

Diary Dates

Week 8

Monday, 21 March

- **Harmony Day**



Tuesday, 22 March

- **School Photo Day**
- 7:30pm Governing Council

Wednesday, 23 March

- **ICAS entries – last day to pay**
- 2:30pm Easter Assembly in the Hall

Thursday, 24 March

- **Pupil Free Day – OSHC Closed**

Friday, 25 March

- **Good Friday – Public Holiday**

Week 9

Monday, 28 March

- **Easter Monday – Public Holiday**

Saturday, 2 April

- BBQ fundraiser, Masters, Adelaide Airport

Congratulations



On Thursday, 17 March, Noah P represented the South West District in the SAPSASA Swimming Championships at the Marion Aquatic Centre.

Noah finished 5th in the 10 Years and Under Backstroke and won a Bronze Medal in the 10 Years and Under 4 x 50m Freestyle.

Congratulations Noah on your outstanding achievement.

From the Leadership Team

As we enter our eighth week at school, we would like to take a breath and celebrate some of the achievements and activities we have had during the term. It has been such a positive start to the year. The outside landscaping has been completed and is being used in the senior area, Choir has started and has been outstanding so far, our leadership groups are up and running and our Ambassadors have already run two Assemblies. Swimming Week was an outstanding success, the Beach Volleyball Competition for our Year 6/7 students was well attended and Parent Representatives have been organising events and supporting class teachers. Class Facebook and Edmodo pages have been established for all classes, continuing the excellent communication between families and classrooms. Learning environments and classrooms have had some changes that enable 21st Century learning.

Pupil Free Day

The staff will be involved in Training and Development on the Pupil Free day on Thursday, 24 March. During this time our educators will be looking at the Australian Curriculum and focussing on the way we teach our students. We call this Pedagogy. Staff will work with Zoe Farquhar from DECD as we work to continually improve our already impressive results at our school.

Parent Teacher Interviews

We will be using an online booking system this year. All parents and caregivers will be emailed and have a hard copy of the note showing you how to access the system. If you have difficulties we will have a computer set up in the office area and will help you through the process. We would love to see as many parents and caregivers at these meetings to discuss your child's learning.

Swimming Week

Our Swimming Week went smoothly with students really enjoying the new lesson focus on water safety, water confidence and survival. Feedback from students was very positive. They enjoyed the variety of different challenges the aquatics teachers provided and also the follow up lessons in class that supported and reinforced the lessons they learned at the pool.

Morning Yard Concern

We are concerned that some students are being left in the school yard as early as 8:00am, unsupervised. Yard duty begins at 8:30am when our duty of care commences. Official supervision is only operating in the large playground area alongside the Russell Street entrance and the in the Library until the bells goes to enter classrooms at 8:45am.

Easter Raffle Draw and Assembly

Next week we will hold a student led assembly on Wednesday, 23 March at 2:30pm and we will draw our Easter Raffle. We have moved the assembly to this date due to the Pupil Free Day and Easter long weekend.

Dave Henty-Smith, Principal

Barry Stewart, Deputy Principal



Digital Innovation Pilot Project



Brighton Primary and St Leonards Primary Schools are involved in a Digital Innovation Pilot Project this year with the vision to further explore the digital tools we use to connect, collaborate, contribute and create. This year we would like to delve deeper into the integration of digital technologies and have joined forces with parents and educators over both sites.

On Tuesday, 1 March we had our Parent Information evening to outline the project. We had a fantastic turnout with over 160 students and parents. We discussed the program objectives, possible topics to be covered and possible excursion visits. The planning committee met again on Thursday and we will publish a program shortly.

Some possible topics include: digital film production, animation using Adobe Production Premium Collection, 3D printing Makers Empire, 3D-scanning, SketchUp / CAD, Laser cutting, web design (Wordpress), Coding: Scratch, Python, Cryptography, Cyber security / safety, Robotics, Drones, Microcontrollers: Arduino , Raspberry Pi.

'Simply being able to use technology is no longer enough. Today's students need to be able to use technology to analyse, learn and explore. Digital age skills are vital for preparing students to work, live and contribute to the social and civic fabric of their communities' (International Society for Technology in Education).

Dave Henty-Smith, Principal

Early Years Reading

It's time to read

Life is always very busy but can you find just 5 - 10 minutes a day to share reading with your child? Children need to read daily and you are a role model for them. It is a great idea as a family to all sit down each night for about five minutes to independently read your own book, comic, recipe, timetable etc to show your child how much **you** value reading. (You can hear your child read before or after this family reading time.)



