



Easter Bunny visit

Week 11 | Term 1 | 2026

Faith Focus

Wait, Seek, Be Found, Be Freed!

Read John 20:1-18 [here](#).

Grief, confusion, emptiness, anger, sadness, frustration, loneliness. These are probably just some of the emotions felt by Mary Magdalene on that Sunday morning when she made her way to the tomb where she had seen Jesus body buried on the previous Friday.

The Gospel writer John tells us that as Mary approached the place, she noticed the stone that had sealed the tomb shut was now rolled away. Mary didn't know what to think, but every emotion she felt intensified!

Two disciples, Peter and John, came and had a look, couldn't work it out, so left scratching their heads.

But Mary stayed and waited and faithfully searched for Jesus. Jesus appeared to her, calling her by name, proving his power even over death.

Now Mary's emotions intensified even further but changed to uncontrollable joy. Her patience, her faith, her searching resulted in her experiencing Jesus in person, and she would never be the same again. Her life circumstances hadn't changed, but she now had a new peace and a new strength knowing that everything Jesus had taught and promised was 100% true and reliable. She was now free to live in the forgiveness and grace that Jesus had made available to her.

That is a lesson for each of us. Don't be one who has a quick look at the Easter story, then walks away because it doesn't immediately make sense – it's not supposed to!

Jesus died to set you free from your sins – and the associated guilt, shame, and unforgiveness. Jesus rose again to set you free from the fear of death.

So be like Mary. Be patient, take some time, and faithfully seek Jesus. He will find you! And he will set you free!

I'm at Chapel most Fridays and available for a chat afterwards. Feel free to come and say "Hi." God bless your school holidays!

Pastor Greg

Principal Ponderings

I hope you all had a great Easter and some time to reflect and catch up with family. It was wonderful to head into Easter with the Maundy Thursday chapel service led by our Year 6WM students. They provided us with a very thought-provoking reflection and they did a fantastic job of presenting it.

Casual Clothes Day

We are looking forward to finishing our term with our Casual Clothes Day tomorrow, when students can wear something blue and support people in South Sudan. It has been really pleasing to see the way our students have lived out the school values of love and service as they have got behind our efforts to help Australian Lutheran World Service (ALWS) in providing fishing kits for people in South Sudan as part of the Fish for Freedom program. We are grateful to ALWS for the wonderful work they do in supporting people who are in need and in educating our students about some of these important global issues.

Winter Uniform

Students wear their winter uniform from the start of Term 2. We do allow some flexibility in the first few weeks where students may wear Summer uniform on particularly warm days.

Office hours

During the term break the office is generally closed. We do have staff onsite at times but it is best to phone ahead if you require any assistance.

Term 1 has flown by and there have been a great many highlights. I want to thank our staff, students and families for making it a positive term. I want to wish you a safe and restful holiday break and I look forward to seeing you back for the start of Term 2.

Andrew Boesch
Principal



SPECIAL REPORT: Friendship & Belonging

Learning how to make new friends and keep them involves a number of skills every young person needs to understand and develop. For some these skills will come very naturally, allowing them to easily move between different friendship groups, sharing their experiences and opening up to new people. For others, this can be much harder to navigate.

Positive friendships are an important part of the journey to adulthood. Adult carers can support their child or teenager by providing guidance in the many social and emotional skills required for a healthy relationship. This will help them to obtain, retain and maintain friendships. However, not all friendships are regarded as positive. Sometimes young people develop negative or toxic friendships. Therefore it is also important for them to learn how to identify, avoid or deal with such a friendship.

In this edition of SchoolTV, adult carers can learn how to support their young person's friendship so that they experience a sense of belonging.

Click [here](#) for the full report.

Lost Property

A reminder to check the front office or lost property drawers for any missing items. Any items remaining in Lost Property after the end of term 1 will be donated to charity.



