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## May 17, 2018 Newsletter No. 8

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### Cinders

At Parks Hall Portarlinton

Wednesday June 20th, 6.30pm start, doors open 6pm

Students are enjoying learning how to express themselves through the performing arts as they prepare for Cinders. Our whole school learning community is accepting the challenge and working hard as we work towards putting on an amazing performance.

We have appointed Marcia Howard to help us direct the musical. Marcia has limited professional time, with only one 30 minute lesson per week with each class. She is very well supported by teachers, who are practising music, movement and the script regularly in classrooms. We would appreciate your support too! Because the work is intense, especially for some students with key roles, they need help and support learning lines and coping with high expectations. If you have any queries or concerns please talk to your child's teacher.

#### Costumes and Props

By now all children should know what they need to get for their costume. Please help by organising this soon and talking to the class teacher if you need more information. We do not want families to be spending money on costumes so there will be sharing and help available.

We would also like donations or loans of any of the following if you have them at home:

dresses suitable for Cinders, granny, snarky sisters, fairy godmother, queen

sparkly, velvety or regal fabric

sparkly cushions

an old fashioned wooden stool

costume jewellery, evening gloves, hats

Geelong footy jumpers

#### Tickets

Tickets for Cinders will go on sale from Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May. Each ticket will be \$7. There is a limited number of seats so initially there will be a maximum of four tickets per family to make sure no families miss out. SLPS students DO NOT need tickets but all other family members do, including younger brothers and sisters, three and older. Please buy your tickets as soon as possible. In the first week of June we will advertise and sell any remaining tickets. All income from ticket sales will go to offset the cost of the production. There will also be a raffle on the night.

#### How can you help?

We need your help to make Cinders a big success by:

- Talking to your child. Asking them what their role is and helping them prepare for it. This may be learning lines, words to a song or practising movements.
- Organising your child's costume.
- Making sure you are available on the night to get your child to Parks Hall by 6pm.
- Buying tickets
- You can also help by donating costumes and props, helping with organisation and planning, helping with transport of props and scenes to Parks Hall, especially if you have a ute! Call in to see me to offer your assistance.

Have you thought about being on School Council? SLPS has a vacancy at the moment, so if you are keen to be involved in school governance and join a dedicated band of parents and staff please let me know.

I will be on leave next week and Mrs Layley will be Acting Principal. I will look forward to finding out about the Lightning Premiership and Book Fair on my return.

Also I know many families have asked about remembrance for our much loved cleaner Terri as the anniversary of her passing nears. We will have a Scarf Day for Terri on Friday June 1.

Jenny Cowburn  
Principal.

## **School Fees Please!**

Our learning programs rely heavily on subject contributions from parents/carers. We have been fortunate to be able to buy, in bulk, extensive stationery stock for every classroom, as well as a great supply of materials and equipment for STEAM, Art, Physical Education and Music. We are currently looking at updating our take home readers at a cost of around \$2000. Thank you to those families who have paid fees promptly. A large number of fees are still outstanding and we would appreciate payment as soon as possible. If you have not paid please see Janette or Jenny to do so or to discuss alternative arrangements.

## **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 Portarlinton 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

## **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 \$6714 Last week's numbers were 01, 07, 08, 09 & 16.

## **Student Banking**

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

## **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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Mothers' day Raffle  
Entertainment Books

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