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PYJAMA DAY tomorrow!

Our student leadership team are asking everybody to wear their PJ's and bring a gold coin donation to raise money for the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal.

It was wonderful to see so many students sharing their inquiry work on 'Learning to Learn' with families during breakfast on Tuesday morning. The classrooms have some very unique examples of how the brain works, ideas for what you can do to become a more powerful learner, examples of different learning styles and questions to provoke learning. We know that this investigation has enabled children to see themselves as learners and begin to add some things to their learning tool kit ready for the future.

In nine short weeks we have achieved much, with all students off to a great start, classroom expectations and the School Wide Positive Behaviour framework established and learning investigations completed.

Our student leadership team has already begun to have an impact in the school with birthday cards, raffles and Pyjama Day organised for tomorrow.

Students have participated in regular specialist lessons with the MARC program, Indonesian, music and drumming and physical education and have certainly embraced the introduction of STEAM and library sessions, and art for P-3. Cross country and Swimming Sports and snorkelling have provided students with sporting opportunities and it's terrific to see such a high level of participation and sportsmanship.

The grade 5/6s are to be credited for their efforts at the Doxa Camp at Malmsbury, and based on the video evidence and stories a great time was had by all. A big thank you to Monique, Ben and Sam for taking on the extra responsibilities and putting in the extra hours that such a camping program requires.

Jenny Cowburn
Acting Principal

Cross Country



Congratulations to all students who pushed themselves, did their personal best and displayed great sportsmanship to complete the gruelling cross country course on Tuesday. Thanks to teachers, especially Mr Price for the smooth organisation of the event. It was wonderful to have such a large group of spectators to cheer students on.

Cross country champions:

Prep Brianna

Grade 1 Jed & Pheobe

Grade 2 Murphy & Elektra

Grade 3 Zane & Daniella

Grade 4 Edan & Sharna

Grade 5 Aiden & Brianna

Grade 6 Levi & Summer

Next term continues to be an exciting one at SLPS with learning plans well underway. **Term 2 commences on Tuesday, April 18th. The following Monday 24th and Tuesday 25th are holidays for students.** The term 2 calendar is available on the Updat-ed App and an updated paper copy will be sent home in week 1.

School Review and Strategic Plan 2018 – 2022

We will be asking the whole community, students, teachers, parents and guardians to be involved during May and June when we gather feedback and celebrate our achievements in preparation for a review by the Department of Education. From these findings the school will develop a new plan for the next 4 years.

Asthma Management

For those families who have asthmatic students: Does your child have an updated asthma management plan for 2017? It is a Department of Education requirement that these are renewed annually. Please also ensure that any medication that is stored at school is up-to-date. The holiday break would be a good time to review plans and medication with your family doctor ready for term 2.

Supervision Before School

To make sure that all children are safe before school we have a teacher on duty from 8.45, except Tuesdays when we have breakfast from 8.30. To ensure duty of care children should not arrive at school before 8.45. If your child is old enough to travel to school independently please talk to them about this and about being responsible and coming straight to school. Teachers sometimes see SLPS students at the shops before school, but they assure us that they have parent permission to be there.

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.

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.

School Banking

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

End of Term Raffle

Don't forget to get your raffle tickets in for your chance to win a \$50 seafood voucher very kindly donated by **Whites Fisheries** in Drysdale.

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 \$4650 Last week's numbers were 03, 06, 08, 10, 19.