



Lunchtime for Mid Year Foundations

Term 3 Week 4

Faith Focus

I had the privilege of travelling to Perth in late July, to attend the National Graduate Show. It is an annual event run by the Perth Institute of Contemporary Art and showcases one Visual Arts' graduate from each university in Australia. I was there to support my daughter, who had been selected for the exhibition, representing Flinders University.

It was wonderful to view the work of the 23 exhibiting artists, to see their creativity, their courage, and their commitment. One artwork in particular caught my curiosity. A young woman from the University of Sydney had constructed an Aeolian harp and mounted it over a window. This type of harp is an ancient instrument and is comprised of 10 strings, all of the same length and thickness and mounted with the same tension. The harp is designed to be set in such a position that it is 'played' by the wind. In so doing the 'invisible' (the wind) is made 'visible' (through the sound).

In my contemplations I couldn't but think of the 'invisible' nature of the Spirit of God, sometimes described as being like the wind, and that this harp somehow was capturing and making 'visible' the presence God in his creation... the sound coming from that harp, there in Perth, was like a whisper from God.

Praise God for his presence with us each day. May we resonate to His love. Whether we can see it or not, God is here, and there, and everywhere.

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. Acts 2:2

Karen Moseley

Principal Ponderings

Our Principal Ponderings section is taking a short break this week. We look forward to sharing more reflections in next weeks edition.

Thank you.

P&F Updates

Quiz Night

Don't forget to book your tickets and secure your table for the St Mark's Quiz Night! Proceeds from the night will go towards new school Sports Day shades.

Tickets are \$15 per person, maximum of 10 people per table. Children are unable to attend. Book your tickets [here](#)

School Disco

Saturday 30 August

Bookings for the school disco will be available in a few weeks. A session for Juniors and Seniors will occur consecutively starting at 6:00pm for Juniors.

Father's Day Stall

Thursday, 4 September

The Father's Day Stall will be held on Thursday, 4 September. Students can purchase gifts for \$5 or \$10. Students are to bring their money on the day.

Hot Chip Day

September 26th

P&F will be providing free hot chips for all students on the last Friday of Term. This will compliment their usual lunch from home, which must still be provided.

Science Week by the St Mark's Scribes

Hello, welcome to Science Week. This week, the Scribes found out what activities students have done, and what Science Week means.

Today I will decode the secrets in nature to see what we may just find. Before we go into sequences and patterns let's look at this years theme, "Decoding the Universe". This means to find patterns in nature like a certain one I'll bring up later.

So, some things that have patterns and sequences are snail shells, leaves, bark, grass, lily pads, canyons and even coral has patterns in it. This sequence is called the "Fibonacci Sequence" that is basically just 0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, 34, or just adding numbers in a sequence forever. Let's investigate what some other Scribes have done.

Written By Malakai



This year for National Science Week, classes have been participating in various activities to delve into the mysteries of our universe. These learning experiences cover topics such as nature's patterns and codes, animal communication, weather and seasons, and code-based communication systems.

Students have acted as botanists, collecting leaves and then describing and drawing them; observed clouds, temperature and humidity; created their own codes and plenty more! What discoveries will you make this National Science Week?

Written By Ruby

School life

Year 6 Science Enquiry

Last week Year 6's got out and about in our local area to begin investigating; '*A change in the physical conditions of a habitat can alter the growth and survival of living things*'. Students laid a hoop in spot along the Mount Barker Creek and took time to observe what living things were present. They also noticed the surrounding sights, smells and sounds as well as how the environment was impacted by development. Upon returning to school, the Year 6's have looked at population and housing data in the Mount Barker area across their lifetime. Our Learning Is Real Life.



School life

Year 1 Teddy Bear's Picnic

The Year 1's have begun learning what a half is. To build our understanding of half being equal, or fair, we held a teddy bear's picnic. With a partner, we had to make sure that both teddies had a fair share of a cheese sandwich, an apple and some sultanas. We even gave them a fair share of water to drink. This was a fun way to begin our exploration into fractions.



