



We are so grateful for all the play spaces we have!

Faith Focus

40 Years!

In planning for the St Mark's 40th Anniversary, I've spent time rummaging through old photographs, read countless newspaper clippings, had the blessing of reminiscing with past principals, pastors, staff, old scholars and also spent time wondering why brown and blue were selected as the colours of our uniform!

As I look back on the last 40 years of our school, the first thing that comes to mind is strength and courage. In *Joshua 1:9* we read...

“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous! Do not tremble or be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”

I am thankful for all those 'strong and courageous' individuals who worked tirelessly to make St Mark's not just a dream but a reality.

In the past weeks I've also been reminded time and time again, of God's presence in all that is St Mark's. God's presence in the very first idea of a school, God's presence in the sourcing of our first portable buildings, God's presence in their safe journey up a once dangerous winding freeway and even His presence in the gifting of second hand carpet retrieved from a popular northern suburbs pub! I've viewed images of young faces filled with hope and excitement, hard at work with shovel in hand and then in recent times observed these very same faces but now slightly lined with age walk through our doors to share their story of our school.

During this holiday period, it was time to put dusty boxes of memorabilia aside and step into the 21st century of digital images and to a time when my first child was blessed to attend St Mark's. I can't help but be reminded of how fast time travels! I can't help but be reminded of all those students, families and staff who have been part of our school! Each of them has helped to shape the community we are – a community that gathers and nurtures in love. **At St Mark's we love because He first loved us** (1John 4:19).

During this time of celebration let us honour the toil of those before us, celebrate the students, staff and families who journey with us today and look to a promising future we know God has in hand. At St Mark's we are truly blessed!

Loredana Saracini

Important Bits

Deputy Principal Ponderings

Welcome to Term 4!

It was lovely to observe so many excited students on Monday morning!

Uniform

A reminder of the two week transition period between winter and summer uniform. This period of transition is to allow for discretion in cases of unseasonal weather. This isn't an option based on personal preference. Either full summer or full winter uniform is to be worn and not a combination of both. Thank you for your anticipated support in this matter.

Cross Country

As advised in Term 3, our annual Cross Country will be held **tomorrow, Friday October 21st**, at Keith Stephenson Park. Students:

- Have the option of wearing their House coloured polo tops or their normal sports polo top;
- Should bring their school hats and drink bottle and recess/lunch as usual;
- Will be seated in their house areas when not competing.

Recess is scheduled at 10:30am after which students and staff will walk to Keith Stephenson Park. We look forward to families attending this exciting event!

40th Anniversary Celebrations

Our celebrations begin on **Friday, October 28th** at 1.45pm with our SRC leading an **afternoon of games**. St Mark's P&F will provide an 'All Star Basketball Shoot Out' and 'Radical Slide' for students to enjoy as well as a free sausage sizzle for families from 4:00pm. Drinks are available for purchase. We look forward to mums and dads, uncles and aunts, as well as grandparents gathering at St Mark's to enjoy the afternoon activities with our students!

The school day will end at 3:15pm with buses and supervision of kiss and drop as per normal. If you are attending, please collect your child from either the classroom at 3:15pm or kiss and drop. We hope to see students and families continue to enjoy our grounds and support the P&F sausage sizzle after 3:15pm!

On **Saturday October 29th**, St Mark's is hosting a **celebration dinner** at Auchendarroch House, in the Robert Charles Room at 6:30pm for 7:00pm. Please go to the following link to view the menu and purchase your tickets.

<https://www.trybooking.com/CCUYZ>

On **Sunday October 30th**, we welcome students,

families and our staff to **worship at St Mark's church**, from 10:30am. This will be followed by a light lunch (provided). From 12:30pm, the school will be open to the community. This will be an opportunity for you to stroll through our facilities and view plans for our Stage 2 redevelopment commencing in December 2022. The afternoon will conclude at 1:45pm with the planting of a tree to commemorate this very special milestone.

Pastoral Care Support Worker

With the departure of Joy Starling, we welcome Moz Yeoward back to St Mark's commencing in Week 2! Moz will be in the school every Wednesday (8:15am-4:00pm) and alternate Thursdays (11:30am-4:00pm) and Fridays (9:00am-12:00pm) to support students in need. We give thanks to Moz for her support of our students and their families while we undergo the process for recruitment for this position.

