

Leopold Primary School

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DATES TO REMEMBER

TERM 3

JULY

Mon 17th –School Assembly

Mon 17th—Fri 21st—

Grade 3 Swimming

Mon 24th—Fri 28th—

Grade 4 Swimming

Tue 25th - School Council meeting

AUGUST

Mon 7th—Fri 11th—

Grade 5/6 Swimming

Mon 21st - Hats compulsory

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.

Respect Responsibility Kindness Honesty

ASSEMBLY

The next school assembly will be this Monday, **July 17th** at 2:40pm. Assembly will be in the LINC.



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.



NAIDOC COMMUNITY STORY

Our NAIDOC community story 'Gami Windda and Dyindi' written by Biana F Stawiarski, is based on this year's NAIDOC theme 'For Our Elders'. Encouraging all of us to learn, be inspired, listen and connect to country. To understand your Elders have incredible stories to share about their life and culture. Partnering with Leopold Primary School and Ocean Grove Primary School, students designed illustrations for each of the pages. We now need you to vote on the illustrations you would like to see featured in the book. Please head down to the Leopold Gateway Plaza and cast your vote before this Sunday 16th July.



WELLBEING DAY 2024 - LOOKING AFTER LEOPOLD PROJECT

The Wellbeing of the people in a community like Leopold is vital. If you are interested in being a part of the organising committee to organise a Leopold Community Wellbeing Day in 2024 please contact Stuart Bott on 0409 438 530. Wellbeing of people is important!!



LEOPOLD PRIMARY SCHOOL REVIEW COMMENCES NEXT WEEK

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 into this review. The school reviewer, Mrs Kim Ryan, will be available at some stage during the review for parents to provide feedback about Leopold Primary School. Keep an eye out for a compass newsfeed for an invitation to have your say.

POLICIES

Can I please remind parents that our school policies are located on our school website?

<https://www.leopold.vic.edu.au/>

These policies are updated on a cyclic basis and are approved by School Council.

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.**



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.

UPCOMING CHANGES TO NAPLAN REPORTING

Ahead of NAPLAN results for students being released next week, I'm writing to inform you of some changes to this year's reporting. These are changes being introduced nationally by the Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA).

NAPLAN will continue to measure student achievement in numeracy, reading, writing, spelling, and grammar and punctuation but the results will now be presented in 4 proficiency levels:

These are:

- exceeding
- strong
- developing
- needs additional support

This change will give schools, parents and carers clearer information that details student achievement against new proficiency levels.

Students' NAPLAN reports will continue to show how they are tracking against their peers and provide an indication of their skill levels against national averages and where we would expect them to be in order to get the most out of schooling. This provides valuable information to teachers about how we can continue to support your child.

Each set of NAPLAN results is an important milestone but it's also important that students know that one result does not define them – these results are about making sure every student gets the support they need so they can continue to get the best from their learning.

When we provide you with your results, you will also receive information about what the new proficiency levels mean.

As ever, you're welcome to speak to me, or your child's teacher with any questions about these changes.

Kindest Regards

Stuart Bott
Principal

TOY DRIVE

Please do not forget to start sending in toys (either in really good or new condition) for our Toy Drive we are running later this term (September 6th).

Please **do not** send in books for the Toy Drive.

Toys can be brought into Miss Cook any morning before school at the Blue Room (where Breakfast Club is held).

All money raised will be donated to the **Geelong Animal Welfare Society (GAWS).**



Music Update



We are pleased to have Dion Drummond attending our school to perform for the students on Monday July 17. Dion is a performer and educator of Torres Strait Island and Aboriginal Australian decent and will be providing an invite into his culture and traditions through music.

At our next assembly on Monday July 17, 6CH, the winning class of Golden Guitar, will be performing their song for the school.

On July 25th, the Newcomb Secondary College Intermediate Concert Band are visiting to perform a short concert for our Grade 6 students.

On July 26th, our two school rock bands and the 5/6 Charlie Bucket Group will be walking down to Gateway Plaza to perform a few songs for the community.

BREAD TAGS

Thank you to those families who have been sending all of your bread tags in to the school for recycling or donating to support people in wheelchairs.

The winner of Term 2's collection was PATERSON.

Congratulations to Patterson. There will be extra play time allocated to all students who are in Patterson at some stage this term.

The winners from last term (Dennis) will also have their extra play at some stage this term.



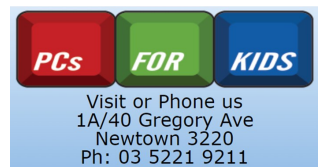
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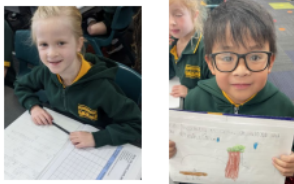
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The Teaching & Learning Corner

200 & 300 Nights of Reading

We're very excited that lots of students have already reached 100 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.



SMART Spelling

We're continuing our work of embedding SMART Spelling practices across our school. 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 our weekly partner tests, dictation and in our students writing.

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.

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.

MS Readathon

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 \$57 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>



JETTY JUMPING

Some of our Grade 2 students were lucky enough to meet with Andrea Rowe, the author of Jetty Jumping.

Andrea spoke to the students about her books, the writing process and what it is like to be an author of children's books.

Thank to the community library for facilitating this amazing experience for our students!



Our School Has celebrated NAIDOC Week in a variety of ways including, a virtual author session with the author of the book "Our Dreaming", the Indigenous Book Swap, celebrating culture through picture books, language, bush tucker and science.

The theme of this year's celebration has been "For Our Elders." The students are able to celebrate this theme by participating in the whole school colouring competition. This competition closes on Friday the 21st of July. Please get all entries to Miss Preston by this Date.

We would like to thank the educators and the Mok-Borriyn Group for making the Book Swap such a roaring success. In particular Robyn Garnham for all of her work behind the scenes.



NAIDOC WEEK At LPS



Book Week is Coming!

In week 7, it will be Book Week and there will be a dress up day during this week. Now is a good time to start thinking about what costume you might wear for this event.



Other Events That Are Happening This Term...

Week 2: Amelia Mellor Virtual Author Session

Week 6: Science Week: Innovation-Powering Future Industries

Week 7: Book Week
Virtual Author Session with James Foley,
Live Author Sessions with Trent Roberts and Patrick Guest
Book Week Dress Up Day

Week 10: Adrian Beck Virtual Author Session



This is an aerial view of Caerboron Castle in Somerset, one of the many places believed to have been the possible location of Camelot.

Grade 4 Literacy Enrichment Program

Some students in Grade 4 have been selected to work in a Reading program. This program has been designed by our Learning Specialists, Miss Preston and Mr Sharkey to engage and extend the students as readers and writers.

The students will be learning about the King Arthur, the middle ages and knights. The students will participate in 2 x 1 hour sessions each week for the duration of Term 3. The learning will be multimodal and utilise Google Classroom to reflect and extend the students' thinking about key concepts.

Students will build background knowledge and vocabulary centred on this context rich unit to build students' comprehension skills as well as analysis the features of the text to assist them in writing their own legend or quest to apply their learning.



MS Readathon

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

