



Building a community that  
inspires curious, creative  
and innovative thinkers

# St Leonards Primary School

*Learning Together*

*Respect Resilience Readiness*

## Diary Dates

### Week 4

#### Tuesday 21 February

- School Banking

### Week 5

#### Tuesday 28 February

- School Banking

#### Thursday 2 March

- Clipsal Excursion - Year 6/7

#### Friday 3 March

- 9:00am Assembly



## **RAN (Responding to Abuse and Neglect) Training**

Are you interested in  
volunteering at our school?

We would like all volunteers to  
complete RAN training.

You are able to access the online  
training sessions at

[https://  
rantrainingvolunteers.e3learning.com.au/](https://rantrainingvolunteers.e3learning.com.au/)

On completion, please bring your  
certificate to Mel in the Office who  
will copy it and keep it on file.

## School Photo Day

### R-5 Swimming

Information will be sent home with  
students on Monday for these  
events.

Spare copies can be collected  
from Mel in the Office.

## From the Leadership Team

### **Acquaintance Night**

It was great to see so many people at our recent Acquaintance Night. The feedback I received was overwhelmingly positive. These events strengthen the connections within our school community in particular between the classroom teachers and caregivers. These positive connections are absolutely vital.

### **Governing Council 2017**

Thank you to those who attended our Governing Council AGM. We have elected the following office bearers for 2017:

Chairperson: Belinda Tredwell, unanimous

Deputy Chairperson: Leanne Denny, unanimous

Treasurer: Peter Heading, unanimous

Secretary: Paula Lowe, unanimous

From the meeting, a number of governing council committees were formed. If you are interested in joining any of these committees as a parent/community member, please contact the school or any of the convenors.

### Finance Committee

Dave Henty-Smith, Peter Heading (Convenor), Victoria Sierros (Finance Officer), Hayden Schwarz

### OSHC Committee

Barry Stewart (Convenor), Steve Gregov, Connie Cowling, Melanie Perkins, Rachel Newrick, Kel Chardon

### Canteen Committee

Barry Stewart (Convenor), Katrina James, Deryl Huish, Chrisna Louw, Nia Lewis, Lisa Holt

### Parent Class Rep Committee

Afra Prodan, Lauren Wood (Convenors), Kimberly Hamilton, Melaine Perkins, Brooke Higgins, Holly Skorupanovic, Emma Scott

### Fundraising Committee

Dave Henty-Smith, Holly Skorupanovic (Convenor), Kimberly Hamilton, Emma Scott

### Sports Committee

Brooke Higgins (Convenor), Hayden Schwarz, Leanne Denny, Belinda Tredwell, Michelle White, Rachel Johns, Deb McDonald

### Grounds Committee

Barry Stewart, Michelle White (Convenor), Belinda Tredwell, Peter Murphy, Brooke Higgins, Lisa Miles, Deb McDonald

### Education/Learning Committee

Dave Henty-Smith, Paula Lowe (Convenor), Rachel Newrick,

### Uniform Committee

Dave Henty-Smith, Heather Pronk (Convenor), Kimberley Hamilton, Brett Prew

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Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/St-Leonards-Primary-School/643629105782299>



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Next Newsletter: Friday 3 March 2017

Newsletter 2, Term 1  
Friday 17 February 2017

## Stretching Learning

The Holdfast Partnership (all schools and kindys in our area) have jointly developed a booklet for all families around stretching learning, growing learners and developing dispositions. We want to develop our learners to be curious, courageous, confident and Communicators. We also want them to experience something called 'productive failure' and 'productive struggle'.

### So what is productive struggle?

Students can experience productive struggle when given a task slightly beyond their abilities. As educators provide support for tackling a challenging problem through different approaches, they can help build critical thinking skills and develop resilience and grit. The objective isn't necessarily to get to the right answer, but to engage in this process to advance learning and develop perseverance and resilience, one of our school values.

It's uncomfortable to struggle, but struggling, falling down and getting back up, is an important facet to learning. Productive struggle is not about being in pain or becoming frustrated. To help students embrace struggle as part of the learning process, we have to let them know that it's okay not to know the answer. The goal is to participate in the discovery process. In addition, educators are there to support students when they get stuck.

