



# St Michael's Lutheran School

Term 2 Week 4  
Thursday 26 May 2022

## Devotion



### The Parable of the Mustard Seed

I am a gardener. I haven't always described myself as that, but have realised over time that it is an intrinsic part of who I am. I revel in the hard work of a garden; the digging, pruning and weeding as much as the cultivating.

Jesus used parables to help people understand tricky concepts and often these parables are based in the garden. In Matthew 13, Jesus used a number of parables to help the people understand what the Kingdom of God was like. He knew that the ideas he was sharing were foreign to the people of the time who lived in the belief that to get to heaven, they needed to be particularly pious and follow all of the laws; being without sin. Obviously, by those criteria, it was expected that only a few would actually get to heaven.

Alongside this belief was an expectation that the Messiah was coming to free God's people and expand the kingdom. At the time, the belief was that this would happen through a military uprising. The Messiah would be a great military leader who would overthrow the ruling Roman government.

However, Jesus was not this type of leader. While many people of the time recognised that he was different and special, and certainly sent from God, he was not the political leader they were expecting.

Through parables like the Parable of the Mustard Seed, Jesus was telling the people that God's plan was much different, and much bigger than anything they were expecting. The people were expecting a powerful uprising, but Jesus showed them that God's plan was to plant something small in the world that would grow to be huge. He was showing them that the Kingdom of God was something that was being built over time, not something that would happen through a single battle or single person.

One of the things in gardening that I find tricky is growing plants from seeds. They are fragile and only a percentage of each pack, sprout and grow to maturity. Through the parable of the mustard seed, Jesus demonstrates how a tiny fragile seed (Jesus) can grow into an enormous, sheltering shrub. (God's kingdom).

Jesus was telling people about the nature of God, that he used the small, weak, lowly to demonstrate his power. After all, when the time came to obliterate evil in the world, God sent his fragile baby son.

The Kingdom of God would not be filled with the powerful and pious, but would grow through the weak and lowly. God's plan for the world was not a show of force, but a steady expansion that would one day encompass the whole world.

Terri Taylor  
Principal

## Dates for the Diary

Thursday 26 May

9:30 am Kinderym

Choir Year 4 - 6

Friday 27 May

Reconciliation Week Begins

Monday 30 May

Year 5/6 Girls Knockout Netball

Wednesday 01 June

Reconciliation Week Assembly

Thursday 02 June

9:30 am Kinderym

Choir Year 4 - 6

Friday 03 June

Year 6 HILS Day

Wednesday 08 June

BLC Excursion to Motor Museum

Thursday 09 June

Mid Year Intake Transition Day 1

9:30 am Kinderym

Choir Year 4-6

Friday 10 June

PUPIL FREE DAY

### TERM 2 IMPORTANT DATES

13 June - PUBLIC HOLIDAY

17 June - Mid Year Foundation

Transition Day #2

24 June - Mid Year Foundation

Transition Day #3

24 June - P&F Milk & Cookies Day

27 June - MLC Show Case

29 June - SLC Mini Exhibition

30 June - Year 5/6 Knockout Boys

Football

01 July - LAST DAY OF TERM 2

## Prayers

Please pray for the following school families

Gilbert, Glynn, Gould, Greene, Griffiths, Gross

Mrs Klein & Mr Braun

## Term Dates 2022

### Term 1

Monday 31 January -  
Thursday 14 April

### Term 2

Monday 2 May - Friday 1  
July

### Term 3

Monday 25 July - Friday 30  
September

### Term 4

Monday 17 October -  
Wednesday 14 December

## Office Hours

Monday - Friday  
8:30 am - 4:00 pm

## Road Crossing Monitors

### Term 2 Week 5

AM Holly, Luc, Georgia

PM Sophia M, Lydia, Josh

### Term 2 Week 6

AM Elliot, Patrick, Erin

PM Dylan, Sophie B, Sean



## From the PYP Coordinator



### Be Brave. Make Change.

The 27<sup>th</sup> of May begins Reconciliation Week in Australia. This date commemorates the 1967 Referendum, where 90% of the Australia population voted to recognize Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the national census. It ends on the 3 June, when the Mabo decision ended the concept of “terra nullius” (belonging to no one) and the beginning of recognizing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as Traditional Owners of the Land.

