



Chapel - The Journey to Easter

**Week 10 | Term 1 | 2026**

## *Faith Focus*

### **Inheritance**

Writing a Will – it's not something we do very often. I remember my husband and I being advised that the most important thing we could do financially was to write a legal Will.

Over the past two years, I have been fulfilling my role as executor of my parent's Wills, after they passed away in 2024. It wasn't until their deaths that I really took notice of what was written in the documents, even though I had been given copies many years earlier. What became apparent was that my parent's values, lived out while they were alive, were mirrored in how they had chosen to disburse their estate. Mum and Dad's radical hospitality and faithful generosity was clearly evident. It was as if they had 'extended the table' to include another child – sharing their estate not just between my two brothers and I, but with many charitable organisations too. Approximately one quarter of their estate was donated to charities supporting the poor and marginalised or working to protect the environment.

The example our parents set, through their Will, has had a significant impact on my brothers and I. However, at this time of year, I am aware that we have a far greater inheritance, greater than anything our parents could ever leave us. As we approach Easter, I am reminded that it is through Jesus' death and resurrection that we are able to receive the greatest inheritance of all – eternal life; life in abundance spent in the presence of our loving God. Through Jesus, we are adopted into the family of God and become heirs. Incredible! God wants to share ALL he has with us.... what an inheritance!

“For God so loved the world that He gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16

Thank you, Jesus, for walking that journey to the cross. Thank you, Father, for welcoming us as your children.

*Karen Moseley*

# Principal Ponderings

There have been some memorable moments over the past week. Saturday's Mount Barker show was a fantastic day and a real highlight, despite the weather and it was a wonderful chance for our school to engage with the community. It was very encouraging to me to have people tell me about the good things they have heard about our school and to talk to parents who are looking to send their children to St Mark's based on the good reports they've heard. It was wonderful to have past students visiting our stall and to have a chance to talk about their experiences at St Mark's. I also really enjoyed the chance to catch up with current families who were at the show and stopped in for a chat.

Thursday was memorable for all sorts of reasons. I was really proud of the way our staff stepped up in a really tricky situation when our power went out for the day. They did a great job of adapting in a short time and keeping things running. Students had a day with a difference and it was really pleasing to visit classrooms and hear students talk about gratitude and appreciating what we have. It was also very interesting when I asked the following day in chapel whether students would like another blackout day. There was overwhelming support.

Wishing you all a happy and safe Easter!

Andrew Boesch  
Principal



## **SPECIAL REPORT: Instilling Hope In Uncertain Times**

Originally developed during the peak of the COVID-19 pandemic, this resource was created to support children and families through a time of significant uncertainty and change. While the circumstances have evolved, the messages and strategies remain relevant today. As we continue to navigate an unpredictable world and the impact of global events, this resource offers practical guidance, reassurance, and supports wellbeing for our school community.

It is important in such times of uncertainty to instil hope and remain optimistic. Adult carers can play a vital role in helping young people reframe their worries, encouraging them to see life as it is and helping them to focus more on the things they can control, rather than those they can't.

This Special Report outlines how adult carers can help instil hope and offer support in such times of uncertainty.

Click [here](#) for the full report



### **Key Dates:**

- Early Dismissal for Learning Conversations on Tuesday, 7 April
- MSP School Photos - Wednesday, 8 April
- End of Term 1 - Friday, 10 April

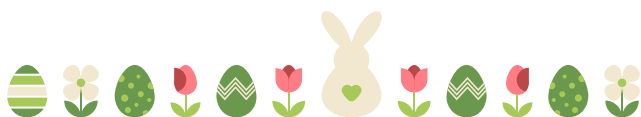
# Easter Celebrations

## Maundy Thursday Chapel

Today's Chapel was led by Year 6WM about the Easter message. The focus was on Jesus' death on Good Friday and resurrection on Easter Sunday. 6WM led us in song, prayer, Bible reading, dance and a skit. It was a great way to remember the reason for the season.



We also have word that a special visitor might be visiting classrooms later today! We hope you all have a wonderful, safe, and blessed Easter.



## Hot Cross Bun Special Delivery

Members of the St Mark's Church Congregation kindly distributed hot cross buns to students during recess today. We thank them for their kind generosity and continued connection to our school.



## P&F Easter Raffle

Thank you to everyone who supported our Easter Raffle. Congratulations to our winners, first prize winner is Grandma B, and second prize winner is Karla F!



# School Life

## Year 4 Camp

In Week 9, Year 4 students went on their camp at She Oak. They did water studies and caught fish, shrimp and diving beetles. They made rafts with wooden boards, blue barrels and rope, and raced them with some floating more than others. There was a chance to try archery which some students hadn't done before. There were plenty of other activities, such as going on the big canoes, making parachord bracelets, fishing, delicious food and lots of fun!



**REMINDER**

**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.

## Year 6 Excursion

Yesterday, the Year 6s went to Woodhouse Adventure Park for our final Survivor day. Everyone did a really great job at using the skills we learnt throughout the term, like teamwork and most importantly, the skill of having fun!

Across the term we faced lots of different Survivor challenges to test our resilience and teamwork, but also to have fun. We did challenges like the pancake challenge where we had to make the best tasting and looking pancake and to be the team with the best teamwork and persistence, even when things got a little bit tricky.

