Shrove Tuesday

It’s a funny name I know. The word ‘shrove’ means having been cleansed through confessing one’s sins and receiving forgiveness/pardon. You might know Shrove Tuesday as Pancake Tuesday or Fat Tuesday (which translated into French is Mardi Gras). These various names all refer to the same thing.

Shrove Tuesday is the last day before the church season of Lent begins. During Lent, Christians are encouraged to reflect on their life and remember why Christ suffered and died for them. Part of the reflection might include fasting – going without certain things. Traditionally people would go without meat or fatty foods in Lent. That’s why on the day before Lent started (Ash Wednesday) people cleaned out of their home all the remaining rich foods – meat, eggs, milk, butter etc. As a result people would eat until they could eat no more, hence the name Fat Tuesday/ Mardi Gras.

It’s one thing to clean out your pantry, but what really needs cleaning out is our heart and conscience. We live in a society that lacks for nothing. We can party and eat more than we need every day. That’s why going without (fasting) is a good way to remember how lucky we are to live in Australia. There are millions of people around the world who struggle to even have just one meal a day.

But it’s not just enough to think about these people; we need to do something practical to help them too. So if you chose to go without something this Lent why not put the money you save aside and give it to a group that supports and helps those in need. Jesus tells us, “Whenever you did it for any of my people, no matter how unimportant they seemed, you did it for me.” (Matthew 25:40)

Cheers, Peter Hage (School Pastor)

Principals Ponderings

Parents & Friends Annual General Meeting
With the AGM of the P&F occurring this Thursday, I encourage all parents to join this wonderful group of parents who serve tirelessly our school.

Their service last year saw the purchase of four large shelters and in 2012, their support for your child(ren) will be in the vicinity of $35,000-$40,000. A truly remarkable effort.

So, I’ll see you on Thursday at 7.00pm in the staffroom.

Class Church Service
As outlined at your child’s enrolment interview, the school does expect families to attend one Sunday church service every two years. This expectation is reasonable considering that St Mark’s is a Lutheran school owned and operated by St Mark’s Lutheran Church, Mt Barker. Without the foresight of church members 35 years ago, St Mark’s Lutheran School would not exist.

Your teachers should have indicated at the Parent/Teacher Night when the church service for your class (Reception-Year 3 only) will be held in 2012. If not, the School Directory will list those details when it is released shortly.

Please note the relevant date in your diary and please support the school and church by making sure your child is able to participate.

It is not a lot to ask!

Year 3SM will be contributing to the service this Sunday at 10.30am.

Andrew Messenger
Principal
Prayer Support
Please keep the following families and staff members in your prayers:
Joanne Barnes & James Blandford and Matthew Celena & Hugo Blows and Isaac & Thomas Tanya & Jason Blucher and Caitlyn Annette & Joshua Borg and Chloe Charlotte & Daniel Bowden and Wesley Julianne Ferris Peter Hage

Bursary & School Card Applications
Bursary and School Card Application forms are now available from the front office. Please see Julianne.

Mt Barker Lutheran Netball Club
All new players, coaches, umpires and members are welcome to register for this Winter Season from 9 & Under through to A Grade.
Registration forms are due by Friday 24 February 2012 and can be left at the school’s Reception Desk with Julianne Ferris or delivered to Juanita Kleinig at Lock Around The Clock, 17 Walker Street, Mt Barker.
Please collect all necessary forms from Julianne at Reception or phone Juanita and request relevant information to be emailed to you.
Our Club is looking forward to another enjoyable and successful season.
Any enquiries please phone Juanita Kleinig on 0417 872 548 or 8391 3909 ah.

Net-Set-Go
The Mt Barker Lutheran Netball Club is looking to run the Net-Set-Go program again for children born in 2005 and 2006. This program is designed to run over the course of 10 weeks and introduce children to the basics of netball and to build their confidence and ball skills. All equipment is provided and ready to go along with a session by session plan to follow. In previous years we have started in Week 3 of Term 2, had a break over the school holidays and continued in Term 3. The Club is in need of two parents who would be willing to run this program, if you are interested please contact Juanita Kleinig on 0417 872 548 or 8391 3909 ah.

