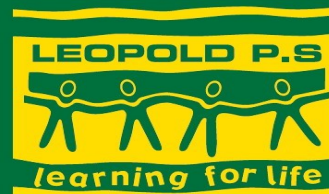


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Principal - Stuart Bott

Newsletter 16th February 2024

Respect Responsibility Kindness Honesty

Dates to remember

TERM 1

FEBRUARY

Fri 16th - Book Club closes

Mon 19th - Assembly

Wed 21st, Thur 22nd, Fri 23rd

- Grade 5 Snorkelling

Mon 26th - Grade 3-6 House Athletics

MARCH

Wed 6th - Pupil Free Day

Mon 18th, Tue 19th, Wed 20th

- Grade 2 Earth Ed Excursion to Ballarat

Thur 21st - School Photos

Thur 28th - Harmony Day

Thur 28th - End of Term 1

CAMP DATES 2024

Grade 3 Camp Wyuna
22nd - 24th July

Grade 4 Sovereign Hill Camp
2nd - 4th Dec

Grade 5 Candlebark camp
6th - 10th May

Grade 6 Canberra camp
15th - 19th April



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 this Monday, February 19th at 2:45pm in the LINC. This change of date was due to the weather last Monday. Our Preps will not be attending this assembly.

PANCAKE DAY

Pancake Day was on Tuesday 13th February. The Uniting Church and Leopold Lions Club kindly cooked and served the pancakes on the day. Thank you to these wonderful community members for providing this opportunity for the students at Leopold Primary School.

The day raised over \$755 and these funds will go to supporting our Chaplaincy Program at Leopold Primary School. The students love it and so did the staff.

One of the Church members said, "What an amazing school of children; so polite, courteous and cooperative. So many of our team commented on their excellent conduct."



Uniting is the community services organisation of the Uniting Church in Victoria and Tasmania.



Uniting

ANNUAL PRIVACY REMINDER FOR OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Our school collects and uses student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the Schools' Privacy Policy and the Schools' Privacy Collection Notice.

Our Photographing, Filming and Recording Students Policy [Photographing Filming and Recording Students Policy 2023 signed.pdf \(leopold.vic.edu.au\)](#) describes how we collect and use photographs, video and recordings of students. The policy also explains when parent consent is required and how it can be provided and withdrawn. We ask parents to also review the guidance we provide on how we use technology safely at the school and what parents can do to further protect their child's information. If after reviewing the guidance, you have any questions or concerns regarding your child using technology, please contact the school. For more information about privacy, refer to: [Schools' privacy policy | vic.gov.au \(www.vic.gov.au\)](#) — information for parents.

This information is also available in ten community languages:

- * Amharic
- * Arabic
- * Dari
- * Gujarati
- * Mandarin
- * Somali
- * Sudanese
- * Turkish
- * Urdu
- * Vietnamese

YARD SUPERVISION

Just a reminder to our parents that staff supervise students in the yard between 8:40 – 9:00am before school and between 3:30 – 3:45pm after school. Therefore, I recommend students do not arrive at school unless they are supervised by a parent before 8:40am 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.



LATE ARRIVALS

Remember that there are learning and social consequences for students who arrive late. They may miss the Community Circle, the lesson's learning question and success criteria, and have not had the opportunity to catch up with their friends and develop socially. Students who arrive past 9:10am must come in via the office so that adjustments can be made to the online rolls that have been already marked by classroom teachers. The procedure is designed to encourage regular attendance and ensure the safety of our students.



