

Term 2 Week 8

Faith Focus

For the love of it...

I have the privilege of coaching the Senior Women's Football team at Nairne. Every week, before the team steps onto the field, they think of 3 personal goals they'd like to achieve and they then reflect on these after the game.

Before last week's game, I asked the players to start their journal with something a little different... **'Why** do you love footy?' A myriad of responses were written but the most impacting response was the physical one I noted as players were recording their responses and then the excited chatter as they shared their **why** with their teammates.

The **why**; it's so important. If you don't know **why** you're doing something, you lose sight of the bigger purpose. We can often get lost in the **what** we are doing and the **when** the doing needs to be done or even in the **how** the doing will ever get achieved....but it's bringing yourself back to the **why** you are doing that keeps you motivated and on track towards achieving the bigger purpose.

As staff at St Mark's, we have many responses to the **why** we do what we do but ultimately the **why** centres back to sharing the love of God with our students and our wider community. We want St Mark's to be a place where God's love is seen through all our interactions and choices. Love is one of St Mark's core values. One of our learning principles, *We are valued for who we are*, showcases that the love extended to us from God is unconditional and for every single one of us. At the core of our **why**, is love and what an incredible **why** to have each day!

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

Colossians 3:12-14

Dani Barolo

Andrew Boesch
Acting Principal

We are seeking Quiz Night sponsorship from businesses in the community. If you have a business or know a suitable one, and would like to sponsor with prizes then please contact the school or P&F email address.

School life

Nature Play Day

Last week, students had the opportunity to get back to nature, with our Nature Play Day. There was lots of activities for students to engage with. Roasting marshmallows on the firepits, clay woodland folk and clay pot creation, mud kitchen, stick play, seed-bomb creations, scavenger hunts and drawing and chill out stations.



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Year 2 HASS Technology

On Friday the children got to share the design they made to finish off the unit called Changes In Technology. The children had to design a future technology that could do something that it can't do now and might make our life easier. Each child got to share their design with their own class. We then shared between the 2 classes doing a gallery walk.



Year 1 Capacity

Year 1 students did some measuring in the sandpit today for their learnings about capacity. The students worked with a partner to carefully measure and then compare the capacity of their containers.



Nature Play Day

Last Thursday, our students came in their old clothes, ready for Nature Play Day. In the afternoon, students set off around the school, participating in various nature-based activities. There was the mud kitchen, stick play, a nature tea party, seed-bomb making, construction zone, nature art, scavenger hunt, a chill out corner, charcoal sketching, clay sculpting, outdoor team challenges, and best of all...marshmallow roasting!

Our Year 5s and 6s spent some quality time with their buddies, doing all the activities together. As a Year 6, I can say I really enjoyed spending time with my buddy. We went around and did as many activities as we could, trying to make the most of this great opportunity to connect with nature. We hope everyone had a great time and we can't wait until next year's Nature Play Day!

Elsa



P&F PJ and Pizza Night

Welcome to the PJ & Pizza night with pizza, pyjamas and movies! There's no place I'd rather be than the Lilo and Stitch movie that was held in the hall for Junior Primary students (Foundation – Year 3). The Senior Primary students (Year 3 – Year 6) watched Penguins of Madagascar in the library. Halfway through each of these movies, pizza was given out to students. The movies and pizza were amazing.



Diary

June

June 19 - Mid Year Foundation Transition 1
June 19 - Year 1 Excursion to Monarto
June 20 - Foundation Excursion to Zoo
June 24 - Assembly
June 26 - Mid Year Foundation Transition 2
June 27 - Final Chapel for Ms Saracini
June 27 - End of Term 2

SAVE THE DATE: QUIZ NIGHT IS COMING TO ST MARK'S! 🎉

St Mark's Lutheran School is hosting a Quiz Night Fundraiser, and we'd love to see families, friends and the wider community come together for a great cause.

Saturday, 23 August 2025

Hall, St Mark's Lutheran Primary School

Get ready to put your thinking caps on and join us for a night of laughs, friendly rivalry, and brain-busting fun - all in support of our amazing school community!

Stay tuned for more info!



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
7 Percussion Instruments 1pm, 2pm, 3pm Free Ages 5 plus	8 Felt Animal Bookmark Drop In 10am-4pm Free	9 Circus Skills 10-11am & 11.15-12.15pm \$5	10 Macrame 11.30am & 1.30pm \$5 Ages 8 plus	11 Free Play Activities - Board Games Lego Colouring In	12 Dungeons and Dragons Ages 14 plus Free July 5 th , 12 th , 19 th , 26 th 12-3pm	13 Library Closed
14 Ignite Virtual Reality Drop In 11.30am-4.30pm Free	15 The Scientific Bubble Show 3-4pm Free	16 Japanese Shaved Ice Candle 11am & 12.30pm \$5 Ages 8 plus	17 French Knitting Drop In 1-3pm Free	18 Free Play Activities - Board Games Lego Colouring In	19 Dungeons and Dragons Ages 14 plus Free July 5 th , 12 th , 19 th , 26 th 12-3pm	20 Library Closed

Bookings for activities at <https://mbcl.eventbrite.com.au>

Community News and Events

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE

FEE INFORMATION	FULL FEE	\$69.90	CCS REDUCED FEE*	\$10.49 - \$34.95
	FULL FEE	\$90.80	CCS REDUCED FEE*	\$13.62 - \$45.40

*Estimation of fees after subsidy is applied

Vacation Care | 30 June – 18 July

WEEK 1

Monday
30 June

In-House

Favorite Character Day



Dress up as your favourite movie, book, or game character. We can read books, colour in and watch shows with your favourite characters. Participate in a show and tell of your character.

