



Teddy Bear picnic with buddies!

Week 7 | Term 1 | 2026

Faith Focus

Empty Nets

He called out to them, 'Friends, haven't you any fish?' 'No,' they answered. "Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some." When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish. John 21:5-6

Recently I took my children to the Carp Frenzy in Barmera. The anticipation was high. The rods were ready. The bait was sorted. The expectation of a successful fishing trip was evident.

Alas, after all the effort... no fish were caught by our tribe.

There's something humbling about packing up gear at the end of the day with empty hands. We had enthusiasm. We had effort. We had hope. But we didn't have fish.

It reminded me of the disciples in John 21. Professional fishermen. Out all night. Doing what they knew how to do best. Yet when Jesus called from the shore, their honest answer was simple: "No."

No fish.

Empty nets.

I love that Jesus meets them right there, not when the nets are full, not when the story is impressive, but in the disappointment. While they didn't recognise Him at first, He was already there. Watching. Caring. Preparing breakfast.

Sometimes our lives feel like that fishing trip. We put in the effort, in parenting, ministry, friendships or work. We plan. We pray. We try again, and sometimes the results just aren't there.

But empty nets never mean Jesus is absent.

In fact, in this story, He was closer than they realised and when they listened to His voice and cast the net again, everything changed.

If you're in a season where things feel a little empty, take heart. Keep showing up. Keep listening. Keep trusting. The Lord who stood on the shore that morning still stands with us now.

And whether the nets feel full or empty, His presence is the real catch.

Moz Yeoward

Principal Ponderings

I am really looking forward to having our community come together for our Twilight Sports Day on Friday and it has been wonderful to see just how much effort people have been putting into preparing for this event. Mr Scott and Mrs Sanders have been very busy planning the day, putting together the program, organising activities and making sure everything will run smoothly and our staff have been preparing students and working behind the scenes on what promises to be a fantastic day. Our students have been busy practising different events during their HPE lessons and they have been making a lot of noise in their house meetings. Our P&F have been working hard to prepare for their sports day barbecue and it's great so many people have volunteered to help out. (They will back up their efforts here the following weekend with their election barbecue).

Sports Day is a great opportunity for our students to take risks, show resilience, encourage each other and most of all to enjoy themselves. Whether it's Barker (yellow), Davison (blue), Sturt (green) or Dunn (red) that prevail on the day, I'm confident it's going to be memorable. I'll look forward to seeing you there.

School Board

Our school board is currently seeking nominations for board members and for members of the finance, risk and audit subcommittee. We are seeking nominations from interested parties with skills in finance and accounting, information technology, education, facilities management, marketing and communications, legal and compliance.

If you are interested in serving the school community and have skills in any of the above areas, please email Board Chair, Casey Work at chair@stmarks.sa.edu.au.

Andrew Boesch
Principal



Harmony Day

Next Thursday, St Mark's celebrates Harmony Day. To celebrate this day, your child is invited to wear orange or their traditional cultural dress (e.g sari, kimono, lederhosen). Those students who don't wish to wear either of these need to wear their school uniform.

SchoolTV Harmony Day Special Report

Our new program, SchoolTV, has a Special Report about Harmony Week. You can find it by clicking [here](#). This Special Report hopes to instil positive values and create an opportunity to start a conversation with your child about understanding diversity and multiculturalism.

As a parent, you can engage your children in discussions about multiculturalism and encouraging them to ask questions. Promoting a more harmonious and inclusive society, can help children grow up with a greater appreciation for the richness and diversity of Australia's cultural landscape.

We hope you take time to reflect on the information offered in this Special Report, and as always, we welcome your feedback.

SchoolTV can be accessed via our website by clicking [here](#). You can read the information below, or watch a video introducing SchoolTV by clicking [here](#).



Sports Day

Tomorrow, Friday 13 March

All students need to wear their plain house coloured polo shirt in their team colour.

