Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

CURRICULUM DAY CANCELLED
The Curriculum Day that was to be held on Monday, April 22nd has been cancelled today by the presenter due to illness. We are very sorry, but this is beyond our control. May 6th will now be a curriculum day.

BRAVEHEARTS
The Bravehearts presentation for preps, 1’s and 2’s that was to have been on Wednesday had to be postponed until Thursday as Ditto the bear got lost on the way to St Leonards! This was a most valuable session for our children about personal safety.

ANZAC DAY
Thursday, April 25th is a public holiday for Anzac day.

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN
Please collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Points when you shop at Woolworths between Monday 8 April and Sunday 9 June 2013. For every $10 spent at Woolworths you will receive a Woolworths Earn & Learn Point. There is a box near the office for stickers.

TERM PLANNER
Our term planner is attached to today’s newsletter. Further information about activities during the term can be found on our school’s web site www.stleonardsps.vic.edu.au

LIFE EDUCATION
A request for payment for the Life Education program has been sent home. This is an essential part of our school’s health and drug education program and the session in the van will be followed by related class lessons, so all students are expected to attend. The specially trained Life Ed educator works with schools to develop programs/sessions to support the provision of drug and health education within the school. Sessions are designed to be age specific and sequential. Research shows that the earlier we encourage children to develop positive self image, self esteem and a feeling of uniqueness, the better equipped they are to make positive healthy choices later in life. Life Education assists student to:

- acquire age appropriate knowledge to support informed health choices
- develop and practise skills and strategies to act upon individual decisions
- recognise the values and attitudes that may influence lifestyle choices and behaviours.

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL COMMUNITIES PROGRAMS
Our after school sports programs for term 2 will commence in the week beginning April 30th. There will be 2 programs, AFL football on Tuesdays and Dance on Thursdays. Forms will be sent home next week.

FITNESS PROGRAM
We will be starting a weekly fitness program on Mondays at 11.30 am, with children rotating through a variety of activities. The fitness levels of many of our year 3 – 6 students in particular are of concern and we encourage all parents to ensure that their children participate. Children should wear shoes suitable for sport on Mondays.

PLAYGROUP
Play Group meets on Wednesdays from 9.30 – 11.00 am in the room at the back of the playground. Next week children are asked to bring along a photo of their favourite pet. See the web site www.stleonardsps.vic.edu.au for details of future programs.
NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH CITIZEN OF THE TERM
Congratulations to Declan Troy who was chosen for the Neighbourhood Watch Citizen award in term 1. Declan received this award for being a great buddy to the new preps and for working conscientiously and being a good role model for other students.

FUNDRAISING
EASTER RAFFLE
The winners of the Easter raffle were 1st prize Charis & Aisha, 2nd prize Jonty and 3rd Riley.

SEAFOOD VOUCHER
The end of term raffle for a seafood voucher was won by Leanne Jacques.

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 $699. Last week’s numbers were 2, 8, 11, 14, 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 Under 12 team will commence training on Tuesday after school.

BELLARINE SHARKS SOCCER: COME PLAY LOCAL SOCCER
Bellarine Sharks Soccer Club regular junior training Fridays.
Training starts at 4.45pm at Len Trewin Reserve, Cole St. St Leonards. Contact Murray on 52572106 for details.

MUSIC LESSONS AT SCHOOL
For students, Prep - 6, beginners to advanced.
Megan Birch Music offers tuition in the following instruments: piano, keyboard, guitar & singing.
To enrol in our 4 week trial, or to obtain an information package please contact: Meagan: mbmt@bigpond.com

DAY CARE, BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE IN ST LEONARDS
Accredited scheme, Government rebate available.
Full time, part time, casual & vacation care as well as before and after school care. Contact Julie 0409 876 983.

TUNING INTO KIDS
Tuning into Kids is a six session parenting program to help you help your children to learn to understand and regulate their emotions, which in turn will lead to them becoming more resilient. It teaches parents:
- Awareness and regulation of their own emotions
- Awareness of their children’s emotions
- To use children’s emotional experiences as an opportunity for closeness & teaching
- Skills in assisting children to verbally label their emotions
- To guide children’s behaviour with appropriate limits.
Location: Bellarine Community Health, 21-23 Palmerston Street, Drysdale.
When: Thursdays, 9.30 – 11.30 am from May 2nd to June 6th.
Contact: 5251 2291
Cost: $5.00 concession, or $15.00.

SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE
The School Dental Service, which is located at Point Lonsdale in the Community Centre, is currently offering dental treatment to all children from prep – year 6. Phone the clinic on 5258 0828 to make an appointment.
Parents who hold a valid Health Care Card are not charged for treatment if their child requires dental work. Non HCC holders pay a fee of $27.50 and this covers all treatment.

DOLLARMITES SCHOOL BANKING COMPETITION
There are some great prizes to be won if you make three or more school banking deposits during term 2. Prizes include a $5,000 family adventure holiday anywhere in Australia with $500 spending money and kid’s adventure packs valued at over $700 that include a Wii U, walkie talkies, a waterproof camera and a Razor eSpark electric scooter.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT – GRAND FAMILY NIGHT
Family Night is a new program running on Wednesday nights at the Grand Hotel, Portarlington.
Ages: 3-10  Time: 5.30 - 8.30  Bookings Recommended: (03) 5259 2260