



Year 3L singing 'Above All' during Holy Week Chapel

Faith Focus

I use the Our Daily Bread resource for my daily devotion. It's convenient because it's available for free both online (<https://odb.org/>) or in a little hard copy booklet.

My devotion on Good Friday was as follows:

A wealthy twenty-year-old was drag-racing with his friends when he struck and killed a pedestrian. Although the young man received a three-year prison sentence, some believe that the man who appeared in court (and who subsequently served a prison sentence) was a hired surrogate for the driver who committed the crime. This type of thing has been known to occur in some countries where people hire body doubles to avoid paying for their crimes.

This may sound scandalous and outrageous, but more than two thousand years ago, Jesus became our substitute and "suffered once for [our] sins, the righteous for the unrighteous" (1 Peter 3:18). As God's sinless sacrifice, Christ suffered and died once and for all (Hebrews 10:10), for all who believe in Him. He took the penalty for all our sins in His own body on the cross. Unlike a person today who chooses to be a substitute for a criminal to get some cash, Christ's substitutionary death on the cross provided "hope" for us as He freely, willingly gave His life for us (1 Peter 3:15, 18; John 10:15).

While on the one hand this reminded me of the amazing, generous, unconditional, loving, self-sacrificing gift that Jesus gave me when he died on the cross for me, on the other hand it pointed out to me something else quite profound and unexpected. That is, while the vast majority of the world's population are locked into a currency based on money (or other capital items), power, and violence, Jesus has an entirely different currency – Jesus deals in love, peace, and hope.

Like, in the example above, the rich young man used his wealth to buy his own freedom and avoid what he deserved – the consequences of his illegal and deadly activities. Other people use their power, and yet other people use violence to achieve their desired outcomes.

Instead, Jesus voluntarily endured consequences he did not deserve to buy our freedom. And he did that before we'd even committed our offences! In love he gave of himself in order that we might have peace and hope.

It seems to me our world could do with a whole lot more love, peace, and hope right now. It seems to me our world could do with a whole lot more Jesus right now! If you haven't before, I encourage you to check him out.

I'm at Chapel most Fridays and available for a chat and/or to answer questions afterwards. Feel free to come and say "Hi".

God bless your week!

Pastor Greg

Important Bits

Acting Principal Ponderings...

There's certainly a positive vibe at St Mark's. It must be all of the chocolate eggs our students and staff enjoyed over the Easter break.

I wonder if your children shared the news about the Easter Bunny!. We thank our P&F for making contact with the Easter Bunny, for his special last-minute visit and for the gift of a chocolate egg for each student!

St Mark's Athletics Team

Today our St Mark's Athletics Team participated in the SAPSASA Athletics Day at Cornerstone College. We thank our students for their sporting prowess and for Mr Scott's tireless effort in ensuring our students are well trained for their respective events. Go St Mark's!

Ride to School Day

Tomorrow (Friday April 5th) our Student Representative Council are hosting their first Ride to School Day for 2024. We encourage all students to ride their bike or scooter to school. If your child is unable to ride to school independently, please accompany them to the end of Hack St by the bridge and our staff will accompany them to school. Students who ride to school will receive a raffle ticket for a prize!

Learning Conversations

This week we commenced our Learning Conversations. It was wonderful to walk through the hallways and observe our students share the wonderful learning they do at St Mark's. A reminder that Learning Conversations will continue next week on Tuesday, 9th April and Thursday, 11th April. On these days the school day will again 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 tomorrow for their first playdate. 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.

School Photos

School Photo Day is scheduled for Tuesday, 30th April. We ask that students wear their full winter uniform on this day. Yesterday, an email was sent to families with details on how to place your order. Spare student and family order forms are available from the front office, should you wish to pay cash.

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 weekend. Together let us give thanks for the blessings that is St Mark's.

Loredana Saracini



Friday, 5th April



Tomorrow, Friday 5th April, the SRC will be hosting a Ride to School Day. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to engage in active travel to school. We hope to have a sea of colourful bikes and scooters parked in the quadrangle as a reminder of the importance of regular exercise and sustainability!

If your child is unable to ride to school unsupervised, you are most welcome to drop them off, their bicycle or scooter and helmet at the end of Hack St by the bridge that leads into Keith Stephenson Park at 8:20am. Teachers will supervise your child's ride to school along Hack St and then onto Hampden Rd to the school. Please note that students will begin to ride to school from 8:25am with the last group leaving Hack St at 8:30am.

The SRC will meet students as they arrive at St Mark's. Each student who rides to school will receive a raffle ticket which will go in the draw for a prize.

At the end of the school day, we ask that parents collect their child as per usual. Duty teachers will be able to support your child in wheeling their bike to your car.

We look forward to this exciting event tomorrow!

SRC



Photo Day

**Tuesday
30th April**



full winter uniform required

Families should have received an email this week with ordering details and Shootkey. Please contact the office if you have not received this email. Spare forms available from Front Office.

School Life

Camp Quality Puppet Show

On Tuesday our children were fortunate to be able to watch a puppet show performed by the Camp Quality team aimed at promoting positivity.

All gold coin donations and Chapel offerings are supporting Camp Quality during Term 1.



Bright Colour Casual Day

Thank you to all our families who helped support Camp Quality with a gold coin donation and allowing their children to dress in bright clothing for the day.



Coming Up...

April

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

MUSIC NEWS.....

