

Last Day of Term 3

Friday 26 September, 2014

Early Dismissal 2:05pm

OSHC available.

Vacation Care programs can be picked up from OSHC.



We would like to wish everyone a safe and restful holiday break.

We look forward to seeing you refreshed and ready for learning when school resumes on

Monday 13 October, 2014.

😊 School Values 😊

**Respect
Responsibility
Cooperation
Encouragement
Integrity**

Principal's Messages

Research shows that there are many benefits of music in schools, including boosting students' confidence and self-esteem, together with improving their learning capabilities. Over the last few weeks we have seen this in action, with the wonderful musical presentations of the very talented St Leonards music students.

Music Night

Last Friday evening, over forty students participated in the annual Music Night and delighted the audience with their renditions of classical and contemporary pieces on keyboard and guitar. We are very fortunate to have Music Teachers Liz Willis and Ian Blake to help develop their practical skills and their love of music. Well done everyone!

Festival of Music

On Tuesday, eighteen students performed on stage at the Festival Theatre. Students were selected to perform with students from other schools across the State. They sounded fantastic and it is a credit to them for their persistence in learning the words of all the songs and the choreographed arm movements. It was also a great for children to see other music opportunities, including the outstanding work of Brighton Secondary School Big Band.

Many hours went into preparing for the Festival and a huge thank you to Jenny Hyrciuk for yet another fabulous year of training Choristers for this prestigious public education event.

Maths Professional Development

During the last Pupil Free Day, staff attended a Maths professional development day with Tierney Kennedy and the Brighton Primary School staff. We looked at ways of developing student problem solving skills and diagnosing gaps in maths understanding. Persistence is always a key to learning and as a follow up from the Pupil Free Day, I am providing a 'Monday Mad Maths Problem' for students to solve.

📖 Diary Dates 📖

Week 10



Tuesday 23 September

- 2:00pm Choir Concert in the Hall

Friday 26 September

- 9:00am Assembly in the Hall, Rooms 2 and 7 presenting.
- 2:05pm early dismissal. Last day of Term 3

Week 1 Term 4

Monday 13 October

- First day of Term 4



NAPLAN Results

Year 3, 5 and 7 NAPLAN results will be sent home via the classroom boxes.

Tuesday 23 September.

These are taken from a variety of sources, including NAPLAN, that often involves problems that are unfamiliar and take a step by step process. Please find attached a few examples for you to have a go if you wish.

2015 Planning

Just a last reminder to parents to let us know if your child will not be attending St Leonards next year. Requests in relation to class placements are also due by next Friday.

Welcomes and Farewells

We welcome Finlay H to Room 9 and hope he enjoys being a part of St Leonards.

We would like to wish Heidi Bevan all the best as she goes on maternity leave before the birth of her baby and welcome Kirsty Wirth, a PE specialist teacher who will be taking over in Term 4.



Linda Richardson

Student Awards

The pictured students below received recognition from teachers based on our school values of Integrity, Cooperation, Encouragement, Respect and Responsibility at last week's Student Assembly.



Integrity

Lilly C, Phan Y, Donte W-P, Amelia H, Piper E.

Cooperation

Kelsey R, Jayden M, Thomas D, Phoenix E-M, Sam D, Clarissa W, Lilli, M, Maryrose B-K, Dom P, Liam M, Lachlan S, Jordan S.

Responsibility

Travis F.

Personal Achievement

William B, Hayley L, Jasmin R, Isla J.

Encouragement

Willow L, Kyle G, Emma D, Jordan B, Anthony C, Leah S.

From the Deputy

We all know that education is important but some of the skills needed for success mightn't be what you think. We focus on literacy and numeracy, science, the arts and other learning areas but research suggests that the most successful kids aren't necessarily the ones that 'know stuff'.



The biggest predictor of success has been found to be a child's 'self-efficacy'. This means their ability to manage themselves and 'self-direct'. At school we see these students being able to manage time, be organised, show the ability to think and work independently, prioritise, show persistence, follow things through, set goals and visualise the end point.

This is worth keeping in mind when you are trying to help your child with their learning at home. Instead of giving them the answer to a question, try brainstorming some options about how they could solve the problem themselves and guide them to make choices, make mistakes and keep trying. This will not only develop their skills in being self-directed but also boost their self-esteem. Remember - it is not what you can do *for* your child, but what you *teach* your child to do for themselves.

ICAS Maths Competition

Huge congratulations to Jassimar Singh who was the top-performing student in South Australia and the Northern Territory in the 2014 ICAS Maths competition run by the University of NSW. Jassimar will receive a medal for this wonderful distinction.



Moon Lantern Festival

We are excited to be involved in the Moon Lantern Festival being held next Wednesday, September 24. This is a community event involving kindys and schools in the Holdfast partnership. Families are invited to attend and buy a lantern from the Front Office. Please note that children will remain with their families and not be supervised by school staff. There are more details on page 4 of this newsletter.

Angela Elkin

School Ambassador News

Cupcake Day

The Year 6/7 cupcake day was a huge success with \$250 raised. The money will be going towards the Middle School area upgrades. We would like to thank everyone who donated cupcakes to be sold on the day.



