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inspires curious, creative  
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# St Leonards Primary School

*Learning Together*

**Respect Resilience Readiness**

## Diary Dates

### Week 8 – No Canteen

**Reception - Year 5**  
**Swimming Week**  
**18 –22 March**

#### **Monday 18 March**

- Yr 6/7 Lacrosse Clinic

#### **Tuesday 19 March**

- 7:00pm Governing Council

#### **Wednesday 20 March**

- Yr 6/7 Growth and Development

#### **Thursday 21 March**

- **9:00am Harmony Day Assembly - Wear orange or National dress**

### Week 9

#### **Monday 25 March**

- Yr 6/7 Lacrosse Clinic
- CU Lunchtime Workshop

#### **Tuesday 26 March**

- Lacrosse Carnival

#### **Wednesday 27 March**

- Yr 6/7 Growth and Development
- Yr 4/5 Port Power Community Visit

#### **Thursday 28 March**

- SAPSASA Swimming

## From the Leadership

As we enter our eighth week at school, we would like to take a breath and celebrate some of the achievements and activities we have had during the term. It has been such a positive start to the year.

- We have welcomed many new families into our community and have already seen such great enthusiasm.
- Our Choir has started and has been outstanding so far.
- Our leadership groups are up and running and our Ambassadors have already run an Assembly and conducted tours for new families,
- The SAPSASA Beach Volleyball Competition for our Year 5/6/7 students was well attended and our students excelled in both their behaviour and performance. We are proud of how our students represented St Leonards. Parent Representatives have also begun organising events and supporting class teachers.
- Class Facebook pages have been established for all classes, continuing the excellent communication between families and classrooms.
- The school this year will start using Skoolbag as a way of enhancing our communication. Stay tuned for this. We will share information about this shortly.
- Learning environments and classrooms have had some changes that enable 21st Century learning.

### **Pupil Free Day**

The staff were involved in Training and Development on the Pupil Free Day held on Friday 8 March. During this time our educators looked at our new Site Improvement Plan and how we will all work together to achieve our goals. We continued on our journey to improve writing and how this will look across the school. The staff also went through a Trauma Training session in the afternoon. All up, it was a highly successful day.

### **Parent/Learner/Teacher - Three Way Conferences**

As some of you remember, two years ago, our school underwent an external review. One of the directions that came from the review was to:

*“Strengthen student influence on their learning by engaging with feedback in a two-way process using data and evidence to improve learning.”*

As part of this direction, the school will be engaging student-led conferences, where each student in the school will be talking about their own learning. Student led interviews will now involve your child as an active and essential member of the interview enabling them to demonstrate an understanding of their learning.

As parents you can; ask questions, express ideas and help make plans to support your child's learning at home. Teachers will support students and parents by clarifying, elaborating and responding to specific questions and concerns. We ask that you bring your child with you to the conference and it is requested that every effort is made for siblings not to be present in the room during this time to ensure that each child is able to fully celebrate their achievements.

The duration of the conference is fifteen minutes so if you require more time, or wish to discuss anything in greater detail, please arrange another time with the teacher.

## ICAS in 2019

This year all ICAS tests are being run during Term 3 in September. Application forms will be sent home in Week 1 of Term 3.

All forms and payment will need to be finalised by Wednesday 28 August.

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Friday, 15 March, 2019

Three way conferences can be booked via the website one week prior. Interviews can be booked at [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au). A note will be sent home with the code and a link will be placed on all class Facebook pages, the school website and the new Skoolbag app.

*"3 Way Conference means that the student is part of the interview process... so they can celebrate their learning with you and their teacher." Kerry Wood*

If you have any difficulties accessing the online booking site, see Mel in the Office and she will help you through the process. We would love to see as many parents and caregivers at these meetings as possible.

### **Bullying: No Way! Day**

Today is the National Day of Action against bullying and violence. We started the conversation in our morning assembly and continued this through various activities in classes throughout the day. If you would like to know more about different types of bullying, prevention and management strategies, visit <https://bullyingnoway.gov.au/>

### **Harmony Day – Wear Orange**

We will celebrate diversity in our school on Thursday 21 March as part of the National Harmony Day movement. Students and families are encouraged to wear cultural dress or a touch of orange with their school uniform on this day. During the week, each student will create a flag that represents their cultural background and we will parade them on the oval before having a whole school picnic together. The flags will be permanently displayed.



### **Seven Steps to Writing Success - Exciting Endings**

Would you tell a joke without knowing the punch line? Powerful writers conclude with an impact that leaves a lasting impression on the audience.

