



FD Class playing a counting game  
with Cornerstone College students

## Term 1 Week 7

# Faith Focus

### Time

How often do you find yourself wishing for more time? Life always seems so incredibly busy with multiple to-do lists. Oh, what we could do with more time!

I know I would spend more time with my family, make my garden more fruitful, volunteer, listen more carefully and take the time to create and enjoy.

So we ask... how can this extra time be possible?

We are bombarded with social media opinion, world leaders making bold decisions, the pressure to achieve, the rising cost of living, global warming, less family support, and a world that seems anxious and unsure of itself.

So perhaps we should ask... how can our time be best used in this world of constant movement and noise?

In Esther 4:14 we read, *'Perhaps you were born for such a time as this.'*

Perhaps you were.

Perhaps the time you have now is best spent switching off social media and talking with your family, perhaps being in the garden is what both you and our environment need, perhaps giving our time to others gives us the most in return, perhaps the voice of leaders is only as strong as we let it be.

Maybe we actually have all the time we need!

At the end of this day, when quietness finally arrives, and the day is closing, consider this... did you listen, did you care, did you connect with others. You probably did. And if you didn't, then there is always tomorrow, when more time is gifted to you.

There is time for everything. We just need to shift our perspective and have faith.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 *'For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.'*

Amanda Kluge



# Principal Ponderings

## Thank you

Tomorrow certainly isn't going to be the day we had planned a week ago, due to the forecast hot weather. I express my thanks to you for your understanding and flexibility as we rescheduled Sport's Day.

I wish to particularly thank the P&F who have seamlessly readjusted their catering plans for Sport's Day.

You will have received an email yesterday with the program for Monday, a much cooler day, along with information for the running of the day. In particular, please note the request to volunteer to assist the P&F.

Tomorrow, we will hold a modified chapel time at 9am. We will have a sing along to some of our favourite songs. You're are welcome to join us.

## Staffing

I'm pleased to advise Mrs Keryn Collins will be joining our staff team from Monday 24th as a classroom LSO. She is replacing Mrs Fourie, who is now our School receptionist ongoing.

## Committee nominations

Our School Board is still seeking further nominations for their Finance, Risk and Audit Committee (FRAC). Any school community members, with skills in finance, accounting and risk management, who can contribute through the FRAC, to the Board's oversight of finance and risk management of the school, are encouraged to contact our School Board Chairperson Casey Work on 0422070986 or [chair@stmarks.sa.edu.au](mailto:chair@stmarks.sa.edu.au) for further details.

Nomination forms are available by contacting Casey Work, or by contacting Leanne Llewellyn at the School Front Office on 08 8391 0444 or [llewellyn@stmarks.sa.edu.au](mailto:llewellyn@stmarks.sa.edu.au)

James Heyne  
Principal

## Week 7 Assembly

This weeks assembly was led by Navneeth and Aengus, with Year 3 classes sharing their learnings with the school. Mrs Kluge announced our Peer Mentors and Mr Scott presented our Courier Cup team with their certificates.



## Achievement Awards

Congratulations to the following students  
who received awards at our Week 7  
Assembly:

Eliana P  
Jack P





# School life

## Year 6 HASS

Year 6 have been investigating the House of Representatives. This includes using role play to learn how they work in an interactive way. This week they raised The No Homework Bill.



## Foundation Self Portraits

FH students have been enjoying doing self portraits as part of their art class. This helps them develop their sense of self.



## Harmony Day

Harmony Day, 21st March, celebrates Australia's amazing cultural diversity. During this week, schools celebrate inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for all Australians, from the traditional custodians of the land to those who have come from many countries around the world.

This year we will be celebrating Harmony Day, Week 8 Friday by wearing orange. If students do not wish to wear orange, they will wear their normal school uniform for the day.



# School life

## Sport's Day 600m and Discus

Last Friday, Year 4-6 Students participated in the 600m and Discus events in the lead up to Sport's Day. It was great to see the students encourage and support each other, and the determination and efforts of each student participating.



## P&F Meet and Greet

The P&F invite you to attend a meet and greet as part of our next meeting. When Tuesday 1st April (Week 10), 6pm in the school staffroom.

Drinks and nibbles will be provided as we chat about P&F involvement in the school community. Hope to see you there.



# School life

## Sport's Day - P&F

### Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are still needed for the BBQ, and serving at the cake stall. Please email [stmarkspf@gmail.com](mailto:stmarkspf@gmail.com) if you can assist!

### BBQ

P&F will be hosting a BBQ on Sport's Day with sausages, yiros and drinks on sale, including vegetarian and gluten free options available.

### Cake Stall

We humbly ask for donations of cakes, muffins, biscuits, cookies, honey crackles, etc. Please make sure to provide a note with a name and **ingredient list** (no nuts please). These can be dropped off to the Front Office from 8.15am onwards on Monday 17th March.

