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St Leonards Primary School

Learning Together

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Diary Dates

Week 4

Monday 13 August

- Book Fair

Tuesday 14 August

- ICAS Maths
- Wakakirri - All day
- Book Fair

Week 5

Monday 20 August

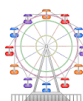
- SAPSASA Indoor Volleyball Yr 4-7

Thursday 23 August

- SAPSASA Athletics

Dates to remember

**Friday 31 August -
Show Day**



**Monday 3 September -
Pupil Free Day**

OSHC will be available for both these days. Please contact staff on 8294 1990

**Children's University
Save the Date**

- Gown Fittings Wednesday 12 September
- Graduation Thursday 15 November

Change of Date

Our Term 4 Pupil Free Day will now be held

Friday 19 October

There was an issue with the presenter's availability. This has been ratified by Governing Council

From the Leadership

National Recognition Week for School Services Officers

This upcoming week is 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 class room 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:

Mel Worden	Front Office Manager, Enrolment Officer, Principal PA
Kelly Peterson	Library, ICT, Admin
Victoria Sierros	Finance
Heather Pronk	Admin, STEM, School Promotions, Children's University
Jim Goudie	Grounds & Facilities
Ebony Grigg	Student Support
Sue Smith	Student Support Literacy, Finance
Tair Vaidenfeld	Student Support Literacy
Courtney Schultz	Student Support
Julianne Whitehead	Student Support Literacy
Carole Roberts	Student Support

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

STEM

Our new STEM area is now complete. We have deliberately organised for the Book Fair to take place in these areas to give parents a look. On the 11 September, we will be holding a showcase of learning after school. Please keep this date free as we would love our community to see the exciting learning we have been doing.

Staffing Updates

We have had quite a busy time when it comes to staffing this term.

- Barry Stewart will act as Principal in my absence starting from Wednesday 15 August
- Kathy Baker has been appointed Deputy Principal for the remainder of the term
- Billie Stockbridge has been appointed to replace Sonia Tu for the term
- Kathleen Rollings has been appointed to the position of Science teacher, taking over Kathy Baker's role
- Sue Smith has been appointed as an SSO in literacy support and finance
- Courtney Schultz has been appointed as an SSO in literacy and classroom support on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays

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

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Next Newsletter: Friday, 24 August 2018

Newsletter 13Term 3
Friday 10 August, 2018

Enrolment for 2019

If you have a child commencing school in 2019 and have not completed an enrolment form, please do so by the end of Week 5 and return it, along with a copy of your child's birth certificate, to Mel in the Office.

If your child will not be returning to St Leonards Primary School in 2019, please advise Mel at the Office or via email Melanie.worden673@schools.sa.edu.au

National Science Week Monday 13 August - Friday 17 August

During lunchtime the STEM Action Team are opening up the Art and Science rooms for some hands on fun STEM activities. They will also have some fun STEM challenges in the Quadrangle.

Children's University students will be working on completing the igloo.

Parents/Caregivers and supervised younger siblings are welcome to join in the fun. Please ensure you have signed in at the Office and you are wearing your visitors pass.

The canteen will be open for tea, coffee (adults only) and snacks, slushies etc.

STEM News



The STEM Action Team have been taking groups of 10 students from the Year 4/5 classes and teaching them to use the Sphero robots. They have taught them to drive them around an obstacle course and will eventually teach them to code the robots. These 10 students will then go back to their classes and teach the other students.

We have had 12 chicken eggs delivered to our school and 11 of them hatched. The children have enjoyed watching them emerge from the eggs and get their fluffy feathers. Learning all about the life cycle of chickens.



The Science room also has a new tank with tadpoles and it will be exciting to watch them develop into froglets and become frogs.

Kathy Baker, STEM Coordinator

SA Schools Cup

Last weekend from Friday 3 August-Sunday 5 August 10 Year 6/7 students were chosen to play in the SA Schools Cup Volleyball. They played against advanced Year 8 teams from other schools.



It was very challenging and we lost every game (though we did win a set in finals. We had a blast and learnt lots. We would like to thank all the parents involved and Kate for coaching all weekend.

By Jaida E, Rm 11A/B

ICAS Science

In Term 2 on Tuesday 29 May the following students took part in the ICAS Science test. We are very proud of their efforts.

