



Cornerstone College Year 12 Legacy students have been spending time with our Foundation to Year 3 classes and Year 6's, another link to our sister Lutheran school.



# Faith Focus

It is Mother's Day this Sunday and a good reminder for us to acknowledge and thank our mothers for the very special people they are and the vital role they play in our lives. Abraham Lincoln summed it up well, 'All that I am, or hope to be, I owe to my angel mother.'

Christians believe that mothers are a gift from God and that their unique role in loving and nurturing their children reflects God's own care for his people. Modern mothers work especially hard to balance the pressures of modern life, while also providing love and stability in their homes.

While God is called 'Our Father' and usually described in masculine terms, occasionally the Bible uses maternal imagery to express his nature. Jesus says of Jerusalem, '**how often have I longed to gather your children together as a mother hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing**' (Matt 27:37). God is deeply caring and protective, even when his kindness is not reciprocated by us.

I believe that societies, schools and homes, that honour and respect mothers are ones that have their values and priorities in the right place. Not everyone is blessed to know or remember or have a strong relationship with their biological mother and that is important to acknowledge too. But for those who do, Mother's Day provides a special opportunity to give thanks.

*Pastor Ben*

# Important Bits

## Principal Ponderings

### Student Voice

A highlight occurs each day around 12:50pm, just before lunchtime. The 'announcement coming' tone sounds out and then a student voice is heard over the PA system sharing the day's Lunch Club offerings. Whether it be Art Club, Gardening Club, Soccer Club or the always popular Dance Club, it is pleasing to watch empowered students actively involved and taking responsibility for the community they want to be part of.

Finding the right opportunities for students to be actively and appropriately involved in decisions and activities they are involved in, is an important learning experience. The maturity and service hearts of our SRC, House Captains and Peer Mentors has been inspiring to witness. Well done.

### Uniform Matters

I hear on the grapevine that there are more than the usual number of supply issues with some aspects of our uniform. If you are having trouble accessing uniform items and haven't already let us know, I'd appreciate you contacting the front office. Our uniform is an important part of being in community. I thank you for your efforts in supporting students to wear the correct uniform each day.

Please be advised that **winter uniform is required** as of **Monday, 10th of May**, unless the above mentioned supply problems apply.

### Helping Out

We will see an increasing number of opportunities for parents to be involved in the day to day happenings at school. To be able to volunteer we have 3 requirements all volunteers must complete. They are:

1. [Complete the Working With Children Check](#) (This is valid for 5 years);
2. [Complete Responding to Abuse and Neglect Induction session \(online\)](#);
3. [Complete Valuing Safe Communities course \(online\)](#).

Please contact Leanne in the front office with any questions you may have, links to the online courses will be provided. Registered volunteers (those who have completed all three requirements) are required to sign in at the office. This will assist us in providing a safe environment for our students.

Rather than waiting until a volunteer opportunity that you would like to take on occurs, I encourage you to complete the requirements now and be ready to go.

## Upcoming Highlights

Tomorrow we look forward to the return of our House Sports program. This provides another opportunity to join housemates in a sporting round robin. Our house structure provides a way for students to connect and belong across age groups. They certainly form strong bonds as they cheer and compete representing their house across their years at St Mark's.

Next week, our Year 4 students will head to camp from Wednesday to Friday. I'll be joining them as we head to Victor Harbor and then onto She-Oak Run at Finniss. I know how much students are looking forward to camps again this year.



On Sunday, we remember and thank God for our mothers. I pray Sunday is a time of love and affirmation for families.

## Parking Reminder

Please note, there is a bus zone on the southern side (Alexandrina Rd side) of our Hampden Rd entry driveway. It is active from 8.15am-9.15am and 2.45pm-3.45pm. Please do not park in this marked area during those times.

Thank you

## Please Help!!

**German Day** is approaching in Week 6 (**Wednesday, 2nd of June**), and Frau Loffelbein is hoping you could help her prepare for it by having a little craft cupboard clean out!

She is looking for donations of string, feathers, buttons, funky paper, paper plates and bags, foil, cellophane paper, paper garlands, balloons, anything that could be used to decorate masks, and general party decorations.

If you have anything to contribute, please place items in a bag marked 'German Day' and send to class.

Thank you!

## Enrolments 2023

As we begin our 2023 enrolment process, we ask that any families with siblings due to start school in 2023, please complete and return an enrolment form at your earliest convenience.

# School Life

## House Sports

**House Sports is tomorrow!** Please note the following information:

- Students are to wear House coloured polo tops;
- Bring a hat and water bottle;
- Start time is 11am (early recess at 10.25am);
- **Football boots are allowed for football and soccer, but no boots with metal studs. Boots must be put on before students leave to go to Mount Barker Football Oval and be removed when students return to St Mark's;**
- Coloured zinc is not allowed.



Parents are welcome to attend but we ask you to sign in using the COVID check in QR codes, or sign the manual copy in the front office.

