



Building a community that
inspires curious, creative
and innovative thinkers

St Leonards Primary School

Learning Together

Respect Resilience Readiness

Sports Day

Thursday 12 April

Saints

Buffalo

Holdfast

Patawalonga

9:00am - 3:00pm



From the Leadership

Reading is one of the most important skills our learners use during their time at school. During 2018, St Leonards will have a focus on improving reading for all our learners. Our educators are currently undertaking a range of professional development activities, ensuring we have expert teachers in reading.

Whilst we do a lot at school, parental input is vital and we need your support at home. As a parent, you are your child's first and most important teacher. When you help your child learn to read, you are opening the door to a world of books and learning. Reading aloud to children is the best way to get them interested in reading. Before long they will grow to love stories and books. Eventually they will want to read on their own. With the help of parents, children can learn how to read and can practise reading until they can read for their own enjoyment. Then they will have a whole world of information and knowledge at their fingertips! Reading can be a family activity. Spending time with word games stories, and books will help all help your child to develop their reading.

It's natural to want to compare your child's reading abilities with those of other children of the same age, but not all children develop reading skills at the same pace. What's important is that you are aware of your child's reading level so that you can choose books and activities that will help him or her improve. Over the next few newsletters we will share tips on ways you can help at home

Tip One

Oral language is the foundation for reading. Listening and speaking are a child's first introduction to language. Talking and singing teach your child the sounds of language, making it easier for him or her to learn how to read. Here are some things you can do to help your child build an appreciation for words and language:

- Tell family stories about yourself, your child's grandparents, and other relatives.
- Talk to your child as much as possible about things you are doing and thinking.
- Ask your child lots of questions.
- Encourage your child to tell you what he or she thinks or feels.
- Ask your child to tell you about his or her day – about activities and games played.
- Be patient! Give your child time to find the words he or she wants to use.
- Sing songs, such as the alphabet song, and recite nursery rhymes, encouraging your child to join in.
- Play rhyming and riddle games.

Swimming Week

Our Swimming Week went smoothly with students really enjoying the lesson focus on water safety, water confidence and survival. Feedback from students was very positive. They enjoyed the variety of different challenges the aquatics teachers provided and also the follow up lessons in class that supported and reinforced the lessons they learned at the pool.

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

Diary Dates

Week 10

Three Way Interviews All Week

Monday 1 April

- Easter Monday Public Holiday

Week 11

Thursday 12 April

- Sports Day
- Newsletter

Friday 13 April

- 2:05pm End of Term Early Dismissal

End of Term 1

Early Dismissal

2:05pm

Friday 13 April

OSHC available.

Call 8294 1990 to book.

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Newsletter 5 Term 1
Thursday, 29 March, 2018

PE News

Lacrosse Carnival

Alexander M, Muhammad A, Willow L, Ruben L, Riley A, Bailey A, Jack LT, Cameron M, Adishti K, Shayela S, Nejla S, Kayleigh D, Kalia K and Maisy P participated in St Leonards first Lacrosse Carnival. The boys team came first and girls finished fourth. A big thanks to our parent helpers who made the day possible. Well done everyone.



Photo by Sarah Darbyshire

SAPSASA Swimming

Jayden L, Noah P and Maisy P were selected to represent South West District. Jayden competed in the U13 relay finishing 5th, Noah made the finals in individual backstroke, finishing 4th and Maisy got a bronze medal in the U10 relay. The St Leonards community are proud of your efforts.



SAPSASA Cross Country Trials

We have been running trials in PE lessons where we can. We have one more class to go next Tuesday. If your child was away when their class ran, please make sure their name is on the sign up sheet outside the Office so I can grab them to run on Tuesday. After this, students who meet the time criteria will be given a letter to officially sign up. Please be aware that the day is Wednesday 2nd May (Wk1 next term). We will require students to be supervised by their parent/caregiver as it is a very difficult event to supervise a large group of children.

SAPSASA Soccer

We are awaiting a confirmed date for girls and boys soccer, but it will be early next term. Please disregard other dates that have been given as it has now been identified that these clash with NAPLAN and will be changed. There will be a soccer sign up sheet for Year 6/7s on the pin board, outside the Office.