### Library News - Book Club

Issue 2 Book Club Orders and payment are due in by Friday, 28 March.



### Cornerstone College Legacy Project

Students have been continuing to enjoy having Year 12 Students from Cornerstone College visit as part of their legacy project.





# St Mark's Scribes

Hey, everybody! We are St Mark's Scribes! Our job is to let you know what is going on around the school this year through the newsletter. The four of us, Malakai, Elsa, Lydia and Ruby, provide four unique views on events around the school which we will share with you each week. We will write some articles, if you are interested to read our work, you can read the articles on the Year 2 Bible Presentation this week.



Last Friday the Year 2 Students were presented with their Bibles, so we have interviewed two of them. We learnt while they were getting their Bibles, they were feeling positive emotions, they are excited to learn about God and his word. The students didn't think they would use the Bibles that much in class, but they would use it for Christian Studies. One of the students said that one of their favourite books was Genesis because it had her name in it. The Year 2's will enjoy using their Bibles for the rest of the year.



*Sarah and Emersyn with their Bibles. Photo by Malakai (above)*



We interviewed Pastor Greg, who helped with giving out the Year 2 Bibles. The Women's Fellowship donate money to help provide the Bibles. This tradition has been going on for over 30 years. Bibles are given to Year 2's because most people believe that a young age is a good time to start the journey of learning and understanding God. Bibles are still important today because Christianity gives a sense of peace, hope and love, knowing that God is always there for you.

Pastor Greg also mentioned his favourite Bible verse, John 3:16 *"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."*



*Pastor Greg. Photo by Lydia (right)*





# Sport's Day

## Monday, 17 March

### PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DAY DUE TO WEATHER

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

HOUSE COLOURS:



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



## Sport's Day Relay

Each year level has a male and female relay runner that will run in the Sport's Day relay for 2025. For students who were successful in winning their relay trials there will be one final practice tomorrow at 11.20am. Students are invited to wear HPE uniform if this applies to them.



# SPORT'S DAY PROGRAM - MONDAY, 17 MARCH

The second day of the 2025 Sports Day will run as listed below:

## 8:45AM

Students need to be in their classrooms at 8.45am to meet their teachers and for roll call.

## 9:00AM

Students will be seated in their house tents ready for the opening of the 2025 Sports Day followed by the Acknowledgement to Country. Foundation students will sit as a class group.

## 9:10AM

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

## FIRST SESSION - TABLOID EVENTS

Event	Junior Tabloid	Senior Tabloid
1	9.20am	9.20am
2	9.45am	9.50am
3	10:10am	10.20am
	<b>10:35 - RECESS- 30 MINS</b>	<b>10:50 RECESS - 30 MINS</b>
4	11:05am	11:20am
5	11.30am	11.50am
6 (FOUNDATION REST)	11.55am	12:20pm
7	12.20pm	Finished by 1pm
8	12.40pm	

**LUNCH TIME - 1:00- 1:30PM**

## SECOND SESSION - JUNIOR/SENIOR EVENTS

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

1:30pm – Year 2/Year 3 – Water Bucket Relay and/or Rob the Nest (junior oval/year 4 grass area)

1:30pm – 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


2:00pm - 1-6 Relay – Boys (Race A)/ Girls (Race B)

2:15pm - House War Cry/Teacher Race

2:30pm - Presentation of House Sports Shield

2:40pm - Students return to class. Parents may sign students out early.

3.15pm - End of school day





# JUNIOR PRIMARY TABLOID ROTATION

9:20AM

Event	FD	FH	1U	1W	2M	2MA	3L	3MOW
Goal Throw	1	8	3	2	5	4	7	6
Vertical Jump	2	1	4	3	6	5	8	7
Hockey Hit	3	2	5	4	7	6	1	8
Sprints	4	3	6	5	8	7	2	1
Accuracy Throw	5	4	7	6	1	8	3	2
Distance Push	6 REST	5	8	7	2	1	4	3
Jumping Hoops	7	6 REST	1	8	3	2	5	4
Accuracy Kick	8	7	2	1	4	3	6	5

# SENIOR PRIMARY TABLOID ROTATION

9:20AM

Event	GROUP A 10 BOYS/ 9 BOYS	GROUP B 10 GIRLS/ 10 BOYS	GROUP C 9 GIRLS / 10 GIRLS	GROUP D 11 GIRLS/ 10 GIRLS	GROUP E 12 BOYS/ 11 GIRLS	GROUP F 12 BOYS / 11 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

\*Groups start at Number 1





# Whispers of Hope

At St Mark's we care for our students and families. One way we do this is through Whispers of Hope.

