



## Term 2 Week 3

# Faith Focus

### Unchanging Love in a Changing World

Hebrews 13:8 – "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."

Change is something we all experience. It's everywhere! The weather changes from sunny to stormy, the seasons move from summer to winter, and even our hairstyles and fashion choices evolve over time. As we grow, we change in so many ways—our year levels, our teachers, our friendships, even our taste buds!

In Chapel on Friday, we will listen to Colin Buchanan's fun and meaningful song, "People Change (But God Don't Change At All)" to remind us that while the world around us—and even we ourselves—keep changing, there is something, or rather Someone, who remains completely the same: Jesus Christ.

Hebrews 13:8 tells us, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." That's a powerful truth. In a world that can sometimes feel uncertain or unpredictable, we have a constant. God's love for us never changes. His promises never fade. He is always trustworthy, always near, and always faithful.

We will also sing "One Way" to remind us that no matter what else shifts around us, Jesus is the one way to God, the steady path we can always count on.

At our school, where we value love, courage, curiosity, and service, it's comforting to know that the source of these values—God's love—never wavers. As we move through different grades, meet new people, and grow in many ways, we can walk confidently, knowing that God walks with us, unchanged and unchanging.

Let's encourage one another, both at school and at home, to rest in the truth of God's unchanging nature. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever—and that is something we can always count on.

*Rachel Harrip*

# Principal Ponderings

I had the pleasure of taking part in my first St Mark's assembly this week. It was fantastic to see what a wonderful job the SRC students at St Mark's did with organising and running assembly. I got to hand out some awards to some particularly switched on students, the Year 4A and Year 6K classes shared about their learning, and we heard a couple of amazing pieces by the St Mark's choir, led by Ms Lyall.

I've also had a chance over the last couple of weeks to observe some really interesting ICT lessons and see St Mark's students working confidently with coding programs and projects. I enjoyed seeing the Year 6 classes rigging up different electronic devices, using circuits and coding apps, and I was particularly impressed with my visit to the library where a large number of students were joining in with the lunchtime coding club. Thanks to Mrs Herrmann for all your work in engaging students with ICT and giving teachers the confidence to lead these lessons.

A real highlight of last week was the St Mark's House Sports Day. It was wonderful to see students enjoying a day out in some beautiful weather and to witness their engagement and effort, their sportsmanship and the way they encouraged each other. It was also wonderful to see so many parents and friends joining us for the day. Thanks to those parents, friends and students who helped with umpiring and scoring on the day. Thanks again to Mr Scott and Mrs Sanders for your work with this, and congratulations to Barker house who were presented with the House sports trophy this week. A special shout out to our House captains for the leadership they showed – well done to Grace S, Jacob S (Davison), Harry G, Samuel S (Sturt), Piper B, Jack P (Dunn), Sydney B and Jace C (Barker).

Andrew Boesch  
Acting Principal

## St Mark's Routines

Please note that staff provide supervision at the kiss and drop area at the end of the day, and to take students to buses straight after school. Supervision by staff in these areas ceases at 3:45pm. We appreciate the support of parents and caregivers in supervising your children outside these areas and times, particularly in playground areas and on playground equipment. Thank you.



## Second-Hand Uniform Store

Did you know we have a Second Hand Uniform Store located within the school?

Here you are able to purchase preloved uniforms for a discounted price. Ask at the front office and they will be able to help you!



# School Life

## House Sports

On Friday, 9 May, St Mark's students participated in the annual House Sports event. Junior Primary students played a variety of games, including; an obstacle course, water bucket relay, rob the nest and the running relay. Senior Primary students had a choice of participating in Soccer, Football or Netball. It was wonderful to have the sun shining and was even better to see the St Mark's students working together in their House teams. A big thank you to the parent volunteers who assisted in umpiring in the Senior AFL and Netball games and also to parents and friends who attended on the day.





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You are invited to

## St Mark's Special Friends Day

We warmly invite our students' special friends – grandparents, relatives, or close family friends – to join us for Special Friends Day.

**Friday, 23 May**  
**Starting at 1:40pm**

Come and enjoy a memorable afternoon together, with a guided tour of our beautiful school grounds by your special friend, fun classroom activities to share, and a photo booth experience to capture the moment!

It's a wonderful opportunity to connect with your special person and celebrate the learning and community spirit that makes St Mark's so unique.

**Bookings are essential** – please reserve your visit [here](#)

We can't wait to welcome you to St Mark's for this cherished event!



### Assembly

Tuesday was our first assembly for the Term and was led by Nora and Amelia. The choir sang beautifully, and classes 4A and 6K presented their learnings. Mr Scott presented the House Sports winners, and awards from Term 1 Athletics. We also had several students receive Achievement Awards. Congratulations to all the students who made it such a wonderful Assembly.





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## Year 2 Excursion

The Year 2 classes visited the Adelaide Museum on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May. They looked at how items have changed from the past to now. The children were able to see the differences with what we use now to what was used in the past. It was a great morning and all the Year 2's had a wonderful experience.





