

Leopold Primary School

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Respect Responsibility Kindness Honesty

DATES TO REMEMBER

TERM 4

NOVEMBER

Tue 14th - National Diabetes day

Wed 15th - Grade 4 Melbourne Museum

Tue 21st - School Council meeting

DECEMBER

Mon 4th - Last whole school Assembly

Thu 7th - Grade 6 Graduation

Tue 12th - State wide transition Day

Thu 14th - Grade 5 Movie excursion

Fri 15th - Grade 6 Adventure Park

Tue 19th - Last day of school for students



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.

THE LPS REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY WILL BE HELD MONDAY 13 NOVEMBER AT 2:30pm IN FRONT OF THE LONE PINE IN THE PREP PLAYGROUND.



ASSEMBLY



The next school assembly will be on Monday, **December 4th** at 2.40pm. This is the last whole school assembly for 2023. At this assembly we will be presenting the Leopold Legends for Term 4, 2023.

INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUND PROGRESS

The new Inclusive Playground is near completion and it is looking fantastic. We are looking forward to the students being able to use the new playground soon.



GRADE STRUCTURE 2024

Over the coming weeks, students will be doing activities prior to their 2024 grade placements within their current year level. While students may think these are their classes for 2024, these are not set and will change.

All students will transition into their 2024 classes on Tuesday 12th December. However, 2024 classes are also dependant on student numbers on census day, at the end of February 2024. Dependant on numbers that day, some classes may change due to budgets.

The current plan for number of classes at each grade level for 2024 are:

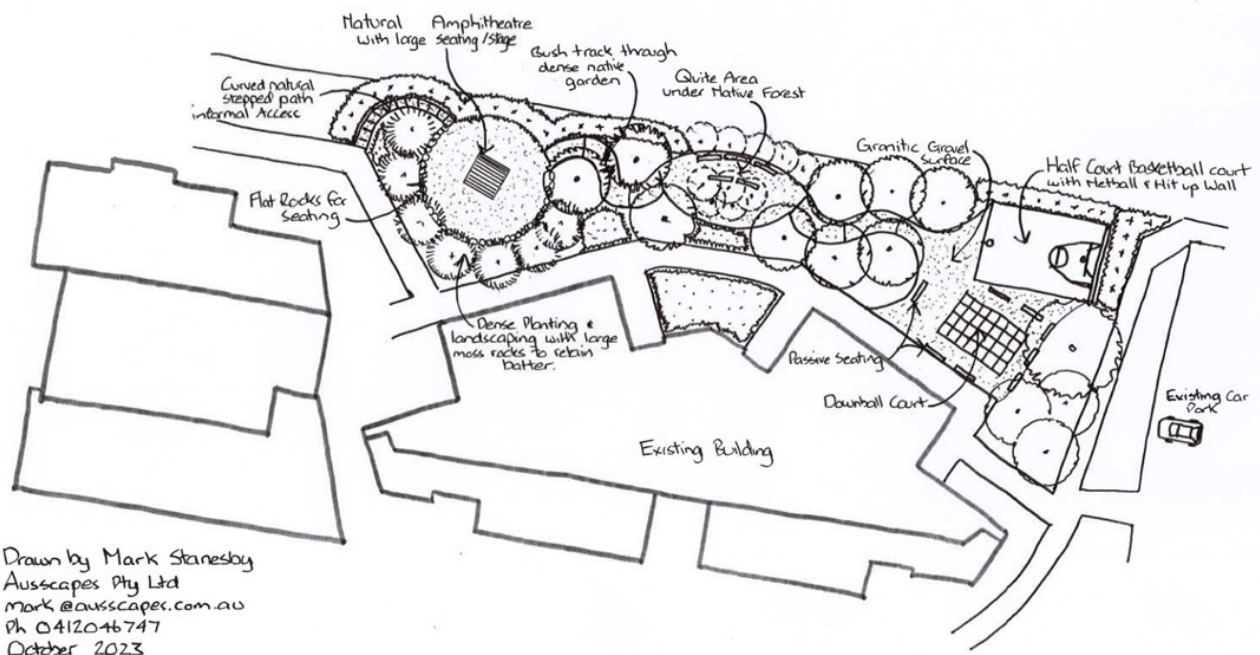
- 6 x Prep classes
- 6 x Grade 1 classes
- 6 x Grade 2 classes
- 5 x Grade 3 classes
- 5 x Grade 4 classes
- 5 x Grade 5 classes
- 5 x Grade 6 classes
- Specialists – Performing Arts, Visual Arts, Cultural Studies, STEM and Physical Education

