February 7th, 2013 Newsletter No. 2

Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

FAMILY BBQ AND INFORMATION SESSION
A family barbecue and information sharing session will be held on Tuesday, February 12th commencing at 6.00 pm. This is an opportunity for our school community to get together and particularly for us to welcome new families to the school. There will be a sausage sizzle provided by School Council and cordial to drink.

Parents are welcome to bring along other food and drinks.

The information session times will be staggered, commencing with Prep at 6.30pm, Grade 1/2 at 6.45pm, Grade 3/4 at 7.00pm and Grade 5/6 at 7.15pm.

Teachers will outline their expectations for the year and parents will have the opportunity to share any information about their children that may impact on their schooling.

LUNCH ORDERS
Lunch orders will commence next week. Lunches can be ordered from Café Ink each day. Please write the order on a paper bag and place the money inside – correct change if possible and place it in the basket in each classroom. The café delivers the orders to school just before lunch. A menu and price list is attached.

SCHOOL WEB SITE
The school web site www.stleonardsps.vic.edu.au is updated regularly with photos of school and class activities and samples of children’s work. The newsletter is also available each week on the web site, so please take the time to check it out.

DRUMMING PROGRAM
We are very pleased to have received a grant from the CASS Foundation that provides funding for a drumming program for our students. Today all children have attended a session with David, our drumming instructor, and over the year each class will have a term of drumming in small groups. Grade 3 and 4 will be involved this term. Research shows that the development of rhythm and frequency activities using percussion instruments complements and enhances mathematical skills. Success in percussion activities also can lead to increased concentration and self-esteem, which in turn improves students’ achievement in school.

ELECTION OF STUDENT LEADERS
Elections for School Captains and House Captains and Vice captains will be held on Friday at 1.40 pm. Each candidate will make a short speech outlining why they should be elected. Parents and friends are welcome to come along and support the children.

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.

PERSONAL INSURANCE
The Department of Education does not cover children for accidents or illness at school, so families should make private arrangements if they want this cover.

PLAYGROUP
Play Group has started on Wednesdays from 9.30 – 11.00 am in the room at the back of the playground.

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FEBRUARY
Friday 8th Elections for student leaders 1.40 pm
Tuesday 12th Family BBQ and Information sessions
Wednesday 13th MARC library service begins

Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA)
All forms must be returned to the office and your Centrelink card copied by Friday February 22nd.
STUDENT INFORMATION FORMS
All students have received the forms asking for permission for Walking Excursions, Use of Photographs, student well-being and RE and an eSmart Internet Agreement. Please return these forms as soon as possible.

BOOKS AND MATERIALS
At St. Leonards PS, to provide books and materials at the cheapest possible price for parents we buy in bulk and provide all class requirements directly to the children. Parents are required to pay $125.00 for the year as soon as possible. This includes $65.00 to cover each child’s pens, pencils, books, stationery and $60.00 for extras that are provided for each child such as provision of the MARC library service, art materials, sports equipment, ICT, cooking ingredients, photography and printing. If you have a Health Care Card you are eligible to receive EMA, then this can be used to pay for all books and materials. Please see Janette at the office if you have not yet completed your EMA form. If you have any problems about paying, please let me know. Invoices have been sent home to each family. These payments are in line with Department of Education guidelines. We do not ask for any voluntary financial contribution.

FUNDRAISING
ICY POLES
Icy poles are sold at lunch times for 40 cents each and funds raised will go towards our end of year disco.

FRUIT
Fruit will be sold at playtime and lunch time for 40 cents a piece. On Fridays, all children will receive a free piece of fruit at morning playtime.

MINI LOTTO
Next week’s jackpot is $6192. Last week’s numbers were 7, 10, 15, 19 20. $2.00 entry, cross off 5 numbers, envelopes available from the office. Drawn at the Bowling Club each Friday at 7.30 pm.

COMMUNITY NEWS
ST. LEONARDS BASKETBALL
The summer season continues. There will be training for the Under 12 boys’ team on Tuesday. The team will play at 5.40 on Wednesday February 13th.

PORTARLINGTON DEMONS FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB
Junior Footy Sign Up
Membership fee $100, includes insurance.
For further details contact: Dave McNamara Junior Coordinator 0428 591059 or Steve Ryan 0408 002769.

BELLARINE SHARKS SOCCER
Bellarine Sharks first junior training session is at the Ocean Grove beach behind the Collendina pub at the end of Bonnyvale Rd. Sunday 17th of Feb at 10am for one hour. Call Murray or Donna 5257 2106 for more information.

MUSIC LESSONS AT SCHOOL
For students. Prep - 6, beginners to advanced.
Megan Birch Music offers tuition in the following instruments: piano, keyboard, guitar & singing.
If you would like the opportunity to give music to your child please contact: Meagan mbmt@bigpond.com or Fax 5264 5109

HOCKEY
What: Hockey on the Bellarine
Who: Primary school age children
When: Fridays 4:30pm-5:30pm
Where: St Ignatius College, Drysdale (enter via Gillies Rd)
How much: $3 per week (to cover ground hire) or $12 up front for all 6 weeks.
Start: 15th February for 6 weeks
Wear: Runners/sneakers and clothes to run around in, shin guards if you have them, mouth guard, hockey stick if you have one or just turn up and we’ll lend you one
More information: Call Gillie on 0439 309 081

SCHOOL BANKING
Bring your deposit and book to the office on Wednesdays. See Janette for more details.