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# St Leonards Primary School

*Learning Together*

*Respect Resilience Readiness*

## Diary Dates

### Week 6

#### Monday 5 March

- SAPOL Cyber-Bullying session Yr 4-7

#### Thursday 8 March

- 9:00am Assembly
- Beach Volleyball—Yr 5/6/7

Friday 9 March

- Pupil Free Day

### Week 7

#### Monday 12 March

- Public Holiday

## From the Leadership

Can you believe we are already at the end of Week 5. It has certainly been a fast paced start to the year, but one filled with many highlights.

### School Improvement Planning

DECD are undergoing some organisational changes as they strive to have a world class education system for all of our learners. There are a number of areas we will be working on over the next few years. These areas are:

- expert teaching
- quality leadership
- engaged parents and communities
- stronger services
- resourcing and investment
- improvement and accountability

All schools are required to have a Site Improvement Plan, which includes a number of priorities for the year. This year DECD have stipulated we will focus our work on the following areas:

- Literacy
- Expert Teaching and Quality Leadership
- STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths)

As a school we are currently developing our Site Improvement Plan and will publish this shortly. All Teacher and Leader “Professional Development plans” will then be aligned to these priorities to ensure success for all our learners.

### Duty of Care

Please be aware that our yard is supervised by a yard duty teacher from 8:30am until 8:45am each morning in the area around the large playground near Russell Street. Parents are welcome to stay with their child/ren in the playground area until the bell goes at 8:45am.

We are having some students dropped off and left around 8:00am when they cannot be officially supervised by staff. Parents who need to drop their children to school before 8:30am need to make arrangements with our OSHC (Out of School Hours Care) service. Steve can be contacted on 8294 1990.

### Kiss and Drop Zone

We have placed a number of signs around our “Kiss and Drop Zone”. We are concerned about the safety of all our learners. In a nutshell:

- You can only spend 2 minutes in the zone
- You have to be within 3 metres of your car at all times

Thank you for your cooperation.

### STEM

Our new STEM area is nearing completion and we are hoping to have it completed by late March. Kathy Baker, our STEM coordinator, has been driving this area and doing a terrific job. She is very excited about moving into the new area and working with our learners.

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

## Pupil Free Day Friday 9 March

OSHC available



## Public Holiday Monday 12 March

(OSHC is **not** available on public holidays)

## Medication

Medication plans must be kept up to date and medications must be in-date. Students with out-of-date plans and/or medications will be unable to attend swimming in Week 8 and Surf Ed in Week 9.

Please contact Mel in the Office if you would like to check your child’s medication records.

**Mel Worden, Office Manager**

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Next Newsletter: Friday, 16 March 2018

Newsletter 3 Term 1  
Friday, 2 March, 2018

## PE Update



### Find us on Facebook!

Join our page - Sport at St Leonards. We will be using this page to keep families up to date with upcoming SAPSASA, School Sport activities as well as general information about the SLPS PE program.

### Hats

As part of our sun safe policy, in Terms 1 and 4, students are required to wear hats for all outside activity. SLPS is now selling a new type of bucket hat with a toggle around the inner band to hold it tight in windy weather. These have proven great for PE when we are running around and stay on much better for most children.

### Late Return of Notes

It takes a great deal of time and effort to nominate teams for sports events and often we give students the maximum amount of time as well as several reminders in class and PE lessons regarding returning forms.

Adding a late entry often requires phone calls and emails back and forth as well as updating already published team lists and cost information. It's not just as simple as slotting a student in a team. We thank you for supporting your child in getting their forms in on time. We are clamping down on due dates from now on to enable us to put our PE admin time and energy into participating in a broader range of sports.

### SAPSASA

Interschool sport across primary and secondary schools has now been combined under the same banner "SA School Sport". To find SAPSASA information please visit the website below.

There are many sports available for students to participate in other than the regular district events. Please let us know if your child has a special interest and we will assist them in nominating.

<https://www.decd.sa.gov.au/teaching/sport/sports-and-competitions>

Upcoming Interschool Sports Events (dates may be subject to change):

- VSA Beach Volleyball, Year 5/6/7 – Thursday 8 March – all nominations closed.
- Lacrosse SA Carnival, Year 4/5 – Monday 26 March – nominations open
- SAPSASA District Netball Carnival, Year 7 – Wednesday 28 March – nominations open
- SAPSASA Boys Aussie Rules Football Carnival – Year 7 Wednesday 28 March – nominations open
- SAPSASA Cross Country, Year 4/5 & 6/7 – Wednesday 2 May
- SAPSASA Soccer Carnival, Year 6/7 – Wednesday 16 May

Heidi Bevan, PE Teacher

## ICAS Forms and Dates

Digital Technologies	8 May 2018	Year 3 - 7
Science	29 May 2018	Year 2 - 7
Spelling	13 June 2018	Year 2 - 7
Writing	14 June 2018	Year 3 - 7
English	31 July 2018	Year 2 - 7
Mathematics	14 August 2018	Year 2 - 7



If wish for your child to participate please collect an application form from the Office.

