

Diary Dates

Week 6

Wednesday, 8 June

- Principals Tour

Thursday, 9 June

- 9:00am Assembly – Rooms 9 and 12
- 6:30pm Growth Mindset Workshop – Brighton Secondary School

Friday, 10 June

- Pupil Free Day

Week 7

Monday, 13 June

- Public Holiday – Queens Birthday

Tuesday, 14 June

- ICAS Writing

Wednesday, 15 June

- ICAS Spelling

Reminder

Pupil Free Day Friday, 10 June

OSHC available

Please contact Connie or Steve to book on 82941990



From the Leadership Team

Half way through Term 2 already and we certainly continue to power along. After much discussion, we decided to postpone sports day until Term 3, Week 8. We apologise for any inconvenience this has caused but it was pretty horrible on the day, 24 hours either side of that day and it would have been lovely, but alas, it's wasn't to be. We are looking at permanently moving our Sports Day to Term 3 and will continue to discuss this.

There has been some discussion around Pupil Free days from some members of our school community. These days are proposed by the school and are then ratified by the Governing Council. This was done in Term 1. These dates are then communicated to our school community via our newsletter. Our dates are as follows.

- **Term 2**
Friday, 10 June (Pupil Free) with DECD Curriculum Coordinator
- **Term 3**
Monday, 25 July - Growth and Fixed Mindsets (Pupil Free)
Monday, 5 September – Show Day (School Closure)
- **Term 4**
Friday, 4 November (Pupil Free) Interpreting NAPLAN Data

Growth mindsets: As a school, we continuously look for ways to stretch and challenge our students. Learning should be uncomfortable at times and as educators, the St Leonards staff aim to equip students with the skills they need for life. This isn't only things such as literacy and numeracy, but also things such as problem solving, collaboration, understanding and reasoning. On Monday, 25 July St Leonards will be working with a leading light in the area of growth and fixed mindsets. James will take us through a number of activities focussing on how we can stretch our learners

James will be in Adelaide on Thursday, 9 June and will hold a parent workshop at Brighton Secondary School to discuss Growth and Fixed mindsets. It is free to all parents in the Holdfast partnership and I would strongly encourage you all to attend.

Growth Mindset Workshop – Brighton Secondary School

Thursday, 9 June

6:30pm – 8:30pm

Email: dl.0391.admin@schools.sa.edu.au to book your place.

Dave Henty-Smith

Barry Stewart

Scholastic Book Club

Please note that orders for Issue 4 are due by **Thursday, 16 June**.

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.



Staffing News

Welcome Kathleen

We would like to welcome Kathleen Rollings who will be with us for the remainder of Term 2. Kathleen will be looking after LOTE four days a week and Room 4 on Fridays while Natalie Baggio is on long service leave.



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World Environment Day

Whole School Excursion

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Thank you to all the children of our school who were able to attend and we hope that you have made lasting memories of our fabulous adventure. The day began with lots of enthusiasm in beautiful sunshine. We were all able to meander our way around the gardens and enjoy some fascinating and informative sessions. We got into the groove with our lunch time entertainer, Professor Palaeontologist.

Just before the end of what was a perfect day, the rain poured down....in bucket loads. This was not forecasted, but perhaps brought with it many lessons. We know that from the earliest Aboriginal Dreaming Stories to the latest scientific knowledge today, "Water is Life." It seems almost prophetic that the world's most precious resource should present itself in the manner it did.

A day like yesterday could not happen if it wasn't for the enthusiasm and positivity of all our staff who put a lot of time and effort into organising their students, Mel and Victoria managing all of the administrative tasks and of course parents and family members who were able to support us on the day. We are very fortunate to have a school community who embraces learning opportunities outside of the classroom. For many, it was their first ever visit to our beautiful Botanical Gardens.

The Botanical Gardens hosted a wonderful and memorable celebration of World Environment Day. The whole community of St Leonards Primary can be proud of our students and their quest to become informed and responsible Global Citizens with a love





Reconciliation Week

27 May - 3 June, 2016



Today was a very special day. For the first time at St Leonards the Aboriginal flag was flown. Each class respectfully carried the Aboriginal flag and did a 'Long Walk' around the school oval. The idea was initiated by Essendon great, Michael Long who walked from Melbourne to Canberra to meet with the Prime Minister to get the lives of Aboriginal people back on the National Agenda. For more information visit www.thelongwalk.com.au

Thank you to all staff and children for making your contribution towards reconciliation. I'd also like to acknowledge the grounds committee for arranging the flagpole; you too have made a contribution to reconciliation. Thank you.

Kendall Fitzgerald, Aboriginal Community Education Officer
Graeme Smith, Wellbeing Coordinator



The flag raising ceremony



Children's University

We are having a graduation ceremony in September. If you would like to attend you will need a minimum of 30 hours stamped in your passport by Thursday, 1 September. Activities at school include Premier's Reading Challenge, Beep Test, Art Club and many more. Please see the CU Coordinators for more information.



Heather Pronk, CU Coordinator

Premier's Reading Challenge

Read up a storm

The Premier's Reading Challenge is now in full swing. Record sheets were handed out to students last term. Replacement forms can be found at the Library or the Parent Information rack.



Students are challenged to read 12 books from the start of the school year until **Friday, 9 September 2016**.

For Reception - Year 7 students at least eight of the 12 books will be chosen from the Premier's Reading Challenge booklist at the appropriate year level. Please encourage your child to read. For further information visit www.premiersreadingchallengesa



Please keep an eye out in the Library for your name as it is added to the display as each student completes the challenge.

Kelly Peterson, Library SSO

Found

A blue USB with some pictures of a cat on it was handed into the Office. If you have lost it, please come and collect it from Mel.



About KidsMatter

Attached to this edition of the newsletter is an information sheet relating to the KidsMatter program. KidsMatter is an Australian mental health and well-being initiative set in primary schools and early childhood education and care services (like preschools, kindergartens and day care centres). It's a framework that helps these places take care of children's mental health needs by:

- creating positive school and early childhood communities.
- teaching children skills for good social and emotional development
- working together with families
- recognising and getting help for children with mental health problems.

KidsMatter was developed by mental health professionals and education and childcare staff in response to the high rates of school-age children with mental health difficulties and the problems they face getting help. It is a partnership between education and health sectors and is funded by the Australian Government and *beyondblue*.

At St Leonards School we have adopted the KidsMatter initiative and are keen to grow and develop our approaches, particularly in the field of well-being and mental health, forging ever closer and stronger links between the school, home and local community."

Graeme Smith, Wellbeing Coordinator

OSHC News

Pupil Free Day, Friday, 10 June

On the Pupil Free Day we will be travelling to Mitcham Cinema for a screening of Angry Birds (PG). The cost for the day is \$58.00 less CCB and CCR entitlements.



OSHC will be open from 7:30am - 6:00pm.

Once booked, cancellations will not be able to be made. Please see OSHC for a Booking/Permission slip. Thank you

The OSHC Team

Don't forget to preorder your \$20 cheese platter!

Tickets on sale now



A Night out in June
A GIRLS NIGHT OUT & INDOOR MARKET EVENT.
Local, boutique & handcrafted jewellery, artwork, homewares, massage, beauty, fashion, lingerie, flowers, gifts, makeup, food & more.

Tickets just \$10 from St Leonards Primary School office.
(Includes a complimentary drink on arrival)

Pre-purchase a ticket to go into the draw to win a \$50 voucher to spend on the night.
Buy a book of 5 or more and you could win the bookseller's prize.

Friday 24 June 2016

 St Leonards Primary School Hall | 7pm to 9:30pm

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