

## Reminder

### Pupil Free Day Friday, November 4

OSHC available  
For bookings contact OSHC  
staff on 8294 1990.



## From the Leadership Team

### Class Placement

The single most important influence on a child's learning is the teacher. We are so lucky to have dedicated, skilled teachers at St Leonards and parents can be confident that whatever class their child is placed in, they will have a successful year of learning. We also ensure consistency through our commitment to high expectations, developing a supportive class environment, shared agreements, collaboration and focus on school priorities.

It is likely that most classes will be composite classes consisting of two year levels. These classes are not grouped according to academic achievement, but based on opportunities for leadership, friendships, social skills, a balance of learning needs, role modelling and individual student needs.

When planning teaching and learning programs, teachers don't look at the birthdates of the children and where they 'should be' but their ability levels and learning needs. Numerous studies have shown that composite or straight year level classes make no difference to student achievement, as the teacher and the home environment are the most important influences.

During this term the staff are determining the class structures (largely based upon funding) and then placing children into classes. This is a very deliberate and thoughtful process and teachers use lots of information about their students when considering classes for 2016.

We know that all students at St Leonards will have the opportunity to work to their potential in a supportive classroom.

### Pokemon Cards

Unfortunately we have had some issues of late with Pokemon cards, leading to some angst amongst some of our students. As a result, we are asking all students to keep these cards at home and not be bought into the school environment.

### World Teacher's Day

We celebrated the many amazing contributions our fantastic teachers provide to our school last Friday, 28 October at assembly. Teachers received a certificate and beautiful trees were created in the Office with leaves that held special messages from students. We are certainly very lucky to have so many amazing educators here at St Leonards.



Dave Henty-Smith, Principal  
Barry Stewart, Deputy Principal

## Diary Dates

### Week 4

#### Tuesday, 8 November

- Australian Playhouse Production – The Fairest of Them All

#### Thursday, 10 November

- Beach Volleyball Yr4/5 and Yr6/7

### Week 5

#### Friday, 18 November

- Tying Laces Will Take You Places



## Music Night Tonight



### Showcasing the many talented Musicians at St Leonards

Thursday, 3 November  
in the Hall  
5:30pm – 8:00pm

Piano, Guitar and Flute



## Bikes Left in the Bike Shed

There are three bikes and helmets in the bike shed that haven't moved for several weeks. There is a very nice racing bike (adult) and two student bikes. I believe that they may have been left from the Bike Ed lessons in Term 3. If this rings a bell and you are missing your bike, could you please see Mr Stewart.



**Barry Stewart, Deputy Principal**

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## Chalmers Street Parking

We know how difficult it is to find safe areas to drop off your children. It is very crowded in the surrounding streets at drop off and pick up times.



Chalmers Street is particularly tricky when trying to navigate cars and children. Parents are reminded to park by the curb before children alight from the car. This should leave a middle area for traffic to flow enabling everyone to continue moving.

**Governing Council**

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## ICAS Maths

During Term 3 students had the opportunity to take part in the ICAS Maths test.

### Credit

Muhammad A  
Finlay H  
Maisy P  
Joshua H  
Cameron M  
Lily M  
Isaac P  
Elyse X

### Participation

Thomas G  
Jayden H  
Kanvarveer J  
Mia K  
Alexander M  
Sebastian W  
Ashlee J  
Taylah R  
Jack L  
Noah P  
Stephanie T  
Rory E  
Lucy M  
Chloe R



Congratulations to all who participated. We are very proud of your efforts.

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## Arbury Park Year 3-5 Camp

Some forms have been sent home this week regarding the camp in Week 5. We have attached these notes to the newsletter email for your information.

It includes travel times, an itinerary and a guide on what to bring to camp. A note with camp contact details will be going home shortly.



**Barry Stewart, Deputy Principal**

## Wellbeing



### The role of schools

St Leonards plays a central role in the lives of students and their families. The experiences of children and families from CALD backgrounds within their school communities can have significant effects on their sense of inclusion or exclusion and subsequent quality of engagement within the wider community.

