



Building a community that
inspires curious, creative
and innovative thinkers

St Leonards Primary School

Learning Together

Respect Resilience Readiness

Diary Dates

Week 6

Monday 4 March

- CU Lunchtime Workshop
- Lacrosse Clinic - Yr4/5

Tuesday 5 March

- School Banking
- 7:00pm Governing Council

Thursday 7 March

- Beach Volleyball - Yr 5-7

Friday 8 March

- Pupil Free Day

Week 7

Monday 11 March

- Adelaide Cup Public Holiday

Friday 15 March

- 9:00am Assembly

From the Leadership

Can you believe we are already at the end of Week 5! It has certainly been a fast paced start to the year, but one filled with many highlights.

School Improvement Planning

The Department for Education is undergoing some organisational changes as it strives to have a world class education system for all of our learners. There are a number of areas we will be working on over the next few years. These areas are:

- 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.

All schools are required to have a Site Improvement Plan, which includes a number of priorities for the next three years. This plan will be monitored every five weeks to ensure we are on track. As a school we continue to develop our Site Improvement Plan and will publish this shortly. All Teacher and Leader "Professional Development plans" will then be aligned to these priorities and we meet regularly to ensure success for all our learners.

Reading

Do you know how important reading at home and at school is? Extensive research has compared three types of students and their reading habits.

- Student A reads 20 minutes per day. This equates to be exposed to 1,800,000 words per year and scores in the 90th percentile in a reading test. That's pretty awesome.
- Student B reads 5 minutes per day. This equates to being exposed to 282,000 words per year and scores in the 50th percentile in a reading test. That's OK(ish).
- Student C reads 1 minute per day. This equates to being exposed to 8000 words per year and scores in the 10th percentile in a reading test. That's not so OK

Message: Let's get our learners reading as often as possible.

Duty of Care

Please be aware that our yard is supervised by a yard duty teacher from 8:30am until 8:45am each morning in the area around the large playground near Russell Street. Parents are welcome to stay with their child/ren in the playground area until the bell goes at 8:45am. We are having some students dropped off and left around 8:00am when they cannot be officially supervised by staff. Parents who need to drop their children to school before 8:30am need to make arrangements with our OSHC (Out of School Hours Care) service. Steve can be contacted on 8294 1990.

Governing Council Committee Members for 2019

We would love to have some extra people on board. Please consider joining a committee.

Finance Committee: Dave Henty-Smith, Peter Heading, Victoria Sierros (Finance Officer Convenor), Hayden Schwarz, Rebecca Chrisan

OSHC Committee: Rachel Newrick (Convenor), Melanie Perkins, Steve Gregov, Connie Cowling, Dave Henty-Smith

Canteen Committee: Melanie Perkins (Convenor), Chrisna Louw, Katrina James, Alexandra Tomlin, Dave Henty-Smith, Sarah Darbyshire, Toni Gluszkowski

Fundraising Committee: Kimberly Hamilton, Dave Henty-Smith, Sky Pratt Hossainpoor, Heather Pronk (Convenor)

Sports Committee: Heather Pronk, Kimberley Hamilton, Hayden Schwarz, Heidi Bevan, Warren Ainscough (Convenor)

Grounds Committee: Michelle White (Convenor), Dave Henty-Smith, Kathy Baker, Jo Meredith, Leanne Denny

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Kiss and Drop Zone

We have placed a number of signs around our "Kiss and Drop Zone". We are concerned about the safety of all our learners.

In a nutshell: You can only spend 2 minutes in the zone and you have to be within 3 metres of your car at all times.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Helping Hand



At a recent Surf Ed excursion, one of our wonderful teachers, Miss Ellie Treacy, came to the aid of an older couple who found themselves with a medical emergency at the beach.

Ellie helped them call an ambulance and reassured them until help arrived. The gentleman was extremely grateful and very impressed with her care and professionalism. Well done Ellie.

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Next Newsletter: Friday, 15 March, 2019

Newsletter 3 Term 1
Friday, 1 March, 2019

Education/Learning Committee: Paula Lowe (Convenor), Dave Henty-Smith, Rachel Newrick, Jane Johnston, Rebecca Chrisan, Bret Prew, Jo Meredith

Uniform Committee: Heather Pronk (Convenor), Dave Henty-Smith, Chrisna Louw, Emma Scott, Sky Pratt Hossainpoor

Reception - Year 5 Swimming Week

Notes have been sent home with all R-5 children for swimming lessons in Week 8. Please ensure that forms and payment are returned by Thursday 14 March. If you are unable to make full payment by this time, please contact the Finance Officer before this date to make alternative arrangements.

