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## **April 20th, 2017 Newsletter No. 6**

On Tuesday morning it was delightful to stand in front of one hundred smiling faces, all happy to be back at school and ready to get stuck into another term of learning.

I am thrilled to have been appointed principal at St Leonards and look forward continuing working in and with our school community, to provide the very best learning outcomes for our students. It is a perfect time for our school to have a review so that we can develop a purposeful and rigorous plan for the coming years.

Victorian State Schools are reviewed every 4 years to develop a strategic plan for the following 4 years. The review format is now based on the Department of Education FISO Model (Focus on Improving Educational Outcomes) which you can see on display at school.

The Review Panel includes the Principal, School Council President, the school's Senior Advisor, an independent reviewer and two Principals from other schools. The Panel gather evidence through reports and discussions with our teachers, staff, students, parents and carers. They also check that the school's policy documentation is up to date and compliant with the VQRA (Victorian Quality Regulation Authority)

This is an opportune time to celebrate achievements, identify our strengths and examine future needs. The more input we have from the whole school community the more meaningful and successful our review will be.

The review will take place in term 3 and in preparation we need to do school self-evaluation tasks this term. The whole school community – teachers, staff, parents and students will be invited to have input, so stay tuned. There will be a range of ways, across the term, for you to do so and we will value your ideas and opinions.

Welcome to three new families who have joined our school. Hayley who is in Grade 1, and her brother Ethan who is in Grade 3, and Ruby who is also in Grade 3 all started school on Tuesday. Today Chloe, who is in Grade 6 and her sister Shai, Grade 4, had their first day at school. I know you will join me in welcoming them and their parents to our community.

Next week is another short school week for students. Monday is a curriculum day. All teachers will be attending the Learners as Thinkers Conference at Kingswood Primary School in Dingley so there will be nobody at school, and Tuesday is ANZAC Day. Breakfast Club will start at 8.30 on Tuesday May 2<sup>nd</sup> and this will be a Ride to School Day as well. The term calendar is attached to today's newsletter and you can also view the calendar on the Schools web site, Up-dated, the app is easy to use.

Jenny Cowburn  
Principal

### **Indonesian Day Friday May 5th**

Selamat siang,

Term 2 is here! This means it is getting closer to the Indonesian Day on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May. Families are reminded to please return the food tasting forms for each student. The students are asked to bring their snack and lunch as usual on this day.

On the day, students are asked to wear something red and/or white or traditional Indonesian clothing.

All families are welcome to attend the special assembly at 2.30pm on this day. We will celebrate the Indonesian language and culture and hear about the activities that the students have been involved in on the day.

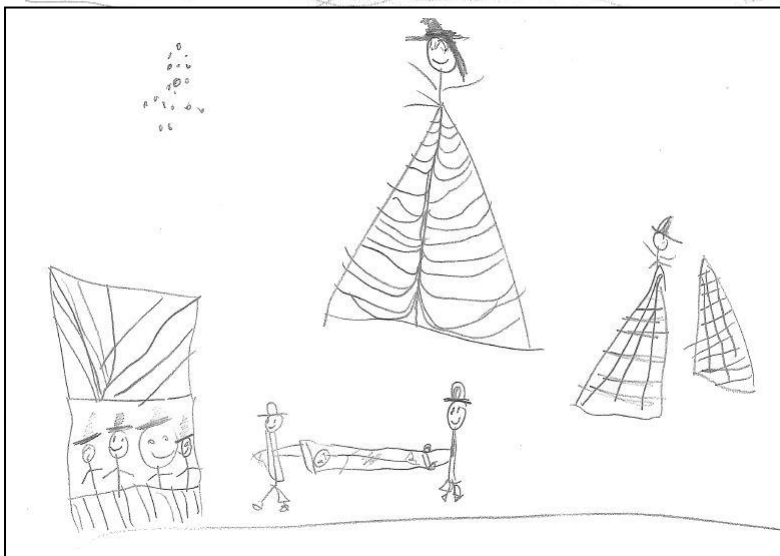
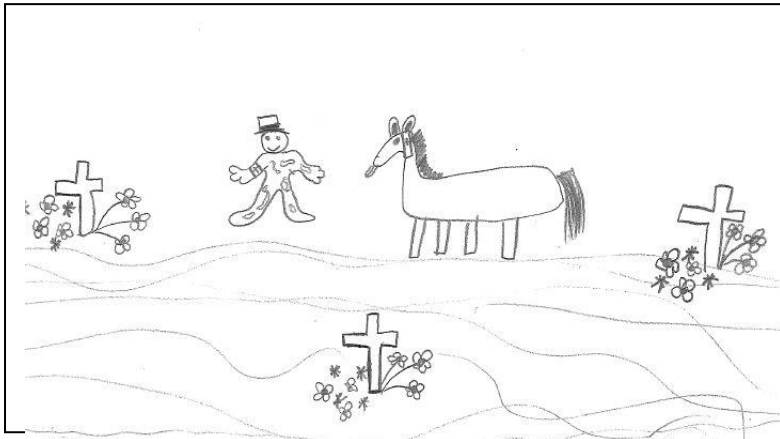
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### **Open Air Brass For Grade 3-6 students**

Come and be part of a band! We are very proud of some of our students who already participate in this program which is organized with Geelong West Brass Band through the Salvation Army. Each Tuesday students are picked up after school and transported to Geelong to participate, and return to St Leonards at 6.30. They also have great opportunities throughout the year to share what they have learnt by performing to live audiences. Please let Janette or Jenny know if you are interested.

## ANZAC Day

Thank you to students who brought along some flowers today to include in our wreath. Tomorrow senior students will host our ANZAC assembly at 9am and school captains, Jorja and Kalysha and I will represent our school at the Schools Ceremony in Geelong. All students have been learning about the importance of ANZAC day and there is some wonderful artwork being done to express their understanding and ideas.



Poppies by grade 5/6 students  
Simpson and his Donkey by Tiana Grade 1/2  
(top left) and Simpson learning to be a stretcher  
bearer in Egypt by Zayah (bottom left)

## “SAFE PLATE DAY”

***FREE Service! Have your number plate fitted with anti-theft screws for free!***

***Sat 22 April 2017***

***10.00am to 1.00pm***

***St Leonards Men’s Shed,  
Cole Street, St Leonards  
also sausage sizzle on site!***

### School Fees

Thank you to those families who have already paid fees. At this stage we only have payment from about a third of families and we do rely on this income to pay for your children’s learning supplies. Overdue invoices have gone home. Please make payment promptly or if you need more time talk to Janette or Jenny at the office.