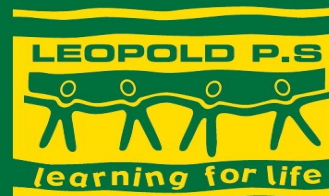


# Leopold Primary School

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Principal - Stuart Bott

Newsletter 25th August 2023

**Respect Responsibility Kindness Honesty**

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### TERM 3

#### AUGUST

**Wed 30th** - 2.40pm Prep Open Classroom

#### SEPTEMBER

**Fri 1st** - Fathers Day Stall

**Fri 1st** - Book Week Parade & Dress up day from 9am

**Fri 1st** - Grade 1 Open Classroom after Book Club parade

**Mon 4th** - School Assembly at 2.40pm

**Tue 5th** - Leopold's Got Talent auditions

**Wed 6th** - Indigenous Literacy Day

**Wed 6th** - KKC Toy Drive

**Thu 7th** - Grade 2 Ballarat Wildlife Park excursion

**Tue 12th** - Grade 6 Open Afternoon at 2.35pm

**Thu 14th** - Grade 6 Ice Skating excursion

### TERM 4

#### OCTOBER

**Mon 2nd** - First day Term

**Thu 5th** - Grade 6 Graduation Photos



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.

## ASSEMBLY

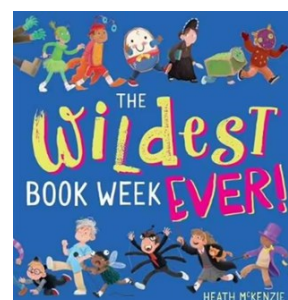
The next school assembly will be this Monday, **September 4<sup>th</sup>** at 2:40pm. Assembly will be in the LINC.



## STORY TIME WITH OUR 2024 PREPS



On Wednesday afternoon this week Mrs Balboni ran the first Storytime session with some of our 2024 Preps. It was a great success! The children were all dressed up in their book week costumes and thoroughly enjoyed listening to a story 'The Wildest Book Week Ever' read by Mrs Balboni.



The children then did a colouring activity about their Book Week Character.

## PARENT OPINION SURVEY

Each year the school conducts an opinion survey with the school community. All families are invited to participate in the survey. The survey details were sent out via a Compass Newsfeed on August 7<sup>th</sup>. Results will be used to inform and direct our future school planning and improvement.

- The survey will be conducted **online** and only takes **20 minutes** to complete.
  - The survey can be completed on any internet enabled device (desktop computer, laptop, tablet or smartphone) and is compatible with most browsers.
- The survey will be open from **Monday 7 August to Friday 8 September 2023**.
- The survey is available in English and 10 other languages including Arabic, Greek, Hakha Chin, Hindi, Japanese, Punjabi, Simplified Chinese, Somali, Turkish, and Vietnamese.

Please be assured that your responses are completely confidential. The survey is conducted anonymously, and it is important to us that you complete the survey as honestly as possible.

## ENROLMENTS 2024

Thank you to the families that have enrolled their children for 2024 already, this is great support for us to make important decisions for the number of classes and also around staffing for 2024. If you know you are going to enrol your child 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.



## DOGS ON LEADS

Can I please ask that if you need to bring your dog to school that they must be on a lead and away from students as there are some students that are frightened of dogs and school is a place that they need to feel safe. Our preference is that you don't bring your dog to school. Also, after school please ensure your dogs stay on a lead as we have children in After School Care and the same situation applies. Thank you for supporting this request.



## 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 20<sup>th</sup>** 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 21<sup>st</sup> August.**

