



SRC visit local parks to research Nature Play options for potential changes to our own play space.

Faith Focus

What Can An Ant Achieve?

Have you ever wondered what occurs inside an anthill? Each nest of ants is an underground metropolis built with sophisticated order. Labyrinths of tunnels, complex food storage, living and waste areas. Each design displays economy of travel to the surface and excellent ventilation. Anthills look to be the work of a master city planner, but of course each city is created by an extraordinarily large team. It seems that although there is no one specifically directing these ants, with a clear common goal, survival of the colony, they are able to achieve collective greatness.

Ants appear only twice in the Bible, both times in the book of Proverbs where they are praised for their wisdom.

Go watch the ants, you lazy person. watch what they do and be wise.

Proverbs 6:6

Ants are esteemed for their diligence, their initiative without supervision and their foresight, especially when collecting food during summer to prepare for winter. Ants do this with the precision of a team at its best. Each ant has a distinct function and all work collectively towards a single goal.

This is strikingly similar to the Apostle Paul in Corinthians who likened the Christian life to functioning as part of the 'Body of Christ'. All ant species live in colonies centred around one or more egg-laying queens. So even though the queen does not issue commands for each ant, they each work together for her good.

Ants work for the queen, whereas Christians should all be working for a common King, Jesus Christ. Imagine the potential of a family, a school or a community working together for a Christian purpose. May you know your place and purpose in our St Mark's community this week and always.

Janine Messenger

Important Bits

Principal Ponderings

Good Things

There are so many good things I have the privilege of experiencing at St Mark's.

- Excitement and joy as over 170 students danced Saturday night away;
- Morning arrivals as friends greet each other and share some news;
- Handball, soccer, swings, mud kitchen potions, stick-play cubbies;
- Choir and band full of enthusiasm for their Cornerstone Cabaret performance;
- Concert costumes and props along with song and dance rehearsals;
- School Captain assembly reports and Seeds of Hope team fundraising;
- Peer mentors checking in with students;
- Staff morning devotions;
- Cooking smells from KidsHope mentoring.

I'm also blessed to be beginning leave on Monday for the remainder of the term. During this time, Ms Saracini will be attending to any matters that arise.

Uniform Transition

As advised earlier in the week, due to the week of beautiful weather we are experiencing, we have brought forward the transition to summer uniform. Students may wear either the winter or summer uniform for the remainder of the term, dependant on the weather conditions.

P&F Support

Thank you to our P&F team for organising and supporting the student discos last Saturday evening. They were well attended and a huge hit with students.

You will see a notice from the P&F **calling for volunteers** to help out with a BBQ stall on **Saturday, 14th October**. Our school library will be a polling booth for the Voice referendum to be held on this day. The BBQ stall is a great way to raise funds for our next nature play development, as well as showing the community spirit of St Mark's. Please consider giving back and making a contribution of your time on the day.

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.

PREMIERS READING Challenge



Congratulations to Class 4LG who were the only class to have every student complete this year's Premiers Reading Challenge. Here they are enjoying their reward from Mrs Paterson.

Pictured right is Annika, for several years now, Annika has been the FIRST person to complete and submit her Readers Challenge form. Today she was rewarded with a \$20 voucher for Book Fair - congratulations!



Year 6 News

Our Year 6s set off to St Francis de Sales this week to compete in the annual Lightning Carnival against local schools.

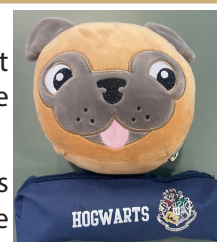
They could play either netball, basketball or soccer and had a great time on a beautiful spring day.



FOUND!

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

Also, the hoodies pictured below, as well as a fitted and flat sheet were leftover from the **Year 2 Camp**. They can be collected from the front office.



School Life

Nature Play News

On Tuesday the SRC went on an excursion to try out local playgrounds. They investigated nature play and discussed what would be good to add to our own nature play at St Mark's.



The SRC give up their own lunch times weekly to serve the school - it is nice to see them enjoy some of the perks of student leadership!

ATTENTION BAND MEMBERS!

