



Cross Country 2025

Term 4 Week 2

Faith Focus

So Loved

God loves you. Maybe you've heard that said a lot of times. But have you ever stopped to think about it?

Rather than just let this truth get ignored, take some time today to think about it. God loves you.

You.

He sees all your imperfections. He sees all your mistakes. God sees all the times you have just relied on your own understanding and ignored him, and He chooses to love you anyway.

That truth is amazing. God loves you. No matter what you've done, or not done, no matter how you've messed up, no matter what's happened to you, God loved you enough to send His son Jesus to give you a place with Him. Faith gives us all the assurance that there is peace, and this peace can be the centre of our lives right now, we just need to accept it.



Artist Glendora Naden shares her painting:

So Loved, which is based on the verse, **"God loved the world so much that he gave his son to die that we might have life."** (John 3:16).

Glenny explains that she has represented the love of God through colours, flowing lines and curving patterns. "The groups on the side of the painting represent the people of the world showing all different countries. The top of the painting is the heavenly realm, where God is, and a much anticipated place for all believers". (Glenny Naden)

We are all welcome to join Him and accept His invitation to be loved, now and into eternity.

Meredith Page

Principal Ponderings

Today I would like to bring to your attention important dates to have included in your diary. I know how easy it is at this time of the year for important events to be overlooked.

Whole School closing service

Wednesday 10th December at 7pm

I am always delighted that our whole school gathers on the last school day for this most significant event which is held on Wednesday 10th December at 7pm. As it is a formal school event, all students are expected to attend. If for any reason your child is not able to attend, please phone or email the office contact@stmarks.sa.edu.au.

During the service:

- Our start of year Foundation students provide a special welcome to their Year 6 buddies;
- Our Choir will sing;
- All Foundation to Year 5 students sing a farewell blessing to our Year 6 students;
- Graduation certificates will be presented as our Year 6 students formally graduate from St Mark's
- Year 6 students will perform a final item.

Whole school pupil free day

Monday 24th November

St Mark's will be closed on this day to provide time for teachers to continue the process of preparing the end of year student reports. The YMCA will be open to provide care on the day.

Colour Run – Friday 5th December

As advised earlier this week, colour run has been rescheduled to the Friday 5th December. It will be held after lunch on this day. Please ensure you have this date and time in your diaries.

Class Placements for 2026

We are continuing process of creating class lists for 2026. Last term, families were invited to share input to support this process.

In the coming weeks, students will be asked to confidentially share with their teacher the names of four peers across the year level who

help them learn and be their best. We will explain to them, that these are not necessarily their closest friends but peers they work well with.

Staff will then work collaboratively, using this information and our established processes, to form balanced and supportive classes. We aim to ensure each child has at least one person from their list in their class.

James Heyne

Principal

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Lost Property

We have quite a few puffer jackets in a range of sizes in the lost property drawer. Please check if any of them are your child's. **Any left over by tomorrow will be donated.**



School life

Baby Possums visit 1W

This morning, 1W students were lucky enough to have Riley's mum, Chloe, bring in two baby possums they are looking after. They look after wildlife that have been rescued and need extra care. Students were very excited to see and pat these possums, and to have the opportunity to learn more about our wildlife rescuers.



Fruit Juice Icy Tubes

Hello people, today I'm talking about the change from Zooper Doopers to Fruity Icy Poles and why the change happened! Starting off with the flavours apple, blackcurrant, raspberry, strawberry, mango, tropical, orange and pineapple! They still cost just \$1 with the profits going to Hungry No More. We've made these changes for student health and because they have less artificial flavouring, colours and sugar! Wow that sounds amazing you know on Friday I'm going down to the library to get one, do you also want one?

Written by Malakai, Year 6 student as part of the St Marks Scribes

Congratulations



SAPSASA Football

Congratulations to Asha H (6) who has been selected in the Barker District Year 5/6 AFL side. Asha will compete on Monday 27th October – Wednesday 29th October. All the best!

