

## Diary Dates

### Reminder Hats on for Term 1

#### Week 2

#### Friday, 12 February

- 9:00am Student Ambassador led Assembly.

#### Week 3

#### Tuesday, 16 February

- Year 6/7 Woodhouse Excursion
- 2:30 – 4:00pm School Banking open day in the Artroom
- 6:15pm Acquaintance Night
- 7:30pm Governing Council AGM

#### Friday, 19 February

- Newsletter

## From the Leadership Team

Hello and welcome back to St Leonards for 2016. We have had a brilliant start to the year so far, with lots of happy learners bouncing around the school. We would like to welcome our 65 new students and families into our community and we look forward to the positive support and friendships you have made. We would like to welcome a number of new and returning staff to our school: Bonnie Johnson Year 2, Sonia Tu Year 3, Liz Condous, Music and Choir, Kendall Fitzgerald ACEO, Cammy Cheah and Mubarka Janud our BSSOs.

### Grievance Policy

From time to time, things don't go as planned and you may need to discuss your concerns. At St Leonards we have a defined grievance procedure that has been designed to help this process.

1. Arrange a time to speak to the relevant teacher(s) about the problem as a first course of action. Let the teacher know what you consider to be the issue. Make a mutually appropriate time to discuss the concern. Please note: It is not appropriate to use class or learning time.

2. Allow a reasonable timeframe for the issue to be addressed.

3. If the grievance is not addressed and you have unsuccessfully requested feedback, arrange a time to speak with a member of the leadership team. Explain that you have a difficulty to Mel in the Office when making an appointment – this allows for follow-up and information gathering. Or you may feel more comfortable emailing one of the leadership team at the addresses below:

Dave Henty-Smith: Principal: [dave.hentysmith171@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:dave.hentysmith171@schools.sa.edu.au) or Barry Stewart: Deputy Principal [Barry.Stewart907@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:Barry.Stewart907@schools.sa.edu.au)

4. If you are still unhappy, please arrange a time to discuss the issue with the Education Director, Deb Graham, on 8416 7370.

### Teacher Professional Development with Kathy Walker

On Thursday, 28 January, staff from all schools in the Holdfast Partnership attended a Professional Development Day facilitated by Kathy Walker. Kathy talks about an holistic approach to teaching to the whole of a child and having teachers and parents committed to developing children who can think for themselves and for others, can create and imagine, who are strong in their literacy and numeracy, and who can navigate the challenges of the world with intrinsic motivation and a strength of character made of a strong sense of self and resilience.

Some quotes that we also discussed as a staff included:

*"Not all children are ready to learn the same thing at the same time in the same way."*  
Kathy Walker

*"An education is about the whole child, self-esteem, resilience, awareness of the world. It is not just being schooled and reciting the alphabet. Education takes a life time."*  
Kathy Walker

## Reminders

- Please return signed permission forms and student information data form to the Office as soon as possible.
- Parents are asked to use the door closest to their child's class at drop-off and pick-up times to alleviate congestion in the Office.

Thank you for your cooperation.



## New School Crossing

A new school crossing has been installed on Russell Street. Please be aware that there is a no parking zone before the crossing on the school side from 8:00 -9:00am and 3:00 – 4:00pm. Thank you for helping to keep our children safe.



You will see some subtle changes about the way we do things at St Leonards. This includes classroom environment, reward systems and some teaching styles, but our focus will always be on doing the best we can for our learners.

### Parent Representatives

Are you interested in being a Class Parent Rep in 2016? Parent Reps help promote positive partnerships with students, staff and families at St Leonards.



### Our goals are to:

- Develop positive relationships between teachers and parents.
- Occasionally assist teachers to organise special events.
- Build relationships between families in the class.
- Be a source of reference for the teacher.
- Meet as a group periodically.

### Some of things that Parent Representatives did in 2015 included:

- Phoned parents of new children.
- Helped with class Facebook pages.
- Organised a coffee catch-up for the parents of children in the room.
- Planned for children and parents in the class to meet in the park after school.
- Set up a folder or communication book.
- Organised volunteers for work in classrooms.
- Acted as a sounding board for teachers.
- Provided feedback.
- Planned a Mother's Day (eg) morning tea in the classroom.
- Circulated a buzz list.
- Organised a family book to circulate to class members

We are hoping to have two Parent Representatives per class. We don't anticipate that it will take up a lot of your time, but aim for your involvement to be effective and rewarding. When we have representatives organized, we will meet together as a group to discuss ideas. We are hoping to do this in Week 2, 2016. We would love to have you on board. Please email [dave.hentysmith171@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:dave.hentysmith171@schools.sa.edu.au) with your name and class if you would like to help out.

Just a reminder that Acquaintance Night and the Governing Council AGM are in Week 3 of this term. A note regarding Governing Council nominations went home on Wednesday. If you are interested in being on Governing Council, please fill out the form and return it to the Office.

It's great to be back.