Foundation 2023 Play Date

Yesterday we welcomed our Foundation 2023 students for a play! It was wonderful to share our playground space with them. They were certainly excited to be at St Mark's! We wish our 2023 Foundation students and families every blessing as they continue the journey of transition to St Mark's!

Year 1 Camp

On Thursday October 27th – Friday October 28th, our Year 1 students will be travelling to Narnu Farm at Hindmarsh Island. This experience will provide students with an opportunity to further explore living things and their habitats as well as learn about how people in the community take care of different creatures. We thank our Year 1 parent volunteers for supporting our teachers and students during this time!

Mt Barker Christmas Pageant

Save the Date!

St Mark's is participating in the Mt Barker Christmas Pageant on...

**SATURDAY,
DECEMBER 3RD FROM 9:45AM.**

Further information about how your child can participate will be shared in the school newsletter in coming weeks!

St Mark's looks forward to sharing the message of Christmas with the local community!





This year St Mark's school celebrates its 40th Anniversary!

Please join us...



Friday October 28th
from 1.45pm

Family Fun Afternoon
School Grounds

Saturday October 29th
6.30pm

Celebration Dinner
Auchendarroch House



Sunday October 30th
10.30am

Worship, Lunch & School Opening
St Mark's Church

It's time to book your tickets for the Celebration Dinner!

Bookings for the celebration dinner are required by Monday, October 24th, 2022. A letter from Mr Heyne, together with a menu for the dinner, was sent home on Friday, September 16th. Please go to the following link to book and purchase your tickets. If you have any dietary requirements, please ensure you indicate this when making your booking.

<https://www.trybooking.com/CCUYZ>

We look forward to celebrating with you at one or two or even all of the planned events! If you have any questions about any of the events, please contact me via telephone on 83910444 or alternatively email me on

lsaracini@stmarks.sa.edu.au

Loredana Saracini
Deputy Principal

School Life

Cross Country 2022

Parents and friends are invited to the 2022 St Mark's Cross Country to be held at Keith Stephenson Park on **FRIDAY, THE 21ST OF OCTOBER (WEEK 1)**.



Students will be required to wear HOUSE COLOURED polo tops or regular sports uniform. All students will be making their way down to the park at approximately 10:55am. Once students arrive, they will be seated in their house areas. Races will commence shortly after this (approx 11.20am) in the following order:

Race 1 - Yr 2

Race 2 - FOUNDATION/ Yr 1

Race 3 - Yr 3 and 9 Year Olds - born in 2013

Race 4 - 10 Year Old's - born in 2012

Race 5 - 11 Year Olds - born in 2011

Race 6 - 12 Year Olds - born in 2010

On the day, we ask that parents/caregivers maintain social distancing and spread out around the running track rather than gather at the finish line.

Please ensure that you do not interrupt the counting of places at the finish line, as this is a challenging time for teachers.

We hope to see you there in your **house colours** to support your team!

Sports News - Gymnastics- Year 4-6

This Term our Year 4-6 students will have the opportunity to learn gymnastics at Mount Barker Recreation Centre.

Our students will have 45 minute lessons over 4 weeks and receive expert tips and guidance from qualified gymnastic professionals.

Students will need to wear PE uniform on the dates below:

24th October (Week 2)

31st October (Week 3)

7th November (Week 4)

14th November (Week 5)



Coming Up...

October

Friday 21st

No Chapel

Cross Country, Keith Stephenson Park - from 11.20am

Wednesday 26th

Foundation 2023 Play Date, Hall

Thursday 27th

Band rehearsal

Year 1 Camp - Narnu Farm

Friday 28th

Chapel, 9am - led by 2K

Year 1 Camp - Narnu Farm

40th Anniversary Celebration Afternoon of Fun

Saturday 29th

Celebration Dinner, Auchendarroch House - 6.30pm

Sunday 30th

40th Anniversary Worship Service, St Marks Church -

10.30am and St Mark's School open classrooms -

12.30pm



New Fundraiser is starting next week! Look out for the flyer coming home with students today.

