Diary Dates

Week 4
Tuesday, 23 February
- School banking

Friday, 26 February
- 9:00am Assembly
- SAPSASA District Swimming

Week 5
Tuesday, 1 March
- School banking

Wednesday, 2 March
- 1:15 -3:15pm Choir rehearsals at Paringa Park

Friday, 4 March
- Newsletter

Advance Notice – Pupil Free Day
Governing Council has approved our first Pupil Free Day for Thursday, 24 March, 2016. OSHC available. Assembly will now be held on Wednesday, 23 March.

Reminders

- Please return signed permission forms and student information data form to the Office as soon as possible.

- Medication plans must be kept up to date and medications must be in-date. Students with out of date plans and or medications will be unable to attend swimming in Week 6. Please see Mel in the Office for more information.

ICAS

To enrol your child in ICAS, please complete a registration form and return it, with your entry fees, to the school no later than **Thursday 24 March, 2016**. Registrations forms were emailed to families this week and hard copies are available from the Parent Information rack.Please note that no late entries will be accepted.

School Card

School card applications need to be renewed annually. Application forms can be collected from the Office.

From the Leadership Team

What a successful three weeks it has been. We appreciate the positive responses we have received from a wide range of parents and guardians about the successful start to the year. The turnout at our Acquaintance Night was excellent and shows the commitment parents and guardians at St Leonards have to be a positive influence on their child/rens education.

Our AGM was held on Tuesday, 16 February and was well attended. We would like to welcome our new and returning Governing Council members:

- Belinda Tredwell - Chair
- Paula Lowe - Secretary
- Brooke Higgins
- Genevieve de Jong
- Janelle Yarwood
- Lisa Miles
- Rachel Newrick
- Michelle White
- Kimberley Hamilton
- Dave Henty-Smith Principal
- Leanne Denneny - Deputy Chair
- Peter Heading - Treasurer
- Melanie Perkins
- Chrisna Louw
- Heather Pronk
- Kimberley Hunt
- Holly Skorupanovic
- Dianne Hicks Burrows
- Hayden Schwarz Staff Rep
- Barry Stewart Deputy Principal

We have a number of committees which help out around the school. If you would like to help out on any of the committees, you are more than welcome to do so.

Finance Committee:
Dave Henty-Smith Peter Heading (Convenor), Victoria S (Finance Officer), Hayden Schwarz, Kimberley Hunt

Fundraising Committee:
Kimberley Hamilton (Convenor), Holly Skorupanovic, Dave Henty-Smith, Rebecca Freeman

Grounds Committee:
Michelle White (Convenor), Genevieve de Jong, Belinda Tredwell, Peter Murphy, Brooke Higgins, Sonya Winter, Natalie Baggio, Kathy Baker

OSHC Committee:
Barry Stewart (Convenor), Steve and Connie, Kimberley Hunt, Melanie Perkins

Sports Committee:
Leanne Denneny (Convenor), Hayden Schwarz, Brooke Higgins, Belinda Tredwell, Holly Skorupanovic, Heidi Bevan

Education/Learning Committee:
Dave Henty-Smith (Convenor), Paula Lowe, Rachel Newrick, Dave Henty-Smith

Canteen Committee:
Barry Stewart (Convenor), Katrina and Deryl, Chrisna Louw, Genevieve de Jong.

Parent Class Rep Committee:
Janelle Yarwood (Convenor), Kimberely Hamilton, Di Hannagan, Melanie Perkins, Graeme Smith, Brooke Higgins, Holly Skorupanovic

Uniform Committee:
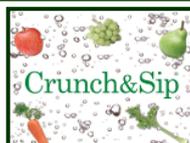Heather Pronk (Convenor), Lisa Miles, Brooke Higgins, Barry Stewart

From the Leadership cont…

Attendance: Make every day of learning count

Absences quickly add up over each term. The table below shows how quickly absences add up each term and this directly affects the amount of time students are engaged in learning each year.