School life

Pirate Treasure Hunt

This term FD have been learning about location, directions and features of places. During their buddy time, to their surprise, Mr Heyne came in announcing there were pirates at St Mark's, and they had given him a letter and a map for the students. Together with their buddies, they worked as a team using their skills to decipher a series of maps hidden across the school that led to hidden treasure!



School life

Year 4 Excursion

On Friday of Week 3, class 4AY ventured out on a local walking excursion to see how well they could estimate one kilometre. After making their estimations on a map, they headed off towards Woolworths to see just how far a kilometre is. Turns out it is a lot further than most of them thought. They then went exploring inside Woolworths to see if they could find different units of measurement on all the items. They even got to choose a piece of fruit to enjoy when they arrived back to school, but not before they created a graph to show which were the most and the least popular fruit choices. It was a fun excursion with lots of learning along the way.



Brick Club Donations

This cold weather has seen our SRC Brick Club become quite busy. Brick Club is open to any students who are feeling creative and love to build. We have been fortunate to have some Lego (or compatible) donated over the past year. If you happen to have any Lego, Woolworths bricks or similar that you are no longer using, please consider donating. Donations can be delivered to our Front Office.



SAPSASA Soccer

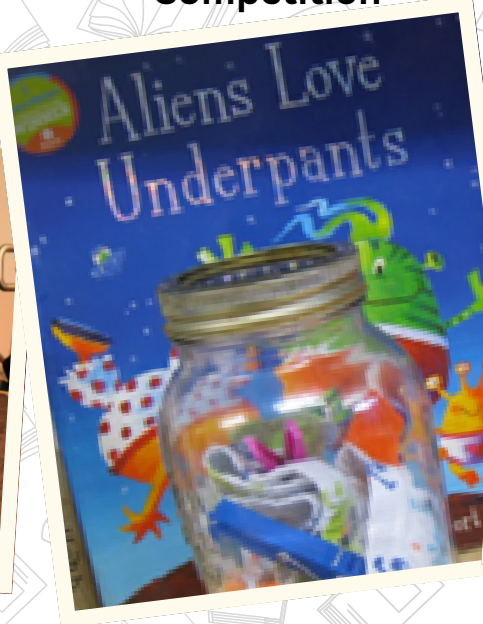
Congratulations to the SAPSASA Soccer team on their win at the state carnival! Equal first, with 8 games. 5 wins, 1 loss and 2 draws. Well done to William, Jace, Jack, Jacob, and Harry!

Book Week Events - WK 5

Tuesday, 19 August
Book Week Parade & Assembly



Wednesday, 20 August
Book in a Jar Competition



Thursday, 21 August
Little Library Grand Opening



Dress Up Day!

In the hall at 9am for assembly and then the parade!

Children are invited to think about how a favourite book could be represented in a jar. Any clear jar can be used. Place chosen items into the jar that may give clues about their book. It may include a quote from the story or things about the characters or the setting. Please make sure all entries are marked (on the lid) with your child's full name and class.

Do you have books at home that your children have read and enjoyed but they have outgrown them or don't want them? We are encouraging students to bring a book and swap a book at the Little Library that will be located outside the Library doors.

The Little Library will continue to operate after Book Week.



BOOK AN
Adventure

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PRESENTS

EDDIE THE PENGUIN SAVES THE WORLD

JUNIOR PRIMARY CONCERT 2025

WE HAVE ONE WORLD TO CARE
FOR SO WE MUST MAKE SURE WE
THINK ABOUT OUR WORLD TODAY

BOOKINGS
NOW
OPEN!