Next P&F meeting is **Wednesday, 16th November** in the library at 7pm.



Important Term 4 Dates

St Mark's 40th Anniversary
Friday 28th - Sunday 30th Oct

Year 6 Aquatics Camp
Thursday 10th Nov - Friday 11th Nov

Foundation 2023 Parent Info Evening
Wednesday, 16th Nov

Year 5 Camp
Wednesday 30th Nov - Friday 2nd Dec

Year 6 Graduation Dinner
Thursday, 8th Dec

Step Up Day
Monday, 12th Dec

Whole School Closing Service
@ Inbarendi, Cornerstone College
Wednesday, 14th Dec



Parent Letter

Dear Parent/Guardians,

Thank you so much for continuously supporting our school, especially through fundraising. We are excited to announce we are holding a **Billy G's Gourmet Cookie Dough** drive as a major fundraiser this term. To achieve our goal and funds raised will be used for construction materials and games for the nature play areas and outdoor spaces, we need sell a total of 700 tubs to help achieve this goal.

Billy G's Gourmet Cookie Dough is an exciting fundraiser, made by an Australian, family owned and operated business. There are ten (10) dough-licious flavours to choose from, including the most popular **Choc Chunk** and **Caramel White Choc**. You can also create your own cookie magic with a **NEW** Golden Classic flavour – the base of the Billy G's secret family recipe. Billy G's Gourmet Cookie Dough is exclusive to fundraising, so stock up!

Get started! Students have now received a Billy G's Order Form with instructions on how to collect orders. Please note Billy G's is a completely cashless fundraiser. All orders must be placed online and paid by credit card, so make sure you create your online fundraising page at www.australianfundraising.com.au today!

Start Date: Monday 24th October 2022

Final Orders Due: Monday 14th November 2022

Estimated Delivery Date: Wednesday 7th December 2022

How do we create a Fundraising Page? Creating a fundraising page is easy!

1. Visit www.australianfundraising.com.au and click the "Cookie Dough Login" button on the home page. Then click the register button to fundraise on the cybersafe, Billy G's Cookie Dough platform.
2. Choose your goals and create a unique avatar!
3. Place your order using the "Order Now" button and share your fundraising page with your family and friends via the "Share" section so they can start buying some yummy cookie dough. Easy!

How do prizes work? Every student who sells a tub will receive an incentive prize for their efforts! But why not aim higher? The more tubs you sell the more prizes you will receive! There are 12 prizes available, so set your own fundraising goal and aim for them all! Prizes are automatically ordered at the end of our fundraiser based on the number of tubs you have sold.

Win a \$10,000 JB Hi-Fi Shopping Spree! Our highest tub seller will go into a draw to win a \$10,000 JB Hi-Fi Shopping Spree. Plus, every student that achieves all online virtual badges will win a Billy G's "You're One Awesome Cookie" Bag Tag.

Want to aim even higher? Australia's highest tub seller will scoot away with a Razor Prize Pack valued at \$3,000. How exciting!

