

## Reminder High School Applications

Please return completed forms to the Office  
by **Friday, 22 May, 2015**.

If you are applying to a High School using  
the sibling rule, please ensure that you  
attach a photocopy of the attending siblings  
student ID card with the application.

Please ensure that you provide written  
documentation for any applications to a  
High School other than your zoned school.

## From the Leadership Team

### Holdfast Partnership

Last week, the Governing Councils of our local partnership schools and kindergartens met at Brighton Secondary School to discuss the new directions in the Department of Education and Child Development. Our Education Director, Deb Graham, provided an overview of the structure and vision of the partnership and it was a great opportunity for parents to network and have their say in the new Partnership Improvement Plan.

The five inquiry priorities are:

1. How will we work together to deprivatise practice?
2. How will we measure successful learning?
3. How will students experience continuity of learning?
4. How will the partnership develop pedagogy to challenge and stretch student learning?
5. How do we engage communities?

### NAPLAN

This week the Year 3, 5 and 7 students sat the NAPLAN tests in Literacy (reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy. We have been really impressed with the way our students have coped and thank parents for helping children to treat NAPLAN test days just like any other school days.

NAPLAN is not a pass or fail test. It is used by governments, education authorities and schools to determine whether students are meeting goals in Literacy and Numeracy. We use many other assessment and diagnostic tools to track student progress. Unfortunately the NAPLAN tests do not assess creativity, team work, courage, compassion, empathy, resourcefulness, persistence, motivation, humility, reliability, leadership, interpersonal skills or humour, all of which we believe are necessary skills and attributes for a 'well rounded' individual.

### Jess Henley's farewell

Several weeks ago, we had some sad news that our wonderful Pastoral Care Worker, Jess Henley, is leaving after five years of outstanding service to St Leonards.

Jess has provided extensive support, not only to students but to staff and parents alike. She has made a real difference to the lives of many through her care, passion and energy.

Jess has been responsible for bringing about many new initiatives and programs that have helped students to develop their wellbeing and some of the skills mentioned above. She has been fortunate in gaining more hours at Forbes Primary School and we wish her all the best in the future and hope she will visit us regularly to see her work continue. We will miss you Jess!

Linda Richardson and Dave Henty-Smith



## Diary Dates

### Week 4

#### Tuesday, 19 May

- ICAS Digital Technologies
- School Banking

### Week 5

#### Monday, 25 May

- Living Safely with Pets



#### Tuesday, 26 May

- School Banking

#### Thursday, 28 May

- Newsletter

#### Friday, 29 May

- Sports Day

## Pupil Free Day Wednesday 3 June

OSHC is available.  
Please contact  
Connie or Steve  
on 8294 1990, for  
bookings.



## SA Excellence in Public Education Awards *Share Celebrate Reward*

Nominations are now open for the 2015 SA Excellence in Public Education Awards.

The Awards recognise and reward the outstanding contributions made by teachers, leaders and support staff from across the state.

Don't miss your chance to nominate an outstanding education professional within DECD to recognise and reward their dedicated and inspirational contribution to young South Australians.

For more information and to nominate an employee at your school or preschool go to:

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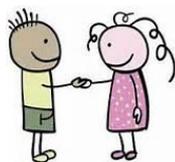
Nominations close 5:00pm, 3 July 2015.

For further information, contact the Awards Team on 8226 3079 or email [DECD.Recognition@sa.gov.au](mailto:DECD.Recognition@sa.gov.au)

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### Jess' Corner

Well here I am writing my final newsletter article as your Pastoral Care Worker. This is the hardest newsletter article I have had to write. So far I have cried three times and I have only written two sentences. It has been a very big decision to leave St Leonards and I am still not sure it is the right one but I am going to give the next chapter of my life a go and see where I end up. It is hard to say goodbye to a school that has played such a big part in my life.



