

Leopold Primary School

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Respect Responsibility Kindness Honesty

DATES TO REMEMBER

TERM 2

MAY

Grade 4 - Anglesea Camp
24th - 26th May

JUNE

Mon 5th—Assembly

Mon 12th -King's Birthday
long weekend—students do
not attend school

Thur 22nd -Last day of
Term 2 for students: 3.30pm
dismissal

Fri 23rd —Professional
Practice day for teachers—
student free day

JULY

Mon 10th—Parent Teacher
Learning Conversations

Tue 11th— First day Term 3

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.

ASSEMBLY

The next school assembly will be on Monday, June 5th at
2:40pm. Assembly will be in the LINC.



PUPIL FREE DAYS FOR 2023

Just a reminder that the School Council approved Pupil Free Days for 2023 have
been arranged with particular consideration to Rostered Days Off to support our
families as best as we can:

- Friday 23rd June 2023 - (Last day of term 2) DET approved Professional
Practice Day for Teachers
- Monday 10th July 2023 - (First Day of term 3) Parent Teacher Learning
Conversations

There will be care offered on these days for students of parents that need to work.
More information will be provided in the coming weeks.

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE DAY TERM 2

For Term 2, 2023, the Department of Education and
Training has provided schools the opportunity to hold
each teacher's allocated professional practice day on the
same day for all staff. This is to enable the most effective
and efficient use of this day. We have scheduled our
professional practice day for **Friday 23rd June**. Students
will therefore not be required to attend school on this day. However, if you need to
work you are able to send your child to school. I will be sending out a form to
register your child in the coming weeks.



CAR PARKING AROUND LPS

It has been brought to my attention that some of our parents are
parking on Leopold community members lawns at the front of
their houses. This is causing damage to their grass. Can I please
ask that we are mindful of our community members and respect
other peoples' property.



**STAFF
PARKING
ONLY**

Can I also please remind parents that the car parks on school
grounds are for staff only! There are signs at the entrance of
the 2 staff car parks that remind you that they are staff only
car parks. Please use the 3 drop off zones around our school,
2 on Kensington Road and 1 on Vicarage Road, if you are
dropping your children off in the morning.

If you need to park, as you are walking your children to their classrooms, then you
are able to park in the side streets around the school. This is same for the end of
the day if you need to collect your children from the school grounds.
Please use the school crossing if you are crossing the road for the safety of the LPS
community.

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR TERM 2

The last day of Term 2 for students is **Thursday 22nd June**. Students will be dismissed from school at the normal time of 3:30pm.

SCHOOL COUNCIL BRIEFS

At the School Council Meeting held this week the following was discussed:

- ◇ That the 2022 Annual Report be approved.
- ◇ That the company installing the Inclusive Playground has been appointed.
- ◇ The approval of the Winter tunic be included as part of our uniform.
- ◇ World Strides be the provider of Canberra Camp 2024 for Monday 15th April till Friday 19th April 2024.
- ◇ That the 7 portable classrooms have been painted over the recent holidays.
- ◇ The new shade sail over the playground near the basketball courts has been finished.
- ◇ That the Mobile Phone - Student Use Policy, Records management – School Records Policy and Anaphylaxis Policy be approved.
- ◇ The School Review and the voice of parents, community and staff have been gathered. The next step is to get the students voice into the review.
- ◇ Student attendance and possible strategies to improve attendance across the school. The high levels of absences are having an impact on student wellbeing and learning outcomes.
- ◇ The new Student Reporting implementation timeline. This will be shared with parents to ensure they are aware of the timeline.



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.



THANK YOU TO ST MARK'S

Thank you to the St Marks' church for their kind donation of a \$100 Coles food voucher to support families in our school. We appreciate this kind donation.

Also I have been informed that the St Mark's car park is undergoing further renovations to better accommodate the Op Shop and church facilities. So unfortunately there will be no available parking in the church car park from Friday 2nd June for approximately 6 – 8 weeks.

MOTHERS DAY STALL

Thank you to everyone that made the Mother's Day stall a huge success this year. The time and effort that went in to making the day a success was truly amazing.



