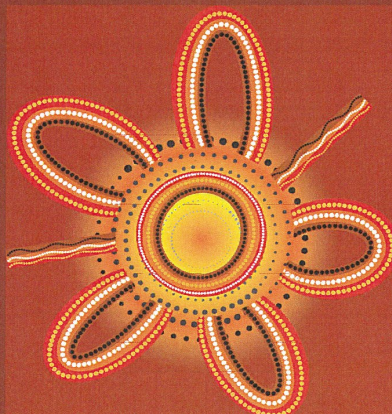
Saturday October 11 - 10.00 - 3.00pm



A day full of cultural experiences.
Welcome and smoking ceremonies.
Dancing, weaving, learning and many other activities.
BBQ and Native Australian food available.
Cultural stalls



Imbala Aboriginal
Contemporary Dance Group

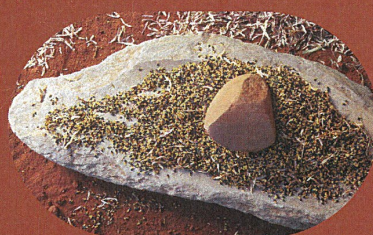


Featuring Uncle Moogy

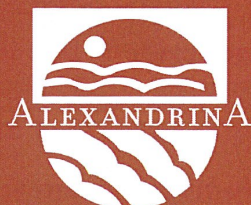
Everyone Welcome



Story time in Kondoli (weather permitting)



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Adult 18+ \$30
Concession/Student and First Nations
\$15
Under 16 Free

Phone 0499 482 442 for more information

Learn more and to book





MADE BY SHANN

WEAVING WORKSHOP

An introductory workshop to learn
how to start a coil basket.

Date: Saturday 25th October

Time: 1:00pm

Location: Mount Barker Waldorf School
Spring Fair

Address: 27 Sims Road, Mount Barker

Cost: \$15.00

Bookings essential.

Must be 10 years or older.

Children to be accompanied
by an adult.

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SKATING THROUGH TROUBLE

BY DON OSWALD & MARK ROGERS



FREE EVENT
BOOK LAUNCH



**CHANCE TO WIN
SKATEBOARD
AND OTHER
COOL PRIZES**



SCAN ME

- **FREE FOOD**
- **FREE SKATE STICKERS**
- **HELMET DESIGN COMPETITION**

SKATEBOARD ART WORKSHOP (BOOK SEPERATELY \$12)

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM
WEDNESDAY 8 OCTOBER 2PM
MOUNT BARKER COMMUNITY LIBRARY
[BOOKINGS MBCL.EVENTBRITE.COM.AU](https://www.mbcl.eventbrite.com.au)



MOUNT BARKER
COMMUNITY LIBRARY

WHAT'S ON!

at your Community Centre

October 2025

Date

Time

School Holiday Activities	Shibori / Tie Dye	Mon 29 Sep	2—4.30pm
	Pottery for Teens	Fri 10 Oct	10am—12pm
Get Online!	Tech Help Drop In Sessions	Wed 8 and 22 Oct	2—4pm
	Understanding “The Cloud”	Fri 26 Sep	1—2.30pm
	Your Digital Footprint and Digital Legacy	Fri 17 Oct	1—2.30pm
Womens Programs	Womens Shed Workshop <i>Laratinga Community Shed</i>	Mon 22 Sep and 27 Oct	9am—2pm
	Yarn and Yarn for women <i>Craft, connection and relaxation</i>	4 week program starts Tues 4 Nov	10am—12pm
The Arts	Brush and Bloom Arts Tuition with Bethany Neck	9 week course starts Tues 14 Oct	9.30am—12.30pm
	Brush and Bloom Art Class Exhibition Opening <i>Mount Barker Community Library</i>	Mon 27 Oct	5.30pm
	Grandma Wore a Miniskirt! Performance by the Acting Out Troupe <i>Mount Barker Town Hall</i>	Saturday 18 Oct	7pm
	Mt Barker Photography Interest Group first meeting	Tues 4 Nov	3pm
Wellbeing	Free Community BBQ for Mental Health Week	Wed 15 Oct	2—4pm
	Preparing for Retirement Financial Considerations	Thurs 16 Oct	1—2.30pm

Bookings essential for all events. Most events can be booked online:

<https://events.humanitix.com/host/mtbcc>



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