

## School Values

**Respect  
Responsibility  
Cooperation  
Encouragement  
Integrity**

## From the Leadership

### Acquaintance Night

It was great to see so many parents attend Acquaintance Night to meet their child's teachers and establish positive relationships. As partners in your child's education, we hope to keep the communication channels open so that together we can get the best from your child and make 'every minute count' in their learning. We hope you received the relevant information as well as class newsletters, overviews and weekly timetables.

This year staff are working in year level teams to ensure greater consistency between classes, as well as providing children with the opportunity of working with other classes in their year levels throughout the year. If however, you were unable to attend, teachers can email you the information.

### Governing Council Annual General Meeting

During the AGM, we reflected on the many successes of 2014 and would like to acknowledge the hard work of last year's Governing Council members. Their teamwork has brought about many positive outcomes for the families of St Leonards. We acknowledge the work of the retiring members and a special thank you to Kim Buckley who has made a fabulous contribution over the past six and a half years, demonstrating excellent leadership skills in the position of chairperson.

### Congratulations to the new 2015 Governing Council:

Belinda Tredwell (Chairperson)  
Leanne Denneny (Vice Chair)  
Heather Pronk (Treasurer)  
Paula Lowe (Secretary)  
Hayden Schwarz (Staff Representative)  
Current members include, Lisa Miles, Brooke Higgins, Gen deJong, Lei Huang, Barbara Inglis, Rebecca Freeman, Janelle Yarwood and Michelle White.

Members represent parents at Governing Council meetings and lead or participate in at least one sub-committee.

Please feel free to contact a Governing Council Member if you would like ideas presented at the next meeting or would like clarification of items or policies discussed.

### Parent Class Representative

St Leonards prides itself on its welcoming environment and the involvement of our school community. To foster our sense of community further we are looking at having two class representatives in each class to act as liaisons between the school and parents. Shortly you will be receiving a note outlining the roles and responsibilities as well as asking for volunteers. Members of our staff and Governing Council will also be out looking for people with an interest. We would love to have you on board.

## Diary Dates

### Week 4

#### Friday, 20 February

- 9:00am Assembly in the Hall – Room 1 and Room 4

### Week 5

#### Monday, 23 February

- 1:15 – 3:00pm Alpha Show – Cinderella

#### Wednesday, 25 February

- Scouts visit

#### Friday, 27 February

- Newsletter

## Important Reminders

### Consent Forms

Students who have not returned their 2015 consent form have been issued another one, please complete and return to Mel in the Office next week.

### Change of Detail Forms

All outstanding change of details forms need to be returned to the Office as soon as possible as it is essential to have correct contact details.

### Cinderella Performance

Please return consent forms with payment by Thursday, 19 February.

### Swimming

Please return consent forms with payment by Thursday, 26 February.

## Volunteers

We are always looking for more volunteers to help out at the school, whether it is in the classroom, in the canteen or on a committee. It is a requirement that all volunteers have a police clearance before commencing work and forms can be obtained from the Office. DECD will only accept DCSI clearances.

**Linda Richardson and Dave Henty-Smith**

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## Performing Arts at SLPS

Liz, Dave and I are very excited to be working with students in the area of Music, Media and Drama this year. I just wanted to touch base with our SLPS families and let you know we have had a great start this year and are seeing so much enthusiasm and creativity in our classes.



We would also like to keep you regularly updated with performances and events in the community to extend your children's experiences in the performing arts.

Matty Grey is a children's comedian and is performing his show, 'Age-less 2: Game On!' at the Fringe 14 February - 1 March 2015. Check out the website below for details:

<http://www.adelaidefringe.com.au/fringetix/age-less-2-game-on/b818b822-05f7-41c9-af51-2eaa8539aa76>

**Kareena Savva, Drama Teacher**

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## PE News

Henley High School is extending an invitation to interested Year 5, 6 and 7 students to attend a 32 Draw Tennis Invitational being held Monday, 16 March from 9:00am at the Seaside Tennis Club, Henley Beach. Please see your class teacher for more information.

**Kirsty Wirth, PE**



## School Netball 2015

St Leonards has been competing very successfully in the South West District School Netball competition for several years now. After - School - Sport is a fun way to engage children in a team sport that is inclusive and caters for all skill mixes from 8 years old to Year 7s. It is run by parents on a volunteer basis and therefore cannot continue without parents willing to be part of the volunteering team.

At this point I am looking for expressions of interest from willing parents to be part of the after - school netball to assist with organising teams, helping with administration, coaching and umpiring. If you are able and willing to help out please contact me via email and I will organise a preliminary meeting. The season generally runs mid Term 2 to mid - Term 3. Volunteers must hold a current DCSI Police check.

**Leanne Denny, Netball Coordinator**  
Email : [leannejd@iprimus.com.au](mailto:leannejd@iprimus.com.au)

## Reception – Year 5 Swimming Monday 2 – Friday 6 March

Swimming notes went home last week; please return them with payment as soon as possible.

Please remember to send your child with:

- Suitable bathers
- A dry towel
- Goggles (optional)
- A plastic bag to put wet clothes in
- Thongs or sandals to wear on the bus
- Water in an unbreakable container (ie plastic bottle)



Long hair should be tied (no metal hair clips or hair bands)

You will have been notified by Mel if your child's plan/medication needs updating. Students with out-of-date plans or medication **will not** be able to swim.

All volunteers including parent helpers need to have a current DCSI police check.



Please note that Marion Swimming Centre does not allow photography during lessons.

## Fundraising

### St Leonards Pavers

Commemorative pavers are a great way to be part of St Leonards School history. Order forms went out to families in Term 4 last year. Spare order forms are available from the Office.



