

School Values

**Respect
Responsibility
Cooperation
Encouragement
Integrity**

Diary Dates

Week 8

Tuesday, 16 June

- ICAS Spelling
- 7:00pm Governing Council meeting

Wednesday, 17 June

- Crows visit



Thursday, 18 June

- ICAS Writing

Week 9

Tuesday, 23 June

- Children's University Graduation
6:00pm – 8:30pm Bonython Hall,
University of Adelaide, North Terrace
Campus

Friday, 26 June

- 9:00am Assembly - Rooms 6 and 9
- Night Out in June
7:00pm – 9:30pm in the Hall

Well Done

Buffalo

Sports Day Winners

From the Leadership Team

Sports Day

What a fabulous day we all had! The weather after the morning shower turned out perfect and children enjoyed the many different fun events. The Sports Captains Erin E, Travis F, Sammi H, Ty K, Izabella L, Jayden M, Bonnie T and Samuel W demonstrated outstanding leadership with their creative health hustles and war cries, as well as teaching the younger children the moves.

Well done to Buffalo for winning the 2015 Sports Day Shield and to all students from Holdfast, Patawalonga and Saints who were great sports. A day like this takes a great deal of preparation and I would like to thank: Jim Goudie, our groundsman who prepared the oval to such a high standard, the Parent Fundraising Team who raised \$2400 and the many parents who donated cakes and worked on the food stalls. I would also like to thank Graeme Smith and the Canteen ladies for organising and working on the BBQ, PE Teacher Kirsty Wirth and Hayden Schwarz for coordinating such a successful event and to our committed staff who made the day run smoothly.

Staff Training

Last week, seven of our staff attended the Edutech Conference in Brisbane to gain information on 21st century learning and digital technologies. Many presentations resonated with the group and created some interesting discussion points. This included the need to involve students in driving their own learning and making sure that we allow them to develop skills such as creativity, problem solving and collaboration. These skills are highly valued by business and will be increasingly so in the future. One of the really interesting comments from a presenter centred around the automation of jobs and how by 2030, it is estimated that over 50% of all jobs will be automated. This has some real implications for our students now and into the future. I would like to thank Lesley Blyth, Di Hannagan, Judi Brown, Graeme Smith, Stevo Jurkovic and Hayden Schwarz for giving up time to attend. It was heavy going but an extremely valuable experience.

During the Pupil Free Day, the rest of the staff shared their expertise and resources and had further training in on-line reading sites, Reading Eggs and Reading Eggspress.

Staff have put their new learning into practice and it's great to see all the students engaged.



Principal's Tour

Once again, this year's Principal's Tour was well attended with over 30 families touring the school. We would like to thank School Ambassadors Sam W, Cody M, Ty K and Danielle G who provided information and answered questions about our school. Visitors commented on their confidence and excellent public speaking skills. They were also impressed with the teaching and learning in the classrooms as well as the many extracurricular opportunities that we offer.

As you may be aware, our school is zoned and new enrolling families need to provide evidence such as current utility bills to attend our school. Due to reaching full capacity, we are currently unable to take any students on the waiting list for 2016.

Newsletters via Email

Please keep an eye out for a test email from the school in the coming weeks. This is in preparation for newsletters being sent via email starting Term 3. Copies of the newsletter will be available from the information, on the school website and our Facebook page.



**Linda Richardson, Principal and Dave Henty-Smith
Deputy Principal**

Teacher Perspectives of Edutech

These are some of the quotes that I am still thinking about from Edutech.

- It's hard to imagine the future let alone teach it. How can we prepare students for the future if we are stuck in the past?
- First thing we steal from children is **questions**. A small child has innate desire to learn.
- Inspire me – don't tell me. Eureka moments!
- Real transparency is when you are not afraid to get critical feedback.
- Teach the way that they learn. Pedagogy is the driver, technology the accelerator.
- In the real world, social media is like water; it is everywhere – we can watch, drown or teach them to survive.
- Compliance = engagement. Aim for project-based or problem based learning.
- Assessment is the silent killer of learning. Our students are learning to pass **The Test** which is a known outcome to known solution.
- What is a real problem? How to accomplish unknown solution to a desired outcome.
- We need to worry more about teaching computers the right way, not about using them too much.
- Involve your students in ownership of digital citizenship.
- Assessment produces a conflict. Are you coach or judge?
- Our students are risk averse – why? Because they lose points - this stifles creativity and innovation.
- We need to focus on authentic problem-solving skills, feedback, not ranking, skills, not content.
- Kids are already in their digital world – they are wired for technology. They have to turn off their world to come into our world.

Lesley Blyth, Year 4/5 teacher

Teacher Perspectives of Edutech (continued)

What really resonated with me is that the pedagogy comes first and the technology supports the pedagogy.

- Students already use technology like Youtube and Google, so let them. Content is everywhere so we need to teach them how to use that content for effective problem solving.
- Good questions cannot be answered by Google alone.
- I would like to try BYOD so that children are not limited by the technology we have at school.
- Students should be driving the learning while the teachers facilitate.



Stevo Jurkovic, Year 3/4 teacher

What a challenging and thought provoking couple of days! EduTech provided access to the thoughts of some splendid speakers. These are just a few who particularly engaged my thinking.

Eric Mazur: who considered the ways in which we assess our students. His speech contrasted the assessment models which simply rank students with those that mimic real-life situations and allow students to display their full worth.

