



A couple of cheeky monkeys playing at Adelaide Zoo

Term 2 Week 9

Faith Focus

“...Behold, I am making all things new.” Revelation 21:5

I tend to read the paper when I am wrapping up food scraps to put in the compost bin so my news is often out of date, but it can be depressing, maddening and even frightening to catch up on what is going on. We live in a beautiful world but there are parts of it that aren't very nice and there are some things happening out there that are pretty horrible.

When we read or hear about wars, disasters, poverty, rising inequality, social breakdown, family breakdown, addiction and other symptoms of despair, it can be overwhelming and we can feel powerless. In many ways we are. These are complex societal, global issues without easy solutions. What can we do then?

We can start small. We can start with ourselves and we can start with those who are closest to us. We can start with those small day to day interactions. “Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love.” This quote was attributed to Mother Teresa. We might have heard it put it this way: “Kind words, kind actions.”

There are so many things we can do when it comes to our own interactions with others, so many opportunities to bring positives into the lives of others. These things build our community into a positive place. We will make mistakes, but God grants us grace and empowers us to show that grace to others as God makes things new. This term I've had a wonderful opportunity to see how all these small positives, these kind words and kind actions, help to build a positive community here at St Mark's – a community I've been very grateful to be a part of for this short time.

Andrew Boesch

Principal Ponderings

It feels like a long time since the beginning of the term, but at the same time, I feel like my time at St Mark's has really flown by. There have been a lot of highlights this term and a number of events I really enjoyed: House Sports back in Week 2, getting to go along to the Year 3 camp in Week 3, our Special Friends afternoon in Week 4, the P&F's wonderful PJ and Pizza night and getting to meet the new mid-year Foundations and their families (I was also really disappointed to miss the Nature Play afternoon – it sounds like it was a great experience).

So much of what I have enjoyed here at St Mark's this term though, has been the day to day life of the school: saying hello to people at the morning drop-off, chatting with the friendly students out in the yard, visiting classrooms and specialist lessons, showing visitors around the school and sharing what is special about St Mark's, and watching the caring way our staff interact with students, parents and each other.

It has been an absolute pleasure to have been able to spend time at St Mark's and I have loved getting to know the students, the staff and the members of the St Mark's community. You have created a very special place here and I want to thank you all for welcoming me so warmly and really making me feel part of the community during my time here. I'll say goodbye and get ready to do the long drive out to Gawler again next term, but I'll be around and I hope I bump into you here in Mount Barker.

While I am saying thankyou's, I want to say a special thank you to someone who has been a very special part of St Mark's for a long time (over twenty years). I have only worked with Mrs Saracini for a very short time, but in that short time I have been able to see what an enormous heart she has for this school, for its students, its families and its staff. She is a tireless worker and a passionate educator, she is wise and insightful with a real attention to detail, and most of all she lives out her mantra: Kind words, kind actions. I know she has made a huge impact on St Mark's and will be sorely

missed. We thank Mrs Saracini for all she has done and all she has been for the St Mark's community, and we wish her every blessing for the future.

Goodbye

At the end of every term, we see changes and at the end of this term, we will be saying goodbye to the following St Mark's students. We thank you for being part of St Mark's and we wish you and your families all the very best for the future:

Cooper and Isla Horsey
Chloe Farrington-Cridge
Michael Codr
Mila and Jackson Ayris
Nelien Astudillo

Term 3 staffing

There are a few changes with staffing for next term:

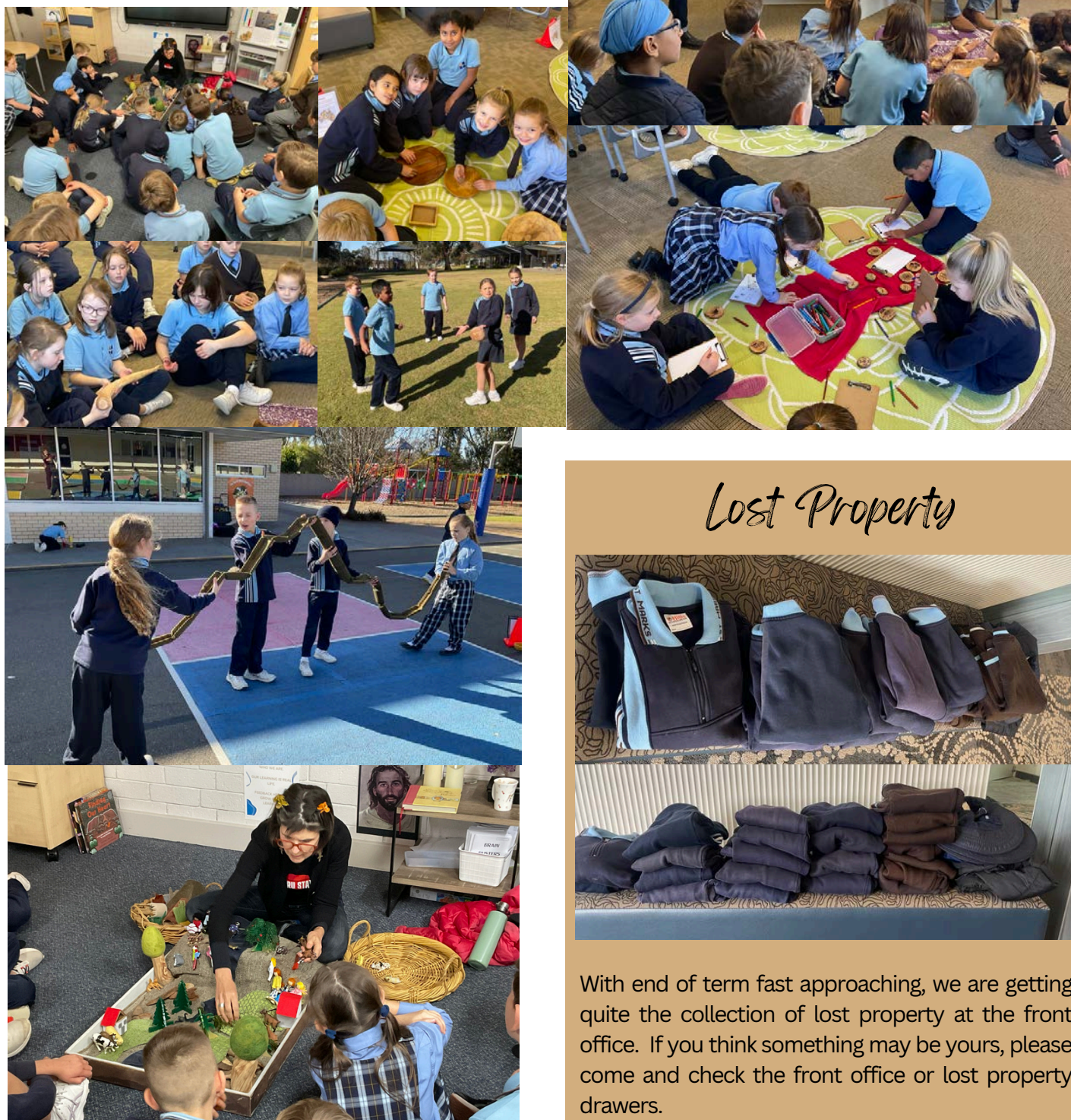
- Leanne Mibus will be moving from learning support to take our mid-year Foundation class;
- Sam Holton will be moving from her LSO position to take on a position as a learning support teacher;
- We welcome Alana Williams, who will be taking on a new role as an operations and administration officer at St Mark's;
- Anna Kotzikas will be on long service leave in Term 3 and we welcome Sharon Seidel, who will be taking the Year 4K class;
- Jenny Uebergang will also be on long service leave in Term 3 and we welcome Sharon Steven, who will be taking the 1U class.
- We are also in the process of filling LSO roles for Term 3.

