

**"Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."
And [Jesus] said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."
Luke 23:42-43**

Next week is one of the most important weeks of the church calendar—"Holy Week". Holy Week begins with "Palm Sunday" where we remember Jesus riding into Jerusalem on a donkey. It continues through to "Maundy Thursday" where we remember Jesus' Last Supper, Good Friday when he suffered and died, and then Easter Sunday when he rose from the dead.

When Jesus was crucified, he was nailed to a cross between two rebels. One of them, in all his weakness, his sinfulness, his helplessness, called out to Jesus to save him, not from the death he would soon experience, but from eternal death.

"Remember me"! Not just think about me, Jesus, but do something for me—rescue me, save me, help me. What a wonderful promise that Jesus speaks back to him—"Truly, I say to you"—I promise to you, I want you to be absolutely sure—"today you will be with me in Paradise."

Dear Jesus, I too am a sinner and you know my heart better than I know it myself. And yet, one drop of your blood is more powerful than all the sin in the world. Thank you for suffering and dying for me. Amen.

From the Principal

What a highlight last Friday's sports day was. As I mentioned on the day, it is incredibly rewarding to see our community gathered around and celebrating the efforts of our students.

St Mark's Activities and Requests

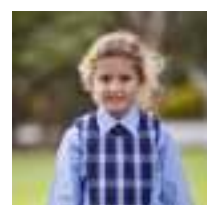
- Our 3SM class will lead our whole school assembly tomorrow. We begin at 9am in our hall.
- Our Year 5 classes head to the Ankara campsite at Walker Flat tomorrow morning for their three day camp. The program has a curriculum focus in the areas of history and geography. I have the pleasure of accompanying them on their camp. We return to school on Friday afternoon.
- Pastor Stephen will lead our whole school chapel on Friday. We begin at 9am in the hall with chapel followed by Coffee and Chat in the library.
- Parent and Teacher meetings will occur over three afternoons on Wednesday 1st, Tuesday 7th and Thursday 9th April. Details on how to book a meeting time with your child's teacher using the online booking system were sent home three weeks ago. *Please note the school day will finish at 3pm on these days. Normal after school supervision will be provided each day.*
- During Week 11 (the last week of this term), whole school chapel will be held on Tuesday 7th April at 9am with Assembly lead by 2L to be held on Friday 10th April.

Sports Day - WOW!

I offer my congratulations to everyone involved with our sports day. It was a wonderful St Mark's community event made possible by:

- Excellent behaviour, attitude, participation and effort from our students, especially the leadership of our house captains.
- Outstanding organisation and management from our staff, especially Mr Scott who coordinated and lead the day. They all played their role so effectively as they always do.
- Our incredible Parents and Friends team who provided the delicious food and drink, ice blocks for the children and raffle during the day. While we saw them here for long hours on the day, I am aware of the many hours of planning, preparation and clean up afterwards that they freely give. Special thanks to Esther Z who once again ran the café all day.
- The fantastic support from you all - our families and friends who came along and cheered our students.

Thank you to everyone for being part of this special event last week.



Mt Barker Show Posters

Congratulations to Harry G and Ruby S who have artwork they completed at school as the backdrop for posters advertising the Mt Barker show.

NAPLAN

Families of Year 3 and 5 students will have received an information notice regarding the annual NAPLAN tests which will be held from Tuesday 12th to Thursday 14th May. Please contact the school office if you have any questions.

Camp Australia Care during our PD Week

Camp Australia is currently seeking expressions of interest for families who may require care for their children during our pupil free week - Monday 29th June to Friday 3rd July. While this is not a definite commitment, it is essential that any families who may need this service on any of the five days, list their interest with Camp Australia.

School Newsletter

From this week, newsletters will be forwarded via email for those families who have indicated this method of delivery. Hard copies will continue to be sent home for remaining families who have indicated their wish for this to occur. If you receive newsletters via email, please remember to contact the office if your email address changes.

James Heyne
Principal

Parents & Friends News

Sports Day

Once again, Sports Day has been a HUGE fundraising success for the P&F. After each event we host, the dedicated P&F Committee review the event and discuss how we can improve it for next time. We have consistently increased our profit from Sports Day for the past six years – which is not an easy feat! This is due to the enthusiasm, new ideas and generosity of the Committee and also the wider school community. As a result, we raised a whopping \$3,300 from Sports Day 2015!

On behalf of the P&F Committee, we would like to thank everyone who baked delicious goodies for our Café or who helped serve at the BBQ stall. An extra special thank you to Esther Z who brewed her fingers to the bone making hot coffee all day. I'm sure all would agree that Esther's presence at the past two sports days has really had a positive impact. Thank you Esther for your very generous and tireless contribution.

And on a final note... thank you to everyone who came along and supported the P&F by purchasing a yiros, coffee, raffle ticket or muffin. Without your support, we would not be able to raise extra money for the school.

