

😊 School Values 😊

**Respect
Responsibility
Cooperation
Encouragement
Integrity**

📖 Diary Dates 📖

Week 2

Tuesday 6 May

- SAPSASA Cross Country



Thursday 8 May

- 8:00am Sports Committee Meeting

Friday 9 May

- Finance Meeting TBA

Week 3

NAPLAN Year 3, 5 and 7

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

Catch up day Friday

Tuesday 13 May

- 7:00pm Governing Council Meeting

Wednesday 14 May

- Netball Matches start

Friday 16 May

- 9:00am Assembly Room 6 and 5B
- Newsletter

Saturday 17 May

- School Pride Day

Principal's Messages

Welcome back to all families of St Leonards. I hope your children had a wonderful holiday and are ready for a busy Term 2. Please refer to the term calendar that came home in the last newsletter to keep track of the many planned learning and social experiences including Sports Day, ICAS and NAPLAN tests, SAPSASA sports, visiting performers, assemblies and disco.

ANZAC Ceremony

On the first day back, I was extremely impressed with the attitude and behaviour of students during the ANZAC Ceremony. We watched a very moving historic film clip in the hall followed by a student assembly held in front of the 'Lest We Forget' sculpture. SRC representatives from each class laid wreaths and students showed their respect during the minute's silence. Well done to Jassimar S, Sammi H, Nick W and Dom P for explaining the significance of ANZAC Day and a huge thank you to Lesley Blyth for organising this special event.



School Pride Day

We need you!

Can you spare an hour or two to assist with some jobs around the school yard? The Grounds Committee would love some help on the oval on Saturday 17 May in preparation for Sports Day. Thank you for supporting your school.



New Faces

We have some new students joining us who have come from other districts and interstate. Welcome to Emma D and Ethan D in Room 6, Bridie I, Erin J and Ryan C in Room 3 and Andy S in Room 8. We are sure you will enjoy your time in our school.

Sports Day

A reminder that our Sports Day is on Friday 23 May on the oval starting at 9:00am. As in previous years, if inclement weather, including heavy rain is forecast, Sports Day will be postponed to the following week. Parents will be notified by Wednesday afternoon via the SMS message system if this is necessary. Fingers crossed that the weather will be kind to us!



Linda Richardson, Principal

From the Deputy

Learning to Read

We all recognise the importance of learning to read in the Primary years of schooling. At St Leonards we aim to provide a balanced reading program with systematic and explicit instruction. While this looks different in each classroom depending on the ages and developmental needs of the students, there are whole school plans and priorities in place. Our Literacy Professional Learning Team develops and oversees our Action Plan with the priority for 2014 being the establishment of year level literacy agreements.



Staff Professional Learning

Over the first two weeks of this term staff have been working with Margaret Menner, a Literacy consultant who works with schools and education systems in Australia, Asia and the U.S. She has run two after school workshops to ensure that every student at our school receives high quality reading instruction. Teachers have been working with Margaret to set up classrooms for guided reading and implementing strategies for the explicit teaching of reading. In many classrooms you have probably already seen students working in groups during Guided Reading lessons.

Reading Support Teacher

Judy Ireland is our school's Reading Support Teacher. She is released from her Reception class half a day each week to support Early Years staff with the teaching of reading. We are fortunate to have someone with her skills and experience as she also runs state-wide training in Running Records for staff from other schools.



Reading Levels

At St Leonards we track the progress of every student through running records. Class teachers are trained to administer these individual tests. Your child's running record level then matches them to the right level of reader, provides information about their strengths and weaknesses and helps teachers to group

children to provide targeted class instruction. Children move through the levels at their own rate up to level 30, when they are considered to be independent readers.

Parent/Caregiver Involvement

Listening to your child read each night, reading to them and sharing the pleasure of reading are all important factors in learning to read. We plan to hold a Parent Reading Workshop to talk with you about how you can support your child to read and the reading process. Watch out for details in upcoming newsletters.

Angela Elkin, Deputy Principal

Year 7 High School Forms

Please return completed forms to the Front Office no later than Friday 23 May.



Please also include any applications for the Australian Science and Mathematics School. If you are applying to a High School using the sibling rule, please ensure that you attach a photocopy of the attending siblings student ID card with the application. Please ensure that you provide written documentation for any applications to a High School other than your zoned school.

Mel Worden, Enrolment Officer

Scholastic Book Club

Please note that orders are due by Friday 9 May. Please make sure you write your child's name and classroom number on the order forms and return them by the due date.



Mel Worden, SSO

Canteen News

Welcome back. Check out the extras on the menu for this term. There are specials for each day.



