



Dunn do it again!!! 2024 Victors

Faith Focus

This Sunday is Palm Sunday. Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week, a significant time for Christians worldwide. It commemorates Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, where crowds welcomed Him with palm branches and shouts of "Hosanna!" Yet, within a week, the same crowds would cry out for His crucifixion. Joy and tragedy... a little like the highs and lows we experience in our own daily lives....

In Matthew we read of the triumphant entry of Jesus to Jerusalem (*Matthew 21:1-11*) where he was greeted amidst cheers and praises... is this not similar to our own moments of triumph and success?... Our children eating all of their vegetables at the dinner table with not even one complaint, a 14 year old son using words (I understand) rather than the usual grunt, a three year old finally mastering potty training ... aren't all of these momentous gifts from God? They certainly are and were for me!

We hear Jesus being confronted by corruption in the temple (*Matthew 21:12-17*). Yet he demonstrated the courage to stand against injustice. Similarly, we encounter challenges and temptations that test our faith... Let us draw strength from Jesus' example and confront these obstacles with just hearts.

In the garden of Gethsemane (*Matthew 26:36-46*), Jesus grappled with the weight of His impending sacrifice, yet He surrendered to God's will. Likewise, we face moments of uncertainty and fear. Through prayer and trust in God's plan, we can find the strength to persevere and continue the journey... whatever the journey may be.

At the last supper Jesus endured betrayal from Judas and denial from Peter (*Matthew 26:47-75*), experiencing the sting of abandonment. How often in our own lives do we encounter betrayal and rejection?... What are your memories of being left out of a game at school or called terrible names by children who you thought were friends? You may not have suffered these experiences but I'm sure there were others. I encourage you to remember that Jesus understands our pain and stands with us in our very darkest moments.

Then Jesus bore the weight of the cross all the way to Calvary (*Matthew 27:32-56*) enduring ridicule and suffering along the way. Similarly, we carry our own burdens and face hardships in our journey. Yet, just as Jesus conquered death, we find hope in His victory over sin and death.

And finally... Jesus' crucifixion (*Matthew 27:57-28:10*) seemed like the end, but it certainly wasn't the end. His resurrection brought forth new life and redemption. Likewise, in our trials and struggles, we find hope in the promise of resurrection and the assurance of God's unfailing love for us all.

As we reflect on Palm Sunday and the events of Holy Week, I invite you to remember that our journey mirrors that of Jesus. Through triumphs and trials, let us remain steadfast in faith, knowing that He walks alongside us every step of the way. As we embrace the paradox of the cross, may we find strength, hope and a peace that only the resurrection of Jesus can bring.

"For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God." (1 Corinthians 1:18)

Loredana Saracini

Important Bits

Acting Principal Ponderings...

The fourth of our four St Mark' values is Service.



Service - We give generously of our time and talents for others.

Service at St Mark's is well and truly active. Our Student Representative Council (SRC) give their time generously to organise lunch time clubs, being an alternative to playground games, so all students have an opportunity to connect with others. Each fortnight our SRC also plan and prepare for school assemblies and do a wonderful job at it too!

We have staff members who go beyond their role as teachers and leaders and manage Coding Club, Dodgeball Club and even a Dance Club – again so our students can connect in ways that may not occur if these activities were not organised and supervised by staff.

We have Year 6 Peer Mentors who each lunchtime, make themselves available to wander through the playground and be a point of contact for the little ones who may need a referee for a game or to organise a game of Duck, Duck, Goose! And what a wonderful sight it is...to see a group of students from Foundation to Year 6 playing together and enjoying each other's company.

We give generously of our time and talent for others... it's just who we are at St Mark's and for this I am thankful. I'm thankful because I know that as our students leave this place, they will continue to give of themselves to others... continue to make a contribution to their families, their community and the world beyond the Adelaide Hills!

Sports Day

What a wonderful day it was. I would like to thank our Parents & Friends for all of their culinary efforts! The yiros and sausages were scrumptious! Also a thank you to all of the families who baked for the cake stall! It ALL looked absolutely yummy.

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 was sent out yesterday afternoon. 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.

Early Closure: Please be aware that the school day ends at 3:00pm on 3rd, 9th and 11th of April. Students who catch buses will still be able to do so at normal time.

Harmony Day

Tomorrow is Harmony Day! Students can wear either a touch of orange, a cultural costume or even the colours of the flag of your family's country of origin. We look forward to our cultural champions – parents, students and staff sharing their wonderful heritage from 1:50pm.

Chapel

Year 4K will be leading us in Chapel tomorrow morning and you guessed it...the theme is Harmony Day! All parents and caregivers are most welcome to attend Chapel from 9:00am in the Hall. Please also join us for Coffee and Chat and a biscuit in the staffroom. Everyone is warmly welcomed.

