



The Peter Rabbit art continues in Foundation Hassold.

Faith Focus

Let's Eat!

On Sunday, Pastor shared the following...

Jesus took the five loaves and two fish, looked up toward heaven, and blessed them. Then, breaking the loaves into pieces, he kept giving the bread and fish to the disciples so they could distribute it to the people.

Luke 9:16

The story in Luke 9:12-17 is often called The Feeding of the 5,000, though, in fact, the total number of people fed was much larger, since the 5,000 only identifies the number of men present. The plot of the story is simple. Thousands of people gathered in a remote place where Jesus was teaching and healing them. When it came time for the evening meal, there was nothing for people to eat, other than five loaves of bread and two fish donated by a small boy. From these however, Jesus was able to provide ample food for the whole crowd. He miraculously multiplied the quantity of food so that everyone was well fed and there were twelve baskets of leftovers.

Feeding the hungry is an act of compassion. Throughout the centuries, Christians have followed the lead of Jesus in seeking to feed people... especially those with limited access to food. At St Mark's we often host events that provide for those less fortunate within our local and global community or even for those in our own school community facing a difficult time – we do this through walk-a-thons, the collection of non-perishable food items for Hungry No More, weekly Chapel offerings for the Seeds of Hope program as well as other charities. There's also the Whispers of Hope program, where our St Mark's school families volunteer to support other families in need.

The feeding of 5000 also serves as an encouragement to all of us who care for our own families through the preparation of school lunches and evening meals! Through our efforts to care for the needs of our children, partners and extended family, we are following in the steps of our Lord Jesus – forever feeding and nurturing.

As you travel through your week, I invite you to give thanks for the blessing of all those in our community, who in their compassion and care for others, are the hands and feet of our Lord Jesus in this world.

Loredana Saracini

Important Bits

Principal Ponderings

Daily Practices

I spent last Thursday and Friday in a retreat style environment with nearly 30 Principals and Leaders from Lutheran Schools and Kindys in SA, NT and WA. We had time to reflect and check in where we are up to with God, as well as engage in wellbeing sessions led by Madhavi Nawana Parker from Positive Minds Australia. She shared practical strategies to improve and maintain wellbeing during the times of pressure, tensions, challenge and stress that we all experience to varying degrees.

At assembly on Tuesday morning our Year 6 students shared some of the strategies they are learning through our YCDI (You Can Do It) program. They showed us how to deal with the 'monkey on our brain.' Our YCDI and Circle time activities are regular features of our classroom time.

Wellbeing, quite rightly, is a constant topic of conversation. There are times when



significant support is needed, but often, quite simple habits and practices of the mind have been shown to make a positive difference to wellbeing. My generation never really learnt about grounding practices such as breathing, checking in, reflective journalling, practising daily gratitude etc. I'm pleased to have discovered these and even more pleased we can introduce them to our students.



Staffing

Last term I advised of staff who will be on leave between now and the end of 2023. We've had a few adjustments to our plan and I now advise the following:

- Mrs Uebergang (1US) commences 4 weeks of LSL on Monday 4th September. Mrs Schubert will work an additional day on Thursdays and Mrs Georgia Burden will teach the class from Monday to Wednesday during the leave.
- Mrs MacKenzie will be on LSL for all of Term 4. Mrs Sharon Seidel will now be teaching 2M during Term 4.
- Mrs LeGallez will commence parenting leave at the start of Term 4. Mrs Sheridan Wilson will teach 4LG during this time. Mrs Wilson will be transitioning to 4LG during the last two weeks of this term. Mrs LeGallez will have some time out of the classroom performing other duties, while I am on leave, during the last two weeks of this term.
- Mrs Moseley will be on LSL during Term 4. Mrs Steven will teach 5SM full time during Term 4.

St Mark's Lunch Time Paper Plane Competition!!



 **national science week 2023**
SCIENCEWEEK.NET.AU 12-20 AUGUST 2023

Can you **innovate** on the humble paper plane design to make it....

- Go the furthest?
- Be the most accurate?
- The most creative design?

Entries must be ready to fly **next Wednesday, Week 4** in our lunch time competition! Be sure to put your name and class on the plane.

Rules: Only paper products (A4, A3, straws, plates) can be used with glue to stick any parts together. Coloured textas/pencils can be used for decoration.



School Life



Welcome to the following students who were voted by their peers to serve as Student Representatives.