PUPIL FREE DAYS FOR 2024

To ensure parents are given ample notice for the planned Pupil Free Days for 2024 the following have been arranged with particular consideration to Rostered Days Off to support our families as best as we can:

Pupil Free Days 2024 (There is no school for students on these days)

- Wednesday 6th March – Understanding Poverty Professional Development
- Monday 7th October – Exploring best Practice in Writing
- Friday 6th December - Professional Practice Day Whole School (waiting for approval from School Council)

Other Days

- Learning Conversations (students only attend interview times) - Thursday 27th June
- Geelong Cup (Public Holiday) - Wednesday 23rd October
- The last day for students in 2024 will be Thursday 19th December



PICK UP AND DROP OFF ZONES

At Leopold Primary School there has been Pick Up and Drop Off Zones installed. This has helped parents communicate with their children where they are going to meet them, ie "I'll pick you up from the Wordel (Crab) Drop Off Pick Up Zone". You will see the name of the animal in English as well as the language of Wadawurrung, the traditional owners of this land around Leopold. These meeting zones were named by our Junior School Council representatives. Cars may stop in between the arrows for up to two minutes as stated on the large signs.

WAITING ZONES ON KENSINGTON RD



WAITING ZONE ON VICARGE RD

Drop Off & Pick Up - Guidelines

These guidelines are for your child's safety, your convenience and to minimise congestion & confusion

Drop Off 8:30 - 9:30am

- Please only stop for a maximum of 2 minutes
- Please also stay close by your vehicle
- Please drive as far forward in the designated area as possible

Pick Up 3-4pm

- Please do not park in the 'No Parking Zone' between 3-4pm
- If your child is not at the waiting area please move on and try again.

General rules for the safety of our children

- All Children should enter/exit car on the footpath side.
- Please be courteous to other road users and allow cars easy access and departure.
- Observe traffic and school crossing when entering or leaving the zone.
- Children must wear a seat belt/restraint until the car has stopped or before take off.

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MINUTE
8:30 AM - 9:30 AM
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM
SCHOOL DAYS



Blake Cherry 5NS settling in to routines and lessons with an A+ attitude!



CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

Do you have a current Healthcare card?

Have you applied for CSEF at Leopold Primary School?

If you have applied in the last 12 months your information will roll over to this year, however if you are new to our school or have recently become eligible for a Healthcare card, please call into the office to pick up a CSEF application form.

The annual CSEF amount per primary school student is \$150.00, which can help with students excursions, incursions and camps.

Please enquire at the school office.



We would like to welcome all the new Prep Families and students to Leopold Primary School!

All the students have had such a wonderful start to schooling at LPS and have settled in amazingly! We look forward to a fun year of learning ahead together.

TUTORING

We are ready to commence tutoring for 2024!

Over the past two weeks, our tutors Rita Nolan, Vicky McKay, and Lee-Anne McDermott have been working in years 1 – 4 to identify students who will undertake tutoring this year. The focus for the schools will be in Reading, as this is a skill that involves all areas of the curriculum. The tutors will be working with small groups of students (3 – 5 in a group depending on the year level) to further teach fluency in reading.

A big celebration for us as a school is that EVERY child in grades 1 – 4 can decode the phonetic codes in reading, this means they know what sounds letters are making as well as when they made two letters that make one sound (for example ai = a sound).

Now the tutors will be working with students on how to read the words by blending sounds together. If your child is undertaking tutoring, you would have received an email over the last two weeks with the tutor introducing themselves and explaining the tutoring process.

For those who have children in grades 5 & 6, intervention will be taking place by two of our Educational Support staff members, Anita Michels and Marion Coe.



SNORKELLING GRANT



Next week our grade 5 students will be going on a snorkelling adventure called “Land, Sea & Me.”

This has been able to occur due to the school receiving funding from Bellarine Community Health for our students to explore their local environment and be educated on how to value and actively care for Victoria’s biodiversity and natural environment.

This grant provides young Victorians with an opportunity to participate in biodiversity-focused hands-on projects and learning activities as well as snorkelling to observe the local marine life.

This is the second year we have been involved in this project, however, the project has grown since last year including biodiversity.

Stay tuned for photos about this exciting events.

MARIMBA BUILDING INCURSION

Our students are two weeks into the fantastic marimba building incursion with Andy Rigby. In order to construct the marimbas, students have been hammering nails, sanding, edging, filing and drilling. They have also been enjoying playing the display marimbas and learning about music from Andy. By the end of week 5 the school will be left with our very own set of hand made marimbas. Great work everyone!



