



St Mark's students enjoying our beautiful grounds!

Faith Focus

I Wish...

How many times have you wished your wants and needs into your life? ... I wish I had a new car, I wish my kids would stop fighting, I wish I could have slept better, I wish I was on holidays...

I find myself wondering why I'm always wishing for something, when God wants more for me, after all, the Bible says

"For anyone who asks, receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened"

Matthew 7: 8

.... then why do I still say, I wish....?

God didn't give me a *wishing* heart, he gave me something far better...a *praying* heart. When we pray, we are heard by God. He doesn't always give us what we're 'wishing' for, but He does give us what we need in that moment...and we can look back and say... "Wow!".

God works all things together for our good (Romans 8:28). I find great comfort in knowing that I have a God that takes time to listen to me and answer me in His way. His way, I have found, is far better than I could ever have hoped or dreamt of...hindsight is a wonderful thing - He's made me smile on so many occasions, as I've realised the way things turned out, were much better for me than my own plans would have been. Given this knowledge, why would I wish instead of pray??? I want more of those "Wow" moments!

My prayer is that you too will take your prayers to our living & loving God, who knows your every need - and when you look back on your life you'll be encouraged by those times when you can say.....'that must've been God'...and smile.

"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us"

Eph 3:20

Tracy Holmes

Important Bits

Principal Ponderings



The Engine Room

In football terms, the engine room refers to the players who make it happen. They take possession of the ball, initiate plays, support other players and drive the team plans forward. Without them, the team doesn't function, and nothing is achieved.

The St Mark's engine room is our staff. Across the week we have 39 staff – full time, part time, classroom teachers, specialist and support teachers, admin staff, classroom and resource support LSOs as well as cleaners, grounds and IT contractors who bring St Mark's alive. Their commitment, care, professionalism, skill, ability, and service hearts make us the special community we are.

At the moment, you can hear and read a lot about school staff and what it is like to work in a school. Schools are indeed unique places to work and unless you have worked in a school, I think it is hard to fully understand the day to day dynamics. Yes there are challenges, but each day is filled with joyful moments as we get to experience young people learning and growing.

I am grateful for the amazing staff of St Mark's who generously serve our community each and every day.

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

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.

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

'Das Mäuschen' German Poetry Competition

On Friday August 25th, 14 students from St Marks visited Mount Barker Waldorf School and participated in a German Poetry Competition.



St Marks students interacted with students from Waldorf

and put their German speaking and knowledge to use by participating in a 'Find someone who...!' activity.

They then were verbally recorded reading the poem "Das Mäuschen" using expression and pronunciation. Recordings will then be judged by a



native German speaker and winners announced from each year level. Judges will be looking for student who best used expression and correct pronunciation.

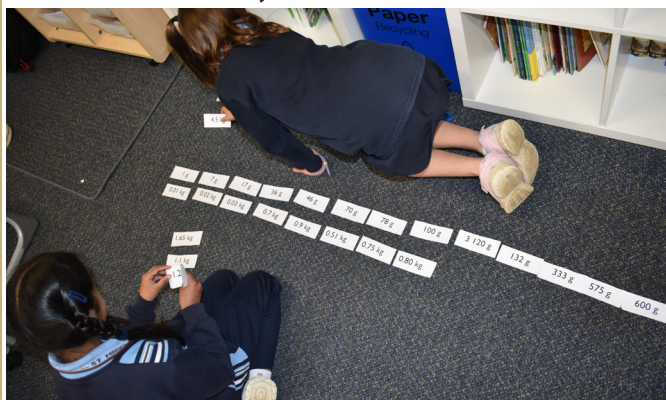
Students then enjoyed German hotdogs and had a short play on the playgrounds before returning to St Marks.



"Gut Gemacht zu alle schuler"- well done to all students, winners of the competition will be announced shortly.

Year 3 News

Students collaborated to order mass cards from lightest to heaviest. It was tricky as some were shown as grams or kilograms. Converting between the 2 units of measurement was needed so that the masses could be ordered accurately.



School Life

Library News

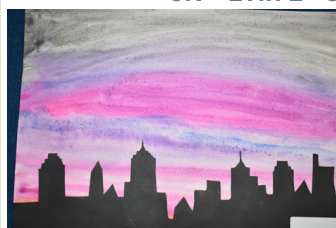
Book Week

The children have enjoyed a variety of activities celebrating Book Week. One of these was a class competition using paint, paper, pencil or poetry to represent the Book Week theme **Read • Grow • Inspire** OR a Book Week book.

We certainly have some very talented students in our school. The winning entries are all on display in the Library. Well done to all who were able to participate!

The winning entries belonged to:

FD – Henry E • FH Emerson H
1K – Sienna B • 1US – Ada K
2M – Nora M • 2K – Camille L
3L – Phoebe H • 3MOW – Ally Cs
4S – Poppy D • 4LG – Ruby W
5H – Oscar W • 5SM – Austin H
6K – Evin E • 6S – Sophie M



PREMIER'S READING Challenge

There is only 1 week left until the close of the Reading Challenge for this year. Please help your children record their books and remind them to hand in completed forms by **Friday, 8th September**. First year participants receive a certificate for completion of the challenge and each year thereafter receive a medal.

Sports News

Congratulations to the students below who have been selected to represent the BARKER district at the State Carnival Athletics Championship on the 19th of September. Students were selected based on their Athletic performances in Term 1.

