



## February 14, 2019 Newsletter No. 2

### Student Leadership Team

Congratulations to our elected student leadership team. It was inspiring to listen to candidates deliver their thoughtful, well-prepared speeches (and lots of election promises!) last week. Positions were hotly contested with more than double the amount of nominations for the eight positions. This year we will also have Grade 5/6 students taking on additional Roles and Responsibilities within the school, so there are more announcements to come!

All students will be leaders when they get the chance to host assembly on Monday mornings. Thank you to Grade 5/6 EN for starting the ball rolling last week. This week it will be 5/6LDs turn.

School Captain	Mia Taverna
School Vice Captain	Riley Silke
House Captain Weeroona (Blue)	Dylan White
House Vice Captain Weeroona (Blue)	Bella Kirk
House Captain Hygeia (Red)	Jesse Ballagh
House Vice Captain Hygeia (Red)	Rogan Smallacombe
House Captain Ozone (Green)	Alicia Pace
House Vice Captain Ozone (Green)	Lily Carroll



We are looking forward to seeing all families at the **Parent Information Night tonight!** Join us for a sausage sizzle at 5.30pm.

Come along catch up with other families, welcome new comers to our school and gain valuable information about what's happening in your child's classroom.

Don't forget **Curriculum Day, next Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>**.

No school for students. Staff will be learning with at Newcomb Park Primary. We are very excited about having Kath Murdoch to work with us on 'How can an inquiry based approach amplify learner agency?' You may like to check out Kath's Blog

<https://www.kathmurdoch.com.au/blog/>

### Learning to Learn

In 2019 excellence in teaching and learning is a focus at St Leonards. This term our inquiry across the school is on Learning to Learn, with the aim of **students having agency in their learning**, that is empowering students to know how to become engaged, active and self-motivated learners. You will hear the phrase student agency mentioned a lot this year – it's one of our priorities. Research shows that students who have agency in their learning are likely to have greater purpose, self-worth, and academic motivation.

Across the term your child will learn about the conditions and agreements needed in a learning classroom, having a growth mindset, mindfulness and being future capable, how the brain works and what sort of a learner they are. Hopefully they will share some of their learning with you and be asking lots of questions at home. It's a great chance to talk to them about what sort of a learner you are. We all know that learning does not just happen at school, but throughout life, anytime, anywhere!

### Pop in Before Pick Up

We invite all adults to join us in the staffroom between 2.30 and 3.10 on Thursdays to have an informal chat with each other and staff about our school. Last week in "Pop In Before Pick Up" sessions some new parents got to meet each other and we discussed how we support student's needs at school, Mrs Layley and CJs roles and what it's like to be on School Council. There is no agenda, the discussion is guided by your needs and interests.

