



Building a community that  
inspires curious, creative  
and innovative thinkers

# St Leonards Primary School

*Learning Together*

**Respect      Resilience      Readiness**

## Week 6

### **Tuesday 6 June**

- School Banking

## Week 7

### **Monday 12 June**

- Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

### **Tuesday 13 June**

- ICAS Science

### **Wednesday 14 June**

- ICAS Spelling

## **Public Holiday**

**Monday 12 June**



**Queen's Birthday**

## **Scholastic Book Club**

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

**Tuesday 19 June**



or order online at  
[www.scholastic.com.au](http://www.scholastic.com.au).

## **City of Holdfast Bay**

**Mud Day**

**Thursday June 29**

**9:30am - 2:00pm**

[www.natureplaysa.org.au/events](http://www.natureplaysa.org.au/events)  
to register

## **From the Leadership**

At a recent conference we attended as a leadership team, we were involved in a presentation around futures thinking and education for the future. One of the comments that really resonated with me involved the future submarine project which has been awarded to Adelaide. The comment went like this.

"Did you know that the students who are currently in our Reception classes, will be the ones who will be working on these projects and building our submarines in the future"

I thought to myself, wow, we really need to get things right for our learners. Our students are already busily creating and building an array of wonderful projects

Learning these days is so much more than recalling of facts and regurgitating dates. It revolves around what we call the general capabilities.

The general capabilities play a significant role in the Australian Curriculum in equipping young Australians to live and work successfully in the twenty-first century.

In the Australian Curriculum, capability encompasses knowledge, skills, behaviours and dispositions. Students develop capability when they apply knowledge and skills confidently, effectively and appropriately in complex and changing circumstances, in their learning at school and in their lives outside school.

The Australian Curriculum includes seven general capabilities,

- Literacy
- Numeracy
- Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Capability
- Critical and Creative Thinking
- Personal and Social Capability
- Ethical Understanding
- Intercultural Understanding

As a school, we continuously look for ways to stretch and challenge our students. Learning should be uncomfortable and we want our learners to struggle but show persistence and solve problems that they face. As educators, the St Leonards staff aim to equip students with the skills they need for life, especially our future workers on our Submarines.

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**Barry Stewart, Deputy Principal**

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Newsletter 9 Term 2

Friday, 2 June, 2017



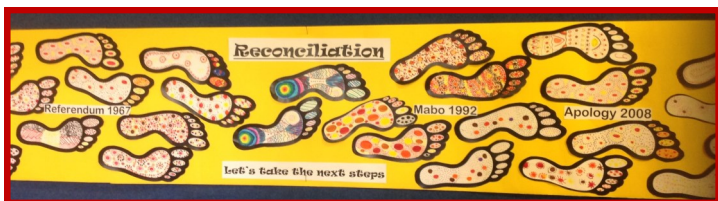
## Reconciliation Week - 27 May - 3 June Let's Take the Next Steps

These dates mark two milestones in Australia's reconciliation journey: The 1967 referendum and the historic Mabo decision, respectively. In 2017, we reflect on two significant anniversaries in Australia's reconciliation journey – 50 years since the 1967 referendum, and 25 years since the historic Mabo decision. As we commemorate these significant milestones, we ask all Australians to be a part of the next big steps in our nation's reconciliation journey.

**NRW**

Between 27 May and 3 June it is Reconciliation Week. Reconciliation Week is about respecting the First Australians on this land and their culture and history. Reconciliation Week is also about healing the past.

### Maddie and Skye, Room 2



## Year 6/7 Magistrates Court Excursion

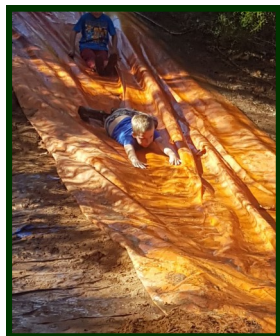
Last week, on Tuesday 23 May Room 11 took a tram into the city and visited the South Australian courts. They saw the Magistrates, District and Supreme Court. There were some interesting cases going on in two of the courts. It gave the students an idea of what the legal system and being in court would be like. They are currently completing an assignment where they are required to create a mock trial situation which will consolidate their learning and bring the topic to the end. This topic has created a great deal of learning and even more, some really amazing conversations in the Senior Unit.



## Dream Big Excursion Rooms 7, 8, 9, 10



On Friday 26 May the Junior Primary classes went into the City for the Dream Big Festival. It was a big day filled with fantastic activities. The students got to stretch their imaginations and try new things.



## Children's University

In readiness for this year's Graduation Night, can students who are participating in Children's University hand in their Children's University passports to Mrs Baggio. Parents can email the number of hours their child/ren have completed; or hand the passport in as soon as possible. More details regarding Graduation Night will be available soon.

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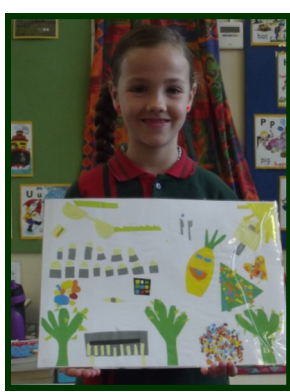
## Community News

We would like to give a big thank you to IGA Novar Gardens for their generous donation. It is greatly appreciated by our school community.