SAPSASA Netball

District trials were held on Wednesday 28 March and St Leonards was well represented by Elly B, Bonnie L, Piper E, Megan T, Lucy M, Lori B, Leah D and Jasmin R. They were undefeated, winning all four games. Piper and Leah have been selected for the next round of trials. Well done girls, you've done us proud.



T-Ball Coordinator

We have some fantastic parent volunteers who coordinate our Volleyball, Soccer and Netball out of school sports. We are still searching for a parent volunteer to take over T-Ball. This season is almost finished but will start up again in Term 4. The role involves collecting forms to make teams, allocating coaches and disseminating information such as draws etc. I have been doing it but I am looking forward to injecting some more time into school hours lunch clinics and introducing more SAPSASA activities. Please email me if you are interested in taking over for Term 4 at Heidi.bevan649@schools.sa.edu.au

Netball

We are looking for volunteers to be netball umpires. Parents or Year 7 students welcome. Please email Ms Bevan at Heidi.bevan649@schools.sa.edu.au if you are interested.

Volleyball Coaching

Hannah Rybalka will be coaching some volleyball in Week 2 of Term 2 on the courts. More information as it becomes available.
Heidi Bevan, PE Teacher

Children's University Baton Relay



On Monday 5 March we held a Commonwealth Games Baton Relay for Children's University passport holders. Earlier, participating students were given a random flag and they had to identify which country it came from and then research the country. They then represented that country in the relay. We had a special visitor to open the relay and a sausage sizzle for a gold coin donation that raised money for para-athletes participating in the Commonwealth Games.



Photo by Sarah Darbyshire

**Natalie Baggio and Heather Pronk,
Children's University Coordinators**

OSHC News



Vacation Care

The end of term is fast approaching and Vacation Care sessions are filling, with the visitor and two excursion days in the first week fully booked. Waiting lists have been established with vacancies to be offered under Priority of Access guidelines. The two excursions in the second week are nearing capacity. Please book soon to avoid disappointment.

New Child Care Package: Child Care Subsidy (CCS)

From July 2, the Australian Government's new Child Care Subsidy Package will introduce a single means-tested subsidy for families to replace the existing Rebate and Benefit. Depending on income, the single subsidy will cover up to 85 per cent of child care for some families, with low income households receiving the highest benefit. The new subsidy will be paid directly to service providers. A Family Child Care Subsidy Estimator may be found at education.gov.au

The Department of Human Resources will be contacting families about the changes in subsidy payments. All families currently receiving benefit and/or rebate payments will be asked to provide extra information so that they can be assessed for the new Child Care Subsidy. To ensure seamless communication with Centrelink, families should create an online myGov account. Please refer to my.gov.au or humanservices.gov.au for assistance. Please watch this space for future CCS updates.

OSHC Team



School Pride Day

Sunday 8 April, 9:00am -12:00pm



Jobs list includes: Weeding, sweeping the courts, irrigation, front entrance garden tidy up, general tidy up, training and tying vines in Year 6/7 walkway. Please bring gloves, brooms, rakes and any other gardening equipment that may be useful.

Karen's Corner

Hi Everyone,

...And just like that, it's Easter! Easter has incredible significance and meaning for Christians who observe and celebrate this time of the year, whilst others recognise it as a cultural holiday. Perhaps for you and your family, it is an opportunity to relax and spend time together with friends enjoying some well needed rest time either at home or holidaying away somewhere. It might be a time to catch up with things at home, or indulge in eating Easter eggs and hot cross buns (or it might be all of the above!)

Whatever Easter means to you, I truly hope you are able to spend the time with those you love and cherish, but also in amongst it all, that you might be able to have some quiet moments, for rest, rejuvenation and replenishment, not only for your body, but also your mind. For me personally, it's always a time to reflect on all the things I am grateful and thankful for ... I hope to be able to spend time in quiet contemplation, to be able to drown out the noise of the world and just rest. May you experience peace and tranquillity during the Easter break too.

I came across the following quote I'd like to share ...

'If you begin and finish your day with thoughts of gratitude, you'll find yourself living from a place of abundance rather than lack. Those first and final moments set the tone for the many minutes that fall in between' (Erica Layne)

So friends, may your hearts and minds be filled with thoughts of gratitude and may the moments of each day be filled with love, peace, joy and contentment, always.

