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Our 'Learning Pit' mural was made by Grade 5/6EN to remind all our students that, when you are learning something new, you often make mistakes. You end up going down into the Learning Pit, but if you keep trying, continue to practice, and get help from others you will be able to climb out of the pit and have success with your learning. Does this ring true for you at home? When you are learning something new do you sometimes end up in the Learning Pit?

Stay up to date with what's happening:

We have made some additions to our term calendar with a Pancake Lunch on 4/3, a Bat Chat by Bellarine Bayside on 5/3 and Joffa presenting

"Toon School Growth Mindset" on 12/3. Parent discussions are also after school on that day. The Rainbow Run is on 18/3. Many families are using the Updat-ed app to access the calendar and newsletter and receive reminders. Grade 3-6 families have been asked to sign up to See-Saw, an exciting app for sharing learning, which we hope to extend across the school during the year. We are finding that more families prefer on line digital forms of communication so we would welcome your feedback as we work on this across the year.

- Get the St Leonards Updat-ed App
- Sign up to See Saw
- Check our SLPS Facebook page

Pop in Before Pick Up Thursdays from 2.30 -3.10

We are keen to continue our sessions. We'd like to know if there are any particular topics that you would like to discuss or learn more about? Some possibilities already suggested are- Is anxiety normal for kids? How can I help my kids at home? How can I support reading? Parenting Ideas and resources and Digital learning. Lisa Taylor who is our family counsellor is also keen to come and talk about any topics you may be curious about.

Name: _____ Eldest child's name: _____

I would like to attend a Pop in Before Pick Up on Thursdays from 2.30 -3.10.

I can attend any Thursday _____

I would need a specific date _____

I'd like a session on the following topic/s

Project Rokit by 5/6 EN

Dani and Liam from "Project Rokit" came a few weeks ago. They were really interesting and told a story about themselves before we started. Dani has someone that looks exactly like her. The girl that looks like her was in a tv ad and all her friends thought it was Dani. She ended up meeting her in person and really liked her. Liam is scared of rollercoasters. His mates tricked him by telling him they were going on a small rollercoaster and they said the rollercoasters would get progressively bigger as the day went on. They tricked him by taking him on the biggest rollercoaster in the park and Liam started crying because he was scared. He then saw his friend was crying too because he realised what he did to Liam was mean.

We talked about the positives and negatives of social media and the internet. Everyone shared the apps they use and we played a game of the Human Chain which was like a physical game of Chinese whispers. It was a lot of fun and a good way to get the message across that "sometimes a message isn't what it seems" and "a post online can start as one thing and end up as something completely different".

We really liked the session, it was interesting and they were really prepared and organised.

Walk Ride to School Day

It was fantastic to see so many students walking and riding to school on Tuesday. The first Golden Boot Award for 2019, for the greatest number of students who walked or rode, has been presented to Grade 3/400. We certainly need the new bike racks that are on order so that we have enough space for bikes!

Students travelling to and from school, as well as at school need to be safe. It's wonderful to see bicycles and scooters are popular means of transport for students, but they do require regulation and management as they are often involved in serious accidents. It is well recognised that young children have underdeveloped motor skills, peripheral vision and judgement.

To keep our bike riding students safe we expect that:

- Students wear helmets
- Bicycles are in road worthy condition
- Children below grade 4 ride to school in the company of an adult.

Illness, Attendance and Lateness

Currently we have quite a few unwell children. Please encourage your kids to practice good hygiene: washing hands; covering mouths and using tissues so that we don't spread germs. It's best for them to stay home if they are complaining of being unwell before school. If your child is away, through illness or any other reason please let us know, via diary note, email or phone call. It is a Department of Education Requirement that we record reasons for absence for every child.

If you are running late please bring your child to the office and sign in, as rolls will have already been marked. This also avoids disruption to the rest of the class who have started their day's learning.

**Please keep your child/ren home if they are unwell.

School Fees

School fees were due by the end of February and are now overdue, if you are having trouble paying please call into the office and see Jenny or Janette to make payment arrangements.

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 \$326 Last week's numbers were 10, 14, 18, 19 & 20.

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. This fund cannot be used to pay school fees or subject contributions.