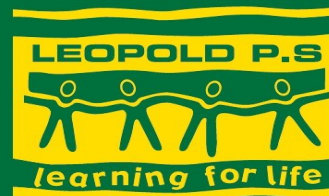


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DATES TO REMEMBER

TERM 3 AUGUST

Tues 15th - School Council

Thur 17th - Grade 1 Olden Days Dressup

Mon 21st - Hats compulsory

Mon 21st - Fri 25th - Book Week

Tue 22nd - Prep 2024

Information Evening

Wed 23rd & Thu 24th—Gr 1 Narana Excursion

Thur 24th & Fri 25th - Grade 4 You Yangs Excursion

Fri 25th - Book Week Parade Dress up day

Wed 30th - Prep Open Classroom

SEPTEMBER

Fri 1st - Fathers Day Stall

Mon 4th - School Assembly

Thu 7th—Grade 1 Ballarat Wildlife park excursion

Thu 14th—Grade 6 Ice Skating excursion

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

The next school assembly will be on Monday, **September 4th** at 2:40pm. Assembly will be in the LINC.



ENROLMENTS 2024

Thank you to the families that have enrolled their children for 2024 already, this is great support for us to make important decisions for the number of classes and also around staffing for 2024. If you know you are going to enrol your child 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.



2024 PREP INFORMATION SESSION

Parents of 2024 Prep students are invited to our Information Session on **Tuesday 22nd August at 5.00pm** in the **Bellarine Building**. You will learn all about our approach to learning and teaching and see what makes Leopold Primary School such a great school.

Please call the office on 5250 1233 to reserve a spot!



LEOPOLD PRIMARY SCHOOL REVIEW UPDATE

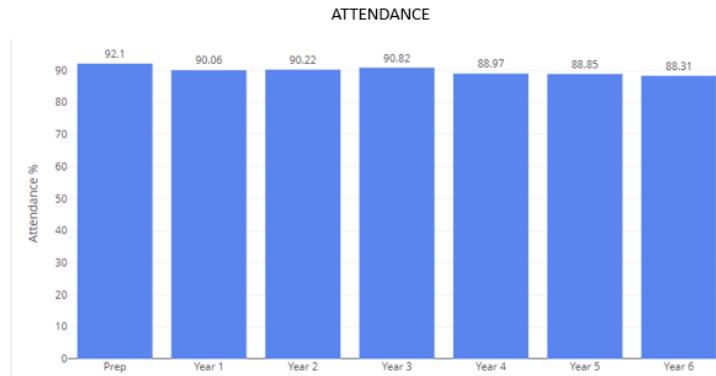
On Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd of August we had the 4 external members of the review panel, Kim Ryan, Alan Davis, Vicky Long and Tim Callaghan, explore the following Terms of Reference with Parents, Students and Staff.

- To what extent does the school analyse data and use the curriculum and instructional model to inform teaching, learning, and assessment practices to differentiate and target learning to ensure student achievement and growth through an engaging curriculum.
- To what extent are the school's operations, structures, and practices effective in implementing the school's vision and values to enable future school improvement.
- To what extent does the school effectively engage with and leverage school community connections and partnerships.

The outcomes of the 2 days were extremely positive and there was a lot to celebrate being part of the LPS Family. The last day of the Review is this Monday August 14 and from this day a report will be written to guide the next 4 years at LPS. Thank you to everyone that contributed to the feedback over the 2 fieldwork days and we are looking forward to receiving the report after next week.

WEARING OF HATS

It may seem strange that I am reminding everyone about the wearing of hats with the weather we are having at the moment. However, the Leopold Primary School Sunsmart Policy states that we are to wear broadbrim hats commencing **August 20th** to meet our commitment to being a Sunsmart School. **This means, while outside, we will all need to start wearing our hats at school from Monday 21st August.**



Congratulations to our prep students who have the best attendance rates at LPS!

