



Class 1K looking ready to **READ**, **GROW** and **INSPIRE** for Book Week.

# Faith Focus

## 54 Years!

It's said that youth is wasted on the young, but as my own youth escapes me, I have begun to wonder whether it's truer that the old are wasted on the youthful.

I invite you to ponder those words ... the old are wasted on the youthful...the old are wasted on the youthful! If only when I was younger, I had lingered for a few minutes longer listening to conversations of people who were older and dare I say, considerably wiser. I may have gathered lessons that would have paved a smoother and much slower ride to 54!

Timeless wisdom in God's Word tells us that the young do not fully appreciate their youth and conversely. The older generation may regret not making the most of their younger years. I can't say I have too many regrets other than not listening to my father's words "Slow down Loredana...there's no need to rush, you'll miss something"! Living life a little slower, just being 'in the moment' and fully present is something I must learn to do better! Savoring the gift of a sunrise, relishing the language used by our Year 6 students as they begin to dabble in personification, or dancing like no one is watching at a Friday Dance Club while a Foundation student is trying to teach me the latest and coolest dance move 'ever' and even making a little more time for an aging parent.

As we grow older, we may look back and reflect on how we lived out our youth. In Psalm 90:12 we find a prayerful request...which is my prayer for all of us...

*'teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom'.*

Moving forward, this verse is one I plan to hold onto much more robustly... as it calls us to consider the brevity of life itself and the importance of using our time wisely.

Therefore, as you travel through your week, I invite you to find moments to pause...be intentional in this...savor a sunrise or sunset, take time to thank God for the changing season, relish that sloppy goodnight kiss from your little ones and maybe ask for even more cuddles... 'be' in the moment because each one, each experience, is a gift from a loving God! And never ever, let age be wasted on youth... share your stories everyday with the young who surround you... gently share your wisdom so the lives of the young are even more blessed. Remind the young to

*'...remember the old, to consider the years of many generations'*

Deuteronomy 32:7

because it's the wisdom of our elders that help soften the bumps along the way... on this most precious journey we call life!

*Loredana Saracini*

# Important Bits

## Principal Ponderings

### All Together

It was wonderful to see the large crowds attending the FIFA Women's World cup recently – especially supporting the Matildas. The atmosphere, sense of connection and common purpose was clearly evident as players, coaches, commentators and supporters spoke about their experiences.

I am a big believer in the benefits of physically gathering together. Supporters of causes rally together and families and friends gather for significant occasions. Life is best when we can spend time with others – our amazing book parade assembly was a great example of the joy of being together.

As a St Mark's community, we have only two occasions we are all together – Sports Day being one of them. The only time we gather indoors as a whole community is our End of Year Closing Service. Once a year we gather and celebrate. We come together and have a sense of who we are as a whole community.

It's the reason all our students from Foundation, right through to Year 6 are required to attend this special occasion. This year, our end of year service and Year 6 graduation is being held on **Wednesday, 13th December**. We begin at 7pm and every student has a role to play during the night. Our service will again be held in the Inbarendi building at Cornerstone College.



Please ensure you mark this occasion on your calendars so you are part of our St Mark's gathering.

## Achievement Awards

### Congratulations to

*Eliza B · Molly C · Phoebe H  
Lincoln O · Lily D  
Charlie W · Billy M*

**who received an award at Week 5 Assembly.**



## Spring has Nearly Sprung!!

Why is that important?

As of **Friday, September 1st**, hats are a **required part of uniform**. Please check your hat is ready to be used and labelled ready to go!

## PREMIER'S READING Challenge

### Library News

There are only 2 weeks left until the close of the Reading Challenge for this year. Please remember to help your children record their books and remind them to hand in their completed forms.

### Sport News

Congratulations to the students below who competed this week at St Michaels Lutheran School in SAPSASA High Jump trials.

*Mya L · Isaac M · Chloe S · Alexey L  
Ethan D · Grace S*

The students performed well and are waiting to find out if they progressed to the next stage.