This year’s theme is Be Brave. Make Change. The Reconciliation News Edition 46 published in October 2021 has an amazing layout of [20 Actions for Reconciliation](#) on pages 8 and 9. Twenty different actions are shown through a safer and a braver way to act. For example, one suggestion is to “Create culturally safe places.” The safer option is to discover ways to make your workplace a welcoming and safe place for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. The braver option would be to seek cultural awareness training for your workplace. Our staff have copies of this layout for inspiration.

Version 9.0 of the Australian Curriculum was recently approved. In it, First Nations knowledges and perspectives have been interwoven in the curriculum across disciplines. It is an exciting time in schools as we learn about different mathematical and scientific knowledges of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Starting today and throughout next week, our school will be celebrating the rich culture of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. We will be flying our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags. Our Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) team will be reevaluating the plan we created last year. Two students from our RAP team, helped to revise our Acknowledgement of Country and have created a video to be used at events this year. Our assembly next week will be focused on Reconciliation Week activities. We hope and pray to be brave enough to create a Reconciled Australia.

Darlene Hall

**PYP Coordinator**



## School News

### Mask Mandate in School

From Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May the mandate to wear masks in schools will be lifted across SA. At this time, St Michael's staff will still be wearing masks as we have experienced an increase of COVID cases in the past few weeks. Parents who meet with teachers are asked to wear a mask until further notice.

We will re-evaluate the wearing of masks as the term progresses.

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### COVID Cases at School

Since the start of Term 2 we have seen a steady increase in COVID infection within our school community.

It is imperative that children do not come to school if they are unwell, even if they have recorded a negative RAT or PCR. There have been numerous cases where it has taken a few days for the testing to show a positive result, making it even more important for children to stay home if they are symptomatic.

Symptoms include:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Sore throat
- Shortness of breath
- Fatigue or feeling tired
- Loss of taste or smell
- Runny or blocked nose
- Nausea, vomiting or diarrhoea
- Headache
- Muscle or joint pain
- Loss of appetite

Parents will be asked to collect children if they display any of the above symptoms while at school.

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### DON'T FORGET - Student Free Day - Friday June 10<sup>th</sup>

The School Board have approved a student free day on Friday June 10<sup>th</sup>. This is the Friday of the Queen's Birthday long weekend, providing a 4- day break for students.

Cornerstone College, will also be student free on this date.

**Camp Australia will remain open** for families who need care for their children on June 10<sup>th</sup> and their booking portal will open soon.

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### Uniforms

Winter Uniforms must be worn in Term 2 and 3. The 'changeover' period is now over and all students should be wearing their winter uniform to school. Students are able to wear sport shorts on sport days.

The P&F have sourced a beanie which will become part of the winter uniform options. Once these arrive they will be the only beanie allowed to be worn at school. The beanie can be worn to and from school and during recess and lunch times. Please look out for Beanie order forms coming to you soon.

Students are able to wear a navy blue scarf to school if they wish. Other colours are not acceptable.

The P&F also have a range of second hand uniforms for sale via the front office. Please drop in to see Cassie in the office if you would like to look through the stock.

Please see the uniform policy on the school website for further details or contact the school office.

## School News

### Lost Money

Several amounts of money have recently been found around the school. If you or your child have lost some money in the last couple of weeks, please let us know so we can return it to you. If it is not claimed, we will put it in our school Chapel collection and thank God for your donation!

Thanks!