Thank you to Natalie Lynch and family for cleaning the broken glass off the basketball courts during the week. We really appreciate your kindness and care for the LPS students.



OUTSTANDING CROSS COUNTRY PERFORMANCES:

At assembly on Monday afternoon, we were able to present medals to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place getters from our House Cross Country held at the beginning of term.

House Cross Country Results:

9/10 Boys/Mixed Lachlan Brislane Blake Cherry Liam Waldron	9/10 Girls Caitlin Forster Pippa Felthouse Emily Bell
11 Boys Mixed Zander Higoe Xander Burgess Levi Kelly	11 Girls Charlotte Felthouse Eleanor Marsh Elyza-Grace Lawrence
12/13 Boys/Mixed Patrick Browne Brody Munn Spencer Cook	12/13 Girls Michaela Melbourne Zarah Finn Chloe Teijeiro



At assembly, we also recognised our 'future stars', the first three runners across the finish in our Prep - Year 2 Fun Runs.

Prep Boys/Mixed Oliver Ward Archer Mahon Xander Gixti	Prep Girls Lake Bennett Isla Houston Willow Hammond
Year 1 Boys/Mixed Mason Taylor Dorian Scott Charlie Forster	Year 1 Girls Madelyn Martin Imani Dallimore Lola Thompson
Year 2 Boys/Mixed Owen Malkin Sam Davidson Archie Connell	Year 2 Girls Sofia Toth Zadiee Kartawa Sophie Elliot

Connewarre District Cross Country:

Our top 8 runners from each of the age groups qualified to represent the school at the Connewarre District event at Eastern Gardens. Our results there were highlighted by: Brody Munn and Patrick Browne in the 12/13 Boys/Mixed Race, Charlotte Felthouse running second in the 11 Girls and Blake Cherry 3rd in the 9/10 Boys Mixed race.

Patrick Browne, Blake Cherry, Spencer Cook, Charlotte Felthouse, Pippa Felthouse, Zarah Finn, Zander Higoe, Noah Jackson, Matilda Jackson, Eleanor Marsh, Max McLaren, Brody Munn and Caleb Munn will all continue on to the Bellarine Division Event next Tuesday, again held at Eastern Gardens.



CYBER SAFETY TIPS

The Internet is without a doubt one of the best resources available to us, however as our use of social media increase we need to make sure we are educating our children about how to navigate this world when they are old enough to access the multiple sites that are available.

Even when using Messenger Kids, our children need to know that what they say on line should be the same as they would talk to each in person, in a respectful, kind manner.

Here are some ways to discuss social media and internet usage with your children.

Internet Safety

Digital Citizenship

Anything you say, post, or view can seen by your family, teachers, friends, neighbors, coaches, AND strangers.

Think!

Where are your digital footprints leading you?

Before You Click!

Social Media

Once you post it, you can't take it back

"Friends" should be people you know

Do not give out your phone number, address, photos, or school name

Tell a parent or trusted adult if something makes you worried or uncomfortable

Search Engine Tips

- 1 Think first about what you want to find on the internet
- 2 Explore your search options. Don't always pick the first site.
- 3 Not everything on the internet is true. Check before you believe.

Cyberbullying

Think before you send. Are you angry? Will this be hurtful to another person?

Bullying is wrong. So why do we think it's different online?

Take 5! Put down the mouse and step away from the computer

Be a friend, not a bystander

Netiquette: being polite and respectful everywhere online

Piktochart

PUBERTY

Over the last few weeks, students in grades 4, 5 & 6 have been undertaking Puberty lessons provided by "Totally Random" and taught by Kimberly Thomas.

Sometimes this can mean that your children will come home asking questions, that you may not be 100% ready for.

Here are some tips to help with the social changes that are involved with puberty.

Help Your Child Deal With Social Changes In Puberty

- 1 Encourage open communication and support your child in expressing their concerns about puberty.
- 2 Educate them about healthy relationships and boundaries, including consent and communication.
- 3 Help them to manage their time and responsibilities.
- 4 Emphasize the importance of self-care and coping skills for stress and difficult emotions.
- 5 Encourage them to engage in sports or different activities to stay mentally healthy and physically fit.
- 6 Support your child in their passion and interest to help build healthy self-esteem and self-acceptance.