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## Foundation - Musical animals

Foundation students have been focusing on their body movement in music and performing arts lessons. They have been discussing how different animals move and how to move your body.



## Achievement Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received awards at our Week 11 Assembly:

Louis M  
Lincoln O  
Lilly M  
Annabelle W  
Michelle H  
Madison T



## Lost Property

A Peter Rabbit onesie with a matching blue jacket was left at pick up in a brown bag. Please return to Molly in 1U if found.

Thank you

## Library News

### Book Club

Issue 3 Book Club Order forms were sent home last week. Orders and payment are due in by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May.

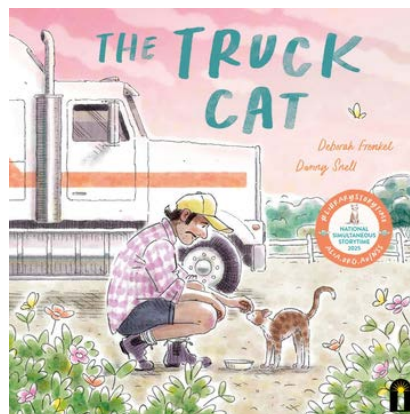
### Book Fair

Thank you for supporting our Book Fair last week. We had \$7,500 in sales which will allow us to receive approx. \$2,300 worth of free books for our Library.

The winners of the lucky ticket prizes were: Jack Hogenhout, Rocky, Tyler, Thomas J, Georgie, Lila, Riley K, Finn, Harleen, Alexis, Eloise and Sarah.

### National Simultaneous Storytime – NSS

This event is celebrated in schools, and Libraries, Australia wide next week on Wednesday at 11am. The story this year is called “The Truck Cat”. To make this day a little ‘special’ we are inviting children to bring from home anything they have which is truck or cat themed. These items will be shared at a show and tell in their classrooms or with their buddies. Examples may include – toys, books, stories, photos, posters etc. P.S. Please do not bring in your real life pet cats!





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## Year 1 Needs Your Help!

Do you eat chips?

The Year 1 classes would love you to drop in your clean, empty chip packets that are 175g or larger. They are collecting the chip packets to help support the Life FM 'Buddy Blanket' project creating blankets for the homeless this winter.

At St Mark's, our learning **is** real life and this xperience is a great opportunity for the Year 1s Science, Christian Studies and English learning this term to enact this!

So get eating and drop off your clean, empty chip packets no later than Thursday 29 May to the Year 1 classrooms to help keep others in our community warm this winter!

...and stay tuned to hear about how the chip packets are used from our Year 1s later in the term.

Thank you for your support  
The Year 1 classes



## Year 6 Game Controller Design

In Science and Technology, our Year 6 students have been diving into the world of electrical circuits, exploring how to design purposeful games using Makey Makeys and Scratch software. This hands-on project requires lots of persistence, critical thinking, and problem-solving, as students work through some design and programming challenges and discover the electrifying possibilities of interactive technology.







# 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 2 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.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank families who were able to assist in the Whispers of Hope program in Term 1 of 2025. You truly are the hands and feet of Christ in our community. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for taking the time to consider how you might contribute to the care of others in our community in Term 2.

**Julian Feldstein**  
Pastoral Care Worker





# Diary

## May

May 14-16 - Year 3 Camp  
May 16 - Mid Year Foundation Playdate  
May 19 - Foundation Playdate 3.15pm  
May 21 - Year 3 Playdate 3.15pm  
May 23 - Special Friends Day  
May 26 - National Reconciliation Week starts  
May 27 - Assembly

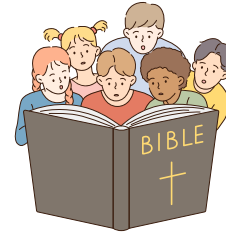
## June

June 5 - Year 4 Playdate 3.15pm  
June 6 - Pupil Free Day  
June 9 - Public Holiday  
June 12 - Nature Play Day  
June 14 - P&F PJ & Pizza Night

## Friday Chapel

Friday Chapel is held every Friday at 9am in the Hall. We look forward to Rachel Harrip 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

**superkick**

**ANYBUDDY CAN PLAY**

**PLAY.AFL/SUPERKICK**

**ADELAIDE HILLS ALL GIRLS SUPERKICK CENTRE**

Cornerstone College Oval, 68 Adelaide Rd Mt Barker

MONDAYS, 4:00 TO 5:00PM

6 SESSIONS - 19TH MAY TO 30TH JUNE

Open to girls aged 7 to 12

Superkick is FREE with a ORSR Sports voucher or \$85 without.

**AFL PLAY**

**ENROL**

Grasshopper  
**SOCCER**  
**TERM 2**

**MOUNT BARKER**  
Saturday Mornings  
St Francis De Sales College

**HAHNDORF**  
Sunday Mornings  
St Michaels Primary

**DEVELOP SOCCER SKILLS**  
**NON-COMPETITIVE AND FUN**  
**TEAMWORK AND SPORTSMANSHIP**

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