

Early Dismissal 2:05pm

For information regarding Vacation Care please contact Connie or Steve on 8294 1990

Friday, 10 April



Casual Day

Gold Coin Donation



Diary Dates

Week 1

Monday, 27 April

- Term 2 starts

Tuesday, 28 April

- School Banking

Friday, 1 May

- Newsletter



From the Leadership

Easter Celebrations

We hope everyone had a fabulous Easter. We all enjoyed an exciting assembly on Wednesday, where students paraded their very creative Easter bonnets and hats. Children were surprised by the special visitor who left large footprints around the school as well as some chocolate eggs in classrooms!



Library Books and Readers



Please have a look for any overdue books or classroom readers over the school holidays. Return Library books to the Library and readers to the coloured boxes outside the classrooms.

Thank you, Library Staff

A huge thank you must go to our wonderful parent fundraising team, led by Janelle and Amanda, who have been working extremely hard this term with the Caltex BBQ, Kytons and Easter Raffle. Fundraising has resulted in a profit of over \$2000 already! A fabulous start to the year. Plans are finally underway to heat and cool the school hall.

Jenny Hrycuik's Retirement

At our special assembly, we also acknowledged the outstanding work of Jenny Hrycuik who has decided to retire after 18 years of teaching at St Leonards. Jenny has taught hundreds of students, from Reception to Year 7 and has provided many extra-curricular learning opportunities in many areas including Literacy, Music and Choir.

Over the years, Jenny has been the key person for successful Celebration Nights and Performances at the Festival Theatre by the Senior Choirs. Children have had a once in a lifetime experience of performing in front of thousands of people. Her love of literature has been evident in the library and we thank her for co-ordinating so many Book Weeks with author visits, Premier Reading Challenges and lunch time activities. On behalf of staff, student and parents we thank you Jenny for making a real difference and we hope you enjoy the next chapter in your life!



School Resumes Monday, 27 April

Pupil Free Day

On Thursday, staff participated in training in two of the school priorities; Literacy and Student Wellbeing. In the morning we looked at a number of writing strategies to engage students to further improve their literacy skills. Thank you to Natalie Baggio and Judy Ireland for sharing their work in this area.

In the afternoon we worked with Deb Laycock from Just Us Restorative Consultancy, on using classroom circles and restorative practices as a way of dealing with student issues. Student wellbeing is a high priority at St Leonards and staff are always looking for new ways to empower students to deal with any conflict they may have either in the classroom or in the yard. We pride ourselves with following up any bullying issues and we thank parents for keeping us informed.

It has, however, concerned us that several cases of harassment have taken place outside the school through inappropriate use of Social Media eg Kik Messenger/Facebook, SnapChat, Tumblr, Instagram etc. We encourage parents to be vigilant with the use of mobile phones and the internet. Hopefully we can work together to ensure positive use of technology both at school and home.

A planned Cyberbullying Workshop is being held in Term 3 for students, staff and parents and we are encouraging families to attend.

Port Vincent Camp

The Year 6/7 students have had an amazing time at the Aquatics Camp at Pt Vincent. Kathy Baker and Sarah Knott have done a fabulous job organising this camp and we thank parents Curtis Eyles and Leanne Denny for their assistance. Students represented our school to a very high standard and created many new memories from their experiences.



We hope families have a great school holiday break and look forward to a busy and productive Term 2.

Linda Richardson and Dave Henty-Smith

Parent Reminder

**Sports Day
will be held
Friday 29 May
Week 5, Term 2
commencing
on the
oval at 9:00am**



Farewell from Jenny

Dear staff and students,
Thank you so much for the amazing farewell you hosted for me last week. Nobody does it like St Leonards! The table piled high with delicious food for lunch was a treat. The 'Thank You for the Music' and Easter Assembly touched me completely.



I loved the song in my honour and had to contain my emotions while seated on my chair, decorated in Crows colours. The speeches, slideshow and school song were appreciated as was the fact that you all rallied to produce an Easter Parade.

I didn't really take in the Honour Rolls until I got home but I am in awe of such a creative idea using Pianola rolls in their original boxes and the amazing messages from the students. I will keep all these memories forever. Thank you too for the beautiful whimsical print, flowers and cards.

St Leonards has been a huge part of my life for the last 18 years. I can still remember walking in on my first day to be greeted by a tall, lanky figure with a big smile on his face. I knew from that day on that I would be happy in such a wonderful school. St Leonards has gone from strength to strength, particularly over the last few years. This must be attributed to the whole community who have worked to make it such a special place of learning.

I wish everyone the very best for the future – staff, students and parents. I have faith that St Leonards will remain "The School for Me" hey!

Jenny Hryciuk

Premier's Reading Challenge



Next term come into the library and discover the World of Reading. As each child completes the Premier's Reading Challenge a travel tag with their name will appear around our map of the world.

Students are challenged to read 12 books from the start of the school year until 4 September 2015. For Reception - Year 7 students at least eight of the 12 books will be chosen from the Premier's Reading Challenge booklist at the appropriate year level. A maximum of four books can be the student's own choice. If at least one book from a series is included on the Premier's Reading Challenge booklist then any book from that series can also be included. Please encourage your child to read.

For further information visit www.premiersreadingchallengesa

Lost Property

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

Please spare a moment to have a look and collect anything that may have been misplaced throughout the term.



Kelly Peterson, SSO

Performing Arts at SLPS

What is Wakakirri?

