Never Lost

One of the things about me you may not know, is that I don’t have a great sense of direction. When I am out of my familiar surroundings, I’m not really sure which way to head. If you are going to be lost in the bush with someone, I’m probably not your go to person to navigate the way out.

In theory, losing your sense of direction shouldn’t be a problem in our world. Besides good old fashioned maps, you can grab your phone or Navman and simply follow the directions. You don’t even need to know where you are to be told how to get to your destination. Devices can seem to do it all - as long as you have battery power, up to date software and maps loaded and signal.

This Friday, as part of our weekly chapel, each of our Year 2 students will be given a special gift that has the potential to ensure they will never be lost in life. And it’s a gift that most of us may have already received or at least come across somewhere. The Bible is God’s great roadmap and guide for our lives.

It first and foremost tells us how much God loves and points us to Jesus as our saviour. It shows us how we can live as God’s family, with a sense of purpose and inner peace. It gives us a reference for all our questions and challenges in life.

That’s why Friday is such an important day for our Year 2 students. At our chapel service we will be joined by the St Mark’s Church Ladies Fellowship. Once again they have made a generous financial contribution towards the cost of the bible, because they, like me, believe God when he tells us:

‘Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light for my path’ Psalm 119: 105

New Resources

At the P and F AGM last Thursday it was pleasing to be able to acknowledge and thank them for the substantial contribution towards resources they made in 2013 to benefit student learning in our school. As the photographs show, we were able to purchase $5000 of literacy resources. This provided guided reading packs for use in classrooms.

As you will have also seen, the Interactive Whiteboards have added to the engagement of students in their learning.

‘Our Community Fete’

Planning continues for our fete which is a little over five weeks away. An updated stall list has been included. If you have not yet let us know how you can help, please call the office and we can find a place for you to help. If we have listed you in an area you are not sure about, please contact the office.

In addition to the stalls listed, there will be a number of ‘market stalls’, children’s entertainment and an auction and raffle. You can stay up to date with the latest fete information and help us to promote our fete by visiting and liking our Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/FeteStMarks2014

It’s been exciting to hear students planning their scarecrow designs and honing their cupcake cooking skills ready for two of our competitions. Entry forms will be available online at our Facebook page as well as from the front office.

Please also let us know if you are interested in ordering the quality Bleasdale wines we will have available as part of our fete.

Outdoor Learning

This week, both our Year 3 and Year 6 classes are spending three days experiencing outdoor learning activities. Our Year 3 students are based at Aldinga while I have joined our Year 6 students at the Murraylands Aquatic Centre.

Uniform Matters

Thank you to families who have supported our approach to a consistent uniform at St Mark’s. Wearing the correct uniform is an acknowledgement that we are part of a community that cooperates and works together.

If students are not wearing the correct uniform, I have asked teachers to use our uniform reminder notice to bring it to your attention. If you have any questions regarding uniform requirements, please contact the school.

James H
Principal

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No Parking
Parents are asked not to park on the white lines along the exit driveway (kiss and drop). This is not a parking space. Parking here obstructs people exiting the school. Your attention to this matter is appreciated.

COURIER CUP SAPSASA SWIMMING CARNIVAL
On Thursday 24th February, 2014 the St Mark’s swimming squad will compete in the SAPSASA Swimming Carnival. 14 students have been selected to compete at this event and we wish them all the best.
Bailey H  Blake L
Akeera C  Chelsi B
Morgan M  Alex J
Levi L  Henry H
Alyssa W  Damon L
Mitchell H  Matthew L
Abi H  Chloe B
We also wish Alex J all the best as he competes in the Courier Cup heat races held Wednesday evening.

MOUNT BARKER LUTHERAN NETBALL CLUB TRIALS
Trials will be held at the St Mark’s Lutheran School Court. The Club recommends players attend at least two of the trial sessions. 9 & Under girls will only trial on Saturday 1 March 2014. It is important that you dress suitably for trials, ie sports clothes, wear sneakers and bring a water bottle.
Saturday 1 March 2013
3 - 4pm  13 & Under (DOB 2001 & 2002)
4 - 5pm  15 & Under (DOB 1999 & 2000)
5 - 6pm  17 & Under (DOB 1997 & 1998)
6 - 7pm  Seniors
Thursday 6 March and Wednesday 12 March
4 - 5pm  11 & Under
5 - 6pm  13 & Under
6 - 7pm  15 & Under
7 - 8.30pm 17 & Under & Seniors
Go Flames!!!

Book Club
The next lot of order forms have been handed out today. Orders and payment are due in to the office by Wednesday 19th March.
I have an unnamed order from Issue 1. It is a “Fly Guy” book. If your child did not get their order, please see me.

Library
For your Information - I am not working on Mondays this year. If you wish to pick up books for covering or talk to me for any reason please come in Tuesday - Friday.
Thank you.
Louise P
Teacher/Librarian

Coming Up
• School Council Meeting - Tuesday 25th February
• SAPSASA Swimming Carnival (Courier Cup) (4-6) - Thursday 27th February
• Chapel - Friday 28th February
• Year 2L Class - St Mark’s Worship Service - Sunday 2nd March @ 10.30am
• Senior Chapel - Monday 3rd March
• Junior Chapel - Tuesday 4th March
• Australian Lutheran World Service Awareness Day (Springhead Trinity Lutheran) - Wednesday 5th March

For Your Information
Mt Barker Football Club
Junior Registration Day on Friday 7th March 5-8pm.
Under 8-11 and Under 13 & 15.
Skills sessions and bbq preceding senior internal trial.
David Kinchington, Junior Director 0466 501 283.