Payment must be made by **Thursday 12 April** for all assessments except for Digital Technologies which is due no later than **Monday 19 March**.

No late applications can be accepted.

## OSHC News

### Pupil Free Day: Friday 9 March (Week 6)

OSHC will be available 7:30am - 6:00pm and will include a visit to Mitcham Cinema for an advance screening of **Monster Family**.



Bookings Essential: please contact Steve 8294 1990

### Acquaintance Night

Acquaintance Night on Tuesday 13 February was very well attended, with 70 energetic and excitable children let out on a school night, including several younger siblings, aged 2 and 3 years of age.

Thank you to all parents for not forgetting to collect your children :) If your child misplaced a toy on that evening, we have two awaiting collection at OSHC. They have been well cared for and loved, but are now ready to return home.

### Vacation Care

The April Vacation Care programme is currently being compiled and should be available in Week 7. Please contact OSHC if you wish to be included on the electronic mail-out list.

### OSHC Team

## Children's University

Our next lunchtime workshop is Monday 5 March and we are meeting at the school community garden.

If you would like to join Children's University, check out the Children's University website or see Heather for more information.

Natalie Baggio and Heather Pronk,  
Children's University Coordinators



## SAPOL-Cyber Bullying Workshop

On Monday 5 March, our Yr 4-7 students will attend workshops run by SAPOL on Cyber Safety and preserving your on line reputation. This is a rescheduled meeting from 2 weeks ago. We will look to hold a Parent workshop later in the year.

## Swim Week Reception—Year 5

Swimming lessons will be held at the State Aquatic Centre Marion, from Monday, 19 – Friday, 23 March. Lessons are one hour per day. This program is part of the Health and Physical Education curriculum.



The successful program will develop a range of knowledge, skills, understandings around the water.

### Every day the children will be required to bring:

- appropriate bathers
- dry towel
- a plastic bag to put wet clothes/towel in
- thongs or sandals to wear on the bus only
- goggles (optional)
- water bottle
- swim caps (optional)



Please note that no jewellery or watches are to be worn and long hair should be tied back with a non-metallic hair tie (no metal hair clips or hair bands). Please also clearly label all articles.

**Students may not wear things to or from school or in the playground.**

### Times

9:15 - 10:15 Session 1 Rooms 7, 12 and 14

**(Note - bus leaves at 8:50am)**

10:15-11:15 Session 2 Rooms 8, 9 and 15

11:15 – 12:15 Session 3 Rooms 3, 4 and 16

12:45 – 1:45 Session 4 Rooms 1 and 5

1:45 - 2:45 Session 5 Rooms 2 and 10

**(Note - bus returns to school at 3:10pm)**

If your child has membership with the State Aquatic Centre Marion, you are eligible for a reduction in your child's swimming fee from \$43 to \$19.50. Please provide a copy of your child's membership card to the Office by Friday 16 March.

**Canteen will be closed during Swim Week.**

## SAPSASA Swimming



SAPSASA swimming trials for the Southwest district were held on Wednesday 21 February at Immanuel College.

St Leonards will be represented by Jayden L, Noah P and Maisy P, whom have made the district team. The St Leonards community are proud of your efforts.

## Karen's Corner



Hi Everyone! It's been really wonderful as always, spending time with many of the absolutely amazing St Leonards learners, am truly blessed to have the opportunity to connect with many of you, the parents and caregivers also. As a parent (doing the hard stuff and celebrating the 'wins' however big or small!) I think we all need to feel encouraged as we navigate our lives as parents to young children. Consider me in your corner, full of admiration for all that you are doing to raise such amazing young people.

I've been thinking about some of the things it takes to raise a happy, confident, self assured, content child. At a time when we all seem to be time poor, juggling all the responsibilities that comes with being a parent (there are times when I struggle to keep any, let alone all the 'balls' in the air, can you relate?) parenting can at times, leave us feeling overwhelmed, isolated and alone, judged by others, caught up comparing ourselves with others and how well they appear to be coping/succeeding etc. We can become easily distracted and too often, feeling empty with nothing left to give. If you're experiencing this, please, cut yourself some slack. Give yourself permission to drop some of the balls, to say no to anything that's not beneficial to your own wellbeing or that of your family unit (boundaries are wonderful for us all) and to let go of things that don't add value to your lives, when and if appropriate. Also, stop subscribing to the lie that we can (and should) be able to do (and have) everything under control all of the time. Be gentle with yourself and particularly with those precious little ones whose world revolves around you!

