



Paper Airplane competitions

Term 3 Week 10

Faith Focus

At the beginning of the year, the first newsletter devotion I shared with you was all about HOPE. The hope we have in God is not just a wishful thinking, cross your fingers, 'please, please, please' kind of hope. Romans 5:5 says, 'And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love.'

What we hope for in God will not lead to disappointment... what an amazing promise!

As staff, we wrote down our hopes for our work and service at St Mark's for 2025. We held our hopes in our hands and in prayer, placed them in the almighty hands of our God of Hope. We popped them inside an envelope and put them away, only to be opened closer to the end of the year.

As I will be enjoying long service leave in Term 4, my St Mark's year will come to an end earlier so on the weekend, I opened my envelope...

I was not disappointed with what I read as the ten hopes that I had recorded, in all honesty have been realised to some degree. From hopes about the 3L class of 2025 and my role as their teacher, to my role as colleague and Worship & Christian Studies Leader, I am confident that God has worked in me and through me to fulfil my hopes.

Am I surprised? Not really! I continue to marvel at how '...God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.' Romans 8:28 It's never too late to place your hopes in God's hands. My prayer for you all comes from Romans 15:13. 'I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in Him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit.' Amen.

Cheryl Liebelt

Principal Ponderings

What a night/s!

I extend my congratulations and thanks to our Foundation to Year 4 students, band and choir members and Miss Lyall and our staff. They have again delivered concert performances that we are all proud of.

They have spent many hours learning lines, dance steps and songs and preparing costumes and props. The journey to concert night has been a rewarding time of growth and learning for all involved.

One of most satisfying aspects of concerts I enjoy is seeing everyone work together for a common purpose. One story is told through the contributions of many students and staff. It's a wonderful example of how when we as St Mark's unite around our purpose and values, we thrive.

"Our purpose is to inspire each learner today to shape the world of tomorrow, encouraged and cared for in a community drawn together by shared Christian Values."

The values we live by at St Mark's are: Love, Courage, Curiosity, and Service;

Love: We reflect God's love for us by caring for others and treating everyone with kindness and respect.

Courage: We welcome challenges as opportunities to learn and grow, moving forward with optimism and confidence.

Curiosity: We view the world in wonder, open-minded and inquiring, seeking opportunities to explore, discover and learn.

Service: We give generously of our time and talents for others.

As I have shared, 2026 planning is well underway. I draw your attention to my requests to

- Advise me in writing if you have any information the school is not aware of in relation to your child, as we begin the process of forming our 2026 class groups.
- Advise me if your circumstances may change and this could lead to your family not continuing at St Mark's in 2026.

I've also included our 2026 school term dates below to allow for your planning. Whenever possible please avoid holidays during the term breaks to maximise student attendance at school.

Term One

Tuesday 27th January 2026

- Year 1 to 6 students begin

Wednesday 28th January 2026

- Foundation students first day
- Last Day of term – Friday 10th April

Term Two

Monday 27th April to Friday 26th June 2026

Term Three

Monday 20th July to Friday 25th September

Term Four

Monday 12th October to Wednesday 9th December 2026

Term 4 pupil free day

On Monday 24th November we will have a school closure/pupil free day. This provides some of the many hours staff require to prepare end of year written report. Our OSHC provider – YMCA, will be open for all day care on this day.

James Heyne
Principal

School life

Term 3 Recap

Wow, what an amazing term it has been! Filled with learning, friends, and non-stop fun, let us revisit the wonderful events from Term 3.

In week one, we had the Mid-Year Foundations join us! In week two, the Year 2's went on their walking excursion down Gawler Street to look for significant buildings and locations in Mt Barker. In week three, the Year 5's hosted German Day where students got to participate in various activities to discover more about German culture. Week four was national Science Week – where classes got to explore the theme 'Decoding the Universe'. On Tuesday, week five, students dressed up as book characters according to this year's book week theme – 'Book an Adventure!'. In week six, the Year 2's headed off to El Shaddai for their exciting camp. In week eight, the Year 6's went to St Francis de Sales for the Lightning Carnival to play sports and meet new people.

Finally, to finish off the term, we had the brilliant Junior Primary concert. It really has been a term packed full of activities and fun. It has been wonderful to see students working hard, making friends, and experiencing the delightful opportunities this school provides. Enjoy the holidays!

Written By Ruby, Year 6 Student on behalf of the St Mark's Scribes



State Athletics

Congratulations to those students who participated at the State Athletics day last Friday. Students were selected from their initial performances in Term 1.

Jace C, Piper B.C., Jack P, Riley M, Grace S (6), Milan R, Alex O (5) Grace B.K and Oscar K (4)

A couple of stand out performances included Jace who came first in the 100m and 200m, second in Long Jump, and brought the team home in their relay to win their heat, but second overall. Grace BK placed second in Long Jump with a Personal Best of 3.58m. Her team ran the relay heat really well, just losing the lead on the finish line with a Bronze medal overall.

