

School Values

**Respect
Responsibility
Cooperation
Encouragement
Integrity**

Diary Dates

Week 2

Tuesday 3 February

- Little Athletics

Week 3

Tuesday 10 February

- 8:30am – 9:30am School Banking
New Account Opening Session
- 6:15pm Acquaintance Night
- 7:30pm Governing Council AGM in the
Library
- Little Athletics

Friday 13 February

- Newsletter

Reminder



Please return signed
Permission Forms and
Student Information Data Form to the Office
as soon as possible.

As the Office can get quite crowded at drop-off and pick-up times, parents are asked to use the door closest to their child's class. Thank you for your cooperation.

School Card 2015

If you wish to apply for School Card in 2015 please collect a form from the Office. School Card applications need to be renewed yearly. For further information please see Victoria Sierros, Finance Officer.

From the Leadership

Welcome back everyone! We hope all families had a wonderful break and are ready for an exciting and productive year.

Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) Success

During the holidays, our OSHC was very busy with often over 50 children attending per day. It is not surprising with the wonderful programs, incursions and excursions that are on offer. This high level of service has been recognised by the Education and Early Childhood Services Registration and Standards Board of South Australia. During this rigorous assessment process OSHC services need to meet seven standard areas. We have great pleasure in announcing that St Leonards OSHC passed with flying colours and was rated as 'exceeding' the National Quality Standard in three areas namely:

- Physical Environment
- Relationships with children
- Staffing arrangements

Thank you and on behalf of parents, staff and students, we would publically like to congratulate Connie, Steve and all the staff for their outstanding work.

New faces

We warmly welcome seven new staff members and 66 new students to the St Leonards school community.

Reception: Mason S, Olivia A, Jacob A, Sofia G, Aariz F, Anika A, Abbey B, Ruby B, Michael B, Faith C, Joanna B, Charley C, Xavier C, Aelita D, Sab D, Cooper I, Riley F, Max F, Zack H, Scarlett H, Kara M, Carissa I, Haya B, Liam J, Jayda J, Summer J, Connor M, Amelia L, Dexter L, Lily K, Winter L, Jess L, Cameron M, Jessica M, Jackson M, Jakob R, Luke R, Amber R, Monique T-S, Jack B, Sarah S, Lukas S, Willow G, Dolcie S-U, Emily V, Oscar G, Micah W, Calin W, Dakota W, Jackson W, Jayden W.

Year 1: Mischa W

Year 2: Joshua H, Marcus T

Year 3: London F, Sienna M, Samara W

Year 4: Alexia V

Year 5: Jazmine K, Tom W

Year 6: Heath G, Zack G, Bonnie T

We hope you enjoy reading about our new staff and look forward to introducing them at our Acquaintance Night, which will be held on Tuesday, 10 February starting at 6:15 pm in the Library. A separate flyer will be coming home next week.

Governing Council AGM

We will be holding the Governing Council AGM at 7:30 pm in the Library on Tuesday, 10 February, following the Acquaintance Night. We encourage all parents to attend and have your input in the future direction of St Leonards and urge you to consider being part of the Governing Council or one of the many sub-committees. Please complete the attached nomination form if interested and return via the Office.

Linda Richardson, Principal

Dave Henty-Smith, Deputy Principal

New Staff



Back: Sarah Knott, Stevo Jurkovic, Dave Henty-Smith
Front: Liz Willis, Di Hannagan, Ellen Barr, Shelley Sayers

Dave Henty-Smith, Deputy Principal

Hello there. My name is Dave Henty-Smith and I have been appointed as Deputy Principal at St Leonards Primary for the next five years. I am really looking forward to working here and getting to know the students, staff and parent community. I have been impressed at the schools' growing reputation throughout the Holdfast Partnership.

So here's a little bit about me. I am married to Jules (a JP teacher at Glenelg Primary) and have two sensational children, Josh who is 20, studying at Flinders University and Millie 16 who is currently in Year 11 at Brighton Secondary. I have lived in Somerton Park for the past 15 years. I enjoy a range of pastimes including going to the beach, travelling, surfing, cycling, golf and generally trying to keep fit.

During my professional career I have worked in a variety of positions, including country stints in the Mid-North and South-East of the state. Recently I have been Assistant Principal at Brighton Primary School, Regional Curriculum Consultant in the Southern Adelaide area and for the past two years, Deputy Principal at Aldinga Beach B-7 School. I am passionate about student learning and ensuring each student at St Leonards has the opportunity to achieve their very best. Please pop in and introduce yourself. I'm really looking forward to my time here.

Stevo Jurkovic, Room 3 Year 3/4

My name is Stevo Jurkovic and I will be the Year 3/4 teacher in Room 3 this year. This will be my fourth year of teaching and I am excited to be given the opportunity to become a part of the St Leonards community. One of my many interests is soccer and it is through soccer coaching that I developed my passion for teaching. I believe that teachers are important role models in students' lives and as such I try to practise living a positive and healthy lifestyle in order to lead by example. I look forward to the fun, excitement and challenges that this year will bring!

