



Building a community that
inspires curious, creative
and innovative thinkers

St Leonards Primary School

Learning Together

Respect Resilience Readiness

Dairy Dates

Week 2

Tuesday 5 February

- School Banking

Wednesday 6 February

- Year 5 visit to Glenelg Primary School - Astrophysicist / Cosmologist (*please note the change of date*)

Week 3

Monday 11 February

- Children's Uni Lunch time workshop

Tuesday 12 February

- School Banking
- 6:00—7:00pm Acquaintance Night
- 7:15pm Governing Council AGM

Friday 15 February

- 9:00am Assembly in the Hall

From the Leadership

Hello and welcome back to St Leonards for 2019. We have had a brilliant start to the year so far, with lots of happy learners bouncing around the school. We would like to welcome our 65 new students and their families into our community.

I would also like to welcome Jo Meredith, Deputy Principal, to our school community. Jo has vast experience in leadership and curriculum from her time in the Southern Adelaide region and has already made a significant contribution to our school. I also welcome a number of new and returning staff to our school: Jess Ogilvie Reception, Tara Metzger Year 7, Tayla Kemp Year 7, Kathleen Rollings Year 3, Liz Condous, Music/Choir, Ellie Treacy Year 6 and Bonnie Tohl, backfill Rooms 15 and 16 and PE. We also welcome back our highly valued SSO's Sue Smith, Courtney Schultz, Tair Vaidenfeld, Heather Pronk and Julieanne Whitehead.

We have a brilliant staff at St Leonards.

2019-2021 School Priorities

The staff have been busily developing our new Site Improvement Plan in consultation with the Education Department. We will share this document with you once it is approved. We will have three goals:

- To improve student achievement in writing across the whole site.
- To increase the number of students in the top levels in reading comprehension from Years 3-7.
- To increase the number of high achieving students in numeracy from Years 3-7.

Whilst we have focussed on Years 3-7 in our measures, all junior primary teachers will also be working on each of the areas.

Grievance Policy

From time to time things don't go as planned and you may need to discuss your concerns. At St Leonards we have a defined grievance procedure that has been designed to help this process.

1. Arrange a time to speak to the relevant teacher(s) about the problem as a first course of action. Let the teacher know what you consider to be the issue. Make a mutually appropriate time to discuss the concern. Please note: It is not appropriate to use class or learning time.
2. Allow a reasonable timeframe for the issue to be addressed.
3. If the grievance is not addressed and you have unsuccessfully requested feedback, arrange a time to speak with a member of the leadership team. Explain that you have a difficulty to Mel in the Office when making an appointment – this allows for follow-up and information gathering. Or you may feel more comfortable emailing one of the leadership team at the addresses below:

Dave Henty-Smith: Principal: dave.hentysmith171@schools.sa.edu.au
Jo Meredith: Deputy Principal jo.meredith57@schools.sa.edu.au

Parking

Please be aware that there is a no parking zone before the crossing on the school side from 8:00 - 9:00am and 3:00 - 4:00pm. If people park in this safe zone, it really disrupts the flow of traffic. Thank you for helping to keep our children safe.

Dave Henty-Smith, Principal
Jo Meredith, Deputy Principal
Kathy Baker, STEM Coordinator

Scholastic Book Club

The first Scholastic Book Club brochure for 2019 has been sent home. All orders need to be returned by **Tuesday 12 February**.

You can place your order by handing in the form with cash to the Office or online at <http://www.scholastic.com.au/schools/bookclub/> and go through the parent portal.

Every purchase helps to raise funds to purchase new books and resources for the school.

Kelly Peterson,
Library SSO



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Friday, 1 February, 2019

New Staff for 2019

Jo Meredith, Deputy Principal



What a pleasure it has been to join the St Leonards PS community this week and to meet so many passionate people! Over the past week I have met Polina who loves hip hop, Oliver who loves lego, Chelsea who loves cats and Oskar who loves taking things apart... the list goes on with a diverse range of interests which has generated many interesting conversations! I am passionate about empowering children and young people to drive their own learning and I believe there is a great deal we can learn from the way they pursue their personal interests. My 11 and 13 year old children have a strong influence on my interests – I didn't expect to be a fan of basketball and lacrosse but have always been a big fan of Musical Theatre and the beach! Please come and introduce yourself when you see me around the school and I look forward to working with you in various capacities as the 2019 school year gets underway.