Hot Cross Bun Day

If you would like to order a delicious Hot Cross Bun (supplied by Meadows Bakery) on Thursday, 2nd April, please make sure you have sent in your order form no later than this Friday 27th March. Late orders will not be accepted.

Bulbs

Don't forget about our annual Bulb Fundraiser. Please ask your friends, family and neighbours to support this fundraiser (bulbs are a great Mother's Day present) and send your order forms with the correct money into the front office by Thursday, 9th April.

Your P&F Committee - 2015

Music & Drama News

"The Bush Concert" is coming to St Mark's on Tuesday 7th April at 1.45pm. All Foundation to Year 4 students will be treated to this beautiful concert by the Adelaide Symphony Orchestra. Year 5 & 6 band students are also welcome to attend the concert if they wish. The Concert is based on a book written and illustrated by Helga Visser and composed by South Australian Mark Simeon Ferguson. The students have been learning songs and instrumental music as they learn about beat, rhythm, pitch, expression, tempo and instruments through this wonderful story of South Australian birds overcoming drought through the music they make. Parents and younger siblings are welcome to attend the concert which will finish at about 2.45pm.

The School Band is developing as an ensemble and learning many new skills along the way. Mr Peter H, as a member of the Adelaide Symphony Orchestra, will not be available unfortunately for Band rehearsals in Week 10 (Wednesday 1st April) Week 11 (Wednesday 8th April). We will instead see him visit us during the performance of the Bush concert here at St Mark's. This week will therefore be the final Band rehearsal for Term 1.

Thanks for your support,
Narelle Steffan

NetSetGo

'NetSetGO' will be running again this season! The sessions will be on Wednesday, 4.30-5.30pm. The program will run through Term 2, starting in Week 1. It will be for ages 5-7 and the cost will be advised. Places are limited. Please express your interest to Lauren by **Sunday, April 5**. Text 043 883 9123 or email laurenkuchel@hotmail.com I look forward to hearing from you!

Mainly Music Program - St Mark's Lutheran Church

Mainly Music is a fun, interactive music session for parents and caregivers and their young children. Throughout the session, children develop gross and fine motor skills, language, imagination, mathematical and pre-reading skills as well as socialise with others. Children are introduced to music, creativity and more. The music session lasts for 30 minutes and is a fun and rewarding program. Following the session, morning tea is served to both the adults and children. Our first session will be held at the St Mark's Church Hall on Monday 27th April from 9:30-11:00am. The Mainly Music program will be held weekly during school terms and we welcome anyone from the local area to come along and be part of this amazing community. Using Mainly Music, we seek to make Jesus visible – through our lives, through our words, through our actions and through our prayers. We seek to build deliberate friendships with the families who attend. There is a small weekly cost to attend. Enquiries can be directed to the school.

St Marks Playgroup Kyton's Bakery Fundraiser

St Mark's Lutheran Church Playgroup meet weekly in the church hall during school terms on a Thursday from 9-11am. We hold one fundraiser a year to raise funds for resources for our children to enjoy. We would like to ask for your support in this endeavour and can highly recommend the quality bakery goods from Kyton's. Please pick up an order form from the front office. Orders need to be returned to the office by 26th March.



St Marks Lutheran Church
Huge Garage Sale
 Church hall and front carpark
 8.30am March 28th 2015

Redevelopment Fundraiser Garage Sale.

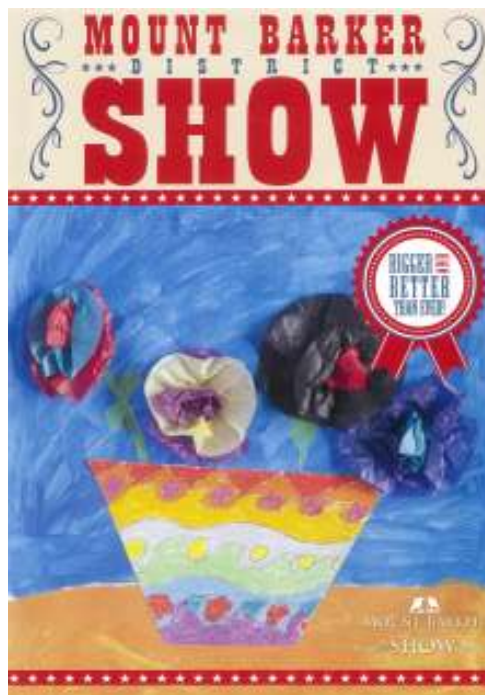
St Mark's are planning a major Redevelopment of the Church buildings. This is the opportunity to 'Spring clean' and help the New Church Buildings become a reality. As well as goods we are also looking for volunteers to set up on the Friday 27th March. We need more people to help, and clean up on Saturday afternoon. This may sound like hard work but many hands make it light and the fellowship we share working together is a Gift from God. Small boxes can be dropped off to store in shed, and larger items can be brought in Friday or Saturday morning. If you need medium sized things (which fit in the back of a car) picked up, please contact the school. '341.

