



Building a community that
inspires curious, creative
and innovative thinkers

St Leonards Primary School

Learning Together

Respect Resilience Readiness

Diary Dates

Week 8

Tuesday 5 December

- Move n Groove
- 7:00pm Governing Council

Friday 8 December

- 6:00pm - 8:00pm Celebration Night on the Oval

Week 9

Monday 11 December

- Choir Concert

Thursday 14 December

- Year 7 Graduation

Friday 15 December

- Assembly
- 2:05pm Early Dismissal

Reminder

Last Day of School

Early Dismissal

2:05pm

OSHC available.

Please call 8294 1990 or see
OSHC staff.

School resumes

Monday, 29 January, 2018

From the Leadership

I can hardly believe that it's almost the end of the year. It has been an exceptionally busy yet highly successful one. The progress that our learners have made has been terrific and seeing students grow and mature is certainly a rewarding feeling. We are really proud of all our students' efforts during 2017.

The last two weeks have been extremely busy ones. Students from Years 4-7 walked to Glenelg beach to participate in a beach volleyball competition. The efforts of all our teams were first class.

Our school was also recently involved in the Glenelg Christmas Pageant. I would like to thank Karen Thorogood and her team for coordinating the event, as well as a number of parents who willingly gave up their own time.

We are all really excited about our Celebration Night. The weather is looking good, albeit slightly on the cool side, and we look forward to seeing you all there. Programs and full details will be emailed shortly and posted on our school Facebook page. This year's theme is 'Move n Groove, Escape to Everywhere' and the children have enjoyed practising their routines. We hope you enjoy their show.

The class placement process is nearing completion. Our teachers spend hours looking at options and best fit scenarios with the learners always at the centre of the discussion. In 2018 we will be starting with 15 classes and approximately 400 students. The 2018 class structure can be found on page two of this newsletter.

We hope to have all our staff in place shortly and will notify our community when we have these confirmed. These structures allow for teams of teachers to work, plan and program together and in some cases, work with other learners in other classes creating consistent approaches amongst the classes.

We are still in the middle of a building program expected to be completed in March. This of course will still cause some disruption to classes around the school.

We will also have a transportable (double class) delivered shortly which will be placed near the Library. This will be operational by the end of Term 1 and will have two Yr1/2 classes placed in there.

We will also be renumbering a lot of our rooms. This will be confusing to start with, but will eventually make sense to all of us.

It is always an emotional time for our learners as they transition to their new classes. Please take a calm and positive approach with your child as you support their journey into their new class. One of our school values is resilience which is what we try to instil in all our learners. Your support would be greatly appreciated

Dave Henty Smith, Principal

Barry Stewart, Deputy Principal

Kathy Baker, STEM Coordinator

Celebration Night

**Friday 8 December
6:00pm - 8:00pm
On the Oval**



Please note this is a dry event

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Next Newsletter: Thursday, 14 December
2017

Newsletter 20 Term 4
Friday, 1 December, 2017

2018 Class Structures

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| Room 1 | Yr 4/5 |
| Room 2 | Yr 4/5 |
| Room 3 | Yr 3 |
| Room 4 | Yr 3 |
| Room 5 | Yr 4/5 (previously Rm 5A) |
| Room 7 | Rec/Yr1 (previously Rm 6) |
| Room 8 | Rec (previously Rm 10) |
| Room 9 | Rec |
| Room 10 | Yr 4/5 (previously Rm 12) |
| Room 11A | Yr 6/7 |
| Room 11B | Yr 6/7 |
| Room 12 | Yr 1/2 (library east) |
| Room 14 | Yr 1/2 (library west) |
| Room 15 | Yr 1/2 (Hall Term 1, transportable Term 2) |
| Room 16 | Yr 1/2 (Hall Term 1, transportable Term 2) |
| Room 6 | LOTE (previously 5B) |
| STEM zone | STEM (previously Art room) |



MFS 'Learn! Don't Burn!' Fire Safety Competition

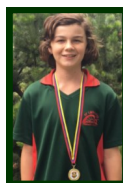
This year students from Room 1, Room 4, Room 5B and Room 9 entered the annual Metropolitan Fire Service fire safety competition. The entries were fantastic and this year two of our students received first prize in their year level. We congratulate Anika A in Year 2 and Maisy P in Year 3 for their outstanding posters. They have received certificates and an art voucher from Premier Art Supplies. A number of students have received merit certificates.