**Dave Henty-Smith, Principal**  
**Barry Stewart, Deputy Principal**

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### New Staff

**Mubarka Janud and Cammy Cheah** have joined St Leonards for Term 1 as our Bilingual Student Support Officers.



### New Staff cont...

#### Bonnie Johnson

My name is Bonnie Johnson and I have the privilege of teaching an amazing group of individuals in Room 6 this year. I have been at St Leonards since 2014 and I have worked as a relief teacher in many classes. I was thrilled to find out I would have a Year 2 class for 2016 and be able to stay within the St Leonards community. The first week has been fantastic getting to know the students and their families and I look forward to strengthening those relationships throughout the year. St Leonards has such a great feel and genuine concern for each child and their successes in learning. I believe in making learning exciting, challenging and to spark a sense of curiosity. If you see me out in the yard feel free to give me a wave or stop me for a chat. I look forward to the year ahead.



#### Sonia Tu

Hello, my name is Sonia Tu and I am very happy to join the St Leonards Primary School community. I will be teaching Year 3 in Room 3. Kathy Baker and I will co-share our class. The first week of school has been a really positive experience and I have received a very warm welcome from staff, students and families.



My experience as an educator has been in a number of school settings. I have taught at schools on the Eyre Peninsula, APY Lands and in Queensland. My roles have included R-3 classroom teacher, LOTE Indonesian, EALD and Special Education Support teacher. I value an inclusive and supportive learning environment which engages learners through interest, challenge and reflection.

My family consists of my husband and our two children, a daughter aged eight and a son aged five. We love to go to the beach, bike riding and watching the 'footy'. I look forward to meeting you all and sharing a wonderful year of learning together.

#### Liz Condous

My name is Liz Condous and I am very excited to be the Music teacher for 2016. I absolutely love music and believe it has a fundamental role in children's development and well-being. Music is powerful. It brings people together, can change people's moods, can be motivating and inspiring and can bring so much enjoyment to our community. I will be working with each class once per week and will also be leading our choir in the Festival of Music – a wonderful opportunity and experience for students in Years 5-7. I am looking forward to sharing many different aspects of music with all of the students at St Leonards.



#### Kendall Fitzgerald

Hi everyone, my name is Kendall Fitzgerald and I have been employed for the next 12 months as an Aboriginal Community Education Officer at St Leonards, Warradale, Paringa Park and Glenelg Primary Schools. I am new to the education field after having worked in the health field for over 21 years. I am loving my new role so far and look forward to the year ahead.



## School Ambassadors

### Justine

My name is Justine and I am a School Ambassador for 2016. I am very excited to take on this role and am sure that I will do it the right way. My hobbies are dancing, netball and surf live saving so I know how to be a good team member. I am also willing to help people out and share my ideas to help improve our school.



### Bonnie

Hi my name is Bonnie and I'm a School Ambassador for 2016. Some of my hobbies are dancing, reading and writing. I like to listen to others ideas and sharing my ideas with others. I'm so excited to be an ambassador this year because I have some great new ideas to bring to the St Leonards table. I'm a good communicator and I'm determined to do some great things in 2016.

### Ethan

My name is Ethan and I am a School Ambassador for 2016. Some of my hobbies are playing baseball and having fun with friends. I am really excited to be an ambassador and I believe that I will do a really good at it. I am always really happy and like making other people happy too.

### Harry

My name is Harry and I am a School Ambassador for 2016. I like computers and sport such as cricket and soccer. I like to make people laugh and smile and I am hoping to improve St Leonards for 2016.



Left to right

Justine,  
Bonnie,  
Harry  
and  
Ethan

## Swimming Reception –Year 5

Reception to Year 5 classes will be attending swimming lessons in Week 6, Monday 7 – Friday 11 March. Please read the information provided by your child's class teacher for lesson times, etc when they come home. **Please note that the canteen will be open at recess and lunch for counter sales only during swimming week. There will be no lunch orders.**



Please ensure that all medication and health care plans are up to date. We are unable to use medication past its expiry date, so please make sure that the school has the correct medication and health care plans. We are unable to let a child go swimming if these requirements are not met.

More information will be provided in the coming weeks.

**Barry Stewart, Deputy Principal**

## Finance

The Governing Council approved the 2016 Materials and Services charges of \$330 (an increase of \$5.00 from 2015) at the meeting held on Tuesday, 1 December 2015. Parents were invoiced this week for the approved fees. An early bird discount of 5% will be given for fees paid by the end of the third week of Term 1 2016, Friday 19 February.

The Governing Council also reviewed the Excursion/Incursion Levy and agreed to continue the levy in 2016. Where classes had unused 2015 levy monies, a credit was placed on the system for parents to apply against this year's levy. Parents were also invoiced this week for the levy.

### Materials and Services Charge 2016 Parent Poll

Thank you to all parents who responded to the polling letter and returned their voting slips by Friday 11 December 2015. Fifty one families responded and the results are as follows:

- 47 agreed
- 4 disagreed

Therefore, as per DECD requirements, due to the majority of families who responded voting in favour of the higher amount, the Materials and Services charge of \$330 will become the legally recoverable amount in the event of non-payment.