Mt Barker Show

I'll be representing St Mark's at the Mt Barker Show on Saturday March 23rd together with the Principal of Cornerstone College Thomas Brennen. If you're at the Show, make sure you come by and say hello. Play dough, Jenga and lollypops will be on offer. It certainly is a privilege to be able to share the blessing that is St Mark's and Cornerstone College with our local community.

As you wander through this coming week, I encourage you to pause... find some time to just be!

Loredana Saracini

Camp Quality – School Visit

Camp Quality is an organisation who support children who have either been diagnosed with cancer or have a family member who has received a diagnosis. In Term 1 the SRC have earmarked all Chapel offerings to Camp Quality.

On Tuesday 2nd April the team from Camp Quality will bring their puppets to St Mark's. You can read more about Camp Quality's show and the work they do in the flyer attached to this newsletter. The puppet shows will commence at the following times:

- Foundation to Year 2 (The Big Party) - 10:30am – 11:00am
- Year 3 to Year 6 (The Big Score) 11:30am – 12:30pm

If you have any questions or would like to let us know about how a cancer story in your family is impacting your child, please contact Julian Feldstein jfeldstein@stmarks.sa.edu.au our Pastoral Care Worker as well as your child's class teacher so they can check in with your child before and after the show.

As you will see in the flyer, parents are encouraged to join us for the shows. Camp Quality will be presenting their puppet show in the school Hall.

The Camp Quality team promotes positivity and so our SRC will be holding a CASUAL DAY on the day with the gold coin donation supporting CAMP QUALITY. Our SRC have decided the best theme for our casual day is to wear something BRIGHT!

We look forward to Camp Quality's puppet presentation and we also look forward to parents / caregivers also joining us for this event.

Student Representative Council

School Life

SPORTSDAY 2024



Coming Up...

March

Friday 22nd

Chapel, 9am - 4K

Harmony Day - Wear Orange/cultural dress

Tuesday 26th

Assembly, 9am

Thursday 28th

Maundy Thursday Chapel, 9am - 3L

Friday 29th

Good Friday Public Holiday

April

Monday 1st

Easter Monday Public Holiday

Wednesday 3rd

2024 Learning Conversations (*School finishes at 3:00pm*)

Friday 5th

Chapel, 9am - Pastor



Reminder:

For the wonderful families that baked for our very yummy cake stall on Sports Day, please remember to pop into the staffroom to collect your plastic containers.



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

Congratulations

Last weekend Maddy and her pony Ellie represented St Marks at the Equestrian Interscholar State Championships and had a very successful event which will hopefully see them selected into the State team to compete at the Nationals in Tamworth in September.

Well done!



School Life



CAMP QUALITY'S **CANCER EDUCATION PROGRAM** HAS BEEN BOOKED TO VISIT YOUR PRIMARY OR PRESCHOOL. WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU!

Camp Quality's cancer education program has been teaching kids about cancer with a fun and interactive puppet performance, for over 33 years. The program focuses on telling the broader cancer story, including how to support someone who is facing their own cancer diagnosis or that of a loved one.

The free Cancer Education Program visits primary and preschools around Australia and is shown to reduce bullying, absenteeism and the need for mental health support services for kids impacted by cancer. An independent KMPG report showed the total Social Return on Investment of the Cancer Education Program is \$5 for every \$1 spent.

The program includes newly developed Teacher Resource Packs aligned to the Australian Curriculum, Early Years Learning Framework and state-based curriculums. **Teacher lesson plans, classroom activities and our Talking About Cancer guide** provide further learning on the social and emotional impacts of cancer. We also offer a free Kids' Guide to Cancer App that can be downloaded to your smartphone or tablet. Our resources have been developed in consultation with subject matter experts in the health and education sectors and help to facilitate conversations about cancer.

THE BIG PARTY

AGES: PRESCHOOL – YEAR 2
DURATION: 30 MINUTES

Ariel has a brain tumour. Her big brother Tom knows she's having a tough time in hospital, so today he's bringing her something he's sure will cheer her up straight away - an invitation to Lucy Carmichael's Bouncy Castle Birthday Party on Saturday! Only, Ariel can't go... how will she ever explain to the other kids why she doesn't have any hair, and why she's tired and skinny...? The Big Party by Julianne O'Brien is an empowering story, using interactive puppetry to teach us about cancer and the importance of positivity and recognising our own strengths.

