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## July 19th, 2018 Newsletter No. 12

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### Welcome to term 3!

It was wonderful to see smiling and eager faces on Monday morning and to see so many rugged up warmly against the winter chill. It was also great to see our school looking so neat and clean thanks to the hard work of cleaners Ian and Alex and Darryl from Bellarine Mowing. Thanks also to parents who have done many small clean up jobs, and to Anthony Di Pietro who came to the rescue to do repairs to the door of the garden shed. We are looking forward to another engaging and diverse term of learning at SLPS. A calendar is attached to today's newsletter.

### Environmental Day – Next Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July

As part of our inquiry focus on environmental sustainability this term all students will learn and work with the team from Bellarine Bayside and Bellarine Catchment network to plant out plants and understand more about our local environment. Grades Prep to Four will walk to the school planting area on the foreshore at 9 am and will be back just after recess. Grade 5 and 6 students will travel by mini bus to the lower bluff to do some planting and learn about the habitats and nesting boxes that have been located in that area. All students will need warm clothing and sturdy footwear. Parents are welcome to join us. We are fortunate to live in such a special part of the world, where our kids have the chance to enjoy our wonderful natural environment. It's important to encourage our students to become environmental stewards, who care and teach others about our place. You will be surprised at the knowledge that our students have. Next Tuesday after school remember to ask your child what they have learnt!

### St Leonards Future Infrastructure for Children 0 -12 years

We have invited MP for Bellarine Lisa Neville on Friday July 27<sup>th</sup> to tour our school and meet with School Councillors, Steve Walker and Aenea Dodson, Playgroup representative Amba Hawley and myself. With consistent growth in enrolments over past years and the continued housing development around the township we are keen to discuss future plans to accommodate a kindergarten and family facilities, as well as our growing school. If you have any particular questions or comments that you would like considered please email them to me at [cowburn.jennifer.a@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:cowburn.jennifer.a@edumail.vic.gov.au) or send a note to school.

### Attendance for Semester 2, 2018

If your child is absent you need to notify us! Most of our parents will ring Janette if a child is absent or let us know beforehand, or send a note in diaries. From today if you don't contact us, we will need to ring you.

New regulations from the Department of Education state: From the end of Term 2, all Victorian government schools must contact parents/carers as soon as practicable on the same day of an unexplained student absence.

This requirement supports student safety and wellbeing. Schools need to know when and why a child is absent, and parents/carers need to know if their child is not at school. Prompt communication also promotes daily school attendance.

Parents and carers must notify the school of their child's absence as soon as possible on the day of absence using the school's preferred method, including online, by telephone or by email.

The Department has developed a range of resources for parents, see

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/behaviour/Pages/attendance.aspx>

### Can you help at our Bunnings BBQ on Sun Aug 5<sup>th</sup>

Pauline and Wendy, who are parents of grade 3/4 students, have kindly offered to organize the day which will be a substantial fundraiser for our school. Are you able to volunteer an hour or two of your time between 9am and 3pm to lend a hand? If so please call or text Wendy to put your name on the roster. 0408594847

## Do you know a piano player?

Mr McDonald is keen to get a choir underway at school, but will need some accompaniment. If you know anybody who could help please let us know.

## Do you know any students who will be coming to SLPS in 2019?

We are taking enrolments and organising information sessions for 2019 students. If you know any students who will be coming next year please get them to ask at the office for an enrolment form, or let Jenny or Janette know so we can make contact.

## Lions Club Raffle

We are fortunate to again have the opportunity to participate in the Portarlington/Drysdale Lions Club Community Raffle. All the money from the tickets we sell goes to the school. There are lots of prizes, including a Bank Deposit to the value of \$1000, accommodation packages, gift vouchers, petrol vouchers and more. Tickets are \$2.00 each and are available from the office until August 20<sup>th</sup> 2018 or until sold out. Please consider collecting a book of tickets (5 tickets per book) to sell to family, friends and work colleagues. Books and tickets are available from the office or see Trudi Kyrou if you are able to help sell books, we have 20 books to sell

## 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.

## Lunch Orders

The Fig Tree is no longer taking lunch orders and at this stage we have no provider for this term. This will be an item on the next School Council agenda, but if you have any ideas or suggestions let us know.