Andrew Boesch
Acting Principal

School life

Year 3 First Nations

Year 3s actively participated in a First Nations' Cultural Experience on Monday led by Drew and Liesl from 'Walking Together with Kurna'. Students enjoyed another opportunity to learn more about tools, weapons, animal skins, connection to Country, as well as playing many different traditional games.



Lost Property



With end of term fast approaching, we are getting quite the collection of lost property at the front office. If you think something may be yours, please come and check the front office or lost property drawers.

School life

Foundation Excursion to Adelaide Zoo

This term we are looking at 'external features of animals' for our Biological Science topic 'Nature Play- Observing the Natural World'. Last Friday, we visited the Adelaide Zoo to further explore this topic and practically apply our learning of external features of animals.



School life

Year 1 Excursion to Monarto Zoo

Last Thursday the Year 1 children went on an excursion to Monarto Safari Park to explore different animal habitats. We went on a bush walk to look for any clues that animals lived in that habitat. We used our senses to look, see, smell and hear the different clues. We also went on a bus tour around the park to see the different animals. We found out that there are around 500 animals at Monarto! Some of our favourite parts were when the curious giraffes came right up to the bus and watching the chimps playing together out in the sunshine. We had so much fun!



School life

Year 5 Excursion to Gorge Wildlife Park

Our Year 5 students ventured to Gorge Wildlife Park to deepen their understanding of animal adaptations. Throughout the day, they explored the unique features and behaviours that help animals survive in their natural environments. A highlight was getting up close to a quokka, a koala, and even a snake! It was certainly an exciting and memorable day.



School life

Year 4 Art

The Year 4's have been investigating animals and plants in their natural habitats. We looked at animals and plants that live in the desert habitat around Uluru and enjoyed creating paintings in acrylic. We learnt some painting techniques using primary colours to create secondary colours



BOOK AN Adventure

BOOK WEEK – Advance notice!!!

In Week 5 part of our Book Week celebrations will include an optional dress-up day. The theme this year makes dressing up VERY easy. The theme is “Book an Adventure”. I know that some parents like to get organized for this during the holidays.

As I have explained to the children – ‘Every book is a new Adventure’, therefore every book character leads us on an adventure into their story. There are also some real life adventurers like Bear Grylls, Steve Irwin and any of the famous explorers. Think also of characters in adventure stories e.g Famous Five, Secret Seven, Alice in Wonderland, Narnia, Wolf Girl, Emily Eyefinger, Rowan of Rin, Deltora Quest, Peter Pan, Treasure Island.....Looking forward to seeing as many children as possible participate in what is always a fun day!

Louise Paterson
Library Manager

Achievement Awards

Congratulations to the following students
who received awards at our Week 9
Assembly:

Samuel S
Molly V
Maisy B
Laura S
Jackson B

Harry E
Harriet B
Ezra K
Eva B



Many year levels had the opportunity to participate in different excursions over the last week. The St Mark's Scribes have spoken to students and teachers who attended some of these excursions and have written the following articles about them.

Year 3 Cultural Experience

On Monday, our Year 3s had a wonderful chance to learn about First Nations culture. When they were on camp, they didn't get to complete all the activities because of the rain, so the activities were brought to them. The Year 3s were told a story about the first settlers, played the "Rainbow Serpent" and they were even allowed to feel a kangaroo and possum skin! It was a very fun day, and a wonderful completion to their camp experience.

By Elsa

Year 5 Excursion to Gorge Wildlife Park

On Monday, Week 9, the Year 5s went on an excursion to Gorge Wildlife Park to compliment their learning about animal adaptations. They saw lots of animals like meerkats, wallabies, capybaras, ostriches, tortoises, spider monkeys and plenty more! They had hands-on experiences patting a python and koala and they even fed kangaroos! While they were there, they got to see some good examples of animal adaptations, like how a snake is camouflaged in the environment to help them catch prey and hide from predators. It was a great experience, and they all enjoyed the day.

