

School Values

**Respect
Responsibility
Cooperation
Encouragement
Integrity**

Diary Dates

Week 8

Tuesday, 1 December

- 3:30pm New Reception Orientation visit
- 6:30pm Governing Council meeting

Wednesday, 2 December

- 9:00am Lift Dance

Week 9

Tuesday 8 December

- 6:00pm Year 7 Graduation

Thursday, 10 December

- Transition day / new classes
- Reports go home
- Newsletter

Friday, 11 December

- 2:05pm Early dismissal

**End of Term
Early Dismissal 2:05pm**



**OSHC available
Please contact
Connie or Steve on 8294 1990**

From the Leadership Team

I can hardly believe that it's almost the end of the year. It has been an exceptionally busy but highly successful one. The progress that our learners have made has been terrific and seeing students grow and mature is certainly a rewarding feeling. We are really proud of all our students efforts during 2015.

The last two weeks have been extremely busy ones. Students from Years 4-7 walked to Glenelg beach to participate in a beach volleyball competition. For the Year 4/5 students who attended, this was their first real opportunity to play in team competition, while the Year 6/7s had earlier in the year excelled in their tournament performances. The efforts of all our teams were first class, with two of our teams winning medals.

On Sunday morning, St Leonards families were involved in the Glenelg Christmas Pageant. After a long wait, and some loud party whistles, we finally got underway. I was lucky enough to walk in the pageant and I have nothing but praise for all



involved and the way our school was represented. I would like to thank Vicki Woods for coordinating the event, as well as a number of parents who willingly gave up their own time.

On Sunday evening some of the class parent representatives from 2015 came together to celebrate the success of this initiative. We would like to continue this work next year. Our teachers have been so grateful for the efforts. There will be a note coming out with your reports and class placement describing the roles of this group as well as giving you the opportunity to show your interest in becoming a parent representative in 2016

We are all really excited about our Celebration Night. The weather is looking good, albeit slightly on the cool side, and we look forward to seeing you all there. Programs and full details have been emailed and posted on our school Facebook page. This year's theme is 'Move n Groove' and the children have enjoyed practising their routines. We hope you enjoy their show.

The class placement process is nearing completion. Our teachers spend hours looking at options and best fit scenarios with the learners always at the centre of the discussion. We hope to have all our staff in place shortly and will notify our community when we have these confirmed.

Dave Henty-Smith and Barry Stewart

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Next Newsletter: Thursday, 10 December, 2015**

Oliphant Science Awards 2015

Last Friday Kayla F from Room 6 was presented with the Royal Australian Chemical Institute award for best crystal grown in her age category in Australia. Well done Kayla. We are very proud of your achievement.



Growing Alum Crystals

Aim

- To grow a clear octahedral alum crystal.
- To keep a log of crystal growing progress.



Equipment

Alum, 250ml plastic cups, glass jar, 110°C thermometer, electronic scales, funnel, filter papers, 2L distilled /demineralised water, dental floss, pop sticks, gauze, stirring rod, sticky labels, measuring cylinder, log book, camera, electric kettle,.

Method

1. Measure out 17 grams of alum into a clean cup.
2. Heat distilled water in an electric jug to about 80°C (check using a thermometer).
3. Filter the hot water using a funnel and filter paper.
4. Add 100ml of the filtered hot water at 70°C to alum in the cup and stir until alum is dissolved.
5. Add more alum only if previous lot dissolved quickly.
6. Cover the cup with gauze.
7. Leave to stand in a quiet area in the cupboard.
8. Any crystals forming in the cup need to be collected and sorted for clarity and shape.
9. Choose the best shaped/clear crystal to be the seed crystal.
10. Tie one end of the floss around the seed crystal.
11. Make another alum solution but this time allow the solution to cool to room temperature and suspend the seed crystal into the new solution.
12. Use a pop stick to note date and name with floss tied to it.
13. Cover with gauze and leave undisturbed in a quiet area for 7 days.
14. Observe and record progress of crystal growth.
15. Repeat steps 11 onwards to grow your best crystal.

