Have you ever experienced that joy deep inside you when you have something so exciting to share that you are almost bursting to tell someone. On Friday during our chapel service Pastor Clayton reminded us how God’s incredible news of his love, grace and forgiveness for us is the sort of news we don’t just what to know about, or even know about and keep to ourselves, but rather news that is so exciting that we burst it forth to all our friends to let them share in the blessings it provides.

When we talk about St Mark’s being a Lutheran school and we are asked what does that mean, I think Pastor Clayton nailed it for us. We want St Mark’s to be a place where God’s amazing love for us at Friday’s Chapel, his grace to us and his forgiveness of us is known by all and shared by all – in each and every moment. If that’s how we are striving to be imagine the joy we’ll have together.

**Luke 4:18 - The spirit of the Lord is upon me for he has anointed me to tell the good news.**

**Congratulations to our student leaders**
Last Friday we announced and installed our School House Captains and Semester One SRC representatives into their positions. They will join our 2016 School Captains, Luke Davis and Danae Verwey as our elected student leaders.

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Traffic issues solved!
I can’t wait for the day when I can proclaim this to you all. The truth probably is I won’t be doing this anytime soon and we have to accept that our location and physical site means we are going to have to work within known procedures to be as safe and efficient as we can.
Of great concern to me at the moment is the increasing reports of frustration I am receiving from school families and our neighbouring residents along Hampden Rd that St Mark’s families are breaking the road rules around our site.

Please note we ask that students riding bicycles and scooters to hop off them at the entrance to our school and walk them up the driveway. The walking lane alongside the driveway is too narrow and busy for students to ride on.

Staffing news
Speaking of news that is exciting to share, we join with Mrs Innes (class 5I teacher) and Frau Loffelbein (German teacher) as they excitedly look forward to the arrival of babies later this year. As parents we all appreciate what an exciting time this is in their lives.

Later in the year we have staff, including myself who will be taking accrued leave that has been well earnt over a number of years. Mrs Angwin, Miss Liebelt and Mrs Uebergang will be on leave in Term Four while Mrs Messenger will be on leave in Term Three. I will be on long service leave during Term Two. I will be seeking to fill these short term vacancies in the near future.

This week’s events and activities
Wednesday 24th February – Fete team planning meeting in the library at 7:30 pm
Thursday 25th February – P and F AGM at 7 pm in the library. All parents and friends of the school are welcome to attend.
Friday 26th February - whole school chapel led by 5I class in the hall @9:00 am followed by Coffee N Chat in the Library.

Events and activities on the horizon
Friday 4th March - The blessing of 2016 class carers and presentation of bibles to our Year 2 students at school chapel.
Monday 29th to Wednesday 2nd March - Year 3 camp at Aldinga.
Friday 18th March - F to Year 6 twilight sports day. Students attend from 12:40 pm.
Saturday 9th April - St Mark’s ‘International’ Fete from 10 to 3 pm.

The P&F AGM is this Thursday at 7pm in the Staff room.
All current and new parents and friends welcome!

‘Congratulations to the following students who have gained selection in the St. Mark’s Courier Cup Team:


These students will represent St. Mark’s in Week 5, Thursday the 3rd of March, we wish them all the best.’
Music & Drama News

This year, all Foundation to Year 6 students will attend a regular Music/Drama class with me each week. Students are being taught beat, rhythm, tempo and pitch this term, with lots of percussion playing, singing & moving activities in the Music room. Year 3 students are all learning the recorder in our weekly classes and have already learnt the first 3 notes. Year 4 students will begin our exciting ukulele program, so we can sing and play our favourite tunes using these wonderful string instruments. Year 5 & 6 students will participate in a jam-packed year full of Music and Drama activities to stimulate their artistic talents and develop their performing arts skills.

In Week 6, all students will be treated to a visit from African drumming specialists with a concert in the St Mark’s school hall on Tuesday 8th March at 2.30 – 3.00pm. Year 5 & 6 students will also participate in workshops with the musicians earlier in the day as part of their learning in the topics of Beat & Rhythm.