Outcomes: 1, 3, 4, 5

Tuesday
1 July

Excursion

Adelaide Zoo



Come with us on an adventure to visit Adelaide Zoo, see the new pandas and pick your favourite animal.

Depart: 8:30am
Return: 3:30pm
Transport: Private Bus
Outcomes: 2, 4, 5

Wednesday
2 July

In-House

Emergency Services Day



Dress up as your favourite emergency service person and join us to learn about them and what they do!

Outcomes: 1, 2, 3, 4

Thursday
3 July

Excursion

Bowling And Playground



Play two rounds of bowling with your friends and come with us to the playground at Murray Bridge.

Depart: 9:00am
Return: 3:30pm
Transport: Private Bus
Outcomes: 1, 3, 4, 5

Friday
4 July

In-House

Teddy Bear Picnic



Grab your favorite teddy and join us for a magical Teddy Bear Picnic! We'll whip up some tasty picnic snacks to take home and enjoy fun-filled adventures outdoors with our cuddly companions!

Outcomes: 1, 4, 5

WEEK 2

Monday
7 July

Excursion

Maritime Museum



Come with us to the Maritime Museum where we will have time to explore. Walk to a nearby park for a play.

Depart: 8:15am
Return: 3:00pm
Transport: Private Bus
Outcomes: 2, 4, 5

Tuesday
8 July

In-House

Music Day



Be loud and express yourself through music, create your own instrument, listen to music and have a boogie on the dance floor.

Outcomes: 2, 4, 5

Wednesday
9 July

In-House

Magic Day



Learn some magic tricks on magic day! We can learn to shuffle a deck of cards, show us the tricks you already know and watch some incredible magicians on the TV for inspiration.

Outcomes: 1, 2, 4, 5

Thursday
10 July

In-House

Arts And Crafts Day



Using recycled materials, things from nature, or anything you can find to create or paint as much as you can throughout the day.

Outcomes: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Friday
11 July

Excursion

Movies



Enjoy some fresh air with us as we walk to the movies to watch a new movie at Wallis Cinema Mount Barker.

Depart: 9:45am
Return: 12:30pm
Transport: Private Bus
Outcomes: 1, 2

WEEK 3

Monday
14 July

Excursion

Old Tailem Town



Travel back in time and see what life was like for the settlers of South Australia from 1860 - 1960.

Depart: 9:00am
Return: 3:30pm
Transport: Private Bus
Outcomes: 1, 2, 4, 5

Tuesday
15 July

In-House

Lego And Puzzle Day



Work together to build a city out of Lego and finish some big puzzles as a team.

Outcomes: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Wednesday
16 July

Excursion

Farm Barn



Travel to see all the different farm animals at the Hahndorf Farm Barn. What farm animal would you have if you had a farm?

Depart: 9:15am
Return: 2:15pm
Transport: Private Bus
Outcomes: 2, 4, 5

Thursday
17 July

In-House

Puppet Show



With your friends, make your puppets, create a story then show off your creations in our puppet show!

Outcomes: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Friday
18 July

In-House

PJ Movie Day



Come dressed in your comfy pjs for the last day of the holidays. Chill out and relax with a movie and calming activities.

Outcomes: 1, 3, 5



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

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Community News and Events



Winter 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.

🔥 PLUS check out the Events page on our website for exciting events, perfect for keeping the whole family active and entertained this Winter.

www.woodhouse.org.au

THE SECRETDOR

CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE PERFORMANCE
JULY 11 AT 11 AM
MURRAYBRIDGEPAFC.COM

TWO CURIOUS DETECTIVES UNCOVER A MYSTERIOUS BOOK THAT LEADS THEM TO A SECRET HIDDEN DOOR, TRANSPORTING THEM TO MAGICAL WORLDS FILLED WITH MYSTERY AND ADVENTURE. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT IS ENTIRELY UP TO THE AUDIENCE.

IN THIS INTERACTIVE CHOOSE-YOUR-OWN-ADVENTURE PERFORMANCE, CHILDREN TAKE THE LEAD, MAKING DECISIONS THAT SHAPE THE DETECTIVES' JOURNEY. TOGETHER, THEY'LL SOLVE PUZZLES, OVERCOME CHALLENGES AND UNLOCK THE SECRETS OF EACH ENCHANTED REALM. WITH EVERY CHOICE CREATING A NEW PATH, NO TWO SHOWS ARE EVER THE SAME!

Logos for Murray Bridge Primary School, Arts & Recreation Centre, and the Secret Door.

Christmas in July

July 7th - 10th, Barmera

JC LIFE 2025

Christmas in July

Junior Christian Life (JC Life) aims to provide a fun, safe place to meet others, grow their relationship with God, and build friendships through worship experiences and exciting activities in a loving Christian community.

SAVE THE DATE	BUS	PRICE
July 7th - 10th 2025	Available from Adelaide & Barossa areas. See website for more details	\$200 Regular camper \$5 per person sibling discount \$50 for first time camper

WHO
YEARS 4 - 7

LOCATION
Camp Kedron, Barmera

REGISTRATION
Visit: Blueprintministries.org.au/camps/jc-life/
REGISTRATIONS CLOSE JUNE 23

OTHER INFORMATION
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