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Learning to Learn

Our inquiry challenge this term enables all children to gain knowledge and understanding about their learning, so that they can become better learners. Many students have been investigating **helpers and blockers** to learning. Ask your child what their helpers and blockers are. The work featured by Paul and Nate may give you some ideas.



Term One in the Library with Sue Dixon

We have had a great start to the year in the library. We have discussed 'What makes a good library?' the different sections, types of books, how to borrow and how to return books correctly.

The students have completed activities about what they like about books and have made a colourful display with their work. In coming weeks the students will be involved in activities that relate to poetry, creating their own rhymes, poems and learning about authors who write creative and interesting poems.

Be at school on time, by 9! Don't be late show respect for our school and learning.

Being late is not fair to your child's learning and it's not fair to the rest of the class. At our school we have a lot of students arriving late each day. We encourage all families to show respect for learning and for the teacher and other students by being ready to start the day at 9am. Being on time lets kids start the day in a settled and organised way. They are tuned into learning, know what is going on and are not feeling rushed and under pressure. Give your child's learning every advantage by being on time.



Artists at Work

Students showed enthusiasm and creativity to create some wonderful artworks during Art Day. Every child worked in cross age groups from Prep to Grade 6 to create four different individual artworks. Teachers provided a range of materials and focus topics based on our whole school "Me as a Learner" investigation, which provided lots of scope for individual masterpieces and learning new techniques.

All students have chosen their favourite artwork to be framed and hung in our school gallery. We hope you will pop in and have a look in a week or two when all work is framed and hung.



Labour Day

Monday, March 13th is a public holiday for Labour Day. The school will be closed.

Swimming Sports – Grades 1 - 6

Parents and friends are welcome to join us for the swimming sports Wednesday, March 15th at 1.00pm at Portarlington Pool. Please make sure your child/children have bathers and a towel and goggles if required. There will be events to suit all levels of swimming and lots of fun!

School Council

The first meeting of our new school council was held on Monday. Congratulations to Steve Walker who has been elected President, Elisa Allen, Vice President and Leanne Jacques, Treasurer. They are joined by Jen Green, Susan Ballagh, Aenea Ross, Jen Egan, Chris Loughed and Chris Layley and, with Jenny Cowburn taking the role of Executive Officer. With a diverse range of dedicated members we look forward to an exciting and progressive year ahead. School councillors represent you, parents and guardians of our students, so please connect with them if you have ideas or topics you would like discussed at a meeting.

Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser

Thank you to all our school community who supported us at Bunnings on Saturday by coming to buy a sausage and a drink. A big thank you goes to Steve Walker and Jen Egan, for all their work in organising and running the event. Thank you also to Susan Ballagh, Ian Davidson, John and Amanda Pace, Grant Allen, Carmen Cachia-Gafa, Wendy Hollow, Nicole Jeffrey and Chris and Rick Layley for giving up time to man the stall, and thanks to Leanne and Janette for their behind the scenes work. It was a true community effort which made a very worthwhile \$800 to support our school.

Are you Updat-ed? Download the SLPS App!

We ask families who have a smartphone to use it to access our school app for updates and access to our newsletter and events calendar. (Download the Updat-ed app from the App store or GooglePlay and select St Leonards Primary once downloaded. Go to our website for more info.)

Thank you to all families who have already accessed Up-dated. We are learning as we go with the app and would really appreciate your feedback. Thanks to Elisa Allen for sharing her expertise and teaching us!

Parents and Guardians:

- Please send back all forms to class teachers.
- Collect a SCEF form from Janette if you are on a Health Care Card. This will provide some funds to pay for camps and excursions.
- Check the Community Noticeboard and table inside the school, near the staffroom door for latest news.
- Talk to us about the Parenting Ideas website – free SLPS parent info!

Camps, Sport and Excursions Fund

Families holding a valid means-tested concession card are eligible to apply. Please come to the office and fill in the application form and bring your concession card so that we can photocopy it. A payment of \$125 for eligible primary school students will be paid directly to the school to be used towards camps, sports and excursion costs for the benefit of the student. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund aims to ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important educational and fun activities.

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 \$4522 Last week's numbers were 01, 02, 11, 15 & 18.

Bulb Drive

Order forms and money are due back tomorrow 3rd March 2017.

School Banking

Monday is school banking day. Make regular deposits to earn some great rewards.