



Building a community that
inspires curious, creative
and innovative thinkers

St Leonards Primary School

Learning Together

Respect Resilience Readiness

Week 8

Tuesday 20 June

- 7:00pm Governing Council

Friday 23 June

- 9:00am Assembly

Week 9

Tuesday 27 June

- School Banking

From the Leadership

I was reminded at a recent conference about the stereotypes we often reinforce unintentionally to our children and students. The study of mathematics is one area we often hear others say things such as "I was never good at Maths" or "It's ok, they won't need Maths", yet if we inserted reading into these sentences, we certainly wouldn't feel as comfortable. If we ask you to "run like a girl" I wonder what stereotypes that conjures up in our minds. I have attached a YouTube link to a video I think is certainly worth sharing: <https://youtu.be/XjJQBjWYDTs> It has some very interesting thoughts for us all to ponder.

As a staff, we strive to stretch and challenge all of our learners and know with the right opportunities, everyone can learn, albeit at differing rates. As a staff we have worked on Literacy and Numeracy Plus. As the name implies, it is a strategy which South Australian schools are working with to improve Literacy and Numeracy for all students. In previous newsletters we looked at the overview of the strategy.

There are four main expectations:

- Track and monitor every learner's growth.
- Have a Numeracy and Literacy improvement cycle.
- Enact changes in pedagogical practices.
- Identify and enact clear intervention processes.

Over the upcoming months, we will look deeper at each expectation, starting with Expectation A: Track and monitor every learner's growth. The key point of this expectation is to track, monitor and respond to every learner's growth in Numeracy and Literacy achievement and engagement at least four times a year.

This includes:

- Embedded systems at class, cohort and site level.
- Processes for regular discussion with and between teachers on individual learner growth.
- Demonstrating how the analysis of the tracking and monitoring informs action at class, cohort and site level.

Some of the questions we need to ask as educators during this process are:

- What do we see in the data? (eg achievement, growth, rate of growth, patterns, trends)
- Why are we seeing it?
- What other data do we need to consider to verify what we are seeing?
- What are we going to do about it? (eg change in program or practice; actions that impact on an individual, cohort, whole site)

As schools we need to pay close attention to the data that we collect on student progress. We then need to provide opportunities for staff to discuss and analyse this data and work together to ensure that all students are reaching their full potential.

Dave Henty Smith, Principal

Barry Stewart, Deputy Principal

Kathy Baker, STEM Coordinator



2018 Planning

Planning for 2018 will begin shortly. To accurately work out class configurations it is imperative to have enrolment numbers up to date.

Accordingly, please contact me on 8294 9811 or email:

melanie.worden673@schools.sa.edu.au

if your child will not be returning to St Leonards next year. This also helps with the transfer process between schools.

Current families who have a child commencing school next year have been provided with an enrolment form. Please return form by the end of Term 2 with a copy of the enrolling student's birth certificate.

Mel Worden, Enrolment Officer

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

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Next Newsletter: Friday, 30 June 2017

Newsletter 10 Term 2
Friday, 16 June, 2017

Community Garden

We are looking for someone in our school community who is able to design and plan our Community Garden. If you or anyone you know is a 'garden designer' please email the Principal Dave Henty-Smith at: dave.hentysmith171@schools.sa.edu.au

Natalie Baggio



Children's University

Graduation

The date for our student's Graduation in September has not yet been confirmed. Information regarding the date, venue and gown fitting times will be given when details become available. If you have any questions please contact Heather.

We need to confirm the numbers of graduates wishing to attend. If your child is planning on graduating, they will need to have completed at least 30 hours and have a current passport.

Passports are valid for 12 months from date of purchase and need to be renewed annually. The annual fee is \$25 and can be paid at the Cash Office. If you are unsure if your child's passport is up to date please see Mel in the Office.

**Natalie Baggio and Heather Pronk,
CU Coordinators**



Premiers Reading Challenge

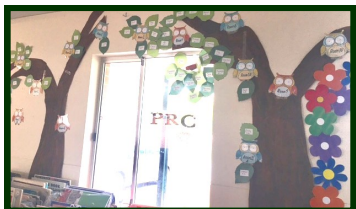
The Premier's Reading Challenge is now in full swing. Record sheets were handed out to students last term. Replacement forms can be found at the Library or the Parent Information rack.

Students are challenged to read 12 books from the start of the school year until **Friday 8 September 2017**.

For Reception - Year 7 students at least eight of the 12 books will be chosen from the Premier's Reading Challenge booklist at the appropriate year level. The Premiers Reading Challenge book lists can be found on our school website. For further information visit www.premiersreadingchallengesa

Please keep an eye out in the Library for your name as it is added to the display as each student completes the challenge.

