



Building a community that  
inspires curious, creative  
and innovative thinkers

# St Leonards Primary School

*Learning Together*

**Respect      Resilience      Readiness**

## Diary Dates

### Week 6

#### Monday 27 August

- CU Lunchtime Workshop

#### Tuesday 28 August

- 12:30pm Choir Rehearsal

#### Thursday 30 August

- Fiver for Farmer (see below)

#### Friday 31 August

- School Closure - Show Day

### Week 7

#### Monday 3 September

- Pupil Free Day

## From the Leadership

On Wednesday night our Governing Council joined with our Partnerships schools Councils in a combined meeting at Brighton Secondary School. Special guests included Minister Mr Corey Wingard, CEO of the Department for Education Mr Rick Persse, our Holdfast partnership Education Director, Ms Chris Sheldon and Mr Stephen Paterson, our local state member. The main speech was presented by Rick who spoke on 'World Class Education'. In The second half of the evening questions were taken by the panel from the audience.

A significant amount of information and debate centred around the Year 7s to High School strategy to be implemented in our state in 2022. I have included a link for Parents to access updated information regarding this new initiative. Much forward planning and debate is occurring to ensure this transition happens with the smoothest of possible outcomes for parents, students and sites. Other questions related to Early Years funding, promotion of other secondary sites in the western suburbs and special needs funding for our school and preschool sites. Thank you to the parents who could attend and support St Leonards Primary School at this event.

## 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.

### Fiver for a Farmer

**Thursday 30 August**



Come dressed as a farmer and donate a 'Fiver' or a gold coin to Rural Aid and Drought Relief.

## Wakakirri

Congratulations to our wonderful Wakakirri participants!

An amazing amount of effort and energy went into this production by students and staff. I would like to thank Ms Liz Condous for her effort and energy in her guidance and commitment in providing this excellent opportunity for our students to perform publicly at this level. Feedback from the whole school community ensured we will look to be involved in this Arts performance in the future.

## The Importance of Performing Publicly

Several years ago I attended a seminar conducted by an internationally acclaimed academic who has written over 20 best selling books and worked in many countries on student academic development. He talked to us about the things that are really important in a young persons life.

According to our presenter Dr Douglas Reeves, every study ever conducted concluded that there is one thing, above all others, that contributes to future success in life:

- It wasn't a students literacy or numeracy level
- Nor their popularity at school
- Or their home life
- It wasn't even whether they went to an expensive school
- Or their IQ score

The most important contributing factor according to Dr Reeves, is your EQ (Emotional Quotient). The ability to connect with others and whether or not a child has been given regular opportunities to perform in public from an early age. In particular he highlighted the link between Dance and Drama and future success. Dance and Drama are highly suited to encouraging children to interact, connect and gain confidence.

There is no doubt that students at St Leonards get this opportunity often.

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## Scholastic Book Club

Please return order forms with cash or cheque to the Office by **Tuesday 11 September** or order online at [www.scholastic.com.au](http://www.scholastic.com.au).



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Friday 24 August, 2018

## Yard Safety - Secure Environment

We are always looking to ensure our site is a safe and secure environment for staff, students and parents. As part of our awareness to possible issues we have erected new fencing around part of the school with access gates at several points. We would like to keep these gates shut during school hours, as much as practicable, to prevent any of our smaller students making their way out of the site by mistake. We are asking that when parents are entering and exiting our site during school bell times, they please ensure they close the gate behind them.

## Street Safety - Parking/Exiting Vehicles.

Our streets are very busy at drop off and pick up times. I have had several parents inform that there had been several near misses, involving car doors opening onto very narrow road ways due to congested streets with cars parked on both sides. Morris and Chalmers streets can be very tricky to navigate at peak times. Please ensure you are alert and aware of all vehicles in your near vicinity and be safe when exiting and entering your vehicle. Thank you.

**Barry Stewart, Acting Principal**

**Kathy Baker, STEM Coordinator, Acting Deputy Principal**

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## SAPSASA

### SAPSASA Athletics

On Thursday 23 August, 35 students went to SAPSASA Athletics at SANTOS Stadium. They had an amazing day of tough competition with lots of students making the finals. Their behaviour was excellent and they all pushed themselves to the limit. Our athletes showed lots of respect to other competitors as well as supporting and encouraging each other. A big thank you to the parents who helped, without them this day would not have been possible.



Photos: Mark Brake

We are proud of our athletes and are crossing our fingers as we wait to find out if anyone made it into the South West District Team.

