



Building a community that
inspires curious, creative
and innovative thinkers

St Leonards Primary School

Learning Together

Respect Resilience Readiness

Diary Dates

Week 8

Friday 7 December

- Bike Ed
- 2:00pm STEM Opening and Volunteers Afternoon Tea
- 6:00pm Celebration Night

Week 9

Wednesday 12 December

- 11:00am - Choir Concert

Thursday 13 December

- 6:00pm Year 7 Graduation

Friday 14 December

- Bike Ed
- 9:00am Assembly - Ambassadors/Year 7s

From the Leadership

We 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 2018.

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. We 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.

Our STEM Opening and Volunteer Afternoon Tea will occur on Friday 7 December. We invite all of our volunteers and community members to attend. There will be light refreshments served.

Early Dismissal

2:05pm

Friday 14 December

OSHC available

We are all really excited about our Celebration Night. Programs and full details will be emailed shortly and posted on our school Facebook page. This year's theme is 'Move n Groove, Colour Your World'. The children have enjoyed practising their routines. We hope you enjoy their show.

Class Placement

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 16 classes and approximately 410 students.

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.

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

2018

Colour Your

World

Friday 7 December

6:00pm



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Newsletter 20 Term 4
Friday, 30 November, 2018



Canteen

The Canteen will be closed during Week 8 and 9

Lunch orders and counter sales will NOT be available.

We apologise for any inconvenience.

Katrina, Canteen Manager

Materials and Services 2019

The Governing Council approved the 2019 Materials and Services charges of \$350 (an increase of \$5.00 from 2018) at the meeting held on Tuesday 30 October 2018. An early bird discount of 5% will be given for fees paid by the end of the third week of Term 1 2019, Friday 15 February.

The Governing Council also reviewed the \$50 Excursion/Incursion Levy and agreed to continue the levy in 2018. Where classes have unused 2018 levy monies, a credit will be placed on the system for parents to apply against next year's levy.

Materials and Services Charge 2018 Parent Poll

Thank you to all parents who responded to the polling letter and returned their voting slips by Tuesday 27 November 2018. Fifty five families responded and the results are as follows:

47 agreed
8 disagreed

Therefore, as per Department for Education requirements, due to the majority of families who responded voting in favour of the higher amount, the Materials and Services charge of \$350 will become the legally recoverable amount in the event of non-payment.

School Card

School card application forms will be sent home early next year to families who were eligible this year. If you believe that you are eligible for school card, please request a form from the Office.

Victoria Sierros, Finance Officer

SAPSASA Cricket



Two of our senior students represented St Leonards at the recent SAPSASA Cricket Carnivals. Elly B played in the Western Metro team and received a gold medal. Lewis B played with the South West team and were only able to play a couple of games

before they were rained out and no finals were played. Congratulations to both of you. The St Leonards community is proud of your efforts.



Lost Property

With the end of the school year just around the corner, please take a moment to check the lost property cabinet in the Office for any items that may have been misplaced throughout the year.

Premier's Reading Challenge

The Challenge was created to foster a lifelong love of reading and this year St Leonards had 376 students complete the Premier's Reading Challenge. This is a fantastic effort and is 102 more students than in 2017.



As a result of this amazing effort we were invited to attend a special presentation by the Premier at the Adelaide Zoo. Our ambassadors, Lily M and Hudson M, represented our school. We received a certificate and new books for our Library. We heard from Australian authors and local sporting representatives who are ambassadors of the Premier's Reading Challenge. We were then able to mingle with everyone during a lovely lunch and got the opportunity to meet some of the wildlife at the zoo.



At the last assembly three of our students, Lewis B, Jayden L and Lucy M were presented with their nine year Readers for Life certificates and six students, Megan T, Noah P, Anna T, Rebecca S, Bridie S and Lily M were presented with their eight year Reader for Life certificate by Mr Henty-Smith and myself. Medals and certificates were given out in class to everyone who participated in 2018.

I'm looking forward to seeing even more students complete the challenge in 2019. Lets see if we can make it 100%.

Kelly Peterson, Library

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, 7 December 2018.



Library Volunteers

I wish to thank everyone who helped with book covering throughout 2018.

