



Year 5 Camp (She-oak Run) - Mud Brick Making showcasing Teambuilding & Nature Connection

# Faith Focus

## THE INVISIBLE GOD

A highlight of my role at St Mark's is the opportunity to get to know students and chat about many interesting topics as they arise. Recently during devotion time, a foundation student leant over to me and whispered, "I can't see God". Slightly amused I whispered back "God is invisible, we can't see Him, but He is everywhere, and He can see us!" Her eyes widened as she looked around and I could just see the cogs turning!

Believing in a God we can't see may seem like blind faith however the Bible tells a different story...

*Romans 1:20 "For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities – his eternal power and divine nature – have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse."*

The Bible explains that God HAS provided evidence. Just as a painting bears witness of a painter; creation bears witness to a divine creator. We may not see God directly, but we do indirectly through His handiwork.

*Psalm 19:1 "The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands"*

Over the Easter weekend, our focus was firmly on Jesus and his death on the cross. The all-powerful, all-knowing creator became human. He forgave sins, fulfilled prophecy, and performed incredible miracles amongst crowds of witnesses again and again to provide evidence to a sceptical world, and by his death made the way possible for our reconciliation.

*John 1:10 "He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. 11 He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. 12 But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God."*

Ours is not a blind faith, but a firm faith!

*Rebecca Lindsay*

# Important Bits

## Acting Principal Ponderings...

What a wonderful Term One we have had! I thank our students and staff for all of their efforts during the term. I also thank you... parents and caregivers for all you do to support your children... the recess and lunches you pack, the uniforms you wash, the homework you supervise and all of the conversations you have that continue to shape your children to become the best version of who God wants them to be. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

A glance at the Term Two calendar, included in this week's newsletter shows that next term will also be filled with opportunity!

### Uniform News

At the start of Term Two, students should be wearing their St Mark's winter uniform. The only exception is if we have unseasonably warm weather during the first two weeks when students may wear their summer uniform. We do ask that students refrain from wearing parts of both uniforms but remain consistent – either full winter or full summer.

### School Photos

Please refer to the email sent to families on Wednesday, 3rd April for the details required to book school photos. Please note we are using an online booking process for our 2024 school photos. School photos will be held on Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> April and all students are required to wear their full winter uniform on this day.

### Office Closure

During the Term One break the School Office will be closed from Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> April and reopens on Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> April, except for a small number of staff working at times during the closure. If you require assistance during this time, please phone ahead or email: [cschmarr@stmarks.sa.edu.au](mailto:cschmarr@stmarks.sa.edu.au)

### A Very Big Thankyou

Mrs Tracy Holmes will be retiring at the end of this term. Mrs Holmes has been a member of staff at St Mark's since 2002. We thank her for her commitment to our students through learning support.

Mrs Holmes has been a much-loved member of our community who will be very much missed.

*We wish Mrs Holmes God's richest blessings for all future endeavors.*



*Loredana Saracini*

## Year 6 News

Yesterday the Year 6's went on their Survivor Day to Woodhouse Activity Centre. This day brings together, all of the work they have been doing this term on the 'You Can Do It' Keys to Success; Confidence, Persistence, Resilience, Getting Along and Organisation.

In teams, they took on challenges and worked together in what was a fun day full of learning.



## Lost Property

We have received a number of lost property items that we would like returned to their rightful owners. If any of these items belong to you, please visit the front office tomorrow to identify your items.



## Photo Day REMINDER

**Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> April**  
**(Week 1, Term 2)**



### full winter uniform required

Families should have received an email with online ordering details and Shootkey.

Please contact the office if you have not received this email. Spare forms available from Front Office.

# School Life

## RIDE2SCHOOL DAY

Well done to our 120 students and their families who participated in Ride2School Day last Friday. Bike, scooter, skate - We had it all!!

Thank you everyone and congratulations to Immanuel K, for winning the lucky prize draw.



## Coming Up...

### April

Friday 12th

Closing Chapel, 9am - Ms Saracini

Monday 15th - Friday 26th

School Holidays

Monday 29th

Opening Chapel - Term 2 starts

Tuesday 30th

School Photos - Full Winter Uniform required

## Save the Date!

Kidz Biz Growth & Development Family Night

Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> May

Year 2 - Year 4 - from 6:40pm

Year 5 & Year 6 - from 7:40pm

Further information will be shared in Term 2.



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

Last Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> April, 26 students attended Cornerstone College for the annual BARKER District Athletics day.

Students competed in Athletic events including 800m, 100m, 200m, Long jump, High jump, Shotput, Discus and 4 x 100m relay. It was a fantastic day of sportsmanship and impressive sporting talent.