Josh N - Shotput, Discus and 100m Relay
Piper BC - Long jump and 100m Relay
Isobel J - 200m
Enya W - Shotput and Discus
Harry G - 100m Relay
Ethan D - Discus
Ashlyn L - 100m Relay
Finley B - 100m Relay



Coming Up...

September

Friday 1st

Chapel, 9am - led by 5SM

Year 2 Camp

Hats are now required

Tuesday 5th

Year 3 Playdate on Playground from 3:15pm

Wednesday 6th

Foundation Zoo Excursion

Student Disco RSVPs due 4pm

Thursday 7th

Band Rehearsal 8.30am

Friday 8th

Chapel, 9am - led by 6KB

Premier's Reading Challenge forms due



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 found in this newsletter. If you have trouble using Flexischools you may need to reinstall the app. **Please message Chris (0418 194 786) if you would like to help/show the children how dancing is really done!**

Foundation - Year 2 @ 6pm - 7pm

Years 3 -6 @ 7.30pm - 8.45pm

Parents are also welcome to stay and chat in the library, see promotion below.

DURING THE STUDENT DISCO!

P&F PARENT GATHERING

SATURDAY
9TH SEPTEMBER, 2023
START AT 6PM

SCHOOL LIBRARY

**BYO DRINKS
NIBBLES PROVIDED!**



Book Club order forms have been sent home this week. Orders and payment need to be in by **Friday, September 15th**.

School Life

Maths News

Our Maths Olympiad team continues develop their skills in being collaborative problem solvers. Selected students from Years 5 and 6 use critical and creative thinking skills to solve math related challenges.



There are many ways to solve a problem and the team has the opportunity to learn from others around them, as well as share their own strategies while problem solving. We wish them luck for their final Maths Olympiad next week.

Cornerstone College Music Concert

As part of preparations for Cornerstone's annual Cabaret (where our St Mark's choir and band will also be performing) the Cornerstone senior music ensembles toured local schools on Monday, and concluded with a concert in our hall.



Students were exposed to many different styles of music and encouraged to consider learning an instrument so they could perform like the students in our big sister school. Our talented choir and band perform at Cornerstone Cabaret on **Friday, September 15th.**



Junior Concert

Rehearsals are well underway for musical - thanks to the parents who are already thinking about costumes!



The story is set in a village and our 'Wemmicks' are simply local people such as shopkeepers, families and business persons. This means we can create costumes out of regular clothing. Teachers will stick stars and/or dots on the costumes, made from adhesive vinyl. If you have any further questions, please contact elyall@stmarks.sa.edu.au.

Sports News

It was girls versus boys this week in the Year 6 sport class where even Mr Scott donned a bib to play - for the boys of course!



Year 5 News

Students created binary bracelets as part of learning about binary code. They used 2 sets of coloured beads to represent binary code for their initials.



FOUND!

These two items were found at school recently. Please come to the office to collect if they are yours.



Thank you!

This week we celebrated our Learning Support Officers with a delicious morning tea.

Our school community are so blessed to have them caring and investing into our student's wellbeing and learning.



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.

You Are Special Junior Primary Concert 2023

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

He looks around at all the strange tools and gadgets. He can't see Eli and he can't call because his voice is just too scared to come out! He's about to lose his nerve and go home when he hears a warm, friendly voice, which stops him in his tracks...

I wonder what happens next?

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 book your seats at the following link <https://www.trybooking.com/CLEKG>.

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 6th 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://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

LOST!!!

MIXED UP SHOES After Dance Club

One of our students has two left shoes, Size 13 and 1.
If you have the matching pairs, please return to the front office.



Join us at JAFFA for ...

BOARD GAME BLITZ

Welcoming children in Years 4 to 6
Sunday September 17, 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 September 15th
or for any questions you might have.



ADELAIDE HILLS HAWKS

**Inspired by the Matildas?
Ready to take your Football to the
Next Level?**

**Join the Adelaide Hills Hawks!
The Premier female football club
in the Hills!**

Registrations are now OPEN for trials for 2024

Location: Hawks Nest, 1 Hutchens Road, Woodside

Girls: U9 - U17; Monday 16 and Wednesday 18 October 6pm - 7.30pm

Boys: U8 - U16; Thursday 19 and Friday 20 October 6pm - 7.30pm

Register online: <https://tinyurl.com/hawksfc24>

Contact: trialseadelaidehillshawks.com.au



Get That Diary Out!

September

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Saturday 9th

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

Parent Gathering, library - 6pm - 8.45pm

Wednesday 13th

Year 6 Lightning Carnival

Thursday 14th

Band Rehearsal 8.30am

St Mark's Open Day

Friday 15th

Chapel, 9am - led by 5H

Cornerstone Cabaret Performance (Choir)

Give life. Give blood in Mount Barker.

St Mark's Lutheran Church
26 September to 29 September




Tuesday 26 September 12 pm - 6 pm
Wednesday 27 September 11 am - 5.30 pm
Thursday 28 September 11 am - 5.30 pm
Friday 29 September 8.45 am - 3.30 pm

 give blood

THE CABARET TIME MACHINE


LET'S GO BACK TO THE FUTURE



Friday, 15 September
6.00pm for 6.30pm start until 9.30pm
inbarendi, Cornerstone College

PRESENTED BY
THE CORNERSTONE COLLEGE
MUSIC DEPARTMENT

\$15 per ticket | \$10 concession

 CORNERSTONE COLLEGE
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