Mylor Camp

This year the Year 3-5 students had the opportunity to attend the Mylor Adventure Camp from November 18 – 20. They had a fantastic time, even with the very changeable weather, demonstrating one of our core values - resilience. We thank all the teachers and parent helpers who made the camp a huge success.

Camp Journal - Wil A, Room 1

Day 1:



For most of the day it was really hot and humid. For the start we loaded the bus up with luggage and went on the bus. The school took 3 buses to camp. The trip didn't feel too long. We watched a movie on the bus. When we got there we went and put our bags away. We set out our dormitories. The first activity we did was the flying fox. It was really cool and it wasn't too scary. The second activity was archery. I found it hard because my arrow kept falling off. We did the low ropes. It was an obstacle course, it was fun.

Day 2:

Last night I didn't get much sleep. I woke up at about 6am. Our first activity was bouldering. We played twister, clap-ball and find the shape. We had to get four points, I got three. The second activity was the giant swing, it went about 20m high. It was really fun. We only got one shot at it. Our third activity was initiative pursuits, it was all mental challenges. We did one where the floor was lava. We did canoeing last and paddled down to the end and we walked across the canoes. We had to race back after. At the end we got to jump in.

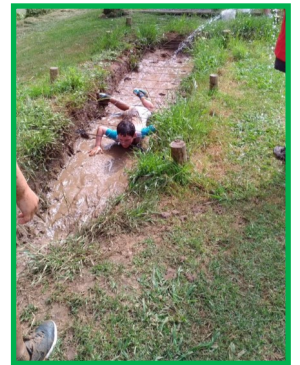


Day 3:

On Wednesday it rained a lot. The first activity in the morning was bridge building. We had three planks, a rope and three crates. It took us about 20 minutes and then we had to get back with only crates. We finished the activity early so we went back and then it started to pour. We were going to do the challenge course but it was raining too much so we couldn't do it. We did our third activity which was raft making. We split into two groups and we had a limited amount of gear. We had to paddle to the wall and back. Our team finished first.



Adventure



Friendship

Fun





Karen's Corner



Hi Everyone,

Well here we are almost the end of the term and end of the year! I must be getting old because time seems to be going so quickly these days ... surely it was only yesterday when I had to remember to write 2018 on everything and now we're almost ready to say goodbye to the year that was and hello 2019. You're welcome!

I just want to say a big thank you and congratulations to all those children and their families who came along last Sunday and supported our entry in the Glenelg Christmas Pageant! The weather was absolutely perfect and it was a wonderful spectacle for all involved! I was so very proud of our St Leonard's Learners ... they showed exemplary behaviour from start to finish! Thank you so much to everyone who gave up their Sunday morning to be a part of the walk down Jetty Road! I certainly had lots of fun, watching the children high fiving and waving their way along the course, how exciting to see familiar faces lining the road watching us walk by! We had over 70 children participate along with their siblings and families ... it certainly was a wonderful morning!

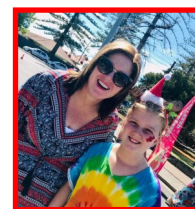
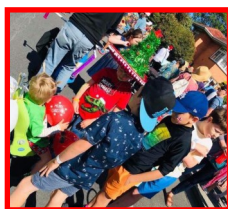
Next year we have ideas for an even bigger, brighter and more fabulous entry ... so make sure you plan to be a part of the 2019 Christmas pageant, we can hardly wait!!

Just a reminder ... consider it my community announcement for you all ... please be kind both to yourself and those you love, particularly at this time of the year when we are all feeling a bit more frazzled than usual, when we might be reacting less than positively or losing our tempers more easily (sound familiar?) This time of the year can be incredibly stressful as I'm sure you all know ... so deep breath, do what you can, keep your expectations (of yourself and those around you) at a reasonable level, get enough sleep, eat well, stay hydrated and remember that 'this too shall pass'

Take care, you're doing a wonderful job!! You've got this!!



Community



We CAN do it...food drive



Christmas 'can do' collection: We here at St Leonards are having a collection this Christmas for those less fortunate. If you would like to donate a can of food we will be collecting items until the end of the school term. The collection box will be located outside the STEM area (near Room 5).

Thank you for your anticipated generosity.