Wakakirri is Australia's largest Performing Arts event for schools, involving over 20,000 students each year. The aim of Wakakirri is to teach students about themselves and others through creating and sharing a 'Story-Dance' and by this process develop students' educational outcomes, lifestyle choices and community awareness. A great story can change the way people think about the world around them and Wakakirri gives schools the opportunity to do just that. In SA these Story-Dances are performed at the Entertainment Centre to a full house.



Performing in Wakakirri is an experience students never forget. Schools spend show day rehearsing and meeting other schools and that same night walk the red carpet with the Wakakirri Panel and perform on the big stage. This year St Leonards will be entering the Wakakirri Primary School Challenge! The performance will be in Term 3. Students in Years 4-7 are invited to be a part of this exciting opportunity. More details will be sent home early next term. In the meantime if you wish to find out more about Wakakirri and discuss this with your child you can visit the website www.wakakirri.com

Dress Ups

Dressing up is a great way for children to put on different persona and put themselves in others' shoes and use their imaginations.



Dress Up Donations Wanted

Any old hats, scarves, gloves, adult-sized-dress-up-type clothes and hand bags (the daggier the better) for our drama dress up box are sought. Any donations that are clean and intact would be greatly appreciated. Items can be left at the Office. Thank you.

Kareena Savva, Drama Teacher



School Soccer 2015

Welcome to all of our new and returning St Leonards Primary School soccer players and families. Our first game is Saturday, 16 May 2015. Children will receive a package with forms and information soon. All league players require a soccer jersey, red socks and shin guards. We are also still looking for a coach for the Under 9s, so if you are interested please contact, Liz Willis, Belinda Tredwell or Nikki Brake, Soccer Coordinators on slpsoccer@gmail.com

Fundraising News



The Caltex Gala Day on March 28 was a fantastic success. We were invited to run a Sausage Sizzle, small bake sale and an Easter Raffle and made a \$530 profit. The winner of the raffle was Josh Story who dropped in for fuel on his way to the footy at Camden Oval.

Caltex were very supportive donating ice, gas, bread, shelter and printed a flyer which was distributed to letter boxes in the area and to school families. They accepted donations on our behalf and gave away lots of free stuff!

It was wonderful to get so many volunteers and meet enthusiastic parent helpers! Thank you to all the families who came down to support us, those JP mums who baked (Louise, Kath, Kendall, Margaret, Nicola and Emily), those who purchased, to Kytons Bakery for their kind donation of lamingtons and to the following parents who donated their time on the day.



Mark and Kim Hamilton
Brad van der Merwe
Marcus and Molly Scott
Ben Nichol
Genevieve de Jong
Rebecca Freeman
Paul Rees
Simone Rogers
Kelly Parker
Paula Lowe
Brooke Higgins
Michelle White



The Kytons Easter Drive was also a great success. Our school raised \$615 selling Lamingtons and Hot Cross Buns. Thank you to all the families who purchased. The highest fundraising family were the Scott's (Noah and Leah) who raised \$281. For their effort they won four tickets to Disney on Ice at the Adelaide Entertainment Centre on June 13.



The Easter Raffle was also well supported. A lot of families asked for more tickets to sell and brought in multiple chocolate eggs. As a result of this fantastic support, we raised \$907.

Our next fundraiser is the Entertainment Book!

You can purchase this electronically and share with up to four people or as a hard copy book and tear and share. Great savings.

Janelle Yarwood and Amanda Morris
Fundraising Coordinators

The Worry Tree

Rooms 2 and 6 have enjoyed meeting Marianne Musgrove, the author of The Worry Tree. She ran workshops on ways to cope with worries. If you have worries you might like to try some of these ideas.

- Hang your worries on The Worry Tree
- Do something creative
- Get active, dance, climb, run ...
- Make a gratitude jar
- Help someone
- Spend time with a friend

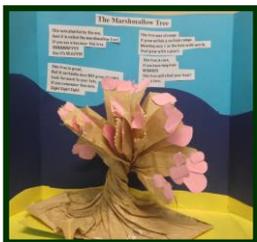
What is your own worry? What is your coping idea?



Author Marianne Musgrove standing in front of our amazing Worry Tree Sculpture.



Students got to meet and interact with author Marianne Musgrove.



Year 4/5 Students from Room 2 were inspired to create their own stories.

Jess' Corner

Kimochies

This is the rest of the Kimochies family.

This is Cloud



Cloud is a bit moody and unpredictable, just like the weather. When cloud is happy, he spreads sunshine, but when you turn his head, his sad face signals that he might rain on your parade! Cloud's favourite number is nine. His favourite colour is grey because there are so many shades of it – just like his personality.

This is Huggtopus

Huggtopus is all smiles and hugs. She is affectionate and strong and sometimes gets a little carried away by her big friendly personality. Huggtopus always means well, but has to learn about respecting others' boundaries. Her favorite number is eight and she has a special fondness for bubble gum. 1



Lovey Dove



Lovey Dove is sweet and nurturing and, like all doves, tries to keep the peace. Because she's a mum, she tends to worry. Lovey keeps her baby, Turtle Dove, tucked gently under her wing. Lovey's favorite number is 11 and her favourite color is lemon yellow.

Now that you have met all the Kimochies, you may find that you live with several of them.

Blessings, Jess (PCW)

Amazing Student Work

By combining Geography Studies with Technology, the Year 4/5 students in Room 6 have created these fantastic geological formations. You can see these and many other great examples in the corridor near the classroom.



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