



Our choir entertains with energy and flair at last week's Cornerstone Cabaret!

# Faith Focus

## You Are Special!

Max Lucado's picture book 'You Are Special' remains one of my all-time favourites. In the story, the Wemmicks live in a world where they constantly judge each other, placing either golden stars or black dots on each other based on their perceptions of worth. We might be able to relate to this.... humans also judge and label others based on their appearance, talents, or social status. However, Lucado presents the story that God views each of us differently. He sees beyond our imperfections and recognises each of our unique gifts and talents.

In 1 Corinthians 12:4-7 we read...

*"There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone, it is the same God at work. Now to each one, the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good."*

In 1 Corinthians 12, the Apostle Paul reminds us that God has given us different kinds of gifts and talents through the Holy Spirit. These gifts are not meant to be compared or ranked as they are equally important for the common good. Just as in Lucado's story, where each Wemmick is special regardless of their stars or dots, we are all special in God's eyes because of the gifts He has given us.

There may be times when we might struggle with self-esteem and self-worth, forgetting that *we are fearfully and wonderfully made* by our Creator. At these times I invite you to remain focused on your uniqueness... your talents and abilities... each designed to serve a greater purpose. Instead of trying to fit into society's mold or seeking validation from others, use your God-given gifts to bless those around you. AND by blessing others – AND trust me on this one - most struggles will seem less consuming.

Your gifts do not need to be anything grandiose. Your gift might just be a word of encouragement for a child, parent, friend or stranger in need. Your gift might just be a warm smile. Never under-estimate the power of the simplest kind word or action... the gift of a kind word or action has the potential to alter the trajectory of another's day or even life!

Next week as our Junior Primary students present the musical "You Are Special", let us remember that each person is a unique creation of God, each blessed with special gifts and talents. Just as Eli loved the Wemmicks unconditionally, God loves us despite our flaws and imperfections. It is our privilege and responsibility to share our God given gifts with others for the good of all people – big or small!

*Loredana Saracini*

# Important Bits

## Principal Ponderings

### Junior Primary Concert

There's certainly a buzz through the Junior Primary hallways! What's going on you may ask? It's concert time! On Monday, our Junior Primary students were busy with their very first dress rehearsal! I had the privilege to observe and I must say, they're doing a mighty fine job. I look forward to sharing this occasion with our Junior Primary families on....

#### 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)

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Please have your child at school by 6:30pm next Wednesday or Thursday for the performance evenings. Teachers will advise which classroom to bring your child to, as classes facing the hall will be relocated for the duration of the evening performance.

A reminder that your child's commitment to the Junior Primary concert ends after the finale when all classes come together to sing a final song. I ask you to collect your child from their classroom with class teachers marking the role once a child is collected. This ensures the safety of all children.

I continue to be in awe of the commitment of our Junior Primary and LSO staff and their tireless effort in assisting students learn their lines, refine dance moves, costume making, backdrop painting, prop making – with much occurring after school. Miss Lyall, the Junior Primary teachers and LSO staff team have done a wonderful job! I'm sure you'll be impressed!

### Junior Primary Concert Tickets

If you require tickets for the concert, I invite you to consider attending a matinee performance. Tickets for these performances are still available. If you require a ticket for an evening performance, please contact the front office and Leanne and Hayley will be able to assist you. Please have a copy of your tickets available for the performance.

### Welcome

This week we welcome Mrs Sheridan Wilson to St Mark's! Mrs Wilson will be replacing Mrs Le Gallez in Year 4LG.

Mrs Wilson has many years of teaching experience across sectors. Please join me in making Mrs Wilson feel welcome! Mrs Le Gallez will commence leave at the end of Term 3.



## Term 3 Ends

Term 3 ends on Friday, September 29th at 3:15pm. If you require holiday care, please contact the YMCA to make arrangements. For information about the YMCA, please see the advertisement in this week's newsletter.



## Concert News

### IMPORTANT!

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

## Wellbeing Resources

*Every challenge is an opportunity to learn something new...*

At St Mark's we offer parents and caregivers the opportunity to borrow books to help support their children through life's challenges.

