



*No electricity, no worries!*

**Week 9 | Term 1 | 2026**

## *Faith Focus*

This coming Sunday is a special day in the Christian Church. Palm Sunday begins Holy Week, the most important week for all Christians as we journey with Jesus towards the cross and the empty tomb. There is a saying that ‘a week is a long time in politics’ but I could easily argue that the week that followed Palm Sunday was a long time for Jesus! The way it started was in stark contrast to the way it ended.

On what is now known as Palm Sunday, Jesus entered the city of Jerusalem, riding humbly on the colt of a donkey, a donkey that had never been ridden before. This was to fulfill an Old Testament prophecy. **“Rejoice, O people of Zion! Shout in triumph, O people of Jerusalem! Look, your king is coming to you. He is righteous and victorious, yet he is humble, riding on a donkey – riding on a donkey’s colt.” Zechariah 9:9**

I picture myself trying to ride a donkey that has never been ridden before. Even with a saddle and reins, I’m pretty sure I would be bucked off. But not Jesus, calm, caring and Lord of all.

The crowds that day welcomed Jesus with joy, waving palm branches, laying down their coats and shouting, “Hosanna!”, “Save us!” Days later the same crowd would be shouting, “Crucify him!”

Palm Sunday reminds us of who Jesus truly is, a King. But He is not like any king we know. Jesus didn’t come seeking political power or earthy victory. Jesus came with a humble heart of forgiveness, peace, humility, love and grace.

Palm Sunday invites us to reflect. How do we welcome Jesus into our lives?

May we join the voices of that first Palm Sunday, not only with our words, but with trusting hearts turned to Jesus, our humble and saving King. Hosanna!

*Cheryl Liebelt*

# Principal Ponderings

It was wonderful to have the opportunity to start the week with the Year 4 students at their camp at She Oak Run in Finniss. We had a beautiful location and there were plenty of engaging activities to keep us busy. Students were tested with a range of team building exercises, from building billy carts and racing tracks to powering giant canoes to constructing and sailing rafts. It was great to see the way the Year 4s stepped up to take on these challenges. It was also great to see the way our Year 4 teachers, parent helpers and Active Ed staff ran the camp and engaged with our students.

Over the weekend I spent time at the St Mark's P&F Election Day barbecue. It was so encouraging to see how many members of our community came out to help with this. We had a great day, with almost 600 sausages sold, along with a lot of cold drinks. It was particularly nice to have some students and ex-students helping out during the day. Thanks to Saya and Lewis, and to Jake and Seb for your work.

St Mark's will have a marquee at the Mount Barker Show this weekend, where we will be sharing about our amazing school and our wonderful community. If you are heading to the Mount Barker Show this weekend, do stop in and say hello.

Andrew Boesch  
Principal



## REMINDER

### Learning Conversations - Early Dismissal

Please note that there is early dismissal at 3pm on the nights of the Learning Conversations. These dates are:

- Monday, 30 March,
- Wednesday, 1 April,
- Tuesday, 7 April.



### SPECIAL REPORT: The Cost of Living Crisis

In our ever-changing economic landscape, parents and caregivers are increasingly faced with the task of broaching the subject of growing expenses with their children. While the instinct may be to shield young people from life's challenges, there's a growing belief that addressing real-world issues, including financial uncertainties, can actually foster resilience and understanding. Striking a balance between protection and education is crucial for those looking to empower their children.

To effectively introduce the topic of finances, we need to be mindful of the timing and setting of the conversation. Using straightforward, age-appropriate language helps maintain transparency, and openly discussing adjustments to the family budget can carry significant weight. By encouraging children to participate in finding creative ways to save and make thoughtful spending choices, parents can nurture a sense of responsibility.

This Special Report offers a valuable opportunity to enhance children's financial literacy, equipping them with the resilience needed to thrive in an increasingly complex world. Click [here](#) for the full Special Report

# School life

## State Swimming

Congratulations to Carli H , Grace B-K, Khadija T, Emily G, and Saya P who competed in the State Swimming Championships at the SA Aquatic & Leisure Centre. Well done to Grace who won gold for the 11 year old Breaststroke, and silver for the Medley Relay as part of the Barker team, and Saya who won bronze for the 10 year old Breaststroke.



## Chapel by 4AY

Last Friday, Class 4AY presented a beautiful service for our Chapel around God's love for all of us.



# P&F Update

## Easter Raffle

P&F are holding an Easter Raffle starting from Saturday. Raffle tickets will be available for \$2 each in the afternoons at pick up time. There are two prizes to win with a Easter basket valued at \$200 and a secondary prize valued at \$50.



## Colouring Competition & Casual Day

We will be having a casual day on the last day of term (Friday 10th April) for ALWS. The theme will be 'Blue' and a gold coin donation towards Fish for Freedom - ALWS would be greatly appreciated.