### Parking and Road manners

The safety of our students is of utmost importance to us all. We would like to remind our community to act as good role models for our students by observing our rules around the school. This includes crossing roads at the appropriate areas, observing speed limits at all times and parking correctly in the designated areas.

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

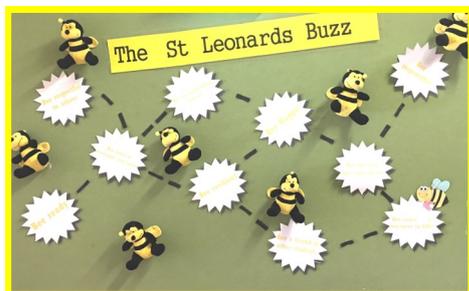
## Netball

### Urgent

Our fantastic netballers are urgently in need of a netball coordinator for 2017. For the last few years we have been able to offer netball as an after-school-sport due to the amazing help of parent volunteers here at St Leonards.

Leanne Denny will be unable to coordinate Netball in 2017 so the hunt is on for someone to take on the role. The season starts in early Term 2 so the sooner we find a replacement the better. A knowledge of the game is not necessary, just a willingness to offer some of your time. Leanne is more than willing to help in any way.

For more information or just to say "Yes, I'll do it", contact the school or Leanne at [leannejd@iprimus.com.au](mailto:leannejd@iprimus.com.au)



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Bee... Ready  
Bee... Respectful  
Bee... Kind  
Bee... Your Best  
Bee... Responsible

## Finance

### Materials and Services Charges 2017

Please note that the early bird discount of 5% for fees paid by the end of Week 3 ended today. School fees are required to be finalised by the end of Term 1. Families wishing to pay their fees by instalments are required to fill out an 'Agreement For Payment By Instalments' form which is available at the Cash Office. Please see me for any assistance required.

### School Card 2017

School card application forms are available at the Office for families wishing to claim the school card rebate this year. Please note that if you believe you are eligible for the school card rebate annually then you must fill out a new application form each year.

**Victoria Sierros, Finance Officer**

## Absences, Late Arrivals and Leaving Early

If your child is absent from school or will be late, please use either the school messaging system (SMS 0427 016 460) and state in the text your child's name, class and the reason for the absence/lateness eg illness, appointment, family etc or telephone the school before 9:30am. If you call before 8:00am leave a message on the answering machine with the same details as above (Phone 8294 9811).

If your child is late to school, go directly to the Office to receive a late sign-in slip before going to the classroom.

If your child needs to leave school early for any reason please see staff in the Office and pick up a leaving early slip prior to collecting your child from the classroom.

It is a DECD requirement that we have accurate attendance records, thank you for your help in this matter.

**Mel Worden, Office Manager**

## Lets Do Some Reading



### Reception—Year 2

Are you a bit worried about your child's reading and perhaps asking the question...

"What can I do at home to help my child with their reading?"

On Monday 20 February I will be running two parent workshops in the Library to share some information and strategies about how you can support, help and encourage your child in reading at home.

Session 1: 8:50am - 9:15am  
Session 2: 2:30pm - 3:00pm

*(the sessions are identical in content)*

I will put together a booklet of ideas that you will receive on the day or you can pick up a copy from your child's class teacher in case you are unable to attend either session.

I look forward to meeting you.

**Jane Brooks, Literacy Support Teacher (Rec - Yr 2)**

## 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, 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](http://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 PRC 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**

## Completing your deposit slip for School Banking day.

Please ensure your child's deposit slip is filled out before banking with School Banking. All 7 fields below need to be completed:

- Child's name
- Child's School Banking student number
- Child's Youthsaver account number
- Date
- Amount in coins, notes and/or cheques
- Total amount of deposit
- Total amount of deposit (input into the "Add this deposit" field)

## Karen's Corner

I hope that you've all had a really great week! I've been so fortunate to be able to spend time with many of the amazing children in their classes and around the school yard, and it strikes me that as Week 3 comes to a close, our children are tired, really tired (if I were to hazard a guess, I might think you're feeling just a little worn out too as you struggle to implement routines, juggle responsibilities, family life and everything else that goes with parenting!)