The St Mark’s School Band & Senior Choir have begun rehearsals for 2016, trialling new music and getting to know fellow music students. Band rehearsals begin at 8.30am sharp each Thursday morning, with the hall open from 8.20am for students to set up and warm up their instruments. Choir is being attended by some very keen Year 4, 5 & 6 students who will soon be asked to commit to the exciting task of serving our community through song for 2016. If your child is interested but has not attended a rehearsal yet, they are very welcome to come along from 1.20pm this Thursday to see if they would like to join us.

If your child is interested in learning Piano, Drums, Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone, Violin or Guitar, please collect an enrolment form from the front office. If you need to hire an instrument, we can organise this for you. The required forms for hiring may also be collected from the front office. Keep in mind that St Mark’s offers subsidised hiring of instruments and lessons in year 3 & 4 for the Band instruments. There are still a few vacancies for trumpet, trombone & saxophone.

Thank you,
Narelle Steffan

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African Drumming
Thank you for the quick response from families with offers for assistance at our fete.

I’d like to draw your attention to the competitions that are part of the fete. Leading up to our fete students are encouraged to submit an entry for the ‘Design a wine label’ competition. These Entry Forms are due in this Friday. Another copy has been included in this edition.

On the day there will be a Scarecrow competition as well as a Lego competition as part of the amazing exhibition that will be on display from the Southern Brick Lego Brick Users group. Information on these came home last week in the fete pack.

Yesterday we sent home a number of fliers to each family. I ask you to please pass them onto your families and friends.

We do still require assistance with:
- Convenors for Yiros & BBQ stalls.
- Raffle & Silent Auction donations

Thank you

**Sports Day 2016**

**DON’T FORGET THE ANNUAL ST. MARK’S SPORTS DAY!!!** Two days of exciting activities starting on Wednesday the 16th of March, students from Years 4-6 will be competing in two events; 600m and Discus. The 600m event will begin at 9am followed by Discus between recess and lunch in order of the youngest to eldest age group. On Friday the 18th of March, the whole school will be competing in a number of athletic and novelty events in competition for the Sports Day House Shield. For those families who wish to have lunch at the school prior to the event, you can arrive at 12:00pm. The P&F will have lunch provided if you wish to purchase it. Otherwise students are expected to have had lunch and **be in their classrooms at 12:40pm for roll call.** The presentation of the House Shield is scheduled to be at 5:40pm with a community tea run by the P&F to follow.

A final program and map of events will be included in the newsletter in the coming weeks.

Have you or do you know someone who has migrated to Australia?

The Year 6 classes are studying the history of migration to Australia during this term and would love to participate in interviews with migrants who have come to Australia. They are particularly seeking people with stories that relate to:

- Displaced people from World War 2
- Migrants from Asian countries
- People who migrated as part of the 10£ Pom or Bring out a Brit campaigns
- Refugees
- Migrants looking for better opportunities

If you are or you know of anyone who has migrated to Australia due to any of these reasons, or if you have another great migration story to tell, please send Miss Barolo or Miss Hein an email to organise a time to be interviewed.

Thank you!

dbarolo@stmarks.sa.edu.au or khein@stmarks.sa.edu.au

**For the first time at the St Mark’s School Fete, there will be a “Bargain Boutique” stall!**

We will be selling **NEW** and **GENTLY WORN** ladies, mens and children’s clothing, accessories, school and sporting uniforms.

Now is the perfect time to go through your wardrobes and cupboards and clear out any items that you no longer love.

Bring your donations into the Front Office and we will gratefully accept them.

If you have any questions, please contact Sam Jones at sam@joneselectrical.com.au or 0418 802 440.
The South Australian Police visited St Mark’s this morning and presented three different workshops. The Foundation to Year 2 students had the opportunity to learn about the role of police while the Year 4 & 5 students learnt about policing in the community. The uniformed police officer provided information about the different tasks carried out by police, why Police carry special equipment, how to access emergency help by calling 000 and how to identify who and where to go for help. The Year 5 & 6 students were informed of the Cyber Related Laws in South Australia and how to keep themselves safe while using electronic communication technologies.

St Mark’s thanks Senior Constable Elizabeth Bruce from the Crime Prevention Section for her informative sessions.

