

Disco!

Term 3 Week 7

Faith Focus

Growing up on a farm where we grew wheat and raised sheep for wool, shearing time, was an exciting annual event. The day before the shearers arrived, my siblings and I would help Dad round up the sheep in the paddocks and get them to the shearing shed. We would help Mum with preparing hearty meals and copious amounts of cake and tea for the shearers. My main job each day was to stay out of everyone's way until the outside small yards were full. Then, I picked up the metal branding stamp, which was a capital A inside a circle, a tin of purple wool paint, and head out to the freshly shorn sheep. I had to stamp each sheep with the paint-laden brand on the right rump. Not an easy job when the sheep would never stand still, and I only had one chance to get it right each time.

The purpose of the paint brand was to identify each sheep as belonging to our farm because sometimes during the year, a few sheep would find a way to get through the fence into the neighbours' paddocks. Each year after the lambs were born, the farmers would check their sheep, and if there were strays, they would be returned to the right farmer according to the brand on their rump.

Thankfully, we are not marked in the same way as sheep, but as Christians, we bear the name of Christ. However, it is not just by the name of Christ that we are known, but by our actions, how we treat each other.

In John 13:35, Jesus says:

By this, everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.

Jesus was teaching his disciples during the Last Supper, when he gave them a new commandment to "love one another as I have loved you".

Lord, help us to reflect your love to those we meet and in all that we do. For your name's sake, Amen.

Meredith Page

Principal Ponderings

I was fortunate to spend last Thursday and Friday on camp with our Year 2 students. It was a refreshing time when I could soak up the energy, excitement and enthusiasm of our students.

I was incredibly impressed with the manner in which our students were able to 'take one more step'. This approach was developed by the camp provider staff who created a mindset of when you are in a safe environment, see if you can take one step further than you thought you could. Expand your comfort zone. I was energised by the sheer joy and sense of achievement as our students took one more step. And if it didn't quite succeed, they knew they had a go and were ready for next time.

Stepping out of our comfort zone doesn't always come naturally, but when we view others and ourselves from a starting position of capable and competent, we're more likely to have a go.

Each day at St Marks, as we see our students as capable and competent, we'll be encouraging them to take one more step to grow into their best versions of themselves.

Thank you again to our P&F team and volunteers. Last Saturday's discos and today's Father's Day stall have both enriched our students and community experiences.

James Heyne
Principal

Parent Volunteer Request

Any Junior Primary parents who would like to help with prop making for the School Concert at 2pm next Friday, 12 Sept in the Art Room, are asked to please let Ms Hassold know via khassold@stmarks.sa.edu.au



School Concert Prep

Lots of work has gone into preparing for our long-awaited concert at the end of term! Our JP students have been practicing hard. For the past few weeks, Miss Lyall and a group of Year 5 & 6 students have been spending their Friday lunchtimes building and painting props, making backgrounds, and much more. They've been working super hard to make sure this concert is a great one, and we know it will be. If any Year 5 & 6 students are interested, they are welcome to come help. Don't forget to come see everybody's hard work at the end of term, it's going to be amazing!

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



Book Club

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



School life

Dancing the night away at the School Disco

On Saturday, August 30th, St Mark's held its annual school disco. This year's theme was galaxy, encouraging students to dress up in intergalactic colours and sparkle like the stars on the dance floor. With Heidi, the incredible DJ, students (and teachers) danced along to groovy songs. There were countless fun games - from dance offs to conga lines. At the end of the night, thanks to the P&F, students left with lollies, a bag of chips and a juice box to refresh them after the party. We hope you had fun at the disco and join us next year!

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



Year 1 & Year 5 Buddies

Year 1s are learning about telling time - o'clock and half past. To help them learn, their Year 5 Buddies played time games.



