

Teamwork and communication challenge - Year 4 make structures with marshmallows and skewers.

# Faith Focus

Embracing God's Children – Welcome Back!

On Monday morning, I was again reminded of the absolute privilege of welcoming each of your children back to school! How happy they were! There were countless bright smiles! Joyous recounts of holiday antics! Warm embraces shared! There was even a Conga line of Year 3 students making their way to class! What a wonderful sight!

In the book of Matthew (19:14), Jesus says...

*"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."*

Just as Jesus eagerly embraced the children who came to Him, so does our learning community embrace each of yours!

So what exactly are your children really, really, really excited about...?

- To see my friends and teachers again!
- Doing Art because we are working on clay creations!
  - I'm looking forward to Sport!
- My buddy, I'm so excited to see my buddy again.
  - Reading new books in my classroom!
  - Doing Maths – I love numbers.
- There's so much – but what I'm really excited about is Spelling.
- I'm excited about the new SRC starting and seeing my friends again.
  - I can't wait for Pedal Prix!
  - I'm excited about the P&F disco!
  - Going on Year 2 camp.
- Can't wait to see my Kids Hope mentor again.
  - I'm excited about just being here!
  - Playing badminton.
  - Singing in the school concert!

I look forward to the many blessings I know this term will bring. It's going to be truly wonderful! Join me in thanking every member of our learning community for making St Mark's the loving and exciting place it is!

*Loredana Saracini*

# Important Bits

## Principal Ponderings

### Little Moments

Monday morning was filled with many little moments. As students returned from the term break, the little moments of reconnection were wonderful to see. Smiles, hugs and games of hand ball were all too common.

While not everyone, every day, will always feel as connected as we want, we will keep striving for this. Our wellbeing team, lead by Mrs Kluge and Ms Saracini continue to gather data and review the effectiveness of our daily activities and programs. I thank them for their work in this area.

If your child isn't feeling as connected as we hope for, please let us know.

### Come And Try

Our P&F is in the phase of requiring new parents to come along and find out how they manage to support our students and community so effectively and organise wonderful events we all enjoy. We have a number of amazing volunteers who would love the opportunity to share what they have been doing and guide and welcome new families into the team. It isn't onerous volunteering, but it has a big impact.

I encourage you to take the first step and come along to our meeting next Tuesday, 1st August at 6:30pm in the school staff room.

### Stage Renovations

During the term break we completed overdue renovations to the stage in our hall. The additional temporary stage space (for the last 9 years) is now permanent and we have regained the under stage storage.

The works were completed with assistance from the State Government Capital Grants Program. We thank them for their support of our project.

Miss Lyall and our students look forward to using the stage space when they present our F to Year 4 concerts at the end of this term.

## ICAS

This term we begin the International Competitions and Assessments (ICAS) for Year 4 – Year 6 students. In the Term 3 calendar (overleaf), each test is listed over 5 days. The testing window for each one is open for 5 days, so if your child is absent on the 1st day of testing (Monday), they will be able to complete it on one of the other days.

Please note that details regarding ICAS testing was shared with families in Term 1.

## Book Fair News

Scholastic Book Fair will be coming to St Mark's in Week 3 - **Tuesday 8th to Friday 11th August!** Parents and children will have the opportunity to view and purchase books and novelty items on display in the Library. If you are usually a scholastic Book Club buyer you may want to consider supporting our Book Fair instead. More information to come!

## Book Week News

Schools and Libraries around Australia celebrate Book Week in Week 5 next Term. The theme for Book Week this year is READ GROW INSPIRE. It has been decided that this year students can dress as any book character. Costumes do NOT need to be elaborate creations. Some children may be able to use items already at home e.g tennis gear ( Little Ash series), footy gear ( Specky Magee, AFL kids series). We are asking children to bring the book or picture that shows their character. They will hold this when we have the Book Week Parade at assembly **Tuesday, 22nd August.**

Ask Mrs Paterson or your class teacher for more information.

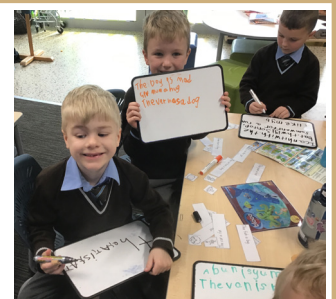


**SAVE THE DATE!!**  
**Cyber Safety**  
**Parent Sessions**

**THURSDAY, 17TH AUGUST**  
[book here](#)

## Foundation News

Reading and writing and Maths are important and we are so proud of how far our Foundations have come...but sometimes you just need to play with your besties under a parachute!





