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# St Leonards Primary School

*Learning Together*

*Respect      Resilience      Readiness*

## Diary Dates

### **Week 8 Rec - Year 5 Swim Week**

#### **Monday 20 March**

- Finance Meeting am

#### **Tuesday 21 March**

- Governing Council 7:00pm

#### **Wednesday 22 March**

- Year 6/7 Surf Ed

#### **Thursday 23 March**

- Year 6/7 Surf Ed

### **Week 9**

#### **Parent Teacher Interviews**

#### **Monday 27 March**

- Toyman Incursion Rec—Yr 2

#### **Wednesday 29 March**

- Growth and Development  
Year 6/7

#### **Thursday 30 March**

- Assembly 9:00am

#### **Friday 31 March**

- Pupil Free Day

#### **Saturday 1 April**

- Quiz Night

## **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 fencing is almost completed and certainly looks amazing, the Choir has started and has been outstanding so far, our leadership groups are up and running and our Ambassadors have already run two Assemblies. The SAPSASA Beach Volleyball Competition for our Year 5/6/7 students was well attended and our students excelled in both their behaviour and performance. We are proud of how our students represented St Leonards. Parent Representatives have also been organising events and supporting class teachers.

Class Facebook 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 21<sup>st</sup> Century learning.

### **Pupil Free Day**

The staff will be involved in Training and Development on the Pupil Free day on Friday, 31 March. During this time our educators will be looking at task design and moderations with other schools across our Partnership.

### **Parent Teacher Interviews**

We will again be using an online booking system this year. Parents and caregivers have been emailed and provided with a hard copy of the note showing how to access the system. This will also be placed on all class Facebook Pages. If you have difficulties see Mel in the Office and she will help you through the process. We would love to see as many parents and caregivers at these meetings.

Finally we continue to treasure the connections we make with our community. St Leonards Primary School has been lucky enough to receive a \$4,000 dollar donation from Novar Gardens IGA. This money will support programs that we have planned around the school. We are so excited and grateful for this opportunity.

**Dave Henty-Smith, Principal**

**Barry Stewart, Deputy Principal**

## **Reminders**

### **Canteen**

Canteen will be closed during Swimming Week. No lunch orders or counter sales.

### **Pupil Free Day**

#### **Friday 31 March**

OSHC will be available between 7:30am – 6:00pm We will be taking the children to Mitcham Cinema, movie to be advised. Cost for the day: \$59.00 per child, less entitlements. Please book early. Phone 8294 1990.



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Next Newsletter: Thursday, 30 March 2017

Newsletter 4, Term 1  
Friday 17 March 2017

## Reception —Year 5 Swimming Week

Swimming lessons will be held at the State Aquatic Centre Marion, from Monday, 20 – Friday, 24 March. Lessons are one hour per day. This program is part of the Health and Physical Education curriculum.

The successful program will develop a range of knowledge, skills, understandings and attitudes about:

- water confidence
- survival in the water
- rescue of others
- water safety
- endurance and fitness



Every day the children will be required to bring clearly labelled:

- appropriate bathers
- towel
- a plastic bag to put wet clothes/towel in
- thongs or sandals **(to wear on the bus only)**
- goggles (optional)
- water bottle
- swim cap (optional)



Please note that no jewellery or watches are to be worn and long hair should be tied back with a non-metallic hair tie (no metal hair clips or hair bands).

Students may not wear thongs to or from school or in the playground.

Times

9:30 – 10:30	Session 1	Rooms 1, 2 and 12
10:30 – 11:30	Session 2	Rooms 5B, 7 and 8
11:30 – 12:30	Session 3	5A, 9 and 10
1:00 – 2:00	Session 4	Rooms 3, 4 and 6

## April Vacation Care

Details will be available early Week 8 from OSHC and the school website.

To secure your booking needs, please book early. Phone 8294 1990.

**OSHC team**



## SAPSASA Swimming

On Thursday, 16 March, Noah P represented the South West District in the SAPSASA Swimming Championships at the State Aquatic Centre. Noah competed in Backstroke and the 4 x 50m Freestyle Relay. Congratulations Noah.



## Sports Day

**Friday 7 April  
Week 10**

Order forms for the BBQ have been sent home. Please return the completed form to the Canteen by Thursday, 30 March to ensure accurate numbers for the canteen staff.