## Pie Drive

Pie Drive forms need to be returned with money by the 24<sup>th</sup> July with a delivery date of 31<sup>st</sup> July, if you need more forms please call into the office or simply photocopy it.

## 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 \$7085. Last week's numbers were 05, 06, 07, 08 & 09.

## Student Banking

Wednesday is student banking day. Make regular deposits to earn some great rewards.

## Music Lessons AT school, Tuition

- Enrol NOW to try lessons for four weeks
- 2 teachers per group lesson
- Vocal group, Rock Band, Performance Group, Songwriting, Acoustic Group, Music Theory, Mixed instrument groups.

During School and / or After School lessons available.

Lessons are held at school by qualified and trained teachers.

To enrol or for **more information** please contact **Meagan:**

[mbmt@bigpond.com](mailto:mbmt@bigpond.com)

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Piano, keyboard, Guitar, Ukulele, Drums, Singing

Prep to Adult.

Instruments are available for hire.

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## Personal Belongings at School

The Department of Education does not hold insurance or accept any responsibility for private property brought to school by students, staff or visitors. Students are asked not to bring valuable items to school.

## Entertainment Books



Discover thousands of valuable up to 50% off and 2-for-1 offers for many of the best restaurants, cafés, arts, attractions, hotels, travel, shopping and much more.

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- Entertainment™ Book offers are redeemed via Entertainment™ Gold Cards and vouchers
- Entertainment™ Digital Membership allows you to redeem offers directly from your iPhone or Android smartphone

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## Book Fair

Thank you to the parents who organised Book Fair the school received \$400 of books, also a big thank you to all the people who purchased books and helped with the fundraising.

## Earphones

We are finding that students are using headsets more and more in their learning. Because of health regulations we would appreciate students having their own headsets that they can bring to school. This might be a great idea for the next birthday present?

## Book Fair

Come along and check out the books and other goodies at the school from Tuesday, May 22nd until Friday, May 25<sup>th</sup>. The book fair will be open from 8.30 – 9.00 am and 3.00 – 3.30 pm each day. If you can't make it to the book fair books can be purchased online, every purchase helps the school with fundraising and your child with reading. The school gets 30% back on all books sold.

## Entertainment Books

The school is selling the popular Entertainment Books that have discount coupons for hundreds of restaurants, cafes, entertainment venues, hotels and resorts. Local venues participating include the Portarlington Golf Club, Bakers Delight and Wildings Pantry Essentials, as well as Sovereign Hill, McDonalds and KFC. Books are \$60.00. You only need to use a couple of vouchers to get your money back! Come and inspect a copy at the office.

## Absences

It's Not OK to be Away! At SLPS last term we lost 354 days of learning because of students not being at school...almost one whole year of learning. In February student absences added up to 130 days with 68 of those days unexplained. In March total student absences were 224 days with 83 of those unexplained. The Department of Education requires us to report absences and it is difficult when parents and carers do not let us know why their children are away from school. Please let us know through a diary note, letting the class teacher know directly or

phoning the office explaining why your child is absent from school. We hope that we can work towards reducing the number of unexplained absences from school in term 2.

Chris Layley  
Well Being Teacher

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### **Camps, Sport and Excursions Fund**

Families holding a valid means-tested concession card are eligible to apply. Please come to the office and fill in the application form and bring your concession card so that we can photocopy it. A payment of \$125 for eligible primary school students will be paid directly to the school to be used towards camps, sports and excursion costs for the benefit of the student. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund aims to ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important educational and fun activities. This fund cannot be used to pay school fees or subject contributions.

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### **Sunglasses**

As St Leonards Primary School is a sunsmart school we are looking at purchasing sunglasses, (\$13.00) we have samples in the office if you would like your child to try them on. SLPS is printed on them and are in school colours in 4 different sizes. They come with a matching case and bag clip, a microfibre cloth and are approved to the highest Australian UV standards.

### **Updat-ed Website:**

Over the holidays our web services were upgraded with additional security patches. The consequence of this is that all Android subscribers to our phone app called Updat-ed will need to re-register. Here's what to do;

- Delete the app from your phone
- Go to Google Play and search for 'Updat-ed by sponsor-ed'
- Download the app and complete the registration process
- We will see your registration request and mark it as approved

Mothers' day Raffle  
Entertainment Books

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