**Kelly Peterson,
Library SSO**



Uniform Shop



We have large umbrellas for \$20 available in the Uniform Shop. They are perfect when winter rains begin. A fantastic way to keep warm is with one of our very cosy winter jackets which are available in sizes 6 - 14 and S - XL for \$45.00.

Uniform Shop opening times are Tuesday mornings 8:30 - 9:00, Thursday afternoons 2:45 - 3:15 and Friday mornings 8:30 - 9:00. Our friendly volunteers are happy to help.

Student Voice Workshop

On Tuesday 6 June, 30 students representing their class from Yrs 1 to 7 participated in a 'Leadership Day.' The day was run by Steve Walker from NRM (Natural Resource Management) and focussed on helping the students recognise some key elements of collaboration and co-operation.

We learnt that:

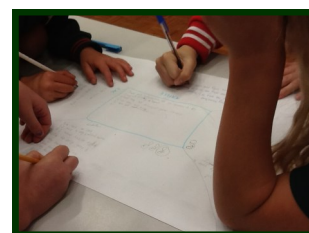
- It can be difficult to think of questions to ask in order to get the answers needed to solve a problem.
- We all have something that is unique to us and commonalities with other members of a group.
- The Earth's resources are limited, and yet we waste a lot of them.
- We have preferred styles of thinking.
- The qualities we admire in our role models are qualities that we can all have....essentially, we all have the opportunity to be good role models.
- Working together successfully requires trust, co-operation and listening to each other.

This is a list of qualities the students used to describe their role models.

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|---|---------------------------------|
| • Teaches others | • Enthusiastic |
| • Never quits | • Protective |
| • Helps others | • Sticks by me |
| • Faces their fears | • Patient |
| • Nice | • Loving |
| • Smart | • Curious |
| • Positive | • Responsible |
| • Sets a good example for others | • Reliable |
| • Listens to you | • Drive and determination |
| • Respects others | • Supports others/ charity work |
| • Puts in effort/ persistent/ works hard to achieve | • Positive even in defeat |
| • Makes healthy choices | • Hard working |

The day was hugely successful. The students participated positively and worked well together in a variety of different groupings. They had a lot of fun, learnt a lot of things and enjoyed meeting new people.

Following the day, students will have an opportunity to share with their classmates some of the things they've learnt and use their understanding of working together to make positive changes in our school. Thanks for a great day.



Kathy Baker, STEM Coordinator

Canteen Special Lunch

Wednesday 28 June

\$7.00

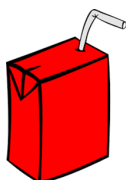
Meatball Sub

and

a Fruit Box

**Orders in by Friday 23 June
Correct money and order form to the
CANTEEN please.**

Please note that the meatballs are in a tomato sauce and topped with cheese.



Bay Discovery Centre Excursion

On Thursday 8 June Room 2 and Room 12 went on an excursion to the Bay Discovery Centre where many previously unknown facts were discovered about Glenelg's local history. Afterwards both classes had a chance to play on the new playground, chase bubbles from the bubble busker and eat some hot chips before walking back to school. We thank Ms Harrison (Room 12 student teacher) for planning this excursion.



Lesley Blyth, Teacher

Sport

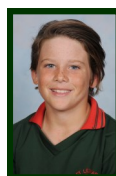
SAPSASA Netball

Marney R recently represented St Leonards in the South West District SAPSASA Netball competition and the team won gold.



Baseball

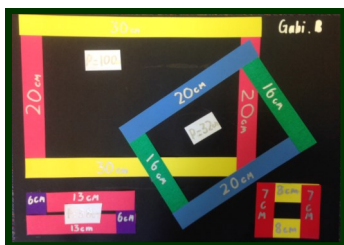
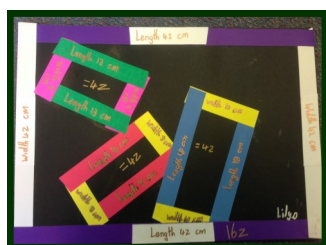
Noah S was selected for the U13 Little League Baseball Championship representing South Australia in Lismore New South Wales last week.



Well done Marney and Noah. The St Leonards community is proud of your efforts.

Room 2 - Perimeter

In Room 2 students have been very creative making perimeter art that has helped them consolidate what they have been learning in Maths.



Fundraising

Girls' Night Out at the Movies

There is only a week left to arrange a babysitter and join us for a fun filled evening. Catch up with friends, whether they are from St Leonards or not. Enjoy a drink and a movie and know that you are supporting a good cause, helping to pay off the new fencing and installing the new community garden.

