



June 28th, 2018 Newsletter No. 11



It has been a joy over the past two weeks to celebrate what our students have learnt this semester. Reports have gone home and our data shows good growth in literacy and numeracy. This year we have a focus on students having agency in their own learning. I know that students loved sharing their learning and achievements with families during Student Led Conferences on Tuesday. It has also been a real pleasure to listen to students talk about developing our SLPS learning skills of Skilled Communication, Collaboration, Self - Regulation, Knowledge Construction, Real World Problem Solving and Digital Learning Skills. If you think about it, many of these skills have been evident in the hard work that students have done to make Cinders such a huge success. It has been wonderful to hear so much positive feedback, to see the development in our students and to witness the power of music. Our kids have had opportunities to be creative and learnt skills in the performing arts. For some it was their chance to shine and for others to overcome challenges and prove they could 'do it!' Thank you to all adults in our community for your support of our students in so many ways.



Term 3

School finishes on tomorrow June 29th at 2.30, with assembly at 2.15.

Term 3 begins on Monday July 16th. An updated calendar will be available on the website and a paper copy distributed early next term. Please add Curriculum Day on Friday September 7th to your diary.

There will be some staff changes next term. Mrs Dixon will return from leave, so Ms Cini's contract ends and Ms Laven will return from leave so Mr Crowe's contract ends. We would like to thank both Mr Crowe and Ms Cini for their professionalism, the support they have given students and the way they have become very much a part of our learning community. We hope to see both of them back as relief teachers. We also need to say goodbye and thank you to Shannon Cormack, our Teaching Partner who will be Assistant Principal at Whittington Primary next term. Shannon has made a huge contribution to our Professional Learning Community in many ways. We now use Fountas and Pinnell benchmarking as a reading assessment tool across the school, have some baseline reading data to build on, classroom libraries in every room and a clear plan for improving student outcomes in reading. We will have a new teaching Partner allocated next term.

Next term our whole school inquiry focus will be on environmental sustainability and classes will have a big question around How the World Works, which will include learning in the Victorian Curriculum areas of geography, technology, science and civics and citizenship. We look forward to seeing what sorts of inquiries will evolve!

Best wishes to all our students for a safe and happy holiday!

Jenny Cowburn

Principal

In year 3/4 we made awesome picture story books in our unit of "Creativity". We were visited by Mrs O'Neill at the beginning of the term and she explained how she produced her own book and the steps you need to go through. This guided the process for us to make our own picture story book. Later on we were visited by Mrs O'Neill. We read our books to her and she said they were very imaginative, she enjoyed our illustrations and said they were AMAZING!! We are hoping to read them to the Preps, Year1s and 2s.

By Clare and Mia



'Cinders' Raffle:

Thankyou to Direct Chemist Warehouse Leopold, In2 Linen Leopold, Kmart Leopold, Van Loons Nursery, Melbourne Stars Cricket (Sue Orvis) for your kind donations and Marg Ryan who organised the raffle on the night, raising \$406 towards costs of the hall hire for 'Cinders'

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.

Lunch Orders

The Fig Tree is no longer taking lunch orders and at this stage we have no provider for next 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

Attached to the newsletter is a pie drive form, to be returned with money by the 24th July with a delivery date of 31st 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 \$6961 Last week's numbers were 02, 05, 07, 17 & 18.

Student Banking

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

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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 25th. 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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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.

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'
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