

Diary Dates

Week 8 Multicultural Week



Tuesday, 17 March

- 7:30pm Governing Council

Thursday, 19 March

- Beach Volleyball

Friday, 20 March

- Harmony Day
- 9:00am Assembly Rooms 11 and 8
- 9:45am RAN Training in the Library

Week 9

Tuesday, 24 March

- School Photo Day

Friday, 27 March

- Newsletter

From the Leadership

Swimming Week

Reception to Year 5 children enjoyed a week of swimming lessons at the State Aquatic Centre last week. They thoroughly enjoyed the lessons and the Instructors helped students to develop their practical skills and their water safety knowledge.

Student Leadership

Our School Ambassadors, Codi M, Isabella B and Sam W and SRC Leaders, Ty W and Danielle G, attended the Leadership Conference at the Convention Centre last week to hear a number of inspiring famous speakers.



It has been pleasing to see the School Ambassadors displaying their leadership qualities as demonstrated during 'Student Messages'. They presented a number of Student Awards as well as sharing the leadership by encouraging other students to present songs, plays and poems centred around the school values.

There are many additional student leadership positions available for children including Library Monitors, Canteen Champions, Handy Helpers, Safe Buddies, ICT Tech Team, Performing Arts and House Captains.

Thank you to Graeme Smith for his coordination of this important part of student learning and development.

SRC

The new Student Representative Council has now been elected by their peers. Congratulations to the following students:

SRC Term 1 and 2

Stephanie T and Anna T	Rm 1
Lily M and Aiden W	Rm 2
Gabi B and Hudson W-A	Rm 3
Willow L and Lilli M	Rm 4
Jade O and Cameron M	Rm 5A
Riley A and Lila P	Rm 5B
Marney R and Isaac P	Rm 6
Class taking it in turns	Rm 7
Sophie F and Marcus T	Rm 8
Marlee F and Kanvarveer J	Rm 9
Bailey A and Gia C	Rm 10
Ruby P and Zack G	Rm 11
Izabella L and Travis F	Rm 12



RAN Training

Responding to Abuse and Neglect Training for Volunteers.



Friday, 20 March
9:45am – 10:45am
in the Library

Please return the tear off slip from the flyer that went home earlier in the week to the Office.

ICAS 2015

The 2015 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) entry forms have been sent home. Copies are available and can be collected from the Office or the notices rack if you wish your child to participate.



Forms need to be returned,
with payment by Wednesday, 1 April

Parent Teacher Interviews

What can you do to help your child achieve at school? Being involved, communicating regularly, taking an interest in and supporting school learning all contribute to great outcomes for kids.



Parent teacher interviews will be held in Week 10, March 30 - April 1 and Week 11, April 7 – April 9. They provide an opportunity for you to find out how your child is going at school and discuss with your child's teacher how you can support their learning. You will receive a note about times early next week and you will be asked to nominate three times that suit you and your family and return the note as soon as possible to secure your preferred time.



The teachers are highly organised and the meetings tightly scheduled to make the most of this time with you. You may like to think about how you can maximise this opportunity. Perhaps ask your child if there are any issues they would like you to raise, ask questions

and be prepared to ask for clarification, share helpful information about your child's circumstances, provide positive feedback and have examples of specific issues or areas of concern.

Teachers really appreciate knowing about specific questions you may have, so please write these in the space provided on the note so that the teacher can make sure that there is time to answer your questions and be prepared with the information you are seeking. Children like the security of knowing that the adults in their life are working together to support them to be happy and achieving their personal best.

Linda Richardson and Dave Henty-Smith

Students Messages

The following students received recognition from their teachers for showing the school values of Cooperation, Responsibility, Encouragement, Respect and Integrity as well as Personal Achievement.



Ruba L, Riley A, Mohammed A, Grace F, Noah P, Elly B, Ethan T, Izabella L, Darcy C, Logan H, Stephanie T, Kayla F, Mason H, Mason R, Jaida E, Haya B, Jayden L, Olive C, Lyla A, Eva W, Cui Shan X, Phoenix E-M, Aiden W and Emily V.

Children's University

Workshops will begin in Week 8. Year 3, 4 and 5 students can sign up for workshops that may interest them by adding their name to the sign-up sheets in the Library.



Students who participated in 2014 need to hand their passports to me as soon as possible so that I can update details.