Band Rehearsal has been rescheduled to **Wednesday** in Week 10 (27/09) instead of Thursday.



Concert News IMPORTANT!

For the days of JP Concert dress rehearsal and matinee performances (18/09, 25/09 and 27/09), students are asked to wear sports uniform for ease of getting changed.

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.

Are You Missing Uniform Items???

Our Lost Property Drawers are located by the girls toilet. Please check for any items you may have lost - **items that are not collected by the end of term will be donated to Goodwill** or our onsite secondhand uniform shop.



PLEASE LABEL uniform clearly - then it will be returned to you if found!

Upcoming Camp Dates

Year 1 - Thursday 9th - Friday 10th Nov

Year 6 - Thursday 9th - Friday 10th Nov

Coming Up...

September

Friday 15th

Chapel, 9am - led by 5H
Cornerstone Cabaret Performance (Choir and Band)
Book Club orders due

Monday 18th

Full dress rehearsal for JP Concert - costumes required

Tuesday 19th

Assembly, 9am
State Day Athletics

Thursday 21st

Band Rehearsal 8.30am
Foundation 2024 Playdate

Friday 22nd

Chapel, 9am - led by Mrs Page and Mrs Saracini



Disco

Thank you to all the volunteers that helped at the School Disco. The student thoroughly enjoyed the night. The parents and friends that stayed had a leisurely time enjoying cheese, wine and friendly conversation in the Library, while the students danced the night away.

Referendum Vote BBQ

St Marks will be hosting a polling booth for the Referendum on Saturday 14th October in the Library. The P&F will be arranging a BBQ stall to sell snags in bread and bacon egg sandwiches.

We do ask for volunteers during the day to cook and serve. Please send to stmarkspf@gmail.com to volunteer.

Student Disco

Thanks again to the P&F for our fun disco - the glow sticks were



plentiful and our students had a ball!



School Life

You Are Special Junior Primary Concert 2023

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

Punchinello 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 who the voice belongs to?

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



The Voice Referendum
Polling Booth at
St Mark's Lutheran School
Library
Come & Vote then Support
our Stall



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14TH 2023

Our school has been selected again as a Polling Booth Location.
This is a great opportunity for us to raise funds for our school.

The P&F are planning on cooking delicious Bacon & Egg Sandwiches and Sausages for the community that come along to vote in the State Election.

Would You Like To Help?

Do you have some spare time to help by cooking the BBQ or serving on the stall?

If you can help, please complete and return the reply slip below or contact Chris Luck at stmarkspf@gmail.com or on 0418 194 786.

POLLING BOOTH BBQ Stall – Saturday, 14th October 2023
Reply Slips to be returned by 3:30pm Wednesday, 11th October to the school office

Student Name: _____ Class: _____

Helper 1 name: _____ I would like to: ☐ Cook BBQ

Contact details (email or Ph#) _____ ☐ Serve on stall

Helper 2 name: _____ I would like to: ☐ Cook BBQ

Contact details (email or Ph#) _____ ☐ Serve on stall

(please tick the time(s) that suit you)	Helper 1	Helper 2		Helper 1	Helper 2
7:00-8:00am (setup/start cooking)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	11:00am-12:00pm	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8:00-9:00am	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	12:00-1:00pm	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9:00-10:00am	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1:00-2:00pm	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10:00-11:00am	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2:00-3:00pm (Pack up)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

School Life

St Mark's Lutheran School Council Nominations

Nominations for four (4) positions on the St Mark's Lutheran School Council are now open.

School Council holds governance responsibility for St Mark's Lutheran School. It comprises up to eight members including:

- at least six members required to be members of the St Mark's Lutheran church or another Lutheran Church
- up to two members who are practicing Christians from the school or wider community.

The four positions open for nomination are for a two-year term (minimum three Lutheran members with one able to be a practicing Christian member). Current School Council members completing their two year term are able to re-nominate.

School Council membership is voluntary and requires members to meet once a month during the school year, with some out of session activities from time to time.

Applicants will ideally have experience in one of the following areas: financial management, risk management, information technology, education, facilities and master planning. These skills will complement School Council's current skills profile.