In order to meet the learning, social and wellbeing needs of students and their families from diverse backgrounds, it is important for our school community to understand and recognise their particular circumstances. These may include migration, refugee and resettlement experiences as well as different cultural values and styles of communicating and learning.

Our school community can play a critical role in supporting and engaging students and families from diverse backgrounds. We also have a significant responsibility to promote values of mutual respect and understanding, and to effectively address problems of discrimination when they occur in the school setting. At St Leonards we are constantly aware of the diversity of our community.

**Graeme Smith, Wellbeing Coordinator**

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## Choir



The choir has begun a busy term of performances with a wonderful concert at the Freemasons Hall in the Adelaide CBD. We combined with the seniors from the ACH Group and several other schools, to present an afternoon of singing to the wider community. It was such a privilege to be able to share our love of singing and bring so much joy to older people who don't always get the opportunity to sing with children. We look forward to continuing this connection next year.



**Liz Condous, Music Teacher**

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## OSHC



Reminder that OSHC is available for the Pupil Free day tomorrow.

*OSHC will be open 7:30am – 6:00pm.  
We will be taking the children to Mitcham Cinema for a screening of Pete's Dragon (PG).*

Cost for the day per child is \$59.00 less CCB and CCR entitlements. Please book through OSHC on 8294 1990

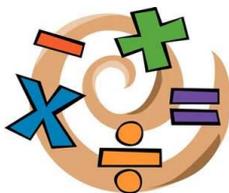
**The OSHC team**

## Numeracy and Literacy Results Plus

### Expectation C

In previous newsletters we have explored the **DECD Numeracy and Literacy Results PLUS** strategy that South Australian schools are working with to improve Numeracy and Literacy for all students. We have shared an overview of the strategy and learnt a little more about two of the four main expectations, (A -track and monitor every learner's growth and B -have a numeracy and literacy improvement cycle).

In this newsletter we will learn more about expectation C - Enacting changes in pedagogical (teaching) practices and acknowledge what we have implemented within our school and across the Partnership to further engage and intellectually stretch learners, develop their resilience and growth mindsets, and improve numeracy and literacy achievement.



Throughout the year our focus has been on stretching and challenging our students. To achieve this, the school staff have undergone a range of professional learning to enact changes in their teaching approaches.

In January our school joined the Partnership to attend staff professional development with Kath Walker from Walker Learning, where the focus was on engaging students in their learning.

The key message of this workshop focused on an approach to teaching *and learning which combines the need for children to be active participants in their learning (through hands-on and creative exploration and investigation) which sits alongside formal instruction. There is explicit teaching and development of not only literacy and numeracy skills and knowledge, but also the range of vital social, emotional and life skills.*

During the second semester we were involved in further professional learning to develop a deeper understanding of Growth Mind sets and Powerful Learning. These philosophies of learning focus on students being able to take control of their learning through, setting personal challenges, questioning, and developing their resilience. The key point is that we (students and adults) stretch and challenge ourselves by seeing our mistakes as opportunities to learn and improve.

To support these approaches we have also been involved in a number of hands on practical workshops in Numeracy and Literacy. The key message for these has been redesigning student learning tasks so that the students are stretched and challenged and that learning is hard and perseverance is needed.

Throughout this journey both students and teachers have been challenged, moving from safe and traditional learning experiences to ones that are self-directed and make us think outside of the square and more deeply about real world problems.



## Important Dates

**Monday 7 – Wednesday, 9 November**  
Year 6/7 Camp, Illawonga, Murray River

**Monday 14 – Wednesday, 16 November**  
Year 3 Camp, Arbury Park

**Wednesday 16 – Friday, 18 November**  
Year 4/5 Camp, Arbury Park

**Tuesday, 22 November**  
Canteen Special Lunch



**Friday, 2 December**  
Celebration Night (*Alcohol Free night*)

**Christmas Mega Raffle**  
Drawn at Assembly  
Friday, 16 December  
Tickets available soon.  
(*Donations of new or unused gifts appreciated*)

## Vicki's Corner

### Hampers

It is hamper time again. Last year we donated a car load of toys and food to WestCare and we would love to do that again.



