



Years 4-6 Sports Day Event held last Friday - Girls 600m run starting lineup

# Faith Focus

I was wandering in our garden during the week, enjoying eating the fruit from our orchard and harvesting the vegetables from our garden, and I realised afresh, what a beautiful part of the world we live in. There is so much beauty and abundance in the Adelaide Hills.

Unfortunately, not everyone in the world has gardens to walk through or food in abundance. For many across the globe, life is very hard; droughts cause crops to fail, climate concerns hinder water supplies, and war and conflict cause families to flee their homes. *"These days it can seem like [the world] is on a trajectory towards ruin. It feels as though injustice has too tight a grip, each wave of crisis follows too closely on the last, and efforts towards goodness are too quickly overshadowed."* (Tearfund, Australia)

But there is good news. Our God is a God of justice and restoration. His plan is to make all things new again; to restore the land, restore relationships, restore hope. This is our truer trajectory! The brokenness we see all around us will one day be 'fixed' and made whole again.

Wonderfully, God invites us to be a part of His restoration process. As we pray the Lord's Prayer... *"Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven"*, we are calling on God to begin bringing heaven to earth, to bring his love, joy, peace, wholeness to this broken world. And he does that through us – as we offer up our hearts, minds and lives for His cause. Our actions and words can bring transformation and restoration to those around us.

God showed us just how much he wanted restoration, to have this broken world made whole again, by sending his son, Jesus. During Lent we remember how Jesus' death and resurrection brought us back into a right relationship with God. In Him, all things are made new. We have forgiveness and the opportunity to start afresh and to be His hands and feet of healing in this hurting world.

*Karen Moseley*

# Important Bits

## Acting Principal Ponderings...

The third of our four St Mark's values is **Curiosity**.



*Curiosity - We view the world in wonder, open-minded and inquiring, seeking opportunities to explore, discover and learn.*

Curiosity is truly alive at St Mark's!

In our Foundation classes, I hear curiosity in the mutterings of our little ones... 'What's that letter?' and 'Oh wow! Look at that!' or 'What happens if I put that together?'

I see the spark of curiosity in our older students as they listen to a piece of literature with little description and another littered with figurative language. I hear them question, why does one piece of writing paint such a wonderful image and another is so uninspiring?

Our curiosity about the world is what drives our thinking, learning and even play at St Mark's. I never tire of sitting in the nature play space where I observe students making mud pies, move rocks to build canals, construct forts with an assortment of sticks and test their 'structural integrity' as one enthusiastic student explained to me recently – while standing on its precarious looking roof top!

Let's all stay curious... not just our students... I believe staying curious brings a little extra **sparkle** to our days!

### Sports Day

Tomorrow we look forward to welcoming families to St Mark's for Sports Day! Our students are certainly curious about which House team will win the day!

Our P&F will have a BBQ of sausages and yiros, cake stall and a coffee van available from 12:00pm. Families are most welcome to bring a rug and enjoy lunch on our lawns.

**A reminder students are required to be in their classrooms from 12:40pm for roll call.**

At 1:00pm tomorrow we are excited to host a Welcome to Country led by David Booth. We thank David for attending St Mark's. David will return to St Mark's on Friday, 22nd March as a cultural champion for our annual celebration of Harmony Day.

### Harmony Day

We look forward to celebrating Harmony Day on **Friday, 22nd March**. The message of Harmony Day is 'Everyone Belongs!' To celebrate Harmony Day St Mark's invites cultural champions to share something of their culture with our students. This does not need to be anything too complex and can be as simple as showing students how to play a game, sharing the movements of a dance, reading a story, teaching students a song or even a few words of your first language.

If you are considering being a Cultural Champion, please contact Miss Barolo via email [dbarolo@stmarks.sa.edu.au](mailto:dbarolo@stmarks.sa.edu.au) **by tomorrow – Friday, 15th March**.

We look forward to Harmony Day and the reminder to each of us that in Australia 'Everyone Belongs'.

### NAPLAN 2024

Our Year 3 and Year 5 students have completed their first two tests of NAPLAN for Writing (13th March) and Reading (14th March). On Monday, 18th March students will complete the Language Conventions test and 19th March the Numeracy test.

I look forward to enjoying a wonderful Sports Day with you tomorrow. Go St Mark's!

### Learning Conversations

Learning Conversations, previously termed Parent Teacher Interviews, are being held on Wednesday, 3rd April, Tuesday, 9th April and Thursday, 11th April. Information on how to book your child's Learning Conversation will be sent out to all families next week. Please look out for this email with information on the structure of the conversation and how to book, as we require all bookings to be finalised by Thursday, 28th March. We look forward to providing you with the opportunity to speak to your child's teacher and gain an understanding of your child's strengths and areas for development.