## Athletics Carnival

On the last Thursday of Term 1, 27 St Mark's students caught a bus to Oakbank Area school to compete in the BARKER District Athletics day.



Following Sports Day and many weeks of practice, our students were well prepared and put on a fantastic display of Athletics.

We managed eleven 1st place finishes, ten 2nd place finishes and six 3rd place finishes. A great team effort which allowed us to finish 3rd overall and 2nd in the Adjusted Shield.

**Jesse N** was also awarded the '**Best Male Athlete**', which will be presented at assembly shortly.

Athletic students are reminded to wash and return their shirt to Mr Scott or the front office.



# Coming Up

## May

**Friday 7th**

Chapel, 9am - led by 3LG

House Sports, 11am

**Monday 10th**

Full Winter Uniform from today

**Tuesday 11th**

Assembly, 9am

NAPLAN Years 3/5 - Writing

**Wednesday 12th**

NAPLAN Years3/5 - Reading

Year 4 Camp, She-Oak Run

**Thursday 13th**

Band Rehearsal

NAPLAN Years3/5 - Language

Year 4 Camp, She-Oak Run

**Friday 14th**

Chapel, 9am - led by Pastor Ben

NAPLAN Years3/5 - Numeracy

Year 4 Camp, She-Oak Run

**Book Club Orders due**



**Happy Mother's Day and Special Person's Day** for this Sunday. We wish all families can spend time together and have some special moments.

Many blessings,  
Deb Zimmermann

**Save The Date!!!**

**Student P.J & Pizza Night**

hosted by our P&F

**Saturday, 5th of June**

**More details to come next week!**



Issue 3 Book Club Order forms were sent home last week. Orders and payment are due by **Friday, 14th May**.

Regards,  
Mrs Paterson

# School Life

## Year 6 Science

*We wonder...*

- o *How and why things are conductive?*
- o *Is it good to be conductive?*
- o *How does energy transfer through fruit?*
- o *Why does electricity only flow when you are connected to Earth?*

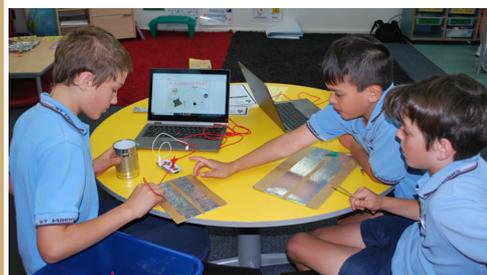
These are just a snippet of the questions generated by the Year 6 classes in response to their exploration into the concept of Energy.



Last Friday, students rotated through various stations where they had to be collaborators and thinkers. They had to set up, activate and problem solve to make a working electrical circuit.

Some of our initial discoveries included that human beings are conductive, an object is

conductive if it allows energy to pass through it, metal is a good conductor and there needs to be a continued connection without breaks, for energy to be able to flow. We learnt all this through immersive inquiry.



We look forward to exploring more with future 'hands on' activities.

Our Year 6 students have been using technology called Makey Makey to perform these investigations.

## Year 3 News

In circle time, the Year 3's have been looking at cooperation and teamwork.

This week, we played a fun game where we needed to work together to move the object around the circle without our hands. We had to talk with one another, be patient as well as work together.



Working together is really important at St Mark's.

## Cornerstone Legacy

Part of the Year 12 program at Cornerstone College includes the Legacy, a project where students are given a variety of opportunities to give back to their community.

Some students elected to visit nursing homes and many students have offered to help in our classrooms and in the Year 6 P.E. classes.



Students at St Mark's have loved getting to know the older students and teachers have enjoyed seeing their previous students 'all grown up'!

## Pedal Prix News

Our St Mark's Pedal Prix team is training for their first race on Sunday, May 23rd at 'The Bend', Taillem Bend.

Here's a couple of action shots from their training day on Sunday at Victoria Park racetrack.



The Taillem Bend Race is 2nd in the series and will last 6 hours! Students take turns driving a leg of the race and will be competing against many other schools.

# Community

St Mark's JAFFA Junior Youth welcomes children in Years 4-7.



JAFFA's next event is a

## KAHOOT QUIZ & GAMES AFTERNOON

Do you have quick reflexes to be able to click the right answer before everyone else?

Do you enjoy using new Apps and new types of technology? Are you naturally competitive?

If you are up for the task??

So come along, bring a 'quick firing brain' and some friends to challenge and have fun with.

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

(please note date change from what was originally advertised)

**3-5pm in St Mark's School Library**

**Bring: \$3.00, enthusiasm and your friends**

JAFFA Junior Youth (school years 4-7): Contact - Emma Graetz  
0418 898 430 or [emmagraetz@gmail.com](mailto:emmagraetz@gmail.com) for any questions and to RSVP by 14 May.

