Dear Parents and Friends of the College

Welcome
To our new and returning families welcome to the 2017 college year. It has been great to see our students and staff return with positive energy ready to achieve their personal best. Please take time to meet your children’s teachers and ask them any questions you may have to help 2017 be a year of success. If you are new parents to our college please feel welcome to join us in the staffroom this Thursday afternoon February 9 for a cuppa and a chat at the end of the school day.

Year 12 Results
Congratulations to our year 12 students who achieved well in their ATAR exams. As we only had 14 students sitting the exams we were not eligible for the comparison tables but I can tell you their achievements were commendable.

David Eyssell our Dux received an ATAR of 96.5 and recognised with a Subject Excellence for Mathematics Application and a Certificate of Merit. Emily Gibson also received a Certificate of Merit, which recognised meritorious achievement across year 11 and 12. Our Medium ATAR was 76.55 and our Geography students were identified as one of the highest performing cohorts across the state.

Our vocational students have started 2017 well with many securing apprenticeships and work due to their efforts in their School Based Traineeships and Apprenticeships. I look forward to receiving our college’s Certificate of Achievement due to our students and staff excellent results, a reflection of the continuing excellence we strive for at Mount Barker Community College.

Thank you
To the parents that made use of the Rec Centre car park to drop students off during the first week it helped with the congestion of the car park for new families. Can I remind parents to exercise patience when picking up students and consider continuing using the Rec Centre visitor bay and walking to collect students during these fine days.

Weather Warning
There is a warning for later this week for heavy rainfall, it is timely to remind parents of bus students that if gravel roads are closed the large buses will only be allowed on bitumen roads and other collections and drop off points will be advised. We have postponed the Pool Party until February 24.

Contact Details
Can I remind parents that if you have changed any contact details to please advise the front office. This also includes emergency contact details if you are uncontactable.

Scholarships
Two scholarships are presently available for Year 11 & 12 students at MBCC in 2017. The Norm Burnell Memorial Scholarship & The Plantagenet Student Hostel Award. All yr 11/12 students have been given the application forms. Spare forms are available at reception. The closing date for both these scholarships is Friday, February 15th.

WPL School Based Traineeship
Year 12 student, Reâëanna Wilson will be completing a WPL School Based Traineeship – Cert II in Business and we look forward to having Reâëanna in the college office this year on Thursdays.

Andrew Fraser
Principal
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

Getting back into school routines after the nice, long summer break can take its toll! Tiredness, irritability, reluctance...are all understandable symptoms of the transition back into work and learning. And that’s just the staff! Sometimes it can be even more challenging for our younger students.

Once the excitement of the first day back adventure has worn off, you may find your children struggling a little to adapt...but they will!

Don't despair! Remaining upbeat and positive, sticking to routines and ensuring that children are at school every day will all help children’s bodies and minds adjust to being back at school. Your children’s teachers are an excellent resource and support; make them your first port of call if you have any concerns.

This is an excellent way to keep informed and maintain strong communication with your child’s teacher. Not all our staff are using it, but if you have been provided with information about signing up, we strongly encourage you to do so. Talk to your child’s teacher to see if they are using it and find out more.

Congratulations to the following students who achieved and were recognised at our Assemblies at the end of 2016

Yr 6 Dux Award – Kaila Drew
Yr 7 Student of the Year – Jade Irwin
Yr 7 R/up SOTY – Tessa Smith
Yr 8 Student of the Year – Justin Pitt
Yr 8 R/up SOTY – Lauren Voss
Yr 9 Student of the Year – Siobhan Thompson
Yr 9 R/up SOTY – Caleb Gibbons-Eyre
Yr 10 Student of the Year – Britney Coulson
Yr 10 R/up SOTY – Luke Hortin
Yr 11 General Student of the Year –
Bethany Wearing
Yr 11 General R/up SOTY- Karlie Baesjou
Yr 11 ATAR Student of the Year – Kaila Klaffer
Yr 11 ATAR R/up SOTY – Rose Leopardi
Yr 12 General Student of the Year - Emma Court
Yr 12 General R/up SOTY -
Jessica Gregory & Erin Gibson
Yr 12 ATAR Student of the Year – David Eyssell
Yr 12 ATAR R/up SOTY – Emily Gibson

Mount Barker Community College Ball
Sat March 25th 2017
Limited tickets available
Tickets go on sale in February with Years 11 and 12 having priority.
**School Health Services 2017**

Welcome to the 2017 school year for all students and their families.

School Health Nurse  
Chelsea Clouston  
98513409 Monday-Friday

**BEDWETTING (ENURESIS) PROGRAM**

Do you have a child who wets the bed and would like to be dry? Bedwetting is a common childhood problem and it can be resolved. Children will not necessarily ‘grow out of it’ and left untreated, bedwetting can continue into adulthood.