### Year 2 News

**We thank the St Mark's Church Women's Fellowship Group for their longstanding contribution towards the gifting of bibles to our Year 2 students, presented at last Friday's Chapel service.**





# School Life

**Lets Go St Mark's**  
**One more sleep until we find out if**  
**Davison will go back-2-back?**

**Tomorrow - Friday, 15th March - Twilight**  
**Sports Day begins at 12.40pm!**

All students need to wear their plain house coloured polo shirt in their team colour.

HOUSE COLOURS:  
**BARKER- Yellow, DUNN- Red,**  
**DAVISON- Blue, and STURT- Green**

**Families are welcome to watch and cheer!** You can find a program in this edition of the newsletter.

Don't forget, the P&F will be cooking up a storm on the BBQ and Yiros stall, as well as plenty of Coffee and Cakes!

*Remember hat, drink bottle, snack & sunscreen*

## Coming Up...

### March

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**Tuesday 19th**

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## Years 4-6 Sports Day 600m/Discus



### Easter Hot Cross Bun Fundraiser

Order forms for delicious Kytons Bakery Hot Cross Buns are attached. Get your cash only orders into the front office by **Tuesday, 19th March for collection on Tuesday, 26th March** ready for the Easter weekend - YUM!



Book Club Issue 2 Order forms have been sent home. Orders and payment are due in by Friday, 29th March.

### Achievement Awards

*Holly B Lola M*

**who received Awards at our Week 7 Assembly.**

**WE'VE MOVED!**

Come join the celebration!

Trinity Church now meets at Mount Barker High School every Sunday at 10am.

To celebrate, we're having a housewarming party on Sunday 17th March. Church and Trinity Kids (3yrs to 16) at 10am, followed by free barista coffee, BBQ lunch, ice-cream, fairy-floss, face-painting and loads of fun for all the family.

**MEET JESUS**

**This Easter**

**GOOD FRIDAY 10AM MEET JESUS: INNOCENT, CONDEMNED, FORSAKEN**  
A family-friendly church gathering followed by hot cross buns, tea & coffee

**EASTER SUNDAY 10AM MEET JESUS: RISEN, REJOING, PRESENT**  
A family-friendly church gathering followed by an epic easter egg hunt

At Mount Barker High School

**TRINITY CHURCH**

# School Life

## Year 5 News

In year 5 we have been exploring our science topic 'Matter Matters: Behaviours of Matter'. This week we have conducted 3 experiments ('Blowing up a Balloon', 'Waterproof Paper' and 'A Gas Bag') to investigate the behaviours and properties of gases.



## Inform and Empower

On Thursday, 22nd February parents/ caregivers of St Mark's had the opportunity to view a webinar by the organisation Inform and Empower about keeping children safe in cyberspace.

This was a fabulous presentation and one the school believes you should take the time to view if you have not had the opportunity to do so already. We invite you to go to the following link:

<https://event.webinarjam.com/t/click/yv9zmuvgt21uznumn32fy9osyk9s5>

**Please be advised that the webinar is for adults only as some of the information shared is not appropriate for children.**

**There is only 1 week left to watch our Inform and Empower Digital Safety and Wellbeing Parent webinar.**

Inform and Empower have also provided a Parent & Carers Toolkit (all the info, links and resources from the webinar). Please go to the following link:

[CLICK HERE TO ACCESS THE TOOLKIT](#)

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support for helping St Mark's keep your children safe as they engage with the online world.

Loredana Saracini  
Deputy Principal



## Connect 2024

On Wednesday, 13th March St Mark's hosted its first Connect session for parents or friends of neurodivergent children for 2024.

At this session, Carolyn Grace a Child and Family Counsellor, shared information on emotional regulation in children – what it is and strategies for supporting children to self-regulate so they are ready for learning.

Feedback from parents who attended was again very positive. This morning one parent expressed...

*"The information was extremely useful and then the opportunity to connect with parents who are travelling a similar road to me – well that was just amazing!"*

We plan to continue our 'Connect' sessions in 2024 and have asked parents who attended on Wednesday and those of you who wish to do so in Term 2, to send any questions to Meredith Page via email [mpage@stmarks.sa.edu.au](mailto:mpage@stmarks.sa.edu.au). Your questions will help us plan for our next session.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank our St Mark's parents for all they do for our wonderful students!

