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St Leonards Primary School

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Diary Dates

Week 2

Tuesday 9 May - Thursday 11 May

- NAPLAN Yr 3, 5 and 7

Friday 12 May

- 9:00am Assembly Rm 12 and 9

Week 3

Tuesday 16 May

- 7:00pm Governing Council

Reminder High School Forms

All high school application forms
need to be returned to the Office
by
Friday 26 May



Scholastic Book Club

Please return order forms with
cash or cheque to the Office by
Friday 12 May



or order online at
www.scholastic.com.au

Karen's Corner

Hi everyone and welcome back. It has been so wonderful seeing all the enthusiastic, smiling faces, filled with excitement and anticipation for a great Term 2. It's great to see all the children looking happy too. Here's to a fantastic term filled with amazing learning experiences for us all. Looking forward to seeing you around the school yard, I would love to say hi and have a chat.

From the Leadership

Welcome back to Term 2. We trust that you have all had an enjoyable break. I know our learners have certainly been recharged and have had a great start to the term. It has already been a really fast start. We have had cross country trials, Choir Assessment and NAPLAN preparation, just to name a few.

Week 2 sees our Year 3, 5 and 7 students sit the NAPLAN tests. These tests give the school and the student 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 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 or collect the appropriate paperwork from Mel in the Office.

ANZAC Day

During the school holidays Mrs Blyth and our School Ambassadors went to the Glenelg Dawn Service to pay their respects on our school's behalf. I would like to thank all involved in this really important day. Getting up at 4:30am isn't an easy ask. Our Ambassadors were fantastic.



STEM works

As you know, the school was awarded a million dollars to improve STEM teaching throughout the school, which includes new facilities. These facilities will be developed in our Art Room, LOTE Room and Wellbeing Room and Room 6 areas. Over the past few months our educators have been working with numerous people on design. The process is speeding along and will likely start in around six weeks, if not before. Unfortunately, this will be quite disruptive for our learners for around six months. Stay tuned for more later

New students

We would like to welcome Ryan G and Beau D in Room 5B, Ruby N in Room 1, Sophie N in Room 9 and Sasha K in Room 10. We hope that they and their families enjoy their time at St Leonards.

New Staff

Welcome Mandy Drinkwater who is looking after 11A while Sarah Hartley is on maternity leave and Rachael Edwards who is an SSO working in Student Support.

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



NAPLAN Testing

NAPLAN testing will occur from Tuesday 9 May to Thursday 11 May across Australia. Students in Years 3, 5 and 7 will participate over the three days in four specific tests. These tests are aligned with the Australian Curriculum and will include reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

Teachers at St Leonards will supervise students during the tests and will support students with any guidance they need. I have included a fact sheet that provides much more information about NAPLAN attached with this newsletter. If you have any further questions or queries please contact me for assistance.

Barry Stewart, Deputy Principal

New Staff

Mandy Drinkwater



I am very excited to be joining the Year 6/7 team at St Leonards this term. I have been working with children for many years now and I have recently graduated with a Bachelor of Education. I was lucky enough to undertake my placement here at St Leonards and after graduating getting regular relief work. My husband Reagan and I have two children, Bailee 10 and

Archie 6. They have helped me to understand how important it is for students to develop independence and responsibility for their own learning and it is something that I encourage both at home and in the classroom.

Rachael Edwards



I am very happy to be joining the SSO team at St Leonards this year. I have been working as an SSO for over three years now. I have lots of experience in running Literacy and Mathematics Intervention Programs and providing support for teachers in their classrooms. My husband Tony and I have three children, Tia, Saraya and Duke. They keep me very

busy with all their activities. We have two cats Caramel and her kitten Toothless who are very cheeky and I also volunteer at Adelaide Zoo in Education running a kindy program.

SAPSASA Cross Country

On Wednesday 3 May a large group of students represented St Leonards at the SAPSASA Cross Country trials. They had a great time taking part and trying their best. Well done everyone.



ANZAC Day

On the morning of Tuesday 25 March our five school ambassadors braved the very early and wet conditions to attend the ANZAC Day Service at Mosely Square Glenelg in the holidays. Marney, Kayla, Erin, Sean and Ryan laid a wreath at the memorial on behalf of the St Leonards School community.

Lesley Blyth, Teacher



ANZAC Spirit in the Community

Jessica S from Room 1 and her mum went to the council and organised an ANZAC Day service at the Shannon Ave Memorial when they realised that there wasn't a local service. They made their own wreaths and their little service was attended by 150 locals. Well done Jess for showing such wonderful community spirit.



School Banking Information Day

School Banking is a fun, interactive and engaging way for young Australians to learn about money and develop good savings habits. Children who deposit money into their Youthsaver account through School Banking earn Dollarmites tokens, which they can save up and redeem for exciting rewards.

The rewards available during 2017 are:

- Cyber Handball
- Colour Change Markers
- 3D Chalk Set
- Tablet Case
- Smiley Emoji Keyring
- Volt Handball
- Pencil + Tech Case
- Epic Earphones



School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. Our school receives \$5 when a student makes their first ever School Banking deposit and 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of \$10 per individual deposit). We will be holding a School Banking Information Day at our branch at Glenelg:

Time: 9.30 – 4pm

Date: Thursday 11 May

Location: Glenelg Branch – Jetty Road

Please join us and find out more about the School Banking program and how your child can get involved.