



MOUNT BARKER
WALDORF SCHOOL

Term 1
Week 3 – 2026
Newsletter

*Capturing the heartbeat of the school
between newsletters.*

The Pulse

From the Principal

Dear Mount Barker Waldorf School Community,

The year is well underway and learning has begun to find its rhythm. This morning, as I visited Class 9's Anatomy Main Lesson with Tess, I was struck by how deeply the students were already engaged. By 9.15 they were immersed in discussion, confidently using technical language I hadn't met before, and doing so with real enthusiasm. Moments like this are a quiet but powerful sign that students are settling back into school life. Earlier wake ups, familiar routines and the steady flow of Main Lessons are beginning to carry them into deeper learning and collaboration.

As each day begins, our students are held by the rhythms of school life. Rhythm offers a sense of safety and predictability, creating the conditions in which young people can experiment, take risks and enjoy learning together. You may notice early childhood classes setting out on their morning walk, primary students lining up calmly at the classroom door, or high school students gathering in circles to begin the day together. These intentional moments help students breathe in and out through their day, so they can orient themselves, and connect with one another.

In these opening weeks, we have also enjoyed the familiar rhythm of parent evenings across the school. Thank you for joining us to meet with your child's teacher and to begin shaping the year ahead together. These evenings are a valuable opportunity to hear about the developmental stage your child is moving through, and how learning at school is designed to support their healthy growth. Just as importantly, they offer time to connect with one another as parents. I remember fondly moments from my own parenting journey (so far!) where a simple conversation with another parent brought reassurance, encouragement, or a practical idea that made all the difference.

At the Nightingale parent evening last week, one parent shared with me, "I'm just so excited about the journey we've all got ahead of us." They were speaking about the parenting journey itself, which is every bit as meaningful and transformative as our children's learning journey. Thank you for walking alongside us in this work. As we move through the year together, there will inevitably be bumps along the way. When these arise, please reach out to your class teacher, the staff in the Hub, or a member of the leadership team. We are here to support you, and we are very much on this journey together.

Eleanor Waterford, Assistant Principal

Key dates this week

Tuesday 17 February

Class 8 Origins & Landforms Main Lesson Excursion

Hallett Cove Conservation Park
9am - 3.15pm

Class 8 Parent / Teacher meeting

Classroom
6.30pm - 7.30pm

Class 9 Parent / Teacher meeting

Classroom
6.30pm - 7.30pm

Wednesday 18 February

Class 6 Aquatics Camp

Port Noarlunga Jetty
18/2/2026 - 20/2/2026

Thursday 19 February

Class 10 Parent/Teacher Meeting

Classroom
6.30pm - 7.30pm

Class 3 Parent/Teacher Meeting

Classroom
7pm - 8pm

OSHC ~Afternoons Only

Monday-Friday PM

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

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

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Upcoming Events

Monday 23 February

School Photographs - Primary, Middle and High School

Includes Student ID photos
All day



Tuesday 24 February

NAPLAN Practice Test Day

Classes 3, 5, 7 & 9

Class 12 Parent / Teacher meeting

IRC

6pm - 7pm

TERM 1, 2026

Monday 2 February
to
Friday 10 April

MBWS Class 12 student Kheng Yin Wong will be performing, along with the Adelaide Youth Orchestra, at this year's Adelaide Fringe!



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

Tuesday 17 February 2026
9am - 11am
Cafe and Shop

NEW DATE!



Yoga Thursdays

A slow pace yoga class
suited for everyone.

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

URAiDLA SUSTAINABILITY Fair

SUNDAY 15TH MARCH 2026

10am - 4pm, Uraidla Showgrounds

Tickets \$5, Families \$10

Kids under 12 FREE, bookings essential

Growing Change: Local action from the ground up