Participation

Ryan G, Maisie M, Dishen S, Ollie-ander T, Chloe W, Callum W, Haya B, Cameron M, Ethan M, Naman P, Luke R, Ning S, Emily v, Muhammad A, Elijah C, Mackenzie D, Alexander M, Lachie N, Jessica S, Sebastian W, Michelle A, Ruby C, Finn C, Henry P, Iman, R, Lily M

Credit

Scarlett H, Cameron M, Tyson M

Merit

Aariz F, Kara M, Jayden H, Myron Z

Distinction

Leak K, Zac M, Ella M, Joshua H

OSHC News

Child Care Subsidy (CCS): The new CCS system came into effect the week prior to the July school holidays with most families having a seamless transition. OSHC is available to assist families who have not yet enrolled or received subsidy payments towards care provided. Potential issues may include:

- Failure to successfully complete eligibility status
- Failure to confirm child's Enrolment Status with our service

Show Day: Friday 31 August OSHC will be available 7:30am-6:00pm and will include a visit to Imagination Kidz, Richmond (indoor fun centre). Cost for the day: \$61.00 less CCS entitlements.

Pupil Free Day:

Monday 3 September, OSHC will be available 7:30am-6:00pm and will include a visit to Mitcham Cinema for a screening of *Lewis and the Aliens*.

Cost for the day: \$61.00 less CCS entitlements.



OSHC Team

Library



Book Week

Teachers have access to the shortlisted books and many activities related to these books will be done in class over the next few weeks. The Book Week theme is "Find your Treasure". What does treasure mean to you? It could be gold and jewels or treasure could be knowledge and learning new things or your treasure could be friends and family. There are lots of books that contain these themes, come and explore the library. The Book Week Assembly will be held on Friday 24 August. Come dressed as something representing the theme like a pirate or an explorer or even a treasure map. Alternatively come as your favourite character from a book or as someone you admire.

Book Fair

Our annual Book Fair started today and we were visited by Clifford, The Big Red Dog. The Book Fair is our major fundraiser for the Library. Each class visited the fair on Thursday to create wish lists and each class has booked a time to come in and buy books. Families are welcome to come and purchase from 8:30am - 8:45am and 3:05pm - 3:30pm Friday, Monday and Tuesday. The class time slots have been posted on class Facebook pages.



Premiers Reading Challenge

There is still time to get your completed PRC forms in. Forms can be handed to the teacher, the Office or the PRC red post box in the Library. We are aiming for 100% participation. The Challenge closes on Friday 7 September. Awards will be given out in Term 4. If you need a new PRC form they can be downloaded from the website or picked up from the Parent Information Rack.

Kelly Peterson, Library

Children's University

Igloo

All those donated milk cartons are now being upcycled into an amazing igloo. The children's university learners used packing peanuts to create models to demonstrate how the shelter could be built. There were lots of fantastic models and lots of great problem solving skills being shown.



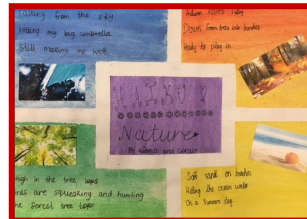
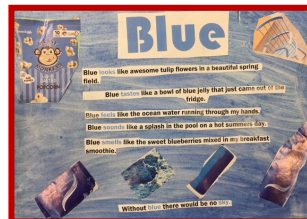
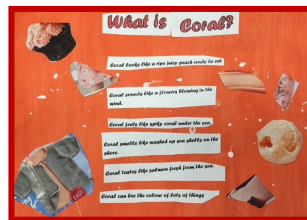
We are building a classic style igloo and you can see all the maths and engineering that has gone into creating this (and other structures like it).

Natalie Baggio and Heather Pronk
CU Coordinators

Student Work

Poetry

Learners in Room 2 have been studying different styles of poetry like colour poetry and Haiku. They have created their own unique works and presented them at today's assembly.



Microbes

Room 12 read the shortlisted book "Don't Lick This Book" by Idan Ben-Barak. The students learnt about microbes and then created their own microbes.



Fundraising

School Disco Seeking DJ

Do you or someone you know spin those tunes? If so please let Kim Hamilton (kimjhamilton@live.com.au) from the Fundraising Committee know as we are seeking a DJ for the school disco on Friday 7 September (please note this date may be delayed a week or two depending on when the school hall will be available).

School Fete Saturday 27 October 2018

Planning for the fete is now well underway. Each class will be running their own stall and there will be plenty of food and entertainment as well. If you are interested in volunteering on the day, running your own stall, sponsoring a stall or donating goods, please contact the Office.