HOUSE COLOURS:

BARKER | DUNN

DAVISON | STURT

Parents, caregivers, and students are invited to attend an optional community lunch from 12.00pm. You are welcome to bring a picnic or purchase lunch from the P&F BBQ.

Please note that all children are expected to be in their classroom at 12.40pm for the official school roll call.

Don't forget, the P&F will be cooking up a storm on the BBQ and Yiros stall, as well as plenty of Coffee and Cakes!

Remember hat, drink bottle, snack & sunscreen

P&F Update

Election BBQ - Saturday 21 March

The P&F ask for volunteers to work the election day BBQ. Snags, drinks and toasties will be cooked up and sold opposite the library between 7am and 3pm. We would like to have 6 volunteers please.



REMINDER

Scholastic Book Club

Issue 2 Catalogues send home this week. Orders due by the 20th March 2026.

Year 2 students receive Bibles in Chapel

Last week the Year 2's received their Bibles at Chapel on Friday. They were presented by members of The Women's Fellowship from the St Mark's Church.

The Year 2's have been using them in class to research in their Christian Studies learning. They have been exploring the parables such as Jesus and the Blind Man. Getting the Bibles was very exciting and students said it was a great moment for them and how they were feeling so excited and it was their first Bible.

They think they will use it and read it in Christian studies and at home and learn interesting things about it.

Written by Jemima, Year 6 Student on behalf of the St Mark's Scribes



School life

Assembly

This Tuesday, we had assembly hosted by, Will and Saya. It was their first time hosting assembly. The Year 1's shared their learning in primary and secondary colours. Year 6WM then shared their learning on how the Australian Government and the 3 levels of government work. Two of our 2026 school captains, Louis and Karla, then came up to announce that we will be having a casual day at the end of the term, with the theme being the colour blue representing ALWS Fish for Freedom. They also announced that we have helped 15 families in South Sudan with fishing supplies. Our school principal, Mr. Bosche talked about Sports Day and how we need to show sportsmanship and be kind. He also said that parents and students only need to get to school at 12.40pm on Friday. But if you want to join our community lunch then you should plan to arrive at 12.00pm.

Written by Navneeth, Year 6 student on behalf of the St Mark's Scribes



Achievement Awards

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

Assembly:

Winslow W

Alexis N



School life

Year 5 Camp

Last Friday, the Year 5's came back from camp at Port Hughes where they had lots of fun. We interviewed some of the Year 5's, here is what they said;

"I loved the kayaking and it was really fun!" - Will

"I really enjoyed the fishing. My group caught 3 pufferfish and a big blue fish. All together. We also did lots of activities like bob down chasey." - Ellie

"I love making delicious pizzas, they were really good." - Alice

"I liked watching Surfs Up. It was a good movie." - Khadija

The Year 5's also went to the farm shed at Kadina where they saw lots of old machinery going through years from 1820's onward. They all enjoyed putt-putt, putting the golf balls into the holes. They had an action-packed two-night camp, laughing, cheering and lots of sleep.

Written by Sylvie, Year 6 Student on behalf of the St Mark's Scribes



School life

Year 5 Camp



Colouring Competition & Casual Day

Next Friday, 20 March, SCR are hosting a Casual Day to continue supporting ALWS. The theme is Blue to represent ALWS and Water. Please bring a gold coin donation on the day.

The SRC are also holding a colouring in competition. Colouring sheets can be found by the Year 4 classrooms as part of the fish display. You can choose which sheet you would like to enter. Only one entry per student, with each class having a winner. Please deliver completed entries to School Captains in 6k.



State Swimming

Congratulations to our swimmers (below) who have qualified for the State Swimming Championships at the SA Aquatic & Leisure Centre. Students were selected based on their times at the recent Courier Cup event and will now race in their events on the 23rd of March. Good luck all!

Carli H (6), Grace B-K, Khadija T, Emily G (5) and Saya P (4).



