

**End of Year
Early Dismissal 1:05pm**

OSHC Available

Please contact
Connie or Steve on 8294 1990



**Wishing everyone
a safe and happy
holiday break**

**Term 1 starts
27 January 2015**



School Values

**Respect
Responsibility
Cooperation
Encouragement
Integrity**

Principal's Messages

Term 4 has been a whirlwind of exciting learning experiences for us and looking back over the year we have had many successes that continue to make St Leonards the fabulous school that it is.

Staffing Update:

This is an exciting yet sad time of year as we welcome and farewell staff, as we know that they are our greatest assets. Congratulations to the following:

- Angela Elkin who has won an Assistant Principal's position at Burnside Primary School for 2015-2020.
- Dave Henty-Smith, Deputy Principal of Aldinga Beach Primary School, previously from Brighton Primary School has won this position for the next five years.
- Sarah Dingle has been appointed at Goodwood Primary School in 2015
- Kareena Savva has been appointed at St Leonards for 2015 (Drama)
- Ellen Barr has been appointed at St Leonards for 2015 (Junior Primary)
- Stevo Jurkovic has been appointed at St Leonards for 2015 (Primary)
- Jenny's Hryciuk will be on Long Service Leave during Term 1 and will be replaced by Music Teacher Liz Willis.
- Kirsty Wirth, Ceceila Flinn and Curtis Eyles are still awaiting news.

The following permanent appointments have also been made to St Leonards:

- Sarah Knott from Burnside specialising in Upper Primary.
- Shelley Sayers from Elizabeth North specialising in Junior Primary.
- Di Hannagan from Paringa Park, specialising in Special Education/ Counselling

Magy Elgindi, who after providing 13 years of excellent service at St Leonards has decided to retire. We will miss her friendly face at the Front Office and the support she provides to everyone on a daily basis. Thank you Magy.

On behalf of staff, parents and students, I would like to thank and acknowledge the outstanding work of staff that are moving on due to career opportunities or family reasons, and wish them all the best for the future.

A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all families.

Linda Richardson

Diary Dates

Term 1 2015

Week 1

Monday 26 January
Public Holiday – Australia Day

Tuesday 27 January

- Back to School
- 9:00am Tears and Tissues – new parent meeting in the Library.

Friday 30 January

- Newsletter

Vacation Care

Our December/January program has been sent home. We will be closed from Thursday 25 December, 2014 and reopen Monday 5 January, 2015.

Please contact us on 8294 1990 to secure your bookings to avoid disappointment. We look forward to seeing you in the school holidays



OSHC staff

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From the Deputy

As 2014 comes to a close I would like to offer some reflections.



The teaching and learning programs at St Leonards are outstanding, largely due to the dedicated, professional and caring staff. Children here are supported in their own personal growth within and without the classroom.

St Leonards students have unique opportunities available to them through programs which include: Children's University, after school sport, Jess' wellbeing programs, Lego Club, Dance Club, excursions, school banking, Mylor Camp, School Ambassadors, Beach Volleyball, SAPSAASA sports, a fantastic OSHC service, crystal investigations, student-led assemblies, Safe Buddies, nature play areas and Canteen Champions, just to name a few. The wonderful parent support makes an enormous difference and is greatly appreciated. It is a joy to work with our students who are responsive and keen to learn.

In 2015 I am moving to Burnside Primary School to take up an Assistant Principal position. This is due to family reasons and the opportunity for further study. I thank all staff, students and parents that I have worked with this year and wish you well. My personal and professional thanks go to Linda Richardson, who is a gifted leader. I have loved my time here at such a dynamic, high-achieving and friendly school.

I wish my successor, Dave Henty-Smith, every success in his new role. I've let him know how lucky he is to be appointed to St Leonards and he brings a wealth of skills and talent to the position. Happy Holidays.

Angela Elkin

Class Structures for 2015



Since the beginning of this term, we have looked at numerous class configurations based on the 347 predicted enrolments incorporating 13 classes.

Below is the model selected, after carefully balancing gender, behaviour and learning needs:

1. Year 6/7 class – 25 students
2. Year 6/7 class – 24 students
3. Year 4/5 class – 29 students
4. Year 4/5 class – 29 students
5. Year 3/4 class – 29 students
6. Year 3/4 class – 29 students
7. Year 1/2 class – 26 students
8. Year 1/2 class – 25 students
9. Year 1/2 class – 25 students
10. Year 1/2 class – 25 students
11. Reception/Year 1 – 26 students
12. Reception/Year 1 – 26 students
13. Reception/Year 1 – 25 students

Information will be coming home separately about your child's teacher and class. We have also provided some reading on "Multi-Age Classes or Straight Year Levels?" to explain why schools have composite classes.