A few simple tips when hearing your child read

- Talk about the book before reading it.
- Look at the cover, the title and the picture and discuss what you think the book might be about.
- Let your child look at the pictures in the book. They are there for a purpose, to help the reader understand the text, so **please don't** cover them up or tell your child not to look at them.



More little tips will be in the next school newsletter.

Most importantly, encourage your child in their reading and celebrate each success.

Jane Brooks, JP Literacy Support Teacher

Congratulations to our 2016

Student Leaders

School Ambassadors

Justine D, Ethan D, Harry B and Bonnie T

House Captains

Halle A, Mackenzie E, Tyler W, Bonnie T, Emma D, Harry B, Tristan B, Kai M, Justine D, Holly S, Teneille M, Ethan D, Chloe H, Kyle G, Ruby P, Molly A

Lunchtime Sports

Ethan T, Isaac P, Tyler W, Lachlan T, Jonathan T

Tech Team

Ethan G, Aston F, Ryan B and Jazmine K

Library Monitors

Icra O, Marney R, Will B and Zack G



Senior Mentors

Jazmine K, Molly A, Aiden W, Clarissa W, Emma D, Kate J, Bailey H, Lily M, Taylee H, Samantha D, John C, Emily B, Marney R

Crossing Monitors

Jack C, Kiera F, Sean J, Clarissa W, Mia T, Elyse X, Hayley L, Lachlan J

Canteen Helpers

Maddie S, Erin M, Dylan G, Lachlan T, Jonathan T, Taylee H, Mackenzie E, Hayley L, Lachlan J, Jack C, Kiera F, Sean J, Mia T, Elyse X, Tristan B, Holly S, Teneille M, Meg L, Kayla F, Ethan G, Ruby P, Ethan T, James F, Hana E, Isaac P, Lilly C

Performing Arts

Emily B, Chloe H, Kate J, Meg L, Abby B, Isla J, Kayla F, Aiden W

Lego Club

Janik V, Will B

Harmony Day



Harmony Day is a national day that provides us with an opportunity to celebrate our successes as a culturally diverse society, re-commit ourselves to harmony and say "no" to racism. It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. During this week classes will be looking at the wide variety of different cultures, special days and celebrations. The students will be considering how these relate to our society today.

To celebrate, all students are invited to wear cultural dress or accessorise their uniform with something orange on **Monday, 21 March**. A whole school picnic lunch will also be held on the oval; please have your child bring a lunch that reflects their cultural heritage or a lunch that represents a country of their choice - perhaps include a surprise samosa, some fried rice, German sausage or a slice of pizza!

Graeme Smith, Wellbeing Coordinator

PE News

Is your child interested in cycling?

The month of May 2016 will see the launch of the newly developed 10 week interschool race series, offering interested students the chance to try one of Australia's fastest growing sports in a fun, safe and controlled environment. Cycling SA is seeking students in Years 5-7 who will be given the opportunity to attend Saturday morning trainings and racing at the Criterium Track in Victoria Park. Victoria Park offers a safe, off-road track with excellent facilities including a new café and renovated grandstand for viewing. From here students go on to race as part of a team of four in a range of upcoming series.

If you are interested in receiving further information about this, please email heidi.bevan649@schools.sa.edu.au

SAPSASA

At the beginning of the year, all Year 6/7 students were given a SAPSASA information pack, where they were required to tick the sports they were nominating for in 2016. We are about to start finalising teams / costs so require these forms back ASAP or by March 22 at the latest.

Heidi Bevan, PE Teacher

OSHC News

Pupil Free Day, Thursday, 24 March OSHC will be closed



OSHC has always endeavoured to provide quality care and support to families. Unfortunately, due to staff unavailability on this occasion, OSHC will not be in a position to open. We apologise for the late notice and any inconvenience.

April Vacation Care

The Vacation Care Program is now available. The program and booking forms can be collected from OSHC, the Parent Information rack or the school website. Please contact Connie or Steve on 8294 1990 for more information. Please book by Friday, 8 April.

At OSHC, children have opportunities to engage in many experiences, which through play, develop cognition. Apart from social and emotional development, children engage in areas of research related to personal interests. Ying Ying engaged in a lengthy and deep maths investigation and currently we have meaningful explorations in science. Literacy is increased through learning with and from others, using daily oral language. It is important to value play and social times as valuable learning opportunities for children of all ages. We welcome feedback from families to improve our practice.



OSHC Staff

Children's University

Some of our Children's University Passport holders created wonderful decorated Easter Eggs during lunch play on Thursday. These are on display in the Office until next week.



