



Year 3s - Farm Barn Visit

Faith Focus

This morning, my class had the privilege of leading Chapel for a special look at Jesus' life in what is known as Holy Week, from Palm Sunday to Good Friday. Our message was titled, Jesus, the Son of God. We shared two Bible readings that point to the fact that Jesus is indeed God's Son and that God gave Him up for us all so that we might be forgiven and free.

The Roman officer and the other soldiers at the crucifixion were terrified by the earthquake and all that had happened. They said, "This man truly was the Son of God!" Matthew 27:54

For this is how God loved the world: He gave His one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16

I wrote the following poem a couple years ago and it's perfect to share with you today:

For God So Loved the World
For God so loved the world ~ The world, that's you and me
For God so loved the world ~ He gave His Son to set us free

For God so loved the world ~ He calls us each by name For God so loved the world ~ Jesus took our sin and shame

For God so loved the world ~ A crown of thorns is what he wore For God so loved the world ~ The temple curtain tore

For God so loved the world ~ Jesus suffered for us all For God so loved the world ~ He died on the cross so tall

For God so loved the world ~ The earth shook with all its might For God so loved the world ~ Day turned into night

For God so loved the world ~ His only Son He gave For God so loved the world ~ His body in the grave

For God so loved the world ~ We can live together
For God so loved the world ~ We can live forever

For God so loved the world ~ We can be his friend For God so loved the world ~ This was not the end

For God so loved the world ~ Good Friday will not last For God so loved the world ~ Easter Sunday's coming fast

I pray that this Easter long weekend you are able to take some time to stop, be still and reflect on the greatest love ever shown, remembering that Jesus gave up His life for you.

We can celebrate this Easter Resurrection Sunday and beyond with joy, knowing that Jesus has won the victory over sin and death and that eternal life is ours.

Important Bits

Acting Principal Ponderings...

Today is...Maundy Thursday!

This morning we had the blessing of Year 3L leading us in Chapel and what a wonderful experience this was. We thank our Year 3 students for their message of Jesus' ultimate sacrifice for the forgiveness of sin.

Hot Cross Buns

We thank members of the St Mark's congregation, together with Pastor Greg, who this morning delivered well over 300 hundred hot cross buns to our students and staff. Our students were certainly excited to receive such a yummy gift.

SRC Casual Day - Tuesday April 2nd

Our SRC do a wonderful job in selecting charities for each school Term's chapel offerings. In Term 1 St Mark's will be supporting the work of Camp Quality.

On Tuesday, 2nd April we welcome the Camp Quality puppet show! Foundation to Year 2 students will be visiting the show at 10:30 – 11:00am and Year 3 to Year 6 students at 11:30 – 12:30pm. Families are also welcome to attend. Both performances will be in the School Hall.

The SRC are also hosting a BRIGHT COLOUR casual day on this same day. We ask students who are wearing their BRIGHT COLOUR casuals to bring a gold coin donation with all proceeds going to Camp Quality!

Learning Conversations

A reminder that Learning Conversations will occur on 3rd, 9th and 11th of April. On these days the school day will end at 3:00pm. Buses will continue to run as normal. Should you need to reschedule your time slot due to unforeseeable circumstances, please contact the Front Office on 8391 0444.

Mid-Year Foundation 2024

We look forward to welcoming our Mid-Year Foundations for their first playdate on Friday, 5th April. This is an exciting time for families of new students as well as students already at St Mark's. It's always a privilege to welcome new members to the St Mark's family.

As we welcome our Mid-Year Foundation 2024 students, we also begin the refurbishment of their classroom and the hall façade. We look forward to these improvements to our facilities as well as outside spaces around the Wellbeing Room and Year 6 classrooms.

End of Term 1

Term 1 ends on Friday, 12th April at 3:15pm. Mt Barker buses will leave one hour earlier and families using this facility have been previously notified. Our HILS buses will run as normal.

I wish you and your families a blessed Easter. May the risen Christ bring you peace and joy.

Loredana Saracini

School Photos

2024 School photos will be occuring on **Tuesday, 30th April 2024 (Term 2, Week 1).** Families will receive an email shortly from MSP Photography with ordering details and Shootkey.



Say Cheese



School Photo Day is: Tuesday 30th April

Have your child's school memories captured forever.

Please keep an eye out for our email which will include all the relevant information on the MSP Photography payment envelopes and remember these helpful points:



- Don't seal envelopes inside each other. You can pay for all children in one envelope however each child needs to have their own envelope on photo day
- Family envelopes are available at the school office upon request and need to be ordered before or on photography day. Please make your children aware they are having a family photo.
- Please enclose correct money as no change is given. Cash, cheques, credit card and money orders accepted.

Why not give ONLINE ORDERING a go!!
It's the safest & easiest way to order

Should you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact us. email: admin.adelaidesouth@msp.com.au ph: 08 83913951

Tuesday, 2nd April



BRIGHT COLOURS!

Find your brightest items of clothing and wear them on the day we return from the Easter break!

Let's show our support for Camp Quality by celebrating positivity and fun!

Gold coin donations for Camp Quality welcome.

Thank you......

Student Representative Council

School Life

Year 1 News

Last Friday the Year 1's explored Holy Week in Christian Studies. They followed the footsteps of Jesus in the lead up to the glorious day where Jesus was risen. He is risen indeed!!















Year 3 News

Our Year 3 students were recently treated to a special demonstration and concert by two of our trumpeters, Jake S and Samuel S (Year 5).