The enuresis program is available for your child if:
- They are aged 6 years to 13 years but not older than 13 and 9 months
- Have 2 or more night occurrences of a wet bed in a week
- Child wants to become dry

Please contact Great Southern Population Health on 98427500 or the Community School nurse for more information.

**Do you have a child starting school this year?**

Starting school is a big event for children and a change for the whole family. For useful information and tips to help your child make a good start to school, go to the KidsMatter website to watch the new videos made especially for Australian parents - [https://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/families/starting-school](https://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/families/starting-school).

**Growth and Development**

Uncomfortable broaching the subject? A useful guide for parents developed by the WA Health Department is ‘Talk Soon Talk Often’. Order your copy from [public.health.wa.gov.au/2/1276/2/parentgiver.pm](http://public.health.wa.gov.au/2/1276/2/parentgiver.pm)

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**Immunisations**

At four years of age it is recommended that children receive immunisations for Diphtheria, Tetanus, Whooping Cough, Polio, Measles, Mumps and Rubella. These are generally provided free of charge and can be given from 3.5 years onwards. Please contact the Community Health Nurse at your school for information on the local service providers. If your child was born or immunised overseas, her/his immunisation history will need to be entered onto the Australian Childhood Immunisation Register (ACIR) by an immunisation provider.

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Yr 8 Immunisation consent forms need to be returned this week.

Please contact our college nurse, Chelsea Clouston 98513409 for further information.

**Vaccination dates for year 8 students will be**

- Term 1 - March 20
- Term 2 - June 12
- Term 3 - November 6
We have some changes coming your way.

1. Applicants listed on a valid health care or Pensioner/Concession card should now:
   - Apply online at the Department of Sport and Recreation website OR
   - Submit a KidSport application form and a copy of the card to their local government.
2. KidSport no longer has referral agents.
   - Applicants NOT listed on a valid concession card need to meet one of the new KidSport Financial Exceptions listed on the DSR website.
   - If you meet an exception you can apply for KidSport through a KidSport Financial Assessor.

For more information contact your local government office or visit www.airwa.gov.au/kidspot or email kidspot@firewa.gov.au.

Mount Barker Amateur Swimming Club will be running a Junior Dolphins program for the 8 or 9 weeks left of our swimming season. It's available to all swimmers aged 4 - 7 year of any swimming ability. We will be training on Saturday morning from 11am - 12pm at the Mount Barker Pool. The program will incorporate swimming strokes, water games and dry land activities. All queries to Joanne McFarlane 042031777 or take a look on JuniorDolphins.com.au

Southern Edge Arts
Workshop program
starts Monday 6th Feb

FOUR NEW WORKSHOPS
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Theatre Performance Project
Toddler Circus - Little Squirters

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 Babies from 6 months
Through to Adults and Squads
Small Class Sizes
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Book now for term 1, 2017
Contact Nola and Casey
ALAC Swim School
Ph: 68203422
Email: alacswimschool@albany.wa.gov.au

Pool Party
Mount Barker Swimming Pool

ENTERY $10
AGE 10 & ABOVE
INCLUDES SAUSAGE, SIZZLE and DRINK!

YouthCARE Pool Party has been rescheduled for Feb 24 due to the unprecedented cold weather forecast for this Friday.

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
Student banking that gives back to your community.

We are very pleased to announce that Bendigo Bank offers primary students, banking at Mount Barker Community College.

What makes Bendigo Bank different from other banks is our unique focus on supporting and giving back to the community. Since inception, Mount Barker Community Bank® Branch has reinvested $900,000.00 back into various community projects. This included a number of projects that support and assist local schools like MBCC & Kendenup Primary. We believe it’s never too early to teach children about the benefits of saving. Our Piggy Saver Account makes saving both fun and rewarding for kids. The account offers a statement, no account keeping fees, no transaction, no penalties and no deposit restrictions – plus a host of fun games and rewards – And what’s more, we come to you!

Student banking days will be held in E Block each Friday fortnight between 8.30am – 9.00am.

To open a Piggy Saver Account for your child, please come in and see us at Mount Barker Community Bank® Branch, 4 Short Street Mount Barker WA 6324.

Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us on 08 9851 2633

Local Artist Andy Dolphin was commissioned at the end of last year to create the college mascots through our PBS group. These are to coincide with our expected behaviours. You will see these wonderful colourful posters around the college.

Be Responsible – Apex the Wedge Tail Eagle. Be your Best – Hope the Blue Wren. Be Respectful – Slither the Tiger Snake. Be Resilient – Zigi the Bandicoot.

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