Ellen Barr, Room 8 Year 1/2

I am really thrilled to be part of the staff and community at St Leonards this year. I will be co-sharing with Jane, teaching our Year 1/2 class every Thursday and Friday. In addition, I will be working in Dennis' class every Tuesday morning.

I feel strongly about engaging students in their learning and sharing my love and value of inclusive and lifelong learning with them. I am from Ireland but have lived in Australia for the past 11 years. I have two sons, aged five and three who keep me extremely busy. In my spare time (which is a rare event) I enjoy cooking, travelling and 'pinning' (I'm obsessed with Pinterest).

Liz Willis, Music

Some of you know me already as I have been teaching keyboard/piano privately at St Leonards for the last six years. I am lucky to be returning to the classroom part-time this term, teaching Junior Primary Music (R-2) and Choir (5 - 7). I am replacing Jenny Hryciuk who is on Long Service Leave during Term 1. My classroom days will be Thursday and Friday.

Fortunately, I am still able to commit to keyboard teaching as well, so Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday will be my keyboard days. I am very excited about being able to teach music, privately and in the classroom as well, and look forward to getting to know more children and families around the school.

Shelley Sayers, Room 5A Year 1/2

Hi there, my name is Shelley Sayers and I'm very happy to be joining the staff and community of St Leonards this year. I've heard wonderful feedback about the school and from my experience so far the staff, students and families I have met have all been so welcoming and positive.

I have been teaching for thirteen years now beginning in the Yorke Peninsula for two years, teaching and nannying in the UK and USA for a year, relief teaching and short term placements in the northern suburbs and finally at Elizabeth North PS where I have been for the last seven years. I love seeing students' progress and feel successful within themselves. I really look forward to meeting you all and working with your children this year.

Sarah Knott, Room 11 Year 6/7

Hi, my name is Sarah Knott and I am extremely excited to be working at St Leonards in a Year 6/7 class this year. I have previously taught Year 6 at Burnside Primary School and before that I was a secondary teacher at numerous country schools throughout South Australia. I feel that this knowledge of secondary schooling will be beneficial for my Year 6/7 class in developing their readiness for high school.

My philosophy in teaching and learning is to:

- Assist students in becoming independent and powerful learners.
- Foster a wonderful learning environment in which students feel safe.
- Ensure students are engaged and motivated with course content.
- Encourage students to achieve their personal best.

Di Hannagan, Special Education, EALD and Counselling

Hello, I am Dianne Hannagan and have been appointed to St Leonards. I am married with two adult children, 22 and 25 years old. I have had many roles in education including the classroom Reception to Year 7, counsellor, student support, Aboriginal education and Deputy. All this experience will enhance my role at St Leonards.

I will be working with students supporting them educationally. I will work with students who have English as their second language (EALD) and I also have a counsellor role to help with the social and emotional development of children. I am situated in the library and would welcome any parents or caregivers who would like to meet with me. I am looking forward to my time at St Leonards and to working with the St Leonards community.

Materials and Services Charge 2015 Parent Poll

Thank you to all parents who responded to the polling letter and returned their voting slips by Wednesday, 17 December 2014. 41 families responded and the results are as follows:

- 35 agreed
- 6 disagreed

Therefore, as per DECD requirements, due to the majority of families who responded voting in favour of the higher amount, the Materials and Services charge of \$325 will become the legally recoverable amount in the event of non-payment.

Victoria Sierros, Finance Officer

PE News



Term 1 School T-Ball

St Leonards is looking for T-Ball players to play in the upcoming season on Saturday mornings starting 14 February. Teams are structured according to year level, from years

Reception to Year 5.

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 Wednesday, 11 February.

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.

If you are interested in playing or coaching or have any questions please see Kirsty Wirth or email Kirsty.Wirth601@schools.edu.au or call Renee Scott on 0413 330 362.

SLPS at the BUPA Mini Support Tea – Team Presentation Evening

On Saturday 17 January, six lucky students from St Leonards Primary school participated in the BUPA Mini Support Tea - Team Presentation Evening. The Presentation Evening is the event launch night for the BUPA Tour Down Under 2015. Lukas K, Harry F, Azrya H, Lachlan J, Kai M and Lachlan T attended the evening and were responsible for holding the Pro-cyclists bikes on stage whilst the Pro riders were presented to the community for the Tour Down Under Race.



Our students met many of the international cyclists back stage including Cadel Evans and were very excited to be part of an international sporting event. Azrya was particularly excited when she had her photo taken with the band Sheppard. Thank you also to all the parents for your assistance on the night; it was a wonderful and exciting occasion.

Kirsty Wirth, PE

Swimming



R-5 classes will be attending swimming lessons in Week 6, Monday, 2 – Friday, 6 March. Please read the information provided by your child's class teacher for lesson times, etc when they come home. **Please note that the canteen will be open at recess and lunch for the week but there will be no lunch orders.**

Please ensure that all medication and health care plans are up to date. We are unable to use medication past its expiry date, so please make sure that the school has the correct medication and health care plans. We are unable to let a child go swimming if these requirements aren't met.

