



October 11th 2018 Newsletter No. 17



Welcome back everyone! A special welcome to twelve new students and their families who started this week. Term 4, as always is a busy one! During the next ten weeks students will continue their learning, and begin to identify and learn more about their passions, assessment of learning across the semester in key learning areas will take place, and end of year reports will be written. We will reflect on our achievements across the year as individuals and as a learning community, think about where we need to improve as we make plans for 2019, and of course, we will celebrate as we end 2018.

We have already started STEAM rotations this week with students doing hands on learning in the garden and at the Men's Shed, completing science experiments, learning to create digital portfolios, to code and create digital games. We are also fortunate to have Tanya and Kate from Bellarine Community Health on board this term to take several Healthy Relationships sessions with our Grade 5/6 students.

A calendar is attached so that families can put dates in their home calendars, but please check diaries and newsletters for updates.

Safety is our School Wide Positive Behaviour focus this term. Please support us by:

- Ensuring children have broad brimmed hats to be sun safe
- Using the Car Park and Wattletree Rd safely and following road rules
- Encouraging students to walk bikes in the school ground and use the path on the north side of the building. All children under grade 3 should be accompanied by adults if they are riding home.
- Make sure students are at school by 8.50 so there is no stress and last minute rush – this is often a time when accidents happen
- Update emergency contacts and phone numbers

Buildings and Grounds are a community effort – Can you help at our Working Bee?

It's a busy time of the year as far as grounds and maintenance are concerned. We have achieved a lot over the holidays with paths around the gaga pit improved, seat under verandah repaired and newly painted seahorses returned to the gaga pit, thanks to the Men's Shed. We now have a new long jump pit, thanks to the Men's Shed and John Pace and many maintenance tasks completed. Thank you also to Nicole White for controlling our weeds. Electrical and data cabling will be completed this term, which will include security lighting and speakers and networking to the shed and portable building.

We still have many minor tasks that need to be done, so please lend a hand at our Working Bee on Sat 20th from 10 am to 12 noon. Many hands make light work! We have soft fall mulch to go around the playgrounds and a lot of small cleaning jobs to do. Even an hour of your time would be appreciated.

Student absences and late arrivals

It's Not OK to be Away! In term 3 we lost 473 days of learning because of students not being at school...over one whole year of learning. 163 of those days were unexplained absences and 89 were later arrivals or early departures. 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, notifying the class teacher directly or phoning the office explaining why your child is absent from school. We are able to put Attendance Plans in place for families who require additional support and when we work together we are able to achieve more positive outcomes.

Lunch Orders on Fridays

Lunch orders will be available on Fridays only this term from <http://www.freshmealairy.com.au/>
Order and pay by 9pm Thursday evenings

Grade 3/4 Camp at Camp Wyuna, Queenscliff

Our grade 3s and 4s are off to Queenscliff on November 1st and 2nd to enjoy a wonderful camping experience, which is full of hands on learning experiences. Forms will be sent home this week to finalise camp arrangements. The camp bed capacity is 32, and the cost for those students is \$100. Students who will be joining camp as day only participants will need to pay \$30.

This week in art lessons students have created fish for display at the following event. It sounds like fun so you may like to go along and join in, as well as checking out our wonderful art work

Hooked on Bellarine 2018

Anglers and seafood lovers celebrating National Gone Fishing Day on Sunday 14 October need look no further than Portarlington for a family-friendly day on the Bellarine Peninsula. The free 'Hooked on Bellarine' event will have something for everyone showcasing the region as a fishing and seafood mecca. The event will run from 10am until 4pm on the Portarlington Safe Harbour Foreshore.



Hosted by the VFA with support from Bellarine Bayside Coastal Management, the event is funded through the State Government's *Target One Million* plan, which is investing a record \$46 million to get more people fishing, more often. Victorian Fisheries Authority's (VFA) newest ambassador Bachar Houli from the Richmond Football Club. Bachar is a very keen angler and regularly takes his own boat out with friends and family to explore Victoria's bays and inlets in search of fresh fish.

Sam Goodwin from Masterchef will be showing off his cooking skills with tasty seafood recipes that everyone can try at home featuring Portarlington-grown mussels and fresh fish.

Aaron Habgood from Reel Adventures will be on hand to share fishing tips and secrets on catching more snapper, King George whiting and gummy shark, all fantastic eating species on the dinner table.

For the kids, expert anglers from local fishing clubs will be providing free instruction through several 'come and try' clinics on the day. Everything is provided!

Other 'Hooked on Bellarine' attractions include:

- Stands selling freshly cooked seafood and local produce, including blue mussels which Portarlington is famous for
- Dr Corey Green from the VFA on research about snapper, King George whiting and calamari
- Kristina Royter providing fly casting instruction
- Kids amusements and activities
- Local market stalls
- Tables and chairs to relax and enjoy the waterfront views.

Sunglasses

As St Leonards Primary School is a sunsmart school we have purchased 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

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 \$7668. Last week's numbers were 01, 04, 05, 06 & 11.