



MOUNT BARKER
WALDORF SCHOOL

Term 3 Week 7 – 2025 Newsletter

From the Principal

Dear Mount Barker Waldorf School Community,

What a joyful week it has been in our school!

Last week our High School students brought to life Mary Poppins Jr. (after two terms of rehearsals) in a way that was both inspiring and heart-warming. We had more students than ever involved - not only on stage, but also in choreography, lighting, costumes, and directing. There were so many involved that some roles were triple cast. It was wonderful to see such a breadth of talent and commitment, and to witness the way the students worked together to create something truly memorable. I particularly enjoyed seeing the interactions between the Senior School students and their younger peers. These are experiences (both ways) that are magical and can't be artificially created or forced. And, for the audience, it was a delightful experience that left memorable tunes with you for days.

This Monday we celebrated Fasching, our colourful festival that helps usher out the winter chill and welcome in the spring warmth. Students dressed up as a wide variety of characters, and we gathered together on the oval, both Primary and High School, to parade our costumes. The High School students were judged for best costumes and received prizes, while the Primary School joined voices in a song to 'scare away' Winter. Afterwards, the younger students carried their light-hearted energy into an assembly filled with jokes. What a beautiful glimpse into the humour that lives differently in each age group, and what a joy to hear it shared so freely.

As we look forward, there's a sense of anticipation for the changing season. The days are lengthening, the air is softening, and with it comes a renewed sense of energy for our learning and community life. May this week bring you moments of warmth, joy, and connection as we step into the promise of spring together (and remember, 'just a spoonful of sugar...').

Warm regards,

Liam Waterford
Principal

Key dates this week

Tuesday 2 September

Class 5 Mambray Creek Camp

2 - 5 September 2025

Class 8, 9, 10 Japanese Language Students Tea Ceremony Incursion

11am-3.15pm

Wednesday 3 September

Online Forum - Parent & Community Code of Conduct

[ZOOM LINK HERE](#)

7pm-8pm

Thursday 4 September

MBWS Senior School Pathways Information Night - Online

[ZOOM LINK HERE](#)

7pm-8pm

TERM 3, 2025

**Monday 21 July to
Friday 26 September**

OSHC ~Afternoons Only

Monday-Friday PM
School finish-6.00pm
(\$30 flat rate)

To book, please email
oshc@mbws.sa.edu.au

Upcoming important dates

Tuesday 9 September

Class 11 Cross Curricular Grants Application Training (select students)

Classroom
9.15am-10am

MBWS PTA Meeting

The Beehive
6pm-9pm

Friday 12 September

Melanie Deffholts Talk: Students (continues)

Classrooms 5 - 12
10am-3.30pm

Pacifica Eurythmy Performance

LAC
2.15pm

Wednesday 10 September

Melanie Deffholts Talk: Secondary School Parents

IRC
6.30pm-8pm

Thursday 11 September

Melanie Deffholts Talk: Students

Classrooms 5 - 12
10am-3.30pm

Class 6 Strings Workshop Incursion (select students)

LAC with Trinity Gardens Class 6
9.30am-3pm

Class 12 Showcase

MBWS Art Rooms and Gallery
6.30pm-7.30pm

Melanie Deffholts Talk: Primary School Parents

IRC
7pm-9pm

Whooping Cough Alert

There has been a confirmed case of Pertussis bacteria (whooping cough) at school.

This illness often begins with cold-like symptoms of runny nose, sore watery red eyes, low-grade fever and general unwellness, although these symptoms are not present in all people. After three to seven days, a dry cough develops. The cough is usually present for many weeks and may last for months. Classically a prolonged fit of coughing occurs. The coughing is immediately followed by a deep breath in, resulting in the typical whoop - hence the name 'whooping cough'. Some people do not whoop, but coughing may be followed by vomiting.

Pertussis is highly infectious when the 'cold-like' symptoms occur in the early stages. Without treatment a person is infectious for the first three weeks of coughing. If treated with antibiotics the person is no longer infectious to others five days after starting antibiotics

If you suspect that your child has Whooping Cough please keep them home from school and seek advice and confirmation from a medical professional.



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

Senior Leader Position 2026

Join Us in Shaping the Future of Waldorf Education

Nestled in the beautiful Adelaide Hills, Mount Barker Waldorf School is a thriving, values-driven community committed to the art of Waldorf education and the unfolding of each human being. We are at an exciting point in our journey – deeply rooted in Steiner’s pedagogy while boldly embracing the challenges and possibilities of contemporary education.

This is an opportunity for an experienced leader who is ready to stretch their skills, inspire others, and co-create meaningful change. You will work within a culture that values curiosity, courage, and co-development, where your capacity to navigate complexity, foster collaboration, and hold true to the spirit of Waldorf education will make a lasting impact.

If you are seeking a role that will challenge and nourish you in equal measure, we invite you to join our committed faculty, dedicated families, and curious students in shaping a school where learning, community, and the human spirit can flourish.

