



## Dates to remember

### FEBRUARY

**Tuesday 23rd**—grade 3  
Feathers, Fur & Scales  
Incursion

**Tuesday 23rd**— School  
Council Meeting

**Wednesday 24th**—No  
preps at school

**Thursday 25th**—3 –6  
House Aths at Landy Field

**Friday 26th**—Grade 6  
Canberra camp deposit due

**Friday 26th**—School  
Council Nominations close

### MARCH

**Monday 1st**— Assembly in  
LINC for grades 1—6

**Monday 1st**— Prep students  
attend school every day

**Tuesday 9th**—Pancake day

**Thursday 18th** — School  
Photos

### APRIL

**Thursday 1st** - Last day  
Term 2



## PANCAKE DAY – TUESDAY 9<sup>th</sup> MARCH FROM 9:10am

We are planning to have a Pancake Day on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March between 9:10am and 11:00am. Pancakes will be cooked by our wonderful community members and will be delivered to classrooms throughout the morning. There will be a gold coin donation to support our Breakfast Program and other programs that promote the wellbeing of students at Leopold Primary School.

While we were in lockdown this week we had Pancakes for the essential service students at school. This was well received and the students and staff love them!!



## REMOTE LEARNING



I just want to send out a big “Thank You” to the Staff, Parents and Guardians for your support of Remote Learning at the start of this week. You guys are amazing and you reverted to learning from home extremely quickly. The activities the staff developed were fun and engaging and the parents and students did the best they could at home. It was great to see the work that was done at home brought to school to share with their teachers.

We only about 50 students at school which indicated to me that this lockdown was very significant and people had to stay at home that may not have had to previously. If this has impacted on your wellbeing please reach out to the school or other support agencies for help.

## ASSEMBLY

The next school assembly will be Monday, March 1st at 2:45pm in the LINC. At this stage we are unable to invite parents to come along. Grade 1 – 6 students will be in attendance. The prep students will attend the whole school assembly later in term 1 after they have had a practice and understand what the assembly is all about.

## MASKS

A reminder to all parents, grandparents, carers and visitors that the wearing of masks is compulsory on school grounds.

The Education Department Guidelines state that unless people can socially distance (1.5m) masks must be worn outside as well as inside all buildings.

We also ask that parents who are on school grounds for longer than 15 minutes sign in by scanning the QR codes located around the school.



## SCHOOL COUNCIL

School Councils play a vital role in the educational opportunity and outcomes of all students at school. In essence, the role of School Council is one of setting the long-term future for the school and maintaining oversight (not management) of the school's operation. I would like our parents and staff to consider nominating for School Council in 2021. Nomination forms for School Council are available from the office.

I will send out a newsfeed early next week with the NOTICE OF ELECTION AND CALL FOR NOMINATIONS schedule attached. There are four parent member positions and two staff positions vacant for the next two year period.

Nominations close at 4:00pm on Friday 26th February 2021

# School council election process and timetable

## Leopold Primary School

| Event   | Date                                  |
|---|---------------------------------------|
| a) Notice of election and call for nominations                                      | Friday 19th February 2021             |
| b) Closing date for nominations   | Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> February 2021 |
| c) Date by which the list of candidates and nominators will be posted               | Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2021     |
| d) Date by which ballot papers will be prepared and distributed                     | Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> March 2021   |
| e) Close of ballot  | Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> March 2021  |
| f) Vote count   | Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> March 2021    |
| g) Declaration of poll  | Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> March 2021    |
| h) Special council meeting to co-opt community members (the principal will preside) | Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> March 2021   |
| i) First council meeting to elect office bearers (the principal will preside)       | Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> March 2021   |

## PREP INFORMATION

Next Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> February is the last Wednesday that the Prep students have at home. The week beginning Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February Preps will be attending school full time, 5 days per week

## Last Day Of School—Term 1

The last day of term 1 is Thursday 1st April. Students will be dismissed from school at 2:35pm.

The following arrangements will be in place for the final day of term 1:

Session 1 – 9:00am – 10:00am

Session 2 – 10:00am – 11:00am

Recess – 11:00am - 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 – 2:35pm

Out of School Care Program will commence at the conclusion of school. Students are expected to be at school and in full School uniform.

# PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE DAYS



In Victoria and at Leopold Primary School, we achieve excellence by consistently focusing on improving the achievements of learners, whether it is through improving the quality of educational services or changing the way we teach.

The most important thing we can do to improve student outcomes is to develop and improve the skills of our teachers.

The Victorian Government and at Leopold Primary School we will continue to provide opportunities to develop professional, passionate staff and equip them with the right knowledge and skills to meet the needs of their students.

To ensure we support the learning and development of not only our students, but our staff too; we are committed to providing professional development opportunities for our workforce.

Staff will spend four days per year (one day per term) further developing their skills in areas that are aligned to the school priorities. Students will directly benefit from these improvements in their daily learning.

Throughout 2021 staff will be taking time to improve their delivery of teaching and learning through the four professional practice days they have been allocated.

The professional practice days are part of the Victorian Government Schools Agreement 2017. Each full time teacher is entitled to one day per term (four days per year), to focus on the improved delivery of high quality teaching and learning.

We know children sometimes find it challenging when their teacher is away from the classroom. Equally, it's important that staff take the time to focus on improving their professional practice because their learning directly impacts on your child's learning experience and that there is a learning plan in place to ensure that your child's education continues as usual.

We are scheduling the days ahead of time and have planned the day so that there is minimal impact.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.



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## Parents & students are invited to the 2021 INFORMATION NIGHT MONDAY 29 MARCH 2021, 6:30PM

The evening commences at 6.30pm and will include an information session and guided tour of the College. The evening will conclude at 8pm. As part of the Newcomb Secondary College experience on the evening, light refreshments will be served and families will be provided the opportunity to meet and chat with staff and students.

We look forward to welcoming you to Newcomb Secondary College.

*"State education excellence in your neighbourhood – come and see for yourself"*

Phone (03) 5248 1400  
81-85 Bellarine Highway, Newcomb  
Email [enquiry@newcombsec.vic.edu.au](mailto:enquiry@newcombsec.vic.edu.au)



## Year 7 Enrolment Information Evening

Wednesday 10 March, 2021 from 6:00pm to 7:30pm

## Open Day

Thursday 11 March, 2021 with tours at 9:30am  
or 10:30am

## Selected Entry Advanced Learning Program Information Evening

Tuesday 16 March, 2021 from 6:30pm to 7:30pm

For further information, contact Damien Toussaint  
(SEALP enquiries) or Chelsea Bright (general enquiries)  
on (03) 4243 0500 or  
[matthew.flinders.girls.sc@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:matthew.flinders.girls.sc@edumail.vic.gov.au)



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# SCHOOL PHOTOS 2021

## THURSDAY 18TH MARCH

This year all school photos will be ordered and paid for on line. Please read the information below explaining the online ordering system.

**PLEASE NOTE: PHOTOS CAN BE ORDERED FROM MONDAY 22ND FEBRUARY UNTIL 4:30PM WEDNESDAY 17TH MARCH**

## ONLINE BOOKING



Your school has decided that school photos will only be available to order online this year. We are now also offering green screen online.

### THE BENEFITS OF BEING ONLINE

- No need for envelopes to be returned to the school office.
- No cash on school grounds or children's bags.
- Easy order tracking and record keeping
- 15 different backdrops to choose from.



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Contact: [info@leadingimage.com.au](mailto:info@leadingimage.com.au) or call 1800 750 586

INDIVIDUAL & FAMILY PHOTOS CAN BE ORDERED WITH THE SAME ACCESS KEY



To order your school photos you need to log onto

**<https://www.leadingimage.com.au>**

Click on Order your school photos.  
and enter the access key below.

\*Preferred Browser is Google Chrome\*

**Access Key: YFR6VYV7**

Packages are available to order with this access key.

**Family photographs must be ordered by 4:30pm the night before photo day.**

**IF YOU DO NOT ORDER BEFORE THIS TIME YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO HAVE A FAMILY PHOTO TAKEN.**

