Mini – Olympics

Last week 8 ‘countries’ participated in the SLPS Mini Olympics. Countries had members from all grades P-6, and chose their own name, colour and flag.

The **St Leonards Seals** did a fantastic job at the swimming relay because when they got to the other side they helped each other get the goggles on. Joel and Sarah

The **Seaside Blues** did a great job at the Hoola Hoop Relay and won the gold medal. They tried their best and supported each other. Audrey and Ella

In the dress up relay the whole **Olympians** team was completely AMAZING. We may not have won a medal but that didn’t stop our team from trying and not giving up. Maddy

When it was time for the exhibition events **Warriors** team members Jesse, Ike, Lachlan and Phoebe did a fantastic job on volunteering and you could tell that they worked hard. Jamison and Summer

We had a great banner and flag because everyone in the **Saltwater Sharks** team worked hard at it. Jorja and Jack

In **Brazilian Gold** Ebony did a great job with her gymnastics. She tried her best and was very good at her cartwheels. Tamara and Brianna

The **Sharcls** had Shannon demonstrate gymnastics. She did a magnificent job at her forward rolls, cartwheels and flips.

Our **St Leonards Seahorses** team did really amazing at all the events because they tried their best even though we didn’t win all of the races. Charis and Levi

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Open Air Musicians Perform at the Geelong Schools Music and Movement Festival

On Monday 15th August the Open Air brass band had a concert at Costa Hall. We played 5 songs: Mary Had a Little Lamb, Soft Kitty, You Are My Sunshine, Hickory Dickory Dock, and We Will Rock You. It was fun. The players were Aiden, Shawn, Lachie, Drew, Dylan, Tom and Olivia.

Congratulations and well done to all our Open Air students for performing confidently in such a large venue with a big crowd.
Athletics at Landy Field
Grade 3 – 6 students had an excellent day yesterday participating in a range of athletics events with other small schools at Landy Field.
Thank you to teachers Monique, Justine, Sue Orvis, Sue Dixon, Danielle Arbuckle and Georgie Burn for their hard work on the day.
A special thank you to Mr Wayth for all the organisation that goes on behind the scenes to make the day a success. I’m sure there were many stories shared at home last night of participation and sportsmanship.

Swimming Program
Our school’s Swimming Program commences on Monday September 5th at Portarlington Pool. This is a part of our school’s normal educational program so all children are expected to attend and is a very important life skill. Living in an area which is located near the water it is vitally important that our students learn to swim and understand what they need to do to keep themselves safe when swimming or playing near pools, rivers and other open water areas.

- Lunch will be at 12.30 pm while swimming is on, the bus will leave school at 1.00 pm.
- Qualified swimming teachers are employed to teach each group. We keep groups as small as possible.
- The first group will have a lesson from 1.30 – 2.00 pm and second group from 2.00 – 2.30 pm. Parents and friends are welcome to come to the pool and have a look at their child’s progress, but please check the group after day 1.
- Parents are welcome to help their child dress in the change rooms after the lesson, if required. (Ladies cannot go into the Men’s Change Rooms.)
- Please send along a bag for wet bathers and towel.
- Students will be given time to put on bathers before we leave school and are also welcome to wear their bathers to school as long as they can manage the toilet. Please make sure that underwear is provided if your child wears bathers.
- Every child has to wear a swimming cap at the pool. The school provides a named one for each child but children are welcome to bring their own.
- Long hair must be tied up so the cap can go on.
- We have some goggles but children are encouraged to bring their own if they need them.
- Children can wear thongs or sandals to the pool and back.

Congratulations to our students of the week:
Prep – Kalliopi Kyrou Excellent sportsmanship at our Mini Olympics
Grade 1 – Riley O’Doherty Excellent work writing all the sounds he can hear
Grade 2 – Tarryn Walker Great results on spelling and homework
Grade 3 – Dylan White Very good presentation of his information report
Grade 4 – Nathan Bartolo Being really organised in learning
Grade 5 – Joel De Bono Displaying wonderful leadership skills at the Mini Olympics
Grade 6 – Madelyn Blackwell For being an excellent student leader

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: Cash (Prep), Asher (Grade 1), Evelyn (Grade 2), Ike (Grade 3), Ethan S (Grade 4), Levi (Grade 5), Tamara (Grade 6).

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 $3876. Last week’s numbers were 05, 09, 15, 16, 17

Bulb Drive
Order forms and money due back 25th August 2016

Playgroup Raffle
Our St Leonards Playgroup has some wonderful wooden toys for raffles prizes. There are 5 prizes – A toy bassinet, a rattling wheel and 3 train sets. Tickets are $1.00 from playgroup members or the school office.
The raffle will be drawn on Monday 22nd August at Playgroup and announced at assembly on Tuesday.

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

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.
**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.

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

**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.

Indonesian Jamison Camilleri For contributing to discussions and for translating words

**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

**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.

Members of School Council in 2016 are: Kerri Cartledge – President, Elisa Allen - Vice President, Leanne Jacques – Treasurer, Jenny Cowburn - Executive Officer, Steve Walker, Jackie Cloke, Jenny Green, Susan Ballagh and Chris Layley.