### SAPSASA Volleyball

On Monday 20 August we had 11 teams entered across the Year 6/7 and Year 4/5 age groups. They showed fantastic examples of teamwork and had lots of success. Thank you to all the parents and coaches who helped make the day a success.



## Canteen News

During this term, the Canteen had another successful Showdown Special Fundraiser. We have two donut specials a year and this term 277 donuts and five fruit buns were ordered. Daily Specials are also offered with minimum notice. These cost \$1.50 and are available on the day, for the remainder of that week or until sold out. The chicken noodle and veg soup only sold four cups, with delicious being the feedback. The healthy options are available and we will persist in encouraging them.

Please note, for safety reasons, the canteen cannot be used to reheat food brought from home. This includes adding boiling water to noodle cups. In addition, plastic forks and spoons cost 10 cents each if needed for food brought from home.

Also a reminder that Qkr cuts off at 9:15am. Orders cannot be placed online after 9:15am on the day of ordering. Due to a large number of people not paying for lunches supplied when they ring or call in to order a 'late or forgotten lunch', this service is no longer available. If you are too late to order on Qkr or have no cash on the day, your child will be provided with a cheese sandwich from the Office only. Money still owing to the Canteen can be paid using Qkr. Thanks you.

**Katrina James, Canteen Manager**

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## OSHC News

### Reminder to Families

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

Pupil Free Day on Monday 3 September (Week 7). OSHC will be available 7:30am - 6:00pm and will include a visit to Mitcham Cinema for a screening of Luis & The Aliens. Cost for the day is \$61.00 less CCS entitlements



### Recycling & Sustainability

OSHC recently purchased two REPLAS outdoor furniture items made from approximately 78,750 recycled plastic bags. It is a tangible example to the children of the reasons for and the benefits of recycling at OSHC, school and at home.



OSHC is very grateful to the OSHC Advisory Committee and the School Governing Council for supporting and ratifying the purchases. Please don't forget, OSHC is still a convenient drop-off point for domestic batteries and bathroom items.

**OSHC Team**



## Library

### Book Fair

Our annual Book Fair was a huge success thanks to the enormous support of our St Leonards community. We sold a total of \$4780 worth of books and that meant we were able to select \$1600 worth of new books for the Library.



*A small selection  
of the books we were  
able to buy.*

### Book Week

The winners for the Book of the Year awards are:

Younger Readers - "How to Bee" by Bren MacDibble

Early Childhood - "Rodney Loses It!" by Michael Gerard Bauer

Picture Book of the Year - "A Walk in the Bush" by Gwyn Perkins

The Eve Pownall Award (non fiction) - "Do Not Lick This Book" by Idan Ben-Barak

We had a fantastic day for our end of Book Week parade. So many wonderful interpretations of characters and themes.



*Photos by Sarah Darbyshire*

### Premiers Reading Challenge

There is still time to get your completed PRC form 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**



## Grammar Spotter

Jayda, from Room 4, is becoming a first class Grammar Spotter. During a recent visit to Kmart she noticed a randomly added apostrophe on a Unicorn Sweater. Room 4 discussed the error and then Jayda contacted Kmart on behalf of the class. This is the response which Room 4 received. See if you can find the 'offending' sweater on your next trip to Kmart.



*"Good afternoon*

*Thank you for taking the time to contact us via our website regarding the FLUFFY SEQUIN KNITWEAR and why this jumper about unicorns has an apostrophe?*

*We are very concerned to hear about this matter and sincerely apologise for any inconvenience caused. We appreciate your feedback as it helps us to continually improve our business and service to customers. Your comments have been noted and referred to the relevant store management and was Again, we apologise for any inconvenience caused, if you have any further questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact our Customer Service Department.*

*We look forward to your future custom at Kmart. Thank you.*

*Kind Regards*

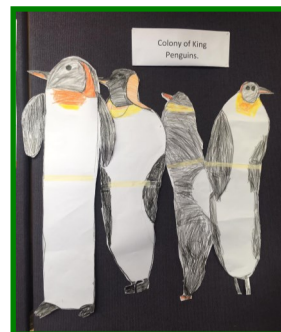
*Santa P.*

*Kmart Customer Service Consultant"*

Room 4 are now hunting through other shops in search of more errors. We will keep you posted.

**Graeme Smith, Room 4**

## Student Work



Room 12 read the Shortlisted Non-Fiction Book

"The Big Book of Antarctica"  
by Charles Hope.

They learnt a lot about the different penguin species and have created their own colony in the classroom.

