# **Leopold** Primary School



**Kindness** 



**Honesty** 

# **Principal - Stuart Bott**

**Newsletter 27th October 2023** 

# DATES TO REMEMBER

# TERM 4 **OCTOBER**

Mon 30th - Grade 2 Henny's Hatching

Tue 31st - Leopold's Got Talent

### **NOVEMBER**

Mon 6th - Assembly

Wed 8th - Prep Excursion to Marine Discovery Centre

Wed 15th - Grade 4 Melbourne Museum

Tue 21st - School Council meeting

## **DECEMBER**

Mon 4th - Last whole school Assembly

Thu 7th - Grade 6 Graduation

Tue 12th - State wide transition

Thu 14th - Grade 5 Movie excursion

Fri 15th - Grade 6 Adventure Park



We live in this special place to continue our learning journey together.

We acknowledge the Wadawurrung people as the traditional custodians of the land as the traditional custodians of 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.

# Responsibility Respect

The next school assembly will be this Monday, November 6th at 2.40pm. Assembly will be in the LINC.

**ASSEMBLY** 



# INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUND PROGRESS

The new Inclusive Playground has continued to progress well and it is really starting to take shape, which looks fantastic. The plan is still to have the entire playground completed by the end of October. We are looking forward to the students being able to use the new playground soon.



# **CULTURAL STUDIES 2024 SURVEY RESULTS**

This second half of 2023 we have trialled Cultural Studies as a Specialist subject (instead of Indonesian) and have found this to be very engaging for the students of LPS. At the recent School Council there was a positive response to the introduction to Cultural Studies and it



was recommended that we survey families to gauge their thoughts regarding continuing Cultural Studies in 2024.

From the survey that was sent out to the LPS Family we had 146 responses. There was a 95% support for Cultural Studies to continue in 2024 from the survey. As a result, we will be continuing Cultural Studies in 2024. We look forward to the students of LPS learning more about cultures from around the world.

# **GRADE STRUCTURE 2024**

Over the coming weeks, students will be doing activities prior to their 2024 grade placements within their current year level. While students may think these are their classes for 2024, these are not set and will change.

All students will transition into their 2024 classes on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December. However, 2024 classes are also dependant on student numbers on census day, at the end of February 2024. Dependant on numbers that day, some classes may change due to budgets.

The current plan for the number of classes at each grade level for 2024 are:

- 6 x Prep classes
- 6 x Grade 1 classes
- 6 x Grade 2 classes
- 5 x Grade 3 classes
- 5 x Grade 4 classes
- 5 x Grade 5 classes 5 x Grade 6 classes
- Specialists Performing Arts, Visual Arts, Cultural Studies, STEM and Physical Education



# YARD SUPERVISION

Just a reminder to our parents that staff supervise students in the yard between 8:30 – 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 8:30am 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.



# **TRANSITION PROCESS FOR 2024**

Next week will see the continuation of the transition for currents students into their classes for 2024. We have set out the following transition sessions throughout term 4 to ensure all students transition smoothly into their new Grade levels and classes:

- Week Beginning 30<sup>th</sup> October Current grades mixed up to do an activity about next year with their current grade level teachers
- Week Beginning 13<sup>th</sup> November Students complete an activity about next year in their 2024 building.
- Week Beginning 27<sup>th</sup> November Students meet their 2024 Teaching Team and complete an activity with one of the teachers.
- Week Beginning 12<sup>th</sup> December Student meet their new teacher and new classmates for 2024 in their classroom.

The 2024 prep transition continued this week with a visit to the 2024 prep classrooms (which went extremely well) and the future dates are as follows:

- 3<sup>rd</sup> November Storytime 2.30 pm LPS library
- 9<sup>th</sup> November Prep Transition Session 2

9.30-10.15 x 3 groups

11.45-12.30 x 3 groups

- 22<sup>nd</sup> November Prep Transition Session 3
   9.30-10.15 x 3 sessions
   11.45-12.30 x3 sessions
- 28<sup>th</sup> November Storytime 2.30 pm LPS library
- Statewide Transition

Session 4 - 9.30-10.30

Also, throughout this term the Pre-Schools in Leopold will be visiting LPS for extra transition experiences.