Parents can borrow books about grief, loss, bullying, anxiety, depression, parenting, boundaries, emotions and more from the Wellbeing Room. Please see Julian, our Pastoral Care Worker, if you are interested in borrowing a book.



If Julian is not available, please speak with someone in the front office.

## Achievement Awards

### Congratulations to

Ryder W · Lewis S · Isla M  
Grayson C · Brookelyn MD  
Eliana P · Winslow W · Carl H  
Patrick S · Henry B · Hunter C  
Isobel H · Theo J · Jacob S  
Riley M · Lydia M · Laela W  
Evie T · Mia G · Lyla BC  
Chloe F · Zoe H · Grace L  
Mitchell M

**who received an award at Week 9 Assembly.**



# School Life

Parents and friends are invited to...  
the **2023 St Mark's Cross Country Run**  
@ Keith Stephenson Park  
**Friday 20th Of October** (Week 1 Term 4).

Students will be required to wear **HOUSE COLOURED** polo tops. Students will be making their way down to the park at approximately 10:55am. Once they arrive, they will be seated in their house areas. Please ensure children are sent to school with a hat and drink bottle.

The races are varied in length to account for different ages and will be held in the following order:

1st Race - Year 2

2nd Race - FOUNDATION/ Year 1

3rd Race - Year 3 & 9 Year Olds (born 2014)

4th Race - 10 Year Olds (born 2013)

5th Race - 11 Year Olds (born 2012)

6th Race - 12 Year Olds (born 2011)



On the day, we ask that parents/caregivers spread out around the running track rather than gather at the finish line. Please ensure that you do not interrupt the counting of places at the finish line, as this is a very busy time for teachers.

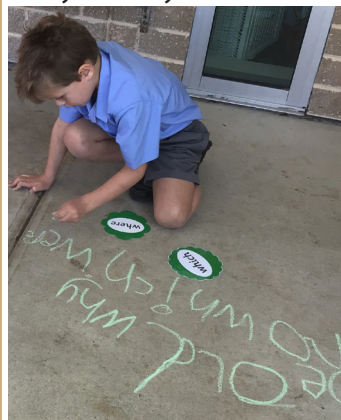
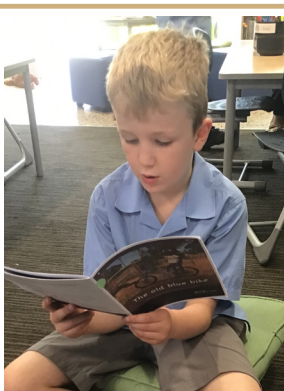
We hope to see you there in your house colours to support your team!



## Foundation News

Students spent time reading independantly - this helps with deciphering words and picture information.

Writing tricky words in different ways is a great way to help them 'stick'. Children can write in sand, with playdough, paint with water, write with chalk, spell it on an ipad...so many fun ways to learn!



## Coming Up...

### September

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Chapel, 9am - led by 6S

End of Term

### ATTENTION BAND MEMBERS!

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



### Referendum Vote BBQ

St Mark's 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](mailto:stmarkspf@gmail.com) to volunteer.

### Year 1 News

On Tuesday, the Year 1s participated in an interactive dance and movement workshop. Our students danced, heard stories and played some games of First Nations People as well as experienced a didgeridoo explanation and demonstration.





## Cornerstone Cabaret News

Last Friday evening, choir and band students joined together with our Cornerstone musical counterparts to put on an amazing show. The opening item was a hit, showcasing our band and choir who joined with Cornerstone's Little Big Band and JIVE choir.



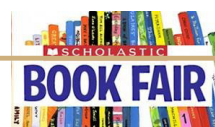
Later, the band beautifully performed two pieces composed by Mr Janus and the choir brought the house down with their energetic skillful items. We love giving our students performance opportunities like this which also inspire them as they watch the older students perform. It was a joy to see so many old St Mark's scholars performing in bands, choirs, and drumlines.