Loredana Saracini

## SOCIAL WORK THERAPY NOW AT MOUNT BARKER!



Adelaide  
Paediatrics

Did you know we provide support services for young people up to 18 years of age and their families?

### SOCIAL WORKERS CAN SUPPORT YOU AND YOUR FAMILY IN THE FOLLOWING:

- School Engagement - bullying, school transitions and attendance
- Mental Health & Emotional Wellbeing
- Anxiety, Depression & Emotional Regulation
- Eating Disorders and Self Harm
- Trauma related behaviour including exposure to domestic violence, substance misuse/abuse
- Psychosocial Education for parent/caregivers
- Supporting your child's emotional wellbeing
- Support for parent/caregivers of children with disabilities & complex needs
- Support for families managing change including a new baby in the family, separation, diagnosis, disability or illness
- Advocacy & Referral
- NDIS
- Trauma informed therapies



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2/50 Victoria Road, Mount Barker, SA 5251

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# OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE

## Vacation Care | 15 - 26 April

IN-HOUSE / IN-HOUSE	FULL FEE	\$64.00	CCS REDUCED FEE*	\$9.60-35.20
EXCURSION / EXCURSION	FULL FEE	\$84.00	CCS REDUCED FEE*	\$12.60-46.20



### WEEK 1

**Monday**  
15 April

In-House  
**Bluey Day**



Today is all about Bluey! Different art and craft activities based on Bluey. Make Bluey cupcakes and Bluey milkshakes.

Wackadoo!

**Outcomes:** 3, 4, 5

**Tuesday**  
16 April

In-House  
**Tropical Tuesday**



Get ready for a day full of tropical fun!

Sand tray play, make smoothies, sand art, make a grass skirt, coconut painting, make a pine cone pineapple and limbo!

**Outcomes:** 3, 4, 5

**Wednesday**  
17 April

In-House  
**Treasure Hunt Obstacle Course**



Find the treasure by following clues hidden around the school, then compete in our playground obstacle challenge.

**Outcomes:** 2, 3, 4, 5

**Thursday**  
18 April

Excursion  
**Mickster The Trickster Show**



Ride the bus to The Parks to see a cool live show, lunch at the playground, then a swim in the indoor pool.

Depart: 8.30am  
Return: 3.30pm  
Transport: Private Bus

**Outcomes:** 3, 4, 5

**Friday**  
19 April

Excursion  
**Build A Stuffer Bear**



Make a cute and cuddly friend, give them a name, and take them home with you.

**Outcomes:** 1, 3, 4, 5

### WEEK 2

**Monday**  
22 April

In-House  
**Creative Activities Day**



Make a sensory jar, kaleidoscope, scratch art projector lamp and try sticker mosaics. Lots of things to make and do.

**Outcomes:** 1, 3, 4, 5

**Tuesday**  
23 April

Excursion  
**Apple Picking at Lenswood**



Pick your own apples and enjoy outdoor activities. Picnic style lunch and play at the park.

Depart: 8.30am  
Return: 3.30pm  
Transport: Private Bus

**Outcomes:** 3, 4, 5

**Wednesday**  
24 April

In-House  
**Wheels Day and Movie Marathon**



Bring your bike, scooter, skateboard, or rollerblades. Don't forget your helmets. In the afternoon we can settle in with a movie marathon with popcorn and a drink.

**Outcomes:** 3, 4, 5

**Thursday**  
25 April



**Friday**  
26 April

Excursion  
**Warrawong Wildlife Park**



Get up and close with animals and nature.

Depart: 8.30am  
Return: 3.30pm  
Transport: Private Bus

**Outcomes:** 3, 4, 5

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# Sports Day – Friday Program

12:40pm – **Students need to be in their classrooms at 12.40pm to meet their teachers and for roll call**

12:50pm – Students will be seated at house tents by their class teacher and ready for the opening of the 2024 Sports Day followed by the Acknowledgement of Country.

1pm – Introduction to Sports Day, including House Captain's oath before groups move off to tabloid events.