School Life

Assembly

At Tuesday's Assembly, it was Maddy and Miriam's first time running assembly and they did a great job. We sang lots of songs. 5M showed their learning and what they were doing in class around 'matter'. 2M became 'Noise Detectives' and showed how they knew what they were hearing and showed different noises they can do with everyday objects.

Mr Scott presented the swimming team with their certificates for doing their best. They got 2nd out of 12 schools so they were really happy about that! Mr Boesch gave out Achievement Awards.

Written by Jemima, Year 6 Student, St Mark's Scribes

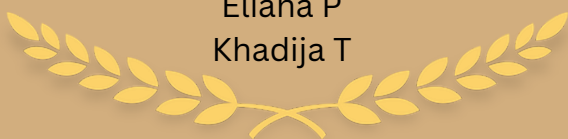


Achievement Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received awards at our Week 11

Assembly:

Marigold E
Madison T
Jessie Z
Eliana P
Khadija T



School Life

Year 2 Investigations

This term, our Year 2 students have been investigating sound and materials in Science. To bring all their learning together, the students took on an exciting design challenge: create their own musical instrument. Using the design process, students planned, built, tested, and refined their creations. They explored how different materials, shapes, and structures can change the sounds an object makes. From shakers and drums to stringed instruments and imaginative hybrids, each design showed creativity, problem-solving, and a growing understanding of how sound works. The classroom was filled with curiosity, teamwork, and plenty of joyful noise as students proudly demonstrated the instruments they had made.



REMINDER

Casual Day

We will be having a casual day tomorrow, 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.

School Life

SAPSASA Athletics

Last week on Tuesday, 30 St Mark's students ventured to Cornerstone College to participate in the BARKER District Athletics. St Mark's students displayed a fantastic attitude throughout the day, and many achieved PB's that were thoroughly deserved. Up to 14 'Barker' schools were present on the day and the St Mark's team finished in third place. Well done to all the students and staff that attended. Parents are reminded to wash and return the St. Mark's polo shirt through the front office prior to Friday Week 11.



Cornerstone College Legacy

Starting from Week 5, Year 12 Cornerstone students have come to St Mark's for a service project they are doing called The Cornerstone College Legacy Project. When they come, they are assigned to year levels so they can help the teachers out with tasks like explaining something to a student or just being an extra helping hand. This shows our school value, service, as these Cornerstone students are being of service to our school.

We asked some Cornerstone students what their favourite part of coming to St Mark's was and this is what they said:

"Having the opportunity to come here and help with the students is just wonderful."

-Henry, Year 12

"The opportunity to help people is great."

-Will, Year 12

Written by Navneeth, Year 6 Student, St Mark's Scribes



Diary

April

- Apr 10 - Closing Chapel - 9am - Pastor Greg
- Apr 10 - Casual Day - Blue theme
- Apr 10 - JAM: Whole School Incursion 1.45pm
- Apr 27 - Term 2 Starts; Opening Chapel 9am

May

- May 6 - Year 2 Excursion
- May 8 - Chapel
- May 12 - Whole School Assembly
- May 13-15 - Year 3 Camp
- May 15 - Chapel
- May 15 - FO Mid Year Playdate

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

From Term 2, you will be able to join us before Chapel for 'Coffee and Chat'.



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.

Interpreters available upon request

For more information or to register visit:
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Saturday 11th 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:

fun! stalls food trucks markets drinks 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 | Arts | Food and Fun
Activities for all ages from 3yrs up

Learn new skills and ideas in the Inspiration Hub.
Hear from motivating speakers and expert advisors including SA's gardening champion Sophie Thomson.

WIN fabulous gardening prizes in our major raffle!
\$7,100 prize pool from generous donors. Buy your tickets online.

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Children's Activities

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 "Bugslugs" 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





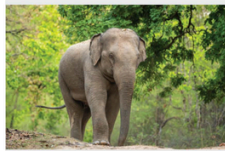
OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE

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
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
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