### Inspiration in the Toilets

Over the past weekend, Mrs Holman has been using her artistic skill to make our Upper Primary toilets a happier place to be. A new coat of paint and some inspirational quotes have been added to the toilets to make each visit just a little more pleasant. While we all need to visit the toilet during the day, we are hoping that the addition of some colour and inspiration will make these visits a little less dreary. Thanks Mrs Holman!



### Community Involvement

This term we are involved in the WonderWhite Bread bag collection to help save the environment. By collecting any type/brand of bread bags we can earn points to go towards sports equipment for our school.

All you have to do is shake out the bread crumbs and bring them into your classroom. We are aiming to collect around 5kg of bread bags. The photo to the right shows Zane & Rhett with bags weighing 200g so quite a few bags are needed to reach our goal!

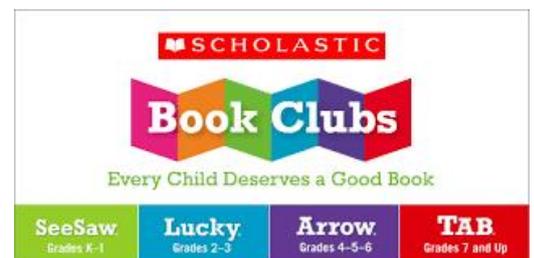


So far we have collected 1kg of bags - keep bringing them in

### Scholastic Book Club Due Dates

Scholastic Book Club catalogues are sent home twice a term. Term 2 orders are due by **9:00 am** on the following dates:

Issue #4      09th June



## Sports News



### Hills and Barker District Cross Country Carnival

On Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> of May, 14 eager students travelled to the Woodside Recreation Grounds to compete in the District Cross Country carnival and to test their running endurance. In good running conditions all students gave their best and pushed themselves to the finish line. Students paced themselves well to be able to run the whole distance without stopping.

Individually, Lukas Machell finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Barker district and Edison Ewing finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Barker district. Both students will now compete in the State Cross Country Champions at Oakbank in Week 6. As a team, the 10-year-old boys placed 2<sup>nd</sup> and the 11-year-old boys placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the Barker district. As a school, St Michael's finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the adjusted trophy. This was a great achievement with the number of runners entered. Congratulations to all students for participating and giving it their best and well done for demonstrating persistence.

Steven Braun  
PE Teacher

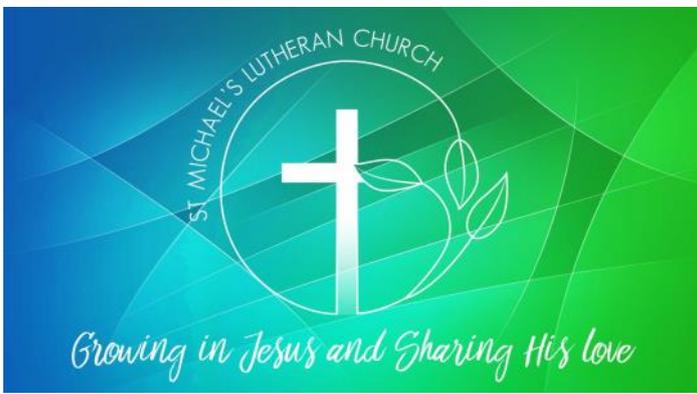


## Student Achievement

Mason from JLC recently received the 'quiet achiever' award at his surf life saving (Seacliff) presentations on Friday 13th of May. One child from across the nipper age groups receives this award.

Well done on your achievement Mason!





