



Some of our Year 4 students exploring Kuitpo Forest this week.

Faith Focus

The world is full of impressive buildings: the Taj Mahal in India, the Colosseum in Rome and the Pyramids in Egypt, just to name a few. You may have a personal favourite that you could add to the list, a structure so big or beautiful or breathtaking, that it gives you a sense of the sacred.

Last week's newsletter contained images of the early transportable classrooms that were used at St Mark's. These have long since been replaced by more permanent structures, which in turn have been updated and improved. Our Year 6 and wellbeing rooms have a refurbishment planned for the coming holidays.

While our buildings may not be as iconic as the Eiffel Tower or impressive as the Burj Khalifa, it is what happens inside them that really matters. Buildings serve a greater purpose. The world is also full of impressive ruins! These places remind us that even the most wonderful structures are not permanent.

On one occasion, Jesus' disciples shared their amazement at the beauty of the temple in Jerusalem, which some considered the eighth wonder of the world. Jesus' response was simple, "As for what you see here, the time will come when not one stone will be left on another" (see Luke 21:5-6). In other words, do not put your trust in bricks and mortar, but in something that lasts.

At St Mark's we aim to help our students do this, to learn the value of values, of service, of education and critical thinking, of care, of exploring the world God has created, of kindness, of forgiveness and finally of Christ. He shows us the permanency of God and His grace. It is what happens inside the buildings that matters!

Pastor Ben

Important Bits

Principal Ponderings

Who We Are

We sing a song in chapel called 'I am who you say I am'. The lyrics remind me of the identity that God gives me as His child. A strong sense of identity is essential for our wellbeing.

I think over the last few years many of our identities, particularly our identity as members of community groups have been more difficult to maintain. While planning for the end of the year, I was reminded that if you have joined St Mark's after December 2019, it has been difficult to fully appreciate and be part of the full St Mark's community experience. While we learnt to communicate and connect using technology, we haven't gathered face to face like we once did.

I'm an advocate for personal connection and believe when we are in the same space together it offers a connection you can't create online.

Wednesday 14th December at 7pm, at Inbarendi, Cornerstone College, will be a return to a milestone moment for our school. On that night we return to our whole community gathering together under one roof. All students and their families along with our staff come together at our **2022 Closing Service**.

On the night our Foundation students play a special role in farewelling their Year 6 buddies, our F to Year 5 students will be singing for us all and we will graduate our Year 6 students.

I'm delighted we will meet together and be one St Mark's again. Please mark your calendars for this special school occasion.

Class 3L Remembrance Day Poems

I see people crying and looking at the floor.
I hear The Last Post playing and drips of tears.
I smell the beautiful red poppies outside in my garden.
I feel sadness inside me and I feel as droopy as a leaf.
I taste the salty tears rolling down my bright red cheek.

Lucy



I see people wearing blood red poppies.
I hear The Last Post being played on the bugle.
I feel a shiver up my spine in the moment of silence.
I smell the smoke coming from the candle.
I taste the salty tears coming from my eye.

Jack



National Recycling Week

As part of National Recycling Week, our students have been



posed the challenge of reducing the waste in their lunchboxes during Week 4.

They also wore their waste to school as an accessory on Wednesday as a reminder to reuse and repurpose materials.



Parents are reminded to send in used milk bottle tops for collection in our fun dispenser located at the student entrance.



You can find more information about recycling and the Waste Free Lunch challenge at: [Resources - Planet Ark Recycling Near You.](#)

Nude Food Challenge continues on **Friday**, bring a gold coin to buy an icecream in a **cone** - no waste! Proceeds are donated to Hungry No More.

Library News

The end of year is fast approaching and soon we will begin our annual stocktake. If your child receives an overdue book notice we would be very thankful to receive these books ASAP. If you have any problems, please notify your child's teacher or myself.

Kind Regards,
Louise Paterson
Librarian



School Life

Year 4 News

Kuitpo Forest was the location for our latest Year 4 adventure. Students attempted orienteering, learnt about survival skills, did a treasure hunt and more!



They also were encouraged to make scientific observations about the living

things they spotted and heard while completing the course.

Year 5 News

Our Year 5's have been busy upcycling this week as the school focuses on sustainability for National Recycling Week.



They have learnt to think differently about items they would consider throwing out, and have employed their

creativity to come up with some beautiful and useful items!



Class 5SM will be leading our chapel tomorrow with the theme of 'Caring for Creation', a subject we know God is interested in too!

Icecream Friday!



Tomorrow, as part of the Nude Food Challenge, the SRC is trialling selling icecream in place of Zooper Doopers to eliminate plastic waste. Please bring a gold coin to purchase a single scoop!