Steps to Writing Success – Tightening Tension

What are the 'ingredients' of a good book or movie, that make your heart beat faster or urge you to lean forward on the edge of your seat? All R-7 classes have been investigating this, and how to achieve it in their writing or oral storytelling. We've been looking at the idea of incorporating pebble, rock and boulder-sized problems in a narrative (story) that draws the reader in to the plight of the characters. Fans of James Bond movies will be very familiar with this formula – the hero faces obstacles of increasing significance and leads to a spectacular, (action packed), boulder-sized problem near the end of the movie. If you are watching a family movie to keep cool over the weekend, see if you can identify strategies used to tighten the tension for you as the audience.

Run Club

When the St Leonards community reached its target of 50 participants in the Run Club, #DiscoDennis rewarded us with a dance performance in the quad. Our next challenge is to reach 150 parents, students, siblings and staff participants, are you ready? Run Club is held Friday mornings from 8:15am. See you there!



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

Canteen will be closed during Swim Week

Uniform Reminder

Please note that the school dress available from the Uniform Shop is the only dress accepted as school approved uniform. Also note that red is reserved for Year 7 students only. We have some second hand uniforms available for a gold coin donation.



SAPSASA Swimming

Alexander M, Lily K, Kalia, K, Noah P, Maisy P and Elijah C swam in the SAPSASA swimming trials held last week. They all performed well and we are proud of their efforts.



Scholastic Book Club

Brochure 2 has been sent home.

All orders need to be returned by **Wednesday 20 March** or order online.



School Banking Information Session

St Leonards Primary School is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students.

School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. Our school receives a Regular Savers Contribution of \$5 for every 10 deposits processed per student as well as an Annual Contribution which is based on the number of students who made at least one School Banking deposit in the prior year.

School Banking day is **Tuesday**. We will be holding a School Banking Information Session at our school:

Time: 8.30am till 9.00am
Date: Tuesday 12 March 2019
Location: In the Quadrangle

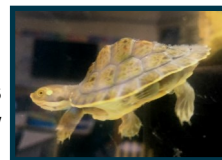


Please join us and find out more about the School Banking program and how your child can get involved.

If you are interested in opening a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account for your child you can visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking and click on the link to open a Youthsaver account. A School Banking representative will be available at the Information Session to show you how you can do this. In order to verify yourself and your child, you will need your driver's licence and your child's birth certificate, but if you don't have these with you on the day, you can complete verification online at home.

Meet Buddy the Turtle

Room 2 has a new friend. The class has been learning lots about turtles and how to care for them



OSHC News

Pupil Free Day, Friday 8 March: OSHC will be available 7:30am – 6:00pm and will include a visit to Mitcham Cinema for a screening of *Flying the Nest*. **Limited vacancies available**, bookings are **essential**. Contact OSHC on 8294 1990 or oshc.stleonards865@schools.sa.edu.au



Recycling & Sustainability: A reminder to families that OSHC still operates convenient drop-off collection points for both **Domestic Battery** and **Bathroom Products**. These items **can't** be placed in your yellow kerbside recycle bin. Please bring your used items in and OSHC will forward them on for recycling.



The in-house Recycling Initiatives continue to show a reduction in OSHC landfill waste. The children should be very proud of their learning and endeavours in working towards environmental awareness and practice. Particular mention must go to Chelsea W and Ruby N, both positive role models.

OSHC Team

PE News

Hats and Shoes



Can parents please chat with their children about their hats? Many of the old style hats are coming off when they run around. The new toggle hats tighten around the head and are much better for active play.

Please ensure your child is wearing supportive footwear to school. In this weather, sandals are fine as long as they are tight and don't let the foot roll. Students need to be able to run and change direction. When the weather settles down a bit, sneakers are best.

Lacrosse Clinics and Club Lacrosse

This term we were successful in receiving a Sporting Schools Grant for lacrosse. We have had Glenelg Lacrosse Club coming in to run clinics for our Year 4/5 classes with Year 6/7 soon to follow. There is an optional interschool lacrosse carnival in Week 9 to follow this - more info TBC. Glenelg Lacrosse Club are offering FREE come and try sessions on Thursday nights in March. Please see attached flyer.



Nomination Form Due Dates



Heather and I work closely to get our team nominations in on time. This becomes really tricky when forms are brought in late. Behind the scenes it usually means re arranging teams that we have spent hours forming fairly, as well as contacting the relevant association to change our nominations, often with a cost involved. This often isn't possible.

Students are always given the note straight from the notice box, a reminder from myself during PE lessons as well as Heather zipping around to remind students of due dates. This is all supported by the 'Sport at St Leonards' Facebook page. Please ensure you stick to due dates so your child doesn't miss out on any upcoming events.

Athletics Trials

Over the past few weeks we have collected all interested students names who wish to trial for next terms district athletics event. Trials for the St Leonards team start Wednesday 6 March (pending weather). This event is for students born in 2009 or older. Please email me if your child didn't put their name down, but wishes to trial.



Email versus Facebook



Thank you to the parents who are emailing me with any questions. This is a great way to catch me as I'm part-time and check my email daily. Although we run the 'Sport at St Leonards' Facebook page, I would prefer it if parents could contact me via email instead of private messenger as this often goes unchecked.

