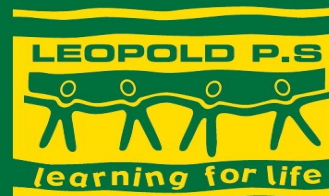


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Principal - Stuart Bott

Newsletter 24th March 2023

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DATES TO REMEMBER

MARCH

Wed 29th - Thu 30th - Grade 5
Snorkelling Excursion

APRIL

Tue 4th - Grade 1 Community
BBQ— 5pm—6pm

Thu 6th - Last day Term 1—
2:35 finish

TERM 2

APRIL

Mon 24th - Pupil Free Day

Tue 25th - ANZAC DAY

Wed 26th - First day Term 2

MAY

Fri 5th - Photo Catchup Day

Fri 12th - Mothers Day Stall

CAMP DATES 2023

Grade 4 - Anglesea Camp
24th - 26th May

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 this Monday, March 27th at 2:45pm in the LINC. Prep students will not attend this assembly—they will start attending assembly in term 2.

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:

- Monday 24th April 2023 – Preparation for School Review. Staff looking at data across the school.

LAST DAY OF TERM 1

The last day of Term 1 is **Thursday 6th 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.

ANZAC DAY

We are looking forward to our students being involved in the ANZAC service on Tuesday 25th April starting at 8:00am in Leopold. Our School Captains will be speaking and there will be also students from Leopold Primary School singing. It would be great to see you at this important community event.



Our school will be holding an ANZAC ceremony in Term 2, Wednesday 26th April at 2:40pm. We will try to hold this event in front of our Lone Pine in the Prep Playground.

KERRY CARTER'S RETIREMENT FAREWELL TUES 4 APRIL, 4.30-6.30PM AT SPORTIES

Join a Leopold Kindergarten community event for Kerry as we wish her well for the next exciting chapter of her life. Kerry has been at Leopold Kindergarten for over 20 years. She has given so much of her time and heart to make Leopold Kindergarten the amazing service it is today. She has mentored the many educators, and supported families and children in every way possible in their kindergarten journey. She is such a knowledgeable and professional teacher, who has played an important early education role for so many individuals in our community.

Refreshments provided, courtesy of Leopold Sportsman's Club. RSVP for catering purposes

to leopoldkindersecretary@gmail.com

If you can't make it, send a message through to the same email address, which will be passed onto Kerry on the day.

SCHOOL COUNCIL BRIEF

The first School Council meeting with new members, was held on Tuesday 21st February 2023.

Congratulations to all members, we look forward to working with you in 2023.

The following Office Bearers were elected:

Ramona Browne	President
Kirsten Felthouse	Vice President
Nic Jarvis	Treasurer

Discussion items and approvals by School Council:

- School Hire Agreements
- Staff Professional Developments 14th March feedback
- NAPLAN over the past two weeks
- Canberra Camp feedback – our students were amazing
- Finance reports for February 2023
- Electronic Funds Management Policy
- Outside School Hours Care attendance and professional development day 21st March 2023
- Grounds – installation of the new shade sail next week and intended contractor works
- New evacuation diagrams and staff training
- Mental Health Dinner 2024 – support to further develop this idea
- 2023 Booklist supply – seek feedback from the school community
- Diabetes funding in school – letter to the Minister for Education

MOBILE PHONE POLICY

A few years ago there was a new mobile phone policy introduced for all government schools. The policy means phones or smart watches (new to the policy at LPS due to the number of interruptions in classrooms as they are being used as mobile devices) brought to school must be switched off and stored securely during the school day.

The aim of this policy is to provide:

- a safe environment to learn without inappropriate mobile phone use (including cyberbullying) or distractions
- greater opportunities for social interaction and physical activity during recess and lunchtimes.

The use of technology is important, but the risks and benefits from its use need to be managed.

In emergencies, parents can contact their children through the school office.

ANNUAL PRIVACY REMINDER FOR 2023

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the [Schools' Privacy Policy](#).

Please take time to remind yourself of our school's collection notice, found on our website

www.leopold.vic.edu.au

For more information about privacy, refer to: [Schools' Privacy Policy — information for parents](#).

AMAZING STUDENTS AT LPS

In the 2022/23 summer season, Leopold Tennis Club fielded a team in Tennis Geelong's inaugural Orange Ball competition. The team played matches around the district and comprised of four LPS students as well as two children from two other schools. There are no finals or gradings at this level, however having won the most games overall, they were first place in game rankings.

