Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

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

CROSS COUNTRY
The school cross country event will be held on Thursday, March 21\textsuperscript{st} at the St Leonards cricket ground. We will be leaving school to walk to the oval at 11.30 am, and the first event will be the Preps’ race, followed by grade 1, grade 2 etc. The older children will run around the track around the lake. Each grade will run a suitable distance for their age and all races will start on the oval. Please make sure that all children wear shoes suitable for running. Parents and friends are welcome to come along and support the runners.

RIDE2SCHOOL DAY
On Friday, March 22\textsuperscript{nd}, we hope that everyone can walk, ride, scoot or skate at least some of the way to school. If families live too far away to walk or ride all the way, perhaps children could walk the last part of the journey. There will be a yummy, healthy breakfast at school from 8.30 am. The Golden Boot Award will be awarded to the grade that has the highest percentage of active travellers.

CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE
The Department of Education and Childhood Development (DEECD) provides financial assistance in the form of a conveyance allowance to help families in rural and regional Victoria with the cost of transporting their children to their closest appropriate school. This year the Department has made changes to the way that the conveyance allowance is claimed, with all claims now being processed online. To receive a conveyance allowance individual students must meet all of the following criteria:

- Attend the closest appropriate school
- Reside 4.8km or more from the school (shortest practicable route from the student’s home to the school). This is calculated online.

As a result, some families who have previously received this allowance will no longer be eligible. If you believe that you should receive the allowance, please contact the office.

SCHOOL WEB SITE
The school web site www.stleonardsps.vic.edu.au is updated regularly and all newsletters are available there.

BOOKS AND MATERIALS
We want to finalise payment for books and other class materials that the children have received by the end of term. Invoices have been sent home to each family. These payments are in line with Department of Education guidelines.

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

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### March 14th, 2013

**March 2013 Calendar**

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Lunch Orders are available from Café Ink daily.
STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep – Jeanine Cachia Gafa
Speaking confidently in class

Grade 1 – Aiden Butcher
Fantastic writing about sea horses

Grade 2 - Noah Troy
Great attitude to reading and reading activities

Grade 3 – Jamison Camilleri
Good understanding of strategies to use when adding

Grade 4 – Haylea Diwell
Excellent use of quotation marks

Grade 5 – Jaxon Cameron
Performing well in all areas at school

Grade 6 - Shaun Stewart
Taking on responsibility and showing commitment to his schooling

FUNDRAISING

EASTER CHOCOLATE DRIVE
The chocolates will be delivered next Thursday, March 21st. Please collect your orders after school from the office.

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 $6455. Last week’s numbers were 7, 8, 12, 17, 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: The Summer competition has finished and the Winter competition will start after the holidays. Many thanks to Aaron Croft for coaching to team and well done to all players, who have shown great improvement.

BELLARINE SHARKS SOCCER: COME PLAY LOCAL SOCCER
Bellarine Sharks Soccer Club 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
To play tennis 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

WEDNESDAY NIGHT – GRAND FAMILY NIGHT
Family Night is a new program running on Wednesday nights at the Grand Hotel, Portarlington. This program allows parents to enjoy a meal whilst the kids can have fun and a free meal in the care of a trained and experienced supervisor. Ages: 3-10  Time: 5.30 - 8.30  Bookings Recommended: (03) 5259 2260