## 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!



## Book Fair arrives next Term in Week 3!

Tuesday 31st Oct - Thursday 2nd Nov

Sales from Book Fair help provide new books for the Library. Perhaps you could encourage your children to do some extra little jobs during the holidays so that they have some 'pocket money' to spend at Book Fair?!

A roster with the times that classes visit will be provided next term. Children may purchase novelty items (posters, pens, erasers etc) during their class visit. Parents will have the opportunity to visit before and after school Tuesday – Thursday.

## Assembly

Week 9 assembly was interesting and informative with contributions from classes 1US, Year 5 and 6S.



1US shared their learning about 2D shapes, Year 5 showcased their media art posters that were centred around the St Mark's values. 6S shared their knowledge about the solar system, with a visual display of the sun and the planets that orbit around it.



The next Assembly is in Week 3 of next term - Tuesday, 31st October.

## Upcoming Camp Dates

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

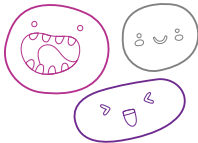
**Year 6** - Thursday 9th - Friday 10th Nov

School Life






OUT OF SCHOOL  
HOURS CARE

Vacation Care | 2-13 October






IN-HOUSE EXCURSION/ INCURSION	FULL FEE	\$64.00	CCS REDUCED FEE*	\$9.60-35.20
	FULL FEE	\$84.00	CCS REDUCED FEE*	\$12.60-35.20



WEEK 1

<b>Monday</b> 2 October	<b>Tuesday</b> 3 October	<b>Wednesday</b> 4 October	<b>Thursday</b> 5 October	<b>Friday</b> 6 October
	<b>In-House</b> <b>Messy Craft Day</b>  <p>Craft, craft, and even more craft! So many projects and activities to create using new and recycled resources. Wear old clothes that can get messy.</p> <b>Outcomes:</b> 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	<b>Excursion</b> <b>Playground Crawl</b>  <p>Mt Torrens playground first then onto Charleston for lunch (supplied by parents). Relax with a movie when we get back. Depart: 9:30am Return: 2:00pm Transport: Private Bus</p> <b>Outcomes:</b> 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	<b>Excursion</b> <b>Bowling and Bunyip Park</b>  <p>Let's go bowling at Murray Bridge then visit the Bunyip and have a play at the park.  Depart: 9:30am Return: 3:30pm Transport: Private Bus</p> <b>Outcomes:</b> 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	<b>In-House</b> <b>Wheels Day</b>  <p>Bring your non-electric scooter, bike, skates, or skateboard.  You will need your own helmet and be ready to have some fun!</p> <b>Outcomes:</b> 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

WEEK 2

<b>Monday</b> 9 October	<b>Tuesday</b> 10 October	<b>Wednesday</b> 11 October	<b>Thursday</b> 12 October	<b>Friday</b> 13 October
<b>In-House</b> <b>OSHC Olympics</b>  <p>Get ready to participate in lots of challenges, fun races, and obstacle courses.</p> <b>Outcomes:</b> 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	<b>Excursion</b> <b>Golf Skills Day</b>  <p>Walk through the Wetlands to Aston Hills Golf Club to learn some golf skills. Enjoy lunch on the grass Depart: 9:00am Return: 2:00pm Transport: Walking</p> <b>Outcomes:</b> 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	<b>In-House</b> <b>P Day</b>  <p>Today is all about the letter P. Paint a plaster figurine. Make a pirate costume. Try out Pilates. Make pizzas and pasta for lunch. Paddle tennis tournament.</p> <b>Outcomes:</b> 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	<b>In-House</b> <b>OSHC Party Day</b>  <p>Get ready to party! Lots of party games to enjoy, hit the pinata and have a BBQ lunch on us.  Lunch provided.</p> <b>Outcomes:</b> 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	<b>Excursion</b> <b>Mawson Lakes Planetarium</b>  <p>We are off to the Mawson Lakes Planetarium and then enjoy a picnic style lunch (supplied by parents). Depart: 8:30am Return: 2:00pm Transport: Private Bus</p> <b>Outcomes:</b> 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

**St. Mark's Lutheran OSHC**  
37 Hampden Road, Mount Barker, 5251  
**Wayne Copley**  
0499 591 662

**OSHC Support Team**  
**P** 08 8200 2516  
**E** oshc@ymcasa.org.au  
**f** /YMCA SA OSHC







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



**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14<sup>TH</sup> 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](mailto:contacts@stmarks.sa.edu.au).