Children's University provides links to a diverse range of extracurricular activities to engage students and develop a lifelong love of learning.

Keep an eye out for more CU activities as the April school holidays approach.

Heather Pronk and Natalie Baggio, Children's University

School Banking



Don't forget that **Tuesday** is School Banking day and students should bring their deposit book to the Uniform Shop before 8:45am.

The recent account opening session held by the Commonwealth Bank was a great success. SLPS now has 143 school bankers! Last year the CBA gave the school 5% from every deposit made and \$5 from every new account opened. This initiative raised \$770.86 for the school. What a fantastic effort! Remember, it doesn't matter how much you deposit each week, it's getting into the habit of saving that's important.

To help out our school volunteers, could you please complete your bank slip as follows:

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Teller		Name	Student number	Teller	Date	8-3-16	
Previous balance	\$	A. Student	55	Number of cheques	Notes \$		
Add this deposit	\$	Branch		Coin \$	2.00		
Subtract withdrawal	\$	Account number		Cheques \$			
Current balance	\$			Total \$	2.00		
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We don't need your account number or branch, just your name, student number and deposit amount, along with the date you bank it.

The Commonwealth Bank computer system tallies the number of times you bank (and therefore the number of tokens you get issued). As such, if you have any silver or gold tokens that you are keeping at home, could you please return them to the school via your bank book. We are in short supply and desperately need silver tokens in particular. When you reach ten we will let you know that you can obtain your reward. Spare reward order forms are on the display board near the Cash Office / Uniform Shop. Please note what prizes you can get in each of the terms. Thank you for supporting the School Banking program at our school.

School Banking Team

Fundraising

Easter Raffle

Our Easter Raffle will be drawn on Wednesday, 23 March at our Easter Assembly, 2:30pm in the Hall. Families welcome. We are still accepting donations of Easter Eggs and extra raffle books are available from the Office.



Sausage Sizzles

We have been lucky enough to be given two community Sausage Sizzles in the upcoming months to help raise some funds for our school to improve our outdoor spaces.

Masters, Airport – Saturday, 2 April
Bunnings, Marion – Sunday 22 May

Both will run from 9:00am – 4:00pm. To run these successfully we need your help.

We will need helpers in these time slots:

Set up 8:45am – 9:30am

Cooking and Serving 9:30am – 10:30

Cooking and Serving 10:30am – 11:30am

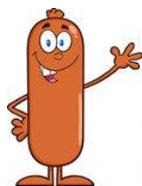
Cooking and Serving 11:30am – 12:30pm

Cooking and Serving 12:30pm – 1:30pm

Cooking and Serving 1:30pm – 2:30pm

Cooking and Serving 2:30pm – 3:30pm

Pack up 3:30pm – 4:30pm



If you are able to help please complete a form from the Office and we will pass them onto the fundraising team.

Girls Night Out

'A Night Out in June' is a fun girls night out where you can grab champagne, a cheese platter, chat to friends and browse the indoor market. It is a great opportunity for new mums at the school to meet other women in a social setting and for veteran mums to hang out with old friends and meet new ones. Tickets are on sale from April 1 at the Office for just \$10 (includes a complimentary drink on arrival) and all money raised goes straight back into our school.



So save the date girls and come and get warm with us on Friday, June 24 from 7pm. It's a great opportunity to sip, shop, socialise, win and support local, boutique and handmade. If you have a product or service and would like to register to have a stall on the night, contact janelleyarwood@yahoo.com.au. We want to ensure there is a good mix of products / services on offer, so register your interest today.

Fence Signage

Would you like more customers? Have you seen the new signs on the school fence line? O'Sheas, Gary J Smith Real Estate, The Gym Glenelg and Magain Real Estate have become a part of the growing St Leonards Signage Family. Contact janelleyarwood@yahoo.com.au to secure your space or call Janelle on 0459 279 663.

For just \$400/year you can promote your business and show your support to our school by advertising on the school fence line either at the front or rear of the school. Spaces are limited.

Fundraising Team

Science and Sustainability

During Science this term we have been learning about how we use the valuable resources on our Earth and why it is so important to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle. Taking the time to Rethink our actions can make a difference. Many students absolutely loved the opportunity to connect with each other, through nature to explore and create. Nest building with natural materials was a great way to indulge our senses and expand our minds whilst appreciating the beauty and diversity in nature....a great reason to look after our world.

Kathy Baker, Science Teacher



Library

The Perkins family made a very kind donation which means we have been able to purchase fifteen new picture books for our library. The new books are very much appreciated. Thank you.



Kelly Peterson, Library SSO