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Student Leadership

Congratulations to our student leadership team for 2017. It was exciting for me to be involved in the election process and to hear thoughtful, well-prepared speeches written by all the potential candidates. Positions were hotly contested with more than double the amount of nominations for the eight positions.



Many students concluded their speech with the phrase "You don't have to have a badge to be a leader" and this is very much the case at our school where we want all adults and children to consider themselves leaders and learners.

School Captain – Kalysha
Vice Captain – Jorja

Weeroona:

House Captain - Summer
Vice Captain - Zahara

Hygeia:

House Captain - Beau
Vice Captain - Josh

Ozone:

House Captain - Harry
Vice Captain - Ethan S

Learning to Learn

In 2017 excellence in teaching and learning is a focus at St Leonards. Part of this work will be to develop and implement a whole school instructional framework that supports the personal learning needs of all students, with inquiry learning at the centre. This term our inquiry across the school is on Learning to Learn, with the aim of empowering students to know how to become engaged, active and self-motivated learners. Across the term your child will learn about the conditions and agreements needed in a learning classroom, having a growth mindset, mindfulness and being future capable, how the brain works and what sort of a learner they are. Hopefully they will share some of their learning with you and be asking lots of questions at home. It's a great chance to talk to them about what sort of a learner you are. We all know that learning does not just happen at school, but throughout life, anytime, anywhere!

"Learning is how things work in life" Mason

"Learning is getting smarter and getting better at stuff" Blake

"You learn by listening and paying attention" Nathan

School Council

Congratulations are also in order as we form School Council for 2017. Parent members Jen Green, Steve Walker, Elisa Allen and Susan Ballagh will be joined by Aenea Ross, Jen Egan and Chris Lougheed. Department of Education members are Chris Layley and Leanne Jacques, with Jenny Cowburn taking the role of Executive Officer. We thank all councillors for their dedication and support of our school community and look forward to an exciting and progressive year ahead. School councillors represent you, parents and guardians of our students, so please connect with them if you have ideas or topics you would like discussed at a meeting.

Student Banking

Monday is school banking day. Make regular deposits to earn some great rewards.

****Breakfast Club starts next week Tuesday at 8.30 – younger brothers and sisters are welcome!**

Information Night

Thank you to all families who joined with staff to catch up, welcome new families and enjoy a sausage or two. The opportunity to meet with class teachers, so that they can outline their learning plans and routines, answer questions and get information and permission forms out to you, is invaluable. Documents will be sent home to families who were unable to attend. Please send all forms back by Monday.

I hope you can find the time to read the School Wellbeing Information Mrs Layley has included in today's newsletter. There are also local parent learning sessions on the go starting in March – Bringing Up Great Kids which is at SLPS, and Parent Effectiveness Training in Drysdale. See the office for more details.

We also ask families who have a smartphone to use it to access our school app for updates and access to our calendar. Just search for the Updat-ed App in the App Store or GooglePlay and register. Go to our website for more information or pop in and see me.

Jenny Cowburn
Acting Principal

Selamat datang ke pelajaran Bahasa Indonesia di Sekolah Dasar St Leonards.

Welcome to the studies of the Indonesian language at St Leonards Primary School.

The Indonesian program incorporates a range of activities including songs, educational games and hands on tasks. The students are introduced to the Indonesian language such as numbers, colours and greetings and a range of other fascinating topics. They are given the opportunity to develop intercultural understanding as they explore aspects of the Indonesian culture. The students are encouraged to share information about their own cultures, languages and traditions. I look forward to an exciting year ahead with St Leonards students in the Languages program.

Lucy Hurt
Indonesian Teacher

Achievement Program

With the support of Bellarine Community Health, SLPS has been involved with the Achievement Program for the past three years. The Achievement Program is a state wide health initiative of the Cancer Council of Victoria and the State Government. During this time we have achieved state wide benchmarks in Physical Activity, Sun Protection and Safe Environments. Our most recent achievement in Mental Health and Wellbeing was achieved at the end of last year. As a school community we should be very proud of this recognition and achievement!

Students of the Week

Prep	Julia	Excellent effort practising her sounds for 's' and 'a'
Grade 1/2	Arturo	Participating well in class discussions
Grade 2/3	Ethan	Great work on size of numbers to 1000's
Grade 4/5	Lily	A great writing piece on being a leader
Grade 5/6	Kalysha	Being a persistent and enthusiastic problem solver
Indonesian	Paul	

Congratulations to the following students who were nominated by their peers for demonstrating our school value RESPONSIBILITY, as part of our School Wide Positive Behaviour Program: Charlotte (Prep), Hamish (Grade 1/2), Rogan (Grade 2/3), Paul (Grade 4/5), Jorja (Grade 5/6)

Mini Lotto

\$2.00 entry, cross off 5 numbers, envelopes available from the office. Drawn at the Bowling Club each Friday at 7.30 pm. Jackpot is \$4500 Last week's numbers were 01, 05, 07, 11, 12.

Books and Materials

At St. Leonards PS, to provide books and materials at the cheapest possible price for parents we buy in bulk and provide all class requirements directly to the children. Parents are required to pay \$135.00 for the year as soon as possible. This includes \$75.00 to cover each child's pens, pencils, books and other stationery and \$60.00 for extras that are provided for each child such as provision of computers and ipads, the MARC library service, art materials, sports equipment, cooking ingredients, photography and printing. If you have any problems about paying, please let me know. Invoices will be sent home to each family. These payments are in line with Department of Education guidelines. We do not ask for any voluntary financial contribution.

Invoices will be sent home tomorrow (Friday) and can be paid by cash, cheque or BPay and are payable by the end of term 1 2017

Bulb Drive

Order forms and money due back 3 March 2017