## Church Office

Monday—CLOSED

Tuesday—8:30am-4:00pm

Wednesday—9:30am-4:00pm

Thursday—8:30am-4:00pm

Friday—8:30am-4:00pm

Tuesday

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## Wednesday Lunch Orders

If you would like to order from Café 3:16 you can do this by clicking on the link and following the prompts <https://cafe-316-smpls-lunches.square.site/>

\*\*Please note that orders must be in by 3PM on the Tuesday prior. Late orders cannot be met and will be automatically held over until the following week\*\*

# FRIDAY JUNE 3

3:30-5:00pm

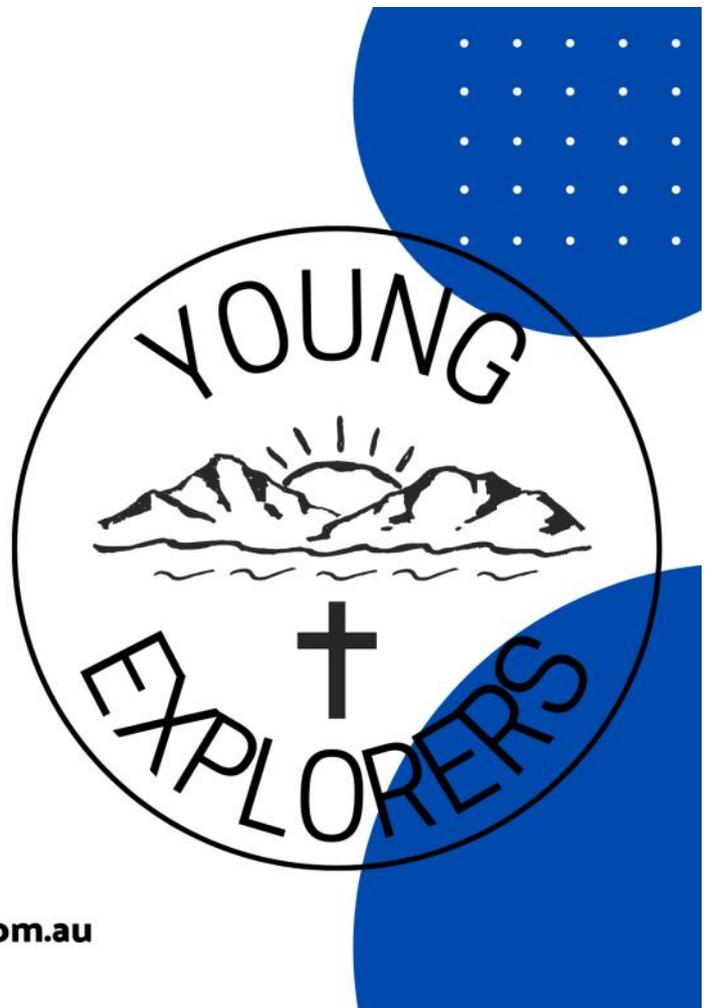
Cost: \$5

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St Michael's Church

Year 2-6

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## Give life. Give blood in Mount Barker.

St Mark's Lutheran Church  
28 June to 1 July



Tuesday 28 June 11:00am – 6:30pm  
Wednesday 29 June 10:00am – 7:00pm  
Thursday 30 June 10:00am – 7:00pm  
Friday 1 July 8:00am – 3:30pm



## JOIN THE ADVENTURE WITH THE BALHANNAH SCOUT GROUP



EVERYONE'S  
WELCOME

**JOEYS**  
5 - 7  
YEAR OLDS

**JOEYS**  
TREASURE HUNT  
MONDAY 30 MAY  
5.45PM - 6.45PM

**CUBS**  
8 - 10  
YEAR OLDS

**CUBS**  
SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS  
MONDAY 30 MAY  
7.00PM - 8.30PM

**SCOUTS**  
11 - 14  
YEAR OLDS

**SCOUTS**  
TRANGIA MASTERCHEF  
THURSDAY 2 JUNE  
7.00PM - 9.00PM

Balhannah Scout Group invite you to come and try nights for Joeys, Cubs and Scouts.

Come alone or bring a friend and join the adventure at the Balhannah Scout Hall, 9 Pye Road, Balhannah

Scouts SA is part of a global movement with a common purpose to contribute to the development of young people by helping them learn and grow, and to play a constructive role in a global society. The purpose of the Scout Movement is to contribute to the education of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, emotional, social and spiritual potentials as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities

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