



MOUNT BARKER
WALDORF SCHOOL

Term 3
Week 8 – 2025
Newsletter

From the Principal

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Over the past few months, we have been working together on the Strategic Plan to articulate a clear and values-aligned direction for our school. Recently, this work has centred around what we're calling our Strategic Vision – a guiding document that seeks to express what we value, and where we're heading together over the coming years.

At the heart of our strategy sits our shared purpose:

To guide each student on a journey of becoming with the insights of Rudolf Steiner – awakening wonder, nurturing inner strength, and cultivating capacities to flourish, belong and contribute with purpose and care to an ever-changing world.

Alongside this stand four key pillars that hold our aspirations:

- Flourishing Learners and Purposeful Learning
- Empowered and Evolving Educators
- Thriving Community and Shared Leadership
- Regenerative Foundations for the Future

These statements are not goals in themselves, but signposts - points of alignment that help us make decisions, design learning experiences, grow leadership, and care for our school as a whole living and spiritual organism.

Strategic Vision Feedback – Your Voice in the Final Draft

We are now in the final stages of shaping this document, and I'd like to invite you to be part of this last step. If this is something you are interested in, there are two ways you can contribute:

[Here is a link to a Microsoft Form](#) where you can see the draft Strategic Vision and give written feedback.

We will host a community forum on Monday 15 September at 6.30. Please RSVP to office@mbws.sa.edu.au so you can be given a link to Zoom and the draft Strategic Vision beforehand.

In both of these opportunities we invite your feedback on:

- How the document is presented visually and conceptually
- How the wording reflects your understanding of who we are and where we are going

These aren't sessions where we will debate strategy, this work has already been done at a Board and Executive level. It's an opportunity to help ensure that the language we use and the way we share our vision is clear, meaningful, and alive with the spirit of our school.

As always, I'm grateful for the deep care and thoughtful engagement that lives within our community. I look forward to sharing this next phase of our journey with you.

Have a wonderful week.

Liam Waterford, Principal

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Key dates this week

Tuesday 9 September

Class 11 Cross Curricular Grants Application Training (select students)

Classroom

9.15am-10am

MBWS PTA Meeting

The Beehive

6pm-9pm

Wednesday 10 September

Melanie Deffholts Talk: Secondary School Parents

IRC

6.30pm-8pm

Thursday 11 September

Melanie Deffholts Talk: Students

Classrooms 5 - 12

11-12 September, 10am-3.30pm

Class 5/6 Lightning Carnival (select student team)

St Francis de Sales College

8.30am-3.15pm

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

Friday 12 September

Class 7-10 Girls Futsal Competition (select student team)

St Claire Recreation Centre (YMCA)

8.15am-3.30pm

Pacifica Eurythmy Performance

LAC

2.15pm

This Week!

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

Upcoming important dates

Wednesday 17 September

Class 7/8 Boys/Girls Volleyball (select student team)

Lights Community Sports Centre
8am-3.45pm

Nightingale Kindy Spring Festival

Kindergartens
9am-12.30pm (half day)

Class 5 Play Performance

Eurythmy Room
4pm-5.30pm

Thursday 18 September

Class 11 Practice Hike

Deep Creek National Park
18-19 September 2025

Banksia Rose/Melaleuca Kindy Spring Festival

Kindergartens
9am-12.30pm (half day)

Class 5 Play Performance

Eurythmy Room
11am-12.30pm

Friday 19 September

Primary School Spring Festival

MBWS Oval
11.15am-1.15pm



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



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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

Upcoming Events at Our School



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Social Understanding and Healthy Relationships with Self and Others
with Melanie O'Hehir-Deefholts



This Week!

**Join
US**

- **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.

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.

MBWS Spring Fair

Interested in having a
stall at the fair?

Interested in performing
at the fair?

Interested in submitting
some artwork to the fair?

Student Stall Holders



WANTED WANTED

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

Spring Saturday Fair

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Class 4 & above: Student Musicians WANTED!



Laboratory
Library
Canteen
Stage & Bunking Area
Art Rooms
German Class Room

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



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

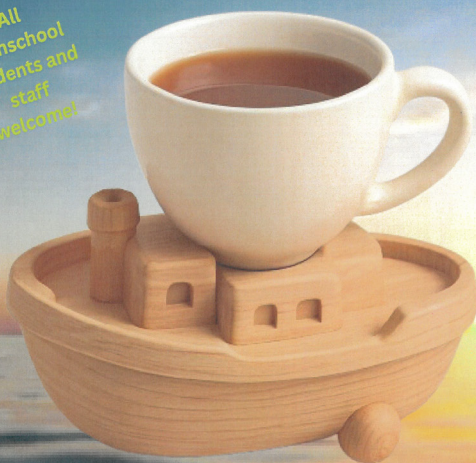
Exhibition & Sale
25th October 2025
at the Mount Barker Waldorf School Spring Fair

Saturday ----- 25 OCTOBER 2025 ----- 10am - 4pm

Contact: waldorfspringfair@gmail.com Or come to the front office for an application.

Elwin's Toy Boat Building Competition

All
Highschool
students and
staff
welcome!



\$20 Cash Prizes

Prizes will be given for:

1. Best design
2. Prettiest boat
3. Admirable kindness and generosity

Make a toy boat from any material. It must be less than 30cm x 30cm x 30cm in size. It must carry a full cup of tea (for a friend!).

All boats need to be completed by 17/09/2025

Languages Alive – October 2025



We are delighted to bring the R-6 **Languages Alive!** program to Mount Barker Waldorf School on Wednesday 8 October, 2025

Thank you for your enthusiasm and support!

By way of context, this is a state-wide holiday program funded by the Minister for Education through the *Languages in Schools* initiative. School of Languages has been entrusted by the Minister to run the program since 2016. Below is a promotional blurb that you might use in your newsletter for the October 2025 program at Mount Barker Waldorf School:

Join us during the October school holidays at Mount Barker Waldorf School for **Languages Alive!**

Discover and learn about new languages and cultures with the School of Languages! Our school will be holding interactive cultural activities for students from Reception to Year 6 where they will explore new languages and cultures! Exposure to learning languages is central to developing cultural understanding in young people. A key aim of all activities will be to provide participants language learning opportunities in a range of languages, including Auslan, Italian and Spanish.

Where: Mount Barker Waldorf School, 27 Sims Rd, Mt Barker

When: Wednesday 8 October
(Registration) 9:30am (Start) 9:45am – 3:15pm

Cost: \$10 per student per day; FREE for School Card/Health Care Card Holders

Register: <https://www.ticketebo.com.au/languagesalive>

Please note that all children will need to wear comfortable clothing; including a hat, and bring a bottled drink (water only), a snack and a packed lunch. There will be no catering facilities on site.



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