Senior Leader – Mount Barker Waldorf School

We are seeking a visionary Senior Leader to join our Senior Leadership Team (SLT). You will model and nurture generative and transformational leadership, guiding our school in learning, flourishing, connection, and co-development, from Early Childhood to Year 12. We are looking for someone who brings skills that complement our existing team and who thrives in working collaboratively. In return, we will provide onsite professional development and training to support your growth and success in the role.

You bring:

- A deep alignment with our values of Care, Courage, Community, and Curiosity.
- A passion for Waldorf pedagogy and holistic child development.
- A commitment to collaborative leadership, mentoring teachers, and empowering innovation.
- Skill and passion for shaping positive behaviour and student growth.

This role offers:

- Shared responsibility across four leadership domains.
- A rare opportunity to shape a values-centred, future-facing educational culture.

A description of the role [can be found here](#).

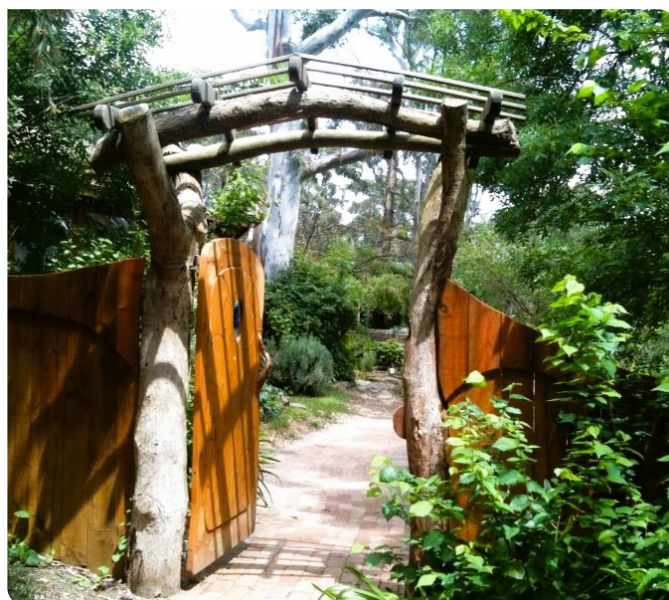
To apply, please send a cover letter and CV to
Principal Liam Waterford at lwaterford@mbws.sa.edu.au.

Applications close Friday, September 26, 2025.

Confidential enquiries are welcome and can be directed to

Liam by email, or by contacting the school on

(08) 8321 0411.



Join Our Primary School Journey – Class 1 Teacher 2026

Mount Barker Waldorf School

Are you ready to guide a class on a rich and imaginative learning journey?

We are seeking a passionate and experienced Waldorf Class Teacher to begin with Class One in 2026. This is a unique opportunity to carry a class through foundational years, to build strong connections and nurture each child's unfolding development at our established and dynamic Waldorf School.

We are looking for someone who brings:

- A deep love for children and a genuine commitment to their growth
- A strong understanding of Steiner pedagogy and philosophy
- Creativity, flexibility, and artistic inspiration in their teaching
- A willingness to work collaboratively and with initiative
- An openness to new ideas and a reflective approach to teaching and learning

We are committed to an education that cultivates imagination, creativity and the skills children need for a meaningful future. We are especially seeking teachers who value collegiality and are enthusiastic about working together to support the healthy development of our young people. You will be supported in your professional and personal growth, with opportunities for ongoing development in Steiner Education and on-site mentoring with dedicated and experienced staff.

Come and join us!

To apply please send a cover letter, CV, and three references to the Principal, Liam Waterford at lwaterford@mbws.sa.edu.au. All positions require a valid WWCC and RRHAN-EC certificate as well as the right to work in Australia. We do not sponsor foreign applicants.

Applications are welcome at any time, and the position will remain open until a suitable candidate is appointed.

For preliminary confidential enquiries or conversations about these positions, please contact Liam Waterford, Principal at the school on (08) 8391 0411.

The Mount Barker Waldorf School is an established coeducational, independent Waldorf school serving over 350 students from Early Childhood through to Year 12. The school is located in the Adelaide Hills on a picturesque 20 acres. We offer a full Waldorf Curriculum with extensive purpose-built facilities, experienced teachers and dedicated parents. www.mbws.sa.edu.au

Wellbeing



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Social Understanding and Healthy Relationships with Self and Others

with Melanie O'Hehir-Deefholts

- **High School Parents** (and those on the threshold)
 - **Wednesday 10th September 6:30pm in the IRC**
- **Primary School Parents** (and those on the threshold)
 - **Thursday 11th September 7pm in the IRC.**

Melanie O'Hehir-Deefholts looks forward to re-meeting students in Classes 5 -12 on **Thursday September 11th and Friday September 12th** after meeting parents on Wednesday (High School focus) and Thursday (Primary School focus) evening.

This program offered by Developing the Self Developing the World brings anthroposophy to help understand relationships and the responsibility of community in raising children and working together to promote individual wellbeing.

We look at how and when we work with children and adolescents to bring the understanding of sexuality and gender in relation to where they are in their consciousness. This brings harmony between the evolving body and inner experiences that sets the ground for healthy adult experience. It speaks to some of the main issues confronting child health and wellbeing in current times, with examples of how we can counter the unbalancing effects. We also address how to understand gender differences and similarities that both limit or free us and the contribution and struggles of the changing social structures around gender and sexuality affecting us all.