PROGRAM - FRIDAY, 13 MARCH

The second day of the 2026 Sports Day will run as listed below:

12:00PM

Students and families are invited to bring a picnic lunch or share in a community BBQ prior to the event commencing.

12:40PM

Students need to be in their classrooms at 12.40pm to meet their teachers and for roll call

12:50PM

Students will be seated at house tents by their class teacher and ready for the opening of the 2026 Sports Day followed by the Acknowledgement of Country.

1:00PM

Introduction to Sports Day, including House Captain's oath before groups move off to tabloid events.

FIRST SESSION - TABLOID EVENTS

EVENT	JUNIOR TABLOID	SENIOR TABLOID
1	1:05	1:05
2	1:30	1:35
3	1:50	2:05
4	2:15	2:35
5	2:35	3:05
6	3:00	3:35
7	3:20	
8	3:45	

AFTERNOON BREAK - 4:05-4:30PM

Students enjoy their afternoon break in the comfort of their classrooms

SECOND SESSION - 4:30PM JUNIOR/SENIOR EVENTS

Foundation/Year 1 – Rob the Nest (junior oval). Year 1's first, followed by Foundations

Year 2/ Year 3 – Year 2 - Water Bucket Relay (outside Year 4's), Year 3 – Rob The Nest (senior oval) *Year 2&3s to complete both activities*

Year 4 - Year 4 - Sack Race, Year 5 - Egg and Spoon and Year 6- Knee Ball Relay (senior oval). *Year 4-6 - complete all activities once (time permitting)*

THIRD SESSION - WHOLE SCHOOL

5:00pm- 1-6 Relay – Boys (Race A)/ Girls (Race B)

5:10pm- House War Cry

5:20pm- Student/Teacher/Parent Race

5:30pm - Presentation of House Sports Shield

JUNIOR PRIMARY TABLOID ROTATION

1:05PM

Event	FD	FW	1U	1H	2L	2M	3M	3MOW
Sprints	2	1	8	7	6	5	4	3
Long Jump	3	2	1	8	7	6	5	4
Dress Up Relay	4 REST	3 REST	2	1	8	7	6	5
Egg and Spoon	5	4	3	2	1	8	7	6
Accuracy Kick	6	5	4	3	2	1	8	7
Goal Throw	7 REST	6 REST	5 REST	4 REST	3	2	1	8
Parachute	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Accuracy Throw Relay	1	8	7	6	5	4	3	2

SENIOR PRIMARY TABLOID ROTATION

1:05PM

Event	GROUP A 9 BOYS/ 10 BOYS	GROUP B 9 GIRLS/ 10 GIRLS	GROUP C 10 GIRLS / 11 GIRLS	GROUP D 11 GIRLS/ 12 GIRLS	GROUP E 11 BOYS	GROUP F 11 BOYS/ 12 BOYS
Shot Put (Amanda/Anna)	1	6	5	4	3	2
Javelin (Karen)	2	1	6	5	4	3
Long Jump (Dianne/Meredith)	3	2	1	6	5	4
Sprints 85m (Leah/Andrew/Rachel)	4	3	2	1	6	5
Goal Throw (Naomi Eckert)	5	4	3	2	1	6
High Jump (Brianna/Rebecca)	6	5	4	3	2	1

Diary

March

- Mar 13 - Twilight Sports Day - Community Lunch from 12 noon, students in classrooms by 12.40pm
- Mar 19 - Harmony Day
- Mar 20 - Chapel 9am
- Mar 20 - Casual Day - Blue theme
- Mar 23-25 - Year 4 Camp She Oak
- Mar 24 - Assembly 2.40pm
- Mar 27 - Chapel 9am
- Mar 30 - Learning Conversations

April

- Apr 1 - Learning Conversations
- Apr 7 - Assembly 2.40pm
- Apr 7 - Learning Conversations
- Apr 8 - School photos
- Apr 10 - Closing Chapel - 9am
- Apr 10 - Whole School Musical Jam 1.45pm

Mini Mavs – U10 Girls Pathway Program

Calling all young hoop stars! ✨

Start your basketball journey on Sunday mornings, 8:30–9:15 AM at St Francis de Sales College. Terms 2 & 3 focus on fun, skill-building, and game play, helping girls aged 4–9 years develop confidence, teamwork, and a love for basketball. All sessions are led by experienced coaches who make learning the game exciting and inclusive.