The winning entries are on display in the DECD Gallery, 31 Flinders Street, Adelaide or they can be viewed online on the MFS website:

https://www.mfs.sa.gov.au/site/community_safety/teachers_resources.jsp

SAPSASA Cricket



Lewis B, Elly B and Marney R from Room 11 represented St Leonards Primary School at the Western Metro SAPSASA Cricket competition. The competition ran from Monday 20 - Thursday 23 November. Lewis' team came first in the State. Congratulations from the SLPS community. We are very proud of your efforts.



Library News

Premier's Reading Challenge

The Premier's Reading Challenge medals and certificates have arrived and will be presented to students next week at student messages (weather permitting).

Library Books and Readers

Please ensure that all borrowed library books are returned to the library and all readers are returned to their boxes by the end of Week 8, Friday, 8 December 2017.

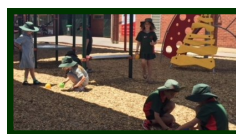
Kelly Peterson, Library SSO



PE News



Marbles



In PE Week we learnt about yard games such as Hacky Sack and Marbles. Marbles has proven to be a super popular game to play on the never ending hot days that we seem to be getting for PE lessons. We have been using small jelly balls to practise our technique under the shade of the playground and in front of the school garden.

Activities like marbles are great for keeping kids busy and off screens after school and during the holidays. What games did you play as a child? Did you play marbles? Perhaps you could challenge your child to a game.



Heidi Bevan, PE Teacher

Soft Toys

Room 2 learners have been making soft toys. The students have really enjoyed the process of planning and creating their toys. They are very proud of their finished products.



Children's University



Monday Workshops

Monday Week 8 we will be doing a Christmas Food Appeal with Karen. A note went home earlier this week.



Monday Week 9 we will be decorating gingerbread biscuits at lunch time in the hall.

For school holiday ideas, please check the Children's University website.

Natalie Baggio and Heather Pronk,
Children's University Coordinators

OSHC News

OSHC Surveys: Thank you to all who have participated. If you have not received the email with the SurveyMonkey links, please contact Steve at OSHC.

Vacation Care: Excursion days, are filling fast, with three already fully booked and several nearing capacity. To avoid disappointment, please book soon.

Recycling: The OSHC soft plastics recycling program has revealed an alarming trend in the single use of zip-lock bags. Please discuss with your children the environmental benefits of retaining and reusing such items. During the course of a year, it will also help save money in the family grocery budget.

OSHC Team



Glenelg Christmas Pageant



What a day that was, I am in awe of our incredible St Leonards school community. After weeks of preparation, excitement and planning, the Glenelg Christmas Pageant was only hours away! The weather was perfect ... not too hot, not too cold, but just right!

As we made our way down to Glenelg filled with anticipation, I couldn't help but wonder ... would anyone turn up? Would it be appropriate for just the two of us to walk, representing the school? Well, I can tell you now, there was absolutely no reason at all to worry (or panic!) Not long after we arrived at our designated spot, it was very apparent that the incredible St Leonard's community was getting ready to party. It was only a matter of moments before the crowd of children, Mums, Dads, Grandparents and friends started to arrive, a riot of colour, excited kids (and parents) in amazing beach outfits with beach toys and accessories were assembled and ready to go as far as the eye could see. What an incredible example of our school community at its absolute best! I was overwhelmed and so very proud of all our participants!

Thank you all so very much for supporting the event ... our school pride was well and truly on show for all to see on Sunday morning down at the Bay!



Photos by Afra Prodon, Sarah Dabyschire and Amanjot Karupiah

Karen's Corner



After Sunday, as festive celebrations have begun to gain momentum, I started thinking ... at this time of year particularly, it's so easy to get caught up in the busyness that can easily envelope us. Life moves at such a fast pace, but I think somehow it gathers even more speed around this time of the year. Wouldn't you agree? As we rush around, making lists and checking them twice (wait, someone else does that too I think! That list thing always has me asking the question 'define good'?!)

As we dart from one task to the next, from one shop to another, perhaps getting increasingly stressed (or if you're one who is always organised, then perhaps not!) worrying about every little detail ... would it be reasonable to suggest that we need to just take a moment every now and then? A moment or two just to rest (I am certain the world really won't stop spinning, but it might be wonderful if WE do (stop spinning that is) to take stock of what is important and what is not.