We hope that you join us on **Wednesday 6:30pm and/or Thursday 7pm in the IRC** for Melanie's parent/caregiver talks.

Parents are encouraged to attend the Class 12 Project Showcase prior to attending Thursday's talk.

Around Our School

Class 6 Kangaroo Island Camp

On Monday morning of week 5, Class 6 ventured away and onto the ferry for 5 days on Kangaroo Island, where we experienced the vastness of the unique island wilderness, a variety of wildlife and the richness of the diverse geology to give us some practical immersion in one of our biggest Main Lesson topics for the year.

Each day we left our central base at Parndana to explore different parts of the island, from the immense sandstone cliffs at Red Hill, to the caves and glittering ocean at Stokes Bay, the vast sand dunes at Little Sahara, and bush walking around the new growth native bush at Kelly Hill Caves before heading into the other-worldly limestone caves underground. We learned about some history of the French, English and American explorers, and about the mystery surrounding Australian Aboriginal connections to KI.

We headed to the 'wild west' and saw seals in their natural habitat on the rugged southern coast, ran into a tiger snake on the steep hike down to Hervey's Return, marvelled at the different rock formations that make up Admiral's Arch, and played and climbed in awe around the astonishing eroded granite of Remarkable Rocks.

At the end of each day, hearts and bellies were full, and there was much chatter around the dinner table about what the highlight of the day was- the list continued to stack high!

As always, these experiences of being and exploring together are so enriching and transformative for individuals and also as a class, we are so fortunate at our Waldorf school to have this as a normal part of our school journey. Special mention to Mr Price our Outdoor Education coordinator for planning these experiences (and cooking the meals!), and to Sally Amazon, Fiona Vogel and Autumn Krix for their warm and steady support through the week.

Janna Corso
Class 6 Teacher

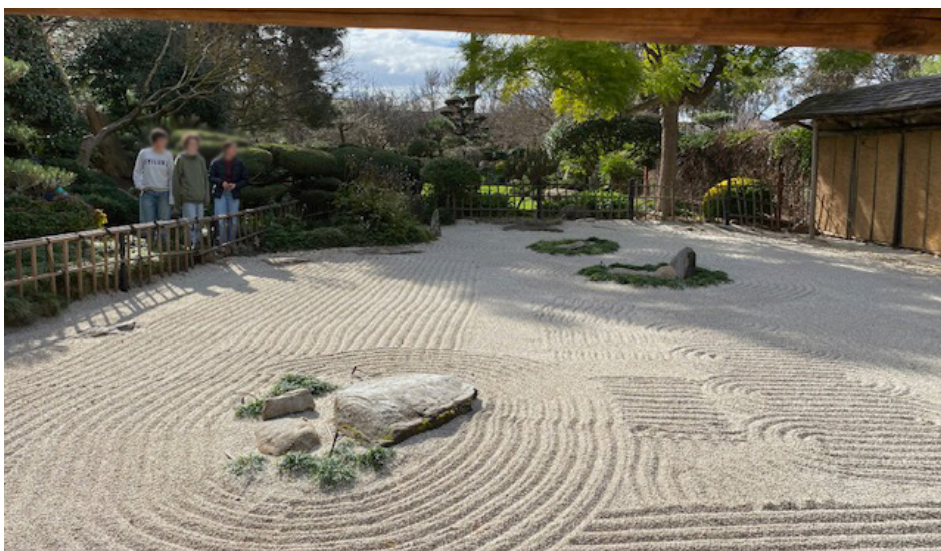


Class 8 Japanese Excursion

Class 8 Japanese students recently enjoyed an excursion into the city, designed to connect with their current topics of food, shopping, and restaurants. This provided students with the opportunity to put their classroom learning into practice in real-life settings.

The day began with a visit to a Japanese restaurant, where students experienced authentic dining and practised dining etiquette. After lunch, they visited Little Tokyo at the Central Market, discovering a wide range of Japanese goods. The excursion concluded with a peaceful walk through the Himeji Garden, where students appreciated the beauty of traditional Japanese design.

Eri Brown
Japanese Teacher



A diver is shown underwater, holding a large, glowing, circular object that resembles a CD or a small sun. The diver is silhouetted against the bright light coming from the object. The background is a deep blue with some light rays filtering through the water.

Class Twelve

Special Project Showcase

Thursday
11 September 2025

6.30pm - 7.30pm

Mount Barker Waldorf School

Art Gallery and Art Rooms



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Photo credit: Hamish Robinson

Save the date: Class 12 Project Presentations

Friday 14 November and Saturday 15 November 2025

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
fair**
Saturday
25 Oct 2025
10am - 4pm


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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

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
10am - 4pm


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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.



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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 Guillian Dr, Bibra Lake, WA

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

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FREE, YOUTH-LED
MENTAL HEALTH EXPO

September 11

11am-2pm

**TAFE Courtyard
Dumas Street**



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