



May 4th, 2017 Newsletter No. 7

Thank you to all our school community!

It is truly heartening to see the many ways which parents and carers support our school. From helping in classrooms and with transport to volunteering on School Council or helping with buildings and grounds. We appreciate the support that all families give, encouraging students to practice our values of Respect, Responsibility and Safety, supporting at home with learning and in working with us if there are any particular concerns.

This week I would particularly like to show appreciation to:

- Brad and Lisa Sitlington of Hucksters and Co for providing very early morning coffees and muffins for teachers on the Curriculum Day as we headed to Dingley for the Learners as Thinkers Conference.
- Sally McKenna, Kate Walker, Rachel Bradley and Susan Ballagh for providing Cross Country transport
- Steve Walker, David Sich, Rhenay Ceravolo, Sonja Di Pietro, Nicole Jeffrey, Nigel Gregory and Chris Lougheed who make up our newly formed Buildings and Grounds Team.
- Jen Egan who is our fundraising co-ordinator and who takes mini lotto to the Bowls Club every week.
- Aenea Ross who is keeping our notice board at the front of the school updated.
- Kelly Keel for her environmental work with students, thanks to her SLPS has now adopted a dolphin!

Can you help?

Today a survey will go home with all families. Your responses will help with our school self- evaluation for the coming review. We value your- feed back! Please return to school as soon as possible.

Enrolments for 2018 – Do you have a child starting Prep next year, or know of friends or neighbours who do? Please let us know. We have an Open Day coming up later in May.

Let's work together to improve our school grounds and buildings

We now have a Grounds and Buildings Team to work on keeping our school in top shape and developing plans for the future. If you would like to be part of the team please let me know. We also ask parents and carers to help at working bees or if you are unable to attend on the day, to volunteer for regular clean up tasks, such as cleaning up leaves or clearing branches. This support means that we don't need to use school funds to pay to have many tasks done. The next working bee will be on Friday 12th May 2.30 – 4.30pm. Have a look on our Community noticeboard to see the list of jobs we hope to achieve on the day. We'd love to see you there!

Jenny Cowburn
Principal



Anzac Day

I think you will agree that our wreath turned out well. Thank you to Marg Ryan and students for their creative work. Kalysha and Jorja placed this wreath at the Geelong Schools Commemoration on behalf of our school. Jorja and Ethan S also represented our school at the ANZAC Day commemoration at Portarlington.

Reminders

Tomorrow – Indonesian Day

Next Week – NAPLAN testing on May 9, 10 and 11 for year 3 and 5 students in accordance with statewide guidelines

Friday May 12 – Working Bee from 2.30- 4.30

Indonesian Day Tomorrow!

Selamat siang,

Indonesian Day is tomorrow Friday 5th May. Students are asked to wear something red and/or white or traditional Indonesian clothing and to bring their snack and lunch as usual.

All families are welcome to attend the special assembly at 2.30pm. We will celebrate the Indonesian language and culture and hear about the activities that the students have been involved in on the day.

Salam,
Bu Hurt

Cross Country

Last Thursday 11 students from grade 4-6 represented our school, running on the wet and muddy course at Barwon Heads. We are very proud of all our students who tried to achieve their personal best and to earn a spot in the zone event. Thanks to Mr Price for enabling our students to participate.



Adopt a Dolphin

Our school has become a member of the Dolphin Research Institute Adopt-A-Dolphin Program, caring for our Bay and the marine environment. Kelly Keel and students in grade 5/6 has been busy raising funds for this worthwhile project and would like to thank the following sponsors for their support in a local scavenger hunt: Le Chix St. Leonards, IGA St. Leonards, Made by Manda St Leonards, Pier View Lolly Shop Portarlington, Pharmacy Portarlington, Australia Post Portarlington and the Newsagency in Portarlington. We now have adopted a dolphin, well done!!

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 \$4772 Last week's numbers were 03, 05, 07, 18 & 20.

School Fees

Thank you to those families who have already paid fees. At this stage we only have payment from about a third of families and we do rely on this income to pay for your children's learning supplies. Overdue invoices have gone home. Please make payment promptly or if you need more time talk to Janette or Jenny at the office.

Is this worth posting? Do you want the Principal to see this? How does this post make you feel? How will you fix this?

These are some of the questions we need to ask our children in conversations around social media before they reach secondary school. A quick survey at school showed that many of our students have online accounts. Instagram and Snapchat have minimum ages of 13, in compliance with the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act.

Every year at St. Leonards we support students who are caught up posting inappropriate comments and language online. These concerns are then brought to school when students are not supervised or monitored at home with their internet use or accounts have been set up without parental knowledge. Have a chat with your children about their online activity...do you know what they are doing when they are online??? Attached to this week's newsletter is an article from Michael Grose. Please read this and come and have a chat with me if you would like to discuss this further.