Kelsey R and Sian J

Fundraising News

Caltex has given us the opportunity hold a fundraising BBQ at their ANZAC Highway store for their One Year Anniversary. They are supplying the bread, gas and marquee. We will need to provide a BBQ, sausages and helpers.

When: Saturday 11 October

Time: 10:00am - 12:00pm

Where: Caltex ANZAC Highway

Please contact Genevieve by phone 0428 889 806 or email genevieve67@adam.com.au if you are able to help on the day.



Sports News

Term 4 School Tee Ball

St Leonards is looking for Tee Ball players to play in the upcoming season on Saturday mornings at Glenelg Baseball Club. Teams are structured according to year level, from Reception to Year 5. Students in these year levels received an expression of interest note this week and there are also spares in the sports notice rack outside the Front Office.



We will only be entering teams that have enough players and a parent volunteer coach. All volunteers must be police checked through the school. The cut-off date for nominations is next Wednesday 24 September.

A parent volunteer, Renee Scott has offered to coach one team and oversee the communication to other parent coaches. You don't need to have any knowledge of the game to coach. It is a fun and family friendly Saturday morning sport with a focus on participation. Please see Renee or Ms Bevan (before she goes on leave at the end of this term) if you have any questions.

Heidi Bevan, PE

Music Night

The Music Night was fun for all. Special thanks to all the parents and children who came. The performers played beautifully and I am sure everybody wanted more, even after the night had finished.



Let's not forget this night would not have been possible without Sarah Dingle, Liz Willis, Ian Blake and the Performing Arts leaders Anna, Darcy, Zara, Mitchell and Kienan.

Jassimar S

'Monday Mad Maths Problems'

See if you can solve these NAPLAN problems...

On which of these spinners is the arrow most likely to land on black?

Why?

Year 3

Luke starts with this paper rectangle.

Year 5

He cuts the rectangle in half as shown and places one half over the other to make a new shape.

What is the perimeter of Luke's new shape?

centimetres

This drawing shows how a 3-piece sculpture is made from a large cube.

Step 1: A medium cube is cut from a large cube.

Step 2: A small cube is cut from the medium cube.

Year 7

What is the total number of faces of the three pieces after Step 2, including the bases?

Lost Property

The lost property cupboard is once again overflowing with lost jackets, jumpers, lunch bags/boxes and drink bottles.



With the end of term fast approaching please spare a moment to have a look and collect anything that may have been misplaced throughout the term.

Kelly Peterson, SSO

Want to Play Cricket

Keswick Cricket Club is looking for U11 and U13 players. Games are played at Immanuel College on Sunday mornings. Fees are approximately \$50 which includes a hat and a shirt. Please contact Mark Brake if you are interested on 0419 815 438.



SEASONS FOR GROWTH

Grief and Loss Program



Change and loss are issues that affect us all at some stage in our lives. At St Leonard's we recognise that when changes occur in families through death, separation, divorce or related circumstances, young people may benefit from learning how to manage these changes effectively.

In Term 4, 2014 I will be offering a small group education program called "Seasons for Growth" based upon social support and providing young people with skills to effectively cope with emotions and feelings associated with grief and loss.

The program focuses on self-esteem, managing feelings, and problem-solving, decision-making, effective communication and support networks.

A parent information sheet will be sent home shortly detailing further information on the program, and alternatively you may contact me to discuss for further details.

Jess, CPCW

Jess Henlev CPSW

Moon Lantern Festival



The Holdfast Partnership

Brighton Secondary School, Brighton,
Glenelg, Paringa Park, St Leonards and
Warradale Primary Schools, Baden Pattinson, Ballara
Park, Dover Gardens, Dunbar Terrace, Oaklands
Estate, Seacliff Community,
Somerton Park and Warradale Kindergartens

**Invite you to participate in the
Moon Lantern Festival
Wednesday 24 September
6:00pm for a 6:30pm start**

Meet at Wattle Reserve, Wattle Ave, Hove – where students will light up their lanterns and walk to the Brighton Jetty, lighting up the night.

Donate \$4 to receive a lantern from your school. Funds raised are supporting the construction of a kindergarten in Cambodia built with the help of Brighton Secondary students.

**For further information contact your school on
8294 9811 or Brighton Secondary on 8375 8200**

Parent/caregivers are required to accompany primary and kindergarten students.

Children's University

What a fabulous start to Children's University we've had at SLPS! Congratulations to all students who have voluntarily participated in extra-curricular activities. Workshops this term have included; Hip Hop Dancing, Cup Stacking, Amazing 3D Bugs, Disco Dancing, Indoor Soccer, Dinosaur Craft, Lego Club, Hydraulics and Gardening.

The award-winning model of Children's University, originally from the UK, is well established and recognised as being effective in enhancing academic achievement and increasing ambition. The concept is relatively simple: it offers superior educational experiences for children outside school and recognises their achievements through the award of formal certificates.

We are thrilled to be involved in this trial and pride ourselves on SLPS leading the learning once again in SA. Many thanks to all the volunteers who have helped make this term such a success.

Natalie Baggio, CU Coordinator SLPS

