



Building a community that
inspires curious, creative
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St Leonards Primary School

Learning Together

Respect Resilience Readiness

Diary Dates

Week 10

Parent Teacher Interviews

Wednesday 5 April

- Yr 6/7 Growth and Development

Friday 7 April

- Sports Day

Week 11

Thursday 13 April

- 9:00am Assembly
- Last Day Term 1
2:05pm early dismissal

Reminders

Pupil Free Day Tomorrow

Friday 31 March

OSHC will be
available between
7:30am – 6:00pm.



We will be taking the children to
Mitcham Cinema to see Lego
Batman. Cost for the day: \$59.00
per child, less entitlements. .
Phone 8294 1990.

Sports Day

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Week 10



Early Dismissal

**Thursday 13 April
2:05pm**

April Vacation Care

The vacation care program is now
available on the
Website or hard
copies can be found
on the Parent
Information Rack.
Please book early to avoid
disappointment.
Phone 8294 1990.



From the Leadership Team

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 working with other educators across the Holdfast Partnership looking at the way we design tasks for our learners.

Staff will work with a number of DECD staff and with other Holdfast educators as we work to continually improve student learning as well as creating tasks which stretch and challenge all our learners.

Swimming Week

Our Swimming Week went smoothly with students really enjoying the lesson focus on water safety, water confidence and survival. Feedback from students was very positive. They enjoyed the variety of different challenges the aquatics teachers provided and also the follow up lessons in class that supported and reinforced the lessons they learned at the pool.

STEMworks Update

We have recently had a phone call from DECD clarifying where things are up to and potentially a time frame to start building. Our current art area, LOTE Room, Wellbeing Room and Room 6 will be revamped into some new 21 century learning environments allowing learners to experience a range of activities in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths.

It now looks as if work will commence around June. This will cause some disruption for the remainder of the year. We are hoping this will be minimal.

Pupil Free Days

Governing Council has approved the following school closure days for 2017. We have tried to minimise the impact on families by aligning as many as possible with other schools in the partnership as well as having them on the first day of each term. The approved days are:

1 May 2017 - STEM

24 July 2017- Learning Design

8 September 2017 - School Closure (Show Day)

16 October 2017 - Data and School Self-Review

Hat Policy

Hats are required to be worn in the yard and for outside lessons until the end of Term 1. Hats will again be required in Term 4. Students found without a hat at recess or lunch play under shaded areas.

Dave Henty-Smith, Principal

Barry Stewart, Deputy Principal

SAPSASA Netball

On Monday 20 March, 10 Year 6/7 girls participated in the 2017 SAPSASA Netball carnival. The girls played five games, each game consisting of two 10 minutes halves. The aim of the day was for selectors to pick girls to form a SAPSASA team.



Overall, all girls had a fantastic day. Twelve schools participated in this carnival and two St Leonards girls were selected. We congratulate Marney R and Kayla F on making it into the next round.

Ellie Treacy, PE Teacher

Sports Day

Volunteers are needed to help run the Cake Stall or BBQ. If you would like to help on the day please see Holly or Kimberley.

La Crema Coffee, coffee van will be available from 8:15am - 3:30pm and 10% of sales goes to the school. EFTPOS available.

Cake Stall will run from 9:00am until sold out. A note went home last week asking for donations of clearly labelled baked goods, these can be brought to the stall on the day.

Fundraising BBQ will be providing bacon and egg rolls available all day for \$4.00. If there are eggs left at the end of the day they will be sold off.

Drinks

Water \$1.00, juice \$1.00 and soft drink \$2.00.

Ice-cream (various flavours) - \$2:00.

Canteen BBQ - Sausage Sizzle

Students pre-ordered sausages will be distributed at lunch. Please note that no other lunch orders are available.

Buffalo Holdfast Patawalonga Saints

Lost Property

As the end of the term is fast approaching can you please take a moment to look through the lost property cupboard (located next to the art room). There are some jumpers, jackets, drink bottles and lunch boxes as well as items left during swimming week.



What to do with old household batteries

As part of promoting positive sustainability practices, OSHC has begun a **battery recycle program**. Please deposit any old batteries in the clearly marked container at the OSHC sign in desk. Batteries collected will be taken to an authorised recycle centre.



OSHC Team

Recycling

During the week students listened to a recycling presentation from the Council and learnt how to sort what waste goes where with a game. They had a great time.



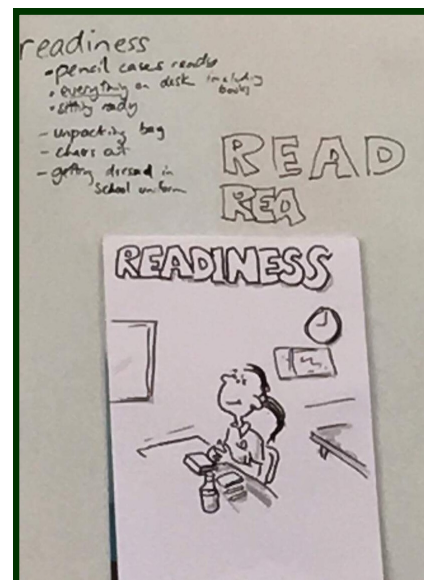
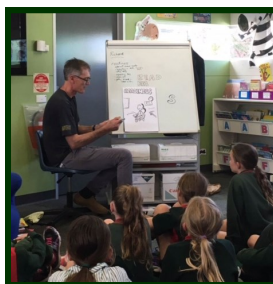
Toyman

The students got a chance to engage in a hands on experience with old fashioned toys. They learnt about what materials they were made from and how they are different to modern toys. Some students took photos of what they were doing so they could make books about it later.