Foundation

Elijah M · Indiana G · Chase H · Liyana H

Year 1

Connor H · Aria B

Year 2

Ezra K · Lily M

Year 3

Hunter W · Annalise V · H

Year 4

Lawson S · Sydney B

Year 5

Micah M · Mia G



They joined School Captains Saphira and James for their first meeting today and shared many good ideas about activities for the coming terms.

Shoe Lace Tying Workshop



Foundation to Year 2 classes attended a workshop this week to learn and practice this important skill. Each student received a cute pencil case as well to remind them to keep practicing.

Achievement Awards

Congratulations to

Harriet B · Chloe F-C · Austin L

Nora M · Harry G ·

Malakai N · Lawson S · Samuel S

Harrison W · Emily T

who received an award at Week 3 Assembly.

Coming Up...

August

Friday 11th

Chapel, 9am - led by Year 4
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Book Club orders due

Monday 14th

ICAS English

Tuesday 15th

ICAS English

Wednesday 16th

Lunchtime Paper Plane Competition

Thursday 17th

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ICAS English
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Issue 5 Book Club order forms are due **Tomorrow, 11th August**. Please complete your online order or have CASH payment to the office.



Student Disco

Disco preparation is underway – information about how and when to book is coming soon!

Father's Day Stall

Father's stall will be **Thursday, 31st August** from 8:45am in the staffroom. Children will be able to purchase gifts for fathers or carers on the day. Items will be either \$5 or \$10.

COMMITTEE TREASURER NEEDED!

The P&F are in need for a volunteer to join the committee as the treasurer. Financial or accounting skill are not required, but are an advantage. Please contact Christopher Luck on 0418 194 786 for details.

NEXT WEEK!!

**Cyber Safety
Parent Sessions**

**Light refreshments
provided.**

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

School Life

Yesterday, the Year 4s set up an experiment to represent the water cycle. This is to support HASS studies as they explore how water moves around the Earth.



They are also having a guest speaker from SA Water come to speak to them to give another perspective of the process on Friday morning.

Pedal Prix News

It was the last race of the season for our 2023 Pedal Prix team, who last weekend attended The Bend racetrack for a gruelling 8 hour race.

They performed very well in difficult weather conditions coming second in their division. Amazing work Lutheran Lightning Team! Thank you to our parent community who supported our riders so well.



Upcoming Camp Dates

Year 2 - Wednesday 30th - Thursday 31st Aug

Year 1 - Thursday 9th - Friday 10th Nov

Year 6 - Thursday 9th - Friday 10th Nov

Important!

Any families with **siblings due to start school in 2025**, could you please submit an **enrolment application** asap. Our formal process is underway with offers of enrolment being made. If you require an application or have any questions, please speak with Leanne Llewellyn via the front office.

Junior Primary Concert News

With our concert fast approaching, we would ask that if parents know of any planned student absences over the term or for the performance dates, that you would inform Ms Lyall elyall@stmarks.sa.edu.au. This will help in the planning, rehearsal and casting process.

The final dress rehearsal will be September 25th and the performances will be September 27th and 28th, which is the last week of term. Thank you!

LOST!!!

- A size 8 brand new unnamed school sports jumper
- A size 14 sports jumper named Jeno

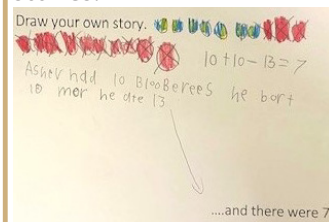
If you find these, please return to the front office.

MIXED UP SHOES After Dance Club last Friday!

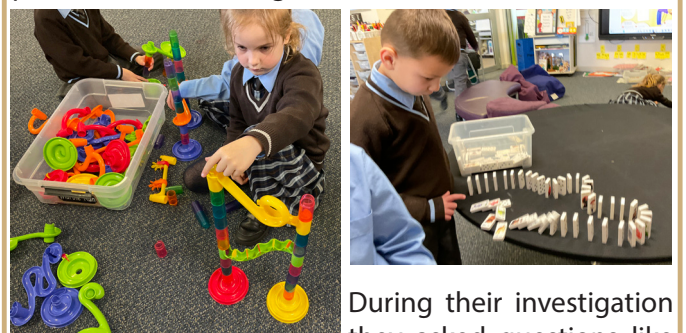
Please check that your child has a left and a right black school shoe that are the same size. One of our students now has two left shoes, Size 13 and 1. If you have the matching pairs, please return to the front office.