Compassion
 Presents...
PETER SHURLEY
 NEW CD: "CARRY YOU"
Balhannah Uniting Church on Saturday 28th March (8am breakfast, Free Family Concert at 7.30pm, Sunday Service on 29th March at 9.30am Enquiries 8388 4048
 BSG, Colcutt, ITWORKS
 www.petershurley.com.au



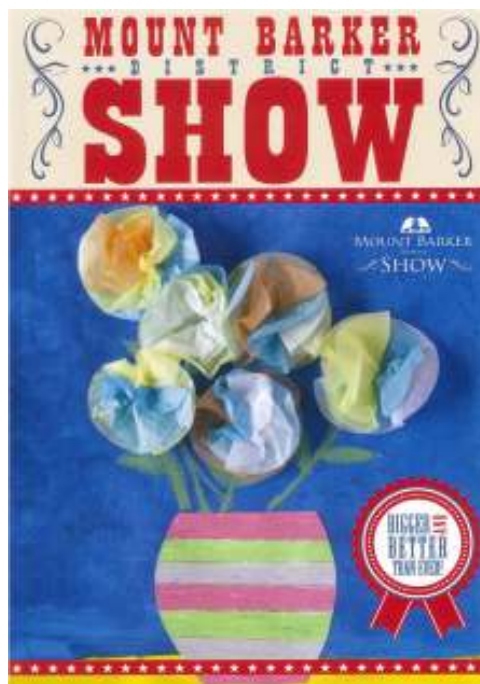
EASTER SERVICES

You are warmly invited to attend our Easter services this year at St Mark's to celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus!
Palm Sunday (29 March): 8.30am, 10.30am. Lord's Supper at both services.
Maundy Thursday (2 April): 7.30pm. Lord's Supper and footwashing.
Good Friday (3 April): 8.30am, 10.30am. (No Lord's Supper).
 *Time for prayer and meditation in the church following services.
 *3pm. Outdoor devotional service for the time of Jesus' death. (See notice below)
Easter Eve (4 April): 8pm. Candlelit Easter Vigil with bonfire (small one!) and Lord's Supper.
Easter Sunday (5 April): 6.30am. Dawn service with Lord's Supper at school amphitheatre. 9:00am. Lord's Supper in the church.



Mt Barker Show
 Saturday 28th March

Art work by Harry G



Art work by Ruby S

St Mark's Parents & Friends
HOT CROSS BUN DAY – 2ND APRIL 2015

On Thursday 2nd April, the Parents and Friends Committee will be serving delicious hot cross buns and fruit boxes for recess.

If you would like to participate in the P&F Hot Cross Bun Day, please complete the following order form and return to the office (with correct money, placed in an envelope or snap lock bag, not sticky taped to the reply slip please) by **Friday, 27th March**, no later.

Hot Cross Buns – Thursday 2nd April 2015

Name: _____ Class: _____

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Fruit Hot X Bun - \$1.50 | <input type="checkbox"/> Fruit BOX (Golden Circle) - \$1.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fruitless Hot X Bun - \$1.50 | <input type="checkbox"/> Butter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chocolate Hot X Bun - \$1.50 | |

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Schuhplattler - Dance Workshop

On Thursday 5th of March, Year 4 and 5 had a dance workshop of a different type. Reinhard Struve immigrated to Australia from Lower Saxony now member of the “Bund der Bayern inc.”, gave the students an introduction to the Schuhplattler dance.



The “Schuhplattler” which is practised in Bavaria and Austria, is a partner dance. Through striking their thighs, knees and soles, clapping their hands and stamping their feet, the men try to impress the women which simultaneously displays the main goal of the dance.

After a first time of shyness, encouraged by Reinhard Struve, one could clearly see that the students enjoyed their immersion into a part of the Bavarian culture. Besides the dancing experience, they also learned about characteristic elements the Bavarian traditions contain. Cracking whips, the national costume and typical Bavarian music portray examples of it.

In summary, one can say that through the workshop, the students were able to collect intercultural experience which will help them to be open in upcoming, unfamiliar situations.

Franziska O & Kristina T



SPORTS DAY 2015



WINNERS!!!!

Barker
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Barker

What a wonderful day full of participation, smiles, enthusiasm and great displays of all sporting abilities. A huge thank you goes to all students who competed, teachers for organising and scoring events, parents and friends for coming along to support the school and the wonderful effort by our P & F. A great result for Barker, this year's winners, but a fantastic effort from all houses.

I'm sure there were a number of tired children (and teachers) on Friday night!

Well done St Mark's on a brilliant community event!

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