Dear Parents and Friends of the College

Swimming Carnival
Best wishes for our students who will be participating in swimming carnivals this week, as a culmination of swimming lessons. I look forward to seeing all students participating and showing team spirit for their houses.
Go Morande, Go Hay, Go Kalgan

Year 8 Camp
Thank you to the parents for supporting the Year 8 camp to Quaranup. It will be a great opportunity for students to extend themselves and work together to develop their interpersonal and group work skills.

Meet the Teachers Afternoon
I would like to invite parents to meet their children’s teacher if they have not done so already, when the college is open from 3.30 on Tuesday 14 March. There will be an opportunity to support one of our fundraising groups who will be running a sausage sizzle.

Reading
It has been fantastic to see students reaching their 25 nights and I would like to thank parents in their support for this program. Parents are able to access Reading Eggs from home with the student’s access codes they use at school and this could be included as home reading activities.

Ride to School Day
Students who ride to school on Thursday 23 March will be provided with a free breakfast as we join with the Shire of Plantagenet to celebrate Bike Week. We also have some prizes for student who “bling up” their bike for the day.

Andrew Fraser
Principal

Student Councillor Profiles 2017

Over the next couple of newsletters we are featuring our Student Leaders

Ivy Parsons Year 7
Favourite Food – Strawberries.
I like to ride horses, run and do gymnastics.
I live in Tenterden.
My pets Horses, rabbit and dogs

Emily Dremel-Galvez Year 8
Favourite Food – Cheesecake.
Music I enjoy 70’s,80’s & 90’s.
I like to swim and play netball.
I live in Mount Barker.
My pets Lucy (Chihuahua), Willow (Border Collie) and Sooty (Bird).
What I hope to achieve in 2017 more fun days.
Ava Grant Year 8
Favourite Food – Oreos, anything Oreo.
Music I enjoy I listen to pretty much anything.
I like to draw and watch YouTube.
I live only just out of town.
My pets sadly I have no pets at the moment.
What I hope to achieve in 2017 I want to help people and be the voice for those who can’t speak loud enough.

Jack Poulish Year 8
Favourite Food – Thai Curry.
Music I enjoy Hip Hop.
I like to play sport.
I live with my Dad.
My pets – Candy (dog).
What I hope to achieve in 2017 continue helping fellow students by representing them, encouraging and supporting them to make the most of opportunities while they are at the college. I hope to do my job as a councillor to the best of my abilities.

Noah Middleton Year 9
Favourite Food – Icecream.
Music I enjoy funky tunes.
I like to play cricket.
I live just out of town.
My pets Archie (dog) and a goldfish.
What I hope to achieve in 2017 get good grades and make a 50 in cricket.

Jye Williss Year 9
Favourite Food – white Lindt chocolate.
Music I enjoy any really.
I like to play sport.
I live on a farm, 50km’s out from Barker.
My pets a dog.
What I hope to achieve in 2017 help Mt Barker be a better place.

Nathaniel Lethbridge Year 10
Favourite Food – any and all.
I like to eat food.

Jack Davenport Year 11
Favourite Food – Whatever comes my way.
Music I enjoy What the radio plays.
I like to ride my motorbike.
I live at home.
My pets - dog.
What I hope to achieve in 2017 is to finish Year 11.
Hayden Poulter Year 11

Favourite Food – something healthy (depends).
Music I enjoy - anything.
I like to watch movies.
I live to help others.
My pets are very needy.
What I hope to achieve in 2017 to reach my potential as a student and hopefully become better than that.

Sarah Eisenberg Year 12

Favourite Food – don’t have one.
Music I enjoy all sorts.
I like to study!.
I live at home with my Mum and Dad.
My pets - dog.
What I hope to achieve in 2017 is to complete Yr 12, achieve a good ATAR to go to university, make my parents proud.

Rose Julia Leopardi Year 12

Favourite Food – ☺️ eggs on a good day!.
Music I enjoy Rap/pop.
I like to study/achieve high results at school/help people.
I live in Kendenup.
My pets - dog/pig/hen/chickens/horses/duck.
What I hope to achieve in 2017 100% attendance/straight a’s in my top 4 ATAR and award (highest achieving for each)/DUX/win Peace Prize.

Georgia Gribble Year 12

Favourite Food – Tim Tams.
Music I enjoy Beyonce.
I like to do school work.
I live in Mount Barker.
My pets – Jy (cat) Ragnar (dog).
What I hope to achieve in 2017 ATAR of 85.