**NEW
CLASSES**

LEOPOLD COMMUNITY BANK PRESENTATION TO LPS

Last Thursday night I had the wonderful pleasure of attending, with the LPS School Captains, the Leopold Community Bank presentation night at the Leopold Sportsman Club. There were 17 organisations and 21 projects in and around the Leopold community that received sponsorship totalling just over \$109 000. LPS received 2 grants totalling \$60 000, \$30 000 for a new senior school playground that will be built on the north side of the Melaluka Building and \$30 000 (as part of an \$82 000 project) for solar panels to reduce the costs incurred by the school so that the funds saved can go back to the students and also have a positive impact on the environment. Thank you to Charmaine Granger for writing these successful applications.

Please see below a concept diagram of the proposed new playground.



YARD SUPERVISION

Just a reminder to our parents that staff supervise students in the yard between 8:45 – 9:00am before school and between 3:30 – 3:45pm after school. Breakfast Club does commence at 8:30am and must stay at Breakfast Club until 8:45am until there is staff on duty. Therefore, I recommend students do not arrive at school unless they are supervised by a parent before 8:45am and they should be collected by 3:45pm in the afternoon. For those parents who have difficulty coordinating their work around these times, our Before and After School Care Program is available to assist you.



STAFF CAR PARK

Can I please remind parents, again, that this is a staff car park and please park in the street. You may need to walk to collect your child. Children walking through the staff car park is dangerous and staff leave at different time and these cars are blocking this from occurring. Also, as you can see, a car is parked in the disability car park, which is illegal. The photo below is of the carpark at 3.25pm on Thursday this week. The carpark was full so 3 cars were using it as a pick up zone, 2 cars were reversing through the car park. What you see below is exactly what I am talking about.



TRANSITION PROCESS FOR 2024

Next week will see the continuation of the transition for current students into their classes for 2024. We have set out the following transition sessions until the end of the year to ensure all students transition smoothly into their new Grade levels and classes:

- Week Beginning 13th November – Students complete an activity about next year in their 2024 building.
- Week Beginning 27th November – Students meet their 2024 Teaching Team and complete an activity with one of the teachers.
- Week Beginning 12th December – Students meet their new teacher and new classmates for 2024 in their classroom.

The 2024 prep transition continued this week with a visit to the 2024 prep classrooms (which went extremely well) and the future dates are as follows:

- 22nd November - Prep Transition Session 3
 - * 9.30-10.15 x 3 sessions
 - * 11.45-12.30 x3 sessions
- 28th November - Storytime 2.30 pm LPS library
- 12th December - Statewide Transition
 - * Session 4 - 9.30-10.30



Also, throughout this term the Pre-Schools in Leopold will be visiting LPS for extra transition experiences.

REGIONAL ATHLETIC CHAMPIONSHIPS

On Tuesday 31st October Lavina competed in State Athletics Finals at Lakeside Stadium in Melbourne. Lavinia competed in the final of the 12/13 girls Shot Put and came third in the state, an amazing effort!! Congratulations Lavina.

SCHOOL CAPTAINS 2024

After presentations from 19 Grade 5 students to their peers, then shortlisting and an interview, the following students have been selected as the Leopold Primary School Captains for 2024.

Tilly Jackson



Saylah Lane



Eleanor Marsh



Sam Cockburn



Other school leaders are as follows:

SCHOOL CAPTAINS: Matilda Jackson, Saylah Lane, Eleanor Marsh & Sam Cockburn	
HOUSE CAPTAINS	VICE HOUSE CAPTAINS
GORDON: Daisy Innes, Elyza Grace Lawrence & Zander Higo	GORDON: Nathan Sharpe & Blake Cherry
LAWSON: Bella Price-Mickelssen, Levi & Archie Aston	LAWSON: Macy Kelberg & Poppy Marsh
DENNIS: Charlotte Felthouse, Jett Harrower & Charlie Rickard	DENNIS: Pippa Monaghan & Caleb Munn
PATERSON: Lily Mahon, Noah Chapman & Levi Kelly	PATERSON: Benjamin Robertson & Lachlan Brisbane
WELLBEING CAPTAINS: Adeline Malkin & Olivia Thackeray	VICE WELLBEING CAPTAINS: Josh Sharkey, Romeesa Miaz, Eve Morrison, Hannah Simpson
TECH CAPTAINS: Oliver Kerr & Aiden Lilley & Harry Craig	
STEM CAPTAINS: Lorenzo Fiorenza & Gordon Waddell	
PERFORMING ARTS CAPTAINS: Nicholas Allan, Charlie Newby, Sachin O'Donnell, Austin McPherson, Evelyn Anstis, Mason Schneider - Johnson, Bentley Tamplin	
ART CAPTAINS: Tori-Jade Carroll, Matilda Quinney, Amelia Hall, Georgia Jones, Chloe Bailey	
CULTURAL STUDIES CAPTAINS: Tiana Dixon, Ryder Birchall, Aimee Sharkey, Matilda Joseph, Maggie Membrey	

Congratulations to all our School Leaders for 2024.

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING COMMUNITY LEADERS 2024

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate and announce the Professional Learning Community Leaders for 2024.

They are:

Prep Team Leader – Ms Christie Ditcham



Grade 1 Team Leader – Ms Stephanie Bostock



Grade 2 Team Leader – Mrs Faith Meyers



Grade 3 Team Leader – Ms Claire Owen



Grade 4 Team Leader – Miss Sarah Lourey



Grade 5 Team Leader – Miss Caitlin Wise



Grade 6 Team Leader – Miss Brigitte Murray



Specialist Team Leader – Mr Chris Williams



Education Support Leader – Anita Michels



2024 TRANSITION and STUDENT SEPARATIONS

Dear Parents,

Our students have been experiencing multiple transitional activities to support their transition to their new level in 2024.

We would like to gently remind you that the window for submitting student separation requests concluded on September 15th, as initially communicated at the start of Term 3 via Compass.

We understand that as the year progresses, students may experience relationship challenges due to fatigue and other factors. However, we are now at a point in the academic year where further requests for separations cannot be accommodated. This is to ensure the stability and balanced composition of our classes.

Please be aware that if a separation request is made, it must be made via the Principal Class team, not your child's teacher, and families making these requests need to know their child will not be placed with their selected friends. We appreciate your understanding as we strive to maintain an environment conducive to learning for all our students.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Triste Anderson
(Assistant Principal)

SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION WITH 12 MONTHS FREE INTERNET AT HOME

The Australian Government has established the School Student Broadband Initiative to provide free home internet for one year for up to 30,000 eligible families with school-aged students.

The initiative aims to boost education opportunities. NBN Co is leading the rollout of this initiative across the country.

How the School Student Broadband Initiative can help your child

Children who can access online learning at home as part of their education are more likely to engage in classroom activities.

Access to fast internet at home can also support children to build their digital skills, learn how to safely use the internet and take part in a world that is more reliant on digital technology.

Eligibility

To be eligible, families must:

- have a child living at home enrolled in an Australian school in 2023
- not have an active National Broadband Network internet service at their home* (having a mobile internet service does not affect eligibility)
- live in a premises that can access the National Broadband Network through a standard connection. NBN Co will check this for you after you apply
- register interest with your school and complete a consent form to be assessed for eligibility.

*If an address has been disconnected within 14 days prior to an eligibility check – the address will be classified as ineligible. There may be cases where exceptions can be made, please contact the School Student Broadband Initiative team at SSBI@education.vic.gov.au to discuss further.

How the School Student Broadband Initiative works

If you are eligible, your home internet service will be provided at no cost for one year with a participating internet provider over the National Broadband Network. Each internet provider has its own step-by-step process to get you connected, which may involve you providing identification.

Once you sign up, the internet provider will help you set up your connection. The initiative does not include devices such as a computer or tablet. Other members of your household can use the internet service provided through this initiative.

The one-year period will start from the day your service is activated with your chosen provider. At the end of the one-year period, you will not be placed onto a paid service by your internet provider without your consent. The Australian Government is considering options beyond the one-year free period.