Whispers of Hope is an invitation to families to act as a whisper of hope in our community by cooking a meal, emergency school pick up or drop off, emergency babysitting or any other ways families are able to care for others. **I invite you to email [contact@stmarks.sa.edu.au](mailto:contact@stmarks.sa.edu.au) with your availability for Term 1 Whispers of Hope.**

Should you require further information about Whispers of Hope, please do not hesitate to contact me, Julian Feldstein the Pastoral Care Worker, through the front office on 83910444.

Thank you to the families who were able to assist with the Whispers of Hope initiative last year. You truly are the hands and feet of Christ in our community.

**Julian Feldstein**  
*Pastoral Care Worker*





# Diary

## March

Mar 17 - Sport's Day **\*NEW DATE\***  
Mar 24-26 - Year 4 Camp  
Mar 21 - Harmony Day

## April

Apr 1 - P&F Meet and Greet, 6pm  
Apr 2 - Learning Conversations  
Apr 3 - FO Mid Year Playdate  
Apr 3 - Athletics  
Apr 4 - Casual Day  
Apr 7 - Swimming Championships  
Apr 8 - Assembly  
Apr 8 - Learning Conversations  
Apr 9 - Year 6 Woodhouse Excursion  
Apr 10 - Learning Conversations  
Apr 11 - End of Term 1

## Friday Chapel

Chapel is held every Friday at 9am in the Hall. We look forward to a modified Chapel tomorrow due to the rescheduling of Sport's Day.

Parents and friends are all welcome to attend, as well as come to the staff room before or after Chapel for coffee, tea or hot chocolate and biscuits!



# Community News and Events



**Kids in Years 4 – 6!! Join us for our first Jaffa of 2025...**

# GAME ON!

Bring your excitement, energy and A game for a day filled with fun 'Big Games'

**Sunday March 16, 1:30 – 3:30pm**

**St Mark's Church Link**

**Bring \$4.00, Enthusiasm and Your Friends**

Contact Emma Graetz on 0418 898 430 or [emmagraetz@gmail.com](mailto:emmagraetz@gmail.com) to RSVP by Friday March 14th or for any questions you might have.

*Looking forward to seeing you and your friends there!*



## GATHER ROUND REGIONAL ROADSHOW

Celebrate footy in Mount Barker with a free super clinic for primary-aged students! Don't miss the chance to take a photo with the SANFL, SANFLW, and 2025 AFL and AFLW Premiership Cups before Sturt faces North Adelaide in their final trial match.

Register Here!



**POWER BLUES** | FRIDAY 14TH MARCH | 4PM - 4:45PM | 5-12Y/O | FREE | THE SUMMIT, MT BARKER



# Community News and Events

## BUILDING POSITIVE FUTURES

sensory friendly event

FOR YOUNG ADULTS LIVING WITH AUTISM

**Wednesday 26th March 5 - 7pm**

At Mount Barker Community Centre, 3 Dumas Street, Mount Barker

An event for young adults (15 - 25) and their parents and care givers. Discover training, employment and participation opportunities with a focus on building confidence and access to services.

All welcome, the event will be relevant to people living with a range of disabilities.

Guest Speaker panel covering:

- Autism, barriers and successes •
- Service providers Expo • Free BBQ •

Bookings: [events.humanitix.com/host/mtbcc](https://events.humanitix.com/host/mtbcc)

Supported by a grant from the Office for Autism, Government of South Australia



## AUTISM FAMILY DAY

FREE EXPO

CONNECT, THRIVE, BELONG

**Tuesday 15th April 2025**

Auchendarroch House, Mount Barker

A safe and inclusive event for families with children aged 14 and under

**10.30am**

Expo starts at Auchendarroch House

**12.00pm**

quiet lunches available at Oak and Iron Tavern

**2.30pm**

screening of Minecraft film in Wallis cinema

- Native animal interactions • Slime making
- Sensory friendly Glow stick disco
- Football skills on the lawn • Sensory safe zone
- Services on display

Bookings Essential: [events.humanitix.com/host/mtbcc](https://events.humanitix.com/host/mtbcc)

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### Autumn adventures at Woodhouse Adventure Park!

Whether the kids are attending 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!

School Holidays UNPLUGGED, our 'drop & go' kids-only day camps, feature adventures designed to keep primary school kids active and entertained all day... with a different theme daily, including Challenge Hill obstacle course and Tube Slide (weather permitting).

Just \$78 per day (Scout Members save 20%) from 9am to 5pm.

[www.woodhouse.org.au](http://www.woodhouse.org.au)

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**GOOD CLEAN FUN**

**PLAY.AFL/AUSKICK**

**ADELAIDE HILLS ALL GIRLS AUSKICK CENTRE**

Summit Sport & Rec Park, 304 Springs Rd, Mount Barker  
Wednesdays, 4:00 to 5:00PM  
6 SESSIONS - 5th March to 9th April  
Open to children aged 4 to 12 (must be turning 5 in 2025)  
This is a modified Auskick program for \$55 and 6 weeks only.

REGISTER HERE