



Foundation students enjoyed the bamboo 'jungle' at the Adelaide Zoo last week.

Wang Wang and Fu Ni were spotted in their enclosure as well!

Faith Focus

Shine A Light

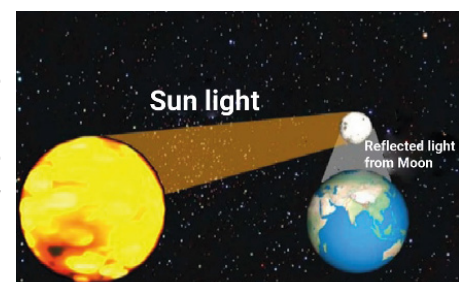
During last week's chapel time together, it seemed for a short time, that Miss Liebelt was giving more of a science lesson than a chapel service. She was sharing facts about the sun and the moon. Some were surprised to hear that even though we clearly see the moon and enjoy moonlight, it is actually a dark mass that doesn't generate its own light. She explained we have moonlight because it receives and reflects the light of the sun. She then explained our Christian belief, that by ourselves we can't earn forgiveness or generate God's love for others on our own.

On Sunday, our Lutheran churches celebrated the first church reformation. It's a time when we particularly remember the bible passage:

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God. Ephesians 2:8

To rephrase this using Miss Liebelt's example, we could say 'we are the moon but Jesus is the sun/son who has won our forgiveness'. We don't contribute to that, but once we have it, we can radiate God's love and forgiveness to others.

At St Mark's, we believe that because God first loves us, despite anything and everything we might have done, we are forgiven and then have a source to show love, care and kindness to others.



James Heyne

Important Bits

Principal Ponderings

It's not too many more days and November begins. More and more conversations are focusing on the year we have experienced with all its challenges and a hope that 2021 will be different with a return to our usual activities – especially having you all back in and around our classrooms. We certainly do look forward to more day to day onsite engagement with you next year.

While we don't want to diminish in any way the challenges of this year, I also don't want to wish away the rest of the year or not appreciate the learning and growth that has occurred throughout the year. I look at our Foundation students and see some of the most independent, well organised and flexible 5 and 6 year olds we have seen. I've spoken about the increased self-management skills of our students. Knowing that we can face struggles and changes to what we have planned, is a wonderful life skill.

For those that are keeping count, today is the 14th of 43 opportunities we have this term for **'Learning and Growing'** at St Mark's. We want every day to count.

World Teacher Day

Tomorrow is set aside to celebrate World Teacher Day in Australia. Without overlooking or diminishing the incredible role all our staff play, tomorrow is an opportunity to publicly acknowledge and thank our amazing teaching staff for all they do for our students and community.

This year, with all its unique challenges, I am so grateful for the amazing care, nurture and learning for our students. All our staff are a blessing in the lives of our students and community.

School Council News

At our October meeting, we considered the first draft of our 2021 school budget. It is a budget that reflects the complexities of funding for schools and the challenge of making best use of our resources. While the 2021 budget won't be finalised until our November meeting, School Council did commit to maintaining our class structures and staffing levels.

School Council is acutely aware of the financial challenges and uncertainty that exists for a number of families in our COVID normal environment. With this in mind, we have limited the necessary tuition fee increase to the lowest level in over a decade at 2% and have not made any increases to our levies.

Payment Plans

We are working through a number of options to simplify our billing process. One of these options includes a portal that enables you to setup and manage your own payment plan and welcome your feedback on this. We are aware Cornerstone have adopted a similar approach. If you are using this, we are especially interested in your feedback on how this would work at St Mark's.

School Council remains committed to continue to support families impacted financially by COVID-19 and economic impacts and asks that you please contact me to discuss support options.

The 2021 Fee Schedule

1st child	\$890.00 per term or \$3560 p/a
2nd child	\$777.50 per term or \$3110 p/a
3rd child	\$665.00 per term or \$2660 p/a
4th and subsequent children	unchanged at \$62.50 per term or \$250 per annum.

This represents an increase of \$72 per year for each of the first three children in each family.

The tuition fee includes co-curricular activities such as classroom consumables, excursions, swimming, dance and gymnastics programs etc. Camps, stationery and optional activities such as chess club, scholastic book club, instrument lessons and hire and school photographs are invoiced separately on an at cost basis.

Capital Levy remains unchanged at \$250 per family per year.

IT Levy remains unchanged at \$125 per child per year.

All sibling discounts, school card discount and rebates remain unchanged.

Once our budget has been finalised by School Council I'll be able to share the initiatives that we plan to deliver in 2021 for the benefit of our students.

