Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY
Our students did a great job cleaning up on the foreshore last Friday. Thanks to Bellarine Bayside for providing all the materials for cleaning and the barbecue. There was a terrific picture and article in the Bellarine Times on Monday and look out for another article in this week’s Echo.

ART DAY
Art Day on Monday was a most enjoyable and productive day for all our budding artists. Thank you to all staff members for organising lots of different activities. Our Gallery should look wonderful once we complete the job of framing the art works the children have chosen and hanging them.

SCHOOL WEB SITE
The school web site [www.stleonardsps.vic.edu.au](http://www.stleonardsps.vic.edu.au) is updated regularly. See the photos from the clean up and art day in the Photo Gallery.

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
The Annual General Meeting of School Council and first meeting of the new School Council will be held on Monday, March 18th at 3.30 pm in the staffroom. All parents are welcome to attend the Annual Meeting, that will be held first.

PUBLIC HOLIDAY
The school will be closed on Monday, March 11th 2013, as it is a public holiday for Labour Day.

BOOKS AND MATERIALS
We hope that all parents can complete payment for books and other class materials that the children have received as soon as possible, as we want these finalised. Invoices have been sent home to each family. These payments are in line with Department of Education guidelines.

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

RIDING TO SCHOOL
Children below grade 4 are NOT permitted to ride bikes, scooters, green machines or any other contraption to school unless they are accompanied by an adult. Advice from road safety experts is that until children are about 10 years they cannot accurately judge distances and do not have fully developed peripheral vision to be safe on the roads.

WATER & BRAIN FOOD
We encourage all children to have a bottle of water on their table in class and to bring along some “Brain Food” in a small container to eat in class. Suitable healthy snacks include unsalted nuts, dried fruit, fresh fruit cut into small portions, diced vegetables, seeds such as sunflower or pumpkin and plain rice crackers.

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 OF THE WEEK**

Prep – Saxon Varlet
Fantastic handwriting of the alphabet

Grade 1 – Ethan Coleman
Great work counting by 2’s & 10’s

Grade 2 – Chloe Diwell
Settling in well at SLPS

Grade 3 – Ethan Macdonald
Attentive listening at Barwon Waste Wise

Grade 4 – Rhiana McIntosh
Being a great partner doing research on Antarctica

Grade 5 – Harley Crabbe
Fantastic participation and knowledge at Barwon Waste Wise

Grade 6 – Isabel Kincaid
Being a fantastic leader for our school

**FUNDRAISING**

**EASTER CHOCOLATE DRIVE**
If you would like to order and can collect some orders from family and friends, please have the forms back at school by Friday, March 8th, so that we can have the orders ready before Easter.

**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 $6411. Last week’s numbers were 3, 10, 11, 15, 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**
Under 12 Division 4: Wednesday, March 13th, 4.50 pm at Bellarine Sports Centre, Drysdale.
There will be training for the Under 12 boys’ team on Tuesday.

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

**OLIVER THE MUSICAL**
What : QLTG presents Oliver The Musical in Pt. Lonsdale
When : 10 shows between March 15th-23rd ( includes 2 matinees and one twilight show)
Where : Pt. Lonsdale Primary School Hall
Cast of 60 includes 28 children
Directed by Debbie Fraser of GSODA
Tickets available now online at qltg.org.au Box Office every Sunday at Pt. L School Hall 10am-noon Group discounts available contact qltg.theatre@gmail.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.

**DRYSDALE TENNIS CLUB WINTER SEASON TENNIS**
Winter Tennis season will soon be here. If you wish to play in a great family friendly environment, give Drysdale Tennis Club a go!
Winter tennis season starts on Saturday 27th April, & we need your application by Sunday 17th March.
For further information please contact Kerry Humphrey on 0400 078 337 or email drysdalecomputers@bigpond.com

**SAINT IGNATIUS COLLEGE 2013 OPEN DAY**
Sunday March 24th 11:00am-2:00pm. Information sessions at 11:00am and 12.15pm.
Saint Ignatius College 27 Peninsula Drive, Drysdale. 3222Phone: 5251 1136