## Year 8 High School Applications

Families of Year 7 students will receive their child's High School package in Week 11 this term. Parents are encouraged to attend Open Days for High Schools of interest. Dates for these can be found on the relevant school websites. Some schools have Special Interest entry eg Brighton SS with Volleyball/Music. Parents need to contact schools directly to explore this option. Families applying to a High School using the sibling rule will need to attach a photocopy of the attending sibling's student ID card with the application form.

## High School Open Days

### Plympton International College

Tuesday March 28, 2017

9:15am or 6:00pm

Principal information session followed by a tour of the school.

21a Errington Street, Plympton

Phone (08) 8297 0488

[dl.0907.info@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:dl.0907.info@schools.sa.edu.au)

[www.plymptoncollege.sa.edu.au](http://www.plymptoncollege.sa.edu.au)



**Plympton  
International  
College**



### Brighton Secondary School Open Week Tours

9:00am will be held April 10 - April 13, 2017

2:00pm on April 10 and April 12, 2017

Call 8375 8200 or visit the school website

<http://brightonss.sa.edu.au>

### Brighton Special Interest Music Information Evening for Years 6/7

Everything you need to know about auditioning for the Brighton Special Interest Music Program

Monday 3 April, 2017

7:00pm in the School Concert Hall

Please contact Pam Parsons on 8375 8215 or

[pam.parsons@brighton.sa.edu.au](mailto:pam.parsons@brighton.sa.edu.au)



### Year 7 Out of School Zone Volleyball Trials

Initial trials for a position in the Brighton Secondary School Volleyball Program will be held on Wednesday 3 May, 2017

Girls - 9:00am and 10:15am

Boys - 1:00pm and 2:15 pm



Students who meet the required standards at this trial will be invited to attend the final trial on May 18 (time TBA)

Please call Brighton Secondary school on 8375 8200 and request an application pack. Applications must be received before Friday 28 April, 2017.

### Pasadena High School Open Night

Wednesday 29 March, 6:00pm - 8:00pm

#### Principals Tour

Tuesday 4 April, 9:00am -10:30am

Daws Road, Pasadena SA 5042

Call 8152 6811 for more information or

visit the school website [www.pasadenahs.sa.edu.au](http://www.pasadenahs.sa.edu.au)







## Beach Volleyball

On Friday 20 March the Year 5/6/7s went to the SAPSASA Beach Volleyball Carnival at Glenelg Beach.

We were all in St Leonards sports uniforms and looked very athletic. We received many compliments from other schools and parents.

All teams played four games and depending on their points and wins they could move on to the finals.

Everyone played brilliantly and a few teams were successful enough to win a medal. Everyone enjoyed themselves and had an awesome day

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## Harmony Day

Although Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have lived in Australia for thousands of years, most of Australia's population is made up of people whose families only arrived in the country within the last 200 years. For Australia, it is a day to celebrate our diverse and multicultural society. All the different cultures that come together bring many things with them: different foods, ways of dressing, languages, customs and beliefs. Harmony Day is about celebrating these differences, embracing new cultures and making sure that everybody is included in society, as well as celebrated for their uniqueness.





## Karen's Corner



Hi everyone. I hope you've all had a fantastic couple of weeks (I'm not sure if it's just me, but are the days and weeks whizzing by faster than ever?) So, lately I've been thinking about labels and identities. I've been privileged to be able to spend time with a child at a local school who, upon our

very first introduction along with his name, told me (without pausing) that he is the naughtiest boy in the school (well he thought perhaps he shared the title with one other child!). My heart broke just a little to think that he believes that a label such as 'naughty kid' applies to him and is in fact, part of his identity. He didn't say it proudly, more as a matter of fact, just as I might mention my surname in a formal introduction. Seriously, just thinking about it makes me so sad and has had me thinking. If we hear things about ourselves often enough, do we in time, absorb them almost without question, as being fact?

It's one thing to be someone's Mum or Dad (I'm known around the place as Jack's Mum more often than not and for the record, that's a title/label I'm proud of!) but I'm talking about the labels which have negative connotations. Often I imagine we as adults might consider them to be throw away lines ('Oh Jimmy, he's always getting into trouble', 'Sally, she's so lazy', 'Bobby, he is such a ratbag, I just don't know what to do with him' etc) however, if our precious children hear these words describing their behaviour enough times, surely they will begin to accept the words as part of their identity.

