



Dress Rehearsals

Term 3 Week 9

Faith Focus

What is the Lord's Prayer?

Every Friday at Chapel, we pray this thing called the Lord's Prayer.

Have you ever asked yourself **"Why?"** or maybe **"What is the Lord's Prayer, anyway?"**

Well! I'm glad you asked! 😊

The Lord's Prayer is a prayer given to us by Jesus himself (hence its name!). The Bible (Luke 11:1-4; Matthew 9:9-13) tells us that one day Jesus was praying when one of his disciples said to him, *"Lord, teach us to pray,"* and Jesus recited what we now know as the Lord's Prayer.

When Jesus gave his disciples this prayer, though, he wasn't teaching them what to say, he was teaching them **HOW** to pray. That is, we can use whatever words we like, but Jesus gives us an example of a pattern of prayer, and some pointers as to what to keep in mind when we pray to God.

"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name ..." reminds us that God invites us to address him as our dear heavenly Father, as we acknowledge that he is the one and only true holy and powerful yet loving God, and we ask him to help us always keep his name holy.

"... your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven" recognises that, through faith, we are part of God's kingdom, and he empowers us to talk about and share his love so that everyone on earth has the opportunity to get to know him and also become a member of his kingdom.

"Give us today our daily bread" acknowledges God created the world, and he continues to sustain the world, including us! We may not have all we want, but he gives us what we need every day.

"Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us" confesses that we struggle to always live God's way. We hurt him and we hurt (and get hurt by) the people around us. But God gives us the power to forgive others, and he forgives us, because of what Jesus did for us on the cross.

"Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil" reminds us that we are surrounded by forces that would love to distract us from God. Here we pray for God to help us maintain our focus on him. AMEN!

I'm at Chapel most Fridays and available for a chat afterwards. Feel free to come and say "Hi." Or if you prefer, drop me an email at greg@stmarksmtbarker.org.au.

God bless your week!

Pastor Greg

Principal Ponderings

Following my news that I'll be finishing at St Mark's at the end of this year, I've started to see a few things differently. I'm still strongly committed to finishing well during Term 4 and setting up our community for success in 2026 and beyond. However, I did realize that next week will be my last St Mark's concerts, I've only two more school camps, there's only 10 whole chapels before I finish, the list goes on. Rather than having regret, I am looking forward to embracing the opportunities that remain for us this year. I haven't become complacent about them, but I will make sure I soak them in a little more. I have a renewed focus on valuing each day and the opportunities it brings. And I'll be sharing that with our students, encouraging them to embrace the opportunities they have each day here at St Mark's.

Speaking of concerts, I look forward to sharing these wonderful occasions with you next week. They are already a success as I've observed Miss Lyall and staff working with our students and nurturing their gifts and talents in this area. While the performances are always amazing and a fitting celebration, the growth during the journey to get there is just as important.

As shared last week 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

Year 2 Camp 27th – 28th August

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



REMINDER

Casual Day - Sep 26

This term, our SRC have chosen to put our chapel offerings towards the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

The SRC are having a casual day on the last day of term, Friday, 26 September. You can help support people in need by bringing a gold coin donation for the RFDS. Students will have the opportunity to create and fly paper planes, in honour of the RFDS. Together, we can make a difference.



School life

Year 1 Shapes

Year Ones have continued their learning about 2D shapes and have created art work with Amy (Immanuel's mum). They also created 2D shape pictures with their Year 5 buddies.



Lost Property

A bag was left at pick up. If this is your child's items, please collect from the front office.



School life

Foundation Police Visit

The Foundation students had the police visit to discuss their role in being trusted adults who keep us safe. They had a video presentation, went through the equipment on their vest and explained what it was for. The students had a look inside the police vehicle and watched the lights and heard the siren.



Year 6 Debating

In Year 6, we've been learning about debating in our English lessons, getting the opportunity to present our own. Our collaborative skills were tested as we were put in random groups of three to write a series of main arguments, an introduction and conclusion on various topics. Some topics we debated were whether animals should be kept in zoos, if single use plastic should be banned in Australia, if phones should be banned in schools, and more. Although getting up and presenting to the class was challenging for many students, everybody was brave and gave it a go. Overall, the lesson was great fun, and informative, so double win!