Sylvie Todd: a 13 year old YouTube phenomenon who promotes the 'maker movement' where children are encouraged to challenge themselves with real life technology problems. They then generate solutions to these problems, using a wide range of materials and methods.

Eric Sheninger: who encouraged us to "stop making excuses and start making changes!" by removing the blocks on innovative teaching opportunities such as the use of coding, Minecraft and social media using these instead as powerful educational tools.

Graeme Smith, Year 1/2 teacher

Principal's Word of the Week Writing Competition



The word of the week is 'Cooperation'

Create a piece of writing around the word 'aspirations' and place in the box in the Library. Make sure to have your name and class on your work. Writer of the week will be announced at the next Assembly.

Linda Richardson, Principal

Children's University Graduation



Tuesday, 23 June

6:00pm - 8:30pm

Bonython Hall

University of Adelaide, North Terrace

Campus

(Dress Smart)



If there are any question about Graduation, please email Natalie.Baggio780@schools.sa.edu.au

Fundraising News



Sports Day

Thank you to everyone who supported our fundraising efforts with the BBQ and Bake stalls. Thank you also to Mr Schwarz's class who baked for us as a part of their homework. ASAP coffee kindly donated \$1 from each cup sold. This year we raised \$2400 which will go towards heating and cooling of our Hall. Bayside Fruit and Veg generously donated a box of fruit, while the IGA at Novar Gardens provided discounted ice and Brians Gourmet Meats provided discounted BBQ meat. The community plays a big role in supporting and helping us to reach our fundraising goals. We thank them all very much.

A Night Out in June

Purchase your ticket to this all girls event for only \$10 from the Office. Cheese platters can be pre ordered for just \$15. This year we have 15 stall holders ranging from original artwork and craft to massage and beauty products, jewellery, tasty treats, homewares, cleaning aids, candles, plants and children's wear. Enjoy catching up with the girls and win some great prizes. It's going to be a great night out. We are seeking items that can be put in a raffle basket, items that can be used in a silent auction as well as items that are prizes in themselves. Some examples are sporting goods, children's gifts, stationary, chocolates, pamper items or candles. Prizes need to be received by June 22. Call Janelle on 0459 279 663 or email janelleyarwood@yahoo.com.au



Entertainment Books

Last year's Entertainment books have now expired. Have you got your new one yet? We only need to sell five more Entertainment books to reach our target of 50 books. Get your book now from the school Office or buy online at

<https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/162d071>



Mega Raffle

We are excited to be launching our major fundraiser on June 22. Buy a ticket for just \$2 and go into the draw to win some sensational prizes.

1st Prize: Hamilton Island Trip, four nights' accommodation for two adults and two children at the 4 Star Reef View Hotel, Hamilton Island in a Garden View room including full buffet breakfast daily, return airport/marina transfers, use of paddle skis, windsurfers, catamarans and snorkelling equipment, use of Island shuttle and Hotel facilities. A \$1,000 Virgin Australia airfare voucher. **Major prize valued at \$2,384.**

2nd Prize: Sporting Memorabilia Package
2014 Port Adelaide Football Club signed guernsey, 2015 AFL ball signed by the Adelaide Crows Coach Phil Walsh and Captain Taylor Walker, Nike soccer boot signed by Adelaide United striker Bruce Djite and a 2015 basketball signed by the Adelaide 36's Basketball Team.
Prize pack valued at \$600.

3rd Prize: iPad Mini, kindly donated by Harvey Norman, Woodville. **Prize Valued at \$229**

Sell a book of 10 tickets and go into the draw to win a 2GB iPod shuffle. There are great incentive prizes for classes including slap watches and incentive bands. The raffle will be drawn on August 7 at Assembly.

Fundraising Committee

Room 11



Technology

This term the students are working in groups to design boats to test the theory of buoyancy. This task is encompassing; Design and Technology, the Arts, Science and Mathematics. The students need to use at least three recycled materials and the aim is for the boat to be as buoyant as possible. On Wednesday afternoon we tested them with weights to see whose boat is the most buoyant. It was very close, with a few boats capable of holding all the available weights plus some extra items we found.



Vacation Care

Our July program has been sent home today. Please contact us on 8294 1990 to secure your bookings to avoid disappointment. We look forward to seeing you in the school holidays.



OSHC staff



PASTORAL CARE WORKER
Position Vacant
St Leonards Primary School

Schools Ministry Group
and South Western Schools Ministry Inc
are seeking applications for this 9 hour per week
position commencing Term 3, 2015.
The position exists to offer a Chaplaincy service
to students staff and the school community.
A Job and Person Specification and details on
"How to apply" is available from SMG on 8378 6800
or mail@smg.asn.au.

Closing date: Friday June 19—12 noon



for more information go to www.smg.asn.au
or call Phil Mcllraith, SMG Regional Manager ph: 8378 6800

Sports Day 2015

Buffalo Win Again



For the second year Buffalo has taken out the St Leonards Primary School Sports Day. After an early shower the day turned out fine and the program was unaffected. Final scores: Buffalo 486, Saints 479, Holdfast 466 and Patawalonga 459. A big thank you to all the parents, relatives and friends who attended on the day. Thanks to all those who helped on the stalls and with the children's teachers as they travelled around the tabloid stations. Thanks too, to Jim the groundsman for line marking our track, to Kelly for assisting with the scoring and Kirsty for her help organising this event. I look forward to another great Sports Day in 2016.

Hayden Schwarz