# REGIONAL ATHLETIC CHAMPIONSHIPS

Last Tuesday we had 3 students from LPS attend the Western Metropolitan Region Athletics Championships. It was a great day and the weather really turned it on for the day. All three students from LPS did a fantastic job and they represented our school so well. Not only did they do their best with great results, but they also showed good sportsmanship by cheering on their competitors (which was noticed and commented on by the SSV Officials). A great day all round and the results were as follows:

# **Darcy Childs**

1500m - 11<sup>th</sup> Place - 5:41.60mins 800m - 12<sup>th</sup> Place - 2:57.07mins

# **Eleanor Marsh**

100m - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - 14.49secs High Jump - 4<sup>th</sup> Place - 1.34m (tied 5 ways)

# Lavinia Fiu

Shot Put - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - 8.82m







The results are all amazing, considering this the last round before competing at State level. Based on the above results, Lavinia will progress onto the State level which is a huge accomplishment and celebration for Lavina, her family and our school. On behalf of the LPS Community I would like to wish Lavina all the best.

# **GRASS POLLEN SEASON**

Grass pollen season, which typically runs from October to December each year in Victoria, brings an increase in asthma and hay fever symptoms. It also increases the risk of thunderstorm asthma. For people with asthma or hay fever, especially those who experience wheezing or coughing with their hay fever, thunderstorm asthma can be sudden, serious and even life threatening.

Leopold Primary School will implement a range of measures to keep our school community safe as the risk of thunderstorm asthma increases.

Many of our staff are trained in asthma first aid, and we will monitor the VicEmergency app to receive thunderstorm warnings, and, where appropriate, keep students indoors when weather forecasts identify greater risk.

During the season, there are some things you can do to prepare and protect yourself and your family:

- If your child has ever had asthma, talk to your doctor about what you can do to help protect them from the risk of thunderstorm asthma this pollen season, including updating your asthma action plan. Taking an asthma preventer properly and regularly is key to preventing asthma, including thunderstorm asthma.
- If your child has hay fever, see your pharmacist or doctor for a hay fever treatment plan and check if you should have an asthma reliever puffer. These are available from a pharmacy without a prescription.
- If your child has hay fever and experiences wheezing and coughing, it is important to make sure they don't also have asthma. Speak to your doctor about an asthma action plan.
- Where possible, avoid being outside during thunderstorms from October to December, especially during the wind gusts that come before the storm. Go inside and close your doors and windows. If you have your air conditioning on, turn it to 'recirculate'.

Protect yourself this pollen season – managing asthma and allergies matters.

For more information, speak to your doctor. You can also visit the Better Health Channel website.

# LPS KINDNESS IN ACTION

I just had the pleasure and luck of setting up next to the Kind Kids Club at the Kids Funfeast and boy did they live up to their name. We didn't anticipate the wind and our set up was a nightmare! The kids and wellbeing teacher were so helpful, gathering rocks to try and provide something to pin our easels down, thinking of other ways we could do things and not to mention chasing stickers that had blown away. When they weren't helping us, I observed the kids sitting down and engaging with other children with their activity and treating them with such kindness and maturity.



You represented your school so beautifully today and should very proud.

Good luck to the Grade 5 students that were hoping for a leadership role next year, you certainly put those skills to use today.

BIG THANKS from the lady that was tyring not to let all her stuff blow away 😊

# PARKING IN PICK UP AND DROP OFF ZONE

I just want to remind parents about the rules of the sign displayed in the pick up and drop off zone in front of the school in Kensington Rd near the bike shed between the times of 8:30am to 9:30am and 3:00pm to 4:00pm.

# No parking signs

If there is a 'no parking' sign, you can stop for 2 minutes in that area:

- if you are picking up or dropping off passengers or goods
- you stay within 3 metres of your vehicle.

If you stop in, or partly in, an area showing a no parking sign and you are not picking up or dropping off passengers or goods, you are considered to be parked and can be fined. This is the case even if you stay with your vehicle.





# SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION WITH 12 MONTHS FREE INTERNET AT HOME

The Australian Government has established the School Student Broadband Initiative to provide free home internet for one year for up to 30,000 eligible families with school-aged students.