St. Mark's finished in 2nd place overall and 3rd in the adjusted shield. Very proud of our St. Mark's students!



## Anzac Day

On 25<sup>th</sup> April our School Captains will be attending the Mt Barker ANZAC Day Dawn Service. During this commemorative service Mia G and Austin H will lay a wreath at the Mann St War Memorial. We thank our School Captains for representing the St Mark's community at this very important event.

- LEST WE FORGET -

There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends.  
- JOHN 15:13



# OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE

## Vacation Care | 15 - 26 April

NON-EMERGENCY / NON-EMERGENCY	FULL FEE	\$64.00	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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# School Life



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## 2024 Term 2

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Regular Events		Whole School Assembly (Odd weeks)	Choir 8.45am— Hall	Band Practice 8.30-9.15am Hall	Whole School Chapel Hall		
	Mainly Music 9.30 - 11.00am Church		Lunch Orders				
1	Apr 29 Term 2 begins Opening Chapel 9.00am Hall School Council 7.00pm	April 30 PHOTO DAY	May 1	May 2 Foundation Reading Sessions 2:00pm & 6:00pm Library	May 3 No Chapel	May 4	May 5
2	May 6	May 7 Kidz Biz Family Evening 6:40pm & 7:40pm Library	May 8	May 9 P&F Mother's Day Stall	May 10 Chapel  House Sports	May 11	May 12
3	May 13	May 14 Assembly 9am	May 15 Nature Play Day	May 16	May 17 Chapel	May 18	May 19
4	May 20	May 21 SAPSASA Cross Country	May 22 Year 3 Camp Year 4 Camp	May 23 Year 3 Camp Year 4 Camp	May 24 Chapel Year 3 Camp Year 4 Camp	May 25	May 26
5	May 27 School Council 7.30pm  SAPSASA Football	May 28 Assembly 9am Kidz Biz – Yr's 5&6 SAPSASA Football	May 29 Kidz Biz – Yr's 5&6  SAPSASA Football	May 30 Connect Session 2pm (Church Link) Choir (Sash Ferguson)	May 31 Chapel  Year 6 HILS Day (Cornerstone)	Jun 1	Jun 2
6	Jun 3	Jun 4 Kidz Biz - Yr's 4 & 5	Jun 5	Jun 6	Jun 7 Chapel	Jun 8	Jun 9
7	Jun 10 Public Holiday King's Birthday	Jun 11 Assembly 9am  Kidz Biz - Yr 3	Jun 12	Jun 13	Jun 14 Chapel	Jun 15 P&F PJ & Pizza Night	Jun 16
8	Jun 17	Jun 18	Jun 19	Jun 20	Jun 21 Chapel	Jun 22	Jun 23 Sounds on Sunday
9	Jun 24 School Council 7.30pm	Jun 25 Assembly 9am	Jun 26	Jun 27	Jun 28 Chapel  Term 2 Ends	Jun 29	Jun 30
10	Jul 1 – Jul 5 Staff Professional Development Week No Students Don't forget to book into OSHC for Vacation Care!						

# Community

**FRIDAY 12 APR 2024**  
**START: 6:30 PM**  
**FINISH: 9:00 PM**  
**AGE RANGE: 5-10 YEARS**

Wells 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

## 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

Contact Us  
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## LinkSA SCHOOL HOLIDAY SPECIAL

From the 13<sup>th</sup> April to 28<sup>th</sup> April 2024

On any LinkSA route service, when you buy 1 adult ticket, 1 child aged 5-14 years, travels **FREE!**

So what are you waiting for! Get out and explore some of those amazing places that South Australia has to offer!

- Monarto Safari Park
- Northern Adelaide Hills
- Murray Lands
- Cape Jervis - Ferry Connector to Kangaroo Island
- Victor Harbor
- Mount Gambier
- Barossa Valley

## Year 7, 2025 Enrolments OPEN

Register online **TOURS WEEKLY**

[cornerstone.sa.edu.au/tour](http://cornerstone.sa.edu.au/tour)

# Get That Diary Out

## April

- 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)
- Tuesday 7th**  
Kidz Biz Family Information Sessions, 6:40pm - Yr 2-4 & 7:40pm - Yr 5-6
- Thursday 9th**  
P&F Mother's Day Stall
- Friday 10th**  
House Sports
- Wednesday 15th**  
Nature Play Day
- Tuesday 21st**  
SAPSASA Cross Country
- Wednesday 22nd**  
Year 3 & 4 Camps
- Thursday 23rd**  
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- Friday 24th**  
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