Happy Easter to you and your family and please, stay safe if you happen to be travelling during the weekend ... we look forward to seeing your children's smiling faces again next week, ready and excited to finish the term off with enthusiasm and with an attitude for success!



Take care!

Karen Thorogood, PCW



Library News

Moving

During the April school holidays the Library will be moving next to the new STEM area. We are very excited by this move as it will create a literacy, information and research hub. We are hoping to get as much done in the holidays as possible to minimise disruption to student borrowing.



Kelly Peterson, Library

Random Act of Kindness



We all know what a wonderful school St Leonards Primary is! But every now and then we have even extra special things happen. Two examples of "Random Acts Of Kindness" I am aware of this term involved: a student finding a Fit Bit in the yard and returning it to the Office and a student collecting all his classes silver paper off the Easter eggs, rolling them into a ball and donating it to Steve in OSHC because they are into recycling and sustainability practices. I would like to give a warm St Leonards 'well done' to Phoenix EM and Kobi W for their kindness.

Barry Stewart, Deputy Principal

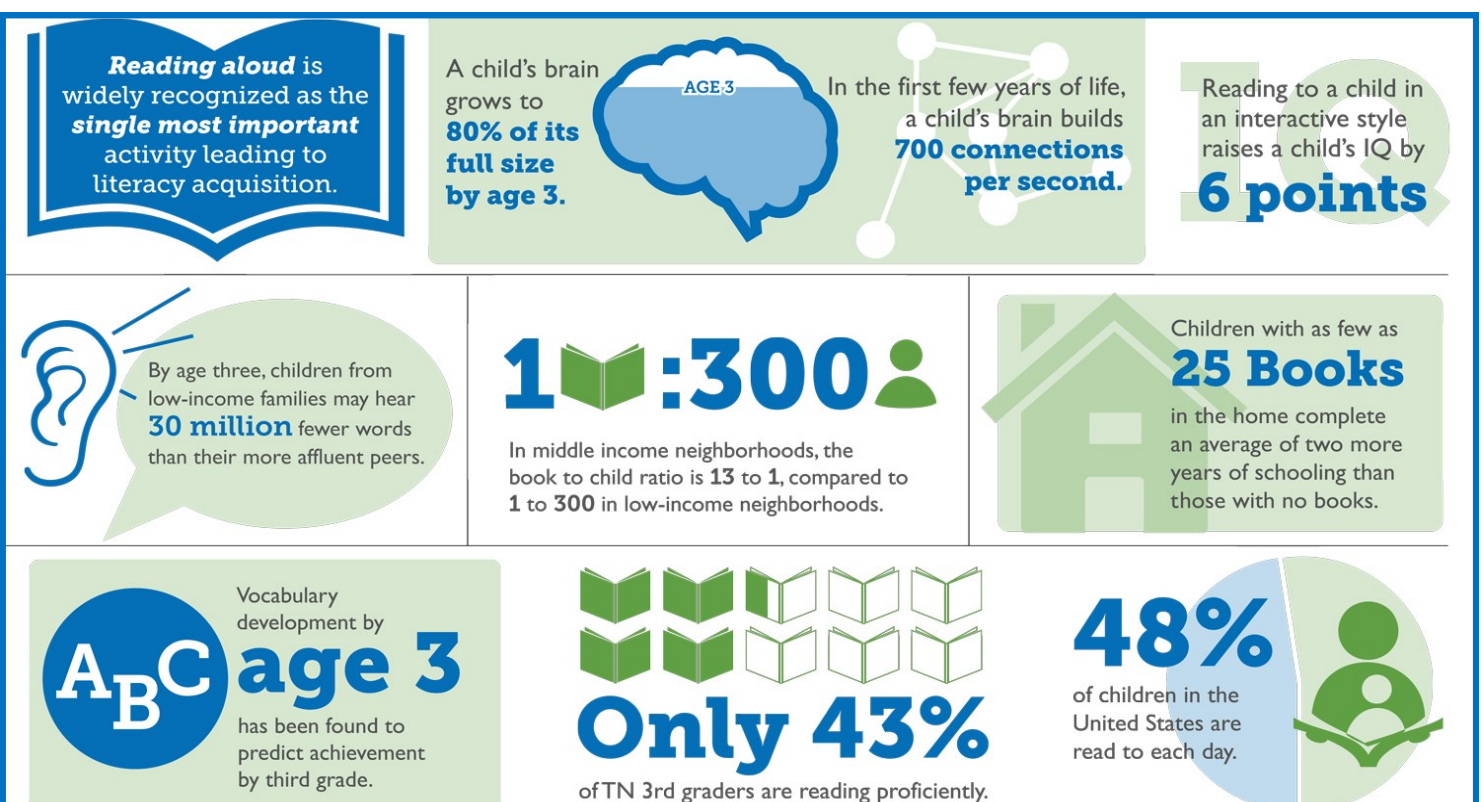
Lost Property

Has your child lost a drink bottle? If any of these look familiar they can be found in our lost property cabinet in the Office along with some hats and jumpers that have been misplaced throughout the term.



Mel Worden, Office

EARLY LITERACY: WHY IT MATTERS





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Camps we offer at Code Camp

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Little League

Ages 5-6

2 days of fun where our littles coders make the first small, but important steps to becoming creators of technology, not just consumers.

Spark

Ages 7-12

3-4 days of creativity, design, fun and coding. Our most popular Code Camp where every child aged 7 and above starts their coding journey.

Ignite

Ages 7-12

Ignite is for those who have conquered Spark or who already have a coding experience elsewhere. They'll build their own top-down adventure game!

Blast 3D **New!**

Ages 8-13

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1300 263 322

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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 4th 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

GiFT Academic at Mitcham

The GiFT Academic Program aims to extend, challenge and support girls in Mathematics, Science, Technology, English and Humanities.