School Council membership is elected by members of the St Mark's Lutheran Church Mt Barker, in their role as Members of the School, at an Annual Election Meeting in November. Elections are based on recommendation from School Council.

Nomination forms are available by contacting School Council Chairperson Casey Work on 0422 070 986 or by contacting the School Front Office on 08 8391 0444 or contacts@stmarks.sa.edu.au.

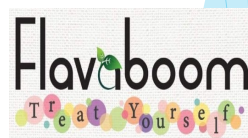
Nominations are due by Wednesday, 4th October.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN A VERY SUCCESSFUL
PEDAL PRIX SEASON!**

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION 2023 HPV Pedal Prix



Would like to thank you for your support



Year 2 Maths

Year 2s had some hands on experience learning about capacity as they predicted, estimated and then checked the capacity of different sized containers.



Community




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.

LET'S GO BACK TO THE FUTURE


PRESENTED BY
THE CORNERSTONE COLLEGE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Featuring performances from St Mark's Lutheran School and Laurel

\$15 per ticket | \$10 concession

6.00pm for 6.30pm start until 9.30pm
Friday, 15 September 2023
inbarendi, Cornerstone College

Book here trybooking.com/CKRWU




TUESDAY 3RD
 Hollows for Habitat Talk - FREE
 2-4pm
 Bookings at:
<https://www.naturefestival.org.au/event/hollows-for-habitat>

WEDNESDAY 4TH
 Girl Power Workshops (Age 7-12) - \$5
 10am and 1pm

WEDNESDAY 4TH
 Decorate a Colourful Pot with Tatty K
 \$5
 10:30am, 11:15am and 12pm

SATURDAY 7TH
 Teen Terrarium Workshop (Age 12-17)
 \$15
 10am

WEDNESDAY 11TH
 Paint a Lovely Llama (Age 8+) - \$5
 10am

FRIDAY 13TH
 Mini Makers Market
 11am-2pm
 Including:
 Mini Makers Stamp Rally - FREE
 Pottery Come and Try @ the Mini Makers Market - \$5

SATURDAY 14TH
 Adelaide Hills Car Rally Pit Stop
 TBC

Bookings essential - mbcl.eventbrite.com.au
 unless indicated otherwise

Get That Diary Out!

September

Friday 15th

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Cornerstone Cabaret Performance Choir and Band

Monday 18th

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Tuesday 19th

Assembly, 9am

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Band Rehearsal 8.30am

Foundation 2024 Playdate

Friday 22nd

Chapel, 9am - led by Mrs Page and Mrs Saracini

Monday 25th

Full dress rehearsal for JP Concert - costumes required

Wednesday 27th

Band Rehearsal 8.30am

JP Concert Matinee Performances

9.30am - Band, FH, 1US, 2M, 3MOW and 4LG

11.30am - Choir, FD, 1K, 2K, 3L and 4S

JP Concert Evening Performance - 7pm

Band, FH, 1US, 2M, 3MOW and 4LG

Thursday 28th


JP Concert Evening Performance - 7pm

Choir, FD, 1K, 2K, 3L and 4S


Friday 29th

Chapel, 9am - led by 4S


End of Term



Come along and explore...



How can we develop respectful and reflective young people in an age of technology and social media?



How can we build resilience in our children in a risk averse world?

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How can we ensure our children will be responsible and resourceful by the time they reach legal adulthood?

What you'll hear:
 Andrew Lines, creator of The Rite Journey, will be sharing his thoughts on how we, as Gen X and Y parents, can develop responsible, resilient, respectful, resourceful and reflective Gen Z young adults.

What parents say:

- "This evening was extremely informative and entertaining."
- "Andrew is a brilliant presenter. I'd love to hear him again!"
- "Andrew's presentation is a must for all parents with kids aged from 0-18. He delivers in a warm, compassionate and humorous way. His skills and experience will help us all raise resilient and decent human beings."

Where to be:
 TBC

Where to book:
<https://paylntelnet.net/form/viUSIXIO>

www.theritejourney.com

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 TRANSFORMING TODAY'S TEENS

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