Coming Up
- School Council Meeting - Tuesday 21st February
- Fete Convenor’s Meeting - Wednesday 22nd February
- Parents & Friends Annual General Meeting - Thursday 23rd February
- Chapel - Friday 24th February
- Class Church Service (Year 3SM) - Sunday 26th February
- Year 6/7 Camp - Monday 27th February - Wednesday 29th February
- Year 2 Bible Presentation - Tuesday 28th February @ 1pm
- Assembly - Wednesday 29th February

For Your Information
- Irish Dancing - lessons for pupils from 4 years (girls & boys) @ Littlehampton, Saturday afternoons once per fortnight - enquiries 8250 5333
- Penny Lane Market Grand Opening on Saturday 10th March @ Cornerstone College, 10am-3pm. Over 70 stalls showcasing boutique handmade products and services - www.pennylanemarket.com
- INDOOR NETBALL New competition is commencing April at the Trema Dome Sports Centre, Mt Barker. Wednesday mornings, school terms only. Social competition, child friendly environment, kiosk. $7 p/p. For more information call Jackie on 83910880 / 0410480172.

St Mark’s
Parent’s & Friends
Annual General Meeting
Thursday, 23rd February
7.00pm - Staff Room

PLEASE SEE FULL LISTING OF FETE STALLS ON THE BACK PAGE OF THIS NEWSLETTER
St Mark's Easter-Fun-Fete.....hop to it!

Saturday 31st March 2012
10:30am to 2:00pm

CONVENORS MEETING
Wednesday 22nd February 2012 7:30pm
At The Auchendarroch in the front lounge

This is the one meeting convenors are encouraged to attend. There will be important information that needs to be discussed. It is also a chance for the committee to offer you their support.

Each stall requires multiple helpers; it's not too late to put your name down to help!
Thank you to all have already offered support, that’s the spirit we need for a successful fete.

Musical Talents
We are looking for anyone that is musically talented to play around the Fete for short periods of time to entertain families on the day.
Violinists, Guitarists, Singers, Wind instruments etc etc

(Please leave your name and number with Julianne in the front office for the committee)

White Elephant Stall
Time to clean out your old furniture, kitchen ware, working electrical appliances, odds n sods etc etc.

(Please NO clothes or shabby items)

ITEMS can be left on the following dates ONLY Fri 23/Sat 24/Sun 25 March, at the School Shed.

We are asking if the families of St Marks could please donate!
Any donations will be greatly appreciated;
Prizes for the children, general auction items, Silent auction items & goods for the Yellow Brick Road bag. It all helps!

(Donations can be left in the front office for the committee to collect)

All businesses that donate will be advertised on Fete day.
All monies raised at the 2012 School Fete will be used to purchase Interactive White Boards (IWBS) for the classroom.

The Next Fete Committee Meeting Is On Wednesday 29th February At 7:30pm
In The Staff Room, New Families Are Always Welcome.
Thank you on behalf of the 2012 St Marks Easter-Fun-Fete.....Hop to it! Committee.

STALL CONVENOR/HELPER - SATURDAY 31ST MARCH 2012

_________________________________________ would be interested in convening/helping (please circle)

(Print name)

_________________________________________ the ____________________________ stall at the 2012 School Fete.
(Please return reply slip to the front office - thank you)
ST MARK’S SCHOOL FETE
SATURDAY 31ST MARCH 2012

The following listing of parent operated stalls requires your support. Please return the reply slip included in this newsletter.

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(Finance: Linda Formosa, Peter Maddox, Jane Todd)

CLASS STALLS:

Reception Balloons
Year 1 Bottles
Year 2daC Lucky Dips
Year 2K Knock ‘em Down
Year 3SM Pick-a-Stick
Year 3w Popcorn
Year 4 Nerf Wars
Year 5 Toys
Year 6/7K Café
Year 6/7V & B Sideshow Alley (ducks, card darts, 20c coin throw, wet sponge)

Each child can make a ‘Mad Hat’ for the Mad Hatter’s Parade and decorate an ‘Easter Egg’