*Written by Sylvie, Year 6 Student, as part of the St Mark's Scribes*

Hi! My favourite part of the excursion was Mouse Trap even though it was the scariest one, it was quite fun. There was one small one, and one big one. I went in the bigger one, it was so much wider than the other one. The small one was about 15cm and the big one was about 50cm wide, much better. What would you choose?

The water rope swing was fun as well. Lots of people were falling in, and we got so wet we had to change after and dry ourselves off. Around ten people got over, and the rest of the people didn't. There were 4 ropes, Sylvie and I got to the second rope so we got points. Sylvie is in orange and I am in green. The best team was green they dominated everyone else.

The other water activity was run in water and climb the rock wall to find a coloured egg that was your team colour. We don't know who won yet but whoever it is good job! People were running and jumping over the rocks and jumping onto the rock wall. The coloured balls had letters on it and said "you can do it"! And we could do it! Some people were faster than others but we still were trying!

*Written by Jemima, Year 6 Student, as part of the St Mark's Scribes*



# School Life

## Year 3 Excursion

Year 3 students had an excursion to Adelaide Zoo to continue their learnings around animal lifecycles. They had a session in the Envirodome where they saw stick insects and their eggs, and looked into different animal lifecycles. They then got to look at all the animals, with penguins, Capybaras, and giraffes being the favourites. There was also time for a play on the nature playground.



# School Life

## Year 4 German

This term our Year 4 students have been learning all about Karneval/Fasching, a colourful and joyful festival celebrated in Southwest Germany. One of the biggest events of the season is the Rosenmontag parade, where people dress up in vibrant costumes, walk through the streets, and share treats with the crowd.

To bring this tradition to life, our Year 4s designed and created their own Karneval masks. They used their German colour words and other vocabulary to write descriptive sentences about their designs, proudly showing how much, they've learned.

This week, the students put on their masks and went on a mini-parade around the school to share their learning. They marched, smiled, and showcased their creativity—just like in a real Karneval celebration.

We're so proud of their enthusiasm and growing confidence in German.



**SAPSASA Softball**  
Congratulations to Logan C who represented the Barker Softball team last week for SAPSASA.



# Diary

## April

- Apr 3 - Good Friday (Public Holiday)
- Apr 6 - Easter Monday (Public Holiday)
- Apr 7 - Assembly 2.30pm - 2M, Year 5
- Apr 7 - Learning Conversations - 3pm dismissal
- Apr 8 - School photos - Wear formal uniform
- Apr 10 - Closing Chapel - 9am - Pastor Greg
- Apr 10 - Casual Day - Blue theme
- Apr 10 - Whole School Musical Jam 1.45pm
- Apr 27 - Term 2 Starts; Opening Chapel 9am

**positive partnerships**  
Working together to support autistic school-aged students

**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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**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**



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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:

**stalls** **drinks**

**food trucks** **live music**

**Quinox**  
April 18 2026  
Uraidla Hotel

from 1pm - evening

**childrens' parade 4pm**

**childrens' activities**

**Adelaide Hills Garden Affair**  
Sunday 3rd May 2026  
10 am to 3.30 pm  
Stangate House & Gardens  
Aldgate, SA

Celebrate the joys, art, science and history of gardening in this spectacular Adelaide Hills autumn garden

**Buy Tickets on line**  
& claim a free Neutrog 1L Seamungus (rpp \$18.95)  
Tickets \$12 - \$15, children 12 & under free  
Discounted Group bookings available

Over 60 stalls featuring  
Plants | Garden Decor | Tools & Accessories  
Gardening Techniques | Art | Food and Fun  
Activities for all ages from 3yrs up

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**Children's Activities**

**Free Admission for Children Under 12**

**Linda from Hills Environment Centre will present creative workshops in The Inspiration Hub (Free)**

- Little Creatures-Make your own special creature using large gum nuts
- Native Bee Hotel-Craft- a home for our buzzing friends
- Rock Painting-Paint nature-inspired art on pebbles

**Kris Messenger from "Bugs n Slugs" (Free)**  
will give an amazing talk about the special jobs the bugs can do with the help of you to make our gardens thrive.  
Afterwards "Meet the Bugs" at the "Bugsnslugs" Stall where children, explore, examine, touch & even hold some of the amazing bugs (Invertebrates) we have in our gardens.

**Face Painting by The Rainbow Witch (Free)**  
Fun Face painting by Leah who said "She can't wait to be painting beautiful flowers, cute bugs, Autumn leaves & mushrooms & more."

**Discover, Learn & Get Your Hands Dirty with TAFE SA (Free)**  
Check out TAFE SA Stall as it will be buzzing with interactive displays & hands-on fun for older children & adults .

- Plant Propagation, Soil Testing, Use the microscope to look at plant pests
- Try your hand at Landscape Design or test your knowledge with a game featuring native & exotic fauna.

**"I Spy" Along the Garden Path Game (Free)**  
Detective Game looking for hidden bugs for young children.  
Children's Activity Bags donated by Newman's Nursery at Tea Tree Gully

# 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.  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
<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.  Depart: 9:00am Return: 11:00am Transport: Private Bus
Outcomes: 2, 3	Outcomes: 1, 4	Outcomes: 1, 2	Outcomes: 3	Outcomes: 3



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