My email is heidi.bevan649@schools.sa.edu.au

Heidi Bevan, PE

Student Work



Room 9
Our new
Receptions in
Room 9 have been
working on shapes.

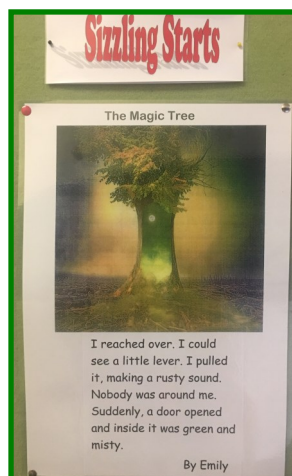
Room 7
Receptions created
representations of
the keys to
success.

Confidence
Persistence
Organisation
Resilience and
Getting Along

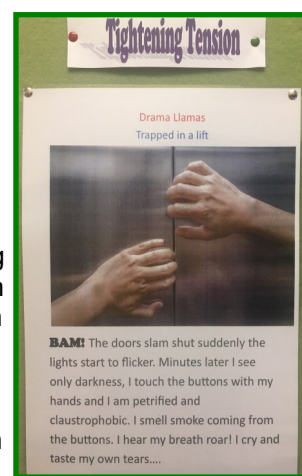


Room 12

Year 1s in Room 12 read the book Stick Man by Julia Donaldson and then they created their own "Stick Man" that they used to make video stories. They then constructed homes for their stick people.



Room 1
Some
wonderful
examples
of a
Sizzling
Start and
Tightening
Tension in
the Seven
Step to
Writing
from the
Year 4s in
Room 1.



Karen's Corner

Welcome to our Community Care Pantry

Here at St Leonards, we pride ourselves on taking care of our learners and their families. Sometimes, through circumstances we can't control, we find ourselves in a position where it becomes a challenge to put food on the table for those we love.

If you are in a position to donate non-perishable items of food or other necessities (ie personal hygiene items or brand new socks, children size underwear, beanies, gloves, scarves etc) please leave items in the shelving unit..

If you need anything, please take what you need (no questions asked, no judgement, no permission required). If you would like to confidentially speak to Karen or Di Hannagan regarding your circumstances, please feel free to pop into the Wellbeing Room anytime...we welcome your visit.

We can all make a difference, and we should never underestimate the power of kindness.

Karen Thorogood, PCW



Useful Services

- Centrelink - web: www.centrelink.gov.au phone: 132 307
- Beyond Blue - web: www.beyondblue.org.au phone: 1300 22 4636
- Salvos - web: salvos.org.au phone: 8212 1215
- UnitingCare Wesley phone: 8236 4255



Brighton Secondary School Year 7- Out of School Zone Volleyball Trials

The initial trials for a position in the Brighton Secondary School Volleyball Program will be held on Monday 13 May (Term 2, Week 3) at the following times:

Boys 9:30am

Girls 11:30am

Students who meet the required standards at this trial will be invited to attend the final trial on Thursday 23 May at an advertised time.

If you would like to attend the trial, you must ring Brighton Secondary School to book a trial time and request an application pack. Applications must be received by Friday 3 May.

Phone 8375 8200

Brighton Special Interest Music Information Evening for Year 6 & 7

Everything you need to know about auditioning for the Brighton Special Interest Music Program.

Tuesday 2 April 2019

6:30pm - 7:30pm in the Brighton Secondary School Concert Hall

Followed by a free concert on the front oval "Jazz on the Green"

BYO supper, chair or rug

For all enquiries call Pam Parsons

Ph 8375 8215

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URRBRAE
AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL

OPEN DAY

**FOR PROSPECTIVE
YEAR 8
STUDENTS**
TUESDAY MARCH 19TH 2019

2 hour programme (9.30 - 11.30am or 1.00 - 3.00pm or 5.00 - 7.00pm) includes Application Information, Farm Tours and School Tours

Students wishing to enrol at Year 8 level in 2020 and their parents are invited to attend. Parking on the School Oval with access via Gate "C" off Cross Rd. Proceed to the Gym.

- Urrbrae is a Special Interest School which offers a comprehensive curriculum including Agricultural Studies.
- Selection for enrolment is based on the student's interest in Agriculture, the Environment and Technology
- Application Packages available from March 19th
- Enrolment applications close 5pm Wednesday May 1st

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Adelaide High School Open Night

Wednesday 20 March 2019 5:30pm - 8:00pm

Online applications for Special Entry Programs are available from the Enrolment Options page of the Adelaide High School Website. Applications close Friday 29 March, 2019.

- Special Language Entry for 2020 (Auslan, Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Modern Greek, Spanish)
- Special Cricket or Rowing Entry for 2020
- Centre for Hearing Impaired

Ph: 82319373 Web: www.adelaidehs.sa.edu.au