💰 Cost: \$200 for both terms - training singlet included

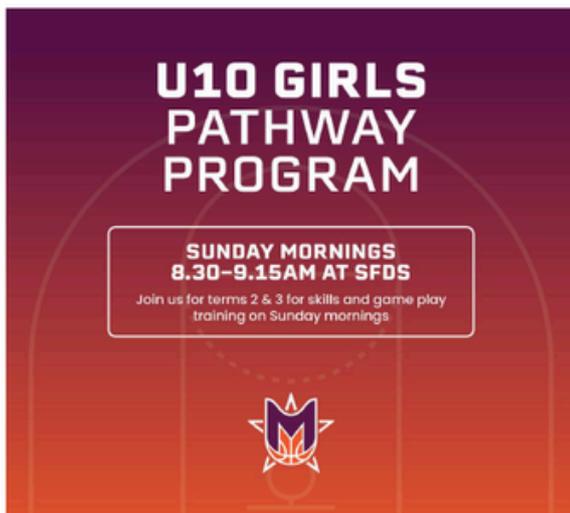
📅 Start Date: Sunday, 3rd May

❌ No training: 31st May, 7th June, 28th June, 5th July & 12th July

📍 Where: St Francis de Sales College

This program is the first step toward Mini Mavs, giving young players the foundations to join our pathway programs in the future while having fun, making friends, and learning the game in a safe and supportive environment.

Register: Email admin@easternmavericks.com.au



U10 GIRLS PATHWAY PROGRAM

**SUNDAY MORNINGS
8.30-9.15AM AT SFDS**

Join us for terms 2 & 3 for skills and game play training on Sunday mornings



Friday Chapel

Please note there will be no chapel tomorrow due to Sports Day.



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Improve your skills, develop technique, enhance your game, meet new friends and have fun!

- Mon 13 & Tues 14 April
Wayville | **2-Day Clinic**
- Mon 20 April
St Clair | **1-Day Clinic**
- Wed 22 April
Walkerville | **Half-day Clinic**
- Fri 24 April
Lightsview | **1-day Clinic**



BOOK NOW

 HomeStart

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OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE

In-House	FULL FEE	\$69.90	CCS REDUCED FEE*	\$10.05 - \$36.85
	Excursion/Inclusion	FULL FEE	\$90.80	CCS REDUCED FEE*

*Estimation of fees after subsidy is applied

Vacation Care | 13 April - 24 April

WEEK 1

Monday 13 April	Tuesday 14 April	Wednesday 15 April	Thursday 16 April	Friday 17 April
In-House Bedazzling Gem Art	Excursion Bridge Bowling	In-House Heroes On Wheels	In-House OSHC Olympics	Excursion Monarto Zoo
Dive into a world of creativity with OSHC. Bedazzle fun items, take part in engaging art and craft activities, and enjoy a hands-on experience filled with colour, sparkle, and fun.	Enjoy action-packed games and plenty of fun as we roll into a day of strikes and smiles. Depart: 11:00am Return: 3:00pm Transport: Private Bus	Bring your wheels and join the Superhero Training Academy! Create your own costume, tackle a fun training course, and design comic strips. Don't forget to bring your bike and helmets!	A sports day for all to enjoy. Pick a colour, create some team posters and complete in a team. Obstacles, games and competitions. Who will win?	Let's jump on the Monarto bus and see what animals we can find. Depart: 9:00am Return: 1:00pm Transport: Private Bus
Outcomes: 1, 4, 5	Outcomes: 1, 3, 4, 5	Outcomes: 1, 4	Outcomes: 2, 4, 5	Outcomes: 1, 3, 5