Over the next 6 weeks we will be looking for donations of non-perishable food items e.g. pasta, tin foods, long life milk and new toys. All donations will go to struggling families supported by WestCare—BaptistCare Inner City Services. Please bring items to the Wellbeing office before Monday, 12 December. There will be a space under the Christmas tree. If you would like any more information please contact Vicki Woods at the school.



For more information about WestCare please check out their website: [www.baptistcaresa.org.au/services](http://www.baptistcaresa.org.au/services) and go to the Homelessness Services

### Holdfast Bay Christmas Pageant

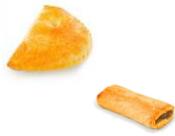
The pageant will be on Sunday, 20 November. We have put in the participation form and have been able to get in. More details re time and where to meet will come soon. Holly Skorupanovic has been busy organising costumes for students to wear. What we would like to know is numbers of people who would like to be involved. So if your child would like to be in the pageant as part of St Leonards PS float can you please let me or Holly know asap. You can contact us by email or see us at school.



Holly's email is [interactivehealth@bigpond.com](mailto:interactivehealth@bigpond.com)  
Vicki's email is [vicki.woods141@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:vicki.woods141@schools.sa.edu.au)

**Vicki Woods, Pastoral Care Worker**

## Canteen Special Lunch



**Week 6**  
**Tuesday, 22 November**

**\$7.00 includes**



**Choice of :**

Beef Pie or  
Vegetarian Pasty or  
Giant Sausage Roll or  
Potato Top Pie  
(Gluten Free available on request, please see Canteen staff)

and a Fruit Box  
sauce included

**Notes will be sent home next Friday, 11 November.**  
**Orders in by Friday, 18 November.**

## School Banking



Thank you for supporting School Banking. We would like to thank all of our students who have taken part in the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program this year. Not only does the program reward children for saving regularly, but it is also a great fundraiser for our school.

Keep an eye out for our 2017 Back to School launch in Term 1 next year where you'll find out about our new theme, new rewards and the Grand Prize competition!

Our final School Banking day for 2016 will be **Tuesday, 13 December**. If you wish to order a reward item for your child this year please ensure that your redemption slip is filled in and returned prior to this date. Any tokens that have not been redeemed this year can be used in 2017.

## Community News

### Keep your kids smiling

Dental care is **FREE** for all babies, children not yet at school and most other children under 18 at School Dental Service clinics.



Your local clinic is located at:  
Marion GP Plus Health Care Centre  
Level 1, Milham Street  
OAKLANDS PARK SA 5046

All babies, children and young people under 18 are welcome. First dental check-ups are recommended from 12-18 months.

SA Dental Service participates in the Child Dental Benefits Schedule.

Please call 7425 8400 to make an appointment.  
[www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/sadental](http://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/sadental)

## Christmas Tree Festival

St Peter's Church, Glenelg

Blessing & Lighting of the Christmas Trees -  
Thur 17th November, 7.00pm

### Festival Open -

- \* Fri, Nov 18th 10.00am - 4.00pm
- \* Sat, Nov 19th 10.00am - 4.00pm
- \* Sun, Nov 20th following the Glenelg Christmas Pageant to 4.00 pm

Including Anglicare Christmas Giving Tree, Teas, Stalls, Children Activities...

Entry \$2

St Peter's Anglican Church  
Torrens Square, Glenelg

Web. [www.glenelganglican.org.au](http://www.glenelganglican.org.au)  
Ph. 8295 2382

### Young Local Authors 'The Manthology'

*The Manthology* is a wonderful collection of 19 intriguing stories in a brand new anthology written by a group of young authors aged 8-12 from Sheidow Park Primary School. Find 'The Man' as he threads his way through each story until the climactic last moments of the very last story. Hear some of the students and teachers involved in the making of this extraordinary book talk about their writing experiences and journey.

Books available for sale

**Tuesday 15 November, 2016**  
**6.30pm - 7.30pm**  
Cove Civic Centre  
1 Ragamuffin Drive,  
HALLETT COVE 5158

T 8375 6785

FREE! Bookings Essential



THE  
**MANTHOLOGY**

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Meet the Author