



Wet Weather Play

## Term 3 Week 6

# Faith Focus

### When I Am Afraid...

This week in Chapel, our students will explore the powerful promise of Psalm 56:3:

*"When I am afraid, I put my trust in You."*

To bring this verse to life, I will share a simple science experiment. This experiment involves sprinkling pepper onto a bowl of water, letting it float on the surface. The pepper represents fear something we all experience, no matter our age. Then, I will gently touch the water with a finger coated in soap, and the students will see pepper will scatter instantly to the edges of the bowl. This is a powerful visual of what happens when God's presence meets our fear—fear flees.

Just as the soap breaks through the surface and pushes the pepper away, God's love and presence breaks into our lives when we feel overwhelmed. Fear may be part of being human, but it doesn't have to take hold. Trusting God doesn't mean pretending we're never afraid—it means knowing that we're never alone in it.

In the classroom and beyond, our children face moments of worry: a tricky friendship, a hard spelling word, a noisy playground, a new experience. This verse gives them a grounding truth they can carry with them: God is trustworthy, and He is near.

I encourage you to continue this conversation at home. Ask your child what they saw and felt during the pepper experiment. Revisit Psalm 56:3 together. And perhaps, the next time fear shows up—whether it's at bedtime or before a big day—you can gently remind them:

*"When I am afraid, I will trust in You."*

God is bigger than our fears. He is always close. He always loves us.

*Rachel Harrip*

# Principal Ponderings

The first of our 3 P&F events was held successfully on Saturday night. It was a night filled with fun and connection. Nearly 80 of our St Mark's community, including some past families, gave their best attempt at answering a diverse range of quiz questions and joined in with fun games of 'Beat the Buzzer' 'Golden Wing' and closest coin the bottle. Thank you to all the local families and businesses that supported us so generously.

On Saturday night our student discos will be held, and I already know how much fun our students will have.

Next Thursday students will have an opportunity to purchase a gift from our Father's Day stall.

Thank you again to our P&F team.

## Ways we work together

The end of the school day is a busy time as 364 students leave our site in around 15 minutes. I think we do this well due to our systems and procedures. They enable this to happen efficiently and safely. There are however a small number of procedures that I bring to your attention again.

After school students who are not met at their classroom by a parent or carer,

- move directly to the pickup area outside the library,
- leave the school site when the bell has gone if they are walking or riding home,
- wait at the bus waiting areas if they are catching a bus.

If students are met by a parent or carer at their classroom they may play on the playground areas under the supervision of their parent or carer.

When using the pick up area

- Please stay in your vehicle and don't walk over to collect your child. Supervising teachers will direct them to your car.
- Move to the front of the pick up area marked by the thick yellow line, to enable more cars to load at a time.

Thank you for your cooperation.

James Heyne  
Principal

## P&F Updates

### Quiz Night

A fun filled night was had by those who attended the Quiz night on Saturday. Well done to Table 3 who won the major prize, though it was close.

The School and P&F would love to thank our sponsors that provide donations for our prize, silent auctions and games. Adelaide Zoo, Aphrodite Beauty Artistry, Beerenberg, Claymore Wines, Fairleys Shoex, Wicks Estate, Silver Bark Brewing, Humble Endeavours, KX Mount Barker, Rival Brothers, Mount Barker Mazda, Rival Brothers Coffee Roasters, SA Life Magazine, Sazon, SILK Laser Clinic, Sportfirst and The Guardian Restaurant (Sky City).

The night raised over \$700, which will go towards new school sports day shades!

### Disco - Saturday, 30 August

Please arrive to sign in your children before 6pm Juniors & 7:30pm Seniors.

Pick up is 7:00pm (J) & 8:45pm (S).

Messages will be sent out to parents volunteering soon. Please arrive by 5:40 and 7:15pm for your time slot.

Parents that wish to stay may use the Year 6 classrooms. You may bring snacks and non-alcoholic beverages.





# School life

## Year 6 HILS

On Tuesday, Week 6, the Year 6's visited Cornerstone College for HILS Day. They got to see classrooms, meet teachers, and try lessons there. There were five groups; each group assigned a timetable with four of seven various subjects to try. These were Science, Technology, Art, Drama, PE, Music, and Home Economics.

In Technology, students got to create with acrylic. They got to sand it, heat and bend it, drill holes in it, attach magnets and decorate with googly eyes. There were unique creations from keychains to fridge magnets to tacos!

In Drama, students got a backstage tour including seeing assorted props and costumes. They also got to participate in fun acting games which required them to use their creative thinking. Students also got the opportunity to try operating the onstage lights altering their colour and positioning!

In PE, students played a warm-up game before learning a new game called One Touch. They also got to learn a bit about what they would do in PE if they went to Cornerstone next year. This was the first HILS Day to include PE and students really enjoyed it!