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 24

MATINEE PERFORMANCES

BAND, FD, 1W, 2M, 3MOW, 4K AT 9:30AM

CHOIR, FH, 1U, 2MA, 3L, 4AY AT 11:30AM

EVENING PERFORMANCE

BAND, FD, 1W, 2M, 3MOW, 4K AT 7:00PM

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 25TH

EVENING PERFORMANCE

CHOIR, FH, 1U, 2MA, 3L, 4AY AT 7:00PM

BOOKINGS ARE NOW OPEN, TO BOOK YOUR TICKETS [CLICK HERE](#)

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO FAMILIES JOINING US FOR WHAT PROMISES
TO BE A WONDERFUL JUNIOR PRIMARY CONCERT!**

ST MARK'S 2025 QUIZ NIGHT



It's less than four weeks now until our **"Childhood Nostalgia"** theme quiz night fundraiser! Are you ready for a fun night of trivia, laughs, and friendly competition? Do you have your costume all sorted?

Date: Saturday 23 August 2025

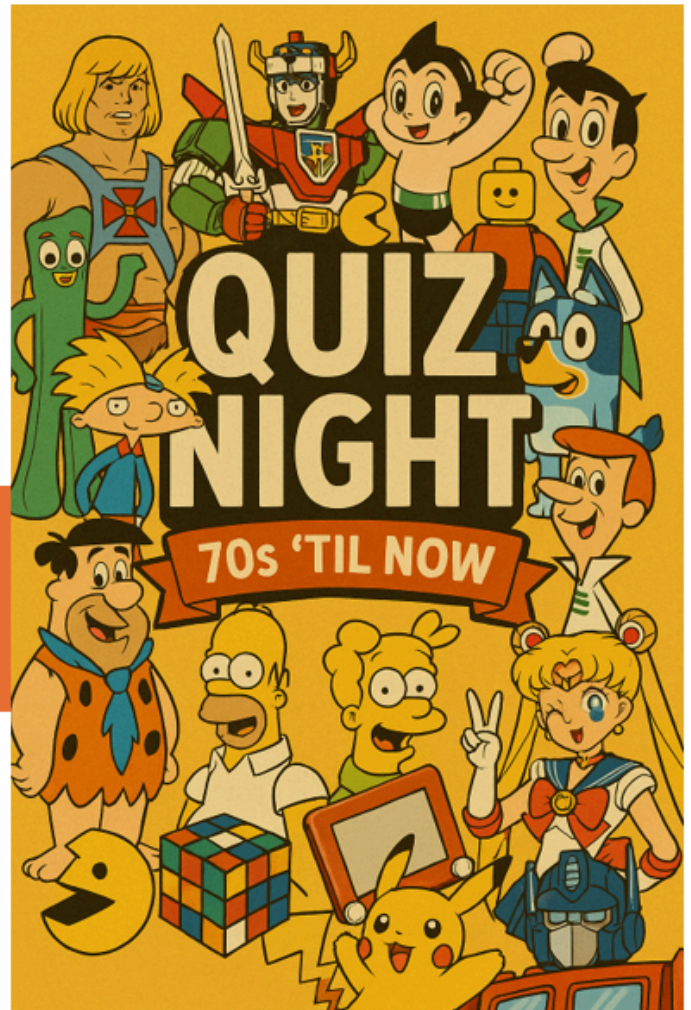
Time: 6:30pm for 7pm start

Location: School Hall, St Mark's Lutheran Primary School

All bookings can be made here:

<https://st-marks-p-f-quiz-night-2025-tickets.eventbrite.com.au>

🎫 **Tickets** are \$15 per person! 🎫



We have a bunch of new donations now from **24fit**, **Adelaide Zoo**, **Aphrodite Beauty**, **Beerenberg** and **SPORTF1RST**. We'd love some other prizes and items for auction, especially an overnight stay if possible 😊 please contact us at stmarkspf@gmail.com or let the school know if you can help in any way!

Here is a short FAQ to answer all of those curious questions so far:

What are we fundraising for? We're looking to purchase **new marquees** for school events and sports days.

Who can come along, is it adults only? Yes – this event is for those 18+, so gather your mates and leave the kids at home if you can.

Can we bring our own food and drinks? Absolutely – bring your own drinks (including alcohol) and snacks. There'll even be some great liquid prizes on the night, something we can do by making this an adult only event.

