

Recess in the rain!

Term 1 Week 10

Faith Focus

We will have a special guest at chapel this Friday at St Mark's. Josie Wundersitz from Australian Lutheran World Service (ALWS) will speak to us about the life-changing, life-saving work they do around the world.

Throughout the rest of the day on Friday, classes at St Mark's will then have the opportunity to 'Walk My Way' around a course on the school grounds that will tell them about some of the thousands of children who have been blessed with things we take for granted every day in Australia – basic things like clean drinking water, food, school and safety.

So, who is ALWS? ALWS is an agency of the Lutheran Church that is accredited as an overseas aid and development organisation. Since 1950, ALWS has been receiving donations from generous Australians that are then used to provide practical care and support to the world's most vulnerable communities. 2025 is ALWS' 75th birthday, so their goal is to change the lives of 75,000 children!

OK, so what's 'Walk My Way'? ALWS Walk My Way is a series of events Australia-wide that aim to raise awareness and funds to provide practical support, to 75,000 vulnerable children – children impacted by poverty and war – giving access to the essentials for a happy, healthy life. Funds raised will support vulnerable children in places like Somalia, South Sudan, Kenya, Burundi, Bangladesh, Nepal and Ukraine.

The events are called 'Walk My Way' because there is such a variety of events in which you can participate, there's bound to be one that fits 'Your Way'. And if there's not, you can do your own thing to raise awareness and/or funds – 'Your Way'.

The verse on the ALWS webpage quotes Jesus saying, "And whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me" (Matthew 18:5 NIV). And in Matthew 10:42 Jesus says, "If, as my representatives, you give even a cup of cold water to a little child, you will surely be rewarded." Jesus reminds us just how blessed and comfortable we are – relatively speaking – here in Australia. He encourages us to be grateful for the peace, freedom and financial comfort we enjoy here, and to share it with those less fortunate – not so that we will be rewarded here on earth, but so we share God's love here, and store rewards in heaven.

I'm at Chapel most Fridays and available for a chat afterwards. Feel free to come and say "Hi."
God bless your week!

Pastor Greg

Principal Ponderings

Step by Step

Mrs Harrip and I attended a learning opportunity two weeks ago and one of the comments that has stayed with me is that 'life is constant recalibration'. Think of your children and your role as a parent. Because it is continually occurring in small ways, we don't often notice their constant growing skills, abilities and ability to be more independent and take on more responsibility. It is only when we intentionally pause and reflect, like a birthday, and realize how quickly children grow and develop. And with this growth, we as the adults in our children's lives are constantly recalibrating our roles.

When our children are very young, they require us to be providing for practically all of their needs, doing most things for them. As they grow and develop, they naturally become more capable and independent. That is why it is natural and normal that we are constantly recalibrating our role and building their skills and independence.

During our Learning conversations you will be hearing of your child's growth - what they can do now that they couldn't before along with what they can't quite do yet. That's the normal and expected journey. Our staff are continually recalibrating their roles to give more responsibility and independence to our students, so that their growth and development is maximised.

I have a clipboard

We have a once in a 3 year opportunity on Saturday 3rd May to take advantage of our Library being a polling booth for the Federal election. We will have a large number of the wider community onsite to vote, and a large number of them will feel like a democracy sausage. It is a unique fundraising opportunity for our school, which our P&F is embracing, which will assist to provide more resources for our students.

To make it happen we will need a much higher number of volunteers than we've had in recent times. All that is required is to give one hour of your time to either cook the BBQ, take orders or serve. That's why I'll have my clipboard with me in the next week so it is easy to nominate the hour that you can help. Alternatively, you can complete the slip in the newsletter to the office.

Lights, camera, action

Today and next Tuesday we have Commshake Media and Engagement and their team onsite assisting us with a refresh of our video and photo library. This is used in our marketing materials. If your children are involved, you will have received a consent form from us.

Mr Boesch is visiting

In case you missed the detail in my email last Friday, I will be on leave in Term 2 and Mr Andrew Boesch will be our Acting Principal. He will start his orientation to St Mark's this Friday when he visits for the day. His focus will be on meeting and connecting with as many students and staff as he can.

James Heyne
Principal



School Photos and Winter Uniform

A reminder for families that MSP Whole School Photos will be on Tuesday, 29 April (Week 1, Term 2).

All students will need to wear their Winter uniform from the start of Term 2.

School life



P&F Easter Raffle
Tickets are on sale for the easter raffle until Thursday 10 April!

$2 a ticket or 10 for $10
(cash or eftpos available)

The winner will be announced on Friday 11th April with all proceeds going to the school.

See admin staff during the day or P&F members at pick up times.

Thanks to all who attended the Meet and Greet at the P&F meeting. It was great time to chat and get to know each other as part of the school community and we hope others will take an interest in the future.

