



Building a community that
inspires curious, creative
and innovative thinkers

St Leonards Primary School

Learning Together

Respect Resilience Readiness

Week 4

Monday 22 May

- Holdfast Partnership
Combined Governing Council

Tuesday 23 May

- ICAS Digital Technologies
- Year 6/7 Excursion to the
Magistrates Court

Friday 26 May

- Dream Big Excursion
Rooms 7, 8, 9 and 10
- National Sorry Day

Week 5

Tuesday 30 May

- ICAS Science

Wednesday 31 May

- Principal's Tour

Friday 2 June

- 9:00am Assembly - Rooms 1
and 5A

From the Leadership

Week 3 was a very busy week. It's going to be a very busy term, with lots of challenges and exciting times coming up.

Could all caregivers please be reminded that our duty of care does not start until 8:30am. This is when staff begin yard duties. We have noticed many of our learners appearing unsupervised at school well before this time. OSHC is available for all of our community and should be considered if you need to drop your children off earlier. Our learners safety is paramount at all times.

STEM

Our STEMworks plans have really ramped up with tenders closing this week. Work will most likely start during the Term and continue for the remainder of the year. This will cause some disruption for our learners as the builders begin to demolish and then rebuild areas around our Art Room and Room 6.

This means there will need to be a relocation of the class from Room 6 into the OSHC area. Music, LOTE, Library and PE programs will all have some disruption to their normal programs. We will communicate with the community regularly as to the progress.

Governing Council members have had a quick tour of what will be happening and our Parent Reps will also get the opportunity in the upcoming weeks. As I have said to our educators, there will be some short term pain for long term gain.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN has been completed and our students seemed to have coped with the process quite well. We encourage all of our learners to participate in NAPLAN and had very few withdrawals this year.

I must reinforce that whilst this does give us a snapshot of the students, we collect other data to make sure all students are progressing. Please talk to our educators if you have any queries around NAPLAN and your learners progress.

Public Education Awards

We have a number of outstanding educators here at St Leonards. You can recognise an outstanding educator at our school by nominating them for a Public Education Award. Details are on our school Facebook page.

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



**DR. JUSTIN COULSON
PRESENTATION
"9 WAYS TO A
RESILIENT CHILD"
WEDNESDAY 31 MAY 2017**

**6:30pm – 8:00pm
Brighton Secondary School
305 Brighton Road, North
Brighton.
Brighton Concert Hall**

Tickets: To secure a seat please collect free tickets from the Front Office of Brighton Secondary School. The tickets will be numbered and you will be asked to present your ticket on the night.

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Next Newsletter: Friday, 2 June 2017

Newsletter 8 Term 2
Friday, 19 May, 2017

Parents In education Grant Committee Request

St Leonards Governing Council have won a PIE (Parents in Education) grant to improve communication with multi-cultural families of our school, that are traditionally Non English speaking. We would like to produce some documents that would help new families understand the schools organisation and assist with general communication about school events.

We are seeking assistance from any parents who come from non-English speaking backgrounds to join our committee to establish some useful and effective documentation for this purpose.

If you think you would like to help, please contact Dave Henty-Smith, Barry Stewart or Paula Lowe at school.

PIE Grant Committee

School Soccer Matches



Under 8 (Bronze) 9:30am
at Aberfoyle Campus which is Pitch 3 Football Oval, Campus Drive, Aberfoyle Park
Team Manager Michael Randall

Under 9 (Silver) 9:30am
at Paringa Park Primary School Oval, 21 Bowker Street, North Brighton (small pitch)
Team Manager Afra Prodan

Under 9 (Blue) 9:30am
at St Leonards (v St Anthony's)
Team Manager Kim Hamilton

Under 11 (Silver) 9:40am
at Paringa Park Primary School Oval, 21 Bowker Street, North Brighton (large pitch)
Team Manager Leisa Lockhead

Seniors (Silver) 10:50am at Paringa Park Primary School Oval, 21 Bowker Street, North Brighton (large pitch)
Team Manager Liz Willis

On Saturday 27 May and 3 June, all teams will be home. Team Managers will distribute fixtures this weekend with match times and venues for the season.

Winter Sniffles

Winter is coming... and so are the winter colds and sniffles. With the onset of the colder weather, students have an ever increasing need for tissues. Class teachers would be very grateful for donations of boxes of tissues to help out through the winter months.



Lost Property

The lost property cupboard is once again overflowing with jackets, jumpers, lunch bags/boxes and drink bottles. Please spare a moment to have a look and collect anything that may have been misplaced.