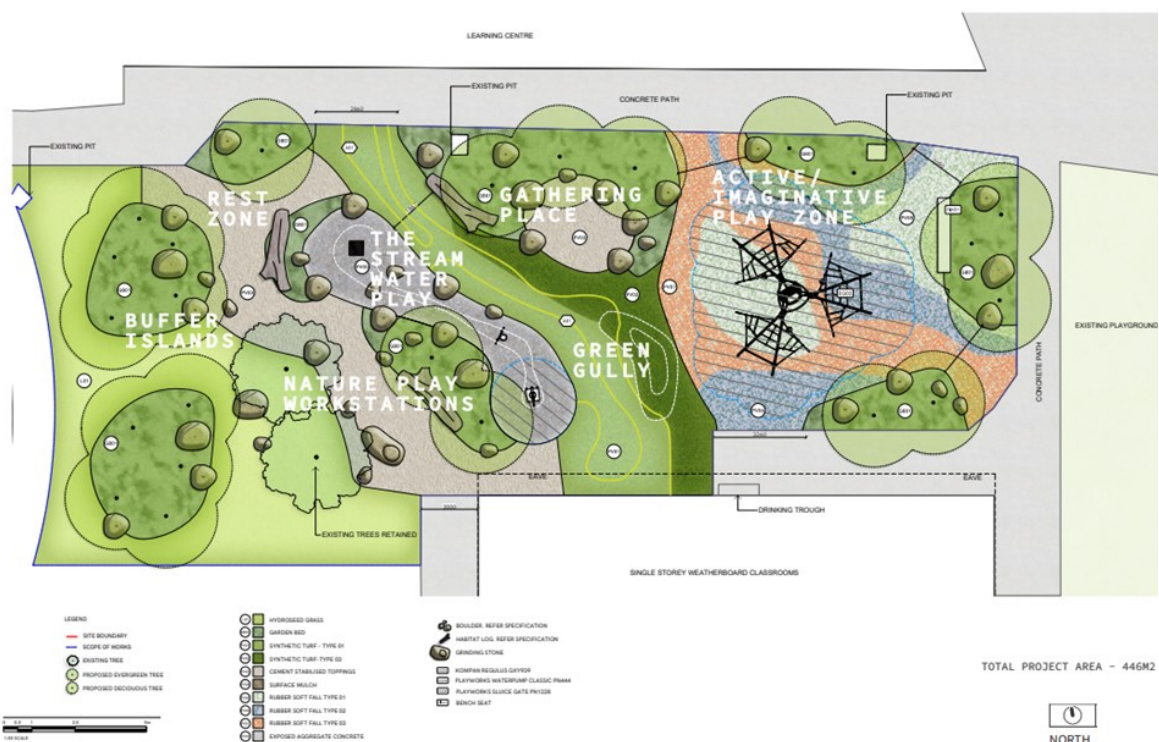
Keep up the great work Prep students!

INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUND TO COMMENCE SOON

It is with great excitement that I can now inform the LPS Family that the Inclusive Playground works will commence on August 29th 2023. There will be an area behind the grade 1 portable classrooms allocated to storage for the work site and will be fenced off by temporary fencing. I am sure the students will enjoy watching what is going on inside the fencing.

Last year we received \$178 480 as part of the 2021-22 State Budget from Victorian Government to build an inclusive playground at Leopold Primary School. Due to the increased prices of labour and parts, School Council are also contributing approximately \$72 000 to ensure the “dream” was delivered.

It is expected that the works will be completed by the end of October 2023. Please see attached some drawings of the planned works.



LAST DAY OF TERM 3

The last day of term 3 is Friday 15th September. Students will be dismissed from school at 2:30pm.

The following arrangements will be in place for the final day of term 3:



Session 1:	9am - 10am
Session 2:	10am - 11am
Recess:	11am - 11:30am
Session 3:	11:30am - 12:30pm
Session 4:	12:30pm - 1:30pm
Eating Lunch:	1.30pm - 1.40pm
Lunch Play:	1:40pm - 2:15pm
Session 5:	2:15pm - 2:30pm

Out of School Care Program will commence at the conclusion of school. Junior School Council are organising a footy colours day on this day.

Term 4 will commence on Monday 2nd October.

PARKING IN PICK UP AND DROP OFF ZONE

I just want to remind parents about the rules of the sign displayed in the pick up and drop off zone on Kensington Rd and Vicarage Rd between the times of 8:30am to 9:30am and 3:00pm to 4:00pm.

No parking signs

If there is a 'no parking' sign, you can stop for 2 minutes in that area:

- if you are picking up or dropping off passengers or goods
- you stay within 3 metres of your vehicle.

If you stop in, or partly in, an area showing a no parking sign and you are not picking up or dropping off passengers or goods, you are considered to be parked and can be fined. This is the case even if you stay with your vehicle.



On Friday 4th August our Prep students celebrated 100 days of school by wearing bright colours!

We are so proud of the Prep students and the way that they have settled into the school routine, progressed with their learning and made new friends! We had a fabulous day of celebrating!

Well done to our Prep students!

100
DAYS OF
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BUSKING

What an amazing response we have had from our busking visit to Gateway Plaza last week.

Both Leopold Lightning Rock bands and the 5/6 Charlie Buckets performed to their best standard and were displaying excellent school values while out in the community. The bands raised a nice sum of money to get the ball rolling in our hopes for band uniforms before the end of the year.

