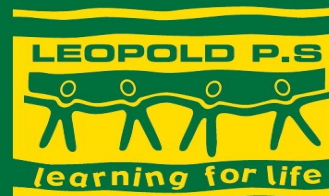


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Principal - Stuart Bott

Newsletter 5th May 2023

Respect Responsibility Kindness Honesty

DATES TO REMEMBER

TERM 2

MAY

Fri 12th - Mothers Day Stall

Mon 15th - Assembly 2:45pm
in the LINC

Wed 24—26 May—Grade 4
Camp

JUNE

Thu 22nd—Last day Term 2

Fri 23— Teacher Professional
Practice Day—students do not
attend school

JULY—TERM 3

Mon 10th—Parent Teacher
Learning conversations—
students do not attend school

Tue 11th— First day term 3

CAMP DATES 2023

Grade 3 - Camp Wyuna
21st - 23rd August

We live in this special place to continue
our learning journey together.

We acknowledge the Wadawurrung
people as the traditional custodians of
the land upon which we live.

We understand their deep connection to
country, to the waterways, the skies and
the land.

We pay our respects to ancestors before
us, to our elders and to those who stand
for us today.

We acknowledge our past, and stand
here for our future.

For all of us living and learning together
on this country.



ASSEMBLY

Due to a clash with a grade 3 and 4 incursion the next school assembly will be on Monday, May 15th at 2:45pm in the LINC. The preps will be attending this assembly.

DATA DIG DAY FOR STAFF

I just wanted say huge THANK YOU to the parents of Leopold Primary School for your support in allowing the staff to discuss the progress of the school over the last four years, on Monday 24th April in preparation for the upcoming review. It was a great time of celebration and reflection. We had a full day of concentration and important work to ensure we are continuing to provide the best education for all the students at Leopold Primary School.

PUPIL FREE DAYS FOR 2023

Just a reminder that the School Council approved Pupil Free Days for 2023 have been arranged with particular consideration to Rostered Days Off to support our families as best as we can:

- **Friday 23rd June 2023** - (Last day of term 2) DET approved Professional Practice Day for Teachers
- **Monday 10th July 2023** - (First Day of term 3) Parent Teacher Learning Conversations

There will be care offered on these days for students of parents that need to work. More information will be provided .

ENROLMENTS 2024

It is that time of the year when parents make up their minds as to where to send their child to school in 2024. If you know you are going to enrol your son or daughter at Leopold Primary School in 2024, please collect an enrolment form from the office and return it to school as soon as you can. If you would like to have a tour of the School, please contact the office on 5250 1233 and make a time to come and have a look at our facilities and observe the exciting teaching and learning that happens in our classes.

ANZAC DAY

Our students and our Chaplain Rob Hunter felt very privileged to be involved in the ANZAC Day service in Leopold. Our School Captains and Rob spoke at the service and we also had our School Choir singing. This was a wonderful community event

and it was great to see the community come together for this important event.



SCHOOL REVIEW

This year Leopold Primary School is going through a reflection process called a school review. A school review is designed to provide an expert, independent analysis of current school performance and practice, and to advise on appropriate goals, targets and key improvement strategies that will help shape the school's new strategic plan.



A school review examines the school's performance over the past four years. Independent reviewers and critical friends are selected based on their educational expertise and are trained to ensure they are familiar with the Department's current policies, frameworks and priorities. They use this knowledge base to provide an informed perspective on the school's performance and recommend improvement strategies. When combined, the school self-evaluation and school review provide a strong evidence base from which schools can confidently develop their strategic direction for the next four years.

It is important that we provide opportunities for the whole school community to have input in to this review. An invitation was sent out through Compass Newsfeed today – Keep an eye out for this.

NEW SHADE STRUCTURE NEAR BASKETBALL COURTS



Thank you to the Leopold Community Bank for your kind donation of \$5000 to support the funding of the new shade structure over the playground near the basketball courts. This will be a wonderful community asset for families, community groups and our school to use when using this playground and sandpit. The remaining money to complete this project were school raised funds.



LEOPOLD PRIMARY SCHOOL BREAKFAST CLUB



At Leopold Primary School we run a Breakfast Program in the Blue Room of the LINC from 8:35 – 8:55 each day. Our School Wellbeing Team run the program, along with volunteers from our wonderful community. This program ensures our students start each day with positive and friendly interactions and a full stomach before they head off to their classrooms for a day of learning. Thank you to the following sponsors for their kind donations to make this valued program free for the students at LPS.