The initiative aims to boost education opportunities. NBN Co is leading the rollout of this initiative across the country.

How the School Student Broadband Initiative can help your child:

children who can access online learning at home as part of their education are more likely to engage in classroom activities.

access to fast internet at home can also support children to build their digital skills,

learn how to safely use the internet and take part in a world that is more reliant on digital technology.

# Eligibility

To be eligible, families must:

- · have a child living at home enrolled in an Australian school in 2023
- · not have an active National Broadband Network internet service at their home\* (having a mobile internet service does not affect eligibility)
- · live in a premises that can access the National Broadband Network through a standard connection. NBN Co will check this for you after you apply
- · register interest with your school and complete a consent form to be assessed for eligibility.
- \*If an address has been disconnected within 14 days prior to an eligibility check the address will be classified as ineligible. There may be cases where exceptions can be made, please contact the School Student Broadband Initiative team at SSBI@education.vic.gov.au to discuss further.

### How the School Student Broadband Initiative works

If you are eligible, your home internet service will be provided at no cost for one year with a participating internet provider over the National Broadband Network. Each internet provider has its own step-by-step process to get you connected, which may involve you providing identification.

Once you sign up, the internet provider will help you set up your connection. The initiative does not include devices such as a computer or tablet. Other members of your household can use the internet service provided through this initiative.

The one-year period will start from the day your service is activated with your chosen provider. At the end of the one-year period, you will not be placed onto a paid service by your internet provider without your consent. The Australian Government is considering options beyond the one-year free period.

How to apply

- · Ask your school for a copy of the School Student Broadband Initiative consent form.
- · Complete the consent form and return to the school.
- · NBN Co will use student address details on the consent form to confirm eligibility.
- · If you are eligible, NBN Co will issue a voucher for your family to use to sign up with a participating internet provider. This will be provided to you by your school.

Please note: NBN Co will review the home address for eligibility. No personal information other than your main home address will be shared with NBN Co. Please see the consent form for details about how personal information will be used.

For more information about the School Student Broadband Initiative, visit https://www.infrastructure.gov.au

# **Kind Kids Club**

On Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> of October, 6 of our Kinds Kids Club students went down to Leopold Memorial Park to be a part

of the Kids Fun Fest activities. Our students were running the giant games activity. While at the event, our students were walking around supporting

younger children at some of the other activities and also assisting staff with their events.

The 6 students involved displayed not only the value of Kindness, but also Respect and Responsibility.

Skye Cook – KKC Co-ordinator







# National Bandana Day

'Wrapping a bandana around your head, making a statement of solidarity and support for those battling a tough fight'

Thank you to all of the children and families who brought bandanas to help support "Canteen".

Every year the organisation hosts Bandana Day to raise awareness and support for young people with cancer.

The total money raised was \$2,407.40.

Here are some of our students showing support.







# PLC's Well Under Way

In our last newsletter there was some information regarding PLC (Professional Learning Communities) cycles for our staff at Leopold Primary School. Our staff are always investigating how to further engage and extend students while keeping up to date with the latest research around education.

Below are some of the areas our staff are currently investigating:

Year Level	Focus
Grade 1	Linking place value and skip
	counting in maths using
	hands on materials.
Grade 4	Teaching students direct and
	indirect speech.
Grade 5	Extending highfliers in
	reading to maximise the
	student's growth.
Specialists	Engaging prep students in
	de-escalation strategies

# Jurassic Park Sphero Incursion

Today our grade 5 students have been learning about using technology to create stories.

They had Earth Ed come out to the school and teach them how to use Sphero Robots, a coding device, to manage their way through a maze of Jurassic Park.

Along the way, students were learning how to link a narrative story to technology and how to think about story writing from a different perspective.

This will come handy over the coming weeks as students discover their own way to create narrative stories using a variety of technologies.



# **Performing Arts News**

A BIG Congratulations to the LPS Choir, Leopold Lightning 1 and 2 and the 3/6 Charlie Buckets for putting on an epic show at the Geelong Schools Music and Movement Festival last week. The teachers who attended received multiple positive comments from other participating schools and it was a joy to see such a large number of our students representing the school and expressing themselves through music and movement.