Natalie Baggio, CU Coordinator

School Photo Day



Tuesday, 24 March

Pick up family photo envelopes from the Office. These need to be returned to Mel with payment prior to Photo Day.

For class and individual photos please ensure your child is in correct uniform and has their photo envelope and payment with them on the day.

Parent Class Representatives



We have had a very positive response from parents/caregivers but we would love to cover every class room. We are still looking for interested parents/caregivers from Rooms 2, 3, 4, 5A, 6, 8, 11 and 12.

The purpose of the Parent Class Representative (PCR) is to help foster good communication in the school and to assist in the development of school 'community'.

The organisation of get-togethers with the families of the class means that parents get to know one another. This climate of trust has a positive effect on the students and their schooling and creates a supportive school community. This unity enhances the quality of relationships within the school between teachers, parents and the children.

There are two parent class representatives per class and they can share out tasks according to their personal interests. Parent class representatives are important links for information and representation purposes, as well as contact points for parents.

They can help organise social events for parents and / or children eg: activities out of school hours. This provides an opportunity for families to meet each other etc. This can be done at least once each term and could include: Mum's Dinner/Drinks, Dad's Dinner/Drinks, Parent dinner / drinks, Family Picnics or BBQ's, park play after school or group sport perhaps



If you are interested in becoming a Parent Class Representative, please return the tear off slip. We will then organise a meeting with all our parent reps.

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Class Parent Representative

Please return to Mr Henty-Smith via the Office

Yes, I am interested in being a Class Parent Representative for Room _____

Name: _____

Child's name: _____

Harmony Day

Australia celebrates Harmony Day every year on March 21. It is a national day that provides us with an opportunity to celebrate our successes as a culturally diverse society, re-commit ourselves to harmony and say "no" to racism. It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone.



During this week classes will be looking at the wide variety of different cultures, special days and celebrations. The students will be considering how these relate to our society today. To celebrate Harmony Day at St Leonards Primary School all students are invited to wear cultural dress or accessorise their uniform with something orange.

Friday, 20 March

A whole of school picnic lunch will be held on the oval; please have your child bring a lunch that reflects their cultural heritage or a lunch that represents a country of their choice. Perhaps include a surprise samosa, some fried rice, German sausage or a slice of pizza!

A Harmony Day themed school assembly will also be held on the Friday morning and students will share some of the activities they have been involved in during the week.

Do you have a story to share?

We extend an open invitation to parents and family members of students to share information on their culture or share their migration story with their child's class. Please contact your child's class teacher should you wish to participate.

Graeme Smith, Wellbeing Coordinator

Welcome

My name is Ebony Grigg and I am a qualified primary teacher. I love working with children and love seeing the moment when a student understands a concept they have not understood before.



I will mostly be working in middle primary classrooms alongside students who need extra support with their English due to English being an additional language spoken at home. I love reading and you will often find me in the children's book section of a shop or library.

I hope to be able to instill a love of written and spoken English into the students I work with and inspire them to love reading through my love for it and look forward to working alongside their teachers to help support the students in the best way possible. Feel free to approach me and ask any questions you may have if you see me around the school.

Ebony Grigg, SSO

Vacation Care

The vacation care program has gone home. If you are interested in using the service please complete and return the booking sheet to OSHC as soon as possible.

For more information please contact Connie or Steve on 8294 1990.



Premier's Reading Challenge

Information for Parents

The Premier's Reading Challenge is a literacy engagement program that was introduced by the Premier in 2004 to encourage students to read more books and enjoy reading and to improve literacy levels. The Challenge requires students to read 12 books between the beginning of the school year and early September.



How can you find out about the Challenge?

All information about the Premier's Reading Challenge can be found at: www.prc.sa.edu.au

Who can participate?

All students from Reception to Year 12 are encouraged to participate.

Public Libraries

Public libraries strongly support the Challenge. Students are encouraged to use public libraries to borrow books they would like to read (including e-books). The Challenge website can be accessed from computers at public libraries.

What can students read?

Students can read a combination of books from the Challenge booklists and books of their own choosing. The book lists are available on the Premier's Reading Challenge website. Reception to Year 7 students select at least eight books from the booklists on the Premier's Reading Challenge website and four books of their own choice.

Awards - the 'Olympics of reading' and beyond...

Students who complete the Challenge receive awards from the Premier for their achievements.