School life

Year 2 Camp

Last week on Thursday and Friday, the Year 2's went down to El Shaddai for their camp. They did rock climbing, archery, laser tag, went on the giant swing, they got to hold snakes and reptiles, and stack crates in stairs. The Year 2's loved all of the activities, but they had to be very brave to go on the giant swing and were asked to have a go even if they had worries. They were very fortunate that the weather there wasn't bad at all especially not bad enough to make a snowman like at St Mark's. For dinner they had meatballs and garlic bread with ice cream and chocolate pudding for dessert. Overall it seems they had a wonderful time.

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



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Assembly

Our Week 7 Assembly was led by SRC's Evelyn and Lincoln. Year 5H had a informative performance on rock movements. Year 3L spoke about their research into National Wattle Day. Year 1 students shared their learnings about how everyone has different opinions, they aren't wrong or right, just different. Well done to all students who earned Achievement Awards!



Achievement Awards

Congratulations to the following students
who received awards at our Week 7
Assembly:

Scarlett F
Ruby W
Matthew R
Lucy VL
Lucy C
Leo F
Finn S

Rose M
Jed H
Jayden M
Hudson O
Henry V
Charlotte C
Ada K



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

September

Sep 5 - Chapel
 Sep 8 - SAPSASA Hockey
 Sep 10 - Lightning Carnival
 Sep 12 - Chapel
 Sep 16 - Assembly
 Sep 19 - Chapel
 Sep 24-25 - JP School Concert
 Sep 26 - Last Day Term 3

Friday Chapel

Chapel is held every Friday at 9am in the Hall. We look forward to Pastor Greg leading us in Chapel tomorrow.

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



SPRING
 2025



September 29-
 October 10
 2025



MOUNT BARKER
 COMMUNITY LIBRARY

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
29 Sept Sourdough Starter 1-3 pm \$5 Ages 12 plus	30 Sept Computer Game Design 9-11am \$5 Ages 6 plus	1 Oct Bubble Wand Whittling 11am-12pm \$5 Ages 5 plus	2 Oct Make a Pom Pom 1-2.30pm Free Ages 5 plus	3 Oct Free Play Activities Board Games Lego Puzzles	4 Oct Free Play Activities Board Games Lego Puzzles	5 Oct Library Closed
6 Oct PUBLIC HOLIDAY	7 Oct Dream Catcher 10.30am-11.30am 11.45am-12.45pm \$5 Ages 6 plus	8 Oct Miniature Nature Worlds 11am-12pm \$5 Ages 5 plus Skating Through Trouble book launch 2-3pm Free Skateboard Art 3-4pm \$12 Ages 8-12	9 Oct Adelaide Hills Farmers Market presenting Mini Makers Market at Mann Street 4-7.30pm	10 Oct Free Play Activities - Board Games Lego Puzzles	11 Oct Free Play Activities Board Games Lego Puzzles	12 Oct Library Closed

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

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE

Vacation Care | 29 Sept – 10 Oct

BEFORE 18 NOVEMBER / NOVEMBER	FULL FEE	\$69.90	CCS REDUCED FEE*	\$10.05 - \$36.85
	FULL FEE	\$90.80	CCS REDUCED FEE*	\$13.05 - \$47.85

*Estimation of fees after subsidy is applied

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**



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

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

Visit sa.ymca.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

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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!

OCTOBER 36ERS

SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLINICS

\$210 pp

2 DAY CLINIC

WAYVILLE | 30 SEP - 1 OCT
STATE BASKETBALL CENTRE

\$210 pp

2 DAY CLINIC

LIGHTSVIEW | 7 - 8 OCT
THE LIGHTS SPORTS & COMMUNITY CENTRE

OCTOBER CLINICS ARE ON SALE NOW!
Improve your skills, develop techniques, enhance your game, meet new friends and have fun!

BOOK NOW!

LINDI JANE PRESENTS

SNAP'S KAKABU CLUB

\$15
FAMILY TICKETS ALSO AVAILABLE

HOLIDAY FUN

SUITABLE FOR PRE SCHOOL - PRIMARY AGED CHILDREN

OCTOBER 3RD, 11AM

featuring clever ventriloquism, songs, dance games, comedy, and educational themes.

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