# School Life



## SRC Elections for Semester 2

This week teachers have informed students about the process for electing our Semester 2 SRC. Today students would have let their teacher know if they wish to present a short speech tomorrow.

For more information, please refer to the email sent through to families on Tuesday. Our Semester 2 SRC will be announced after Friday Chapel in Week 2. We look forward to engaging a new cohort of student leaders.

## Year 3 News

Year 3 students started their week with a messy activity with minerals. Students investigated various types of dirt, sand and rock and made and recorded observations.



He shared there are 3 types of rocks and where they are found and asked lots of questions to get our students thinking and predicting.



He recounted about the coconut shaped stone from Mexico – he was the first to use a diamond blade to open it up and discover there was an amethyst inside!



Following this, on Wednesday they were lucky to learn from local expert, Mr Toma, about rocks and minerals.



John Toma shared an exciting fact that he has a mineral named after him – Johntomaite because he was the first to discover it.



## Coming Up...

### July

Friday 28th  
No Chapel  
SRC Speeches

### August

Thursday 3rd  
Band Rehearsal, 8.30am  
Supporting Beginning Readers Sessions, Library  
2pm - 2.45pm or 6pm - 6.45pm

### Friday 4th

Chapel, 9am - Semester 2 SRC announced  
Year 6 German Excursion



**Welcome back Everyone to Term 3!** The P&F are excited to jump into the new Term with some more fun for the School.

### Father's Day Stall (Week 6)

After the success of the Mother's Day stall last term, the P&F will be holding a Father's (and Guardian's) stall in Week 6. The stall will be run similarly to the Mother's Day stall. Further details will follow closer to the date.

### Student Disco (Weekend of Week 7)

The Disco is back again! Get your dancing shoes ready for a fun night on **Saturday, 9th September!** Arrangements are being made for the Disco, including the potential for the event to involve a theme.

### P&F Committee need YOU!

We need new members to help raise funds for important school projects and to assist with organisation of P&F events throughout the year. Some highlights from the year already include the Kytons Easter Order, Mother's Day stall and PJ and Pizza Night to name a few. Your involvement would include:

- Attending two committee meetings per term.
- Brainstorming and decision making.
- Assisting in organising/facilitating P&F events.

We encourage all Parents and Friends of the school community to become involved - we'd love to have you on board! The next **P&F Meeting in the Staff Room – Tuesday, 1st August at 6:30pm**

Christopher Luck  
P&F Committee Chairperson

### Important!

Any families with **siblings due to start school in 2025**, could you please submit an **enrolment application** asap. If you require an application or have any questions, please speak with Leanne Llewellyn via the front office.

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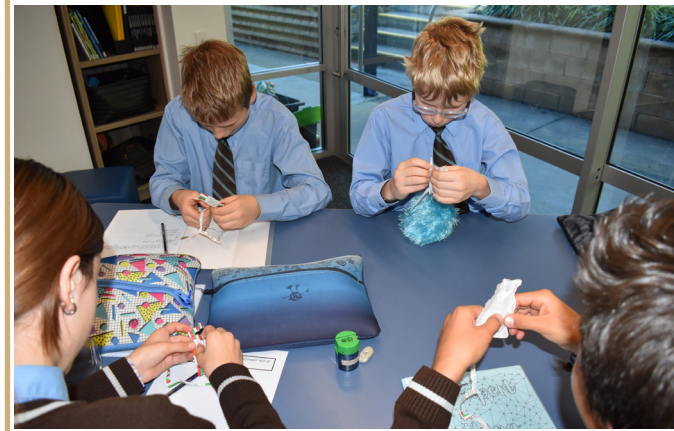
## Year 6 News

As part of a new maths unit on measurement, the 6K class were put into teams and tasked with 4 challenges...

Tearing a mintie wrapper as long as they could, collecting items that would weigh exactly 2.5kg, finding out how many mL of water would sit on a 20c piece without overflowing and how tall could a freestanding tower of 6 shoes could measure.



The byproducts of such challenges are learning to work as a team, getting along, problem solving and persevering, but the main learning was in engaging the student in experience about different units of measurement. This engagement will assist students as they learn how to convert units of measurement.



## Year 5 News

This week students have begun inquiring into 'locations of places and features of maps' by looking at atlases and playing location games.

They put their knowledge to the test by playing location games with their Year 1 buddies!



Teaching others is the best way to cement learning!

## Whispers of Hope

At St Mark's we care for our students and families. One way we do this is through Whispers of Hope.

Whispers of Hope is an invitation to families to act as a 'whisper of hope' in our community by cooking a meal, emergency school pick up or drop off, emergency babysitting or any other ways families are able to care for others.

