



Building a community that  
inspires curious, creative  
and innovative thinkers

# St Leonards Primary School

*Learning Together*

**Respect Resilience Readiness**

## School Closure

### Show Day

**Friday 8 September**



OSHC Available

## Diary Dates

### Week 6

#### Monday 28 August

- Narnu Farm Camp - Room 5A and Room 6

#### Tuesday 29 August

- 10:00am Choir Rehearsal

Thursday 31 August

- Living Safely with Pets - JP

#### Friday 1 September

- Fathers Day BBQ Breakfast

### Week 7

#### Tuesday 5 September

- Robogals
- Monarto Zoo - Year 6/7

#### Wednesday 6 September

- Art Gallery Excursion - Room 5B and Room 8

#### Thursday 31 August

- Father's Day Stall

#### Friday 8 September

- School Closure Day

## NAPLAN

Students in Years 3, 5 and 7 will  
receive their NAPLAN results on  
Friday 1 September.

## From the Leadership

### NAPLAN

Next week our Year 3, 5 and 7 learners will receive their results for NAPLAN, some for the first time. This can be a rather anxious time for all involved, so please take the time to discuss the results with your child and assure them that this is only a small part of their overall education. If you would like to talk about the results, please contact your child's teacher as they would be more than happy to go through the reports with you. Our teachers will be using this and other data to plan for the future and to ensure that all learners progress during their time at St Leonards.

The school as a whole uses this data to ensure that all learners receive the help they need to make progress. We will also analyse the overall data to look for whole school trends and ways that we can work as a team to ensure our learners are making satisfactory progress between each year level.

### SAPSASA Athletics

Our learners did our school proud as 32 athletes ran, threw and jumped their way around SANTOS stadium yesterday. Thanks to Heidi Bevan, Hayden Schwarz and all the parents who attended. We are really proud of your efforts and team spirit.

### New Students

Welcome to our new students

Adishti in Room 4, Freddie and Alkut in Room 6 and Millie in Room 9.

We hope you enjoy your time at our school.

### National Recognition Week for School Services Officers.

Last week was National Recognition Week for School Services Officers. Our school is very fortunate to have such a terrific team of support staff who help to care for our school and students.

Their duties are varied, ranging from classroom support, assessments, administration, data management, first aid and grounds and facilities maintenance. Most parents will have met the support staff; this year's team consists of:

Victoria Sierros	Finance
Mel Worden	Office Manager/Enrolment Officer/Finance
Kelly Peterson	Library/ICT/Admin
Jim Goudie	Grounds & Facilities
Ebony Grigg	Student Support/EALD
Heather Pronk	Student support/Children's University/STEM
Rachel Edwards	Student Support
Jin Huang	Chinese BSSO
Naira Tandilyan	Russian BSSO
Syeda Gilani	Hindi BSSO

On behalf of students, staff and parents, we thank them for their outstanding work!

**Dave Henty Smith, Principal**

**Barry Stewart, Deputy Principal**

**Kathy Baker, STEM Coordinator**

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Newsletter 14, Term 3  
Friday, 25 August, 2017

## SLPS Rocks

Rooms 3, 4 and 5B have been involved in a STEM project integrating their skills in Art and IT. The "SLPS Rocks!" topic has involved the staff and students in the production of brightly painted rocks. Once weather proofed, the rocks have a QR code tag placed upon them and they are 'released' into the community. Anyone who finds such a rock is encouraged to log in on the Facebook page and record the 'find' before moving the rock to a new location. Rocks have already been reported to be both found and on their way to places as far away as the UK and Bali! Keep your eyes peeled folks!

Graeme Smith, Sonya Winter, Sonia Tu


**Painting Rocks:  
A STEAM activity**

Some of our classes have been using technology to track the progress of their 'Friendship Rocks'



**We first used a QR code generator to make a link to a Facebook page.**

**The QR code generator makes a square picture of the information which we want people to access.**



**In our example it was the address of the Facebook page, but it could be almost anything.**



**Once we had created our QR code we set about making our rocks attractive and interesting.**



**We painted them bright colours and sometimes included words to inspire people.**



**We cut out the QR codes and stuck them onto our painted rocks.**



**Finally we sprayed them with varnish to protect the paint from the rain. The rocks were then "released" to the world. We are waiting for someone to find one and send us a rock update!**



**Keep your eyes open for our rocks, maybe help one along on its journey!**

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**We then 'released' our rocks onto the world!**

**... and in a few short days, success!!!!**

**One was found and someone posted on our "SLPS Rocks!" Facebook page.**



**Adri Tangerine**  
15 hrs · Plympton

Found on the cycle path near Camden Park, will try to get it over to the UK when my friends come to visit!



## SAPSASA Athletics

Yesterday 32 Year 4 - Year 7 students from St Leonards competed at SANTOS Stadium. Congratulations to everyone who participated on the day. You make our school community proud. Photos: M Brake.



## Choir Performance

The Senior Choir will be performing at the Adelaide Entertainment Centre on Sunday 17 September at 2:00pm as part of the Festival of Music. This will be an incredible event with our school choir joining over 1000 other students from around the state. This is the first time the concert series has been held at the Entertainment Centre and it is an opportunity not to be missed! Tickets are available through Ticketek.

**Liz Condous, Music Teacher**



## Woolworths Earn & Learn

The Earn & Learn promotion runs from 26 July - 19 September.

Once completed, simply place the Sticker Sheet in the Collection Box in the school Office, in your child's class green communication box or at your local Woolworths. At the conclusion of the promotion, we can redeem the Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers for valuable educational resources.