*Written by Ruby, Year 6 Student as part of the St Mark's Scribes.*





# School life

## Year 6 HILS continued...

In art, the Year 6's were introduced to how to draw a ribbon. They used a tool where you taped two pencils to a small Styrofoam block and drew across a printed picture of an item of choice. After you finished drawing your ribbon, you took two pencils from the opposite side of the colour wheel and used a white pencil to blend it.

In music, the Year 6's got full access to Guitar Band to make a from-scratch tune for a video. They also learnt about what happens when you press "A" on Guitar Band getting access to louder and quieter sounds and fading in or out. No one's tune sounded the same with there being over 30,000 loops for them to use!

In home economics, or home ec, for short they got to make a Hawaiian style pizza sub. They started by oiling the bread then they grated the cheese. After that they cut up mushrooms, pineapple, ham, tomato, onion and olives. After that they cut up some parsley to put on the sub and cooked it for 10 minutes. While the food was cooking, they did the dishes but when the sub and dishes were done, they enjoyed a wonderful pizza sub.

In science, they got to learn the pH levels of many liquids and solids. Some of the things they examined were flour, lemon juice, sugar, jelly crystals and laundry detergent. After they looked at all these they were told to look at static electricity by rubbing sticks made of different elements and balloons to try to get paper to fly on them. They did not use their heads to make the balloons static instead they used sheep's wool.

In conclusion the Year 6's had a wonderful time and are ready for next year. Wanna pizza sub?

*Written by Malakai, Year 6 Student as part of the St Mark's Scribes.*





## Year 3 National Wattle Day

As part of the Year 3's English & HASS learning, students have researched, highlighted key words, recorded notes and then created their own informative text about an Australian celebration. At St Mark's our learning is real life and so they would like to inform the St Mark's community of this upcoming event.

National Wattle Day is celebrated on September the first, which is the first day of spring. Through this special day, Australian's remember that there are over 1000 species of wattle. Golden wattle is the floral emblem of Australia.

The only place in the world that celebrates Wattle Day is Australia. Wattle Day is celebrated all throughout Australia.

Australia's identity is shown through this celebration because it tells us that our colours are green and gold. We get this from the stem of the wattle and the gold is from the bright yellow flower. It also shows that Australians have a fighting spirit like a wattle seed. Wattle seeds are the first to grow back after a bushfire as it also has very tough skin. We can survive through tough times.

To celebrate this special day, Australians dress in green or gold, or both. People might wear a sprig of wattle. Wattle seeds are also sometimes put in foods like cake and biscuits. Australians also sing songs or read poems about spring or Australia. They also plant wattle trees or do crafts or decorations featuring the wattle. They also go for a wattle walk. A wattle walk is when you go for a walk to collect pieces of different types of wattle. When you go for a walk, Australians also say, "Happy Wattle Day."

This Australian event has been celebrated and nationally recognised since 1992. It has been celebrated for 33 years. In 1910, New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia only celebrated it. The first idea for Wattle Day was in 1890.

Not everyone in Australia knows about Wattle Day. The golden wattle is one of the best known native Australian plants and is on Australia's Coat of Arms. First Nations Australians use it for food and medicine. They use the wood for digging sticks and clapping sticks.

*This was written using a combination of sentences or paragraphs created by the following Year 3 students: Ada, Harry, Alexis, Sienna, Jack, Lucy, Henry V, Matthew R, Oakleigh, Nivedhya, Rose, Connor, Henry S and Matthew T.*





# School life

## What to do with all this rain?!

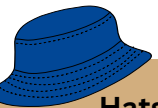
This term we have had a lot of rain. While we are thankful for all the rain, it has restricted some of our play spaces. We have learnt to share the small oval since other grass areas are out of bounds. We have also have a few clubs that more students have enjoyed coming to due to the restricted areas. These clubs are Games Club on Mondays in the Year 6 classroom and Dodgeball on Wednesdays in the hall for different year levels each week. If you want more information about the different Lunch Clubs, ask your class SRC rep.

*Written by Lydia, Year 6 Student as part of the St Mark's Scribes.*

## P&F

The P&F are a group of parents and friends who volunteer to help raise funds towards making the school a better place. They recently raised money to expand and upgrade our nature play space and are currently working towards getting new school sports day shades. The P&F raise money by hosting events like the school disco (which is coming up this week), the quiz night, the Father's Day stall, and many more. They use up their own free time to help support us and our school, and it is greatly appreciated!

*Written by Elsa, Year 6 Student as part of the St Mark's Scribes.*



## Hats are back!

Whilst we are having a lot of rain, there has also been some warmer days. Please note on these days, where the UV Index is rated 3 or above school hats must be worn when outside.

## Lost Property

This book was handed into the library last week. If it's yours, please collect from the front office.



