



St Leonards Primary School



Government of South Australia
Department of Education and
Children's Services

Newsletter 21, Term 4

Thursday, 15 December, 2016

**End of Year
Early Dismissal 2:05pm**

OSHC Available

Please contact
Steve on 8294 1990



**Wishing everyone
a safe and happy
holiday break**

**Term 1 starts
31 January 2017**



Diary Dates

Week 1 - Term 1 2017

Monday, 30 January

- First Day of School
- 9:00am New Parent Meet and Greet

Tuesday, 31 January

- School Banking

Week 2

Tuesday, 7 February

- School Banking

Friday, 10 February

- 9:00am Outdoor Assembly

From the Leadership Team

Term 4 has been a whirlwind of exciting learning experiences for us and looking back over the year; we have had many successes that continue to make St Leonards the fabulous school that it is.

Staffing Update

This is an exciting, yet sad time of year as we welcome and farewell staff, as we know that they are our greatest assets. Congratulations to the following:

- Bonnie Johnson has been appointed .6 for Term 1.
- Jess Ogilvie has been appointed as a Year 2/3 Teacher for 2017.
- Karen Thorogood has been appointed 6 hours per week as our PCW.

We are still waiting on appointments for the Arts and PE. We hope to have these in place shortly.

Farewell

- Liz Condous, thank you for your work in the Arts. We hope to have you back in 2017.
- Kathleen Rollings, thanks for your brilliant work throughout the school and all the best for the impending birth of your son.
- Ellie Treacy, thanks for your excellent work in PE and in Room 5A.
- Amanda Drinkwater for working in LOTE over the past four weeks. We have appreciated your enthusiasm.
- Judy Ellis who has worked teaching Science for the past three weeks.
- Vicki Woods PCW. Good luck in your new roles at Pennington and North Haven.
- Kendall Fitzgerald who has won an appointment at Immanuel.

On behalf of staff, parents and students, I would like to thank and acknowledge the outstanding work of staff that are moving on due to career opportunities and wish them all the best for the future.

I would also like to acknowledge two of our staff, Natalie Baggio and Kathy Baker who have had some hardship this year and are on leave. Our thoughts are with you. We look forward to your return in 2017.

I would like wish our amazing community a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and look forward to seeing you all in 2017.

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

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Year 7 Graduation

Congratulations to **all** our Year 7 students for their achievements during their time at St Leonards.

Molly A	Halle A	Tristen B
Harry B	Loki B	John C
Lilly C	Jack C	Emma D
Ethan D	Justine D	Samantha D
Mackenzie E	James F	Aston F
Heath G	Zack G	Kyle G
Bailey H	Kai M	Teneille M
Ruby P	Maddie S	Holly S
Bonnie T	Cezario W	Tyler W



Photo courtesy of Sarah Darbyshire

The award winners were:

- Bonnie T - Hindmarsh Shield
- Justine D - Citizenship Award
- Ethan D - Academic Award

Farewell

Some exciting but sad news from me as I have been successful in winning a job at Immanuel College for next year. I have had a great year not only working with Indigenous students and families across the partnership but also the wider school community. We really do have a great school at SLPS and I'm stoked that I get to stay involved as a parent. Merry Christmas everyone.



Kendall Fitzgerald, ACEO

Choir

Last week the choir once again joined together with the wider community to share their love of music and singing. We visited the residents at Murray Mudge Aged Care Facility in Glenelg to provide them with a choral concert and some combined Christmas carol singing. It was a wonderful afternoon highlighting just how much joy singing brings to people of all ages.



Liz Condous, Music Teacher

OSHC

The Summer Vacation Care Program is proving popular, with several excursion days already fully booked and others nearing capacity. Program details are available from OSHC and the School website.



The OSHC team

Vicki's Corner



Hi Everyone, just want to say goodbye. Today is my last day at St Leonards as I will be moving on to Pennington and North Haven PS. I would like to say a **HUGE** thank you to everyone who has made the last two years an awesome experience. I have loved being a part of the St Leonards Community. Although I am sad to be leaving I am excited for my new opportunities ahead. I am also excited that there will be a new PCW here next year. She is an amazing lady and please make her feel as welcome as you have made me. I will miss all the students, parents, teachers and SSO's and fun times we have had.

Westcare wants to say a **HUGE** thank you to everyone who donated items especially the toys. West care provides a place where people can go and have Christmas lunch with others in the same situation as them. There are also many volunteers who will spend their time on Christmas Day serving and blessing these people. People all celebrate Christmas in different ways. Whatever you are doing and whoever you are spending your day with I pray that it be a day full of fun and laughter. Merry Christmas everyone.

Vicki Woods, Pastoral Care Worker

Instrumental Music 2017

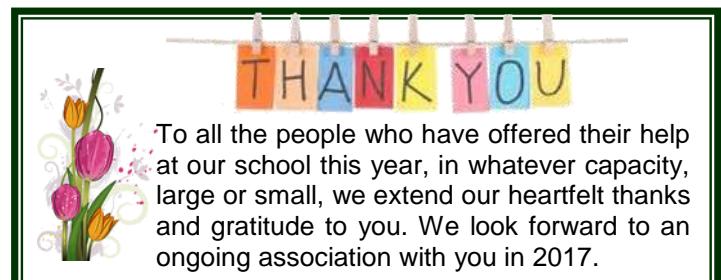
A message to parents from the Department for Education and Child Development



Our public education system has a very strong and proud history of delivering high-quality music education in South Australia. This will be strengthened as new music focus schools open in 2017, expanding the network to 19 across South Australia. The state government is also investing an extra \$879,000 in instrumental music, bringing the total budget to more than \$11 million in 2016-2017.

You may be aware that a Consent Order was issued in the Industrial Relations Commission earlier this year to apply 'best practice guidelines' for the engagement of music teachers and instructors in public schools. We wish to assure all members of your school community that it is our priority to continue to meet the learning needs of students. That includes ensuring that school programs continue so students who have been learning a musical instrument can continue to do so in 2017.

The department is working with individual schools to ensure this happens, within the context of decisions made by schools every year about their curriculum offerings, staffing and budget in consultation with their Personnel Advisory Committees and Governing Councils. Parents with questions about what this means for their child are encouraged to speak with their school principal in the first instance or visit www.decd.sa.gov.au for more information.



To all the people who have offered their help at our school this year, in whatever capacity, large or small, we extend our heartfelt thanks and gratitude to you. We look forward to an ongoing association with you in 2017.