THE BIG SCORE

AGES: YEAR 3-6
DURATION: 1HR (INCLUDING POST-SHOW Q&A SESSION)

Siblings Tom & Ariel's lives are turned upside down when Ariel is diagnosed with a brain tumour. Leaving their home on the country farm and moving to the city for Ariel's treatment at hospital, they must start fresh at a new school, with new teachers, new friends and a whole new normal. Will Ariel ever make it through Year 5, and will Tom ever become a soccer superstar? The Big Score by Julianne O'Brien is a touching story, using interactive puppetry to teach us about cancer and the importance of hope and acceptance.

"It took away the stigma and fear from cancer. As we have a student at our school being treated for leukaemia, it helped the children understand what she is going through and why she has lost her hair. Having an understanding of the disease has certainly increased empathy in the other children too"
- Principal

"The manner in which the show addresses cancer is age appropriate while clearly articulating the facts. It has helped me to be able to talk about cancer in a positive and reassuring manner"
- Educator

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campquality.org.au
puppetprograms@campquality.org.au



OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE

Vacation Care | 15 - 26 April

NON-EMERGENCY / NON-EMERGENCY	FULL FEE	\$84.00	CCS REDUCED FEE*	\$9.60-35.20
	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

Incurion
**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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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**

Our Senior Choir will be singing a special Harmony Day song at Chapel tomorrow. Parents are warmly welcome to attend.

Community

Blue Light
SOUTH AUSTRALIA

TICKET TO: KUNG FU PANDA 4

FRIDAY
12 APR 2024

START: 6:30 PM
FINISH: 9:00 PM
AGE RANGE 8 TO 13 YEARS

RATING: PG COST: \$15
MOVIE + DJ BRAD COLLINS
VENUE: WALLIS CINEMA MT BARKER
17 ADELAIDE RD, MT BARKER SA

TICKETS AVAILABLE THROUGH TRYBOOKING LINK OR QR CODE BELOW
WEBSITE: WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/CFZHU

POLICE SUPERVISED/LOCK-IN EVENT * ALCOHOL AND DRUG FREE ENVIRONMENT *

FOR FURTHER DETAILS
CONTACT HILLS FLEURBAU POLICE
ON 8208 1752

SOUTH AUSTRALIA POLICE
GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA
Wallis Cinema
variety

Head for the Hills

MOUNTAIN BIKING

Head for the Hills offers a range of programs & activities which support junior skill development in the sport of mountain biking.

HOLIDAY MTB SKILLS CLINICS
BEGINNER, INTERMEDIATE & GIRLS SESSIONS

SHEPHERDS HILL COBBLER CREEK
MT BARKER O'HALLORAN HILL

AGES 10-14

AFTER SCHOOL SKILLS
WINTER PROGRAM - 16 WEEKLY SESSIONS THROUGH TERM 2 & 3 (TUES, WED OR THURS AFTERNOON)

CRAIGBURN FARM COBBLER CREEK
O'HALLORAN HILL

AGES 8-15

ADELAIDE DIRT LEAGUE
THE PERFECT MIX OF COACHING & COMPETITION WEEKLY SESSIONS THROUGHOUT TERMS 2 & 3 (SATURDAY MORNING) - DIFFERENT LOCATION EACH WEEK

Scan for more info or to BOOK!
Contact Us
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Nunga Lunch
Mount Barker Health Team

Come Join Us for Nunga Lunch at the Mount Barker Hospital! RSVP!!!!

Free Transport, Please call to rsvp and let us know if you need a lift!

17th April
11am-2pm
Mount Barker Community Health Meeting Room 1

RSVP to
Kerri - 04 039 297 15
Or
Jordan - 04 782 785 47

Health Barossa Hills Fleurieu Local Health Network

Get That Diary Out

March

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Assembly, 9am

Kytons Bakery Fundraiser Orders available today

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Ride to School Day

Tuesday 9th

Assembly, 9am

2024 Learning Conversations (School finishes at 3:00pm)

Thursday 11th

2024 Learning Conversations (School finishes at 3:00pm)

Friday 12th

Closing Chapel, 9am - Ms Saracini

Monday 15th - Friday 26th

School Holidays

April 2024 School Holiday Program

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

Bricks in the Hills

Fan-made LEGO® fun for all ages!
4-5 May 2024
Session entries available between 9.30am-4pm

Over 50 tonnes of amazing fan-made LEGO® creations to see!
Interactive play zone (including the LEGO® cars)
Junior Builders & Photography competitions follow us on Facebook for entry details - up shortly!
Facepainting
Sales, food, cakes & coffee van
Raffle

All proceeds from event go to help fund the Museum of Nairne School - Pre school & Primary
Sponsored by the Government of South Australia
100% funds are utilised by individuals & supported by Southern Hills LEGO® User Group

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