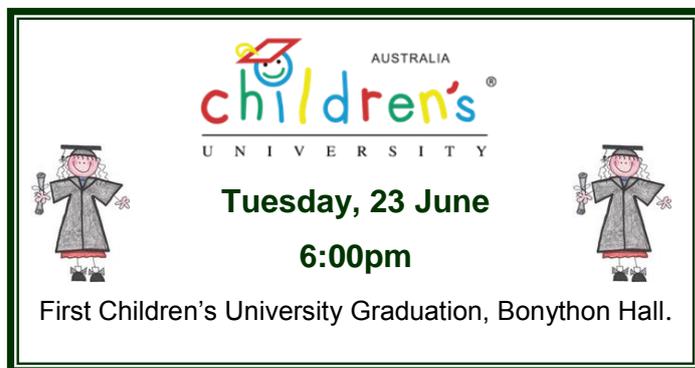
Never in my life did I think I would find a job that I would love as much as I have loved this job. Thank you for letting me be a part of your lives. We have shared laughs and tears, joys and sorrows. I have seen kids start school and finish school and everything in between. I have cared for you but you have all cared for me. You have made my job so special and you will always hold a very special place in my heart.

As you are reading this I know you're thinking where is the piece of wisdom that Jess is going to leave us with. So here it is, it is the simplest one of all. Love your kids, and love everyone around you.

### Blessings, Jess (PCW)



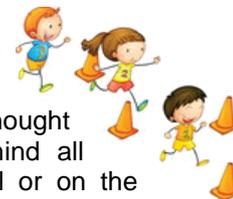
*Thank you Jess for organising the Picasso Cow Project and thank you to Jane Brooks for taking over the project to ensure continuity. Jane is currently asking the students for name suggestions.*



### PE News

#### Sports Day

With Sports Day approaching soon I thought I would take the opportunity to remind all families to take time out after school or on the weekend to practice for the big day.



The following are some fun ideas for the whole family to get ready:

- Sprints in the park.
- Kicking the soccer ball to each other and through a goal.
- Dribbling a basketball around an obstacle like a chair and shooting some hoops.
- Leaping and jumping or even in the long jump pit at school preparing for long jump..
- Throwing a ball or bean bag at a target to get ready for the accuracy throw.

#### SAPSASA Soccer

Well done to Tyler W, Ty K, Harry B, Jayden M, Aston F, Jack C, Tristen B, Kai M, Samuel W, John C and Kyle G who competed in the South West district Soccer Carnival on Wednesday, 6 May. We managed to dodge the rain for most of the day. Our team had one successful win and all the boys showed their best skills and talents on the day. Thank you to all the parents that provided transport and helped out on the day.



Congratulations to Travis F and Ty K who were selected to move forward into the trial squad.

#### Kirsty Wirth, PE Teacher

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### School Attendance - Why is being at School Every Day so Important?

#### Did You Know ?

- There is a direct correlation between regular attendance and achievement.
- Frequent absences make it difficult for students to learn as lesson continuity is disrupted.
- Irregular attendance makes it difficult to form positive relationships with teachers and their peers.
- Missing one day a week from Reception to Year 10 means missing **two years and one term of schooling**.
- Being half an hour late to school each day from Reception to Year 10 adds up to missing **more than one year and a term of schooling**.
- School is compulsory until the age of 16.

## Fundraising News

### Sports Day

Sports Day is on Friday, May 29 and we are excited to announce that not only will we have the traditional cake stall this year, but we will also have bacon and egg sandwiches from 10:30am – 11:30am and steak and onion sandwiches from 11:30am – 1:30pm. Fruit, juice boxes, water and soft drinks will be available.



If you are able to assist on the day, please call or text Amanda Morris on 0413 584 156. Donations for the cake stall can be delivered to the staff room on Thursday or to the cake stall Friday morning. Please list the ingredients used and label containers so they may be easily returned. We are looking for volunteers over the busy lunch period 12:00pm-2:00pm.



### Entertainment Book

Get your hard copy of the Entertainment book now from the office for \$65. They make great gifts for family and friends.



Digital copies are available online  
<https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/162d071>

These are also \$65 but can be shared with up to four others via a login. The app is downloaded to your phone and often new offers are made available throughout the year. It's portable and updates automatically. Thanks to everyone who has already purchased.

### A Night out in June

Enjoy a night of shopping, showcasing, socialising, selling, fundraising and having fun out with the girls. Building on last year's inaugural event, 'A Night out in June' will be held in the school hall from 7:00pm on Friday June 26. Early bird tickets can be purchased now until June 19 from the Office for \$10. This includes a complimentary drink on arrival. Tickets will be \$12 at the door on the night. Cheese platters can be pre-purchased and collected on the night.