## Science Week Activities



## Karen's Corner



Well Week 5 ... it's been fun, but it's time to say goodbye until next term. Book Week ... How did you go? What a wonderful, creative bunch we have at our school. This morning's parade at assembly was nothing short of amazing. Colourful, creative and so much fun, wow, our learners (and their parents and caregivers!) really took Book week parade to a new level. Note to self (bring a copy of the book, that my character is featured in to save time and explanations.)

Speaking of Book Week and other similar obligations (although as with such activities, it is not compulsory to embrace the concept) it strikes me that depending on the sort of person you are (I very much fall into the last minute/wing it category, which can be quite stressful at times) when notes come home regarding fun things our school is involved in, it might well fill you with a sense of dread and trepidation. On the other hand you and your child might be the sort to fully embrace the fun and frivolity, preparations starting well ahead of time, to avoid the last minute stress and frantic scenes that some experienced as the deadline to organise costumes etc. loomed large.

For some, I know it was made even more challenging by the fact that the children themselves were uncertain or undecided as to whether they wanted to participate and last minute changes to themes caused further stress to all concerned. Whichever category best described you and your family, I say to you all congratulations and well done for getting there in the end. Sometimes I think generally in life, it's easy to fall into the trap of striving for perfectionism, comparing ourselves to others or getting paralysed by indecision often leading to procrastination. Ring any bells? There is probably a happy medium to be embraced that lies somewhere in the middle. As we would teach our children, it's great to aim high and to strive to bring our best to the table so to speak.

The key is to strive to be the best we as individuals can be, not judging ourselves by someone else's standards, comparisons to others (whether it be classmates, siblings, team mates, work colleagues etc.) can leave a person feeling less than, not good enough and challenged by low self esteem or self worth. Wanting to achieve high standards is not about perfectionism (which generally can have negative connotations) but feeling satisfied with the effort expended to fulfil a certain task. Leaving things until the last minute (like me, you might have the mindset that 'I do my best work under pressure!') can sadly have serious and adverse long term stress ramifications which can be felt both personally and wider spread (often family members can experience the fallout from such a mindset).

The lead up to Book week parade can be a really positive, happy experience .. a creative collaboration between you and your child where the end result is an expression of your child's imagination, giving their self esteem a real boost as they have fun with their peers during the day at school! I hope you haven't been unduly stressed ... the good news if it was less than positive, is that we can raise

a glass to the fact we made it through another year (and we have 365 days until we have the wonderful opportunity to do it all again! Or, if you're like me, more likely the night before!!)



As we head into another week, may laughter, love and the warmth of those around you be your constant companion ... wherever possible (and it's always possible) spread kindness, love and happiness everywhere you go! Give someone a smile or a wave, you never know it might be just what they need in that moment! Please take care of you and yours!

**Karen Thorogood, PCW**

## Community News



### Wigley Reserve Playspace and Fitness Hub

The Holdfast Bay Council would like to invite you to share your ideas on the redevelopment of Wigley Reserve Playspace and Fitness Hub. This well-loved site is reaching the end of its asset life and is ready for a freshen up. Our aim for this site is to create an inclusive playspace and fitness hub that offers a variety of opportunities for different ages, abilities and interests.

This engagement is open from Tuesday 14 August to Monday 3 September 2018. During this engagement period you can provide your ideas and feedback around the redevelopment of the existing playspace and fitness hub via:

- Hard copy survey available from the Glenelg and Brighton Libraries and the Brighton Civic Centre
- Online surveys [www.yourviewholdfast.com/wigleyplayspace](http://www.yourviewholdfast.com/wigleyplayspace)
- Community Drop In Sessions •9.30am to 11.30am, Saturday 18 August 2018
- 10.30am to 12noon, Sunday 26 August 2018

The information you provide will be used to create three concept designs for the redevelopment of the playspace and fitness hub. We will then be back in touch with you to get your feedback on which of the three designs you prefer.

### Input from Room 4

The students of Room 4 shared our thoughts on the potential for development of the Wigley Reserve with representatives from the City of Holdfast Bay Council.

Following a flurry of fantastic ideas, which were showered upon our visitors, our guests made their way out of the school. It is with great pride that I can report to you that the visitors were very impressed with the contributions made by the students (and also the polite and positive way in which they made them).

This feedback will now be entered into their 'Grand Plan' and hopefully then into the redevelopment when it occurs. Hopefully this is something for the children to look back on in years to come with great pride.

### Heart Walks in Glenelg



There are some fantastic walking groups in the local area that are great for fitness and raise awareness of heart health. You can find a group by visiting :

<https://walking.heartfoundation.org.au/walking/group/>