Awards for completing the Challenge are:

Certificate – first year
Bronze medal – second year
Silver medal – third year
Gold medal – fourth year
Champion medal – fifth year
Legend medal – sixth year
Hall of Fame medal – seventh year
Reader for Life – eighth year
Reader for Life bronze – ninth year
Reader for Life silver – tenth year
Reader for Life gold – eleventh year
Reader for Life champion – twelfth year
Reader for Life legend – thirteenth year
Reader for Life hall of fame – fourteenth year



School Banking

In a School Banking first, students who make 25 or more School Banking deposits in 2015 will automatically receive one entry into the competition draw to win a family trip to California's Disneyland. The prize includes return airfares, five nights accommodation, transfers and three days park entry for up to two adults and two children, plus AUD\$2000 spending money. For more information, visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking



Our School Banking day is Tuesday.

Uniform Shop

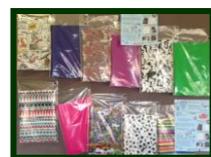
Just a reminder that the pictured dress and skirt are our school uniform. The green and white check dresses and netball skirts have been phased out. We would appreciate your cooperation in ensuring your children are in correct uniform.



Did you know the uniform shop offer a lay-by service? See our friendly volunteers for more information. We also have a range of second clothing in various sizes. We are open Tuesday mornings and Thursday afternoons.



Re-usable and recyclable A4 and scrapbook size book covers are still available in the uniform shop for just \$1.20 each.



Fundraising News

Pavers

We have extended the 'Pavers' fundraiser, so you have time to design and put your orders in. Any queries please contact Gen via email. [Email: genevieve67@adam.com.au](mailto:genevieve67@adam.com.au)



Kytons

Have you returned your Kytons orders and money? If not, please dig those forms out, hand them around to friends, family and work colleagues and help us to fundraise for St Leonards Primary School.



If you have misplaced your order form, or would like additional forms, please pick up a spare one from outside the Office. Order forms and money are due to be returned by Monday, 23 March.

Caltex Sausage Sizzle

Do you fancy yourself as a 'grill master'? Do you love a good sausage sizzle? Could you spare an hour or so of your time to help out at the Caltex BBQ on Saturday, 28 March? If so, we'd love to hear from you. Set up is at 9:00am with the sausage sizzle running 10:00am – 2:00pm. A flyer went home last week that can be filled in and returned or contact Amanda Morris on 0413 584 156 with your availability.



Easter Raffle

We will be holding an Easter Raffle that will be drawn on Wednesday, 1 April. Boxes will be placed in each class for Easter Egg donations. Please have donations in by Monday, 30 March.

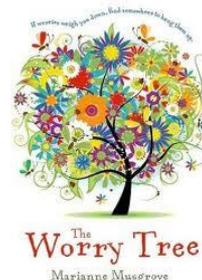


Raffle tickets have been sent home to families. If you require extra books they can be picked up from the Office. Please return money and any unused raffle tickets to the Office by Monday, 30 March.

On behalf of the Fundraising Committee we thank you for your support.

Jess' Corner

By now you may have noticed that there is something happening to the fence next to the canteen. Over the past two terms Rooms 2 and 6 have been reading the book 'The Worry Tree' by Marianne Musgrove. I have been using this book in my role for many years along with a lot of other worry resources.



Worry is one of the biggest issues that I deal with in my role. This is a beautiful story, which helps children with their own worries. Over the coming weeks and months you will see the Worry Tree appear on the fence. I will introduce all the characters that live on the worry tree and what worries they help with. If you would like to borrow the book I have a few copies in my office that you are welcome to borrow. There will also be a place where students, teachers and parents can post their worries to each of the animals. Below is the blurb from the back of the book.

"Juliet was amazed that such a tree had existed in her house all these year: a tree so secret she'd never, ever known about it. Until now, Juliet has a lot to worry about: her irritating little sister Oaf messing with her stuff, her parents fighting over Dad's junk, Nana getting old, her two friends fighting over who gets to be Juliet's BEST friend, horrible Hugh Allen the class bully... but under the wallpaper in her new bedroom, Juliet discovers a painting that might just hold the secret to coping with all the worries that are weighing her down." 'Marianne Musgrove' Massive thank you to everyone at Wednesday night art group who have helped make the tree and put it up. I couldn't have achieved it without you.



Blessings, Jess (PCW)