**Dear Parents and Friends of the College**

**Assembly Reflection**

It was terrific to see our student leaders take charge of the assemblies last week. Their leadership skills are developing well! Our students were confident and ensured the assemblies ran efficiently. Congratulations to all the students who received awards recognising their efforts and successes.

**Swimming Lessons**

Good luck to our students involved in swimming lessons, it is such a valuable skill to continue to develop. Students will be even more tired over the next two weeks and will need some additional support at home to adjust to their new timetable with swimming.

**P&C**

Please come and support your P and C at the next meetings. It was fantastic to see the turnout of parents at the KP P&C afternoon tea last week. If you can’t attend the meeting but would like to help, please contact P&C President Susan Morrow. The subscription to Matheletics and Reading Eggs, which can be used at home is one of the supported programs from your P&C.

**Attendance**

Please ensure that you contact the college if your child is away so their absence can be approved. You can text the school on 0418 916 875 or email away.mountbarker.cc@education.wa.edu.au

Working with parents we want to send a positive message to students ‘that every day counts’.

Andrew Fraser
Principal

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**CBH Year 1 Stationery Packs**

CBH announced at the end of last year that MBCC had been successful in receiving stationery packs for year one students in 2017.

The CBH Group is able to offer these packs to year one students at grain growing schools due to the generosity of their stationery supplier Quick Corporate.

The year one students were thrilled to receive their pencil cases at the start of school.

CBH would love to see photos of your child with their new stationery supplies on their first day of year one! Parents are welcome to send their photos to CBH through the link below.

Please send images to amie.bolton@cbh.com.au stating that you authorise us to share your image.
College Fees 2017

We appreciate your support of the college in 2017 with the enrolment of your child and together we strive to ensure your child has a great education and can participate in a range of exciting extra curricular activities which will become part of their college life.

Your financial contribution supports us in this educational journey as does your personnel involvement in college activities, such as canteen work, committees and parent help. This support is much needed and appreciated.

We understand that that all families have a range of financial commitments so our Business Manager is more than willing to help organise a payment plan which will spread the cost over the school year. We can also assist parents to complete the Secondary Assistant subsidy form if your child is eligible (Yr. 7-12 Students).

If you wish to pay using EFT our details are BSB 633 000 Account 115451163 use your child’s name as the reference.

Please enquire at our office 98 513400

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SECONDARY ASSISTANCE SCHEME

YEARS 7 TO 12

YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR UP TO:

$350

Towards school expenses

DO YOU HOLD:

9 CENTRELINK HEALTH CARE CARD

(80% CENTRELINK PENSIONER CONCESSION CARD

(60% VETERANS’ AFFAIRS PENSIONER CONCESSION CARD

Applications Close

Thursday 26 January 2017

ASK SCHOOL RECEPTION FOR MORE INFORMATION

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THE SCHOOL BALL AND ALCOHOL

With the school ball just around the corner, parents and students are reminded that the National Health and Medical Research Council Guidelines (NHMRC) state that no alcohol is the safest choice for under 18s.

Scientific medical evidence informs us that alcohol has harmful effects on the developing brain. Young people’s memory and personality are affected as well as their ability to learn and make decisions. This can lead to long-term consequences for their memory and mental health.

Drinking alcohol can also increase the risk of young people being accidentally injured.

We all want our young people to reach their full potential, so no one should supply alcohol to under 18s.

*The law and alcohol in school ball parties

New legislation passed in November 2015 (called secondary supply laws) makes it an offence to supply anyone under the age of 18 with alcohol in a private setting without the permission of a parent or guardian. This offence carries a maximum penalty of $10,000.

As a parent, if you are planning a party for those under the age of 18, it would be helpful to get a copy of ‘Hosting a Party for Teenagers’. This booklet has tips and things to consider before hosting a party or allowing teenagers to attend a party elsewhere. It is available on the website www.alcoholthinkagain.com.au

Further information

*You will also find much more useful information about alcohol and young people, including information on the new secondary supply laws on the website.

If you are concerned about the drug or alcohol use of someone in your family, the Parent and Family Drug Support Line has professional counsellors available 24 hours a day at 1800 603 203.

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For Sale

Garlic

Grown at the college farm.