The Leopold's Got Talent show is scheduled for Tuesday next week! Any available parents/guardians of students are of course welcome to come and watch. Please just check for the correct Grade and time within the schedule on the poster. In the event of bad weather, the show will be postponed to Tuesday in Week 6.



world diabetes day

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November is WORLD Diabetes Day.

Junior School Council, alongside the Leopold Primary school students managing Type 1 Diabetes every day, would like to invite all students and teachers to dress in blue or red and donate a gold coin on the day.

Also for a gold coin donation ,there will be a "guess the jellybean" competition.

All donations will be forwarded to the TYPE 1 Foundation. This foundation supports newly diagnosed children with care packages, ongoing support forums, family days, Xmas parties, camps and so much more.



Week 5 - Tuesday, Oct 31st Amphitheatre Stage, Behind Netball Courts

Thank you so much to everybody who auditioned last week, it was truly amazing to see so many of our students pursuing their possions and interests!

Congratulations to these acts who will be performing at Leopold's Got Talent next week.

Please aim to rehearse your act on this stage to get a feel for its size.



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Aurora D

Addi R and Kayliegh

Thank you to the following for supporting Leopold Primary School:

Mila, Tahya, Lily

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Leopold Sportsmans Club

Community Bank Leopold · 5250 1057

or Ms McCowar

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# The Teaching & Learning Corner

# 200 & 300 Nights of Reading

We are well on our way to achieving our goal of 200 LPS students reaching the 200 Nights of reading milestone in 2023. Keep up the great reading in term 4 and lets continue to work our way towards our 2023 goal!

If you have already achieved this milestone you can keep the momentum going by trying to achieve the next incredible milestone of 300 nights of reading.

Happy reading LPS!

# **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, sliver and gold certificates.

Keep Working Hard to Earn Your Gold Certificates!



### **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!

# Children's Week at Leopold PS



At our next whole school assembly our students will share a song they have learnt with the whole school community that celebrities

Children's Week.

We hope to see you there to celebrate our children as a community.

Please see below the lyrics to the song.

Some of us were born here Some of us come from countries far away But no matter where we started We are as one today

From the cities to the great Outback From Uluru to Gundagai Aussie kids are growing up Reaching for the sky

> Hear us, we're on our way We are the future And we want to say

### CHORUS

We are the children of Australia We're proud of our great land We are the children of Australia We'll face the future Hand in hand We want a world in harmony We want a world without fear A world of peace and happiness Where we can do our best

So hear us, we're on our way Hear us, we're on our way We are the future Help us find a way

### CHORUS

We are the children of Australia We're proud of our great land We are the children of Australia We'll face the future Hand in hand

Hear us, we're on our way We'll face the future, hand in hand

# Grade 4 Literacy Enrichment Program

This week in the Grade 4 enrichment class, we have continued reading and analysing the famous text Treasure Island.

This week we learnt about modal verbs and how they can indicate tot the reader who carries the power in the sentence.

We continued to track the main characters development through the story and began designing our own pirate for our own action adventure stories.

We look forward to continuing to share our journey with the LPS school community through school assemblies and the newsletter.



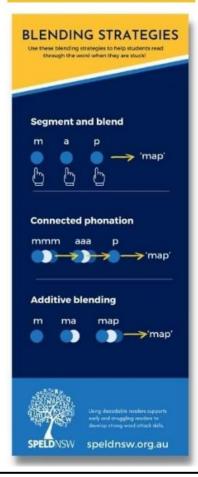
When merchant ship sailors saw the Jolly Roger's skull and crossbones flying over a pirate ship, they knew they faced a strong set of armed buccaneers. The symbol struck such fear that oftentimes merchant ships immediately surrendered their goods in exchange for their lives. Not all ships flew exactly the same variation, and powerful pirate captains became infamous, identified by their customized flags.







Tips for helping your children decode words while reading



# Ingrid Lugana-Virtual Author Session

This week some of our students participated in a virtual author session with Ingrid Lugana which was a change in the plan from what we expected but was informative and interesting nonetheless.

She is the author of several books including "Kit and Arlo and Find a Way," "Bailey Finch Takes a Stand" and "Sunflowers."



Ingrid talked the children through playing with words and setting up stories.