CELEBRATING STUDENTS AT LEOPOLD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Lucas Leong and Evie Hammond competed in the Global Taekwondo Championships which were held in Melbourne recently. This was their first global competition which had over 300 competitors from all around the world representing more than 40 clubs.

Lucas & Evie both competed in "Individual Sparring", "Individual Patterns" and together in "Teams Patterns" – the Patterns are judged on technique, accuracy and ability to perform a series of roughly 20 specific moves which make up the "pattern". Lucas and Evie both won 1 Gold and 2 Silver medals each.



Congratulations to the **90** students who have been at school **EVERY DAY** this year!



MUSIC NEWS

It was magnificent to see our school leaders and student singers involved in the Leopold ANZAC Day service again this year. With a near record turn out, we are very proud of our students who spoke and performed for such a large group of people from our community. Thank you and well done to all involved.



For students wishing to sign up for the Oxygen Music Choir or any other private instrument lessons, please call Oxygen Music Lessons on 5229 6889 for more information.

Bucket drumming rehearsals will be continuing during Tuesday lunchtimes and is reserved for Grade 5 and 6 students during Term 2.

Mr Hearn
Music Teacher

...Fun in Prep MB...



PARENT / CAREGIVER / GUARDIAN INFORMATION AND CONSENT LETTER 2023 Student Attitudes to School Survey

Dear Parent / Caregiver / Guardian,

This letter is to inform you about the 2023 Student Attitudes to School Survey (AtoSS), that your child is invited to participate in.

About the survey

We value student voice as a means to improving student engagement, wellbeing and quality instruction and are conducting a survey to find out what your child thinks of their school.

The AtoSS is an annual student survey offered by the Department of Education to assist schools to gain an understanding of students' perceptions and experience of school. Students will be asked about their thoughts and feelings in relation to their school, their learning, peer relationships, resilience, bullying, health and wellbeing, physical activity, and life in general.

This year, the AtoSS will be conducted at your school from 8/5/23 to 9/6/23.

What are the benefits?

Young people enjoy having a say! This survey has been running for nearly 20 years and is invaluable in helping schools understand student views to plan programs and activities to improve your child's schooling experience. The survey responses also help the Department of Education understand how student's learning experiences can be improved.

What are the risks?

While we do not anticipate many risks of participation, some students may find some of the survey questions personal and sensitive in nature. Should you agree for your child to participate, they are still free to skip questions or to withdraw at any stage if the survey makes them upset or uncomfortable. A teacher will be present during the survey to support students.

The questions are selected from validated survey instruments used in Australia and around the world, are strength-based, and tailored for each year level group.

What will my child be asked to do?

Your child will be invited to complete the survey online during class time using a purpose built secure online survey tool. It is important to note that we are not in any way "testing" your child. Please note:

- Student participation in the survey is voluntary and students may withdraw at any time.
- The survey will take around 20-45 minutes to complete.

How is my child's confidentiality protected?

Your child will be provided with a unique login to complete the survey from their teacher. The student login is an assigned identifier that may be used to link data for statistical and research purposes only. Personally identifiable data will not be recorded in the survey response file to ensure the confidentiality of your child's responses is protected at all times.

How will results be reported?

The survey results will be reported back to the school in aggregate form throughout the survey period. All survey data that is made available in reports are for groups of students only so that no individual student can be identified. Data suppression rules are used for schools with low student numbers per year level.

Your school may share the results of the survey with parents, in documents such as the School Annual Report.

Options for participation

Participation in this survey is **voluntary**. If you **do not** wish for your child to do the survey, please opt out via email to your school: stuart.bott@education.vic.gov.au. Please do so before 8/5/23 stating that you wish to opt out of your child's participation, along with their name and year level.

If your school does not receive a Refusal of Consent email from yourself before the survey commencement date mentioned within this letter, it means that you give your consent for your child to participate in the 2023 Attitudes to School Survey.

A copy of the survey that we are asking your child to complete is available from your child's school. Please contact the administration office if you would like to see the survey before making your decision about whether you would like your child to participate.