## Important Information

### Qkr! App

St Leonards Primary School has activated the Qkr! App which enables parents to order and pay for school items in a secure and simple way from their phone. The App has been set up initially for Canteen payments. Parents can order and pay for their child's lunches including special lunch days and donut days using the App. In the not so distant future, the Qkr! App will include school payments such as school fees, uniforms, excursion levy and more.

The Qkr! App will be operational for Canteen payments from Friday, 1 September 2017. Attached is a 'How To' guide for parents which provides information on getting started.



Victoria Sierros, Finance Officer

### OSHC - School Closure Day Only 2 weeks away!

Friday September 8  
7:30am-6:00pm

We will be going to Mitcham Cinema for an advance screening of Captain Underpants. For further details or to secure a booking, please contact Steve on 8294 1990 or [oshc.stleonards865@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:oshc.stleonards865@schools.sa.edu.au)



### STEM Construction

During the construction process, Room 6 will be relocated into and share the OSHC space. OSHC will operate as normal and will endeavour to keep any disruption to children and families to a minimum.

### Bottle Top Recycling...4 easy steps

Bottle tops are too small to be collected in the sorting process, but if placed in a can of the same metal type, they will get collected for melting with the appropriate material. Simply:

1. Wash the bottle tops to remove any food residue
2. Place the clean bottle tops inside a can of similar material
  - If a magnet sticks to it, it is steel
  - if not, it is aluminium.
3. Squeeze the can to close it so the bottle tops don't fall out
4. Put the can in your yellow recycle bin

Helping the environment whilst learning about and having fun with magnets.

OSHC Team

## Library News

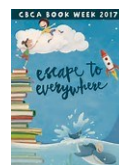
### Book Fair

Thank you to all the families who purchased books at our Book Fair. We were able to purchase over 40 new books for our library. This included picture books, novels and non-fiction books.



### Book Week

St Leonards celebrated Book Week today with a Special Assembly. The theme was "Escape to Everywhere" and students and staff came in a huge array of imaginative costumes. Every year I am impressed with the fantastic involvement of student, their families and staff.



PREMIERS' READING Challenge

I would like to congratulate all our wonderful readers who have completed the Premiers Reading Challenge and already returned their forms. The reading trees in the library are looking fantastic with all their leaves that have appeared. The Premiers Reading Challenge ends on Friday 8 September and all forms need to be returned by Friday 15 September. Medals and certificates are sent to us in Term 4 and will be presented at an Assembly.

Kelly Peterson, Library



## Garden

Our new garden continues to take shape with a new shed and and vegie patches being built and soil being delivered. We would like to thank Matt Williams (parent) and Jarrod Vowles from Escape Creations and Peter Murphy (parent) for donating their time and expertise it is greatly appreciated by the whole school community.



## Room 2 - Trapped



Fantastic examples of perspective art

## Karen's Corner

### Flexible

Do you consider yourself to be flexible? I like to think I am, although after spending much time on the floor with the younger learners in their classes, my endeavours to get up and gain my composure (not to mention dignity) my elaborate, complex actions in order to achieve this should be at the very least a no. 1 yoga exercise or perhaps even an Olympic sport (almost a team one at that!) Suffice to say, my physical level of flexibility leaves a lot to be desired (at least generally the children are left amused, if not slightly bewildered at times as I demonstrate my lack of physical flexibility!) But I digress.



As we move into a very exciting new phase at St Leonards with respect to our new STEM learning spaces, I have been thinking about what it is to be flexible. As many of our younger learners over the course of the week, have made their way to new, temporary classrooms and spaces, it is interesting and wonderful to observe the amount of flexibility and resilience they have all exhibited. As you can imagine, the logistical processes and planning necessary to disassemble classrooms and reassemble them quickly and efficiently, with absolute minimum disruption is a massive task.

I congratulate the Leadership team, teachers and children on making the transition a seamless one. It has taken skill, more planning than I can even imagine, not to mention the dedication by all involved, to make it happen with minimum inconvenience to the children.

For some, it is a challenging time as they begin to adjust to their new surroundings, perhaps sharing large spaces with other classes, or getting used to adjustments and modifications to the way their classrooms will operate at least in the immediate future. I should say that the feedback from some of the children is already extremely positive and some have remarked that they love their new classroom spaces even more than the old ones.

During this transition, I am reminded once again, of one of the values promoted within our school ... Resilience. Resilience as we know is the ability to overcome difficulties and bounce back to a healthy place, to feel even stronger because new skills are learned in this experience

Our learners are finding out what it is to be flexible and resilient as we move forward, towards commencement of building work within some of our school spaces. You might be aware of your child exhibiting some slightly challenging behaviours regarding school or even just generally (this is totally normal as they strive to adapt). They might be slightly anxious or worried as they settle in to their new surroundings. You could engage them in positive conversations at various times, asking them about their new, temporary classroom spaces, reassuring them that it's great to be able to be flexible and embrace their new learning spaces. You might like to encourage your child to show you around their new classroom space too. I am sure the teachers wouldn't mind.

Our children are very much influenced by what we as parents and caregivers model to them. We have the biggest role to play in assisting our children to develop resilience. We want to encourage them to be confident, to be okay with things being a bit different sometimes, to learn the ability to adapt to different situations and environments and indeed to thrive as a result! Everyone has the capacity for resilience. It is something we work on throughout our lives. Being mindful that our everyday interactions can be great opportunities to model what it is to be resilient and flexible in our thinking, will promote positivity and confidence in our children.



Anyway, if you'll excuse me, I'm off to practice my Downward Dog pose and then make an appointment with my chiropractor! Have a great week everyone ... here's to practising being resilient and flexible (both physically and mentally.)

**Karen Thorogood (PCW and Learner/Parent)**