Food Support for Families- Any families requiring extra support with food, please contact any of the following agencies. (more areas in the wider Geelong area are available, these are our local ones).

Where You Can Eat | Emergency Food Relief | Greater Geelong Region

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Meil Community Support	Feed Me Geelong	CatholicCare	St. Vincent De Paul Society	The Salvation Army Doorways Program	Geelong Food Relief Centre City Mini Mart	The Outpost	St Mary's Parish Pantry	Lazarus Community Centre
 P: 5278 8122 Select option 1 for Emergency Relief Please call to book an appointment. at 9am on any given Monday.	Emergency Food Relief: available every day. 0422 798 791 Please contact: feedme@meil.org.au https://www.feedme.org.au/need-help	Emergency Relief is currently running remotely. P: 1800 123 228 select option 1 for Emergency Relief. Monday to Friday 9:30am - 11:30am Call to make an appointment.	Please Call P: 5221 9170 for Emergency Relief assistance. Mon- Fri 9am - 11:30am	Call the Salvos phone assistance line 88735288 Mon - Fri 9:00am - 4:00pm.	 1 Little Snythe Street, Geelong P: 5278 6588 Mon - Fri 10am-3pm Customers must have a voucher from a support agency. https://geelongfoodrelief.org/need-help	 Corner of Clare Street and Transit Place, Geelong P: 5223 1201 7 nights 7:30pm - 9:30pm Mon, Wed and Fri 10:30am - 1:30pm	 150 Yarra Street, Geelong (Roller Door) P: 5222 1977 Tue, Wed, Fri 1-3pm May make use of pantry one per fortnight.	 202 Myers Street, Geelong P: 0438 376 759 Lunch Everyday - 12pm. Mon - Fri 9am - 4pm Sat and Sun 10am-2pm
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Feed Me Bellarine	Loaves & Fishes	Food Assist 3223	Drysdale Family Support
24 Sinclair Street, Ocean Grove FOOD MARKET Tues - Sat 10am - 4pm by donation WASTED Call Friday nights book online Emergency food relief Call: 0422 798 791 bellarine@feedme.org.au www.facebook.com/feedmebellarine Online form: www.feedme.org.au/need-help	Ocean Grove Uniting Church Corner Eggleston Street and The Parade, Ocean Grove Fridays 6:15pm to 7:00pm. Food pantry for Pension and or Health Care card holders.	St. Andrew's Church Hall 111 Newcombe Street (near corner of Fisher Street), Portarlington Ph: 0493 398 160 Wed 1pm-3pm Supports all residents of the 3223 postcode in need of food relief. E: foodassist3223@gmail.com	 276 Jetty Road, Curlewis 5253 2099 0492 875 069 Tuesdays 12:30pm-3:30pm Available other weekdays by phoning and making appointment.
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For Further enquiries please contact:
feedgeelong@givewhereyoulive.com.au

Information Key:
 Food Relief Vouchers
 available



Organisation offers additional
 services

If any families require a food box which contains some food items including a few tins of spaghetti, vegemite, long life milk, soup sachets, Vita Brits, honey and fruit cups, please contact the Wellbeing team at the school on 52501333.

HARMONY DAY

On Thursday March 28th, Leopold Primary will be celebrating Harmony Day. This is an opportunity for us to explore cultures from Australia and around the world, through music, songs, stories and dance. If you would like to contribute to this special event in any way, please contact Bronwen Seal, one of our Cultural Studies teachers, on bronwen.seal@education.vic.gov.au. In the coming days, you will also receive an email asking you to share about the cultural background of your family, which will be a great help in planning the event. Finally, please save the date!

Photos from last year's Harmony Day.