More information will be provided closer to the day.

Dave Henty-Smith, Deputy Principal

Jess' Corner



Hi everyone, I hope you all had a great holiday and you feel refreshed for the year ahead. This being the first newsletter for the year, I thought I would re-introduce myself to all the new families that are joining us at St Leonards. For all the older families this could possibly be the fifth time you have read this same article. My name is Jess Henley and this year there has been one small change to my title. I am no longer your Christian Pastoral Support Worker (CPSW), I am now your Pastoral Care Worker. I am looking forward to getting to know more of you and the students again this year. I will be working at St Leonards every Tuesday and half a day on Thursday.

My role is to:

- Pastorally support the school in its aim to be a safe and supportive learning environment. I will contribute through involvement in a range of activities such as excursions, lunchtime groups, and can provide support to individual students with the consent of their parent/caregiver.
- Link families to community resources and services by providing information about support and services provided through community groups, including church groups.

I do not promote nor discriminate on the grounds of any particular ideology, but work to enable a supportive, inclusive and caring learning environment within the school for all students. Feel free to come in and chat with me anytime. I would love to get to know you and your family.

Blessings, Jess (PCW)

School Banking

The Commonwealth Bank will be holding a New Account Opening session on Tuesday, 10 February from 8:30–9:30am in the quadrangle.



The School Banking program encourages good savings habits by rewarding students with a token for every deposit. For every 10 deposits they can redeem tokens for awesome reward items.

Canteen News

Here are some important requests to help the Canteen run smoothly. Put the name and room number on the bottom of your order, written clearly on a paper lunch bag with the correct money please. Canteen lunch bags are available, 10 for \$1.00, or you may purchase your own plain bags.



Please have lunch and recess orders either brought into the canteen or placed in the class baskets to be in the Canteen before 10:00am to allow time for preparation of food.

Feel free to come in and say hello. Please ask if you are not sure of something, we are happy to help. We are also looking for volunteers to help in the canteen. If you are interested please pop in. All volunteers need a current DECD police check; forms can be picked up from the Front Office.

Canteen Managers, Katrina and Deryl

Book Covers

Re-usable book covers are \$1.20 each. 10 cents from every cover goes to SLPS. There are 11 designs to choose from and come in A4 and Scrapbook size. They are available for purchase from the Uniform Shop.



Library

Scholastic Book Club



Please note that orders are due by Friday, 6 February. Please make sure you write your child's name and classroom number on the order forms and return them by the due date.

Book Covering Volunteers Needed

As new resources come into the library there is often a lot of book covering needed before they can be put on the shelves for borrowing.

We have had some wonderful parent volunteers over the years who have kindly covered books and we are once again asking for parent help. Please see Kelly or Mel in the Office if you are able to assist in any way.



Library Staff

What is Crunch&Sip??

Crunch&Sip* is a break in class for students to refuel with fruit or vegetables and rehydrate with water

Make sure your son or daughter has fruit or vegetables and a small bottle of water for Crunch&Sip* each day!



Instrumental Music

The **Instrumental Music Service** invites **Year 5** students who would like to learn a musical instrument in 2015 to attend an:

INFORMATION SESSION

Brighton Secondary School



Wednesday, February 4 (Week 2),
9:00 – 10:00am

OR

Wednesday, February 11 (Week 3),
9:00 – 10:00am



Parents and prospective students are welcome.
The instruments that will be offered in 2015 are:

**Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone, Tuba
Electric Bass and Percussion.**

For more information or to register your interest please email Sue Asser (Hub Coordinator) at Sue.Asser329@schools.sa.edu.au or text to mobile- 0400 570 089. Please include name, Year level, school and contact details.

Beachfront hub continuing students

Continuing students will start in week 2,
Band for everyone, 8:00–9:00am.



Government of South Australia
Department for Education and
Child Development

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC SERVICE – SOUTH
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Private Guitar/Voice/Keyboard Lessons

Private Guitar/Voice (Ian Blake) and Keyboard (Liz Willis) lessons will continue in 2015. There are some vacancies in Guitar/Voice available for Term 1. The Keyboard program is full at the moment; however, you can place your child on Liz's waiting list.



If your child would like to participate in lessons, please complete the form below and return to the Office. Ian Blake (Guitar and Voice teacher) will contact you to confirm lessons.

Lessons are 30 minutes once a week, on a rotating roster. The cost is \$27 per individual lesson and \$15 per paired lesson. Other costs will involve an administration fee of \$6, lesson and/or theory books.



Guitar/Voice/Keyboard Lessons Term 1, 2015 Please return to the Office

Parents' Name: _____

Mobile Phone: _____

Email: _____

Child's Name: _____ Room _____

Guitar Voice Keyboard (waiting list)

Individual Paired