Coming Up...

November

Thursday 10th

Band rehearsal

Year 6 Aquatics Camp - Murray Bridge Aquatic Centre

2023 Foundation Playdate - library

Friday 11th

Remembrance Day

Chapel, 9am - led by 5SM

Year 6 Aquatics Camp - Murray Bridge Aquatic Centre

Monday 14th

Gymnastics - Years 4-6

Billy G's Cookie Fundraiser Closes today

Tuesday 15th

Assembly @ 9:00am - Year 4, Year 5, 6S

Wednesday 16th

Foundation 2023 Parent Information Evening

Thursday 17th

Band rehearsal, 8.20am

Friday 18th

Chapel, 9am - Pastor Ben

Monday 21st

Gymnastics - Years 4-6

Thursday 24th

Band rehearsal, 8.20am

Friday 25th

Chapel, 9am - led by 1UB



Our Billy G's Cookie Dough Fundraiser has **4 DAYS TO GO!!!**

ORDERS CLOSE MONDAY, 14th NOV at MIDNIGHT!!!

It's not too late to get online, register and start fundraising for the school, every participant will receive a prize.



A big shout out to **Luca** selling 44 tubs so far and receiving many exciting prizes along the way. Many other students are also achieving amazing sales and earning excellent rewards. **As a school we have currently sold 355 tubs of cookie dough!**

Next P&F meeting is **Wednesday, 23rd November** in the library at **7pm**.

All are welcome, I would love to see some new faces join us.

Tara Wilson



Billy G's
Gourmet
Cookie & Biscuit
Dough

DOUGH-LICIOUS FUNDRAISING!

Thank you so much for supporting our school, especially through fundraising. This term, we are running a **Billy G's Gourmet Cookie Dough** fundraiser to raise money for construction materials and games for the nature play areas and outdoor spaces.

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. Add Hundreds & Thousands, macadamia and white chocolate, anything you like: the sky is the limit on what you can create! There is even something for your special furry friends, with a cheese flavoured Doggie Dough! Billy G's Gourmet Cookie Dough is exclusive to fundraising – so stock up!

Get started! Cookie dough orders must be placed online using the online platform. Create your child's profile by visiting australianfundraising.com.au, and follow the instructions in the order form which will be sent home shortly. Orders are open from **Monday 24th October until Monday 14th November**, so make sure you get rolling and create your online fundraising page today!

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 up for grabs, so why not 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.

Family and friends are your greatest supporters, so make sure you ask them for support. You will reach your fundraising goal in no time!

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

Mt Barker Christmas Pageant

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3RD

St Mark's Church & St Mark's Lutheran School will be entering a combined Nativity float in the Mt Barker Christmas Pageant. Our float is a wonderful opportunity to remind people about the reason for this wonderful season.

We are now calling for students to participate. Participants will be sitting on a car trailer on bales of hay. Older students will walk alongside the float. If your child is interested in participating, please complete the form that was sent home to families or contact the front office for a new form. Contact Sharon Steven (5SM) for more details if needed.

School Life

Important Term 4 Dates

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

Colour Run

Friday, 9th Dec

Step Up Day

Monday, 12th Dec

Whole School Closing Service

@ Inbarendi, Cornerstone College
Wednesday, 14th Dec

Community



ROYAL LIFE SAVING
SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Holiday Swim



THE ROYAL LIFE SAVING SWIM & SURVIVE
PROGRAM YOU KNOW AND LOVE!

COMING THIS **DECEMBER & JANUARY!**

BRING YOUR LOGBOOKS AND GET READY
FOR A WEEK OF FUN!

ENROLMENTS OPEN NOW

WWW.HOLIDAYSWIM.COM.AU



Community

NARNE Spring Fest



A Free Community event

Saturday 26th November 2022
Hills Family Church
132 Princes Highway, Nairne

11 am - 3 pm

there's something for everyone

FREE

Bouncy Castle,
Live Music, FacePainting,
Kids Activities

Market stalls, Food,
Barista Coffee, Door Prizes
and more



Come and Try

Summer is just around the corner !!!

If you are a swimmer that has not yet been a member of a competition swimming club in Australia, then a trial membership is for you.

A trial membership allows you to try out with our club for 1 month at no cost, while being properly registered and insured with our governing body Swimming SA.

For further information visit our website or scan the QR Code-
<https://mountainpoolswimmingclub.com.au/trial-membership/>



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!



St Mark's Lutheran Church

Playgroup

Friday's during the school term
9:30am-11:00am

37 Hampden Road Mt Barker

Cost: \$2

Bring along a morning snack
Tea and coffee provided for adults

Facebook: St Mark's Lutheran Church Playgroup