I invite you to complete the tear off slip below or email [contact@stmarks.sa.edu.au](mailto:contact@stmarks.sa.edu.au) with your availability for Semester 2.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me through the school office on 8391 0444.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank families who were able to assist in the Whispers of Hope program in Term 1 & Term 2, 2023. You truly are the hands and feet of Christ in our community. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for taking the time to consider how you might contribute to the care of others in our community in Term 3 and Term 4.

Loredana Saracini  
Deputy Principal  
July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023

### Whispers of Hope – Term 3 & Term 4 2023

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Act as a Whisper of Hope by \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Please indicate how you might care for others.)



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2023 Term 3

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	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Regular Events	Mainly Music 9.30 - 11.00am Church	Whole School Assembly (Odd week) Hall	Choir Practice 8.45 am Hall	Band Practice 8.20-9.15am Hall	Whole School Chapel Hall		
			Lunch Orders				
1	Jul 24 Term 3 Commences Opening Chapel 9.00am, Hall  School Council Meeting, 7.30pm	Jul 25 P&F Meeting 6.30pm	Jul 26 Maths Olympiad 3	Jul 27 SRC Nominations	Jul 28 No Chapel  SRC Speeches	Jul 29	Jul 30
2	Jul 31	Aug 1	Aug 2	Aug 3 Supporting Begin- ning Readers 2-2.45pm, 6-6.45pm	Aug 4 Chapel, 3MOW  SRC Installation	Aug 5 Pedal Prix Race 3	Aug 6
3	Aug 7  ICAS - Digital Tech, Writing	Aug 8 Assembly Book Fair ICAS—Digital Tech, Writing	Aug 9 Book Fair ICAS—Digital Tech, Writing	Aug 10 Book Fair ICAS—Digital Tech, Writing	Aug 11 Chapel, Year 5 Book Fair ICAS—Digital Tech, Writing	Aug 12	Aug 13
4	Aug 14 ICAS - English	Aug 15 ICAS - English  St Mark's Open Day	Aug 16 ICAS - English	Aug 17 ICAS - English Cyber Safety Parent Session Years 3-6	Aug 18 Chapel, SRC Year 5 HILS Science Day  ICAS - English	Aug 19	Aug 20
5	Aug 21 Book Week  ICAS - Science & Spelling	Aug 22 Assembly - Book Week Optional Dress Up  ICAS - Science & Spelling	Aug 23 Book Week  ICAS - Science & Spelling	Aug 24 Book Week  ICAS - Science & Spelling	Aug 25 Chapel, Andy Traegar  ICAS - Science & Spelling	Aug 26	Aug 27
6	Aug 28 ICAS - Maths School Council Meeting, 7.30pm	Aug 29	Aug 30 2024 Foundation Play Date	Aug 31 Year 2 Camp – El Shaddai	Sep 1 Chapel, 5SM Year 2 Camp – El Shaddai	Sep 2	Sep 3
7	Sep 4	Sep 5 Assembly	Sep 6 Maths Olympiad 4	Sep 7	Sep 8 Chapel, 6K Premier's Readers Challenge Due	Sep 9 P&F Student Disco	Sep 10
8	Sep 11 Year 6—Sports Lightning Carnival	Sep 12	Sep 13	Sep 14 St Mark's Open Day	Sep 15 Chapel, 5H	Sep 16	Sep 17
9	Sep 18 JP Concert Dress Rehearsal	Sep 19 Assembly	Sep 20	Sep 21 2024 Foundation Play Date	Sep 22 Chapel, Mrs Page	Sep 23	Sep 24
10	Sep 25 JP Concert Full Dress Rehearsal  School Council Meeting, 7.30pm	Sep 26	Sep 27 Junior Primary Concert Matinee and Evening	Sep 28 Junior Primary Concert Evening	Sep 29 Chapel, 6S Term 3 Ends	Sep 30	Oct 1



# School Life



Dear Parents

Our priority at St Mark's is to ensure that our students have the skills and understandings to safely and effectively navigate their way around their digital environment with confidence.

On **Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> August** Year 3 – Year 6 students will participate in an education session on cyber safety which will include the following topics with content of each session tailored to each year level.

- Digital citizenship
- Stranger danger
- Online security and privacy – protecting personal information
- Cyberbullying
- Strategies for online wellbeing and screen time management
- Ways to stay safe and where to seek help
- Online gaming

At **7:00pm** on the same day, we are also hosting a parent session in the Library led by a member of the Cybersafe Families team. The session will provide:

- Introduction to the most popular and current social media platforms
- Tools to recognise and manage cyber bullying
- Step by step device security settings for smart phones and tablets
- Online grooming and other cybersafety risks
- Communication strategies – how to start difficult conversations
- Privacy and sharenting
- Behaviour management – including tips for managing screen time
- Recommendations for establishing cyber safe homes

Please go to the following link to book your attendance at our Cybersafe Family session:

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

A crèche facility will be available for the evening and will operate out of the Library meeting room. Please note staff will not be able to provide care for children who are not toilet trained.