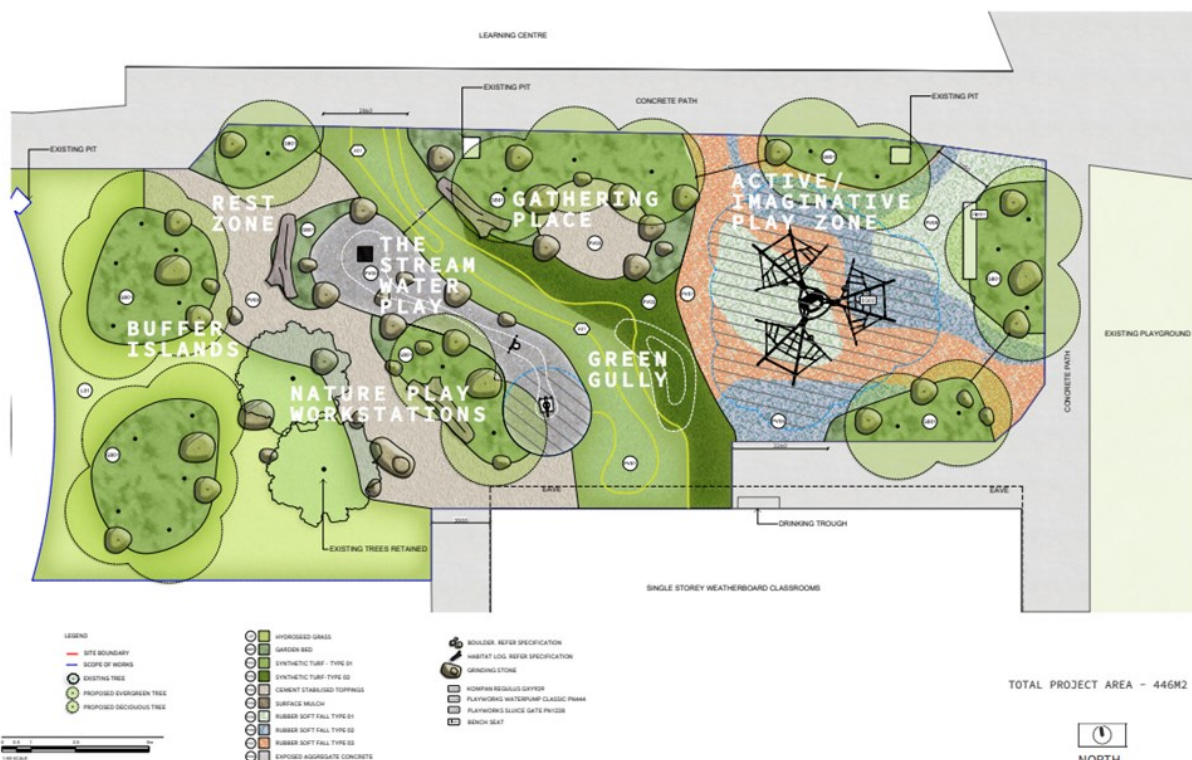
## INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUND TO COMMENCE SOON

It is with great excitement that I can now inform the LPS Family that the Inclusive Playground works will commence on August 29<sup>th</sup> 2023 with the erection of the temporary fencing. There will be an area behind the grade 1 portable classrooms allocated to storage for the work site and will be fenced off by temporary fencing. I am sure the students will enjoy watching what is going on inside the fencing.

Last year we received \$178 480 as part of the 2021 -22 State Budget from Victorian Government to build an inclusive playground at Leopold Primary School.

Due to the increased prices of labour and parts, School Council are also contributing approximately \$72 000 to ensure the "dream" is delivered.

It is expected that the works will be completed by the end of October 2023. Please see attached some drawings of the planned works.





## LAST DAY OF TERM 3

The last day of term 3 is Friday 15<sup>th</sup> 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
<b>Recess:</b>	<b>11am - 11:30am</b>
Session 3:	11:30am - 12:30pm
Session 4:	<b>12:30pm - 1:30pm</b>
<b>Eating Lunch:</b>	<b>1.30pm - 1.40pm</b>
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 2<sup>nd</sup> October.**

## Koori SSG Meetings

Our Student Support Group (SSG) meetings will be running in week 9 this term for students working with the support of an Individual Education Plan.

This term we are working through altering the timetable and process for the Koori SSG meetings and appreciate your support and assistance with these alterations.

We will be hosting Koori SSG meetings, either in person, via Webex or by phone call. Next week, you will receive an email with the opportunity to allocate a time for this to be possible.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, please contact the school office 52501 233 or email [Kimberley.daffy@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Kimberley.daffy@education.vic.gov.au) if you require an additional time or support in attending your Koori SSG meeting.

Please ensure you check Compass and or emails for updates and information regarding Koori SSG meetings. We look forward to seeing you soon!

## PERFORMING ARTS LEADERS

Our Performing Arts leaders ran a very successful bucket Drumming workshop in the courtyard while the sun was out this Thursday.

Students opted to sit and participate, following the guide rhythm performed by the leaders along with some fun background music.

A very fun afternoon for all with students already excited for the next lunch activity. Well done Performing Arts leaders!



## Indonesian competition experience – Indi Hovancek 4RG

Me, Hudson W in grade 3 and Lily W from year 2 won the Indonesian competition. It was definitely a long drive from Leopold and the awards night was all the way at Melbourne High School!!!! There was some traffic on the way but we eventually made it. On the way, there was a tray of free cookies and juice boxes. When we got there we sat down quietly and respectfully and had a speech by the principal from the school. Then we had some lovely traditional Indonesian dancing. It was very entertaining but next we heard an Indonesian poem by a little girl. The poem was called Kupu Kupu which means butterfly in their language. Then they started giving out the awards, the awards went out from year 1 to year 12. After that there was some more talking about culture and the people that attended the competition. All of the winners got a Smiggle gift card, an Indonesian badge and a very special certificate. Finally, the ceremony sadly came to an end. At the end me and the other winners from LPS took a picture with the Indonesian dancer and our awards. On the way out, they prepared some DELICIOUS Indonesian cakes. We all took some. I took a piece of the coconut cake. Then after that we went home. What a night out!



