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What a busy place our school is! Learning is in full swing in classrooms with some wonderful work being created and ideas and questions up for discussion. As well as students taking part regularly in our specialist areas of music, drumming, STEAM, library, Indonesian and MARC, this week we have had swimming and snorkelling, and next week Grade 5/6s are catching trains and buses to go on a three day adventure camp at Malmsbury.

Swimming Sports

It was wonderful to see the enthusiasm, confidence and skills displayed by students as they participated in a range of pool events that catered for all abilities. Great sportsmanship was on show and the events ran like a well-oiled machine, thanks to the organisation and dedication of our teachers and Janette and Fiona. It was great to see so many parents attending to share the experience with their children.

Snorkelling



Congratulations to our Grade 5/6 students who have learnt to snorkel and participated in a citizen science project from St Leonards Pier, which is only a 2minute walk from the school. It is terrific to see students and teachers learning in and with the community and making the most of the amazing natural resources that St Leonards has to offer.

From Jarrod and Tess, our excellent instructors they have gained a greater awareness of the marine environment and the importance of conservation and sustainability. This program has really engaged and empowered our students and helped them to learn to take care of the world where they live by taking action in their own community. Thank you so much to The Bendigo Bank who have sponsored the program. We hope that it will be a learning experience for all Grade 5/6 students in future years.

Stay up to date with what's happening: Get the St Leonards Updat-Ed App

We now have over 25% of our families using the app to access the calendar and newsletter and receive reminders. Calendar details for next term will be completed soon, but for those who like to plan ahead, you may already notice a curriculum day on April 24th, which will mean a four day break from school over that weekend.

Celebrating Learning to Learn

Come in and see what we have been learning !

Tuesday 28th March 8.30 -9 am

We'd love students to bring their families into school when they come for breakfast on Tuesday the 28th. The school is brimming with student work around the Learning to Learn inquiry done by all classes this term. Please pop in and have a look!

What does Mr Price do at SLPS?

This year my role at S.L.P.S is a new and exciting one. I am looking forward to working in and with all grades across the school and together with everyone facing some new interesting challenges. Amongst other things my role will include S.T.E.A.M and P.E.

STEAM is an educational approach to learning that uses Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics as access points for guiding student inquiry, dialogue, and critical thinking. The end results are students who take thoughtful risks, engage in experiential learning, persist in problem-solving, embrace collaboration, and work through the creative process. These are the innovators, educators, leaders, and learners of the 21st century!

The purpose of PE is to physically educate, by combining cognitive thinking skills and physical movement, using sporting activities as a vehicle. Throughout the year students will work on their knowledge and understanding of anatomical and physiological structure and function, the ability to; develop skills, make and apply decisions, develop physical and mental capacity to succeed, evaluate and improve performance, and most importantly promote and understand the importance of a healthy and active lifestyle.

I hope that all students will enjoy taking this new path with me throughout 2017 which will add yet another string to the bow of St. Leonards Primary school.

Cheers

Ben Price

School Photos

School Photos will be taken on Monday 27th March between 9am -1.00pm, please make sure to have the envelopes and money back to school by Monday.

School Fees

All unpaid fees need to be paid as soon as possible, as there are still many outstanding. If you have any concerns or queries please talk to Jenny or Janette at the office, BPay is available.

Headlice

Its headlice time again so please keep up the regular checks - make it a Sunday night routine. There are lots of products available from hairdressers, chemists and supermarkets. Lavender based products seem to be efficient and the conditioner/fine tooth comb routine is not too difficult. Remember to inform your class teacher if you have treated your child so we can gauge the level of cases and determine whether a whole school check is warranted. It helps to have long hair tied back at school.

In need of a good home....a cubby and chairs

The makeover of the portable is almost complete, but we no longer have room for the **climbing castle cubby**. If you have little ones at home and plenty of room you may like to consider giving it a home. There are also some green plastic outdoor chairs to go. See Janette or Jenny

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.

School Banking

Monday is school banking day. Make regular deposits to earn some great rewards.

End of Term Raffle

Raffle tickets are \$1 each or 3 @ \$2.00 are attached to today's newsletter for a \$50 seafood voucher very kindly donated by **Whites Fisheries** in Drysdale, if you need more tickets please call into the school office.