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



State Athletics

All the best to our athletes who will compete at the State Athletics Day tomorrow! (Friday) These students were selected from their initial Athletics event in Term 1 and have been practicing at school when the weather has been kind. All the best for the day and we know you will do St. Mark's proud!

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

Best of luck!

School life



Maths Olympiads

On Wednesday the final Maths Olympiad test was held for the year. Over this year the students with a keen interest in problem solving were given tricky questions to figure out like $9B3A \times 6A4B$ is equal to 62275854 then what 2-digit number is AB? These are just some examples of the questions they get quizzed on.

Miss B hosts the tests and practise sessions for the Olympiads to improve for the next test; in these tests the Olympiads get 30 minutes to answer 5 questions. The average score on these tests is 0/5 so even 1/5 is impressive.

In conclusion, the Olympiads are dedicated to improving their problem solving and maths skills, and they are enjoying the food.

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

Musical opportunities

At St Mark's we have a music program. Multiple students learn instruments, some of these are, Piano, Violin, Guitar, Trumpet, Flute, Drums, and Cello.

We have instrumental teachers for all the instruments that students may want to learn. If a student plays a musical instrument at St Mark's, their music teacher will have a lesson with them each week. This helps the students develop their skill level in their musical instrument.

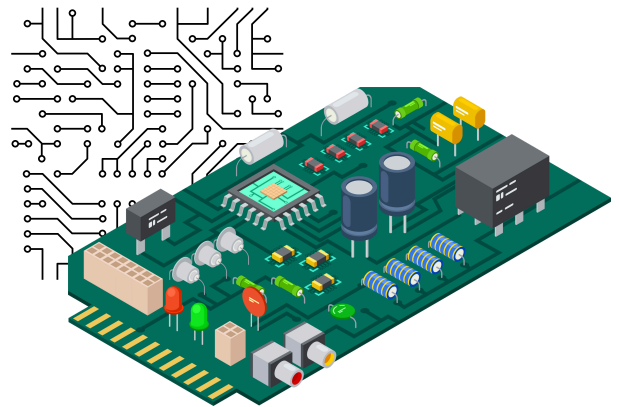
St Mark's also provides band for students in year levels 4-6. The band's conductor, Mr. Janus, holds band practices every week on Wednesday. Students come and play songs together as a group in the hall. Band also holds lots of opportunities like Cabaret, assemblies and the concert.

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

Digital Opportunities

At St Mark's, students have access to experiment with a wide range of digital technologies. On top of having iPads and Laptops to type, code, film, edit and create, pupils can use a variety of unique tools such as Makey Makey kits and WeDo. The Makey Makey kits, designed to create circuits and programme software, utilize everyday objects, such as food and flowers! WeDo is a digital system that programmes LEGO® builds. These things, alongside opportunities like Coding Club, offer a wide range of digital technology learning experiences for students.

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



School life

Assembly

Our Week 9 Assembly was led by Jessie and Brookelyn. Class 5M shared their learnings around bushfire and emergency safety. The Year 2 students shared their experiences from their camp at El Shaddai. We also heard from our School Captains, Lawson and Jake. Congratulations to those who earned their Achievement Awards.



Achievement Awards

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

Daniel VE	Thomas J
Aarav G	Alex H
Theo J	Ahren H
Harrison W	Esther S
James G	Cameron N
Maddy VL	Taylor H
Mira K	Sophie R
Amelia H	Cristian YS
Chloe N	



ST MARKS
PRESENTS

**TICKETS
SELLING FAST!**

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 19 - Chapel
Sep 24-25 - JP Concert
Sep 26 - Chapel
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

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 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 SCHOOL	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



YMCA SOUTH AUSTRALIA VACATION CARE

29 SEPTEMBER - 10 OCTOBER

Spend the school holidays at the Y with exciting excursions, action-packed days of games, arts, crafts, and endless fun! Come and join the celebrations as we mark 175 years of the YMCA in South Australia!

Check out the full vacation program on our website for more information.

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HOURS CARE**



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- ✓ Discipline
- ✓ Commitment
- ✓ Respect
- ✓ Goal-Setting
- ✓ Bully-Proof
- ✓ Fitness Through Fun



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)
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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**Woodhouse
Adventure Park**

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS UNPLUGGED



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

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!

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