Bellarine Secondary College

Information Night
for 2025 enrolments into year 7
Tuesday 5th March 2024

OCEAN GROVE CAMPUS
Self Guided Tours from 5 pm to 7:00 pm

Book Now

Information Sessions (including Seal) 6pm - 7pm

Bookings are required to attend via Eventbrite

DRYSDALE CAMPUS
Tours from 6pm

Tuesday 12th of March 2024

Book Now

Ocean Grove Campus
Year 7 & 8
70 Smith Road, Ocean Grove

Drysdale Campus
Year 9 - 12
Peninsula Drive, Drysdale
Email: enrolment@education.vic.gov.au
Telephone: 5212 9000

Year 7 Enrolment Information Evening
Tuesday 5 March, 2024 from 6:00pm to 7:30pm

Open Day Tours
Wednesday 6 March, 2024: 9:30am to 10:30am

Selected Entry Advanced Learning Program Information Evening
Tuesday 26 March, 2024: 6:30pm to 7:30pm

For further information, contact our office on
(03) 4243 0500 or
matthew.flinders.girls.sc@education.vic.gov.au

MFC
Matthew Flinders Girls Secondary College

GEELONG HIGH SCHOOL

Join us to experience all that Geelong High School has to offer our prospective Year 7 students.

Wednesday 13th March 2024

INFORMATION EVENING

Session 1 - 4:30pm
Session 2 - 5:30pm
Session 3 - 6:30pm

Venue: C. A. Love Hall
Sessions will be followed by tours of the school.

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FRIDAY 22 MARCH

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ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE GEELONG

COLLEGE TOURS

St Joseph's College Geelong invite you to join our College Tours this semester. We are proud to continue offering an innovative education, and we welcome all senior primary school boys and their families to come and visit us.

Year 7 applications for 2025 are now open, apply via the college website.

Bookings essential, register via our College Website: sjc.vic.edu.au

Tours commence at 9:00am

Monday 18 March	Wednesday 20 March
Tuesday 26 March	Wednesday 27 March
Wednesday 17 April	Friday 19 April

Thank you to the following for supporting Leopold Primary School:

Community Bank
Leopold • 5250 1057

Bendigo Bank

135 Kensington Road
Leopold 3224
03 5250 2250

Leopold Sportsmans Club

Teaching & Learning @ LPS

200 & 300 Nights of Reading

It has been fantastic to hear so many students are well on the way with their 200 & 300 Nights of Reading Journey. Remember to read each night, record this in your diary and get a parent or guardian to sign your diary to go towards your overall total.

Keep up the great reading and let's continue to work our way towards our 2024 goal!

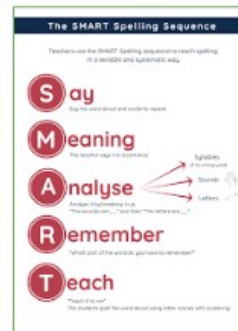
Happy reading LPS!



SMART Spelling

Many Grade levels have begun taking home their weekly SMART Spelling words to practise and learn. Please support your child's spelling development by:

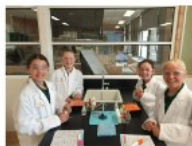
- Encouraging nightly practice of spelling words by writing, sounding and saying their words.
 - Challenge students with a family quiz.
 - Ask students the meaning of their words or to use them in a sentence.
- Don't forget to check in with students each Friday afternoon to see how they went on their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



Mathletics

Students are now able to access their Mathletics accounts at home. It has been amazing to see the number of students who have already logged in to practise their Mathematics skills. This is a great resource to support students with their recall of number facts and practise the skills and concepts they are learning at school. Mathletics is also open to students of all ages.

We look forward to celebrating student Mathletics achievements at future whole school assemblies!



Visiting The Leopold Library @ The Hub

Many of our classes have begun to visit the Leopold Library at the Hub next to our school. Students will have the opportunity to browse the library and borrow from the extensive collection.

Leopold Primary School Library:

Students have also begun attending library sessions at our own school library and it has been fantastic to see so many students happily reading and borrowing books.

Reading At Home

Students have made a great start to developing their reading routine at school each day. Please support your child to develop a great reading routine at home too. The benefits of reading with adults can be tremendous on any child. From the quality time spent together to hearing the way an adult reads and copying these behaviours. Reading together has so many benefits!

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 and 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!