**Victoria Sierros, Finance Officer**

## Library

### Scholastic Book Club



Please note that orders for Issue 1 are due by **Monday, 15 February**. Please make sure you write your child's name and classroom number on the order forms and return them by the due date or visit the Scholastic website and order online

### Book Covering Volunteers Needed

As new resources come into the library there is often a lot of book covering needed before they can be put on the shelves for borrowing.

We have had some wonderful parent volunteers over the years who have kindly covered books and we are once again asking for parent help. Please see Kelly in the Library or Mel in the Office if you are able to assist in any way.



**Kelly Peterson, Library SSO**

## School Banking

The Commonwealth Bank will be holding a New Account Opening session on, Tuesday, 16 February in the Artroom from 2:30pm – 4:00pm.



The School Banking program encourages good savings habits by rewarding students with a token for every deposit. For every 10 deposits they can redeem tokens for awesome reward items.

## Swim Week, March 7 - 11

**No lunch orders.**

Counter Sales only

### Canteen News

The Term 1 canteen menu was emailed to families last week and paper copies can be found in the parent information rack near the Office. Parent volunteers are always appreciated, if you are interested in helping out, please pop in and see Katrina or Deryl.



### Canteen Managers, Katrina and Deryl

### Vicki's Corner

Hello, my name is Vicki Woods and I am the Pastoral Care Worker, providing a Chaplaincy Service at St Leonards Primary school. Pastoral Care Workers offer a unique dimension of care and support to all members of the school community. I will be a positive role model and I bring compassion, understanding and provide practical, ongoing support to students and families. My role includes working alongside and complementing other welfare and wellbeing staff in the school.



As the School Pastoral Care Worker, I will be available in the yard at break times, will work alongside teachers and students in the classroom, and I will be an extra resource to teachers to support extra-curricular events and activities. I also provide a Christian presence in the school on behalf of the local churches.

I will be at the school on Monday and Wednesday afternoons and I can be contacted by students through my Letterbox outside the Wellbeing Room. Parents and caregivers can contact me through the school office. I am really looking forward to assisting the school staff to provide the best outcomes for students and their families.



### Coffee Cup Celebration

On Monday we had a Meet and Greet Celebration with some of the Leadership and Wellbeing Team. It was an opportunity to meet with new Reception parents.

As parents were leaving I gave them all a small gift. It was a coffee cup. In the cup was a voucher for a free coffee at "Pomegranate Place" in Camden Park. There was also a small treat and whistle. The idea of the gift was to celebrate your time now that your child has started school.



I still have some coffee cups and vouchers. If there was anyone who missed out or would like a free coffee please come and see me in the Wellbeing Room. Let's celebrate your child returning or starting school in 2016.

**Vicki Woods, PCW**

### Book Covers

Re-usable book covers are \$1.20 each. 10 cents from every cover goes to SLPS. There are 11 designs to choose from and come in A4 and Scrapbook size. They are available for purchase from the Uniform Shop.



### OSHC NEWS

Welcome back to school everyone. Vacation Care was, as always, busy, but lots of fun. The *Inflatable Big Fun Ball Run* visitor experience and our excursions to *Semaphore Waterslide Park*, *Marion Intensity* and *Gymnastics SA* at Morphettville were notable hits with the children.



We would like to take the opportunity to welcome new families to the school. OSHC is available for permanent and casual bookings. Please see Connie or Steve for further information or phone OSHC on 82941990. Information is also available on the school website or from the parent information rack near the Office.

### The OSHC Team

### Private Instrumental Music Lessons Keyboard, Guitar, Voice, Flute



Held at St Leonards Primary School on Monday to Friday during school hours.

#### Private Music Instructors

Keyboard	Liz Willis	0412 127 561
Guitar / Voice	Ian Blake	0412 807 706
Flute	Jessica Archbold	0400 258 965



Weekly lessons are made up of practical and theory components. Instrumental lessons are held weekly, during school time. Students leave their classroom to attend their lesson.

Instrumental lessons are provided on a rotational roster. Fees are \$27 per 30 minute individual lesson or \$17 per 30 minute paired lesson. Additional costs will include a \$2.00 Administration Fee payable each term, lesson books and other resources for keyboard and flute. A \$6.00 one off administration fee applies for guitar and voice.



Please see the Office staff to fill out an expression of interest form, request an enrolment package or contact the Music Instructors directly on the above mobile numbers.

### Business Signage at St Leonards

Do you have a business, work for one or know someone who would like to advertise on our school fence line? For just \$400 per year you can promote your business service to a growing number of SLPS families and locals as well as showing your support for our school.

Supply your own sign or artwork can be created for you (at an additional cost) or you can provide print ready art for manufacture. We have a great price from a local sign writer and we will install your sign free of charge. Email [janelleyarwood@yahoo.com.au](mailto:janelleyarwood@yahoo.com.au) to express your interest or pick up a form from the front office today.