State Athletic Team

Wow! Amazing news for Jace C (6WM), his family and our school, with Jace being selected in the 12 years and under track and field state team for 2025! Jace has progressed through St. Mark's Sports day, BARKER District Athletics day, State Athletics Day and now finds himself representing the State later in the term. Jace does A LOT of training outside of school and thoroughly deserves his selection. Well done Jace, we are very proud of what you have achieved.

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Cross Country

Last Friday, students went to Keith Stephenson Park to participate in our annual cross-country run. Each year level completed the run based on their age groups, with the track varying in length for each group. It was great to see the high levels of enthusiasm and effort from all our teams. We thank all our parents and friends who came to watch and support their children, everybody gave it a go and did an amazing job!

Mr. Scott will present the winner's certificates at next week's assembly, along with the overall winning house team. Go Dunn, Davison, Sturt and Barker!

Written by Elsa, Year 6 student as part of the St Marks Scribes



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Seesaw

This term we will continue to use Seesaw as our primary platform to share timely and meaningful insights into your child's learning journey. This platform will allow you to view your child's progress regularly, and celebrate their growth and achievements as they happen.

Each term, your child's classroom teacher will post four individual learning updates to Seesaw:

- 2 posts from English
- 2 posts from Mathematics
- Each post will include:
 - A clear description of the task or learning activity.
 - A comment from the teacher that provides specific feedback on your child's work and that clearly articulates your child's achievement.

In addition to classroom learning posts, specialist teachers (e.g. German, Health & Physical Education, Music) will contribute a minimum of two snapshot posts per term. These posts will also include an informative description of your child's year level experience in the specialist area.

This approach will continue to strengthen the connection between school and home by keeping you informed and engaged in your child's learning throughout the year.

If you haven't already, we encourage you to ensure you are connected to your child's Seesaw account so you don't miss any updates. Please feel free to reach out to the office if you need help setting this up.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to sharing your child's learning journey with you through Seesaw.



REMINDER

Library News

Book Club

Issue 7 Book Club orders and payments need to be completed by Friday, 31 October.

Year 1 Maths and Money

Today, the Year 1U students had fun putting their learning into practice, using coins to set up and run a variety of classroom "shops" and then acting as customers to see what they could buy from coins.



Diary

October

Oct 24 - Chapel
Oct 24 - Colour Run
Oct 28 - Assembly
Oct 30 - Year 2 Excursion
Oct 30-31 - Year 1 Camp
Oct 31 - Chapel

November

Nov 3-7 - Year 1 Swim Week
Nov 6-7 - Year 6 camp
Nov 7 - Chapel
Nov 10 - Year 2-4 Swim Week
Nov 11 - Assembly
Nov 13 - Champions Challenge
Nov 14 - Chapel
Nov 14 - Foundation Afternoon of Fun

Friday Chapel

Chapel is held every Friday at 9am in the Hall. We look forward to Year 1W 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!



MIXED & ALL GIRLS TEAMS, UNDER 6 - UNDER 16

COME AND TRY SOCCER

OCT 21 **Minirooms Come & Try**
Under 6 - Under 9 5:30-6:30pm
Under 10 - Under 11 6:45-7:45pm

NOV 2 **Minirooms Come & Try**
Under 6 - Under 9 11:00 - 12:00pm,
Under 10 - Under 11 12:30 - 1:30

NOV 4 **Minirooms Come & Try**
Under 6 - Under 9 5:30 - 6:30pm,
Under 10 - Under 11 6:45 - 7:45pm

QUESTIONS?
WE'RE HERE TO HELP!
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SCAN THE QR TO REGISTER

FLEET LAUNCHBOX by Fleet

Summit to the Stratosphere

A launch event by Fleet Space Technologies

Join us for a one-of-a-kind celebration of space, science, and imagination, as students from across Australia launch their own satellites into the stratosphere.

From the classroom to the cosmos

- Live satellite launches
- Drone demonstrations
- Community, coffee and food stalls
- Award presentations
- STEM challenges and exhibits
- Guest speakers and live commentary

SUNDAY
2nd November
9am to 2pm

Summit Sport and Recreation Park,
304 Springs Rd, Mount Barker SA 5251

Register your school group | Get your free public ticket