As a parent, it strikes me that our words are so incredibly powerful and can be used to build our children and others up or tear them down (not for a moment would I think that this be done intentionally) but sometimes I know myself as a parent, in moments of sheer frustration or exasperation, it's too easy to speak in a negative manner, too many times and our children can and will absorb the words and make them their truth, part of who they are. Our little (and not so little) ones would struggle to differentiate between

words that describe their behaviour as opposed to identifying labels ie., 'that behaviour was not acceptable and I'm not happy with what you did' versus 'you are so naughty, you never listen, you're always causing trouble' etc. One describes the action, the other the person.

Our children are like sponges. I encourage us all to speak love, positivity and truth into our children's lives, remembering that we have the power to shape them, that our words become theirs, that we have a huge responsibility to the precious children (those who call us Mum, Dad, Grandma or Grandpa, Auntie or Uncle etc) and that they rely on us to help them navigate the big wide world as they seek to find their place and identity within it (no pressure right?!). I know I am personally challenged (on a daily basis!) but I continue to try to practice speaking positive, life giving words into my children's lives. I am (mostly) thankful for the many opportunities I have to think differently, approach challenges in new and positive ways and above all, let my children know that they are loved (possibly more than they will

ever know) and that their identity doesn't lie in labels that people or society may try to place upon them, rather that their identity lies in their precious uniqueness and the fact that they as individuals, are inherently good! Oh and for the record, 'I'm sorry, I'll try to do better next time' has become a well used phrase in my parenting vocabulary/repertoire!



I'd love to chat about the whole internal dialogue/chatter thing next time ... until then, have an awesome couple of weeks (I'm committing to practicing to be a better parent this coming week than I was last week, want to join me?!) Remember, if you want to have a chat anytime, phone,

email or pop by to see our wonderful School Counsellor Di Hannigan or myself. You're always welcome!



**Karen Thorogood PCW**

## Sidewalk Sundays

Sidewalk Sundays is all about transforming parking spaces into community green spaces. Come down to Chapel Street between 11:00am to 4:00pm for fun free activities and activations, including; roaming Fringe performers, live music by Porch Sessions, pop up cafes games and activities for all ages.

When: 11am to 4pm,

Sunday 19 March 2017

Where: Chapel St, Glenelg

Bookings: no bookings required.



# FREE!

Sunday 26th March 2017  
10 am – 4 pm  
Tonsley Innovation District  
1284 South Road, Tonsley  
Enter from South Rd or Alawoona Ave

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# SCIENCE ALIVE!

## All kinds of awesome.

This FREE hands-on science event has something for everyone. Families will enjoy the spectacular SciWorld science shows, native animals, robotics, dinosaur puzzles, smoke cannons, bugs n slugs and more. There will also be 60 hands-on Questacon exhibits to explore. Teenagers will find a range of info on fabulous science and engineering study and career options including workshops on animation and design in the game development field. For adults young and old there will be presentations on the latest news on home energy storage systems from ZEN Energy and driverless cars from Flinders University.

Exhibitors at the event include Saab Australia, Flinders University, TAFE SA, the Australian Science and Maths School, Questacon, the Bright Sparks Science Club, Junior Field Naturalists, Rising Sun Pictures, Hackerspace, Dig-a-Dino, the STEMSEL Foundation, the Academy of Interactive Entertainment, Animals Anonymous, bugs n slugs, the Institute of Backyard Studies, Enchanted Gallery 4D Discovery Cards and SciWorld.

There will be alternating SciWorld Science Shows and Animals Anonymous native animal shows throughout the day as well as regular science presentations on information, transport and other topical issues.

For all the latest program information and highlights visit the Science Alive! website ([sciencealivesa.org.au](http://sciencealivesa.org.au)) or Facebook page (ScienceAliveSA).

Other 2017 Science Alive! events: 7 May (Playford Civic Centre), 5-6 August (Adelaide Showground), 20 August (Whyalla), 24 September (Mount Gambier) and 22 October (Port Augusta).