Results

Write/draw/photograph stages of crystal growth.

References/Bibliography

Growing Alum Crystals – By: David A. Katz (2000)
Make Your Own Crystal Garden – By: ScienceNet

Thanks to Mr Ehvart for supervising us with the experiments, Mrs Richardson for supporting us with the Oliphant Science Awards and Mrs Ignatius for helping tie the floss on to the crystals for us.

Kayla Foley, Year 5

Welcome New Staff and Students

Welcome to Kendall Fitzgerald who has a position with us till the end of Term 4 as an Aboriginal Community Education Officer (ACEO) and Sonia Tu who will join us as a class teacher in 2016.

We welcome Ning S to St Leonards and look forward to meeting our new Reception students on Tuesday.

Glenelg Christmas Pageant

On Sunday, 22 November, students, parents and staff walked in the Glenelg Christmas Pageant. We walked down Jetty Road behind a school banner and played the St Leonards school song. It was a Christmas Party theme and students and parents got right into the festive party spirit. We all had a great time.



Next year we are going to plan it better and bigger. We already have some ideas. We would like to get a new banner, and are thinking about having a themed

float eg 'Night before Christmas'. If you are interested in helping organise the pageant for next year, please let me know. I would like to say a huge thankyou to all the parents, students and staff that came along on the day. You are all amazing.

Collection for Christmas

There are a few agencies in Adelaide that collect for families in need at Christmas time like St Vincent De Paul, Salvation Army and Westcare. It would be nice for the school community to make a donation to one of these agencies. What we would be asking for are donations of non-perishable food items eg long life milk, cans of food, pasta sauces and pasta, rice etc. We would also like to be able to donate toys for children from these families. The toys can be wrapped or unwrapped. If wrapped please put a tag on it saying if it is for male and female and what age it is for.

I will be working with the SRC to advertise around the classes and also decide who we would like to donate the items too. What I would ask is that you or your child would drop them off to the Wellbeing Office. We will have a box for the collection. If possible we would love a ll donations by Thursday, 10 December. We would then be able to have a presentation at the last Assembly and I would then take it to the agency. Any questions please let me know, either my email Vicki.Woods141@schools.sa.edu.au or call me at the school. Thank you for your support.

Vicki Woods – Pastoral Care Worker

Lost Property

Please have a look before the school holidays for any jumpers, jackets, drink bottles, lunch boxes or personal items that may have been misplaced throughout the term.



Mel Worden, Office Manager

A Note from the Library

Please ensure that all borrowed library books are returned to the library and all readers are returned to their boxes by the end of Week 8, Friday, 4 December 2015.



Premier's Reading Challenge

This year St Leonards had over 200 students completed the Premier's Reading Challenge. The Challenge was created to foster a lifelong love of reading. Four of our students, Haysan M, Isabella B, Mollie O and Justine D gained their Reader for Life certificate at last week's assembly. Medals and certificates were given out in class to everyone who participated in 2015.



Our Reader for Life recipients

Mollie O,
Justine D
and
Haysan M.

Isabella B
absent

Kelly Peterson, Library SSO

Banking News

Riley F from Room 7 won a \$30 voucher for Booktopia from the Commonwealth Bank. To qualify he had to make three deposits in a term. Well done Riley. We hope you enjoy your prize.



Please note that Week 8 is the last week to order the current rewards. Unused tokens will roll over into 2016. Next year the theme is 'Outback Australia'.

Heather, Brooke and Janelle - Banking Coordinators

Fundraising

We have had an extremely successful year of fundraising; this would not have been possible without the tireless efforts of our fundraising team, volunteers and parents who supported the events. Thank you everyone.



Our last three fundraisers have earned our school a combined total of \$3689, made up of \$1460 from the Bunnings BBQ, \$1580 from the school disco and \$649 from the Crazy Camel kids art works. All fundraising goes towards school improvement and resources for students.