Our MC, Nicole Cornes, will be on hand to draw raffles, introduce stall holders and get you in the mood for an evening of fun! Invite your mum, sisters, friends, neighbours and work mates. Discover handmade fashion, jewellery, treats, accessories, artwork, practical products, home wares and more.

### Pavers

Would you like your child to really make their mark at St Leonards? They can create and leave something that they can be proud of, something that will long be remembered and reflected upon as they grow.



This is your last chance to buy a 'memory paver' for the new entrance to our school. Forms are available at the Office. No orders will be taken after the end of Term 2 as work will commence shortly. Check out the pavers as you walk into the school from Russell Street near the nature playground for some inspiration.

## Mother's Day Sale

Thank you to everyone who purchased from our stall on May 7. It was a great success and we raised \$600. The wrapping station was a great addition this year. Thank you Mrs Baker and the Year 7s for facilitating this. Students donated \$35 to the SRC to have their gifts wrapped. We hope all the mums, grandmothers, parents and carers enjoyed their gifts and had a memorable Mother's Day. We have had some great feedback. Next year we plan to run the sale over two mornings and encourage the younger grades to shop as a class.



## School Banking

Did you know that St Leonards receives \$5 for every bank account opened at the school with the Commonwealth Bank? Open an account and bring your school banking every Tuesday morning before the bell to the Uniform Shop and you will receive a token for your deposit that you can save and 'spend' on cool CBA merchandise. See the display near the Office for what's available this term. Chat with the banking mums on Tuesday morning at the Uniform Shop if you want to learn more.



## Fundraising Committee

### Migration Museum

This week, Room 10 were lucky enough to visit the Migration Museum to learn about what life was like for children in the 19th century (as part of their History unit on 'Past, Present and Future'). The students braved the rain, catching public transport to the museum which was a first for many and lots of fun. On arrival, the students were given a '19th century' name and donned traditional clothing from the time.

They took a tour of the museum, were able to view and use a range of authentic 19th century utensils and toys and role played a typical day in a 19th century classroom. To end the day, the students took turns playing a variety of different outdoor games from that time period. Overall it was a wonderful day made possible by our fabulous parent volunteers - thank you all.



### Room 10

## Student Leadership and Special Group Photos are available to order now.

Photos can be viewed and order forms are available in the Office.

- School Ambassadors
- House Captains
- Year 7 Mess-Up
- Handy Helpers
- Canteen Helpers
- House Captains
- Safe Buddies
- Library Monitors
- Tech Team



# St Lennies

By Robyn Habel and St Leonards Primary School  
Students © 2011



## Pre Chorus

There's a school by the sea  
Near the old gum tree  
Ay Oh, Ay Oh  
There's a school by the sea  
With history  
Ay Oh, Ay Oh, Ay Oh

## Verse 1

Nineteen hundred and twenty one  
They stood by the bent old gum  
And said that the time has come  
To start our school

## Verse 2

And when the bell had rung  
And the children they had come  
St Leonards had begun  
To be our school, school

## Pre Chorus

There's a school by the sea  
Near the old gum tree  
Ay Oh, Ay Oh  
There's a school by the sea  
With history  
Ay Oh, Ay Oh, Ay Oh

## Chorus

That's the school for me, hey! St Leonards  
The red and green, hey! St Leonards  
A community, hey! St Leonards  
That's you and me, hey! St Leonards

## Verse 3

Ninety years has come and gone  
And we keep on going strong  
As we grow and build upon  
Our dreams

## Verse 4

We learn and laugh and play  
Have fun down at the Bay  
And we're turning every day  
Into our dreams, dreams

## Pre Chorus

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## Bridge

All our memories  
Are falling down on me  
St Leonards, St Leonards  
St Leonards, St Leonards  
All our memories  
Are falling down on me

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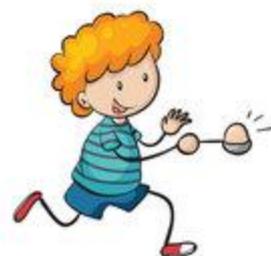
That's the school for me! Hey!



# Sports Day

Friday, 29 May

9:00am



**Saints**  
**Holdfast**

**Buffalo**

**Patawalonga**