Kathleen Rollings, Room 3

My name is Kathleen Rollings and I am so excited to be working in Room 3 this year. I have been floating around SLPS for the last four years as a TRT or contract work, but this is my first full year in a classroom of my own. I am looking forward to getting to know all the children in Room 3 at a deeper level as the year progresses. I am a hardworking, focused, passionate, honest and organised person. I have two beautiful boys, so am busy in and out of school.



Tayla Kemp, Room 10

I grew up in a small country town located 5-hours north of Adelaide. I spent 2018 working as a relief teacher at various schools around Adelaide and in the country. As well as working as a relief teacher, I travelled solo for six weeks, visiting 12 countries in Europe. I am extremely excited to be part of Room 10 this year and I look forward to getting to know all of the children as well as families. My primary focus is tailoring my teaching to suit the needs and interests of all students. I strongly believe in creating a learning environment where all students feel nurtured, understood, safe and motivated. I lead a hands-on teaching style, as I believe this is a way that fully engages the students as they learn more from experiences.

Tara Metzger, Room 10

Hi, my name is Tara Metzger and I am extremely excited to be part of the year 7 teaching team for 2019. I was born and raised in Adelaide, SA. For the last year and a half I have worked at SLPS as a relief teacher and have already got to know many of the learners throughout the school. I believe in helping my students become courageous and independent learners. I also aim to build positive and supportive relationships with the students to foster an environment in which they can learn and grow. I am excited for the fun and challenging times the year will bring us, and I look forward to getting to know all the families.



New Students 2019



We welcome our new Reception learners to St Leonards and wish them all the best as they start their learning journey.

Room 7 - Michaela, Grace, Rubianna, Marcus, Max, Henry, Ruby, Elise, Leonardo, Malena, Mali, Charlotte, Gordon, Mitchell, Mabel, Ruby, Jet and Ariana.

Room 8 - Anders, Henry, Evelyn, Harry, Kiara, Ava, Jade, Isabella, Jordan, Lara, Zeb, Onnee, Sophia, Finn, Barbara, Sienna, Everly and Ashton.

Room 9 - William, Ellarose, Harlee, Michael, Jessica, Hugo, Sienna, Isla, Marcos, Lachy, Jordan, Michael, Billy, Mia, Aluna and Saskia.

We also welcome learners who have joined our St Leonards community from other schools, states and even other countries.

Rm 1 - Zara. Rm 3 - Javier. Rm 4 - Eve, David and Lilly. Rm 6 - Jack. Rm 11B - Rafael. Rm 12 - Isla, Lev and Snavy. Rm 15 - Max and Liam. Rm 16 - Blaire C.

We hope you enjoy your time at St Leonards.

Sports News



Sports notes went home earlier this week and need to be signed and returned by **Tuesday 5 February**.

Please note that you are committing to both Term 1 and Term 4 in line with the rest of the schools in our partnership. The amended fee for Volleyball is \$120 and covers both Term 1 and Term 4 (previously stated as \$220).



Heidi Bevan, PE

Children's University

The Children's University students have been busy over the summer holidays working hard to gain hours towards their graduation in 2019. They enjoyed a wonderful excursion to the Adelaide Fire Station on a very hot day and had lots of fun cooling down with the hoses.

If you are interested in joining the program, please come and speak to me. All students are welcome to join this fantastic opportunity for an annual fee of \$35.

We hold lunchtime workshops in Weeks 3, 6 and 9 of each school term. You can also find fantastic activities at the Children's University website:

http://childrensuniversity.com.au/students/?cu_region=SA



Heather Pronk,
Children's University Coordinator