2021 Stationery Orders

After the less than satisfactory performance of the online stationery ordering system we used for 2020, I can advise we have sourced a new supplier who has greater local connections and an understanding of the standard we require.

Adelaide Direct Stationers (ADS) will be providing the service this year and you will shortly receive details on the ordering process and timelines.

We look forward to a much improved service completed on time as ADS uses their own courier delivery service.

School Life

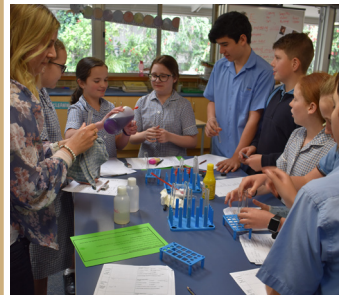
Year 6 News

Last week, the Year 6 classes worked together to perform various science experiments.



The purpose of the demonstration was for students to observe and record the changes in certain materials as they were physically or chemically altered in some way. They used heat, combined ingredients, and applied some physical changes (shaking items) to observe how they would change.

By recording these changes they could work out if the changes were reversible or irreversible, chemical or physical.



Students were able to use their observations to classify each demonstration of change.

Important

A **Payment of \$423.25** was deposited through Westpac Bank (Mount Barker) on Friday, 16th October with no reference. If this is your payment, please contact the front office.

Thank you

LOST!

Brown school jumpers!

Danika V-H (2S) has lost a named size 8

Jess S (5SM) has lost her named jumper

Malia H (5A) has lost a size 10 (named as Maddie Delaine)

Please return to the classrooms if found.

Coming Up

October

Thursday 29th

Cross Country, Keith Stephenson Park - postponed

Friday 30th

Chapel, 9am - led by Pastor Ben

Year 6 excursion - Parliament House

Book Club Orders Due

November

Wednesday 4th

Year 6 Aquatics Excursion

Thursday 5th

Band Rehearsal, 8.20am

Year 6 Aquatics Excursion

Friday 6th

Chapel, 9am - led by 5SM

Important!

Band Rehearsal has been changed to **Thursday, 8.20am.**

A note has been sent home to band students today



Icecream! Icecream! Icecream!

P&F is giving out icecream at lunchtime on Tuesday, 10 November!!!

It is very important that orders are sent in by **Wednesday, 4th November** so students can choose either a Chocolate Paddle Pop, Rainbow Paddle Pop or a Lemonade Ice Block.

Mmmm...Yum!

Hope you have a good week,

Deb Zimmermann

P&F Chairperson

Library News

The Library will soon be doing stocktake and will need all overdue books returned. Notes have been given to students indicating how many books are overdue, and we would appreciate prompt returns. You don't have to wait for your child's library borrowing day, just return them to their class box.



Book Club Order forms have been sent home, and orders (and payment) are due **tomorrow Friday, 30th October**. If you are wanting to order items as Christmas gifts, please notify us and we can put them aside for you to collect at your convenience.

Mrs Paterson

SRC BREAKING NEWS

During this week's assembly, the SRC reminded our community that God tells us to...

Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. (Romans 12:15)

They went on to tell us that Barack Obama, the previous American president, said the following words....

“Learning to stand in somebody else’s shoes, to see through their eyes, that’s how peace begins. And it’s up to you to make that happen. Empathy is a quality of character that can change the world.”

To help us focus on empathy, the SRC will be providing class teachers with an outline of a shoe for each student. **Why a shoe?** Empathy is often explained as being able to walk in another’s shoes and so the SRC we would like students to think about how they can show empathy to others by recording their thoughts on a shoe! Our shoes of empathy will be displayed in the student entrance to remind us of God’s word.... *To rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.*

The SRC are also holding a **soup drive on Friday, November 13th**. Please bring along a can of soup to place along the outline of the word EMPATHY in the courtyard in front of Year 5 classrooms. All cans will go to Hungry No More. The SRC are inviting students to walk in the shoes of those people in our local community who are struggling and sometimes go without food.

The SRC will also be hosting the annual **TALENT QUEST** on **Monday, 7th of December**. Year 4 – 6 students may enter. An audition will be held in each classroom.

A reminder that Zooper Doopers are sold every Friday lunchtime outside the Year 2 classes for \$1. Proceeds will be given to **‘Kickstart for Kids’**.

SRC clubs for Term 4 are as follows!