Finance

The Governing Council approved the 2015 Materials & Services Charges of \$325 (an increase of \$5.00 from 2014) at the meeting held on Tuesday 2 December, 2014. Parents will be invoiced in the first week of Term 1 2015 for the approved fees. An early bird discount of 5% will be given for fees paid before the end of the third week of Term 1 2015, Friday 13 February. Further information will be provided next year regarding the results of the Parent Poll for the 2015 Materials & Services Charges.

The Governing Council also reviewed the Excursion/Incursion Levy and agreed to continue the levy in 2015. Where classes have unused 2014 levy monies, a credit will be placed on the system for parents and applied against next year's levy. Parents will also be invoiced in the first week of Term 1 2015 for the levy.

Victoria Sierros, Finance Officer

Children's University

We have had a wonderful inaugural year and the children have loved taking part in the fantastic workshops that were provided by volunteers and staff.



If you would like to run a workshop in 2015 please fill out the form that went home with the last newsletter or contact Natalie Baggio via email at Natalie.Baggio780@schools.sa.edu.au

A form went home last Friday about the Summer Holiday Challenge; keep an eye out while on school break for items on the list. How many can you get done?

Natalie Baggio, Children's University Coordinator

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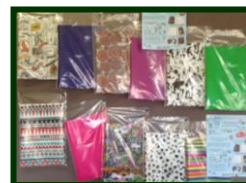
This year the SRC raised \$300 for the "Swags for the Homeless" appeal. This was an initiative which originally came from the Junior Primary SRC group who were concerned about people who had no homes to live in. The swags provide shelter and safety for homeless people around Australia.

<http://swags.org.au/>

Graeme Smith, Wellbeing Coordinator

Book Covers

Re-usable book covers are \$1.20 each and 10 cents from every cover goes to SLPS. There are 11 designs to choose from. They are available for purchase from the Uniform Shop in Week 9 and again next year. Save time – Save money – Save the Planet! For more information visit EZcover.net.au



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by Swags for Homeless



Year 7 Graduation

Congratulations to **all** our Year 7 students for their achievements during their time at St Leonards.

Hollie B	Zara B
Shannon D	Lily-Rose D
Indiana E	Connor G
Antonia G	Mae G
Jack H	Sian J
Anna Maria J	Gemma K
Rachel L	Arlen L
Sarah M	Jett P
Kelsey R	Dev S
Dina S	Jordan S
Jassimar S	Emma T
Caprice W	Nicholas W
Donte W-P	Phan Y
Matviy Z	



Jett, Donte and Sian absent

The award winners were

- Kelsey R and Jassimar S - Hindmarsh Shield
- Connor G - Community Service Award
- Anna Marie J - Academic Award



Tree Planting



A lovely new mandarin tree was planted by a group of Year 7 students to commemorate the 2014 graduating class.

*Rachel L,
Zara B,
Kelsey R
and
Arlen L
pictured*

Jess' Corner

Well here we are one day until the end of Term 4, 2014. It has been a very full, busy year with a lot of highs and a few lows. I would like to say what a pleasure it has been to be at St Leonards this year and I would also like to take this opportunity to say a massive thank you to all the parents, staff and students who have helped out in all ways, shapes and forms. I could not have done it without all your help.

I would like to wish all the Year 7 students of 2014 all the best for the next part of their journeys. To the families who are not coming back in 2015, we will miss you and we hope that wherever your path is taking you that it will be filled with joy and love.



I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and New Year and that 2015 will be more amazing than 2014. If you need to get in contact with me over the holiday please send an email. Jess.henley904@schools.sa.edu.au

Blessings, Jess (CPCW)



Thank You



To all the people who have offered their help at our school this year, in whatever capacity, large or small, we extend our heartfelt thanks and gratitude to you.

We look forward to an ongoing association with you in 2015.

Christmas Cooking with Room 5A



Room 5A was lucky enough to have lots of helpers when we made Christmas truffles. The children had lots of fun measuring, mixing and creating the delicious treats. They were then wrapped and taken home as gifts for family and friends.

Our helpers had lots of fun too!

Reminder

**Canteen closed
Friday 12 December**

No lunch orders or counter sales

A big thank you to our Canteen Helpers, students and parents/caregivers who have assisted us on many busy days; to the Front Office staff who have lent a hand in Canteen Admin Duties and all of the school community support: ordering lunches, recess snacks, special lunches, sports day etc. Farewell to the staff and students who will not be here next year. We hope you all have a great holiday break and a very Merry Christmas.

**Best Wishes
Katrina and Deryl Canteen Managers.**



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We will be visiting your daughter's school early in 2015
and you are welcome to attend.

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