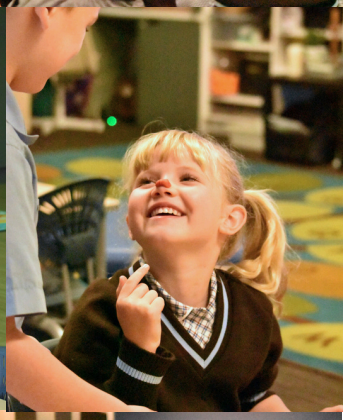
Congratulations

SAPSASA Selection
Congratulations to Emily G (Year 4), Karla F (Year 5), Jack P and Grace S (Year 6) for making the BARKER SAPSASA Swimming Team. These students have been selected based on their results from Courier Cup in Week 5. We wish you all the best on the 7th of April as you compete at the SA Aquatic & Leisure Centre.

Around on the grounds
Please enjoy the selection of photos from around the school this week!











Lunch Clubs
by the St Marks Scribes

Over the past week, the St Mark's Scribes attended and researched the different lunch clubs on offer to students. They have prepared the following reports. A full list of lunch clubs and their times are available on the student noticeboard.

Dance Club
One of the clubs hosted each week is Dance Club. Dance Club is hosted by the School Captains and is open to everyone. There is a selection of songs that students can dance to such as YMCA, That's What Makes You Beautiful, Believer, I Got a Feeling, Blue, Dance Monkey, Ghostbusters and many more.

The SRC are currently looking for song suggestions, so please feel free to recommend some songs. Many students enjoy coming to Dance Club each week so please come along and join us!

By Ruby

Coding Club
This week I went to Coding Club to figure out why it's a club. To begin with, coding club is held in the library every Friday and Tuesday for senior primary students with services like Scratch and Minecraft Education available for the students to code with. The most popular games are Acceleration City, Hour of Code, Minecraft Education, Scratch and Coding Town.

People come because they like challenges, enjoy coding and spending time with friends, there are many amazing reasons. They have also learnt how to code characters, work together to solve problems and other coding techniques. Overall coding club is an enjoyable club that was started due to student request that also lets people play, learn and enjoy.

By Malakai

Chess and Math Club
Every Thursday in the mid-year Foundation classroom, chess and math club takes place. This club is run by two of our amazing school captains, Lucy and Lawson, and is supervised by Miss B.

Chess and Math club welcomes students of all ages. There are lots of different math games available to play by yourself or with a friend. We have lots of chess boards so you and your friend can play, so come join us at chess and math club.

By Lydia

Dodgeball Club
Every Wednesday Dodgeball Club is held in the hall for year two and up, by our school captains. This week, Lawson and Lucy oversaw running dodgeball club for our Year Two's. They were split up into house teams. On one side was Davison and Barker, the other Sturt and Dunn. It was a tight game, with everyone trying their hardest. At the end of lunch, Davison and Barker won overall.

Our two other school captains, Jake and Charlotte, got to tell us a bit about their time running Dodgeball Club. They both enjoy watching the younger students play, and they also occasionally join in. Once, they played a game with a few Year Six's versus the whole group of Year Two's. With an unlikely turn of events, the Year Two's came out victorious. All our Year Two;s had a great time and loads of fun.

By Elsa

ALWS

WALK MY WAY

Step out so a child can step up!

Walk YOUR Way

tomorrow, Friday, 4 April!

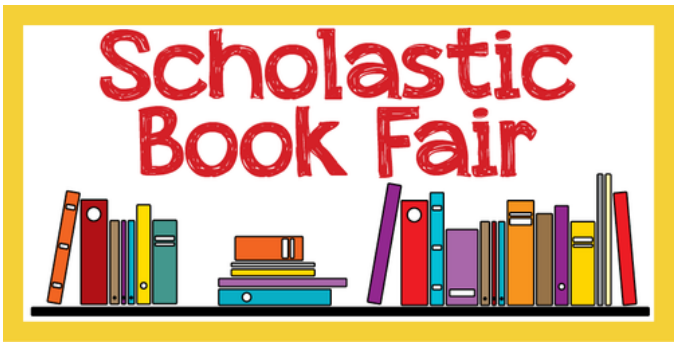
Casual Clothes Day:

Wear YOUR style!

Please bring a gold coin donation to help ALWS support 75,000 children







Library News

Book Fair

Exciting News....Book Fair is coming!!! Due to a very busy Term 4 we have decided to move our annual Book Fair to next term. **Book Fair will now be held in Week 2 of Term 2**. During that week parents and children can visit the Library to view and purchase books. More updates later!!

Book Club

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

Lost and Found

Glasses were found by the lockers, and keys were found outside this morning. If they are yours, please collect from front office. Also a reminder to check the front office or lost property drawers for any other missing items. Any items remaining in Lost Property after the end of term 1 will be donated to charity.