Saratoga Drive Proposed Partial Road Closure Survey

City of West Torrens Council is proposing to install a 'No Entry' control at the entrance to Saratoga Drive, Novar Gardens from Pine Avenue that would be active between 8am and 9am Monday to Friday, with an exception for cyclists. To have your say visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WXGNJ36>

Reminders



**Canteen closed
Friday 11 December**

No lunch orders or counter sales

Summer Vacation Care



Program details are now available from OSHC, the school website and the Parent Information Rack. Book early to avoid disappointment. Please contact Connie or Steve on 8294 1990 for any enquiries or to make a booking.

Beach Volleyball



On Thursday, 19 November, 17 teams including Year 4, 5, 6 and 7 students walked to Glenelg Beach and participated in a beach volleyball carnival. It was a fantastic day.

Everyone displayed our school values; respect, responsibility, cooperation, encouragement and integrity. All the students represented our school with pride and we were very proud of them. Their attitude and behaviour throughout the day was excellent.

There are a lot of people who helped to make the day a success. We would like to thank all the teachers who supported us and we wouldn't be able to have so many students involved if it wasn't for our generous parents, grand-parents and carers who took responsibility for the safety and well-being of a team or two of students.



For the first time in a while, we were fortunate to have shelters, bench seats and water containers provided for us. It was brilliant. We had to supply some umpires for the day, so thank you to those who stood out in the hot sun for most of the day. Without everyone's support, none of this could happen.



It was a very successful day. Congratulations everyone who participated for giving your best throughout the day. Well done to all teams who made the finals and two teams who won a medal, a Year 4/5 girls team won silver and a Year 6/7 girls team won gold. Well done everyone.

Beach Volleyball Coordinators

RANDOM ACTS OF LIGHT

Following the success of the 2013 and 2014 Random Arts Project, we are pleased to bring Random Acts of Light to Glenelg. The Random Acts of Light's participating artists include Illuminart's Craig Laurendet, Jack Ladd, Penny Campton and Zero (Luke Shaw), plus independent artists Aurelia Carbone and Monica Prichard.

When: Saturday 28 November 2015

Where: Moseley Square and Foreshore Glenelg

Time: 8pm – 11pm

More information visit: holdfast.sa.gov.au/randomlight



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Parenting on Purpose

Have you ever noticed that there are some children who are confident, friendly and bounce back from set-backs? And then there are kids who seem defeated, lack confidence and are battling the bullies? Many parents know that self-esteem is important – but what is this topical concept and how can we instil and potentially rebuild it in our children? This 90 minute presentation will educate and equip parents on how they can raise healthy, strong and resilient children from the inside out.

When: 7:30 - 9pm, Tuesday, 1 December 2015

Where: Glenelg North Community Centre, Kibby Reserve, Alison Street, Glenelg North SA 5045

Registrations: to Melissa Priest, 8229 9881 or

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Parents/Caregivers of Primary School students are warmly invited to an INFORMATION EVENING on our IGNITE Program for Gifted Students (including the ACER Assessment)

When: Thursday 3 December 2015

Time: 6:30pm

Where: Glenunga International High School in the Performing Arts Centre

To register your interest in attending this information evening please follow the link <http://www.trybooking.com/JQ5B>

Assessment will be held on Saturday 27 February 2016 at Glenunga International High School






Marion Council

Give the Gift of Reading encourages people to donate a new book to children in the community and to help share the love of reading at Christmas time. Donated books are collected at participating public libraries which are then distributed to children in need in the community.

This year Marion Library Service will be participating in this program and along with the other councils we are hoping to collect 5000 books for children in need. Last year we donated approximately 180 books to the Southern Domestic Violence Service Incorporated who were delighted to receive them for their shelters and this year we are collecting donation for The Smith Family charity.

We will be accepting donations of new children's books from the 8th of November until the 14th of December. Donations can be placed under the Christmas trees at any of our branches.

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