## Library Updates

### Little Free Library

Our Little Library is now located INSIDE the Library doors. We currently have lots of books available to swap. You can also donate without swapping if you wish to. Feel free to visit any time!



### Book Club

Issue 6 Book Club forms were sent home last week. Orders and payment are due in by Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September.

Thank you.  
Mrs Paterson



ST MARKS  
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!**



# Diary

## August

Aug 28 - Year 2 Camp  
Aug 29 Chapel  
Aug 30 - P&F School Disco

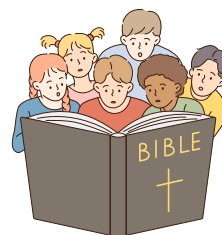
## September

Sep 2 - Assembly  
Sep 4 - P&F Father's Day Stall  
Sep 5 - Chapel  
Sep 8 - SAPSASA Hockey  
Sep 10 - Lightning Carnival  
Sep 12 - Chapel  
Sep 16 - Assembly  
Sep 19 - Chapel  
Sep 24-25 - JP Schoot Concert  
Sep 26 - Last Day Term 3

## Friday Chapel

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, 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 Mark's 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.  
6 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

## OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE

Vacation Care | 29 Sept – 10 Oct

Full Fee	\$69.90	OSHC Reduced Fee*	\$10.05 - \$36.85
Full Fee	\$90.80	OSHC Reduced Fee*	\$13.05 - \$47.85

\*Estimation of fees after subsidy is applied

### WEEK 1

Monday 29 September	Tuesday 30 September	Wednesday 1 October	Thursday 2 October	Friday 3 October
Incursion <b>Board and Giant Lawn Games</b>	In-House <b>Mad Scientists</b>	Excursion <b>Healthy Kicks At West Adelaide FC</b>	Excursion <b>Inflatable Zone</b>	In-House <b>Superhero Day</b>
Enjoy giant lawn games, play classic card and board games, and get creative by designing your very own board game or card set!	Create dazzling crystals, make your own lava lamps, and craft erupting volcano cups!	Celebrate 175 years of YMCA with AFL Max. Face 4 fun-filled quarters promoting healthy bodies, minds, food choices, and teamwork! Depart: 8:30am Return: 2:00pm Transport: Private Bus	Get ready for some bouncy fun at Inflatable Zone! Depart: 8:45am Return: 1:30pm Transport: Private Bus	Come dressed as your favourite Superhero. Design your own superhero mask, craft powerful cuffs, and create heroic pop stick characters!
Start: 9:00am Finish: 3:00pm Outcomes: 1, 3, 4	Outcomes: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	Outcomes: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	Outcomes: 1, 2, 3	Outcomes: 1, 3, 4

### WEEK 2

Monday 6 October	Tuesday 7 October	Wednesday 8 October	Thursday 9 October	Friday 10 October
Excursion <b>LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b>	In-House <b>Sensory Seekers</b>	Incursion <b>Build a Bear</b>	In-House <b>Disco Day</b>	Excursion <b>Movie Day</b>
CLOSED	Tackle a thrilling obstacle course, get hands-on with cloud dough, and make your own stress balls!	Make your old bear to take home. Give it a new name, dress it up and build a cozy little home using recycled materials.	Dance, sing, and groove with musical statues, limbo, and Just Dance!	We are heading to the cinema to see Bad Gus 2, then bringing the movie magic to life with themed crafts! Depart: 9:00am Return: 1:00pm Walking
	Outcomes: 1, 3	Outcomes: 4, 5	Outcomes: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	Outcomes: 2, 3, 4, 5

Book your session via the Xplor Home App  
Visit [saymca.org.au](http://saymca.org.au)/OSHC for more information

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# Community News and Events



## Spring into Adventure 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 \$80 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 Spring, including Outdoor Laser Skirmish and camping on the October Long Weekend!

[www.woodhouse.org.au](http://www.woodhouse.org.au)

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## RED BALL RUMBLE

Fun intro to modified match play for kids aged 5+

- 2 WEEK PROGRAM | 45 MINUTE SESSIONS
- SEPTEMBER 6 + 13 | 10:30AM
- MAKE FRIENDS AND LEARN SKILLS FOR LIFE
- MOUNT BARKER TENNIS CLUB

**BEGINNERS WELCOME!**

**\$5 PER SESSION**

SIGN UP NOW!

## Girls IMAGINE THE FUN

ADELAIDE HILLS GIRLS COME - N - TRY NIGHT

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2025

Mount Barker Showgrounds (Howard Ln), 4:30pm start

Girls aged 5-10yrs old

NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED!

## KIDS ONE DAY CONFERENCE

REGISTER TODAY!

**THURSDAY OCTOBER 2**

**\$200 PRIZE VOUCHER TO BE WON!**

**CONFERENCE ONE**  
RECEPTION TO GRADE 2

**CONFERENCE TWO**  
GRADE 3 TO GRADE 6

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