How to apply

- Ask your school for a copy of the School Student Broadband Initiative consent form.
- Complete the consent form and return to the school.
- NBN Co will use student address details on the consent form to confirm eligibility.
- If you are eligible, NBN Co will issue a voucher for your family to use to sign up with a participating internet provider. This will be provided to you by your school.

Please note: NBN Co will review the home address for eligibility. No personal information other than your main home address will be shared with NBN Co. Please see the consent form for details about how personal information will be used.

For more information about the School Student Broadband Initiative, visit <https://www.infrastructure.gov.au>



Hello LPS families,

The **TOUGH COLOR FUN RUN** is back!!!

This is an event that we have been holding here at LPS for some time and the children have loved participating in.

The Leopold PS Fundraising Committee can't wait for the students to come and have some fun in the sun and the colour.

Each year level will be running the obstacle course as many times as they want in a 20-minute challenge. Some of the challenges included will be Grandpas Washing Line, the Bird Nest, Penguin Aqua Racer and of course Teachers Timeout!

Leopold PS Fundraising Committee are aiming to raise \$25,000 to contribute to funds already granted by Leopold Community Bank to build a new playground for our school children to enjoy.

Below is a link to our fundraising platform where you can look up your child by first name and grade to donate. Once you have selected your child, there is also a 'share campaign' link to copy and share with your family and friends who can then sponsor your child.

All children who raise funds will receive a prize, and the child who raises the most funds in each home group will receive an extra prize and be acknowledged.

Steps to search for your child:

Step 1 - open this link [2023 Tough Colour Fun Run Archives - My School Fund Me](#)

Step 2 - in the looking glass on the top right-hand corner, type your child's first name

Step 3 - please be sure to check that it's your child's grade, first name and surname initial before proceeding

Step 4 - if you would like to share the link for your child's campaign, please press copy under share campaign and email or text to family and friends.

Step 5 - select sponsorship amount and proceed to donate now button

Parent Helpers are required on the day. If you are available and have a current Working with Children's check, please leave your name at the office with Rhonda.

We look forward to a fun day filled with laughter and plenty of colour!

Thank you for supporting Leopold Primary Schools major fundraiser for 2023.

The Leopold PS Fundraising Committee



CULTURAL STUDIES

As part of the grade 1s and 2s trip 'around the world' we made a stop in India just in time for Diwali!

Students have been learning about the special rituals around the Indian Festival of Lights, including the lighting of candles, singing and dancing, feasts, and rangoli (colourful sand) art. It has been particularly special to hear children's own experiences of celebrating Diwali with their family and friends and to learn more about this very important time of year for Indian families in our community.



Performing Arts Update

This Saturday is the Remembrance Day Ceremony at the Leopold War Memorial. The ceremony starts at 10:30am and we are openly inviting any available students to join in with the choir and sing for the community. We will be performing a song called 'Children of Australia' and 'Advance Australia Fair'.

Lyrics and music can be found via the QR code and if parents could notify us of their child's attendance via the compass event, that will give us a good idea of student numbers on the day.



On Tuesday this week we held our annual Leopold's Got Talent competition under sunny skies and with smiles big. A big thank you to all of the students who prepared and performed for your cohort on the day, it is truly amazing to see the variety and quality of talent within our school. Our audiences were wonderfully supportive of the performers and it is clear to see that our school is developing into a safe environment for students to feel comfortable in expressing themselves through the arts.

A big CONGRATULATIONS to all of the winners and runners up on the day (pictured below).

Leopold's Got Talent Winners and Runners up



Prep Excursion

On Wednesday 8th November, students in prep had an amazing time on their excursion to the Marine Discovery Centre in Queenscliff. Students got to see and touch sea creatures like abalone, sea urchins, crabs and ghost fish. We learnt about the blue whales and that they are endangered and the same length as 3 of the buses we caught to the excursion. Students loved watching the puffer fish being fed and believed they were smiling at them.

We had such a great day! Thank you to our wonderful volunteers and staff for making the day such a great success for all!



Thank you to the families and students for supporting the Tarantella workshop last week. The students listened, danced and played lots of traditional Tarantella music and learnt some interesting facts about the Italian music culture. Some thoughtful questions were asked of our performers and the students enjoyed a mix of different Italian foods for lunch.

For those interested, see the invite to the Tarantella Festival at the Darebin Arts Centre below.