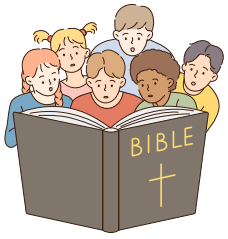


Diary

April
Apr 5 - Athletics
Apr 5 - Casual Day
Apr 5 - Year 1 Play Date 3.15pm
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
Apr 11 - Year 4 Play Date 3.15pm
April 28 - Term 2 Starts
Apr 29 - MSP School Photo Day

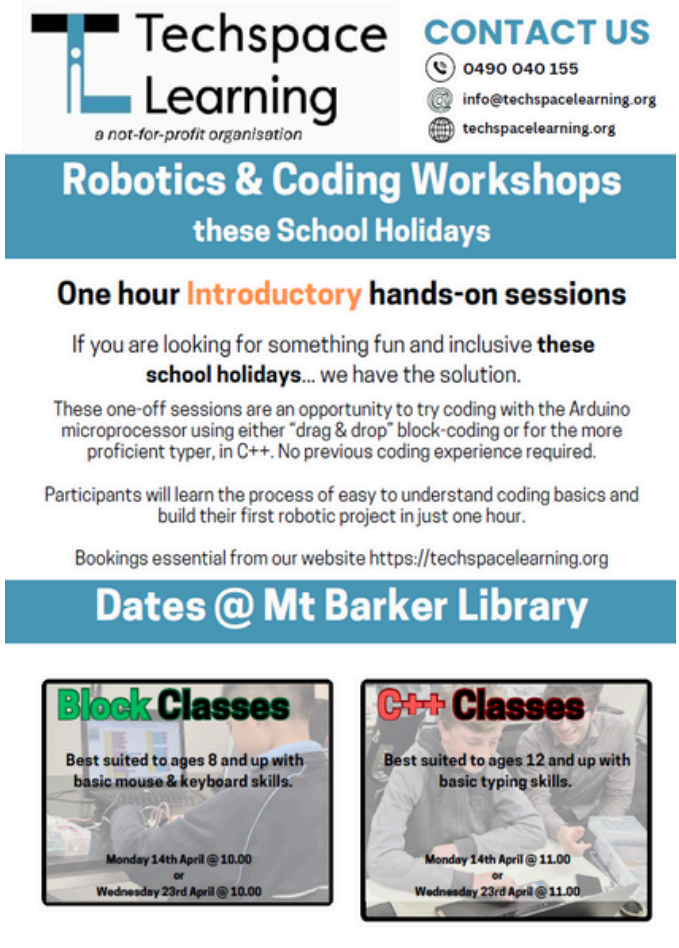
Friday Chapel
Friday Chapel Chapel is held every Friday at 9am in the Hall. We look forward to Pastor Greg leading us in Chapel tomorrow.

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





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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



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IN-HOUSE	FULL FEE	$67.00	CCS REDUCED FEE*	$10.05 - $36.85
EXCURSION / INCURSION	FULL FEE	$87.00	CCS REDUCED FEE*	$13.05 - $47.85

*Estimation of fees after subsidy is applied

Vacation Care | 14 – 25 April

WEEK 1

Monday 14 April

In-House

Outer Space Travels



Travel to the end of the galaxy with us as we make planet art, solar system mobiles and build your own rocket ship.

Outcomes: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Tuesday 15 April

Incursion

Football Fanatics



Join us as Cube Sports teaches us some soccer skills and play a few games. Make a soccer field diorama and design a team jersey.

Start: 10:00am
Finish: 11:30am

Outcomes: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Wednesday 16 April

Excursion

Motor Museum



Brrrrrmm! Lets drive to the motor museum to explore all the different cars. Enjoy a scavenger hunt around the museum.
Depart: 8:30am
Return: 3:00pm
Transport: Private Bus

Outcomes: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Thursday 17 April

In-House

Easter Craft Day



Creating Easter crafts, going on an Easter egg hunt, painting Easter bunnies, making bunny ears and decorating biscuits!

Outcomes: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Friday 18 April



WEEK 2

Monday 21 April



Tuesday 22 April

In-House

OSHC Game Show



A day filled with many mini games filled with fun activities to show your skills and knowledge. Including group trivia and group challenges!

Outcomes: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Wednesday 23 April

Excursion

Marion Leisure And Fitness



Join us for stadium sports and gymnastics at Marion, try new moves, move your body and test your skills.

Depart: 8:30am
Return: 2:00pm
Transport: Private Bus

Outcomes: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Thursday 24 April

In-House

ANZAC Day



Making poppies, cooking ANZAC biscuits, design a wreath, and create a thank you speech. Show and tell about family members and their experience.

Outcomes: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Friday 25 April



Book your session via the Xplor Home App
Visit sa.ymca.org.au/OSHC for more information

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