Coming Up...

March

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

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)



A big thank you to all the families that purchased Hot Cross buns. We hope you enjoy them and Easter this weekend.

Mother's Day Stall - P&F will be holding the Mother's day stall in Week 2 of Term 2, Same as last year, we will have items for purchase by students for \$5 & \$10. More information will be provided.

The next P&F meeting will be on Tuesday, 2nd April (next week) in the staffroom.



Book Club Issue 2 Order forms have been sent home. Orders and payment are due in by tomorrow.

SAPSASA NEWS

Softball

Congratulations to St. Mark's students
Josh N, Max I and Patrick M (Year 6) who
have been selected in the SAPSASA Barker
District Softball team. Students compete in a tournament
at West Beach this week, we wish them all the best!

Swimming

Congratulations to the huge number of students below who have qualified for the SAPSASA State Swimming Championships! These students have earnt the position in this team following their amazing results at Courier Cup in Week 5! Best of luck!!

Year 6 – Anika W, Elly W, Billy M, Emily T, Emma C, Josh N, Max I, Oscar W • Year 5 – Grace S • Year 4 – Carli Heckler

School Life

Year 3 News As part of the science curriculum, our Year 3's visited the Hahndorf Farm Barn on Monday. - Animals certainly do bring out the

Achievement Awards

Grace K Louis M Charlotte O Annabelle W Grace W

who received Awards at our Week 9

Harmony Day @ St Mark's.... Where Everyone Belongs! HARMONY DAY 2024

Mt Barker Show

The talents of our studets were on display last weekend







OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE



Vacation Care | 15 - 26 April

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 limbol

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 Retum: 3.30pm Transport: Private Bus

Outcomes: 3, 4, 5

Friday

19 April

Incursion

Build A Stuffler Bear



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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 Retum: 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.

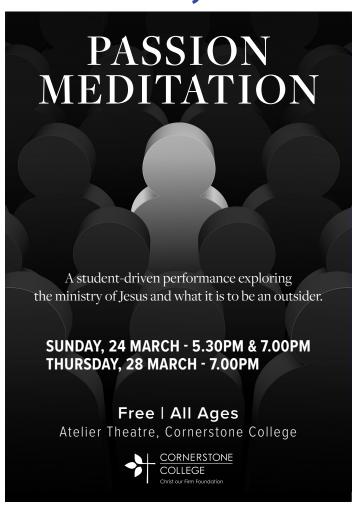
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Outcomes: 3, 4, 5

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Community





Autumn school holiday adventures at Woodhouse Adventure Park!

Whether the kids are doing the 'Drop & Go' UNPLUGGED program, you're visiting as a family for the day, or settling in for an overnight stay, you can expect memorable screen-free fun at Woodhouse in Piccadilly!

UNPLUGGED features adventures designed to keep primary school kids active and entertained for the whole day... with a different theme daily, always including Challenge Hill obstacle course and Tube Slide (weather permitting). Just \$75 per day (Scout Members save 20%) from 9am to 5pm.

www.woodhouse.org.au/unplugged

WHAT'S ON! at your Community Centre

April 2024 Date Time

| New to the Area? Visit Mount Barker Community Centre for access to community information! | Open Monday to Friday | 9am – 4pm |
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| OzHarvest NEST Nutrition Education Skills Training 6-week Cooking Program for 18 to 30-year-olds | Starts Tuesday 2 nd April | 10.30am – 1pm |
| Womens Carer Support Group For those caring for neurodivergent children | Thursday 11 th April | 10am – 12pm |
| Character workshop, Comic style School holiday activity | Friday 19 th April | 10am – 11am |
| Cooking a Mexican lunch School holiday activity | Monday 22 nd April | 11am – 1pm |
| Womens Shed Workshop with Rose Squire Laratinga Community Shed | Monday 29 th April | 9.30am – 2.30pm |
| Multicultural Welcome Dinner Bring a plate to share representing your culture | Friday 3 rd May | 6pm – 8pm |
| Veggie Patch from Scratch Gardening Workshop Duck Flat Community Garden | Saturday 4 th May | 1pm – 4pm |
| Advance Care Directive Information Session Nairne Soldiers Memorial Hall | Thursday 9 th May | 9.30am – 12pm |
| Basic Bike Care - Part 2 - for Women Laratinga Community Shed | Sunday 19 th May | 12.30 – 3pm |
| Womens Walking Group Meet at Laratinga Wetlands Carpark, Bald Hills Road | Fridays | 10am |
| ReVamp Gift Shop | Open Monday to Friday | 9.30am – 4pm |

Bookings essential for all events. Most events can be booked online https://events.humanitix.com/host/mtbcc



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Community









Get That Diary Out

March

Friday 22nd

Chapel, 9am - 4K

Harmony Day, Wear Orange/cultural dress

Tuesday 26th

Assembly, 9am

Kytons Bakery Fundraiser Orders available today

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

Ride to School Day

Tuesday 9th

Assembly, 9am

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

Thursday 11th

Junior Choir Concert, 2:40pm - School Hall

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

Friday 12th

Closing Chapel, 9am - Ms Saracini

Monday 15th - Friday 26th

School Holidays

Monday 29th

Opening Chapel - Term 2 starts

Tuesday 30th

School Photos

May

Thursday 2nd

Supporting Beginning Reader Sessions for FO Parents (Session 1: 2:00-2:45pm & Session 2: 6:00-6:45pm)

April 2024 School Holiday Program







2pm