Mel Worden, Administration Officer

Student Leaders Report Leah from Warradale Primary School

On Tuesday 16 May our school held the first Holdfast Senior School Leaders meeting. Schools that attended were: Paringa Park Primary, Glenelg Primary, St Leonards Primary and Warradale. The idea of the day was to get to know other leaders from the other schools and learn about what the leadership roles are at their school, how they apply to become a leader and any ideas or interesting events they've organised at their schools. This gathering was held in between recess and lunch and run by Amber and the leaders.

After getting to know each other we discussed and compared leadership at our schools. Warradale went first explaining our application process, smaller leadership group, meetings and the events we've attended. It was interesting to hear how in some schools every student has a leadership role or the leaders are chosen by class vote. I also thought it was a smart idea to write a speech to get picked as leader, as you are practising public speaking. Amber recorded all this information and is going to distribute it to the other schools.

We also had an idea generating session where we split into separate groups (with one leader from each school) to brainstorm an event or huge accomplishment we could do as a partnership. Some ideas were money raising and volunteering at a soup kitchen together, having a leader's camp and collecting donations to put into shoeboxes as a joint partnership effort.

At the end of the meeting we shared our final ideas and made plans to put them into action into Terms 3 and 4. We also had lunch together, before the others schools had to leave.



Reminder



High School Forms

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

Friday 26 May

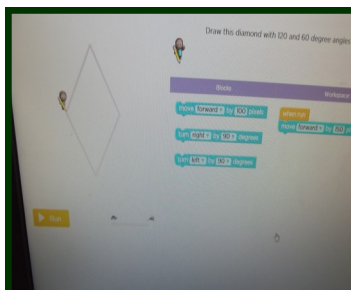
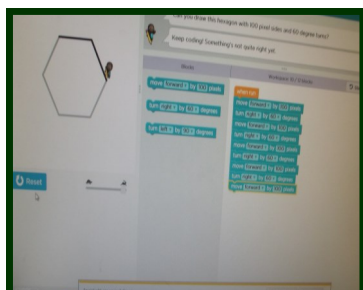
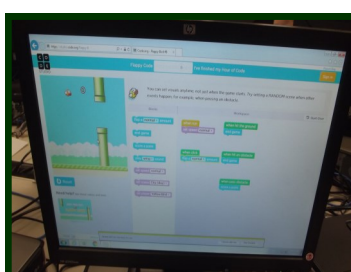
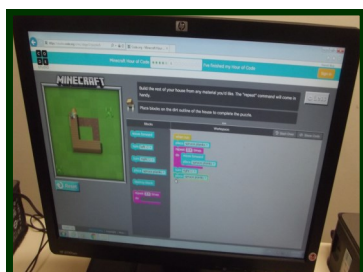
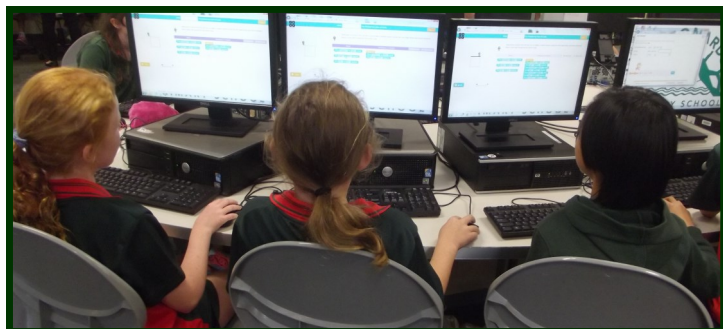
If you need a new form please see Mel in the Office.

Coding

Room 1 have been looking at shapes and designs in coding. As you can see from the screens in the photos, this activity required them to order instructions, look at angles and measure distances.

Since it involves aspects of Technology, Mathematics and Engineering knowledge, this is known as an authentic STEM activity (one which involves at least three aspects of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics)).

Graeme Smith, Teacher



Children's University

Junk Art Challenge

One person's trash is another person's treasure...



Create something amazing with some 'junk' lying around the house. Some ideas to get you started include sculptures, jewellery and buildings. Don't forget to show evidence of your creation to receive your stamp. The time allocated to

complete the challenge is at the discretion of the CUA Coordinator. We would also love to see what you have created by sharing with us on our Children's University Australia Facebook page.

Please check the Children's University website for up-to-date Learning Destinations for Term 2 including Bunnings workshops and many more.

Natalie Baggio, CUA Coordinator



Fundraising

Update

Over the past few years, our fundraising committee has been extremely active and have contributed in recent years to a number of school improvements, the latest being our new school fence.



Other past efforts have raised money for air conditioning and heating in hall, playground equipment additions near the courts, benches and upgrade outside Rooms 11 and 12, and the sand play area bordering Russell Street.

There has been some discussion this year about putting money towards some nature play areas in the yard, but we would like to hear any suggestions from our wonderful community.