## Junior Primary Tabloid Rotation 1.05PM

Event	Found. Driver	Found. Hassold	Year 1 Uebergang/ Schubert	Year 1 Wright	Year 2 Kuchel/ Burden	Year 2 MacKenzie	Year 3 Liebelt	Year 3 Marsh/ Wesley
Sprints	1	8	3	2	5	4	7	6
Accuracy Throw	2	1	4	3	6	5	8	7
Distance Push	3	2	5 REST	4 REST	7	6	1	8
Jumping Hoops	4 REST	3 REST	6	5	8	7	2	1
Vertical Jump	5	4	7	6	1	8	3	2
Hockey Hit	6	5	8	7	2	1	4	3
Goal Throw	7 REST	6 REST	1	8	3	2	5	4
Accuracy Kick	8	7	2	1	4	3	6	5

## Senior Primary Tabloid Rotation 1.05PM

Event	GROUP A- 9 GIRLS/9 BOYS	GROUP B- 10 BOYS	GROUP C- 11 BOYS	GROUP D- 10 GIRLS/ 11 GIRLS	GROUP E- 12 BOYS/ 11 YEAR GIRLS	GROUP F- 12 YEAR GIRLS
Shot Put	1	6	5	4	3	2
Javelin	2	1	6	5	4	3
Long Jump	3	2	1	6	5	4
Sprints 85m	4	3	2	1	6	5
Goal Throw	5	4	3	2	1	6
High Jump	6	5	4	3	2	1

**AFTERNOON BREAK – 4:05 – 4:30**

*\* Students enjoy their afternoon break in the comfort of their classrooms*

### **Second Session – Junior/Senior Events**

4:30pm – Foundation/Year 1 – Rob the Nest and/or Water Bucket Relay (junior oval)

4:30pm – Year 2/ Year 3 – Water Bucket Relay and/or Rob the Nest (junior oval)

4:30pm – **Year 4-** Sack Race, **Year 5-** Egg and Spoon and **Year 6-** Knee Ball Relay (senior oval)

**\* YEAR 4-6-** complete all activities once- (time permitting)

### **Third Session – Whole School**

5:10pm- House War Cry

5:20pm- Student/Teacher/Parent Race

5:30pm - Presentation of House Sports Shield

6:00pm - St Mark's Community Tea

TO ..... BY ..... PHONE .....

(Organisers Details)

PLEASE SUPPLY ..... PHONE ..... ATTACHED IS PAYMENT OF \$ .....

(Purchasers Details)



# HARMONY WEEK

*Everyone Belongs!*



St Mark's celebrates Harmony Day next Friday, 22nd of March. Students are encouraged to **wear their cultural dress or the colour orange**. Students will be hearing from a variety of Cultural Champions on the day. We look forward to celebrating our diverse and wonderful culture.

**HARMONY DAY @ ST MARK'S  
FRIDAY 22ND MARCH**



# Community



Now Available to order on Wednesdays

**GRAB YOUR LUNCHBOX**  
via [flexishools.com.au](https://flexishools.com.au)

All boxes contain the 5 food groups  
Vegetables, Fruit, Grain, Dairy & Protein

**The Pizza Pack**

**The Frittata Pack (v)**

**The Sandwich Pack**

Choose your sandwich from the options available

All boxes come with Fruit & Veggies (seasonal) & a sweet treat

**CORNERSTONE COLLEGE**  
Christ our Firm Foundation

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## Get That Diary Out

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### April

#### Monday 1st

Easter Monday Public Holiday

#### Wednesday 3rd

Parent/Teacher Learning Conversations

#### Friday 5th

Chapel, 9am - Pastor

Ride to School Day

#### Tuesday 9th

Assembly, 9am

Parent/Teacher Learning Conversations

#### Thursday 11th

Parent/Teacher Learning Conversations

#### Friday 12th

Closing Chapel, 9am - Ms Saracini

#### Monday 15th - Friday 26th

School Holidays

## April 2024 School Holiday Program

<b>Chemistry Capers</b>  Make slime, lava lamps & more... ages 5-8  At Parkindula Homestead  <b>Tues 16 10am</b>	<b>Warrawong 2U</b>  Amazing, interactive experience with wildlife kids all ages  At Parkindula Homestead  <b>Thurs 18 10am</b>	<b>Crochet</b>  Crochet all skills levels ages 12+  At Mt Barker Community Centre  <b>Thurs 18 2pm</b>	<b>Character workshop</b>  Draw a basic cartoon character ages 6+  At Mt Barker Community Centre  <b>Fri 19 10am</b>	<b>Cooking</b>  Cook a Mexican lunch with a chef ages 6+  At Mt Barker Community Centre  <b>Mon 22 11am</b>	<b>Jaw Dropping Chemistry</b>  Have fun with Nitro Nat! Make & take home wicked wormy slime ages 5+  At Mt Barker Community Centre  <b>Wed 24 2pm</b>
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For bookings and more info.

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**MOUNT BARKER COMMUNITY CENTRE**