*Example only*

There are several different styles to choose from. Please place orders no later than Friday 20, February. Thank you on behalf of the Fundraising committee.

## High School Special Entry Programs

Year 7 students wishing to apply for special entry programs to their preferred high school are advised to check secondary school websites. The websites will have information regarding those programs and submission cut off dates.



**Canteen will be  
closed during swim  
week**

## Jess' Corner

Well here we are at the end of Week 3 already. How did that happen? I read the following a long time ago and stumbled over it again recently.



*All I needed to know about life I learnt at kindergarten. All I really need to know about how to live and what to do and how to be, I learnt in kindergarten. These are the things I learnt. Share everything. Play fair. Don't hit people. Put things back where you found them. Clean up your own mess. Don't take things that aren't yours. Say sorry when you hurt somebody. Wash your hands before you eat. Flush. Warm cookies and cold milk are good for you.*

*Live a balanced life – learn some and think some and draw and paint and sing and dance and play and work every day some. Take a nap every afternoon. When you go out into the world, watch out for traffic, hold hands, and stick together. Remember the little seed in the plastic cup: the roots go down and the plant goes up and nobody really knows how or why, but we are all like that.*

Everything you need to know is in there somewhere. The Golden Rule, love and basic sanitation. Politics and equality and sane living.

Take any one of these items and describe it in adult terms and apply it to your family life or your work or your government or your world and it holds true and clear and firm. Think what a better world it would be if we all – the whole world – had cookies and milk about three o'clock every afternoon and then lay down with our blankies for a nap, or if all governments had as basic policy to always put things

back where they found them and to clean up their own mess. And it is still true, no matter how old you are – when you go out into the world, it is best to hold hands and stick together.

**Blessings, Jess (PCW)**

## Check out the student work displayed throughout the school



Room 4



Room 6



Room 5B

## Children's University



We are very excited to be a part of 'Children's University' Australia once again in 2015. With new staff, our CU Team now consists of Natalie Baggio, Linda Richardson, Dave Henty-Smith, Kareena Saava, Sonya Winter, Graeme Smith and Stevo Jurkovic, with the admin support of Mel and Kelly. I personally thank these staff members for volunteering their time, energy and skills. I'm sure it will be an amazing year!

This year, Children's Uni will be offered to all students in Years 3, 4 and 5. A detailed note went home in Rooms 1, 2, 3 and 6 on Acquaintance Night last Tuesday, outlining exactly what the partnership between SLPS and the University of Adelaide is, as well as a call out for parent help.

Please have a think about helping with running of a workshop for our students. It is such a rewarding and inspiring experience. Workshops can be held during recess, lunch or after school. We have over 65 students who are now eager to experience some out of school learning, in order for them to achieve their graduation, so we really need some parent, grandparent or family help.

One that note, could ALL CU passport holders please hand their passports in to me for updating and stamping from 2014 Term 4 workshops ASAP. These hours go toward your graduation, so it is important that they are accurate and up to date. Passports for new participants are available now for purchase at the front office at \$29 per student (one off payment).

I am looking forward to seeing some new faces being a part of this innovative project. Please feel free to email me with any other information you may require; nataliebaggio780@schools.sa.edu.au. Similarly, CU Australia has an excellent Facebook page that you may wish to 'like', which gives you detailed daily updates to verified learning destinations for your child in Years 3, 4 or 5.



## Crunch and Sip

### Nectarines

**Varieties:** there are many varieties of nectarines, but they can be classified into yellow or white fleshed. Common varieties include Swazee, Artic Sweet, Snow Queen, Firebrite, Fantasia, August Glo, Mayglo, Rose Diamond, August Red, Sunwright, Sundowner, Sunblaze, Artic Rose, Artic Snow, and Flaming Red.



**What do nectarines look like?** Nectarines are a smooth, glossy fruit. They have red and yellow or red and white skins, and are rather pretty looking. Inside, they have firm yellow or white flesh and a stone in the centre, which is not eaten.

**What do nectarines taste like?** Nectarines taste sweet, juicy and quite like a peach. They can be a little more tart, and can range from firm to soft in texture.

**How do I eat a nectarine?** Nectarines are a delicious fruit that can be eaten raw or cooked. Munch on a raw nectarine for a sweet snack, or poach, stew, bake or grill nectarines for a tasty dessert. Nectarines go nicely with strawberries, peaches and pineapples in kebabs. Nectarines also make an interesting combination with chicken or other meat.

**Nutrition bites:** Nectarines contain vitamin C, fibre and vitamin B3

**Fun Fact!** It is not uncommon for a nectarine to grow on a peach tree or a peach to grow on a nectarine tree!

## Changes to Adelaide Metro Public Transport Across Metropolitan Adelaide



On 25 January, 2015 the Department for Planning, Transport and Infrastructure and the three bus service providers made changes to Adelaide Metro public transport services in the metropolitan area.

Some dedicated and regular bus services have been affected. Therefore it is important that students obtain information regarding these changes from the Adelaide Metro website at [www.adelaidemetro.com.au](http://www.adelaidemetro.com.au)



Information is available via the Adelaide Metro InfoLine 1300 311 108 and at the Adelaide Railway Station, North Terrace which is open seven days a week.

## Postponed Cyber Bullying Presentation

Due to staffing changes at the ACMA, they have requested that The Cyber Safety event in Week 6 be rescheduled for later in the year. A note will be sent home when a revised date becomes available.



# Sports Day T Shirts

## Buffalo



## Patawalonga

Sports Day t shirt order forms will be sent home in the coming weeks. Samples can be viewed in the uniform shop Tuesday mornings or Thursday afternoons.

Sports Day will be held in Term 2. If you are unsure of your child's House for Sports Day please speak to your child's teacher.

## Holdfast



## Saints