By Ruby

Netball SAPSASA

Last week a few students from St Mark's made it into the Netball SAPSASA team. They had to go to three trials in weeks 4, 5 and 6 and go to the two trainings that were held in weeks 7 and 8. In week 8 on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday was when the SAPSASA games started.

We had two teams, the Under 2s team and the Under 4s team. The Under 2s team versed the harder SAPSASA school teams, they played very well and had a few close games but unfortunately didn't win any games. The Under 4s team also played very well and had a few close games, and they came back with two wins! The last game that each team played was live streamed and that was fun. Everyone that got into the teams had loads of fun and really enjoyed it even though we didn't win.

By Lydia

Year 1 Excursion to Monarto

Last Thursday the Year 1s went to Monarto Safari Park to learn about living things and habitats for science. At the zoo they saw meerkats and chimpanzees at the old outpost. They also saw zebras, giraffes, wild horses, lions, ostriches, bison, cheetahs and hyena around the safari park. In conclusion, they had lots of fun with the animals

By Malakai

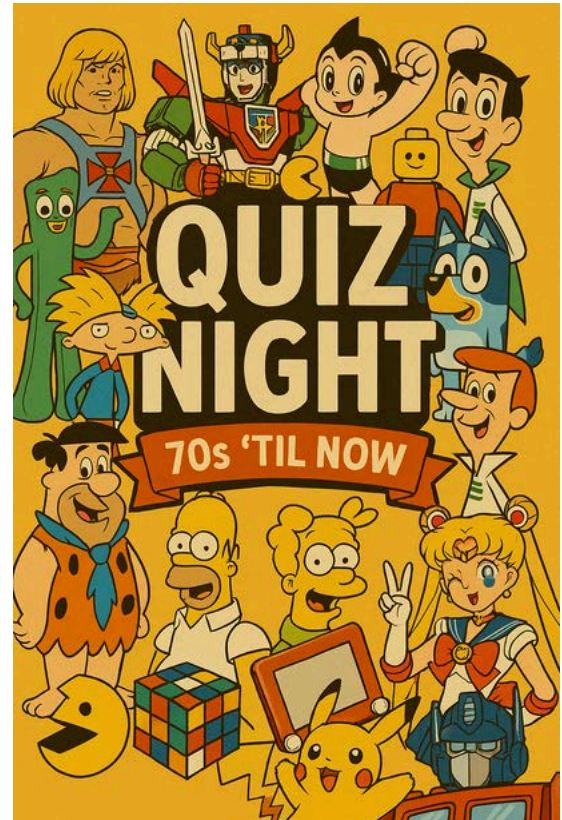
Diary

June

June 26 - Mid Year Foundation Transition 2
 June 27 - Final Chapel for Ms Saracini
 June 27 - End of Term 2

July

July 21 - Term 3 starts
 July 21 - Opening Chapel
 July 22 - Mid Year Foundation start
 July 30 - Math's Olympiad
 July 31 - Foundation Mid Year Eat, Meet, & Greet




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- ★ Smaller groups means more learning and more laughing
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Class Times

LITTLE DRAGONS (3-5YO)
 Monday, Wednesday & Friday
 9:30 am - 10 am | 1:40 pm - 2:10 pm
 4 pm - 4:30 pm | 4:40 pm - 5:10 pm

NINJA STARS (6-7YO)
SAMURAI WARRIORS (8-11YO)
 Monday, Wednesday & Friday
 10:15 am - 11 am | 1:40 pm - 2:20 pm
 4 pm - 4:40 pm | 4:40 pm - 5:20 pm

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Community News and Events

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE

Vacation Care | 30 June – 18 July

IN-HOUSE	FULL FEE	\$69.90	CCS REDUCED FEE*	\$10.49 - \$34.95
	FOURTH OF FAMILIES	\$90.80		\$13.62 - \$45.40

*Estimation of fees after subsidy is applied

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



SCHOOL HOLIDAYS UNPLUGGED

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.

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July
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Colouring In
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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>