It's such a short time before we will watch them spread their wings and become independent young adults, making their way out into the big wide world! Ironically the time we have to spend caring for our children whilst they're young, those incredibly important formative years, are often the period of our lives as adults, when we are so very busy trying to juggle everything life throws at us. It's no wonder we often feel exhausted and overwhelmed!!

How can we help our children to feel content, secure and happy? How can we assist them to feel self assured and validated, with a healthy sense of their own (positive) self worth? Some of these might help. Please let your child express their feelings safely without fear of being ridiculed, ignored or even worse, punished. Help them to find ways to explore and express their feelings and make sure they feel validated at all times. Always listen when they want to open up and talk, please, please give them your full attention without the distractions of mobile phones etc. Be sure to compliment your child (think of things that you really love and admire about him or her, qualities and strengths that sets them apart from other siblings or children). Focus more on WHO they are, with less emphasis on what they do and achieve. Some relaxed, unstructured free time for your children each and every day. More outside time and perhaps less 'screen' time. Teach them (and model to them) empathy towards others, show them how to be kind to others. Whenever possible, eat dinner as a family, it's a great way to connect together.

A wise person once reflected 'It's easier to build up a child than repair an adult', we have this opportunity, this privilege, this responsibility, together, let's give it our very best shot! Our children most certainly deserve it. Have an awesome week!

**Karen Thorogood, PCW**



## Book Week

### “Find Your Treasure”

## Poster Competition

Working individually create a poster based on the 2018 Book Week theme ‘Find Your Treasure’, no larger than A3 in size. The poster is to have NO text. Students can use any media, including but not limited to paint, pencil, pastels, digital and photography. Entry is free.

**Due: Friday 16 March 2018**

#### What are the Prizes?

There will be a winner from each age category, from those 3 winners an overall winner will be selected.

**R-2 prize:** A \$50 book voucher

**3-5prize:** A \$50 book voucher

**6-8prize:** A \$50 book voucher

**Overall winner:** Will have their poster used to advertise future CBCSA events.

Each winner will also receive a book bundle for their school library.

Winners are announced Friday 23 March

Entries and forms can be submitted together via email to [admin@cbcsa.org.au](mailto:admin@cbcsa.org.au) or entries and entry forms can be submitted by post. If you wish to have your work returned to you please include a pre-paid and addressed envelope. Please ensure that you keep a copy of the work  
 Champion Pics CBCA (SA Branch Inc)  
 GPO Box 2392  
 Adelaide SA 5001

Entry forms are available from the Parent Information Rack or the school website.

# Buffalo



## Sports Day

Thursday

12

April

# Holdfast



# Patawalonga

# Saints

### Brighton Special Interest Music Information Evening for Years 6 & 7

*Everything you need to know about auditioning for the Brighton's Special Interest Music Program*

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at 6.30 to 7.30pm  
 Brighton Secondary School Concert Hall

For all enquiries please call Pam Parsons  
 Brighton Secondary School on 8375 8215  
 or email: [pam.parsons@brighton.sa.edu.au](mailto:pam.parsons@brighton.sa.edu.au)

## Eric's Tales of the Sea

a submariner's yarn



### Five Shows Only

Tues 13, Thurs 15, Fri 16, Sat 17 and Sun 18 March  
 6pm (1 hours shows)

Tuxedo Cat (Broadcast Bar) 66A Grote Street,  
 Adelaide (wheelchair access)

*Come and support Erica's dad in his award winning comedy show. A real life sub-mariner gives a unique insider view of life on a Nuclear Submarine. Heart warming stories of mateship, danger, suspense and true love underwater. Rated PG (mild course language)*

#### Cost

Full Price: \$20.00    Concession: \$15.00    Child: \$10.00  
 Family: \$50.00    Group (6+): \$17.00 each  
 Bank SA Customer: \$15.75    Companion Card: \$0.00



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 Erica's Dad



# URRBRAE

## AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL

# OPEN DAY

## FOR PROSPECTIVE YEAR 8 STUDENTS

TUESDAY MARCH 21ST 2017

2 hour programme (9.30 - 11.30am or 1.00 - 3.00pm or 6.00 - 8.00pm) includes Application Information, Farm Tours and School Tours

*Students wishing to enrol at Year 8 level in 2018 and their parents are invited to attend. Parking on the School Oval with access via Gate "C" off Cross Rd. Proceed to the Gym.*

- Urrbrae is an Education Department Special Interest School which offers a comprehensive curriculum including Agricultural Studies.
- Selection for enrolment is based on the student's interest in Agriculture, the Environment and Technology
- Application Packages available from March 21st
- Enrolment applications close 5pm Wednesday May 3rd

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