Cartoonist Visit

Today we had a visit from Richard who is a cartoonist. He took classes and showed them how to create fantastic drawings. He used our new school values of Respect, Resilience and Readiness to engage the students in a discussion about what to draw and how to represent those ideas.



Reception—Year 5 Swimming Week Water Safety

Students from Room 2 have created some fantastic water safety posters to coincide with swimming week. If you have a moment please have a look at all the wonderful art work on display.



Karen's Corner

Wow, a fortnight comes around really quickly, doesn't it? Personally I'm still trying to wrap my head around where Term 1 has gone! It's about now, that I often think that perhaps Dory (from Finding Nemo) had the right idea 'Just keep swimming, just keep swimming'.



Lately, I've been thinking about how we can either be our own greatest cheerleader or at times, our own worst enemy with regard to what goes on in our head.

Every now and then I think it's really important to give ourselves a 'check up from the neck up' just stop and take a moment to consider how our words (particularly those we speak or think about ourselves) are so incredibly powerful and have the ability to support and encourage us through all circumstances, or bring us to our knees, figuratively speaking. I know we as parents and caregivers would never want or allow our children to be spoken to in the way we sometimes 'speak' to ourselves. We would want to protect our children from such negativity, agreed?!

Now I'm not a psychologist or professional counsellor, but I am aware that our brains cannot differentiate between fact and fiction, that is to say, whatever we feed our brains, over time and with much repetition, it will consider it to be fact and therefore absorb such ideas to the point that they become part of our truth! Scary yes, but really exciting about what is possible (like when we know better, we can do better!) Sometimes we don't even realise just how negative our inner dialogue is.



Imagine if we firstly, became aware of our self talk and then, if we replaced any negative messages and thoughts with ones of positivity and hope! Now that for me, is a really exciting concept! And now, imagine if we could help our children to recognise and change the way they speak to themselves! I don't for a minute think that if you're prone to negative self talk, it will happen overnight, but if you remember that old shampoo ad ... It WILL happen!

One way to subtly change the chatter or talk, could be to add one simple little word onto the end of the sentence, that gives a new and positive spin on things. It's the word **YET!** Yes, that's it! Just try it 'I can't do that YET' 'I'm no good at problem solving YET' 'I am not good at making new friends YET' 'I don't get it YET'. For me, I think it's a bit of a game changer, and really easy to apply for our children too. Encourage them to add YET to the end of any sentence or negative thought they might be having and see what happens! Such a powerful little word full of promise and hope, that gives a whole new perspective to a thought pattern that would ordinarily have huge, far reaching negative connotations.

What might happen if we all spoke words of hope and encouragement to ourselves and into the lives of our children and others we love too? You might have seen some little tear off slips dotted around the school ... everyone is encouraged to take one (or more!) that speaks to them, something that they might need reminding of, or that they might like to share with someone else. The essence of the messages is that **YOU** absolutely matter! That **YOU** are valuable, **YOU** have influence, **YOU** can do anything, **YOU** are appreciated, **YOU** are loved, **YOU** are talented, **YOU** make a difference, **YOU** are amazing and **YOU**, yes you matter!

Might seem like such a little thing, but imagine if you were reminded of these things often enough, well hey, you might just start believing them!

I'd love to hear of your successes and if you'd like to share ... please take the opportunity to catch up with me anytime I'm around the school on a Thursday or Friday! Together we can celebrate successes, brainstorm or chat about strategies etc. further.

Obviously this is just the 'tip of the iceberg' but I really would encourage you please ... check your own self talk and remember, you, your family especially your children are absolutely worth the investment. Have a fantastic week ... hope to see you around the school.

Karen Thorogood PCW



Our 'Back to School' is a bit of fun and adds to the atmosphere as well as helping to theme the room. Please dress yourself up and of course your table to win prizes. Try op shops, squeezing into your child's uniform, Kmart or costume shops. Think outside the box. We will have a Photo Booth on the night sponsored by Magain Real Estate to record your moment and make memories. There are prizes too for best dressed, best themed table as well as a silent and live auction, raffle baskets and games.

EFTPOS will be available on the night to pay for silent auction prizes only. Please bring cash for the bar and gold coins to participate in games and raffles.

BYO food to share with your table. Unfortunately we cannot heat food. This social fundraiser is strictly adults only due to liquor licensing. Beers, wines, champagne, soft drink and water on sale.

Think about a name for your team. Remember it's fun - we aren't playing for houses - it's a social fundraiser.

Janelle Yarwood



Yoga



Please join me after school drop off for Yoga classes at the Glenelg North Community Centre

When – Monday's 9.15am to 10.15am
commencing the 1st of May (week 1, term 2)

Cost - \$12 per class or \$50 for 5 classes

Classes will focus on releasing tension in the mind and body.

Gently building strength, flexibility and balance.

Classes are designed for all fitness levels. * beginners welcome.

To register your interest contact Louise on
041 8181 521 or Louise.Carslake90@gmail.com

About me: I am a certified Hatha Yoga Teacher. I have been practicing yoga for over 7 years and teaching wellbeing yoga classes for the last 3 years. Yoga is my passion and something I love to share.

Outdoor Adventure Challenge 2017

The Outdoor Adventure Challenge is a day for families to spend time together finding out about some of the great outdoor spaces, community and sporting facilities located around the City of Holdfast Bay, and to try some fun activities and challenges together.

The event will be spread across four reserves with multiple question to answer and adventure activities to complete at each location. These challenges could range from creating pieces of nature art to learning how to play a new sport.

When: 10am to 1pm, Sunday 2 April 2017

Where: Starting at Partridge House, Partridge St, Glenelg

Cost: \$5 per child

Bookings:

www.holdfast.sa.gov.au/adventurechallenge




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