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.

# School life

## Assembly

Our whole school assembly for week 9 was hosted by Elijah & Sarah. Class 2L shared their learnings from Christian Studies. Foundation classes joined forces and showed their literacy learnings through songs. Miss Lyall announced the Band and Choir Captains. Mrs Harrip presented Achievement Awards to students. Well done and congratulations to all our students.

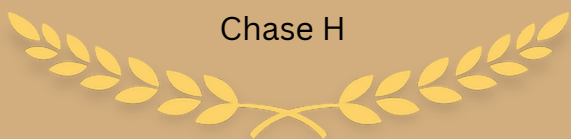


## Achievement Awards

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

Assembly:

Harriet B  
Stanley R-R  
Aurora W  
Chase H



# Diary

## March

Mar 27 - Chapel 9am - Cornerstone  
Mar 30 - Learning Conversations - 3pm dismissal

## April

Apr 1 - Learning Conversations - 3pm dismissal  
Apr 2 - Chapel - 6MW: Journey towards Easter  
Apr 3 - Good Friday (Public Holiday)  
Apr 6 - Easter Monday (Public Holiday)  
Apr 7 - Assembly 2.40pm - 2M, Year 5  
Apr 7 - Learning Conversations - 3pm dismissal  
Apr 8 - School photos  
Apr 10 - Closing Chapel - 9am - Pastor Greg  
Apr 10 - Casual Day - Blue theme  
Apr 10 - Whole School Musical Jam 1.45pm

## Friday Chapel

Chapel is held every Friday at 9am in the Hall. We look forward to Mathew Pearce from Cornerstone College leading us in Chapel tomorrow.

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



### Autumn School Holidays at Woodhouse Adventure Park UNPLUGGED Bookings Now Open!

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

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**Free workshop**

**1 Day Autism Workshop for Parents and Carers**  
Hahndorf, SA

Scan the QR code or click here to register

This workshop is for parents, full time carers and grandparents.

**During the workshop you will learn about:**

- The diversity of autism
- Sensory processing
- Working together with your child's school.

Learn more about autism and neurodiversity-affirming ways to strengthen the partnership between home and school.

Wednesday  
26 May, 2026  
9:15am to 3:00pm

Adelaide Hills Convention Centre  
145A Mount Barker Rd  
HAHNDORF SA 5245

Morning tea and a light lunch will be provided

Interpreters available upon request

For more information or to register visit:  
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Celebrating 20 Years  
Arts for Life - Honouring the Past, Envisioning the Future

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2026  
Venue: Living Art Centre - Mount Barker Waldorf School  
27 Sims Road, Mount Barker

3.30 pm - 5.30 pm: Free family activities  
BYO fruit & veg for the Mandala  
Dress code: Festive!

6.00 pm - 8.30 pm: Performance and Awards  
Tickets: \$10 + BF

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Uraidla Hotel & local community present:

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drinks  
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food trucks

**Quinox**  
April 18 2026  
Uraidla Hotel

from 1pm - evening  
childrens' parade 4pm  
childrens' activities



APRIL  
**36ERS**  
SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLINICS

**APRIL CLINICS ARE ON SALE NOW!**  
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  
Lightview | 1-day Clinic

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# News & Community Events

## 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
<b>In-House</b> <b>Bedazzling Gem Art</b>	<b>Excursion</b> <b>Bridge Bowling</b>	<b>In-House</b> <b>Heroes On Wheels</b>	<b>In-House</b> <b>OSHC Olympics</b>	<b>Excursion</b> <b>Monarto Zoo</b>
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.	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.	Let's jump on the Monarto bus and see what animals we can find.
Outcomes: 1, 4, 5	Depart: 11:00am Return: 3:00pm Transport: Private Bus Outcomes: 1, 3, 4, 5	Outcomes: 1, 4	Obstacles, games and competitions. Who will win? Outcomes: 2, 4, 5	Depart: 9:00am Return: 1:00pm Transport: Private Bus Outcomes: 1, 3, 5

### WEEK 2

Monday 20 April	Tuesday 21 April	Wednesday 22 April	Thursday 23 April	Friday 24 April
<b>In-House</b> <b>Dress To Impress Career Day</b>	<b>In-House</b> <b>Tiny Town</b>	<b>Excursion</b> <b>A Day At The Movies</b>	<b>In-House</b> <b>Show and Tell Disco</b>	<b>Excursion</b> <b>Bounce</b>
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.
Outcomes: 2, 3	Outcomes: 1, 4	Outcomes: 1, 2	Outcomes: 3	Depart: 9:00am Return: 11:00am Transport: Private Bus Outcomes: 3

Book your session via the Xplor Home App  
Visit [sa.ymca.org.au/OSHC](http://sa.ymca.org.au/OSHC) for more information

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