Bring on Term 4!

So far, we've had an amazing year, and Term 4 will be no different. We have plenty of fun and exciting things planned for our students. Starting off strong, we have cross country in week 1 on Friday, followed by the colour run and year 1 & 6 camps in the next few weeks. Later, we have champions challenge, swimming, and our Reimagined Market, which will be great fun. We know that Term 4 will be super exciting and an amazing end to our wonderful year, we can't wait.

Written By Elsa, Year 6 Student on behalf of the St Mark's Scribes

School life

Year 1 Maths Card Games

Class 1U made Maths fun playing Place Value Wars. Each round, the player with the highest two digit number was the winner.



Chapel

Today's Chapel was led by Year 6MW with a beautiful performance and skit with a message around thinking of others and God's love.



School life

German Obstsalat

On Monday, Foundation students had lots of fun making an Obstsalat (fruit salad) to finish their unit on German fruit words. 🍏🍌🍇 They planned what they would have in their "Obstsalat" by drawing a picture of it and writing the words, showing how much new vocabulary, they have learned.

Year 6's also made "Salat" (salads) in the staff room as a culmination to their learning on the German vocabulary for fruit, vegetables and amounts. They had to put together their own shopping list in German with quantities of what each item they needed before putting it all together.

A tasty way to celebrate their learning!



School life

Year 3 Lego Wedo

As part of their Digital Technologies, Year 3 have been creating, building, and coding with with Lego WeDo kits. They are great at engaging students by making it real and relevant, as well as improving their collaboration, problem solving, and critical thinking skills.



Foundation Brain Games with Dr Rebecca

The Foundations had a mystery guest today and the children had to work out what she did. The clues were:

1. She asks lots of questions
2. She makes predictions and tests her theories by doing experiments
3. She learns about the word around her

The children figured out they were talking with a real-life scientist who studies brains! After learning about their own brains, Dr Rebecca showed the children some brilliant brain tricks to confuse their friends!



School life

Parents and Friends are invited to

St Mark's Cross Country Run at Keith Stevenson Park Friday 17 October 2025

Students will be required to **wear House Coloured polo tops. Please note the NEW START TIME for 2025 - approx 9.30am.**

Once they arrive they will be seated in their house areas. **Please ensure children are sent to school with a hat and drink bottle.**

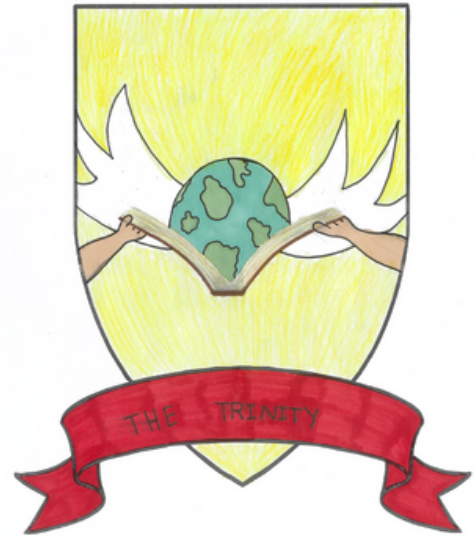
The races are varied in length to account for different ages and will be held in the following order:

- 1st Race - Year 2
- 2nd Race - Foundation & Year 1
- 3rd Race - Year 3 & 9 year olds (2016)
- 4th Race - 10 year olds (2015)
- 5th Race - 11 year olds (2014)
- 6th Race - 12 year olds (2013)

On the day, we ask that parents/caregivers spread out around the running track rather than gather at the finish line.

Please ensure that you **do not interrupt the counting of places at the finish line** as this is a very busy time for teachers.

We hope to see you there in your house colours to support your team!



This term in Christian studies, Year 6's have been exploring The Trinity. The trinity is three persons of God in one, God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. We have been exploring the roles of each of these persons.

God the Father's role is to create and take care of the world and us; God the Son's role is to come down to earth and teach us; and God the Holy Spirit's role is to help us pray and connect to God.

In the picture the Bible represents God the Son. The reason I chose to draw a Bible is because Jesus teaches us God's word from the Bible. The world in the picture represents God the Father. I chose to draw the world because God created and takes care of the world. The dove wings in the picture represent God the Holy Spirit. I chose to draw dove wings because it represents the dove in the Bible story when John baptized Jesus. Even though they are all different persons of God they are all whole and one. The trinity helps us to recognize all the amazing things that God does for us.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of the God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. 2 Corinthians, 13:14

Written By Lydia, Year 6 Student on behalf of the St Mark's Scribes

JP School Concert

Welcome to the performance of Eddie the Penguin! Today I will be covering the wonderful job of the Junior Primary students. The show started with Band or Choir, if you started with the band, you would have heard them play Oompa Loompa from Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and High Hopes by Doug Adams but if you heard the Choir they had sung Together by Becky Drake, Nick J Drake and Alex Hart and Firework by Katy Perry.