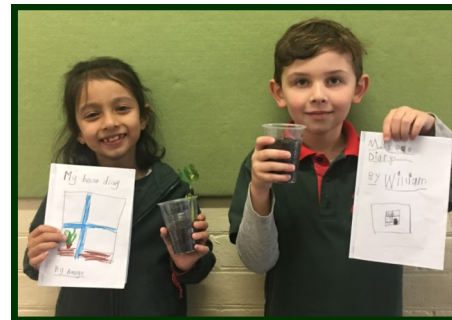
## Room 4

We have been studying the life and work of the artist Henri Matisse. He was born in France in 1869 and was famous not only for his painting but also his collages using cut and torn paper. The students created pictures in the style of Matisse and also completed research about his life using the internet, collecting many interesting facts.



## Room 8

Using Jack and the Beanstalk as a mentor text we have written recounts, created our own stories based on the text and planted beans and kept bean diaries.



## Fundraising

### 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.



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### Girls' Night Out

Join us for a private screening of



SCARLETT JOHANSSON  
**ROUGH NIGHT**  
cfc

*When:* Wed 21st June @ 6:30pm for a 7pm start

*Where:* GU Filmhouse Glenelg

*Price:* \$30 includes Ticket - a glass of wine or a beer or a small combo deal - Goodybag\*

Tickets available online at <https://www.trybooking.com/QLBN> (\$0.30 processing fee per ticket) or from the cash office.

\*Goodybag includes popcorn, water, raffle ticket and a variety of samples and discounts





## Karen's Corner

Hi Everyone

The following contains content that may be a trigger for some. If you'd like to speak to me or our school counsellor Di Hannigan about this or any other topic of concern, please feel most welcome.

Last week, we as a community were left with more questions than possible answers as we learned about news of a tragic nature in our local suburb.

Whilst I didn't know the family involved personally, I felt waves of emotion as I struggled to make sense of something that could never make sense. Certainly not to me at least. We will never know the reasons, nor is it our business to, however when a family is devastated and left in unimaginable pain, confusion and disbelief, I think that we as a school community have an opportunity to think and speak about what we can do differently, to make a difference, in the hope that no-one else need suffer in the same way.

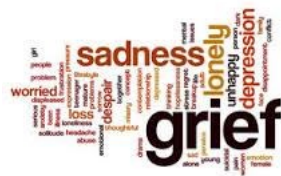
I had the opportunity to speak to some parents over the course of the week, and the overriding thoughts were, what can we do, what can we say to make even the smallest difference? What? When a person has become so very good at hiding behind a mask, a facade that says to the world 'yes, I'm fine, I'm ok, don't worry about me'...of course asking 'are you ok?' is a starting point, but when the art of pretence has become a well practiced routine and the response has fooled most, most of the time, what can I/we do? I believe that, whilst we are encouraged to ask the question 'R u OK?' we really need to listen to the response ... sometimes the person might use words, sometimes, perhaps not. It's time that we talk openly and honestly about mental illnesses, just as we would have a

conversation about any other illness or physical challenge a person may be facing. It's time to end the stigma and shame surrounding mental health issues for once and all, so that no other family would be left asking the questions to which there are no answers.



So please, if you yourself are struggling, please, please don't do so alone. You don't have to. If you know someone who is dealing with hard stuff, let them know you're in their corner.

There are many organisations available 24 hours day or night ... please reach out to someone. You can do so anonymously if you wish. I honestly believe it takes just as much, if not more courage and bravery to remain silent and suffer alone than to reach out to a trusted person or place to find help. None of us have the right to judge another, we cannot possibly know the battles another person may be fighting or facing. Each one of us, as we live and work in community together, has a responsibility to our fellow neighbour, to ask the question 'are you ok?' and really listen to the answer (it's quite possible you might not find it in the spoken word). Whilst it can seem awkward and even a little confronting at times, please look around, connect with another who might be struggling, you might just be the one to make a difference, to be a ray of hope in their world where darkness and despair has become a constant companion.



We at St Leonards Primary School are absolutely committed to the care, support and wellbeing of all our incredible students and their families. It is a responsibility that is always taken seriously, so should you have any concerns about the wellbeing of any one within our school community, please do not hesitate to make a time to speak confidentially with any one of the dedicated staff members ... we are here and we care.

May your week to be filled with hope ... hope for your own future and wellbeing and hope for others.  
Karen Thorogood

Lifeline 13 11 14  
24hr Telephone Crisis Support

Beyond Blue 1300 22 4636

Kids Helpline 1800 55 1800  
24 hours a day  
(many great resources on website)

In the case of an emergency, dial 000

**Karen Thorogood , PCW**



## OSHC News

Our battery collection drive is progressing strongly and since commencing the soft plastics recycling, together with our other recycling initiatives, the OSHC weekly waste has noticeably fallen by 60 -70 %. Thank you to everyone for your efforts, let's keep up the great work.



The July Vacation Care programme should be finalised by the start of week 7 and be digitally available on the school website with hard copies from OSHC. Should you wish to be placed on our electronic mail-out list, please contact OSHC with your email details.



## OSHC Team

## 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**