Coffee, tea and biscuits will be available from 6:45pm!

I look forward to welcoming parents to our education session on cyber safety. Thank you in anticipation for helping us support our families in keeping our students safe in the digital world.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Loredana Saracini'.

**Loredana Saracini**  
Deputy Principal

27<sup>th</sup> July, 2023

## **‘You Are Special’ Junior Primary Concert 2023**

**Are you ready?  
It’s going to be SO SO EXCITING!**

Our story takes place in the village of Wemmicksville. This is the home of the Wemmicks – little wooden people who were all carved by someone very special – Eli the woodcarver!

A highlight of Term 3 is our school Junior Primary concert! We welcome families at the following times...

### **Wednesday September 27<sup>th</sup> – Matinee Performances**

9:30 am Band, 4LG, 3MOW, 2M, 1US, FH (Group 1)

11:30am Choir, 4S, 3L, 2K, 1K, FD (Group 2)

### **Wednesday September 27<sup>th</sup> – 7:00pm Performance**

Band, 4LG, 3MOW, 2M, 1US, FH (Group 1)

### **Thursday September 28<sup>th</sup> – 7:00pm Performance**

Choir, 4S, 3L, 2K, 1K, FD (Group 2)

Please pencil the date in your diary. Information on how to book your seats as well as details of costumes required will be made available in the coming weeks!

We look forward to families joining us for what promises to be a wonderful Junior Primary concert!

Loredana Saracini  
Deputy Principal

# Community



Welcoming children in Years 4 - 6 to our  
**FIRST JAFFA EVENT for TERM 3!!**

## BIG GAMES INDOORS

**Sunday August 13, 1:30 – 3:30pm**  
**St Mark's Church Link**  
**Bring \$4.00, Enthusiasm and Your Friends**

Contact Emma Graetz on 0418 898 430 or  
[emmagraetz@gmail.com](mailto:emmagraetz@gmail.com) to  
RSVP by **August 11th** or for any questions you might have.



**Come & Try and Pre-Season Training**  
**Sunday, 13 & 20 August 2023**

**11.00 am for Juniors (5yrs to 16yrs) – Boys & Girls**  
Tball, ModBall (U12), U14s & U16s

**1.00 pm for Seniors (16yrs+) – Men & Ladies**

All games and training at Anembo Park,  
Old Princes Highway, Littlehampton  
(Top Oval closest to the Playground)

Are you interested in starting a new sport, or maybe dusting off  
the old equipment and having some fun?

Have a hit, learn some skills, and meet some new friends with a  
very family orientated Club.

Come along and have some fun, check out our uniform and meet  
both players and members of the committee. There will be plenty  
of spare gloves & bats so everyone can have a go.  
We hope to see you there!

For more information contact Glenys 0438 385 207 or  
Mandy 0417 830 182 or email [mtbarker.redsox@gmail.com](mailto:mtbarker.redsox@gmail.com)

# Get That Diary Out!

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Friday 28th  
No Chapel  
SRC Speeches

## August

Tuesday 1st  
P&F Meeting, 6.30pm - staffroom

### Thursday 3rd

Band Rehearsal, 8.30am  
Supporting Beginning Readers Parent Sessions  
2pm - 2.45pm or 6pm - 6.45pm

### Friday 4th

Chapel, 9am - led by 3MOW (2 SRC announced)  
Year 6 German Excursion

### Monday 7th

ICAS Digital Technology and Writing

### Tuesday 8th

Assembly, 9am - led by Semester 2 SRC  
Book Fair  
ICAS Digital Technology and Writing

### Wednesday 9th

Book Fair  
ICAS Digital Technology and Writing

### Thursday 10th

Book Fair  
ICAS Digital Technology and Writing

### Friday 11th

Chapel, 9am - led by Year 4  
Book Fair  
ICAS Digital Technology and Writing

### Thursday 17th

Band Rehearsal  
ICAS Science  
Cyber Safety Session, 6.30pm

### Friday 18th

Chapel, 9am - led by School Captains and SRC  
ICAS Science  
Year 5 Science Day @ Cornerstone College

## KIDS TAEKWONDO

### Resilience Confidence Discipline Fitness

- Children can start at the age of 5
- Self defence and anti bullying program
- Non - Contact Training
- Experienced WWCC Instructors
- Sports Voucher approved provider
- Olympic Sport

### BEGINNERS WELCOME ANYTIME

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