



Building a community that
inspires curious, creative
and innovative thinkers

St Leonards Primary School

Learning Together

Respect Resilience Readiness

Diary Dates

Term 2

Week 1

Monday 1 May

- Pupil Free Day

Tuesday 2 May

- Welcome back for Term 2
- 11:00am Choir Assessment

Week 2

Tuesday 9 May - Thursday 11 May

- NAPLAN Yr 3, 5 and 7

Friday 12 May

- 9:00am Assembly Rm 12 and 9

From the Leadership

Quiz Night

Our Quiz night was probably one of the best quiz nights I have been involved in. The amount of work behind the scenes was astonishing it was certainly reflected in the success of the night. Our amazing school community has raised approximately \$5000. Special thanks to the very introverted Sarah Darbyshire who starred as our Quiz Master, Mel Perkins and Emma and Marcus Scott for their pursuit of sensational prizes and Janelle Yarwood for organising the evening. Thanks to our parents, carers, students and teachers who contributed to raffle baskets and artwork that decorated the hall. To those who came along to support the night by buying a ticket - you made it! To Kimberley Hamilton and Brooke Higgins who came along on the day to help with the raffle baskets, Barry Stewart and Heather Pronk for those tricky questions, Mark Pronk and Martyn (Martina) on the Bar and Dior Yarwood, Steve Perkins and Martyn Darbyshire - who assisted with setup and / or packing down and last but not least Stuart and Josh from Magain Real Estate for sponsoring the Photo Booth and acting as Auctioneer, we thank you.



The winning table was 'Griffindor', best dressed 'Beechworth Grammar' (Rm 7) along with 'The Graduates' and the best dressed table was 'Beechworth Grammar'. I will have to have a chat to the question coordinators and scorers on the night, Heather Pronk and Barry Stewart as the staff table was clearly harshly dealt with.

Pupil Free Day

Monday 1 May



OSHC available
8294 1990

OSHC News

Wishing everyone a safe and happy Easter and holidays. Vacancies are currently available for most Vacation Care days.



Pupil Free Day, Monday 1 May
(first day of Term 2)
OSHC will be available 7.30am – 6.00pm To book, please contact
OSHC on 8294 1990 or
oshc.stleonards865@schools.sa.edu.au

Parent Reps

One of the fantastic initiatives we have here at St Leonards is our Parent Rep groups. These reps support each of the classes in a number of ways. It includes such things as posting updates of the week on Facebook, helping in class and organizing social functions allowing parents and caregivers to get together socially. It is not a paid position and our reps often spend hours of their own time supporting our Educators and importantly our learners. Keep an eye out for events they are organizing. We would love to see lots of people attend any events and RSVP to determine if they will or won't go ahead.

NAPLAN

Week 2 Term 2 sees our Year 3, 5 and 7 students sit the NAPLAN tests. These tests give the school and the students a snapshot of learning at that point of time. Teachers at St Leonards use this data, amongst other data we regularly collect, to map each learners progress and put processes in place to improve all student learning. Our progress last year has been recognised nationally and we endeavour to continue this improvement.

If you have a child sitting these tests, please reassure them that we are proud of their efforts at all times. If you wish to withdraw your child, please make an appointment with one of the leadership team.

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Thursday, 13 April 2017

From the Leadership continued...

Sports Day

Sports day was an outstanding success. The weather was lovely, albeit a little warm. Our learners, educators and parents who attended had a fantastic day. I would like to commend the sports-personship and participation of all students. They were certainly a credit to the school and their families. A big thank you must go to, Hayden Schwarz and Ellie Treacy for their organisation. There were many highlights, but seeing some of our parents run around acting as chickens was hilarious.

A special thanks must go to the canteen and fundraising staff for their amazing efforts on the day. We are blessed as a school to have such loyal and enthusiastic volunteers. What a community minded group you are.

Student Representative Council

I would like to congratulate our Semester 1 SRC reps for 2017. Our School Ambassadors will begin to coordinate the meetings in conjunction with Mrs Baker and Mr H.S. One of our goals as a school is to increase the amount of student voice we have in our learning community. This group will look at ways of involving all students in decision making and community service around our school. We look forward to this evolving over the next year.

Our SRC for this year are

Room 1	Maisy P	Baily A
Room 2	Anna T	Lachy W
Room 3	Taylah R	Tim C
Room 4	Ty L	Kayleigh D
Room 5A	Dakota W	Charley C
Room 5B	Max F	Mia D
Room 6	Amber R	Ryder T
Room 7	Arib A	Sienna C
Room 8	Polina E	Zac A
Room 9	Rotate	Rotate
Room 10	Rotate	Rotate
Room 11A	Abby B	Taylee H
Room 11B	Leah D	Mia T
Room 12	Erin J	Ruben L

Dave Henty Smith, Principal
Barry Stewart, Deputy Principal
Kathy Baker, STEM Coordinator

SAPSASA Softball

Three of our students were selected to play for the South West SAPSASA softball teams.

Rory E played in the girls competition and her team was undefeated and took out the championship. Noah P and Lewis B competed in the boys competition and got a few wins. Well done, we are proud of your efforts.



Camouflaged Critters

Students in Room 2 have created beautiful artwork inspired by the animals they came across whilst listening to the class novel 'Sister Heart'.



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Here is a small selection from of these fantastic creations. Over 100 have been made.