You are invited to:

"Segmento - Tarantella Festival"

TARANTELLA FESTIVAL OPEN CEREMONY AND PARTY

17th November 2023, 6:30 pm

RSVP by 14th November to segmento@segmento.com.au

Darebin Art Centre

Program of the evening:

- Introduction to Tarantella
- Tarantella Project's Vision and Mission
- Program of the Festival, Artists and Musical Instruments
- Music and dance performances



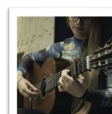
Antonio Grosso - a multi-instrumentalist, one of the most successful and popular musician who worked with Le Muse del Mediterraneo and the Kilombo Quartet. Grosso proposes the results of his research into the evolution of the folk-popular genre. Antonio Grosso was the first in Calabria to revalue the role of the accordion, for years considered a purely traditional instrument capable of reproducing the Tarantella, without being able to look beyond it. His compositions prove his extroversion attitude to play diatonic accordion, accordions, drums, with his voice and dance.



Ciccio Nucera - The "king" of the Calabrian tarantella, with over 40 years of successful tours all over the world. A virtuoso accordionist and great tambourine player, with a long experience of performances in village festivals, in collaborations with many artists and the Calabria Orchestra since 2014, he launched the project "The tarantella is addictive", a successful, high-impact performance that met an enthusiastic public response. Organetto, organetto reggino, vocals, dance, frame drums.



Davis Muccari - The new singer-songwriter who is popular with a younger audience, Davis is a multi-instrumentalist, playing all traditional instruments, and more. Brought up on bread and popular music, already a musician with Ciccio Nucera, Antonio Grosso, Calabria Orchestra, Lisarusa etc., he now has his own band he takes around the world with great success, with his hit "FIURI" now played by several tarantella groups. Organ, Pepita, bagpipes, sax, guitar, Calabrian lyre



Maddalena Grosso - Originally from FUSCALDO (Calabria), singer, guitarist, bass player, tambourine player and dancer, is one of the pillars of the band 'Le muse del Mediterraneo' and is well known in Calabria for her many activities in popular music scene, and beyond. She has been collaborating with Calabria Sona since approaching her professional career, and has been teaching music to children since she was 16.

Guitar, beating guitar, bass, drums, voice, dance



Annalisa Insarda

Theatre actress and writer, Annalisa trained artistically at the Academy of Dramatic Art of Calabria in Palmi and the National Academy of Warsaw. Participates in the Amsterdam International Theater Festival and in the centenary of Bertold Brecht in Germany. Subsequently she devoted herself to classical theatre, acting in various tragedies of the Syracusan theater season. She is the author of the shows "Reality shock" and "Painless manipulation" of which she is also director and performer.



Keeping Your Child Safe Online: Support for Families

Introduction

In the digital age, ensuring the online safety of primary students is crucial. This guide provides practical tips and resources for families to help protect children from online risks while encouraging healthy internet habits.

Understanding the Risks

Primary students may face various online risks including exposure to inappropriate content, cyberbullying, and online predators. Being aware of these risks is the first step in safeguarding children.

Setting Rules and Boundaries

1. **Screen Time Limits:** Set daily or weekly limits on screen time to encourage a healthy balance between online activities and other aspects of life.
2. **Safe Browsing:** Teach children about safe browsing practices, such as not clicking on suspicious links and not sharing personal information.
3. **Appropriate Content:** Discuss what types of content are appropriate and encourage children to speak up if they encounter something unsettling online.

Utilising Parental Controls and Monitoring Tools

Parental control software can help manage and monitor online activity. Consider tools like:

- Family Zone: An Australian-based service offering comprehensive online safety solutions.
- Qustodio: A user-friendly tool for monitoring and limiting screen time and internet usage.
- Bark: Monitor your child's text, emails, YouTube and Social Media platforms.

Encouraging Open Communication

Create an environment where children feel comfortable discussing their online experiences, including any concerns or questions they might have.

Educational Resources

1. eSafety Commissioner (esafety.gov.au): Offers resources and advice for online safety, tailored for Australian families.
2. ThinkUKnow Australia (thinkuknow.org.au): Provides information on how to stay safe online, specifically designed for children and their parents.
3. Common Sense Media (commonsensemedia.org): A resource for reviews and age-appropriate guidelines on apps, games, and websites.