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Dear parents and carers

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) assessments held earlier this year had a very high participation rate from Victorian students, with participation levels returning to pre-COVID levels.

Last month, families with children in grades 3 or 5 or years 7 or 9 who participated in the assessments received their results through an individual NAPLAN report.

Today, the statewide results have been released, and I am pleased to have this opportunity to provide some information about Victoria's performance.

There are a total of 20 tests each year across grades 3 and 5 and years 7 and 9 that assess student achievement in reading, writing, numeracy, spelling, grammar and punctuation. Of the 20 tests, Victorian was ranked first or second in 16, more than any other state or territory, and an improvement on the 2022 results when the equivalent figure was 12.

NAPLAN results for Grade 3 are of particular importance because the first 3 years of schooling establish the foundation for further success. Victorian Grade 3 students achieved the highest results in the country for both reading and numeracy.

In secondary schools, Victoria had the lowest proportion of students needing additional support in both years 7 and 9 in both reading and numeracy compared to all other states and territories.

The results have also highlighted the fact that we need to continue our efforts to close the gap between advantaged and disadvantaged students. While Aboriginal students in Victoria achieved higher results on average than in other states and territories, the gap between the performance of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal students is still too large, as is the gap between the average performance of metropolitan students and that of regional students.

Overall, however, while we are clearly focused on the areas where further improvement is needed, these are excellent results. They are a tribute to the outstanding work of teachers, principals and staff in the schools across our state.

No one would suggest our schools are perfect. Education is always an unfinished business. But on the evidence of today's release of the statewide NAPLAN results, Victorian teachers and school principals are doing a great job.

Dr David Howes  
Deputy Secretary, Schools and Regional Services

**SCHOOL HOLIDAY  
NETBALL CLINIC**  
**TUESDAY 26TH SEPT - 9AM - 12NOON.**  
**\$30 PER PARTICIPANT**  
**WE WILL SUPPLY MORNING TEA.**  
**GRADE 3-6**  
**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE REACH OUT.**  
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# The Teaching & Learning Corner

## 200 & 300 Nights of Reading

We are very excited to be able to begin recognising those students who have achieved the 200 Nights of Reading Milestone. Our final assembly for Term 3 will see these students presented with their certificate at assembly where we can recognise their achievement as a whole school. No matter how many nights of reading your child has completed to date, please continue to support them in completing nightly reading and recording this in their diaries. Keep up the great reading L.P.S!



## SMART Spelling

SMART Spelling has really taken off at LPS and we are seeing amazing work across our school embedding great spelling practices. Please continue to support your children 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 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.

**Keep Working Hard to Earn Your Gold Certificates!**

# 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](http://www.msreadathon.org.au)



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 \$1064 in total already!**

To registerhead 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>

### Grade 4 Literacy Enrichment Program

This week in the Grade 4 enrichment class, we have been reading and analysing more of the text King Arthur. We have learnt more about how the English language has evolved and about the famous landmark of Stonehenge.

We have finished designing our heroes, villains, castles and mythical creatures and began the planning process. We are ready to start writing our medieval themed quest narratives.

We cannot wait to see how these epic tales evolve!

Jane Preston and Ryan Sharkey



### What a Great Science Week!



Week 6 was Science Week and it was filled with experiments, curiosity and learning!

We participated in a virtual live Q & A with Dr Karl, who filled our minds with all sorts of information and thought provoking content.

We experimented with marbles and foil boats, grew bacteria on bread and learnt about molecules and dispersion. It is great for the students to be able to learn about science through their action learning units and STEM specialist classes but also just because science is fun!





## Book Week Celebrations So Far...

Book Week celebrations have been a blast so far! We have author visits, scavenger hunts, tours of the door displays, CBCA nominated book activities as well as poster competitions and more. We are looking forward to sharing more with you in the next newsletter.



### The 2023 Leopold Primary School Book Week Parade!

This year's Book Week Parade is rapidly approaching and staff and students are full of anticipation for what promises to be another amazing parade. The parade will occur on Friday 1st September on the Synthetic Oval, weather permitting (otherwise in the LINC). Kick off is at 9:15 and we invite the families and the community to attend to celebrate!

We are looking forward to seeing the amazing costumes and community spirit that our annual Book Week Parade brings. We will have Mr Bott as our Master of Ceremonies along with music to help celebrate this tremendous event.

We look forward to seeing L.P.S families and the community together on Friday 1st September.

## Other Events That Are Happening This Term...

Week 10: Adrian Beck Virtual Author Session

## 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 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!