When you read or view texts with your family, have a chat about the impact on you as the reader/viewer. Did your jaw drop to the floor? Did it make you cry? Laugh? Sigh contentedly? Perhaps you can identify elements that the author used to create that impact and if you find a text that has an exciting ending you might wish to share it on your Class Facebook page!

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



### **Children's University**

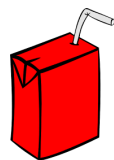
#### **Pancakes from around the world**

We sampled five different types of pancakes from around the world.



We tried pancakes from India, China, America, Sweden and France as well as gluten free, dairy free, vegan pancakes.

We thank all our parent helpers.



**Canteen will be closed during**

**Swim Week**

### **Reception - Year 5 Swimming Week**

Please note that there have been some timetable changes that affect Rooms 1 and 4.

The new timetable is as follows:

- Rooms 2, 3 and 4 Session 1 9:15am - 10:15am  
(Note the bus leaves school at 8:50am)
- Rooms 1, 5 and 6 Session 2 10:15am - 11:15am
- Rooms 7, 8 and 9 Session 3 11:15am - 12:15pm
- Rooms 12 and 14 Session 4 12:45pm - 1:45pm
- Rooms 15 and 16 Session 5 1:45pm - 2:45pm  
(Note the bus returns to school at 3:10pm).

### **Skoolbag App**

We will be using the Skoolbag app to help us keep you up to date with information and activities that are important to our St Leonards community.



We have started with a few pieces of information in most of the categories you will see in the app. More information and features will be added as we become familiar with the system.

#### **Instructions for Parents Installing the SkoolBag app:**

- For iPhone and iPad users, go to the Apple App Store, search for "SkoolBag" and download the free SkoolBag app. After opening the app, add your school(s) and you're ready to go!
- For Google Android Users, Go to the Google Play Store, search for "SkoolBag" and download the free SkoolBag app. After opening the app, add your school(s) and you're ready to go!

Please also see the attached flyer with the newsletter email or pick up a copy from the information rack.

**Kelly Peterson, ICT**

### **Helping the Community**

St Leonards is once again collecting for the Adelaide Day Centre for Homeless Persons.

We are asking for donations of clean overcoats/ parka's, gloves, socks, hats, beanies, linen and rugs.

New or used (in clean, good condition). Please bring items to the Office.





## Sports News

### Lacrosse

The Glenelg Lacrosse Lightning Carnival is an optional event for Yr 4-7 students on Tuesday 26 March. Notes have gone home to all students in these year levels. Please complete and return by Monday 18 March as no late forms can be accepted.



### SAPSASA Athletics and Cross Country

We have been working our way through the trials. It is expected that students interested in cross country or running events in athletics attend Run Club each Friday at 8:15am on the oval. Students can run laps or race each other from goal to goal to practise their sprints. We also encourage long jump participants to practise in their own time using the oval sand pit.

### Winter Sports

Winter sports forms have gone out and must be returned by Friday 22 March for your child to be placed in a team. Please note that the fee for soccer is \$60.

### Netball Coordinator Needed

Heather and I are doing our best to cover this on top of our workload but as we can't give it exclusive attention the netball program will need to be scaled down until we can find a parent volunteer to assist with administration. If you are interested in the role please contact Heather or myself.

My email is [heidi.bevan649@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:heidi.bevan649@schools.sa.edu.au)



**Heidi Bevan, PE**

### Interschool Beach Volleyball Carnival

Students from Years 5-7 had the opportunity to participate in the Interschool Beach Volleyball carnival on Thursday 7 March. Everyone played well and did St Leonards proud.

Five teams made the finals. Two silver medals and three gold medals were won.



### SAPSASA Swimming

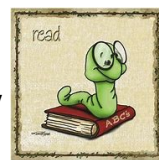
Congratulations Noah P who qualified for the South West District team at the trials that were held three weeks ago. We are proud of your efforts and wish you all the best in the upcoming events.



## Scholastic Book Club

Brochure 2 has been sent home.

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



All orders help us purchase new books for the Library.

## OSHC NEWS

**Vacation Care:** The April Holiday Program will soon be complete with all families on the OSHC data base to be forwarded electronic copies. Please contact OSHC on 8294 1990 or [oshc.stleonards865@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:oshc.stleonards865@schools.sa.edu.au) should you wish to be included in the mail-out. Copies will also be available from the school website and OSHC. Please ensure you book early to avoid disappointment.

**Sustainability:** Compostable vs Biodegradable. Is there a difference? Everything is degradable, but not necessarily compostable.

For a healthier environment, think compostable.