Please ensure that if your child is absent from school a phone call or text message is made to the Office or classroom teachers are notified through student communication.

Amount of absences each term	Amount of learning each year
0 days = 50 days of learning!	0 days = **200 days of learning!**
2.5 days = 47.5 days of learning	10 days absent = **190 days of learning**
5 days = 45 days of learning	20 days absent = **180 days of learning**
7.5 days = 42.5 days of learning	30 days absent = **170 days of learning**
10 days = 40 days of learning	40 days absent = **160 days of learning**
More than 10 days absent every term = less than 40 days of learning	More than 40 days absent every year = **less than 160 days of learning**

Digital Innovations Pilot

Brighton Primary School and St Leonards Primary School, in conjunction with Flinders University and Tonsley, are involved in an exciting pilot project around Digital Innovation.

We are inviting students and parents to come along to an information session at Brighton Primary School, Tuesday, 1 March 7:00pm-8:00pm.

To reserve your place, please email
dave.hentysmith171@schools.sa.edu.au

Are your children interested in learning about the latest technologies including coding, robotics, cybersafety, 3D printing and MORE!

Tuesday 1st March, 2016

Brighton Primary School

7pm to 8pm

Parents and children welcome!

Brighton Primary, St Leonards Primary and Flinders University are involved in a Digital Innovations Pilot Project to expose students to a smorgasbord of different digital technologies.

This will allow students to discover what interests them most and to develop new skills. Students will be offered lunchtime and after school sessions and be accredited for the Children University if they have a current CU passport.

At the Orientation Night we will discuss the purpose of the project and outline proposed project activities, together with the issues of cybersecurity and online safety.

Come along and you can reserve your child a spot in the Pilot Digital Innovations Program.

Places are limited.

Digital Technology displays!

Please RSVP to either…

Tracey Bennett, Assistant Principal, Brighton Primary School
Tracey.Bennett463@schools.sa.edu.au
Dave Henty-Smith, Principal St Leonards Primary
Dave.HentySmith171@schools.sa.edu.au

Criminal History Screening

We have been asked about changes to the DECD Criminal history screening procedures. We have attached some information for you.

What is relevant history screening?

It is a screening process undertaken by the Department for Communities and Social Inclusion Screening unit that involves checking the person's criminal history and any other relevant information that is lawfully available to the Screening unit. It can include information from the police, courts, prosecuting authorities, child protection and professional registration bodies.

Examples of when screening is not required

Examples of when screening is not required to volunteer in a DECD site or service include:

- parents or guardians who volunteer in connection with an activity that involves their own child (such as volunteering within their child's own class)
- one-off guest appearances such as presentations and concert performances that are supervised by screened staff, eg teachers
- parents involved in one off events such as sports days, working bees and whole of school events including a swimming program which their child is attending
- parents or guardians volunteering on a governing council that is not the employing authority of an out of school hours service (OSHC).

Examples of who must be screened

Employees
- all employees of a part-time, full-time or casual basis employed by the Department for Education and Child Development (DECD)
- teachers are screened through the Teachers Registration Board of SA as part of the registration process - no further screening is required.

Volunteers
- parents or guardians attending overnight camps or school sleepovers
- hosting billet families
- those in close contact with students with disabilities in special classes or schools
- sports coaches who are not parents or guardians of a child in the team
- parent volunteers, if their own child is not involved in the service or activity
- Families SA volunteers.

Students
- tertiary students and supervisors
- adult re-entry students who have been out of school for 6 months or more
- student undertaking work experience in a preschool or child care centre.

To find out more about relevant history screening and keeping children safe visit:
http://www.decd.sa.gov.au/hrstaff/pages/default/criminalhistory/

If you have any questions about screening or these changes, please speak with school staff.

