In our school we are a community of learners, so learning is something we sometimes take for granted. This week I have really enjoyed spending time learning myself! On Monday I joined all our teachers, and some more from Portarlington and Newcomb Park Primary, so I could learn more about PAT testing. I learnt how important it is to be able to measure a child’s learning growth over their primary years and how to do this in mathematics and reading. I also learnt how to generate online reports, providing valuable analytical data to support your child’s learning, once they have completed PAT tests. On Tuesday my learning was about improving school communication through apps, website and newsletter. I’d like to thank School Councilor, Elissa Allen for being my learning buddy. Elissa and I are going to get together to experiment and learn more. If you’re interested in joining us please let me know.

Inquiry Learning Days ... three weeks in a row!
Inquiry Learning has a central focus and enables students to learn and integrate skills across a variety of subjects such as english, the arts, technology, science, geography and history. Learning is hands on and often challenge based. Students are encouraged to be creative and curious. Collaboration, thinking, posing questions, problem solving, creativity and a real connectedness to learning are key ingredients. We have inquiry learning days, where students will work in cross age groups to learn and explore, for the next three Thursdays: Mini Olympics, SLPS Scientists in Action and Book Week Activities. Our students are very engaged and have lots of fun on Inquiry Learning days, so they are often some of their most memorable experiences of primary school. Stay tuned for news about what we achieve. Families are welcome to join us next Thursday to cheer on our mini olympians.

Jenny Cowburn
Acting Principal

Digital Learners
We are very lucky to have many members of our community who volunteer their time and skills at our school. One of them is Jaren Fulwell, who has begun working with a group of interested senior students to explore digital technology. I know that they are very excited at the chance to tap into Jaren’s skills with coding, robotics and digital printing.

JEANS FOR GENES DAY
This Friday is Jeans for Genes Day... Jeans for Genes Day supports children’s medical research to give kids the brighter futures they deserve. Did you know that 1 in 20 kids are born with a genetic disease? That’s 1 in every classroom. Wear your jeans to school this Friday and bring a gold coin donation to fight childhood disease.
Updating Changes
If you have recently moved or changed any phone numbers please contact the school (phone or email st.leonards.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au) as soon as possible with the updated information. This can include changes to phone numbers (landlines and mobiles), living and postal address, email address and Emergency Contact details. Emergency Contacts are people that the school may need to contact in an emergency. Please ensure that the people named are aware that they have been nominated as emergency contacts and agree to their details being provided to St Leonards Primary School.

Working Bee - Wednesday 10th of August 2.30 - 4.30
This working bee will be to spread softfall mulch under the play equipment. If you are able to lend a hand, even for half an hour it would be appreciated. If you can BYO rake, shovel and or wheelbarrow.

So we can add to the art/maker needs in the shed can you send along trays and lids to put paint on or small sturdy plastic containers with lids eg: polystyrene fruit or meat trays, lids from ice-cream or yoghurt tubs.

Congratulations to our students of the week:
Prep – Jaidyn Ceravolo GREAT participation during reading Groups
Grade 1 – Harley DeRooy-Taylor Excellent effort completing his most used words
Grade 2 – Levi Di Pietro Representing fractions in different ways
Grade 3 – Ike Kincaid Creativity making creatures for the rainforest
Grade 4 – Ethan Sitlington A fantastic travel brochure on Brazil
Grade 5 – Ella Cooper Excellent effort completing division problems
Grade 6 - Audrey Kincaid Terrific problem solving using division

Indonesian Aiden Butcher Translating many Indo words relating to the topic of weather

Congratulations to the following students who were nominated by their peers for demonstrating our school value SAFETY, as part of our School Wide Positive Behaviour Program: Lily (Prep), Conor (Grade 1), Bella (Grade 2), Jesse (Grade 3), Eleanor (Grade 4), Jorja (Grade 5), Tamara (Grade 6).

Breakfast Club
Thanks to Joel and Charis for helping with breakfast on Tuesday.

School Fees
All unpaid fees need to be paid as soon as possible, as there are still many outstanding. If you have any concerns or queries please talk to Jenny or Janette at the office. CSEF does not cover books and materials. BPAY is available.

Playgroup
There are now two playgroup sessions held at school. Monday and Thursday mornings. Playgroup meets in the Playgroup Room at the back of the playground from 10.00 am – 12.00 noon. For bookings and information, please contact Tracey Marshall at tmarshall@geelongcity.vic.gov.au or 0427 670 905.

Mini Lotto
$2.00 entry, cross off 5 numbers, envelopes available from the office. Drawn at the Bowling Club each Friday at 7.30 pm. Jackpot is $3831. Last week’s numbers were 02, 03, 08, 13, 19

School Banking
Wednesday is school banking day. Make regular deposits to earn some great rewards.

The Geelong Food Relief Centre has been providing free food to those in need for 25 years. Working together with welfare agencies, last year we saw 11,000 families referred to GFRC for support. Once again we are asking you to donate items we are always in need of. These items form some of the basic items most families choose:
- Cereal, crackers, cake mix, powdered milk, pasta & sauce, flour, sugar, foil, clingwrap
- Kitchen tidy bags, toothbrushes, toothpaste
- Of course, all donations whether cans, boxes or packets are gratefully appreciated

St Leonards Film Society – Australian Film Societies Federation
Last Wednesday of the month February to November at 7.30pm at the Indented Head Community Hall.
For program: visit facebook.com/groups/1679431008995890/ Membership enquiries Lina 0421 343 988