These students worked hard and did a wonderful job. The four team members from LPS were: Elliott Clarke, Aidan Lilley, Zak Stewart and Marcus Gould (from grades 6,5,4 and 3 in that order). Well Done, an amazing effort!!

Harrison Hodder was awarded his Grey Wolf Wednesday 14th February this year, after completing it in December 2022. 1 in 10 cubs will get their Grey Wolf Award.

Harrison this is an outstanding achievement and you should be extremely proud of receiving this award.

The Grey Wolf Award is the highest award you can earn in the Cub Scout Section. It is considered the pinnacle of your Scouting at this stage and is a milestone in your Scouting life.

To be awarded the Grey Wolf Award, Cub Scouts must complete or achieve:

- A Milestone Activity including leadership
- In Core Areas of Bushcraft, Bushwalking and Camping
- Complete an 8 stage Outdoor Adventure Skills
- Complete six Special Interest Areas activity projects, each totaling at least four hours of effort, across at least two different Special Interest Areas.



Airley-Rose Hunter has been selected out of all of the Geelong girls that went to try outs, to play in the highest division of The Geelong United Basketball Representative Team for Under 12 Girls.


Airley has also gained a sponsorship from Danly for being a rising junior athlete.

Airley trains hard 3 times a week and plays 2 or 3 games a week, she is very driven and passionate about teams herself and her basketball and is not afraid of a challenge, that's on the court and at school.

Airley-Rose you are amazing!!



This just shows the quality of students we have at LPS!



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Grade 5 Candlebark Farm Camp

In February our Grade 5 students went to the beautiful Yarra Valley and stayed at Candlebark Farm Camp, for 3 days and two nights. We had the most perfect weather for this active outdoors camp allowing us to really stretch ourselves emotionally, socially and physically. The highlights for most of us were canoeing, archery, and the legendary *What-is-this-thing-how-high's-this-thing-you-strap-me-into-this-thing?* **SUPER SWOOPER**. *The Super Swooper was A-M-A-Z-I-N-G!*

Some short statements from students:

Camp was actually really fun. My favorite was the Super Swooper - every single second of it! The view was amazing. Frankly, everything about Candlebark was great - Healesville too. By Lorenzo F

From the moment we arrived at Candlebark, I knew it was the beginning of three riveting days. By Chelsea N

The greatest thing about camp was undoubtedly the Super Swooper. The food wasn't bad either - the roast on the last day was amazing! I was impressed with the cabins, they were cosy and clean when we walked in and they were just as clean when we walked out of them. By Harry D



Remote Control Cars Workshop

Ages 8 - 15
(For beginners and new owners)

About Us

Hello, we are Tom and Charlie,
The creators of T&C's RCs, we are Homeschooled teenagers who have a passion for RC (Remote Control) Cars and are wanting to share it with the world. This course we are creating is targeted at younger audiences that are new to the World of RC Cars and are interested in learning how to look after and keep them running so you can keep having FUN!

Workshop Times

Please Select one of the sessions below

10:30-11:30 AM
1:00-2:00 PM

Friday 14th April

10:30-11:30 AM
1:00-2:00 PM

Saturday 15th April

**Cost
Donation
\$10-\$20
recommended**

Limited spots available!

Register now via email (Name, age
and Date/Time) at:
tcrcars@protonmail.com

Location:
Wallington
(further details upon
registration)



Hobbies direct Endorsed



What you will learn

In this Workshop, you will learn how to look after and maintain RC Cars. This will involve learning about how the cars run, learning how to drive them in a way that stops you from constantly crashing and breaking them, you will also learn how to clean and maintain your cars to keep them running at optimal capacity.

For those student's who missed the school photo's day, there will be a makeup day on Friday 5th May.



PLEASE NOTE: this is only for individual and family photos

The Teaching & Learning Corner

200 & 300 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

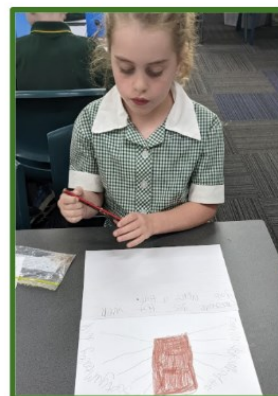
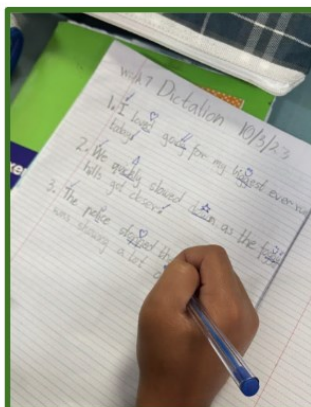
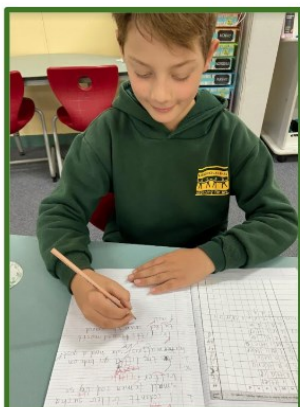
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Students are able to log onto Mathletics at home and explore different components to support them in their mathematical knowledge and practise key numeracy skills.