Preps First School Excursion

On Tuesday 16th and Wednesday 17th May, the 2023 Preps went on their first excursion to the Museum of Play and Art (MoPA) in Geelong. For some students it was their first time on a bus, luckily it was a short bus trip.

At MoPA students engaged with a rotation of interactive and fun activities. Preps painted a car, played in sunset city, listened to stories in a theatre, dressed up and performed on stage, built long snakes and tall towers, created art, and ended with an epic dance party. It was a very successful and fun first excursion for all involved.

We would like to thank all the amazing people at MoPA for running these activities as well as all the helpers who came along to help supervise groups of preps too.



BREAKFAST CLUB

We would like to say a MASSIVE thank you to all of the volunteers who come into breakfast Club each week to help run the program. Without your ongoing support and kindness to give up your own time to prepare breakfasts and stay back to tidy up, it wouldn't be possible.

Skye Cook and Rob Hunter



RECONCILIATION IN THE PARK
JOHNSTONE PARK
SUNDAY MAY 28TH
10:00 - 3:00

'Be A Voice For Generations'

- Welcome to Country
- Local Dancers
- Community Performers
- Uncle Rob Bundle
- Hands on Activities
- Possum Skin Cloak Workshop
- Kids Activities
- **FREE BBQ from 11:30**
- Coffee Van on site for purchasing drinks
- Local Arts and Crafts Market Returns

Everyone is Welcome
Free Entry



Introducing our new Chilli Con Carne and rice dish to our menu. Cost \$5.20, add \$1.00 for corn chips. Home made, Gluten Free and full of flavour.

Please note, unfortunately we have had to adjust the price of slush puppies to \$3.00. We no longer have a local sales rep and all stock is now delivered from Queensland, sadly we have to incur the delivery costs.



...SAILING TITLES...

Will in 5SN & his brother Josh will be joining the team of 9 sail boats representing Australia at the International Cadet World/ Promotional titles.

The regatta will be sailed on the North Sea out of Nieuwpoort in Belgium from the 22nd - 28th July. Prior to the regatta there will be a week of team training and the measurement process of all boats competing. Will recently finished 11th at the last World Championship raced in Williamstown, Melbourne sailing with his brother Ben.

Now Ben has aged out of the junior class, Will has teamed up with Josh. They have had immediate success in their first event together, finishing 5th in the Victorian State Championships. That event had all of the Australian team racing.

The Teaching & Learning Corner

Virtual Author

This week some of our students participated in a virtual author session with Lucinda Gifford.

These sessions are facilitated by YABBA and the Department of Education.

Lucinda is the author and illustrator for a number of books including Chicken Divas.

To celebrate Education Week and this event, the grade 4 students did a flash mob "Chicken Dance". Thank you to the Grade 4s, it was very entertaining.



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.



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.

SMART Spelling



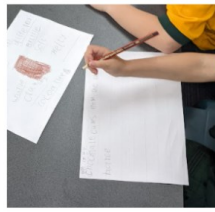
Mapping Sounds



Practising identifying digraphs



Identifying vowel and consonant sounds



Seeing spelling work in student writing

We're continuing our work of embedding SMART Spelling practices across our school and we need your help!

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 both our weekly partner tests, dictation and in our students writing.

Coming UP



On Wednesday the 24th of May, it is National Simultaneous Storytime. To celebrate Leopold Primary School Students will be reading the story the Speedy Sloth. This story is about growth mindset, persistence and resilience. Some grade one students will be heading over to the community library to participate in this event.

On Friday the 26th, LPS will acknowledge and learn about National Sorry Day and on Monday the 29th through to Friday the 2nd of June, students will be learning about Reconciliation Week. Reconciliation Week is about learning and strengthening relationships with our First Nation's people and non-indigenous peoples for the benefit of all Australians.

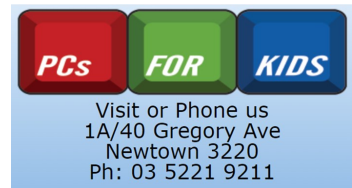


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