Year 1 News

Year 1 students created their own maths story using addition or subtraction where the solution had to be 7. Here are some of their stories!



In Science, using concept based inquiry principles, students began the investigation and organisation phase of their learning about forces.



During their investigation they asked questions like "Does the object stop or change direction?" and tried to discern if the force was a push or a pull.

They then organised their findings into a chart for easy comparing and pattern finding. Looks like a fun play with a lot of hidden learning!

School Life



St Mark's Lutheran School Mission & Ministry Team

Current & New Parent Volunteers
All Welcome!

When? 4:45pm Monday August 21st
Where? St Mark's School Library
RSVP: Friday August 18th
School Office: 8391 0444

At our get together we'll discuss **Nifty Knitters**, **Kids Hope**, **Whispers of Hope** & the **2023 Mt Barker Pageant**.

I look forward to welcoming you to St Mark's for a coffee, cake and conversation on how together we can continue to do **God's work for St Mark's church, school and beyond!**

Year 6 News

As part of the science unit on Space, Year 6s 'zoomed' in to participate in an interview with Dr Janna Fabris, a materials engineer who works for the Australian Space Agency. They were excited to send questions for her to answer - the wonders of modern technology!



Book Week News

Book Week is in 2 weeks! DRESS UP DAY is Tuesday, 22nd August. For theme '**READ, GROW, INSPIRE**'. Children may dress up like:

READ – a Book Character they enjoy;

GROW – something found in gardens i.e. flower, tree, butterfly, bird, gnome, gardener;

INSPIRE – inspirational character i.e. doctor, nurse, vet, horse rider, racing car driver, farmer.

I hope students can participate and enjoy the day!

Kind regards,

Mrs Paterson

Book Fair News

A few people have asked about the planned Book Fair this week. Due to unfortunate circumstances, Book Fair has been re-scheduled to Week 3 of **Term 4**. Thank you for your understanding.

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 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 27th, 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.)



School Life



**Next
Week!
Book Now!**



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, 17th 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'.

Loredana Saracini
Deputy Principal

27th July, 2023

School Life

You Are Special Junior Primary Concert 2023

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

The problem with the Wemmicks is that they seem to have forgotten that, despite their differences, they were all made by the same woodcarver and all belong to the same village. They have fallen into the trap of... OH NO!

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

Wednesday September 27th – Matinee Performances

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

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

Wednesday September 27th – 7:00pm Performance

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

Thursday September 28th – 7:00pm Performance

Choir, FD, 1K, 2K, 3L, 4S (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 to
 RSVP by August 11th or for any questions you might have.



24 August 7pm
@Mount Barker Swim School

Come and Try



Can you swim freestyle, backstroke and breaststroke and want to swim competitively with Mountain Pool Swimming Club? Scan the QR Code to register



Get That Diary Out!

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 ICAS English
 Year 5 Science Day @ Cornerstone College

Monday 21st

ICAS Science & Spelling Bee

Tuesday 22nd

Book Week

Assembly, 9am led by FD, 3L and 4S
 ICAS Science & Spelling Bee

Wednesday 23rd

ICAS Science & Spelling Bee

Thursday 24th

ICAS Science & Spelling Bee

Friday 25th

Chapel, 9am - led by Andy Traegar (Cornerstone)
 ICAS Science & Spelling Bee



Your child's dental health is important to their overall health and wellbeing.

All children from 0-18 years are welcome to attend SA Dental. There are no out-of-pocket costs for most families. Book an appointment today!

To find your closest SA Dental clinic, visit
www.dental.sa.gov.au/find-a-clinic

To request an appointment, visit
www.dental.sa.gov.au/kids/request-an-appointment



LCA/NZ Simultaneous Art Exhibition 2023

Hosted by the Lutheran churches and schools of Adelaide Hills at
 St Marks Lutheran Church Hall

24th to 27th August 2023

Come and see a variety of St Marks and other local artists' media and interpretation on the theme

"Come to the Banquet"

Opening times for the exhibition:

Thursday	2pm to 6pm (Students and families encouraged to attend)
Friday	10am to 3pm 6pm to 8pm Invite only event
Saturday	10am to 3pm
Sunday	9.30am combined church service 11am to 3pm



Tea, coffee and nibbles will be available for you to enjoy while you view the works.

We would love to have you support this event

Profits from monetary donations will go towards Australian Lutheran World Service famine appeals. Donations of cakes, biscuits and nibbles across the 4 days would be highly appreciated.