Karlie Baesjou Year 12

Favourite Food – Nic’s chips and aioli. Chicken/pork roast. Cookies and cream ice cream.
Music I enjoy I like a lot of music. R&B, Soul, Pop,Alternative, Indie Rock are just some.
I like to read, help others when possible, hang out with close friends, caring about others before myself.
I live in Mt Barker, out on Woggie Road on a farm.
My pets - None.
What I hope to achieve in 2017 is to get my WACE and graduate school.

Zoë Bail Year 1

Favourite Food – I honestly don’t have one.
Music I enjoy anything really. I like it all.
I like to spend time with my family and friends.
I live in Mt Barker.
My pets – One cat named Jimmy.
What I hope to achieve in 2017 is to graduate High School with my WACE.
**Tiarna Wallinger Year 12**

**Favourite Food** – Banana Bread, Chocolate, curry....(the list goes on).

**Music I enjoy** Ed Sheeran! And many more!

**I like to** train/ride my horse, art, read, competing my horse.

**I live** with my family in Mount Barker.

**My pets** – ‘Reopen Riley’ (horse) & Jackson (dog).

**What I hope to achieve in 2017**

To try my best in everything I do. I hope to continue to learn and improve.

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**YouthCARE Bulb Fundraiser**

Your child would have bought a “Tulips with a difference” catalogue home last week. If you want to make a purchase fill out the order form on the catalogue with your name, address and a contact number and place the order with the correct money attached- or a cheque made out to YouthCare Mount Barker. The order form needs to be placed in the specially marked box in the front office of Mount Barker Community College by Friday March 10.

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**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 personal 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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**OLNA Testing**

OLNA Testing for our Senior Students will be happening in weeks 6 & 7. Each student has a personalised timetable which tells them when their tests are and where to go.

It also gives some general information and says all the ‘rules’ they need to be aware of. Any issues – see Ms Prior.

**OLNA Testing 2017**

**WEEK 6 - WRITING** (Mon: Public Holiday, Tues: 3-6 Swim Carnival)

Wed 8 March period 4 – Year 11/12 (20 students)

Thurs 9 March Period 3. All Year 10s

Friday 10 March Period 3 – anyone who missed Writing test Yr 10 – 12

**WEEK 7 - NUMERACY**

Mon 13 March period 2 – Year 11/12

Monday 13 March Period 3. All Year 10s

**WEEK 7 - READING**

Tues 14 March period 3 – Year 11/12

Friday 17 March Period 3. All Year 10s

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**SECONDARY ASSISTANCE SCHEME**

You may be eligible for up to $350 towards school expenses.

Applicants Close: Friday 7 April 2017

ASK SCHOOL RECEPTION FOR MORE INFORMATION

Please note cut-off date for application
Get your Garlic now

Wanted by Ms Guy!

Old quality clear cotton t-shirts!
Any size, any style - just appropriate for school!

Please drop them at the front office or Ms Guy’s room.
Thank you!

College Banking – Bendigo Bank

Student banking days will be held in E Block each Friday fortnight between 8.30am – 9.00am starting on March 10th.

To open a Piggy Saver Account for your child, please contact Mount Barker Community Bank® Branch, 4 Short Street Mount Barker WA 6324.

Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Mount Barker Community Bank® Branch on 08 9851 2633

Breakfast Club

YouthCARE normally run our Breakfast Club program on Tuesday and Thursdays before school in the Bush Block however due to camps and conferences over the next 3 weeks Breakfast Club will not be running and will start again in week 9.

March Munch 2017

March Munch 2017
6th – 31st March

Our school is taking part in March Munch, where students challenge themselves to crunch on vegetables for Crunch & Sip during the month of March.

Crunch & Sip is a set break during the school day for students to eat vegetables or fruit and drink water in the classroom. As only 1 in 6 primary school kids in WA eat enough vegetables, our school is encouraging kids to choose vegies for Crunch & Sip to help boost this figure.

Please send vegetables for your child to eat for Crunch & Sip during March. Sugar snap peas, a whole carrot, cut up capsicum, broccoli 
tops or celery sticks are all great choices.