## SAVE THE DATE!

### Whole School Closing Service

*Wednesday, 13th December*

All students are required to attend. Each student has a role in this important community event where we farewell our Year 6 students and conclude our year of learning.

### Upcoming Camp Dates

**Year 2** - Wednesday 30th - Thursday 31st Aug

**Year 1** - Thursday 9th - Friday 10th Nov

**Year 6** - Thursday 9th - Friday 10th Nov

To assist with your 2024 planning and to maximise school attendance I have included our 2024 term dates.

### 2024 School Term Dates

#### Term 1

Monday 29th Jan - Friday 12th Apr (Years 1-6)

Tuesday 30th January to Friday 12th April (Foundation)

#### Term 2

Monday 29th April - Friday 28th June

#### Term 3

Monday 22nd July - Friday 27th September

#### Term 4

Monday 13th October - Wednesday 11th December



# School Life



## Book Week 2023



READ



GROW



INSPIRE



## Coming Up...

### August

Thursday 24th

P&F Meeting, 7.30pm - Staffroom

Friday 25th

Chapel, 9am - Andy Traegar (Cornerstone Chaplain)

Monday 28th

ICAS Maths

Cornerstone Music Concert 2pm (hall) - parents welcome

Wednesday 30th

2024 Foundation Playdate - 11.30am - 12.45pm

Thursday 31st

Band Rehearsal 8.30am

Fathers Day Gift Stall

Year 2 Camp

### September

Friday 1st

Chapel, 9am - led by 5SM

Year 2 Camp

Hats are now required



### Father's Day Stall

Father's Day stall will be available from **Wednesday, 30th August** for our Year 2 campers. All other Year levels can purchase items from 8:45am in the staffroom on **Thursday, 31st August**. Items will be either \$5 or \$10.

### Student Disco

Tickets for the Student Disco are able to be ordered now through Flexischools. Volunteers are still needed to supervise, please fill in the form through Flexischools or respond via hardcopy form in this newsletter. Parents are welcome to stay and chat in the library, see promotion below.

**DURING THE STUDENT DISCO!**

**BYO DRINKS**

**P&F PARENT GATHERING**

SATURDAY  
9TH SEPTEMBER, 2023  
START AT 6PM

SCHOOL LIBRARY





# School Life

## Student Leadership News

This week our school captains Isaac and Saphira attended a Country Cabinet, a forum with the South Australian Premier and many other student leaders from local schools.



Held at Mt Barker High School, the guests included Premier Peter Malinauskas, Dan Cregan (State Member for Kavel) and Rebekha Sharkie (Federal Member for Mayo). Students had the opportunity to voice their concerns and discuss the impact of various topics on education.

Some issues raised included the use of mobile phones in schools and local transport challenges as well as several health concerns relating to children and teenagers. Our school was very pleased to participate in the event and hope that future school leaders will be able to have this opportunity.

## Year 1 News

The investigation into Forces continues this week with students discovering how



applying strength or greater power to an object impacts its direction, distance and speed.

## Seeds of Hope

This group of 15 students (listed below) representing each year level, meet together weekly to discuss ways to help people in refugee camps in other countries.

Foundation - Ryder • Sarah

Year 1 - Marigold • Lexi • Ada

Year 2 - Isabella • Logan

Year 3 - Patrick • Phoebe

Year 4 - Seb • Lydia

Year 5 - Evie • Millie

Year 6 - Alex • Ella

Our chapel offering is currently being given to ALWS so that we can send children from refugee camps to school. It only takes \$26 to send one child to school for one year. This money is used to train teachers and provide resources for learning.

Please remember to send a small donation to school for the chapel offering on Friday to contribute to this worthy cause.

## Come to the Banquet



Year 5 classes and their Year 1 buddies this week enjoyed the art show on display in the church hall entitled 'Come to the Banquet'.

## Important!

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



## Buddies, Books, Bears and Blankets!!

Students enjoyed a snuggle and a book with a buddy this week as part of Book Week celebrations. We love this spring weather!