Emergency Contacts

If you believe your child is in immediate danger due to an online interaction, contact the local police. For advice and reporting non-urgent incidents, reach out to the eSafety Commissioner.

Conclusion

By being proactive and engaging with your child about their online activities, you can significantly reduce the risks and foster a safer online experience. Remember, open communication and education are key in navigating the digital world safely.

Sunday 26th November marks a very special day for Grade 5 student, Violet Hill. Over the past few weeks, Violet has been raising money for the Cancer Council Victoria to help stop the fight against cancer. Violet is courageously going to shave her hair to support a close friend who lost their sibling through an ongoing battle with cancer.

If you are interested in supporting Violet on this brave journey you can attend Wallington Cricket Ground around 5pm on Sunday the 26th of November. For a minimum of \$5, you can take part of the process and snip off some of Violet's hair! You can also donate via the following [LINK](https://fundraising.cancervic.org.au/fundraisers/violethill?fbclid=IwAR0nVaYelnEtqV2DleLQ8zVorigca3YPPH-y4UZ2vaqRcgJ6dEGpSNl3vk). Well done Violet!



<https://fundraising.cancervic.org.au/fundraisers/violethill?fbclid=IwAR0nVaYelnEtqV2DleLQ8zVorigca3YPPH-y4UZ2vaqRcgJ6dEGpSNl3vk>

Prep 2024 Transition to School

On Thursday 9th we held our second transition to school for our Kinder children beginning prep in 2024. The children played, made new friends, and read books whilst getting used to school routines and structure. The prep teachers were so happy to see so many smiling and happy faces during and after the session. We look forward to our next transition on Wednesday 22nd November!



 **GEELONG CONCERT BAND**

WORKSHOP BAND

INFO NIGHT

for beginner musicians aged 9-99

Friday 10 November 2023, 5:00-6:00 pm
Christian College Middle School
Thornhill Rd, Highton
(opposite Basin Rise)

NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED!

Flute · Clarinet · Oboe · Bassoon
Saxophone · Trumpet · French Horn
Trombone · Euphonium · Tuba
Bass Guitar · Percussion

Contact Grace on 0406 850 358
or email contact@gcb.org.au

gcb.org.au



Dress in blue or red gold coin donation and guess the jelly beans for a gold coin donation

Tuesday 14th
National
Diabetes Day.

Proceeds go to the Type 1 Foundation



A chance to have a cuppa and chat about family life with Susannah from the wellbeing team in an informal setting.

Cuppa and Chat



Drop in coffee and chat sessions for parents/caregivers
Every Wednesday
from 9.15am - 10.15am
Kensington Building



Maybe you want to chat about parenting strategies or routines, maybe you want to meet other parents but are not sure how to make those connections?

Are you feeling overwhelmed or want to hear about services/support in the area?

Maybe you already have lots of friends but you can share wisdom with other parents who are new to school life.

This is the space we would like to provide for parents on a weekly basis. If you have any questions please phone the school and ask to speak with Susannah in wellbeing or email:

Susannah.Thackeray@education.vic.gov.au

The Teaching & Learning Corner

200 & 300 Nights of Reading

We are well on our way to achieving our goal of 200 LPS students reaching the 200 Nights of reading milestone in 2023. So far we have 130 students already! Keep up the great reading in term 4 and let's continue to work our way towards our 2023 goal!

If you have already achieved this milestone you can keep the momentum going by trying to achieve the next incredible milestone of 300 nights of reading. Happy reading LPS!



SMART Spelling

SMART Spelling has really taken off at LPS and we are seeing amazing work across our school embedding great spelling practices. Please continue to support your children by:

- Encouraging nightly practice of spelling words by writing, sounding and saying their words.
 - Challenge students with a family quiz.
 - Ask students the meaning of their words or to use them in a sentence.
- Don't forget to check in with students each Friday afternoon to see how they went on their partner spelling test and dictation!



Children's Week at Leopold PS



We'd like to thank the choir in leading the whole school in the Children's Week Song at our last assembly!

It was great to hear some of our younger students still singing the song once the assembly had concluded. Happy Children's Week to the students of Leopold Primary School!

Mathletics

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 different levels of certificates. Any levels higher than gold will be announced at the whole school assembly.

Keep Working Hard to Earn Your Certificates!