Your P&C Canteen

Pancake Days

MBCC Canteen

Year 7 – 12 – Wednesday, 1st March
Pre Primary – Year 6 – Wednesday, 8th March

- 3 Stack Honey or Maple Syrup $4.00
- 3 Stack Apple & Cinnamon $5.00
- 3 Stack Blueberry $5.00
- Chocolate Crackers $1.50
- Honey Joy $1.00

Gluten Free Options
- 3 Stack Honey or Maple Syrup $4.50
- 3 Stack Apple & Cinnamon $5.00
- 3 Stack Blueberry $5.00

Pre orders can be taken
Order at canteen or online http://www.tempeps.com.au/

Bike it for Brekky

BIKE IT FOR BREKKY
THURSDAY 23 MARCH 2017
Get on your bike! Pedal on down for a free brekky & bring a friend
College Ball

A Night in Candy Land
GOLDEN TICKET

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 best choice for under 18s. Scientific 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 mental and physical 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 after 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 advice 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 abuse of someone in your family, the parent and Family Drug Support Line has professional counsellors available 24 hours a day on 1800 353 263.

Post Ball Parties

Post school ball parties – what parents and students need to know

Students look forward to having a great night out at the school ball, but parents may be concerned about what could happen afterwards at post-school ball parties, especially if alcohol is involved.

Parents need to know that the Western Australian secondary supply laws now make 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. The law carries a hefty fine of up to $10,000.

The law is particularly significant for post-school ball parties because it places responsibilities on both parents and students.

Parents who host post-ball parties where alcohol is provided must be certain that children attending the party have been given permission to drink by their parent or guardian, without relying on the child’s word alone. The law offers strong support for parents to resist pressure from their children to drink alcohol and this reason alone to refuse can also send a strong message to the person hosting the party.

There are other good reasons why young people should not drink alcohol. An Australian School-based Alcohol and Drug Survey study found that of students who drank on a singleoccasion in the previous week, more than one-third drank at harmful levels. The post-school ball party ranks as a single-occasion where alcohol-related harm is likely to occur.

The evidence indicates that young people are more likely to engage in dangerous behaviour when they drink than when sober. Young people are more likely to risk being physically injured and become involved in risky sexual or violent behaviour.

Our school is committed to protecting students from harms and we urge parents to respect the Australian National Health and Medical Research Council’s recommendation hat children and young people under the age of 10 do not drink alcohol.

Vancouver Street Festival – Craft Project

Our College is going to be involved in the Building Wrap project for the Vancouver Street Festival in Albany on Sat 6th May. The project is to knit, crochet, weave etc, from wool or other yarn, pieces that can be joined to make a long scarf, 50cm wide.

I am wanting staff, students and community members to be involved if possible, either individually or in groups.

I will be available Thursdays after school and Friday lunchtimes to meet with interested students, staff and community members who would like to get together to be involved. Our section of the ‘scarf’ will be returned to us after the event, and participants may incorporate their initials or some other identifying mark into their piece. Students may also earn hours towards Community Service for their involvement.

I can teach students to knit or crochet. Pieces can be made at home, and I may need some assistance in joining them together.

I am also looking for donations of yarns, knitting needles and crochet hooks (not too small!), so if you have any of these lying around that you are not using could you please bring them along and leave them at the College Office for my attention.

Please contact me at kaye.louwen@education.wa.edu.au or on 0423833339 to express your interest, or to gain further information.

Kaye Louwen

Plantagenet School of Classical Ballet are holding classes at the Mount Barker Community College Music Room.

Beginners 4-6yrs 3:30 to 4:10pm Thursday
Preparatory 7-8yrs 4:14 to 5pm Thursday
Transition (pointe and adult beginners 8-9am Saturday)

Grade 3, 9-12 yrs 9-10am Saturday
Floor barre (core exercise class for all ages) 10-11am Saturday

Any further information Becky 0427 123 065
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.

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, i.e. turning 8yrs 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 sheet 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 513426 during school hours or phone/text 0438 192 488 with your name any time after 7.30am.

Yours faithfully
Craig Gibson
Instructor

Albany Academy of Dance
Is looking for interest for Term 2 in Mount Barker
For a 5 week Jazz course on Monday after school for years 3-5 and another class for years 6-9 running 45mim at $60 for the 5 weeks
Please contact Akelina Lembo by email akelina93@yahoo.com.au or 0481334667

FAMILY Games Day
Sunday 12th March
When: 10.00am – 4.00pm
Mount Barker

Laser-scape bookings are essential $20 per person (hrs – adult)

For bookings, please contact:
Scott on 98531110 or email poronguruplps@westnet.com.au
Bouncy Castle and other games available.

Sausage sizzle for lunch. Water provided.
Contact Scott on 98531110 or email poronguruplps@westnet.com.au

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

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School Dates for 2017