Happy fundraising, St Mark's P&F Committee

2022 Term 4

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	
Regular Events		Whole School Assembly (Odd week) Hall		Band Practice 8.20-9.15am Hall	Whole School Chapel Hall			
	Mainly Music 9.30-11.00am		Lunch Orders (except first week of term)	Choir Practice 1.20pm Hall	Playgroup 9.00-11.00am Church			
1	Oct 17 Term 4 Commences Opening Chapel 9.00am, Hall	Oct 18	Oct 19	Oct 20	Oct 21 No Chapel Cross Country Keith Stephenson Park	Oct 22	Oct 23	
2	Oct 24 Gymnastics Yr 4-6 Swimming Stateswim Foundation School Council 7.30pm	Oct 25 Swimming Stateswim Foundation	Oct 26 Swimming Stateswim Foundation 2023 Foundation Play date	Oct 27 Swimming Stateswim Foundation Year 1 Camp	Oct 28 Swimming Stateswim Foundation Chapel 2K Year 1 Camp Family Fun Afternoon	Oct 29 40th Anniv Celebration Dinner 6.30pm	Oct 30 40th Anniv Celebration Service @ Church 10.30am	
3	Oct 31 Gymnastics Yr 4-6	Nov 1 Assembly Year 4 Excursion—Kaitpo Forest	Nov 2	Nov 3	Nov 4 Chapel Year 2 Excursion—The Cedars	Nov 5	Nov 6	
4	Nov 7 Gymnastics Yr 4-6	Nov 8	Nov 9	Nov 10 2023 Foundation Play date Year 6 Aquatics Camp	Nov 11 Year 6 Aquatics Camp Chapel 5SM	Nov 12	Nov 13	
5	Nov 14 Gymnastics Yr 4-6	Nov 15 Assembly	Nov 16 2023 Foundation Parent Info Evening	Nov 17 Remembrance Day Champions Challenge	Nov 18 Chapel Foundation 'Stay Up'	Nov 19	Nov 20	
6	Nov 21	Nov 22 Swimming Woodside Years 1-4	Nov 23 Swimming Woodside Years 1-4	Nov 24 Swimming Woodside Years 1-4 Champions Challenge	Nov 25 Chapel 1UB Swimming Woodside Years 1-4	Nov 26	Nov 27	
7	Nov 28 School Council 7.30pm 525	Nov 29 Assembly	Nov 30 Year 5 Camp 2023 Foundation Transition Visit - Group 1	Dec 1 Year 5 Camp 2023 Foundation Transition Visit - Group 2	Dec 2 Year 5 Camp Chapel	Dec 3	Dec 4	
8	Dec 5	Dec 6 Assembly	Dec 7 Foundation 2023 Transition Visit - Group 1	Dec 8 Year 6 Graduation Celebration Dinner Foundation 2023 Transition Visit - Group 2	Dec 9 Chapel 3L	Dec 10	Dec 11	
9	Dec 12 Step Up Day Talent Quest	Dec 13 Year 6 Big Day Out Class Parties	Dec 14 Closing Chapel Whole School Closing Service @ Inbarendi, Cornerstone College	School Holidays Don't forget to book into OHSC for Vacation Care!				

School Life

St Mark's Lutheran School Council Nominations

Nominations for five (5) positions on the St Mark's Lutheran School Council are now open. School Council holds governance responsibility for St Mark's Lutheran School. It comprises up to eight members including:

- at least six members required to be members of the St Mark's Lutheran Church or another Lutheran Church
- up to two members who are practicing Christians from the school or wider community.

Of the positions open for nomination, four are for a two-year term (three Lutheran, one practicing Christian) and one is for a one-year term (Lutheran). Current School Council members are able to re-nominate.

School Council membership is voluntary and requires members to meet once a month during the school year, with some out of session activities from time to time.

Applicants will ideally have experience in one of the following areas: finance, policy management, strategic thinking, information technology, education, facilities, and problem solving. These skills will complement School Council's current skills profile.

School Council membership is elected by members of the St Mark's Lutheran Church Mt Barker, in their role as Members of the School, at an Annual Election Meeting in November. Elections are based on recommendation from School Council.

Nomination forms are available by contacting School Council Chairperson Casey Work on 0422 070 986 or by contacting the School Front Office on 08 8391 0444 or contacts@stmarks.sa.edu.au
Nominations are due by Wednesday, 26th October.

Year 6 News

Can you 'un-mix' a mixture? That was the question posed to Year 6 scientists this week...

They created several different mixtures -



some super tasty ones!
 Science is fun!

Community



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The Mt Barker 40th Anniversary Christmas Pageant



Costume Try-ons

Mon 21st / Tue 22nd / Wed 23rd November

From 3.15 – 4.30pm

Saturday 26th November

From 9 – 10am

Park and Ride, Dumas Street
 (Green shed at the back left-hand side)

If you think the Pageant is fun to watch, how about having a hand in creating the magic by being in the parade! If you aren't already part of a group entry, you could be on a Committee float or walking the route as a clown.

School age children, teens and adults are welcome to join in.

We look forward to seeing you on one of the costume fitting dates!



Year 2 News

What a great start to the term for our Year 2s who enjoyed a visit from Sci-world on Monday to provoke thinking for the next Science unit on Push and Pull and how forces work.