Entertainment Books

Hard copies are available from the Office for \$70. Great to 'tear and share'. They make great gifts for family and friends.



Digital copies are available online at <https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/162d071>

These are also \$70 but can be shared with up to four others via a log-in. The app is downloaded to your phone and new offers are available throughout the year. It's portable and updates automatically.

The Entertainment Book is hugely popular and there is definitely something for everyone, from savings in dry cleaning to dining, discounts for clothing and sporting apparel, sports games and family activities. PLUS it's a huge fundraiser for St Leonards Primary School.

School Uniform

Now the weather is starting to turn, we would like to remind all students and parents of our school uniform guidelines.

Our school colours are bottle green with red reserved for Year 7's. Polo shirts can be purchased from the Uniform Shop or plain bottle green polos with a collar can be purchased from Big W, Kmart, Target, Best and Less etc.

Please note black pants or leggings are not part of the school uniform. Other items such as shorts, track pants, yoga pants etc can also be purchased from the above mentioned stores in their school uniform departments. These items must be plain bottle green.

Hooded jumpers are not part of our current school uniform guidelines, however children may still wear these if they have already been purchased for this winter season as long as they don't have strings in the hood (DECD guidelines).



Uniform price lists and samples of the uniform can be found in the corridor near the cash office.

Karen's Corner

A little voice from out of the darkness 'I'm really sorry I made you so cross Mum. I love you more than anything'.



Wow. Deep breath.

'Darling, I'm sorry I got angry. You didn't make me lose my temper. I had a choice as to how I reacted to what was going on. I really appreciate your apology, it means a lot. I love you so very much'.

As the dust settled and we were able to breathe slowly and deeply, it really struck me. No matter what was going on in the moments of chaos and drama, it was my choice as to how I reacted to the situation. I was certainly wound up by my expectations of what I wanted (needed) to happen in that moment and when his agenda and expectations didn't even remotely line up with mine, chaos ensued.



Could I have chosen to show grace in the situation? Could I have chosen to react differently? Would it have

been helpful to remove myself from the situation to seek clarity (and yes, wisdom about how to handle it) ... well yes, absolutely!

Was it wise to meet him and match his emotions as he struggled to make sense of his feelings of confusion and anger as he struggled against my instructions? Certainly not.

'When little people are overwhelmed by big emotions, it's our job to share our calm, not join their chaos' L.R.Knost (Little Hearts/Gentle parenting).

It's so very true, that the last thing our children need in those moments when they are experiencing sheer frustration, overwhelming feelings of anger and confusion, is for us to bring similar strong emotions to the situation. To remain calm will diffuse and ensure peace can be returned to the moment far quicker and with less fallout for everyone. Is it an easy task? It certainly wasn't for me that time. Is it worth practising, strategising and finding new (and better) ways to cope in those situations? Actually, the question should probably more likely be ... 'Are our precious children worth the effort?' Did I hear a resounding yes?!!

Whatever the dynamic of your family ... whether you're parenting as part of a team or flying solo, it truly is a challenging, exhausting, exhilarating, at times mind numbing, not to mention sleep deprived, incredibly wonderful and rewarding season of life!

Like that Superannuation ad 'We're all in this together' ... parenting and raising children is no different ... so, if you see a weary, battle scarred parent or caregiver doing it a bit tough ... give them a smile, some words of encouragement and a pat on the back (if that describes you in this season of your parenting life, then please, give yourself a pat on the back ... just for showing up each and every day and giving your best ... you deserve huge encouragement for all you are doing!)

May the week ahead be a peace filled one, may you experience exquisite moments of love with your children where you feel your heart just might burst and, if you have the opportunity to practise the art of calm in the midst of chaos, may it be a positive experience for you and your family! I'd love to hear from you ... remember 'we're all in this together!'



Karen Thorogood , PCW

OSHC News



OSHC is promoting Sustainability Practices and the importance of recycling. Current initiatives include Domestic Battery Recycling and Soft Plastics Awareness.

To assist families to ethically dispose of batteries, a battery recycle point has been established within OSHC. Please deposit your used batteries in the container provided and OSHC will deliver them to an approved battery recycle centre on your behalf.

You may not be aware that most soft plastics are recyclable. OSHC has established a display wall of such items. Please pop in and have a look. Our society's heavy use and reliance on plastic is quite astounding, with most of it going to landfill. Plastic bag recycle bins can be found in your local Coles supermarket, with collected plastics processed and converted into useful items like outdoor furniture and boardwalk planks.



We can all do a little extra to help protect the health of our environment.

OSHC Team

Sorry Day and Reconciliation Week.

Friday 26 May is National Sorry Day and Reconciliation Week runs from 27 May—3 June. Students coloured in hands during lunch time art club that will be joined together and added to our Library display.