If you would like more information, please speak to your child's teacher, or contact the department at schoolsurveys@education.vic.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,
Department of Education, Victoria

Preps First School Fun Run

On Wednesday the 3rd of May the Preps participated in their first School Fun Run. The altered times and scattered rain did not faze the preps. As soon as the race began smiling faces could be seen. All students made it to the end with family, friends and teachers cheering them on. All prep students did a great job at their first school fun run. Please enjoy these awesome images of some of our preps on the fun run day!



Fundraising Committee

Mothers/Special Persons Day

This years Mothers/Special Persons Day stall will be held next Friday 12th May. All classrooms will visit the stall throughout the day. Students can pick from a wide variety of gifts ranging in price from \$2—\$5.



For younger students in particular—Please make sure that you send your child with money in an envelope indicating people they are to buy for eg 1 gift for mum, 1 gift for Nana etc. Please also send a bag for children to carry gifts home in.

Heat Warmies

Once again we will be selling Heatwarmies as a school fundraiser. There are a great variety of warmies that you can order. All materials have been specifically designed to be safely, fully heated in a microwave or chilled in a freezer as a cold pack. All warmies are fragranced with Lavender flowers and filled with millet. Warmies are on sale until Friday 26th May. Please follow the link to place an order. <https://compasstix.com/e/ue9fqr5udv>



GOAL: \$1,000



This year the Committee is raising funds that will be put towards the establishment of the planned inclusive playground.

Thank you
Fundraising Committee

CAMPS SPORTS EXCURSION FUND (CSEF) 2023

If you have a current Healthcare card and have not already applied for CSEF this year please contact the administration office to collect an application form. Current Healthcare card holders qualify for \$125 per year to assist with school excursions and camps.



RED ROBIN SUPPORTED PLAYGROUP

The playgroup will help you support your child's learning in the early years by building:

- everyday communication
- parenting confidence
- ideas to connect to your community
- a learning environment at home.

*Eligibility criteria applies, contact us if you would like to join the playgroup.

THURSDAY
9.30AM-11.30AM

Leopold Child & Family Centre
31-39 Kensington Rd, Leopold

MORE INFORMATION

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CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES



GAME ON!

Are you a board game master or champion of arcade games? Choose your game and challenge your family and friends at Leopold Library!

Traditional games such as quoits, to board games and the Oculus Rift VR or Nintendo Switch, will be available for families and friends to play together.

Please note, bookings are not required for this event. You are welcome to drop in on the day!

Thursday, 18 May 2023
4:00pm to 7:00pm
Leopold Library



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The Teaching & Learning Corner

Virtual Author

This week some of our students participated in a virtual author session with MATT STANTON. These sessions are facilitated by YABBA and the Department of Education.

Matt is the author and illustrator for a number of books including Funny Kid.



200 & 300 Nights of Reading

Grade 2-6 Students will be able to participate in the 200 & 300 nights of reading at LPS, please support your children in completing nightly reading and recording this in their diaries.



Mathletics



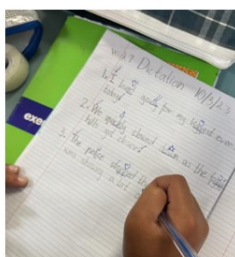
Congratulations to the following students on receiving GOLD certificates in Mathletics, you will receive your certificate and rubix cube at our next assembly!

Marcus Gould 3CM & William Nicholson 6CB

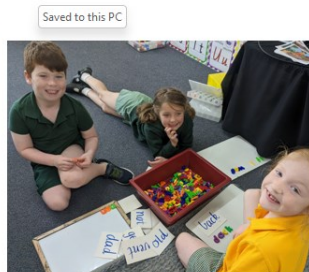
Students are able to log onto Mathletics at home and explore different components to support them in their mathematical knowledge and practise key numeracy skills. By working through the different tasks throughout the year the students are able to earn bronze, silver and gold certificates.

If your child earns a gold certificate, your child will receive a rubix cube, a copy of their certificate and it will be announced and celebrated at our whole school assembly.

SMART Spelling



Weekly Dictation



Practising our BOB words



Identifying vowel and consonant sounds



Seeing spelling work in student writing

We're continuing our work of embedding SMART Spelling practices across our school and we need your help!

Can you support your children in practising their spelling words each week by encouraging them to say and write their words as well as complete any spelling activities that are suggested by your children's teachers.

We are already seeing the benefit of our collective efforts in students phonics and spelling in both our weekly partner tests, dictation and in our students writing.