We need your help!!!
Is your child wearing matching school shoes???
We are looking for a size 10 Clarke shoe with a rubber sole as opposed to a plastic sole.

Please let Leanne know if you are able to help.

Thank you

Congratulations to Martin and Kim Riegert on the arrival of a beautiful baby boy, Joshua on 9th December. A little brother for Harrison (FH) and Madeleine. We wish you God’s blessings as you celebrate this special gift from Him.
DRAMA

CREATIVE MOVEMENT & DRAMA GAMES with Kerstin von Shearing
6 sessions, starting Monday 29th February
6-10 years olds - 4.5pm
Mount Barker Town Hall 34-38 Gawler Street
Cost: $96 + $25 Ink Pot membership
In this workshop the children can explore their creative body expression, developing character, story development and self-expression all in a fun and welcoming environment. The term will conclude with an informal sharing to parents.
Kerstin von Shearing has worked as a Performer and Educator in Performing Arts for over 9 years and has a Practice in Arts Therapy. She has worked with children in various fields for over 20 years. Her passion is in providing a space for children to be creative using their imaginations and bodies and working as a team and having fun.

CIRCUS

CIRCUS for 4-6 year olds with Dimitry Shopova
7 sessions starting Saturday 20th February
Saturdays 9:30am - 10:15am
Mount Barker Town Hall 34-38 Gawler Street
Cost: $112 + $25 annual Ink Pot Membership
Circus is fun, infectious and a great way to develop co-ordination and confidence! These workshops provide participants with a chance to develop a variety of circus skills specially chosen for young children, including games, tumbling, pyramids, hoops, flower sticks and balance skills. The term will culminate in an informal skill sharing session during the final class.
Dimitry Shopova brings a background in Circus performance and training together with her Primary Teaching experience to provide a fun introduction to circus for young children. A former performer with the Cirkidz performing troupe, she also taught circus classes there for four years. In 2005 she completed her Diploma of Early Childhood Education and in 2011-2012 took part in Steiner Teacher training at Sheoak College.

BOOKINGS E: quill@inkpot.com.au or M: 0429 673 327
Come & Try options available for all classes, 15% discount for a second child and 20% for third child attending in a family

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Dear Parents/Caregivers,

This term we have started things off by welcoming our new OSHC kids. Our better buddy program is one that includes activities and games allowing kids to get to know each other and familiarise themselves with our routines. I would like to give a special thanks to many of our OSHC leaders who have gone above and beyond the expectations of a buddy/leader.

Jaslyn Kupke, Kiara McInnes, Lizzie Venus, Stella Raymond, Jack Virieux, Danae Verwey, Hayley Faehrmann and Jada Sharp have been exceptional buddies and have gone out of their way to make our new Foundations feel welcome and at home. This includes guiding them, taking to them to class in the mornings, helping them find activities they enjoy and playing numerous games which highlight getting to know each other.

WELL DONE GUYS!! ☺

This term our theme is ‘Heathly Choices’ as chosen by the group. We have already started our paper mache craft which include sports equipment and healthy food – displaying how the OSHC kids choose to be healthy every day.

If you are looking to book your child into our service, it can be done online through the parent portal. All information regarding registering your child can be found on our website – www.campaustralia.com.au or customer service 1300 105 343.

Thank you,
Sam Thomas
0403 731 488
St Mark’s Lutheran School “International Fete” 2016
Design a Wine Label Entry Form

We have been presented with the opportunity once again to purchase some sensational Langhorne Creek wine at a great price. This year wine is provided by Brothers in Arms Wines. Both red and white wine will be made available to purchase as part of the St Mark’s Lutheran School Fete Fundraiser.

Foundation – Year 6 students are invited to design a wine label. There will be two designs chosen, one for the white label and one for the red label.

What you need to do: Design/draw a picture for the wine label which needs to fit in the box provided below. It is important to keep your picture inside the box. Remember the theme for the fete is “International”. Please fill in your details below and return your completed design to the front office by 4pm Friday, February 26 with your gold coin donation.

Winners will be announced soon after at assembly and prizes awarded.

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