In 2019 scholarships worth \$800 per year will be offered to prospective Year 8 students who sit the Higher Ability Selection Test (HAST) and are identified by the Council of Educational Research (ACER) as being academically gifted.

Students will be expected to continue with the GiFT Academic Program in Years 9 and 10.

The Higher Ability Selection Test will be held at Mitcham Girls High School on Wednesday 23 May 2018 at 9.15am.

Please register your interest at www.mitchamgirlshs.sa.edu.au

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Community News

Tasting Australia Event: Forage on the Fleurieu

Wednesday 18 April, 6.30pm – 8.30pm

Cove Civic Centre

1 Ragamuffin Drive, Hallett Cove

Cost: \$20 per person

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL via

www.marion.sa.gov.au/forage-on-the-fleurieu

Enquiries to Tracey on 8375 6750



Workshop: Ideas Are All Around Us

Tuesday 10 April 2018

4:00pm – 5:30pm at Holdfast Bay Library Service – Brighton
20 Jetty Road, Brighton SA 5048

Author Aleesah Darlison will be running a workshop for primary school aged children (Year 2 – Year 6). Students will learn how to source ideas, create new concepts and collate story gems. They will then have time to develop an idea into a story or poem.

Bookings can be made at Brighton 8229 9988 or online at <https://www.holdfast.sa.gov.au/page.aspx?u=4903&t=uList&uListId=0&c=34214>

Aleesah Darlison is an internationally published, award-winning author. She writes inspirational and humorous picture books, chapter books and novels for children and young adults. For more details about Aleesah and her books please go to: www.aleesahdarlison.com



GiFT Dance at Mitcham

The GiFT Dance Program at Mitcham Girls High School offers girls the opportunity to develop their skills and passion for dance performance. Students develop creative, technical and physical understanding and an appreciation of dance as an art form.

With intensive and skilful coaching students become successful performers. Our GiFT dance teacher is recognised as a leader in Dance Education. She has had professional experience with teaching expertise in ballet, contemporary dance and jazz dance technique, including choreography for musical theatre productions and national choirs. She has also played a significant role in the development of the SACE Dance curriculum and the management of Dance assessment in South Australia.

For those of you who love dance and want to share and develop your gift, GiFT Dance at Mitcham Girls High School is for you.

Entry by Audition:

Year 7 students: Monday 19 March, 9:15am & Tuesday 15 May, 9:15am

Years 8, 9 & 10 students: By appointment

Please register your interest at

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