**Booking Cancellations:** A courtesy reminder to families to be mindful of the OSHC cancellation requirements. An allowable absence fee will apply to all absences, including child illness, where nil or insufficient notification has been provided to OSHC. The current minimum notification requirements are as follows:

- Before School Care (BSC) - nil required.
- After School Care (ASC) - by 9.00am of the day booked.
- Vacation Care (Vac Care) - by 9.00am, 2 full business days (excluding of weekends, public holidays and service closure days) prior to the booked session. For example, to cancel a Thursday booking, notification must be received no later than 9:00 am on Tuesday.

### OSHC Team

### Travelling Rocks

Another Travelling Rock has been found. One of Room 4s travelling rocks has been found in Kingsley WA, and then relocated to City Beach, Perth WA. Keep on travelling!



### Irish Dancing

Today we were treated to an Irish dancing performance and workshop in anticipation of St Patricks Day.

Thank you to Paula Lowe and Leanne Denneny for organising the Newry Sudio of Irish Dancing visit.



## Karen's Corner

### Bullying ... no way!!



Hi everyone, I hope this piece finds you all really well and enjoying this fabulous weather!

As many of you might realise, that at the time of printing, it's Bullying – No way day across the school environments. Sadly, I think we've all either been aware of examples of bullying behaviours either first hand or been witness to such behaviour in various settings.

In this day and age, zero tolerance for bullying is the only option. We need to be continually educating our children as to what bullying looks like, how to combat it or support someone who might be on the receiving end of such behaviour. I believe that if we empower our children with tools to use if they ever witness, or are in fact the victim of bullying, whilst giving them the confidence to speak out when necessary as well as importantly, believing their stories and working out strategies to implement in the case of such behaviour, we can collectively and individually go a long way towards creating a safer place for our children to exist in.

I think at times, children do not have the confidence to challenge unacceptable behaviour towards either themselves or their peers and friends. There is a lot of pressure for our children to blend in, be one of the crowd, often at times, playing down or dismissing their unique and amazing individual qualities that make them the beautiful people that they are. Children generally try to solve their own problems and we encourage that, to help them to become resilient, but often with the problems associated with bullying, they can become completely overwhelmed, unable to resolve issues and when guilt and shame become part of the bullying story, it can lead to children becoming closed off and once communication shuts down, it can become really challenging both for the child and their families.

I would suggest that communication is very much a part of the strategy to combat bullying. When a child feels secure and safe enough to speak of things that are happening in their world, those channels of communication can provide a safe place for them to rest and regroup. We should perhaps resist the urge (depending of course on the severity of the bullying) to step in and endeavour to take control (as children would tell you, at times, they might feel this would actually make the situation worse). Talking with your child about strategies they can use to stand up to bullying, role playing with them, conversing with their teacher or other mentors (with their knowledge and permission ... to do otherwise could possibly disempower them and cause them to distrust, therefore shutting down communication) can be helpful tools.

There are many wonderful resources on how to help your child on the internet, books, pamphlets, counsellors, professionals ... find someone you trust and seek help for not only your child, but also for yourself (finding the best ways on how you can best help and support your child or loved one can be slightly overwhelming initially, but reaching out can be the first step towards helping your child rediscover the freedom that comes from being free from the clutches of bullying behaviour).

Just this morning, whilst writing this, two students came and shared with me their poems about their experience with bullying and how they combatted the bullying behaviour they had been subjected to whilst reclaiming their own power (their words). They spoke of the freedom and relief they felt when they shared what was happening with a trusted person.

It takes courage and bravery and a solid support network to help someone who is experience bullying, but with communication, knowledge and resources, we can make a huge difference in the life of someone who is being bullied.

Kindness can go a long way towards making a difference in everyone's life. We all have the ability to be kind, it's always an option .... Choose kindness every time .... You'll be amazed at how impacting it is not only for the recipient, but also for you too!



Have a wonderful week! Practise kindness at every opportunity ... you never know who's watching!

**Karen Thorogood, Pastoral Care Worker**

### Easter Shoebox Challenge

We are eggcited to be holding our shoebox challenge again. This event is open to everyone.



Grab yourself a box (no bigger than a shoebox please) and get creative for Easter. Be mindful of using recyclable materials where possible. Use items from around the house. If using real eggs please ensure they are blown and rinsed clean. Bring your creations in for display at the Easter Assembly in Week 11. Time to get cracking.

For more details contact Heather at [heather.pronk858@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:heather.pronk858@schools.sa.edu.au)

### Loose Parts Play

We are beginning to create a loose parts play shed for students to explore, build and create. If you have anything you could donate please email Heather at [heather.pronk858@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:heather.pronk858@schools.sa.edu.au)







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## OPEN DAY

Wednesday 27th March 2019  
College Tours 9:15am and 2:00pm

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