By working through the different tasks throughout the year the students are able to earn bronze, silver and gold certificates.

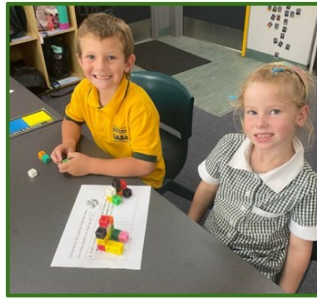
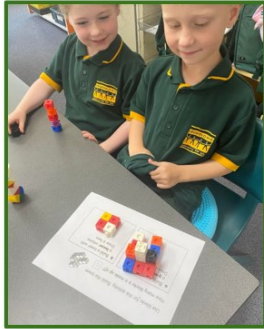
If your child earns a gold certificate it will be announced and celebrated at our whole school assembly.

SMART Spelling



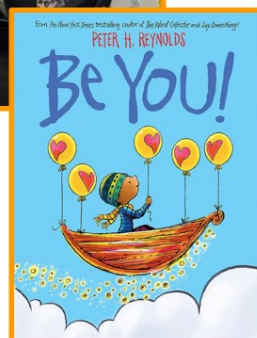
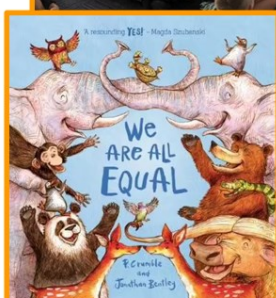
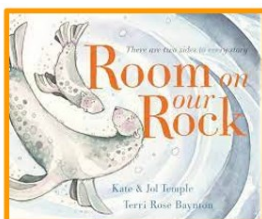
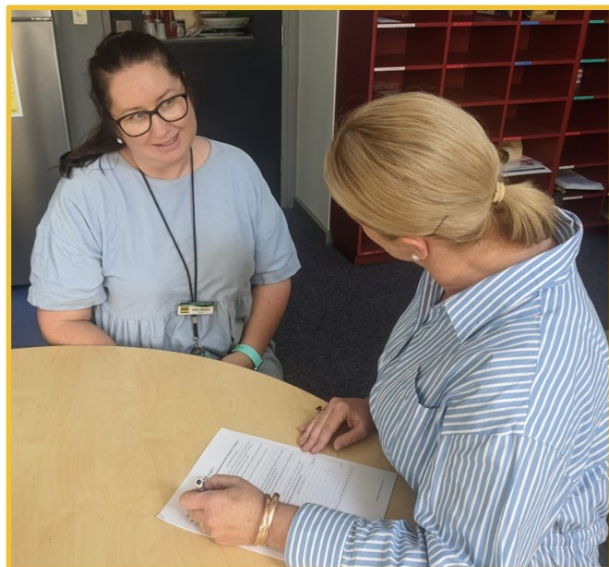
We're continuing our work of embedding SMART spelling practices across our school and we need your help. Can you support your children in practising their spelling words each week by encouraging them to say and write their words as well as complete any spelling activities that are suggested by your children's 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.

World Maths Day



On March the 23rd it was World Maths Day! Our students participate in engaging maths lesson every school day and World Maths Days was no different. Students all around our school participated in maths lessons focused on the different strands of maths including Number & Algebra, Measurement & Geometry and Statistics & Probability.

We would like to express a huge thank you to our LPS families for enabling our educators in participating the Whole School Curriculum Day. This enabled our staff to learn about assessment practices aligning with our Annual Implementation Plan goals. We unpacked the different kinds of assessments we can use to track students learning throughout the teaching and learning process. Here are some of our educators practising using a new assessment tool. This tool supports educators in monitoring students ability in manipulating sounds.



We have kicked off our **Harmony Week** celebrations this week in a variety of ways. Students have been exposed to different mentor texts that focus on cultural diversity and inclusion such as "We Are All Equal" and "Be You". Students also participated in the live virtual author session facilitated through YABBA. We heard from the authors of "Room on our Rock," Jol and Kate, who spoke about the different Harmony Week themes within the text.