



The Pulse



MOUNT BARKER
WALDORF SCHOOL

Term 1
Week 8 – 2026
Newsletter

*Capturing the heartbeat of the school
between newsletters.*

From the Principal

Dear Mount Barker Waldorf School Community,

What a beautiful run of autumn festivals we had last week. From the 4-year-olds in Nightingale up to the High School Courage games, it was a wonderful week. There is something about this time of year that seems to gather us together just at the right moment. The colours, the air, the sense that something is shifting. And of course, there's the dragon.

The image of the dragon is such an iconic one in Waldorf schools at this time of year. It points us toward the Michaelic task of standing upright within ourselves. Of meeting what rises up with courage and transforming it through conscious will. An idea that we can all take into our lives over this autumn period.

These stories land particularly well in the middle school years where a real change is happening. Students begin to awaken to the wider world as they journey into adolescence. They start to see things differently. They ask new questions and test things out. Sometimes they even agree with us. It is a time of growing awareness, choice, and judgement, and the idea of overcoming (or embracing) the dragon feels like a fitting companion for that journey.

On another note, I was away over the weekend at the Steiner Education Australia Delegates meeting. It was heartening to hear how other schools around the country are travelling. As Steiner schools we are all going through similar joys, challenges and opportunities. There is something comforting about knowing you are not the only one solving and grasping opportunities.

What was also lovely was the number of people who spoke highly of our school. There is a strong sense that Mount Barker Waldorf School is doing good work, and that it is recognised across the Steiner movement. That is something we can all feel quietly proud of.

Wishing you all a wonderful week.

Warmly,
Liam Waterford
Principal

Key dates this week

Monday 23 March

Class 8 Journey Camp

Willunga Waldorf School & Douglas
Scrub Campground
23 - 27 March 2026

Class 9 Australian History Main Lesson

Victor Harbor & Encounter Bay
8.15am - 4.15pm

Swimming Lessons Classes 2-5

Summit Aquatic & Leisure Centre Week 8

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

Cl 3 & 5 - 12.15pm - 1.15pm

Cl 2 & 4 - 1.15pm - 2.15pm

Tuesday

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Cl 2 & 4 - 1.15pm - 2.15pm

Monday to Friday, 23 - 27 March 2026

Wednesday 25 March

Kindergarten Photo Day

Kindergartens, morning only



TERM 1, 2026

**Monday 2 February
to
Friday 10 April**

OSHC ~Afternoons Only

Monday-Friday PM

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

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



High School information session

Help your child discover their true potential.

Monday 30 March, 2026
6.00–7.30pm Living Arts Centre





(08) 8391 0411
office@mbws.sa.edu.au
27 Sims Road, Mount Barker

High School information session

From strong foundations laid in Primary School to the conscious development of creative thinking.
Come and meet the passionate teachers responsible for our students' holistic development through a balance of academic, artistic and practical subjects.

Experience the breadth of our learning

Talk with students and teachers, explore aspects of our Waldorf curriculum and hear about the range of learning pathways.

Please RSVP by Friday 27 March, 2026.
Online at mbws.sa.edu.au/book-a-tour or email us at office@mbws.sa.edu.au




This year's High School Information Session in the Living Arts Centre is on Monday 30 March, 2026 from 6pm - 7.30pm.

Please register your interest by Friday 27 March 2026 via phone at 08 8391 0411 or email at office@mbws.sa.edu.au.

Upcoming Events

Monday 30 March

Harmony Day

All day

High School Information Session

LAC

6pm - 7.30pm

Tuesday 31 March

SAPSASA District Athletics Carnival (select student team)

Cornerstone College

9am - 3.15pm

Class 8 Orienteering (select students)

Totness Recreation Park - Northern

1.30pm - 3.15pm

Thursday 2 April

Class 4 Indigenous Studies & Local Geography Main Lesson Excursion

Mount Barker Summit

9am - 2.45pm

Class 5 Ancient Civilizations & Botany Main Lesson Excursion

SA Museum & Botanical Gardens

9am - 2.15pm

Class 9 Australian History Main Lesson

Migration Museum & SA Museum

8.50am - 3.15pm

Friday 3 April

Public Holiday: Good Friday

All day



Eurythmy for Adults

Mondays
9 am - 10 am

We're back!



Friends of the Plant Nursery

Tuesdays:
9am – 10.45am

Meet at the School's Plant Nursery. No experience needed. All welcome!



Beehive

Tuesdays
9am - 11am
Cafe and Shop

We're back!



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



MARCH APRIL WORKSHOPS

91a Old Princes Highway, Littlehampton

Sewing Circle

Bring your own craft at 10AM Wednesday for, hints, tips and help with items for the Waldorf Autumn Table, Kettle on!

Wednesdays

25th March,
1st April, 8th April

Making Wooden Easter Egg Puzzle

For 4 year olds and older

Saturday 28th March 9:30am \$25

Making Wet Felted Hollow Eggs

For 10 year olds and older

(requires finishing at home in washing machine/dryer)

GOOD FRIDAY 3rd April at 11am - \$25

Sew an Easter Chick Egg Warmer

for 5 year olds and older

GOOD FRIDAY 3rd April at 10am - \$20

Saturday 4th at 9:15am - \$20

Autumn Felted Doll

for 7 year olds and older (Needle felting)

Saturday April 11th April at 10.30am - \$25 2hrs

Wet Felting - Make a Play Mat

for 10 year olds and older

Thursday 16th April 10am - \$35

Making an Autumn Fairy

For 5 years olds and older

Wednesday 22nd April 10:30am - \$20

Create an Autumn Garden

for 4 year olds and older

Saturday 18th April at 9:15am - \$20

Thursday 23rd at 10am - \$20



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