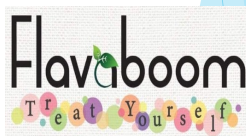
Nominations are due by Wednesday, 4th October.

**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



### 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.



# Community

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: [trials@adelaidehillshawks.com.au](mailto:trials@adelaidehillshawks.com.au)

**THE FUNNY FARMERS GET MOOVING**

6th October - 11:00am  
Murray Bridge Performing Arts + Function Centre

Tix & information [www.ticketbooth.com.au](http://www.ticketbooth.com.au)  
or Murray Bridge Regional Gallery  
phone 08 8539 1420

rs and their loveable dancing cow have lost the plot, so everyone must spring into action! T live music, puppets and comedy skits encouraging the audience to tackle some big environ h recycled jokes, watered down ideas and energy saving dance moves, The Funny Farmers sure to inspire everyone to.... get MOOving!

**October 2023**

**School Holiday Program**

MOUNT BARKER  
COMMUNITY LIBRARY

<p><b>TUESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup></b></p> <p>Hollows for Habitat Talk - FREE</p> <p>2-4pm</p> <p>Bookings at:  <a href="https://www.naturefestival.org.au/event/hollows-for-habitat">https://www.naturefestival.org.au/event/hollows-for-habitat</a></p>	<p><b>WEDNESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup></b></p> <p>Paint a Lovely Llama (Age 8+) - \$5</p> <p>10am</p>
<p><b>WEDNESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup></b></p> <p>Girl Power Workshops (Age 7-12) - \$5</p> <p>10am and 1pm</p>	<p><b>FRIDAY 13<sup>TH</sup></b></p> <p>Mini Makers Market</p> <p>11am-2pm</p> <p>Including:</p> <p>Mini Makers Stamp Rally - FREE</p> <p>Pottery Come and Try @ the Mini Makers Market - \$5</p>
<p><b>WEDNESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup></b></p> <p>Decorate a Colourful Pot with Tatty K</p> <p>\$5</p> <p>10:30am, 11:15am and 12pm</p>	
<p><b>SATURDAY 7<sup>TH</sup></b></p> <p>Teen Terrarium Workshop (Age 12-17)</p> <p>\$15</p> <p>10am</p>	<p><b>SATURDAY 14<sup>TH</sup></b></p> <p>Adelaide Hills Car Rally Pit Stop</p> <p>TBC</p>

**Bookings essential - [mbcl.eventbrite.com.au](http://mbcl.eventbrite.com.au) unless indicated otherwise**

# Get That Diary Out!

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End of Term

**October**

**Monday 16th**  
First day of Term 4  
Opening Chapel, 9am

**Tuesday 17th**  
P&F Meeting, 7.30pm - Library

**Thursday 19th**  
Band Rehearsal 8.30am

**Friday 20th**  
No Chapel  
Cross Country Run @ Keith Stephenson Park

Wondering how to entertain the kids these school holidays?

**LinkSA is here to help!**

From the 30th September 2023 to the 15th October 2023 with the purchase of an adult ticket, 1 child aged 5-14 years may travel free on any LinkSA route service

Now is your chance to experience some of South Australia's beautiful areas:

Murray Lands/ Monarto Zoo  
Barossa Valley  
Fleurieu Peninsula/ Cape Jervis\*/ Victor Harbor  
Northern Adelaide Hills  
Mount Gambier^

Simply mention this special to our friendly driver upon boarding

Visit [linksa.com.au](http://linksa.com.au) for more information

\* Cape Jervis from Sunday 1 October 2023  
^ Mount Gambier from Tuesday 3 October 2023

Scan for more information