Get your tickets now at <https://www.trybooking.com/QLBN> and share the event to all your family and friends.



Girls' Night Out
Join us for a private screening of



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



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 Banking

Did you know that for every Commonwealth School Banking Account opened at St Leonards \$5.00 is donated to the school. It is a great way to help our school community and learn a valuable life skill. Our School Banking day is every Tuesday. Pop in and see our wonderful volunteers or collect an information pack from the Office.

Karen's Corner

Hi Everyone, I hope you're all enjoying this wonderful winter weather!



In our world where news of catastrophes, horror and devastation have become commonplace on an almost daily basis, where we seemingly don't even have an opportunity to catch our breath, let alone even find quiet moments to grieve for those caught in the crossfire, I have been thinking about our children. Given how difficult, if not impossible it is for us at times as adults, to comprehend that which is often beyond comprehension, how can we expect our precious children to make sense of it all?

Wouldn't it be perfect if all our children had to worry about was who they were going to play with at lunch, whether Mum or Dad packed their favourite foods in their lunchboxes or whether they'd be able to have a play date with their best buddy after school? Respectfully, I acknowledge that for some kids, those things are huge challenges and do cause them angst and anxiety, but my point being, wouldn't it be a happier, healthier place if we could shield our children from all the huge stuff that goes on in our world? Obviously we can't, but I do believe we have the ability to control on some level the extent to which our children (particularly the younger ones) are subjected to regarding local and world news (based on their individual personalities and abilities to process and comprehend information often of a negative nature).

If you are a family who likes to watch the news at breakfast or dinner time, you might wish to consider trialling a 'no news' at mealtime rule .. turning the tv off and engaging with each other, just for a week to see if it has a positive effect on your family dynamic. Give yourselves a rest from watching or listening to the news. Turn off the news channel when driving with your kids in the car too! I can guarantee that you won't miss out on what's happening, whether you watch or listen to the news or not!

If that's a stretch too far, I would strongly suggest that you make sure you speak to your children regularly about images that may be distressing, frightening and difficult for them to understand. It's not only children who are affected .. I know myself personally, that I am too burdened mentally and emotionally if I subscribe to viewing news and current affairs shows, so I choose not to.

I do however know enough of what is going on in the world. (You'd agree, it's very hard not to with social media and other outlets).

Children process information at different rates to adults, so images and information that we are able to understand, may prove to be far more of a challenge for our little ones. Please be sure to have open (age appropriate) conversations on a level that is suitable for your own children and always reassure them where possible, that they are safe (that is as much as we can!)

I'm sure you consider carefully the sorts of playstation, x-box games and You Tube content etc. that your little ones play and watch, however it strikes me that a lot of the images broadcast on the news would and indeed should carry an M rating (at the very least!) ... interesting and a little ironic you might agree!

I love the wisdom from an American television personality from days gone by, a Mr Rogers, who was famously quoted as saying 'When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news, my mother would say to me 'Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping'. To this day, especially in times of disaster, I remember my mother's words and I am always comforted by realising that there are still so many helpers – so many caring people in this world'. (Fred Rogers).

It's thoughts like these, that help to restore our faith in humanity, to remind us that there is so much good in our world, so many amazing people helping others ... heroes and angels who walk amongst us, making a difference, however big or small. We can, each one of us, make a difference .. our contributions have a ripple effect, that can be felt far and wide.

My hope for you, for me, for our children, is that there will always be the opportunity to show love, peace, harmony, tolerance and understanding to all those we share this earth with ... however big or small, that we can make, indeed be the difference our wonderful world needs now more than ever.



Friends, may your days and weeks be filled with nothing but love, hope, peace and harmony.

Karen Thorogood, PCW

OSHC News



The July Vacation Care program is now available on the school website with hard copies from OSHC and the Parent Information Rack. Should you wish to be placed on our electronic mail-out list, please contact OSHC with your email details.



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.

OSHC Team



**Yr 4-7 SCHOOL
HOLIDAY CLINIC**

FOR KIDS IN YEARS 4-7
AT BRIGHTON SECONDARY SCHOOL
WEDNESDAY JULY 19th FROM 9:00—3:00
EXPERIENCED PLAYERS AND BEGINNERS WELCOME!
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**International
Mud Day
Celebration!**

JOIN US TO CELEBRATE INTERNATIONAL MUD DAY 2017!

Thursday 24 June | 9:30am - 2:00pm
Wagley Reserve, Alton Highway, Geelong

☑ Mud Pits & Kitchens ☑ Clay Play ☑ Bell Tents
☑ Stories & Reading ☑ Loose Parts Play

For more info + registrations
www.natureplayss.org.au/events
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