The Entertainment Book

The Entertainment Book is now available for purchase from the Office or online. You can scan the QR code or visit the website: www.entbook.com.au/162d071



Fundraising Committee

Karen's Corner

Hello Everyone! Hope this note finds you and your family well.



Parenting

Parenting is hard. There I said it. Some if not many of you might well agree. Sure it can be one, if not the most challenging things you ever do, but also the most incredible and rewarding also. It strikes me that just as there are seasons in life, there are also seasons of parenting.

If we're not careful, we can get caught up in wanting certain times in our children's lives (and therefore ours) to be over. Terrible twos? Anyone? Actually my experience was that as three and four year olds, boundaries were pushed, tantrums and defiant behaviour were sometimes the order of the day. Two year olds .. not so much! Whatever your experience of those preschool years (and perhaps for you, you're still in the trenches!) I sometimes found myself wishing to be done with that 'season' of my children's lives. Just so that peace and calm might be restored and I would have the chance to breath once more and enjoy my child again!

As a parent of a now adult (not sure when that happened!) and a primary school aged child, I can look back on those seasons and realise that what I actually remember are the wonderful moments, the times where laughter was never far away, where moments I knew I'd want to remember and treasure forever happened.

We're told that we have 18 summers with our children (I'm here to say as is my experience, that these days that time frame is usually, and thankfully negotiated and extended!)

The point being, we have a finite time with our children, before they are ready to spread their wings and fly the nest. That may actually happen whilst they are still calling your nest their home, but there certainly comes a time, as you may already know, when your children become independent to a lesser or greater extent. A time when we look at our not so little children and realise (and hope and pray) that we, as parents and carergivers, have done 'enough'.

Our children journey to become independent almost from the moment they're born. Part of our job is to equip them for that journey, ultimately for the time that they are ready to explore the world outside of the nest that we have so carefully tried/managed to keep them safe in. So yes, parenting is hard. Parenting is challenging, heartbreaking at times, rewarding beyond our wildest dreams and wonderful. Not always at the same time, but sometimes it is!

So wherever you are on this parenting journey that is actually the common denominator, the reason we are linked and bonded together ... our time, to some extend is limited. Granted we will always be parents (and in time, our title may evolve to include that of Grandparent ... (for many, that's getting a little ahead, hopefully!) but I imagine we will always worry, always wonder (if we've done enough perhaps) always hope for the brightest future for our precious children ... just as our parents did with us and just as it should be.

So, wherever possible (and I believe it should always be possible) ... enjoy and celebrate the good, the great and

yes, the mediocre moments, recognise the hard seasons of parenting and please ... don't ever let a day go by without telling your children how much you love them and how proud you are of who they are right now (sometimes we can fall into the trap of being proud of what they've achieved ... that's fine, but we should always be proud of who they are, regardless of what they have or haven't done!) Give them a hug or a high five or a kiss whenever possible (one day, those opportunities might be less and less). And please, give YOURSELF a high five or pat on the pack for making it this far!!

Whichever season best describes your situation, be gentle with yourself and those you love (I imagine you're doing the very best you possibly can!) and remember, that 'this too shall pass' whether we're ready or not.

Have a wonderful week and please, if you're struggling or feeling challenged or overwhelmed ... reach out to someone, a problem or challenged shared is certainly better than trying to go it alone. If you'd like to chat to either Di Hannigan (our Wellbeing Leader) or myself at any time, please don't hesitate ... we're here to listen and help wherever possible!

To those generous folk who have kindly and generously donated to our School Community Care Pantry (located near the Wellbeing room) ... we thank you very much!

Karen Thorogood, PCW



Free Positive Parenting Program



Do you sometimes find you have questions about your child's behaviour and development and not quite sure where to turn?

- Positive Parenting (Triple P) teaches simple and practical strategies to confidently tackle parenting challenges
- aimed for parents of children aged between 3 and 12

Please join us for three FREE sessions where we will discuss and learn strategies relating to:

- Positive Parenting
- Raising Confident and Competent Children
- Raising Resilient Children

Light refreshments will be provided

When: Thursdays 6.30pm - 8.30pm; 13, 20, 27 September 2018

Where: Glenelg North Community Centre, Cnr Alison St & Kibby Ave, Glenelg North

To book: Contact Melissa Priest – 8229 9881 or mpriest@holdfast.sa.gov.au

Everyone is welcome to join us for these engaging and informative sessions, however bookings are essential

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These seminars are delivered by the Department for Education's Positive Parenting Team



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