Dave Henty-Smith, Principal
Barry Stewart, Deputy Principal

Library : Premier's Reading Challenge

Information for Parents

The Premier's Reading Challenge is a literacy engagement program that was introduced by the Premier in 2004 to encourage students to read more books and enjoy reading and to improve literacy levels. The Challenge requires students to read 12 books between the beginning of the school year and early September.

How can you find out about the Challenge?

All information about the Premier's Reading Challenge can be found at: www.prc.sa.edu.au

Who can participate?

All students from Reception to Year 12 are encouraged to participate.

What can students read?

Students can read a combination of books from the Challenge booklists and books of their own choosing. The book lists are available on the Premier's Reading Challenge website. Reception to Year 7 students select at least eight books from the booklists on the Premier's Reading Challenge website and four books of their own choice. PRC books are labelled in our library.

Awards for completing the Challenge are:

Certificate – first year
Bronze medal – second year
Silver medal – third year
Gold medal – fourth year
Champion medal – fifth year
Legend medal – sixth year
Hall of Fame medal – seventh year
Reader for Life – eighth year
Reader for Life Bronze – ninth year
Reader for Life Silver – tenth year
Reader for Life Gold – eleventh year
Reader for Life Champion – twelfth year
Reader for Life Legend – thirteenth year
Reader for Life Hall of Fame – fourteenth year

Kelly Peterson, Library SSO

School Banking

It's wonderful to see so many young bankers at St Leonards. Don't forget to fill in your name and student number, the date and deposit amount on the banking slip. This makes our volunteers jobs much easier.

Every Tuesday morning before the bell, take your bank book to the Uniform Shop located near the Office. Please do not put it in your class box. It will be returned to you later in the day. Keep on saving!

High School Special Entry Programs

Year 7 students wishing to apply for special entry programs to their preferred high school are advised to check secondary school websites. The websites will have information regarding those programs and submission cut off dates.

Room 12

Love is…

…my sisters sticking up for me when I was getting bullied.
Leah

…when my Mum buys my absolute favourite ice cream from Cold Rock.
Noah

…when my Grandma's face lights up when I see her.
Gabi

…when my Dad scratches my back when I am tired.
Amelia

…when I help my brother with his reading nearly every night.
Maddie

…when my Mum and Dad make my favourite cake for my birthday.
Jack

…when my Grandpa teaches me Maths so I can get into a good high school.
Cui Shan

…when my Dad drives me to baseball.
Daniel

…Mummy cuddling into me.
Jayden

…when my Nanna sneaks lollies into my hand.
Megan

…when I walk out the back door my chickens run up to me.
Jaida

…when my older brothers lift me into the sky and make me feel like I can touch the clouds.
Lily

...when my Grandma takes me and my brother somewhere unexpectedly.
Jason

…my Grandad letting me plant my own cherry tomato plant in the Summer.
Kathryn

…when my Grandma comes to visit and gives me a big hug and a squeeze.
Anna

…my Dad playing cricket with me in the driveway.
Luke

…when my Mum bakes my food for school.
Jalen

…my dog Ivy licking me to death on my hammock in the backyard.
Sienna

…feeding my little nephew breakfast and him dribbling all over my uniform.
Albertine

…when my little brother hugs me after school.
Daniel B

…when my Dad and I pick my brother up and he gives me a cuddle.
Lewis

…when my Dad asks if I need help with my homework.
Lachy

…when my best friends are standing by my side to face the good or the bad everyday.
Elly

…Mum and Dad encouraging me in my work.
Kimmone

…when my Dad takes me to cricket.
Hudson

…when my Dad takes me to soccer every Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday.
Adonis

Sports Day
2016

Sports Day t shirt order forms have been sent home.

Samples can be viewed in the uniform shop Tuesday mornings or Thursday afternoons.

All orders are due by Friday, 18 March, 2016.

Sports Day will be held early in Term 2.

If you are unsure of your child's House for Sports Day, please speak to your child's teacher or Mel in the Office.

Buffalo   Saints

Patawalonga   Holdfast