Next Thursday, 11th of April (Week 11) our Year 1-3 classes will present a concert in the school hall at 2:40pm. Each year level will share some of their favourite songs from Junior Choir.

Parents are warmly welcome to attend.



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.

SAPSASA NEWS

District Athletics



Congratulations to St. Mark's students:

Oscar H, Jace C, Aarav G, Connor L, Sydney B, Carli H, Inara M, Lola M, Archie A-W, Jack P, Jack C, Henry B, Harry G, Jacob S, Ruby S, Piper B-C, Grace S, Isobel H, Sophie M, Josh N, Max I, Billy M, Isobel J, Suzannah G, Skyla M-D and Evie T who competed today at Cornerstone as part of the SAPSASA District Athletics day.

Events included: 800m, 1500m, discus, shotput, 100m, 200m, long jump and high jump.

Thank you for representing St Mark's so successfully.

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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Community



**CORNERSTONE
COLLEGE**
Christ our Firm Foundation

Year 7, 2025 Enrolments OPEN



Register
online

TOURS WEEKLY

cornerstone.sa.edu.au/tour

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
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>



Like and share [W mtbcc.org.au](http://mtbcc.org.au) P 83912747 E enquiries@mtbcc.org.au | 3 Dumas Street Mount Barker SA 5251



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

**CREATIVE
ART & CRAFT
WORKSHOPS**
AGES 8+

the makery co.
MAIN STREET, HAHNDORF

SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN for crafty kids!

3 CREATIVE WORKSHOPS :: APRIL 16 – 25 2024 :: 10AM – 12PM

Kids are guaranteed to leave with a little paint on their hands and a big grin on their face!

pots & plants

>> APRIL 18 & 24 :: 10AM – 12PM

This workshop will be a breath of fresh air, sprinkled with creative flair... PSST kids take home a bonus indoor-loving plant for their freshly painted pot!

vases & posies

>> APRIL 17 & 23 :: 10AM – 12PM

Where budding artists bloom with creativity! Each child receives a bunch of fresh blooms to adorn their vibrantly painted vase.

tiny terrarium worlds

>> APRIL 16 & 25 :: 10AM – 12PM

Do your kids dream of creating their own enchanting tabletop realm? This workshop where craft meets nature is just for them!

BOOK ONLINE at themakeryco.com.au

Community

FRIDAY 12 APR 2024
 START: 6:30 PM
 FINISH: 9:00 PM
 AGE RATING: PG
 TICKETS: \$12
 BOOKING: \$2

Woolies Cinema
 variety

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 Services of South Australia
 Health Services of South Australia

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

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Get That Diary Out

April

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 Chapel, 9am - Pastor
 Ride to School Day
- Tuesday 9th**
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May

- Thursday 2nd**
 Supporting Beginning Reader Sessions for FO Parents (Session 1: 2:00-2:45pm & Session 2: 6:00-6:45pm)
- Tuesday 7th**
 Kidz Biz Family Information Sessions, 6:40pm - Yr 2-4 & 7:40pm - Yr 5-6
- Friday 10th**
 House Sports
- Tuesday 21st**
 SAPSASA Cross Country
- Wednesday 22nd**
 Year 3 & 4 Camps
- Thursday 23rd**
 Year 3 & 4 Camps
- Friday 24th**
 Year 3 & 4 Camps

April 2024 Mount Barker Community Library School Holiday Program

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
15 Inky Fingers 4-5pm \$7	16	17 Sciintillating Science 2-4pm Free	18	19 Succulent Turtles 10am-12pm \$5	20 *Introductory Robotics Truck-Tastic Mount Barker Showgrounds 10am-2pm	21 Library closed
22 Native Animals Watercolour With Elina King 11am-12:30pm Free	23 Autumn Chalk Challenge 11am-12pm Free	24 Sun Printing @ Brulungga Hall 10-11am \$5	25 Anzac Day Library closed	26	27	28 Library closed

*Introductory Robotics bookings at techspacelearning.org
 Bookings for other activities at <https://mbcl.eventbrite.com.au>

April 2024 School Holiday Program

Chemistry Capers Make slime, lava lamps & more... ages 5-8 At Parkindula Homestead Tues 16 10am	Warrawong 2U Amazing, interactive experience with wildlife kids all ages At Parkindula Homestead Thurs 18 10am	Crochet Crochet all skills levels ages 12+ At Mt Barker Community Centre Thurs 18 2pm	Character workshop Draw a basic cartoon character ages 6+ At Mt Barker Community Centre Fri 19 10am	Cooking Cook a Mexican lunch with a chef ages 6+ At Mt Barker Community Centre Mon 22 11am	Jaw Dropping Chemistry Have fun with Nitro Nat! Make & take home wicked wormy slime ages 5+ At Mt Barker Community Centre Wed 24 2pm
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For bookings and more info,
MOUNT BARKER COMMUNITY CENTRE
 Mount Barker Community Centre
 3 Durma Street Mount Barker
 Ph. 8391 2747



SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Taught by the ADT company artists, the workshops invite young people to connect with the dancers and explore movement in a fun and open environment.

Each workshop will feature skills development and creative dance activities inspired by the company's repertoire and upcoming works. This program is suitable for dancers aged 8 - 12.

When: 10:30am - 12:00pm, Friday 19 April
 Where: Mount Barker Town Hall, 34 - 38 Gawler Street, Mount Barker SA 5251

Bookings from \$25