WEEK 2

Monday 20 April	Tuesday 21 April	Wednesday 22 April	Thursday 23 April	Friday 24 April
In-House Dress To Impress Career Day	In-House Tiny Town	Excursion A Day At The Movies	In-House Show and Tell Disco	Excursion Bounce
Dress up as your dream career and show off your style, there's a prize for the best costume! Everyone will get a chance to share why they chose their career, so don't forget to bring your accessories.	Let your imagination bloom! Create miniature houses, magical fairy gardens, and build your very own tiny town!	Let's go to the cinemas to see a movie. When we come back, we will continue the fun with some themed activities. Depart: 9.00am Return: 2.00pm Walking (15mins)	Bring something special from home to share with everyone! In the afternoon, get ready to light up the dance floor at our OSHC Glow Disco and groove to all your favourite tunes.	Get ready for a fun-filled day of jumping, climbing, and moving to keep active and energized. Depart: 9:00am Return: 11:00am Transport: Private Bus
Outcomes: 2, 3	Outcomes: 1, 4	Outcomes: 1, 2	Outcomes: 3	Outcomes: 3



Book your session via the Xplor Home App
Visit sa.ymca.org.au/OSHC for more information

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**2026 SEASON
BEGINS TERM 2**

AHJFA

Hurry!
Time is running out.
Contact Clubs ASAP
- Team Nominations
due March 27th



GIRLS FOOTBALL PLAYERS WANTED

- Fun, friendly environment
- No experience needed & no try outs required
- One training night per week + Saturday games
- Affordable family sport option
- Local Clubs within the Adelaide Hills
- Focused on confidence, teamwork & fun!

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See overleaf for details of our local clubs

COME & TRY SESSIONS:

Hosted by 6 of our 12 Clubs!

Session

- 1** **Saturday 21st February @ 9am until 12pm**
Host Club: McLaren Districts Soccer Club
Location: 41-47 Main Rd, McLaren Flat (McLaren Flat Rec Ground)
- 2** **Sunday 1st March @ 2pm until 4pm**
Host Club: Rangers Junior Soccer Club
Location: Ashton Oval, Jennings Drive Ashton
- 3** **Sunday 8th March @ 9:30am until 10:30am**
Host Club: FC Summit
Location: Anembo Park, Mount Barker
- 4** **Tuesday 10th March @ 5pm until 6:15pm**
Host Club: Strathalbyn Strikers FC
Location: 24 Fitzpatrick Rd, Strathalbyn
- 5** **Saturday 14th March @ 9:30am until 10:30am**
Host Club: Murray Bridge United Soccer Club
Location: 20 Beatty Terrace, Murray Bridge
- 6** **Saturday 14th March @ 9am until 10am**
Host Club: Hahndorf Soccer Club
Location: Rob Kilpatrick Park, Pine Ave, Hahndorf



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	Blackwood Forest Soccer Club		Naime Knights Soccer Club
	Bridgewater Soccer Club		Rangers Junior Soccer Club
	F.C Summit		Stirling Districts Soccer Club
	Hahndorf Soccer Club		Strathalbyn Strikers FC Inc
	McLaren Districts Soccer Club		Torrens Valley Soccer Club
	Murray Bridge United Soccer Club		Woodside Warriors Soccer Club



Register your Interest! - Contact your Local Club NOW!

Girls@ahjfa.asn.au
0437 868 833
or Contact one of the above Clubs Directly






@echungatennisclub on socials

KIDS AND ADULTS WELCOME!



ECHUNGA TENNIS CLUB... COME AND TRY DAY

SUNDAY 15TH OF MARCH 10AM TO 1PM

- Come and try session
- Register for upcoming competitive and social season
- Meet the coaches
- All ages and skills welcome
- Free BBQ lunch

FOR MORE INFO: bill@adelaidehillstenniscoaching.com.au





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SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

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