## You Are Special Junior Primary Concert 2023

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

*As the 'movers and shakers' of Wemmicksville, they are  
blissfully unaware of how Wemmicks like Punchinello feel.  
They are covered in so many stars that they are almost  
blinded by the brightness of their own reflections.*

*Why the stars? We wonder!*

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

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

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

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

**Thursday September 28<sup>th</sup> – 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

# School Life



**NEON DISCO**

**Saturday 9th September 2023**

Years F to 2 - 6:00 - 7:00pm.    Years 3 to 6 - 7:30 - 8:45pm

**COME AND HAVE SOME FUN WITH YOUR FRIENDS AND DANCE UP A STORM. JOIN US FOR A DISCO!**  
*Presented by the St Mark's P&F Committee*

**\$10 per Child**  
Includes: Disco Entry, a Fruit Box, a packet of Chips & Lolly Bag.  
Please bring along a named drink bottle of water.

**Come dressed in your BRIGHTEST NEON COLOURS!!**

*No walk-ins will be permitted.  
RSVP closes Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 4PM.  
Parents are welcome to stay for light snacks in the Library. BYO drinks*

## Disco RSVP

Please send completed form back to class or RSVP on [flexischools](https://www.flexischools.com) by **Wednesday, 6th September.**

Student(s) Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Foundation – Year 2, 6-7pm. OR ☐ Year 3 – Year 6, 7:30 – 8:45pm

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### I would like to help at the following disco

☐ Foundation – Year 2, 6-7pm. OR ☐ Year 3 – Year 6, 7:30 – 8:45pm

Parent / Caregiver Name & Contact Number if you can volunteer on the night:



# Community

## THIS WEEKEND!

LCA/NZ Simultaneous

### Art Exhibition 2023

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

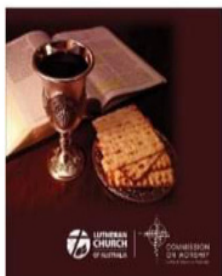
24th to 27th August 2023

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.

## ALCOHOL AND DRUG EDUCATION FOR PARENTS AND COMMUNITY

Thursday 24th August  
6pm - 7.30pm  
Mount Barker United Soccer Club  
304 Springs Road  
Mount Barker

Bookings:  
[mtbcc.eventbrite.com](http://mtbcc.eventbrite.com)  
8391 2747



Join us at this **free** information session designed to give you - parents, caregivers and community members the tools and confidence to talk to young people about alcohol and other drugs and how to stay safe

Learn more about:

Current use of alcohol and other drugs among young people  
Talking to a young person about alcohol and other drugs  
Positively influencing a young person's choices



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!

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To request an appointment, visit  
[www.dental.sa.gov.au/kids/request-an-appointment](http://www.dental.sa.gov.au/kids/request-an-appointment)



## Get That Diary Out!

### August

#### Friday 25th

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

#### Monday 28th

ICAS Maths  
Cornerstone Music Concert 2pm - parents welcome

#### Wednesday 30th

2024 Foundation Playdate  
Fathers Day Stall (Year 2 only)

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Band Rehearsal 8.30am  
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### September

#### Friday 1st

Chapel, 9am - led by 5SM  
Year 2 Camp  
Hats are required from today

#### Wednesday 6th

Foundation Zoo Excursion

#### Thursday 7th

Band Rehearsal 8.30am

#### Friday 8th

Chapel, 9am - led by 6KB  
Premier's Reading Challenge forms due

#### Saturday 9th

Student Disco, hall - Foundation - Year 2 • 6pm - 7pm  
Years 3 - 6 • 7.30 - 8.45pm  
Parent Gathering, library - 6pm - 8.45pm



## Give life. Give blood in Mount Barker.

St Mark's Lutheran Church  
26 September to 29 September



Tuesday 26 September  
Wednesday 27 September  
Thursday 28 September  
Friday 29 September

12 pm - 6 pm  
11 am - 5.30 pm  
11 am - 5.30 pm  
8.45 am - 3.30 pm