If you would like to see our newly structured school choir make their first appearance, then please see the invitation for details regarding the Drawing Us Together Ceremony. The ceremony begins at 9:30am.



The Teaching & Learning Corner

200 & 300 Nights of Reading

This week we have learned that we have many students approaching their 200 nights of reading goal. As you can see in the pictures below, we have lots of students who can't wait to reach this milestone. This is fantastic news and we look forward to being able to celebrate this achievement at upcoming assemblies. No matter how many nights of reading your child has completed to date, please continue to support them in completing nightly reading and recording this in their diaries.



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!

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 bronze, silver and gold certificates.

Keep Working Hard to Earn Your Gold Certificates!



REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN!

EMBARK ON THE MOST AMAZING ADVENTURE!

Read as much as you can throughout August and help Aussies living with MS and their families.

Claim your **FREE T-shirt** when you register! (While stocks last)



www.msreadathon.org.au

Book Week is Almost Here!



We are all very excited for one of the biggest events in the LPS calendar... **Book Week!**

This year promises to be no exception with awesome activities and lots of tremendously exciting events for students and families to get involved in, including:

- Virtual Author Session with James Foley,
 - Live Author Sessions with Alisa Wilde and Trent Roberts
 - The Annual Book Week Dress Up Day **Friday 25th August**
- So make sure you are planning what costume you are going to wear this year to celebrate our favourite books in the book week parade.

The parade will occur either on the **Synthetic Oval** or the Linc, depending on the weather. Kick off is at **9:15** and we invite the families and the community to attend to celebrate!



Other Events That Are Happening This Term...

Week 6: Science Week: Innovation-Powering Future Industries

Week 10: Adrian Beck Virtual Author Session

Help your child with reading

I Spy

Play 'I Spy' games. Can you find words beginning with...? Can you find a picture of a ...? How many ... can you see?

Ask Questions

Ask questions about the story as you read it e.g. What is the story about? Why do you think they made that choice? Was it a good choice? Why did that happen? What do you think will happen next? What was your favourite part of the story? Why?

Make it Fun

Enjoy reading together. Give characters funny voices and engage with the pictures. Make a game out of finding words that rhyme or start with the same sound.

Be Seen

Make sure you are seen reading. Keep books magazines at easy reach.

Get Out

Go to your public library regularly. Find the books you loved as a kid to read together.

Create

Use reading to inspire drawings or new stories.

Go Online

Look online & in app stores for appropriate word & spelling games.

Make Space

Have a special place or a certain time when you read together.

Read everything out loud.

Books, poems, nursery rhymes, newspaper & magazine articles, food labels... anything that is close to hand!

Our Grade 5 students had a wonderful time refining & learning new swimming skills at Splashdown this week. It was lovely to see & hear stories of challenge, hard work & resilience over five days of intensive lessons. Thank you to parents & school & pool staff for making such a rewarding experience so streamline.



New Vape and Smoke Free Signage around our school

Where you can't smoke, you can't vape.

You will see new signage around our school to help let all our school community know that you cannot smoke or vape in or around our school.



If you or loved ones need support for smoking or vaping, get in touch with these local support services:



12-25 year olds
Email: youth@bch.org.au
52 53 0400

Be Smoke Free Clinics at Barwon Health

1300 715 673

Barwon Health - Bellarine Hwy
Newcomb or via phone, for all ages



13 78 48

www.quit.org.au

You can also text 'call back' to 13 78 48



The MS Readathon challenges kids to read as much as they can in the month of August! Kids love earning prizes, collecting badges and completing challenges. It makes reading fun and exciting and you can still sign up to raise money for a great cause. All funds raised provide vital support services to families with multiple sclerosis.

Our school has raised \$694 in total already!

To register head to... <https://www.msreadathon.org.au/join/LeopoldPrimarySchool>

To stay updated with what we have raised so far...

<https://www.msreadathon.org.au/fundraiser/LeopoldPrimarySchool>

Grade 4 Literacy Enrichment Program

Grade 4 students taking part in the Literacy Enrichment Program have been undertaking some amazing work in their studies surrounding King Arthur, the middle ages and knights.

These students participate in 2 x 1 hour sessions each week throughout the duration of Term 3. The learning they have been doing has been multimodal and utilises Google Classroom to reflect and extend the students thinking about key concepts.

While undertaking complex reading, students have also developed their own hero, anti-hero and even created their own castles via different mediums including Lego and Minecraft.

Mr Sharkey and Mrs Preston have been super impressed by the initiative and independence these students have demonstrated and we can't wait to see and read the epic adventures the students are going to create!



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