Sports Day 2017



On Friday 7 April the school participated in their annual sports day. On a fantastic day weather wise, the children performed very well. After a close battle throughout the day, the eventual winner again, came down to the Grand Relay. Midway through the race we looked like having a new winning team but in a never say die attitude, Buffalo once again triumphed.

The final scores: **Buffalo 561, Holdfast 551, Patawalonga 543 and Saints 538.**

I would like to thank Ellie for all her organisation, the teachers who helped set up and bring in equipment on the day, the parents who helped with the classes during the tabloid and all the parents who assisted with the stalls.

Well done to all the athletes on the day for making the event such a success.

Hayden Schwarz



Holdfast
Buffalo

Saints
Patawalonga

Karen's Corner

Hello Friends,

Well it's time to say goodbye to Term 1... can you believe it?



I am sure that everyone is ready for the Easter break for some, it's a time of celebration, a time of reflection, a time to spend with loved ones, families and friends as well as honour and remember our loved ones no longer with us and for others, a recognition of spiritual significance. However you choose to celebrate the Easter break, may it be a time of rest, relaxation, perhaps of contemplation and time spent with those you love and care about. Oh, and did I mention chocolate? It wouldn't be Easter without lots of chocolate, for many at least!

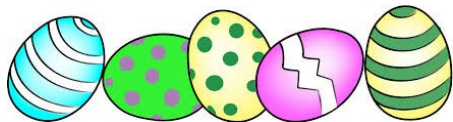
I have been thinking about family, particularly during the lead up to the Easter break ... the family unit looks so different for so many ... and whilst 'family' is a single word, it has many different meanings. Whilst families differ in terms of cultural, social as well as economic terms to name but a few, it's these differences that make up the rich tapestry that is community. It is a real honour to walk alongside families within our St Leonards community, all of whom weave many different threads into the fabric of school life and beyond.

At this time of year, to take a moment to consider how to celebrate on a daily basis the amazing diversity of thought, culture, traditions and family, might be something you want to share with your children. To explore how different cultures and religions acknowledge this time (if at all) could be an interesting exercise (after the chocolate high has dissipated perhaps!)

I know that sometimes for some, family dynamics can be challenging, personally I certainly don't always get it right as a parent, a daughter and a sister. I don't always bring my best to the table, sometimes my parenting moments are best forgotten, and even though we (my little family unit) are not perfect by any means, we're doing ok! At this time of the year particularly, I am reminded of what it is to forgive and be forgiven. Granted, it's not always easy, but if possible, is absolutely worth it. If the whole concept of forgiving another is a stretch too far, then please, at the very least, forgive yourself, because you my friend, are absolutely worth it.

Every moment, through laughter, tears and sometimes meltdowns ... we are part of a family, not only or always related by blood, but also by community. Each one of us is special and unique and plays a really important part of the wonderful family that is St Leonards Primary School. The quote from the movie, Lilo and Stitch 'I think is relevant ... 'Ohana means family. Family means nobody gets left behind or forgotten' I hope we always remember Ohana and what it means to us individually and collectively. We are a family together and I myself, am truly grateful to be a part of this wonderful family and community.

So, just to close ... something to consider ..



'Family isn't always blood. It's the people in your life who want you in theirs, the ones who accept you for who you are. The ones who would do anything to see you smile, and who love you no matter what' (source unknown)

May this Easter break be a time you are able to connect and surround yourself with people who accept and celebrate you for who you are, and those whose love for you is unconditional.

Please stay safe (take extra care on the roads if you're travelling) relax, take time to smell the roses, have fun, laugh until your sides ache and eat just a little too much chocolate than would normally be considered good for you!!

Looking forward to seeing you when school resumes after the holidays.

Karen Thorogood PCW

School Banking 2017
is off to a flying start.

This year's School Banking adventure is well underway, as the new-look Dollarsmites lead the journey up towards the amazing Savings Hover Park. Students are demonstrating a remarkable saving behaviour.

New reward items
There are two new reward items to keep students saving in Term 2: the 3D Chalk Set and Tablet Case. Your child can redeem one of these, while stocks last, after making 10 School Banking deposits.

Modern ways to teach money skills with the CommBank Youth app
Through the School Banking program, CommBank has been offering engaging ways for Australian children to learn the value of saving and smart money management since 1931. In 2017, the introduction of the CommBank Youth app, an innovative digital banking tool, will help enhance the School Banking program.

With the CommBank Youth app, your child can:

- Check the balance of their Youthsaver account.
- View School Banking deposits in their transaction history.
- Track the number of Dollarsmites tokens they collect.
- Set up savings goals and monitor their progress.
- Create a list of stores they can do to earn pocket money.

Explore more about the CommBank Youth app, and how to get your child started, by visiting commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

Learning the value of digital money
Did you know that approximately one in five parents are trying to teach their children about cashless transactions and digital money management? CommBank research shows parents are alternating between cash and online bank transfers when giving their children pocket money, and actively demonstrating 'tap and go', online banking, mobile applications and how ATMs work. For more information and tips on financial education for kids, visit The Beanstalk on commbank.com.au/beanstalk

3D Chalk Set
Tablet Case

Things you should know: The CommBank Youth app is an online survey of 1,040 parents across Australia undertaken by ICA Research in December 2016. This article is intended to provide general information on an educational program only. It does not constitute an offer of financial products or services. For more information on the CommBank Youth app, visit commbank.com.au/beanstalk

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

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ZEN Energy
A New Way

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The National Science and Technology Centre

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 energy, transport and other topical issues.

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

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