I can't make it 😞 How can I help? We'd still love your support by donating a prize or sharing the event with others who might like to join or contribute.

Will you take cash for answers on the night? Most definitely 😊

Diary

August

Aug 18-22 - Book Week

Aug 19 - Assembly & Book Week Dress Up Parade

Aug 22 - Chapel

Aug 23 - P&F Quiz Night

Aug 28 - Year 2 Camp

Aug 29 Chapel

Aug 30 - P&F School Disco

September

Sep 2 - Assembly

Sep 4 - P&F Father's Day Stall

Sep 5 - Chapel

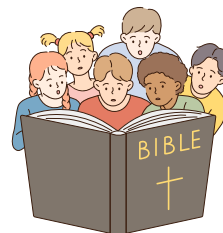
Sep 8 - SAPSASA Hockey

Sep 9 - Lightening Carnival

Friday Chapel

Chapel is held every Friday at 9am in the Hall. We look forward to Class 1U leading us in Chapel tomorrow.

Parents and friends are all welcome to attend, and to join us in the staff room after Chapel for coffee, tea or hot chocolate and biscuits!



DISCO

GALAXY

**SATURDAY
30TH AUGUST**

Years F to 2 - 6:00 - 7:00pm
Years 3 to 6 - 7:30 - 8:45pm

St Marks P&F are hosting the annual school disco with this year's theme being **GALAXY!**

Think 'Space' and 'futuristic' with your clothing

Tickets are \$10 per student including, fruit box, packet of chips and lolly bag as parting gifts.

Sorry, no walk-ins will be permitted.
RSVP closed Wednesday 27th Aug 2:30pm.
5 parent helpers are required per session to help supervise.

Other parents wishing to stay may use the Yr 6 classroom.
You are welcome to BYO non-alcoholic drinks and nibbles

YMCA SOUTH AUSTRALIA

DID YOU KNOW?

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE

PUPIL-FREE DAYS
OSHC is available on school pupil free days with fun, engaging activities to keep children happy and entertained, supporting busy working families.

HEALTHY MEALS INCLUDED
A nutritious breakfast and afternoon snack is provided every day.

HOMEWORK
We can provide a quiet space and support for children to complete their homework.

VACATION CARE
Our holiday programs include excursions to places like AFL Max, Funtopia, Tree Climb and more all within and supporting the local community.

EASY ENROLMENTS AND BOOKINGS
Everything is managed through the Xplor app. Booking and cancellations and payments all in one place.

CHILD-LED PROGRAMS
Activities are guided by children's interests, choices, and creativity.

sa.ymca.org.au/oshc

**OUT OF SCHOOL
HOURS CARE**



Community News and Events

MOUNT BARKER COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Book an Adventure

Book Week Special Storytime



Join us for a Book Week wrap up party with storytelling, music, crafts, and fun – where you get to choose your own storytrail!

Multiple tales will be told throughout the library... which path will you take?

Dress up in your best Book Week costume and take part in our library parade.

Afternoon Snacks will be provided.

When: Friday 22nd August 4:30pm – 6pm

Where: Mount Barker Community Library, 5 Dumas Street Mount Barker

Who: Families, children, and curious explorers ages 4 – 12 years!

Bookings essential
mbcl.eventbrite.com.au



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Ready to move, connect and have fun in Mount Barker ?

Restless Dance Theatre is Australia's leading company working with neurodiverse and disabled artists. We create cutting edge, visually arresting contemporary dance that challenges conventions, shifts perspectives, and celebrates diverse bodies and abilities.

Whether you're brand new to dance or looking to build on your skills, our experienced tutors will guide you every step of the way.
No experience needed. No cost. Just come as you are.

When Saturdays 23 August - 27 September 2025
Where Laratinga Pavilion, 100 Springs Road, Mount Barker

1:00pm - 2:00pm **CENTRAL** ages 15-26
&
2:00pm - 3:00pm **LINKS** ages 8 -14

Register Here
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info@restlessdance.org
<https://restlessdance.org/public-programs/>



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