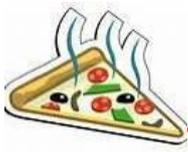
Deryl Huish, Canteen Manager

Thank You

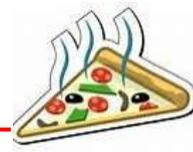
During the holidays members of the Grounds Committee; Gen and Wayne levelled the cricket nets area and worked on the Native Garden.

Thank you to Phil and Ashley from Team Civil who donated a truck and bobcat to use on the day.





Pizza Day in Room 5A



The students of Rm 5A enjoyed creating their pizza master pieces. They made the dough and topped them as well.



Thank you to all the parent volunteers who helped on the day. Everyone had a wonderful time and learned about maths and procedures



Sports Day

Buffalo

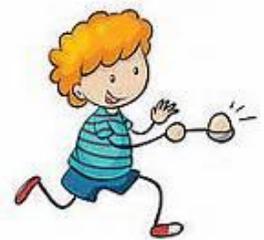
Friday 23 May 2014

Holdfast

On the Oval

9:00am

A day of Fun and Fitness



Patawalonga

Saints

Jess' Corner

Perseverance

What is perseverance?
Remember Aesops Fable the Tortoise and the Hare? Here is how it goes:



There once was a speedy Hare who bragged about how fast he could run. Tired of hearing him boast, the slow Tortoise challenged him to a race. All the animals in the forest gathered to watch.

Hare ran down the road for a while and then paused to rest. He looked back at Tortoise and cried out "How do you expect to win this race when you are going at your slow, slow pace?"

Hare stretched himself out alongside the road and fell asleep thinking there was plenty of time to relax. Tortoise walked and walked. He never ever stopped until he came to the finish line. The animals who were watching cheered so loudly for Tortoise that they woke up Hare.

Hare stretched and yawned and began to run again, but it was too late. Tortoise was over the line already. After that, Hare always reminded himself, "Don't brag about your lightning pace, for slow and steady won the race!"

So stick with a task, work on it, stay committed no matter how long it takes, finish what you start, solve a problem and be a winner.

"Just don't give up trying to do what you really want to do. Where there's love and inspiration I don't think you can go wrong."
Ella Fitzgerald

Blessings
Jess, CPCW

Kelly Sports Amazing Autumn Sports Program at St Leonards Primary

- Football
- Soccer
- Netball
- Basketball

'Life Long Love of Sports'

The Amazing Autumn Sports Program allows your child to experience a fun, energetic and highly active multi-sport program over 8 lively weeks.

Our modified sports games provide lots of fun while skills are being developed

When: Tuesdays from 6 May 2014 (meet on the school oval). Program concludes 24 June 2014

Time: 3:25 pm - 4:25 pm **Year Levels:** R - 2

Cost: \$80

Contact: Ian Barnes on 0439063916
or register online

www.kellysports.com.au/zone/adelaidemetrosouth



Art/Craft Group at St Leonards



Wednesday nights
of school term in the Art Room
6:00pm til 8:45pm

Ideal chance to work on those half-done projects like; knitting, scrapbooking, mosaic, watercolour, leatherwork, sewing, painting, metal sculptures, sorting photos or start a new project.

Come for a free cuppa and a chat.

We are often involved in projects for the school too.

Only \$5 a week.



Enquiries: genevieve67@adam.com.au

Student Leadership and Year 7 Photos

The following group photos can be viewed and payment envelopes are available from the Front Office:

- House Captains
- Library Monitors
- Performing Arts Leaders
- Safe Buddies
- Tech Team
- Canteen Champions
- School Ambassadors
- Handy Helpers
- Year 7 Graduates and Mess up



Orders need to be in by Friday 16 May, 2014.

Crunch and Sip

Eggplant

Varieties: Eggplants come in many different shapes and colours. You can get purple, white, lavender, red striped or pea.



What do eggplants look like? Most eggplants are teardrop shaped, with deep purple glossy skin. Inside, the flesh is white and contains many small, edible seeds.

What do eggplants taste like? Eggplants taste a little like mild zucchini, but more bitter. It picks up the flavours of whatever is cooked with it.

How do I eat eggplants? Eggplants taste yummy when they are grilled with some herbs. You can also stuff and bake them, steam them, fry them or use them to make dips like baba ghanouj.

Nutrition bites: The skins of eggplants have lots of anthocyanins, and it also has fibre and small amounts of vitamins A, C and the B group vitamins.

Fun Fact! In ancient Europe, eggplants were called 'mad apples' and were believed to cause insanity.