I for one, don't want this time of year to be remembered by my family as the time when I am grumpy (well more than usual!) stressed and distracted. I know for many, there are concerns regarding security about what the future looks like, about employment, finances and many other things that consume our thoughts particularly at this time of the year. These pressures and concerns can't be avoided, but in order to preserve one's sanity, consider whether it would be helpful to not get so caught up quite so much in all the distractions that jostle for our attention (I'll give you a clue, in my humble opinion ... it's really not about the presents, not really. Although yes I know, our children might disagree!)

So please, let's value what really matters ... family, friends, community, peace, love, kindness and harmony.

At this time of the year, I honestly believe it is more important than ever to keep our focus on people not 'stuff' let us remember the true meaning of this coming season and embrace simplicity ... it might just be a game changer for you and your family!

(If you or someone you know is particularly struggling, please reach out! If you'd like to talk to our school counsellor Di Hannagan or myself about anything at any time, please contact us. We are here to help and support you and your family any way we can, your welfare and wellbeing is important to us).



Karen Thorogood, PCW

Lost Property



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



at St Leonards

- Qkr! is a secure and easy way to order and pay for school items from your phone.
- You can download Qkr! from Google Play or the App Store.
- It is a great way to order and pay for your child's school lunch without the need for cash.

Many families have already taken advantage of Qkr! and love the convenience. Information and help guides are available on the school website or from the Parent Information rack.

  **masterpass** For quicker, hassle-free school payments, try Qkr! today

How do I enable notifications on my phone so I can receive Qkr notifications from my child's school?

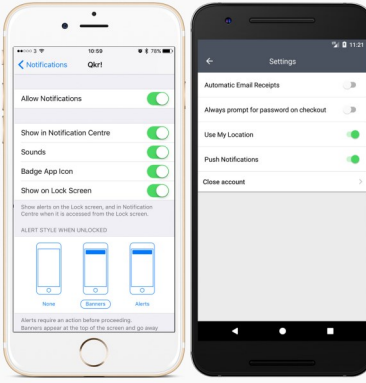
Ensure your Notifications settings are activated for the Qkr app.

Step 1
Select settings in your iOS or Android device

Step 2
Select Notifications.

Step 3
Look for the Qkr app and ensure the toggle is switched on to allow notifications.

Step 4
Open the Qkr app on your phone, open settings and ensure the 'Push Notifications Enabled' toggle is switched to green.



Please note that whilst we control the sending of the notification, the delivery and receipt of the notification is entirely controlled by your phone operating system.

IGNITE Program Information Evening

IGNITE Program for gifted and talented students (including ACER Assessment)

When: Wednesday 13 December 2017

Time: 6:30pm

Where: Glenunga International High School
In the performing arts centre



Register online <https://www.trybooking.com/332920>
Assessment will be held Saturday 24 February.

Keep your kids smiling



Dental care is FREE for ALL babies, preschool and most children under 18 years at School Dental Service clinics.

The School Dental Service is a Child Dental Benefits Schedule provider.

Call us now for an appointment!

Your local clinic is: Marion GP Plus Dental Clinic

Phone: 7425 8400

www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/sadental

Homestay Program

Host Homestay students for far reaching benefits

If you have a spare room in your home and can host one of our overseas students for a term or longer, prepare to go on a journey that has far-reaching benefits. Because while you provide a safe, enriching and encouraging environment for your student, they will open up a whole new world to you.

Who can be a Homestay Host

Homestay hosts come from many different worlds; they can be single, married, have a large family or be retired empty-nesters.

You'll be supported all the way

While you are responsible for your student, you'll receive professional support every step of your journey. You'll be given a comprehensive briefing session by the International Educational Service (IES), as well as access to their helpful literature, website and 24 hour phone support line. The Homestay family community will warmly welcome you and gladly share advice and invites to their activities. You will also receive a weekly allowance.

Prepare for a word of discovery

With an international student in your home, get ready for some very fulfilling armchair traveling. Use the opportunity to learn a new language or simply to discover a new country, cuisine and way of life. And by showing your Homestay student around Adelaide and its environs, you'll probably learn things about your home town you never knew. Most importantly, you'll have the opportunity to develop a life-long friendship.

Brighton Secondary School needs Homestay families

If you're ready to take on an exciting new world, please contact one of our International Team members on 8375 8238 or email international@brighton.sa.edu.au and get ready for the fulfilling, far-reaching benefits.

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The City of Holdfast Bay are hosting a length of the **Queen's Baton Relay** on Sunday 18 February at Glenelg as part of the lead in celebrations for the **Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games**. This event will include specially selected Baton carriers bringing the baton along a course through Glenelg into Mosley square as well as a range of free community activities.