300 gram bags

$5.00

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A Night In Candy Land

GOLDEN TICKET

Year 7 and 8 get entry from the 20th to 26th of Feb. Year 9's will be able to buy their tickets from the 27th of Feb till the 14th of March. Tickets will no longer be selling after the 1st of March. The tickets will be available at the front office, the cost of the ticket will be $3 each. Thank you.
Tulips with a Difference

YouthCARE Mount Barker will soon be running a fundraising drive to raise money for our College Chaplains Deb Smith and Paul Ritchie. Your child will bring home a “Tulips with a Difference” catalogue within the next week. Please keep an eye out for this catalogue and if you are interested in purchasing any of the items please fill out the order form and return to the front office with the correct money or cheque made out to YouthCARE Mt Barker by the due date. Thankyou.

Scholarships

There are various scholarships opportunities for boys going into Year 7 &10 in 2018. Please follow the link for detailed information and closing dates. (Some close on March 10 2017) or email Bronwyn Mark at the front office, bronwyn.mark@education.wa.edu.au


Scholarship available through Services for Australian Rural and Remote Allied Health (SARRAH) administer the Allied Health undergraduate scholarship under the NAHSSS, for a year 12 student considering studying nursing at Curtin in 2018. $10,000 pa for 3 years. Online applications close 27/2/17.

https://scholarships.curtin.edu.au/scholarships/scholarship.cfm?id=2937.0

Dental Van

The Dental Van is at Denmark Primary School until after the July holidays, then it will travel to Cranbrook to start our round again. If you have any problems or concerns please feel free to call us on the following number 0437 486 143 Opening hours are Monday to Friday 8.30 to 3.30pm. Louise & Lorna

Your P&C Canteen has EFTpos

EFTpos in now in the canteen. We encourage parents, students and teachers to use EFTpos, or order through Flexischools, if possible rather than using cash.
For more information please ring 98 513 426 during school hours or phone/text 0438 192 488 with your name any time after 7.30am.

Yours faithfully
Craig Gibson
Instructor

Mount Barker United Women’s Soccer Club is seeking women aged 15+ to join our fun and exciting soccer team for this season. Training is at Souness Park Wednesday 5-6:30pm Games are played Friday night in Albany & Mt Barker commencing in April. Come along to Souness Park and check us out! Inquiries mtbarkersunitedsc@gmail.com or find us on Facebook- Mt Barker United Soccer Club

MBCC: PO Box 116 MOUNT BARKER WA 6324 Ph: (08) 9851 3400 Fax: (08) 9851 1820

For newsletter items or Community Advertisements Please email Fiona.Brown2@education.wa.edu.au

College Webpage mountbarkercommunitycollege.wa.edu.au

College Facebook Page www.facebook.com/MountBarkerCommunityCollegeWesternAustralia


Foster caring...it's not just the child’s life that changes!

Do you enjoy looking after kids?
Do you want to make a difference in a child’s life?
If so, you may want to consider foster care. The Department for Child Protection and Family Support’s Albany Office is looking for foster carers who can provide a loving home to children for occasional weekends and short and long periods of time.

Find out more by attending one of the following fostering information sessions.

When: Thursday 16th March
Day Session 10.00 – 12.00
Evening Session 7.00 – 9.00

Where: Department for Child Protection and Family Support, 25 Duke Street, Albany
Contact Stephanie Marsh at the Department’s Albany Office or (08) 98410777 to register your interest in attending a session.

ART in the PARK 2017
Discover unique sculpture within the National Park
Castle Rock Rd, Porongurup
14 - 22 April

14 – 21 April 9am – 5pm
22 April 9am – 3pm (midday, awards presentation 2pm)
Admission $5 (under 16s free)

‘Lost home of my youth’, an interactive exhibition of Great Southern art, craft and design, 14 - 17 April, 10am - 5pm. Free admission.
Porongurup Hall 2997 Porongurup Rd
Art in the Dark: Bundowser. Live music, guided brolly tours.
21 April, $5 admission. Booking recommended.

www.porongurup.org.au
or contact Judi on 9853 1212

KARATE
Karate for beginners will commence on MONDAY 13TH MARCH starting at 4.30pm in the Mount Barker Recreation Centre.

Students need to be in Year 2, ie. turning 8 yrs old in 2017 (born 2009 or earlier).

Simply pay the Rec. Centre entrance fee at the door as you enter and meet on the far basketball court.

Just wear your school uniform and take your shoes off before the lesson please.

Your first lesson is FREE.

SUBSEQUENT LESSONS ARE $5.00 PER SESSION

The first lesson will finish around 5pm

For more information please ring 98 513 426 during school hours or phone/text 0438 192 488 with your name any time after 7.30am.

Yours faithfully
Craig Gibson
Instructor