If we stop to consider for a moment just what our children are doing and achieving every day at school, it's no wonder that their behaviour at times might be well, challenging! I know in our home sometimes I find myself asking 'what just happened then?' or 'I didn't see that coming!'



St Leonards is a school of learning excellence, the incredible teaching staff and all those involved in the care of our children, give their

absolute all, every single day ... they encourage the students to do their very best and are constantly helping them to strive to reach their individual potentials!

Many of you would be familiar with the expression 'hit the wall' and I think it's probably applicable to our children and how they cope (or not!) with the challenges they face away from school. If your children are experiencing extreme tiredness, irritability (or worse) at times or an inability to conform to expectations placed upon them, it might be worth considering keeping things simple at home as they navigate a new school year and grade and the responsibilities that come with that!

Perhaps consider keeping your expectations realistic, look at what extra-curricular activities your children may be involved in and again what is realistic for their particular age and maturity. The last thing any of us as parents want, is to set our children up to fail. In our home, bedtime has been brought forward half an hour, as sometimes behaviour exhibited seems to be due to extreme tiredness or even exhaustion (I'm talking about my own bedtime and behaviour too!).



If you want to chat about anything, please feel welcome to see either Di or myself anytime, because, in my humble opinion, we're definitely not meant to do this 'parenting thing' alone!!

All that said, you should be extremely proud of your child/children... they are all exceptional human beings and collectively are helping make St Leonards the fantastic school that it is today.

Finally, if anyone has access to that elusive 'Parenting Manual' (you know, the one we weren't given when our precious children came into this world!) please send a copy my way. Have an awesome week.

**Karen Throogood, PCW**

# Sports Day

## Buffalo



## Patawalonga

Friday 7 April  
Week 10

## Holdfast

Last day to order Sports  
Day T-Shirts is  
Wednesday 15 March

Samples can be viewed in  
the Office

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



## Saints

Back to School



Join us for an evening of socialising and trivia. With games, raffles, spot prizes, best dressed table, best costume, a silent auction and more.

Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017  
From 6pm

St Leonards Primary School Hall  
Jervois Street – Glenelg North

Get your gang together and grab a table of ten or organise a classroom table. You can also purchase single tickets and we will place you on a table.

Purchase tickets from the school office until sold out.

Tables of 10 - \$120

Single tickets \$15 each

The theme of the evening is *Back to School*

BYO platter/food to share with your table

CASH BAR available on the night

### Quiz Night

Tickets are now on sale and numbers are limited. See Mel in the Office to secure your ticket/table. We have not advertised this outside of the school (at this stage) because we want our community to enjoy a social evening, so please do support this fundraiser.

### Raffle Baskets

Boxes have been placed in each classroom with a theme attached and some suggestions to fire your imagination. This time we are asking families to donate an item to suit your rooms theme so that we can create raffle baskets. Please pop your item into the box before March 10. This way we can work out what we have and what we need in order to create some great raffle prizes.

### Silent Auction

If you own or work for a business that can help by donating a substantial prize that can be auctioned on the night, we would love to hear from you. Think a BBQ, outdoor setting, car service, restaurant voucher, massage, tickets to an event, adult skateboard or bike, gym membership, signed sporting memorabilia, liquor, framed artwork, flowers every month for a year.... to name a few. We will advertise your business and thank you for your donation on our event page and in our school newsletter, as well as on the night.

### Hot Shots Tennis Coaching at St Leonards

After school clinics for children aged 5 - 9

Hot shots is a modified tennis program aimed at Rec - Yr 3 students that develops skills and builds confidence. Lessons start in Week 3 of Term 1.

When: Wednesday 3:15pm - 4:00pm

Where: SLPS Courts

Cost: \$140.00 for 8 weeks. Students will receive a free tennis racquet in their first term of coaching.



### Keep your kids smiling

SA Dental Service

Have you received a letter from Medicare about the Child Dental Benefits Schedule?

The School Dental Service is a Child Dental Benefits Schedule provider.

Dental care is FREE for ALL babies, preschool and most children under 18 years at School Dental Service clinics.

Call now for an appointment.

Your clinic is: Marion GP Plus Dental Clinic  
Phone: 7425 8400

