



Government  
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## DATES TO REMEMBER

### TERM 4

#### Week 5

NAIDOCWeek

Swimming commences -Years 2-5

Tuesday 10/11—Kindy Transition  
visit

Wednesday 11/11—

Remembrance Day

Thursday 12/11—Kindy Transi-  
tion visit

#### Week 6

Swimming commences - Rec—Y2

Tuesday 17/11—School Tour  
10am

#### Week 7

Tuesday 24/11—Kindy Transition  
visit

Thursday 26/11—Kindy Transition  
visit

Friday 27/11—Sports Day

#### Week 8

Tuesday 1/12—Governing Council  
meet 6.30pm

Thursday 3/12—Year 7's visit  
Mount Barker High School

Friday 4/12—Sustainability Day

#### Week 9

End of Year Concert - cancelled  
Tuesday 8/12—Rec -Y6 visit  
Cinema

Wednesday 9/12—Y7 Graduation

Thursday 10/12—Year 7 excursion  
Students meet the teacher 1.45-  
3pm

Friday 11/12—Student Assembly  
Casual Day

EARLY DISMISSAL—2.10pm

# Newsletter

*A Community of Successful Learners*

*Term 4 — Week 4*

## Time flies when you are having fun!

We are almost at the half way point of term 4 and it seems that once again the year has just flown by. It has not been the year we expected and I want to extend thanks to our school community on the resilient and supportive approach you have adopted to deal with the unforeseen situation we have found ourselves in with COVID. It seems that we have acclimatised to a new normal! The end of the year brings celebrations but also sadness as we leave familiarity and begin to transition to new classes, new friends and new challenges. Moving house, starting a new school, the birth of a sibling or any other changes and transitions can be very challenging for some children. Change can bring on tears, fears, anxiety and worry.

### 1. **Here are some tips to help your child through transitions:**

**Prepare:** Give your child ample opportunity to process the transition by providing them with age-appropriate information. Some children may want to see pictures, learn people's names, or spend time in the environment ahead of time.

### 2. **Talk about it:** Create normalcy around the topic by making it part of your everyday conversation. Encourage your child to ask questions or express their thoughts about the transition. Ask open-ended questions: "I wonder if you'll have a class pet? What pet would you choose?"

### 3. **Make a list:** You may not know all of the facts, and that's OK. Focus on what you know, and be honest about what you don't know. "That's a great question. I'll write it down and we'll see if you find out the answer when you visit your new class on Thursday."

### 4. **Give them an outlet:** Some children struggle to put their thoughts and feelings into words. Offer a variety of resources to process their feelings: drawing, journaling, writing a story, modeling with clay, or find a book at the library about a child dealing with a similar transition.

### 5. **Practice coping skills:** Create a long list of calming and coping strategies and practice them often. In some situations, role playing together helps the child feel more confident and gives them options for handling the event in real life.

**Seek help:** If your child continues to struggle with the transition after it occurs or if you are worried about how they are adjusting to the transition, reach out to a member of the leadership team for support.

Kind regards, Jo.

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# Assembly Awards



To all our Persistent learners

**WELL DONE!**



Well done to Ella  
who received the  
"Terrific Kids"  
Kiwanis award

## Sports, Sports, Sports

Lockie from room 1 has qualified for the SAPSASA Golf state final which will be held at West Beach over 2 days. He will be competing against a large field of players made up of students from years 5, 6 and 7. Good luck Lockie, we wish you many birdies!

Well done to Zac from room 9 who recently attended the Tennis SA Foundation Cup in Berri where he represented the Hills/Fleurieu region. Zac got some great experience playing tennis on different surfaces and was part of the winning team in the super 10s competition.

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## *Assembly wards*



Look at all our students who have consistently demonstrated good self regulation skills in their learning and play. Congratulations!

## *District Athletics Carnival*



Congratulations to our students who participated in the District Athletics Carnival.



# Auslan

THE NATIONAL WEEK OF DEAF PEOPLE  
Celebrated at Mount Barker Primary School  
*Photos courtesy of the Courier Newspaper.*

A big thank you to Bunnings Mount Barker for donating 30 sets of ear defenders for one of our Deaf Awareness activities.



## ***New adventures in 2021?***

If your child/children are leaving us at the end of 2020 please can you ring and advise the school office so we can make appropriate adjustments to our class lists. Alternatively if you are aware of a new family to our area that are considering joining our community please advise them to let us know as soon as possible so we can include them in our plans.

# Library News

The Premiers Reading Challenge medals and certificates will be given to class teachers and handed to students soon. Thank you for your participation especially as this year has been challenging, given the circumstances. Mount Barker Primary School had 256 students complete the challenge, well done everyone. Hopefully next year we can increase this number. This year over 132,900 students state wide completed the challenge and 695 schools were involved.

Scholastic Book club is a great way to start your Christmas shopping. All orders are online. There is an option to make it a "gift" order. I will call you when it arrives so you can collect it from the front office. Issue 8 maybe out before you receive your last order from issue 7. This is because Scholastic Book Club need to make sure you receive your order before the end of the school year. If you have any questions please come and see me in the library.

Week 4 is the last week to borrow books from our school library as from week 5 until the end of term the students will be able to borrow books from over the road at the Community Library. Please have a look at home for any books that belong to the school and return them as soon as possible. Thank you.

Happy Reading  
Suzanne  
Library Manager.

## Safety News

Please be mindful of the road rules when passing the school. There have been a number of instances of speeding in the school zone. At any time of day when children are present the limit is 25km per hour. The Mount Barker Police are supporting our school with spot check on speeding in the school zone.

## The School of Languages

The School of Languages is a government school that offers 23 languages after hours in more than 25 different locations around the broader metropolitan area. Current timetables and enrolment forms are available at :

[www.schooloflanguages.sa.edu.au](http://www.schooloflanguages.sa.edu.au)

# Materials & Services Charge - School Fees

School fees are now due. If you are experiencing financial difficulty please see Rani to arrange a payment plan. Applications for School Card close on 20 November. School Card must be applied for each year.

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# *Keeping our Students Safe*

As the bush fire season approaches we ask that all families make sure we have current information about your child/ren such as who can collect them, any medical conditions and your emergency contact numbers. This is especially important as there may be no way to contact the school in emergency. Please provide this information in writing for our files. Our Emergency Management Plan is available on the website under Parent Information, Policies . A copy is available on request.

Keeping hydrated is very important at all times and we ask that all children have a clearly named water bottle with them each day.

Family members are also reminded that, other than for normal drop off and pick up, they are always required to firstly come to the front office to sign in. In any emergency we need to be able to account for all persons on site.

Keep safe and keep the Emergency Information Hotline number below close at hand!

## Bushfires and Your Child's School or Preschool

### **A Guide for Families**

Parents are encouraged to access a new brochure which provides important information about what our schools/preschools will do on a catastrophic fire day or in the event of a fire.

Bushfires can occur at any time during summer. It's important that our families understand our Site Emergency Plan are prepared and have a plan in place for their family when these situations arise. If there is a bushfire emergency while children are onsite we will keep them safe until the danger has cleared even if this is outside of normal school hours.

For a copy of the brochure visit [www.decd.sa.gov.au](http://www.decd.sa.gov.au) and search 'bushfire brochure'.



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