After the band/choir were done performing Lawson and Jake or Jake and Lucy told some penguin jokes that were funny then the Year 3 students performed the Antarctica scene with the song The Melting Song after learning the ice is melting in Antarctica. The family of Eddie, Penny and the three chicks set off to the North Pole.

The Foundations took over in the North Pole where Eddie's family learns that the ice is melting there too and the humans are melting it. The Foundations also sang two songs, one when we first learned about the other animals called Arctic Animals Song the other song was when they wanted to tell the humans what they were doing, the song was called One World.

The Year 1 students then, through song, told people to not drive to school if their drive is short. The song was called The Walking song. Afterwards we cut to America. In America the Year 1 students sung a new song called If You're Feeling Cool, Dress Hot. They played this in the in-concert radio and it was a massive hit with YouTuber wanting to collab, Good Morning America wanting to interview them and the chicks getting asked for selfies.

Then the year 2's began where Eddie set off for Brazil where the trees were getting chopped down and they sung the song Trees. After they were done singing Trees, they went to Australia where nobody knows which bin night it is. Once they figure out its blue bin night, Eddie realizes nobody knows what can be recycled. Eddie talked to the prime minister where he sang The Recycling Song because he found things like banana peels, containers, boxes and others in trash bins.

The final scene was run by the Year 4 students where Eddie finds out about the overuse of toy, tech and clothes to solve it the chicks make a "Chick Tok" dance with the song Use it Again in the background to encourage people to reuse. Then, the best song, in my opinion, started, We can change the world with a wonderful message and a superb soundtrack, it was the best song in the concert, not that any of them were bad, but this one was just perfect.

The finale was where Eddie comes back home, and the ice is back and there is a party. They finish with the song I may be small, but my God is big. That's it and this is my longest article ever so I'm going to go celebrate and Junior Primary Students you should be celebrating too.

Written By Malakai, Year 6 Student on behalf of the St Mark's Scribes

J.P. School Concert



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Diary

September

Sep 26 - Last Day Term 3

October

Oct 13 - Term 4 starts + Opening Chapel

Oct 17 - Cross Country

Oct 24 - Chapel

Oct 24 - Colour Run

Oct 28 - Assembly

Oct 30 - Year 2 Excursion

Oct 30-31 - Year 1 Camp

Oct 31 - Chapel

Friday Chapel

Chapel is held every Friday at 9am in the Hall.

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



SPRING
2025



September 29-
October 10
2025



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WEEK 1

Monday
29 September

Incursion

**Board and Giant
Lawn Games**



Enjoy giant lawn games, play classic card and board games, and get creative by designing your very own board game or card set!

Start: 9:00am
Finish: 3:00pm

Outcomes: 1, 3, 4

Tuesday
30 September

In-House

Mad Scientists



Create dazzling crystals, make your own lava lamps, and craft erupting volcano cups!

Outcomes: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Wednesday
1 October

Excursion

**Healthy Kicks At
West Adelaide FC**



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Depart: 8:30am
Return: 2:00pm
Transport: Private Bus

Outcomes: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Thursday
2 October

Excursion

Inflatable Zone



Get ready for some bouncy fun at Inflatable Zone!

Depart: 8:45am
Return: 1:30pm
Transport: Private Bus

Outcomes: 1, 2, 3

Friday
3 October

In-House

Superhero Day



Come dressed as your favourite Superhero. Design your own superhero masks, craft powerful cuffs, and create heroic pop stick characters!

Outcomes: 1, 3, 4

WEEK 2

Monday
6 October



Tuesday
7 October

In-House

Sensory Seekers



Tackle a thrilling obstacle course, get hands-on with cloud dough, and make your own stress balls!

Outcomes: 1, 3

Wednesday
8 October

Incursion

Build a Bear



Make your old bear to take home. Give it a new name, dress it up and build a cozy little home using recycled materials.

Outcomes: 4, 5

Thursday
9 October

In-House

Disco Day



Dance, twist, and groove with musical statues, limbo, and Just Dance!

Outcomes: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Friday
10 October

Excursion

Movie Day



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: 2, 3, 4, 5



Book your session via the Xplor Home App

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4 pm - 4:30 pm | 4:40 pm - 5:10 pm

NINJA STARS (6-7YO)
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4 pm - 4:40 pm | 4:40 pm - 5:20 pm

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