Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

CROSS COUNTRY
The school cross country event was held at St Leonards Lake on Tuesday. It was terrific to see so many parents come along to support the runners. All children put in a really good effort. Grade champions were:

Prep          Avah Lewis & Edan Robinson
Grade 1       Emma Van Dorssen & Ethan Coleman
Grade 2       Kalysha McIntosh & Joel DeBono
Grade 3       Jamison Camilleri & Ethan Macdonald
Grade 4       Amber Davis & Zac Cloke
Grade 5       Chloe Lewis & Orson Juhasz
Grade 6       Isabel Kincaid & Seth Hay

HOUSE SWIMMING SPORTS
We had a great afternoon at Portarlington Pool on Wednesday and all children from grades 1 – 6 had lots of fun in their events. Grade champions were:

Grade 1       Hamish Cameron
Grade 2       Stephanie Vella
Grade 3       Jamison Camilleri
Grade 4       Brooke Miller & Zac Cloke
Grade 5       Jaxon Cameron
Grade 6       Isabella Minogue & Seth Hay

The winning House was Weeroona (blue) on 5.31 from Hygeia (red) on 5.26 and Ozone (green) 4.17.

DRUMMING PERFORMANCE
It was great to see lots of parents enjoying the drumming performance by our grade 3 and 4 students on Tuesday. It has been terrific to see the development and enjoyment from the children and we hope to see this reflected in their class work. Grade 5 and 6 will be doing drumming next term.

PURPLE DAY FOR EPILEPSY
Thank you to everyone for supporting Purple Day. We raised $84.00 for the Epilepsy Foundation.

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.

HEAD LICE
We have had many reports of children with head lice during the term, so over the holidays we hope that all parents will check for head lice and treat them if they are present. Whatever treatment you choose, it needs to be repeated every 3-4 days for 2 weeks to make sure all eggs are gone. Getting head lice is not a sign of poor hygiene, so don't be embarrassed if your child gets it. In fact, lice prefer clean hair as it allows them to move from hair to hair more easily.

What you need to know about head lice:
Lice are more a nuisance than a real health problem. A sure sign of a lice infestation is a child who is madly itching her head, particularly behind the ears and along the hairline on the neck. But don't fooled into thinking that if your child isn't itching that they must be lice-free - some children are fantastic hosts and seem to tolerate lice without noticeably itching (at least until the infestation has hit plague proportions!).

While long hair is more tedious to deal with during an infestation, cutting the hair will not solve the problem as the eggs are laid at the base of the hair shaft.
STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep – Aisha Clune Always trying her best
Grade 1 – Harley Walker Participating well in music
Grade 2 - Joel DeBono Excellent effort typing his “What am I?” clues
Grade 3 – Audrey Kincaid Understanding of fractions
Grade 4 – Zac Cloke Great participation & sportsmanship at soccer
Grade 5 – Alex Mavromoustakos Excellent participation at soccer
Grade 6 - Joshua Reaby Joining in school events

FUNDRAISING
EASTER CHOCOLATE DRIVE
Thank you to everyone who ordered. We made about $270.00 that will go towards our fundraising for a cubby house for the playground.

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 $6553. Last week’s numbers were 5, 7, 10, 13, 16. $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
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.

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.

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

FAMILY LAW NETWORK AUSTRALIA
We have recently launched the website Family Law Network Australia. The website is a free information resource and referral service for family law matters. The information provided on our website could be very useful and of great benefit to families. We invite you to visit Family Law Network Australia at www.familylawmattersaustralia.com.au

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.