# Get That Diary Out!

**May**

**Friday 7th**

Chapel, 9am - led by 3LG  
House Sports, 11am-1pm

**Monday 10th**

Full Winter Uniform from today

**Tuesday 11th**

Assembly, 9am  
NAPLAN Years 3/5 - Writing

**Wednesday 12th**

NAPLAN Years 3/5 - Reading  
Year 4 Camp, She-Oak Run

**Thursday 13th**

Band Rehearsal  
NAPLAN Years 3/5 - Language  
Year 4 Camp, She-Oak Run

**Friday 14th**

Chapel, 9am - led by Pastor Ben  
NAPLAN Years 3/5 - Numeracy  
Year 4 Camp, She-Oak Run  
Book Club Orders Due

**Tuesday 18th**

SAPSASA Cross Country

**Friday 21st**

Chapel, 9am

**Grasshopper SOCCER**  
Australia's #1 non-competitive soccer program for girls and boys aged 2 - 12.

**Term 2 - 2021 enrolments are now available!**

Grasshopper Soccer is a fun, non-competitive way for your child to make a start or continue developing skills in soccer. The programs run for 8 weeks on weekday afternoons, Saturday or Sunday mornings. They're running all year round, in line with school terms. Grasshopper Soccer offers programs for all skill levels to allow your child to develop and improve skills in preparation for club soccer. The programs will introduce, teach, and improve soccer skills using fun-based games focusing on motor skills, shooting, dribbling, goalkeeping, passing and teamwork.

**Sessions are currently held at:**  
Cowandilla Western Youth Centre, Unley High, Lockleys Primary School, Mt Barker High, Flagstaff Hill Primary School, Crafrers Primary School, Plympton Primary School and Bellevue Heights Primary School!

If you're new to our program, it's **FREE** to come and **TRY**! For more information visit our website, <https://grasshoppersoccer.com.au/south-australia>  
OR visit our Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/grasshoppersoccerAdelaideInnerSouth/>  
OR contact Bobby on 0480129125 or email [innersouth@grasshoppersoccer.com.au](mailto:innersouth@grasshoppersoccer.com.au)

**Ink Pot Arts Workshops... ARTS for LIFE**  
TERM TWO 2021

**DRAMA**  
**STEPPING OUT Musical Theatre Project**  
with Daniel Hamilton  
8 - 18 years, Thursdays 5-7pm starting 29<sup>th</sup> April (times tbc)  
Cost: \$220 + \$25 membership for newcomers  
Venue: Mount Barker Town Hall 34-38 Gawler Street  
Bookings: [quill@inkpot.com.au](mailto:quill@inkpot.com.au) or 0429 673 327

Want to learn what it takes to create Musical Theatre that you love? By popular demand, Ink Pot Arts is hosting a fabulous new Musical Theatre Project which will have you singing, dancing and acting out your favourite musical songs led by performing artist Daniel Hamilton. Whether it be songs from Matilda, Tuck Everlasting, Footloose and more, this program will be tailored to the talents and needs of the participants, including skill building and preparing for Review-style performances in the community 2021 - 2022 (dates tbc). Throughout the class fundamentals of Musical Theatre will be taught across a variety of genres.

Daniel is a born and bred South Australian, whose work has taken him across Australia. Studying at the Queensland Conservatorium, Daniel received his Bachelors in 2018, before touring Australia with Meerkat Productions, a leading TIE production company, something that had driven Daniels support for children's access to Musical Theatre. He is a proud supporter of new Australian work, having been a part of workshops for Fangirls (Belvoir/QTC), Genesis by William Hinz, and Saltwater by Susanne Porter. He is a proud MEAA member.

**AFFINITY THEATRE GROUP with Sally Hardy**  
12 years & Over, Mondays 6.30-8.00pm  
9 sessions starting Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May  
Free! **No previous experience is required**  
Venue: Dunn Memorial Uniting Church, Mann Street, Mt Barker  
Bookings: [quill@inkpot.com.au](mailto:quill@inkpot.com.au) or 0429 673 327

This free Arts for Wellbeing program by Ink Pot Arts will provide a fun-filled, welcoming opportunity for neurodiverse teens & their friends to explore & develop performing skills. Led by Sally Hardy, Term Two 2021 includes preparation for an exciting new theatre project bringing together the Affinity cast with Ink Pot's Acting for Fun members, which will be devised with the cast and director/playwright.

Sally is a playwright, author and producer whose work has won awards both nationally and internationally. An AWGIE winning playwright, her work has featured in the DreamBIG Children's Festival, the Come Out Children's Festival, the World Festival of Children's Theatre, the Trinity College London International Festival of Playwriting and Performance, and the Adelaide & Melbourne Fringe Festivals.

**Location** 34-38 Gawler Street, Mount Barker SA 5251  
**Post** PO Box 1177, Naime SA 5252  
**Phone** 8388 0353 **Mobile** 0429 673 327  
**Email** [quill@inkpot.com.au](mailto:quill@inkpot.com.au)

[www.inkpot.com.au](http://www.inkpot.com.au)  
 [www.facebook.com/inkpotarts](https://www.facebook.com/inkpotarts)

## Lost!

• Brown school jumper, named McFarlane.  
Please return to the Front Office if found.