	Club	Where	Year Level
Monday	Queen Bee	Hall	Year 5 or Year 6
Tuesday	Art Club Soccer Club	Library Little Oval	All year levels Year 2 & 3
Wednesday	Dodge Ball	Hall	Year 3 or Year 4
Thursday	Fitness Club	Hall	All year levels
Friday	Dance Club Gardening Club	Hall Meet under Year 3 verandah	All year levels Year 3 – Year 6

New foundation Students of 2021

We were excited to host a Fun and Games session for our Foundation classes for 2021 this week.



Parents and their children worked their way through a series of fun activities designed to enhance coordination and balance. There was plenty of excitement as the children enjoyed exploring a new space in readiness for joining us in just a few months time.



Achievement Awards

Congratulations

Sameer K (FH) · Anhad T (FH)
Annabelle W (FS) · Finley S (FS)
Sydney B (1D) · Rhys G (1D)
James G (1D) Aarav G (1D)
William O (1D) Jacob S (1M)
Emily B (1M) Cohen L (1M)
Bethany T (2S)
Grace L (3L) Thomas M (3L)
Ella L (3L) Lilliana H (4OW)
Jonah H (4S) Esther R (6SP)
Koby WC (6SP) Olivia U (6B)
Gabriel Z (6B) Tahliz Z (6B)

who received Awards at our Week 3 Assembly.

School Life

Zoo Excursion 2020!



Our Foundation students and helpers loved their time at the Adelaide Zoo.

They used their time to consolidate learning from HASS and Biological Science, and thought about the habitats animals need to survive, and how that is similar to the homes we need to survive.



After their busy day they came back to school for afternoon tea and made their own snack artwork - can you guess what book this is from?



Students love the Pigeon stories by Mo Willems. As part of their afternoon play activities, they drew chalk Pigeons in the style of the book - this one looks just right - amazing artwork Foundations!



The day finished up with a sausage sizzle and icecream cones - a great time was had by all!

Thank you to all of our helpers - we hope we didn't tire you out too much!



Community Life

ZOOPER DOOPERS \$1
Friday @ lunchtime!



YOU COULD PLAY WOOLWORTHS CRICKET BLAST FOR FREE!
SPORTS VOUCHERS

Local programs also available in Nairne and Mount Barker!

Woolworths CRICKET BLAST

OUTDOORS NON-CONTACT

HAVE A BLAST!

GET INTO WOOLWORTHS CRICKET BLAST. IT'S A FUN AND ALL-INCLUSIVE PROGRAM FOR KIDS WITH A DISABILITY – WHETHER IT'S YOUR FIRST TIME WITH A BAT OR YOU'RE A BACKYARD CRICKET STAR!

Echunga Cricket Club
Echunga Oval on Thursday's 4 - 5pm
5/11/20 - 3/12/20 xmas break 28/01/20 - 25/02/21
hully01@live.com
0428 762 359

*BASED ON PROGRAM RRP OF \$99. MORE INFO AT SPORTSVOUCHERS.SA.GOV.AU



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OFFICIAL KIDS PROGRAM



SEASON LAUNCH NOVEMBER 1ST

Join us on Sunday November 1st for our season launch!

- 11 am - 6pm
- Exclusive discounts on Memberships.
- Free ice cream with swim purchase.
- BBQ fundraiser hosted by Mountain Pool Swim Club.
- Enrolments for GoSwim swimming lessons.

Cameron Road,
Mount Barker 5243
8391 1464



Get That Diary Out!

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Cross Country - postponed, new date TBA

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Chapel, 9am - led by 5SM

Tuesday 10th

Assembly, 9am

Thursday 12th

Champions Challenge

Band Rehearsal, 8.20am

Friday 13th

SRC Soup Drive, please bring a can of soup to donate
Chapel, 9am

Year 1 excursion - Adelaide Museum and Adelaide Rail Museum

Important Term 4 Dates

Year 6 Big Day Out - 8th December

Last Day of Term 4 - Wednesday, 9th December

Year 6 Graduation Evening - Wednesday, 9th December

Interested in learning a Language?

The School of Languages is a government school that teaches 23 languages in different locations around the metropolitan area. Find out more through their website:

www.schooloflanguages.sa.edu.au, or see Leanne

in the front office for further information.



Year 3 Poetry

Mrs L's exciting examples of excellent alliteration during roll call on Wednesday - what a wacky woman!

*Mya makes magic muffins
Cooper catches colds • Isaac is intelligent
Elsie eats eggplant and eggs
Sophie sucks on soap • Saphy's super sassy
Hamish hates homework
Hayden hates hamburgers
Aisha ate eight apples in August*

Every opportunity is a learning opportunity!