

Leopold Primary School

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Respect Responsibility Kindness Honesty

Dates to remember

TERM 2

APRIL

Mon 15th - Start of term 2

Mon 15th - Fri 19th - Grade 6

Canberra Camp

Tue 23rd - Whole school cross country event

CAMP DATES 2024

Grade 3 Camp Wyuna

22nd - 24th July

Grade 4 Sovereign Hill camp

2nd - 4th Dec

Grade 5 Candlebark camp

6th - 10th May

Grade 6 Canberra camp

15th - 19th April



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 on Monday, April 29th at 2:45pm in the LINC. Preps will not be attending this assembly.

PUPIL FREE DAYS FOR 2024

To ensure parents are given ample notice for the planned Pupil Free Days for 2024 the following have been arranged with particular consideration to Rostered Days Off to support our families as best as we can:

Pupil Free Days 2024 (There is no school for students on these days)

- Monday 7th October – Exploring best Practice in Writing.
- Friday 6th December - Professional Practice Day Whole School (waiting for approval from School Council).



Other Days

- Learning Conversations (students only attend interview times) - Thursday 27th June.
- Geelong Cup (Public Holiday) - Wednesday 23rd October.
- The last day for students in 2024 will be Thursday 19th December.

LAST DAY OF TERM 1

The last day of term 1 is today **Thursday 28th March**. 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.

THANK YOU

I am sending a huge thank you to Sean Lomas, a parent of a prep student, for offering to assemble the new seating for the courtyard last week. Also, thank you to Sean for including a grade 6 student as well in the process of putting the seating together.



ANZAC DAY

We are looking forward to our students being involved in the ANZAC service on Thursday 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 24th April at 2:40pm. We will try to hold this event in front of our Lone Pine, if the weather is kind to us, in the Prep Playground.



BREAKFAST CLUB



Thank you to Bakers Delight and Coles in Leopold for your kind donation each week to support the breakfast program we run at Leopold Primary School.



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.

LEOPOLD LEGEND – TERM 1 2024

At the last assembly of each term LPS acknowledges one student at each grade level who has displayed our School Values to a high standard and goes out of their way to demonstrate acts of Kindness. The winners for term 1 2024 are celebrated below.

NAME	GRADE LEVEL	THESE STUDENTS ARE THE LEOPOLD LEGEND FOR TERM 1 2024 FOR:
Lucy McCowan 	Prep	Lucy displays all of our Leopold Primary School Values. Lucy is an honest student and always tells the truth. She is always respectful toward others, waiting her turn to speak and listening when others are speaking. Lucy displays responsibility for her own belongings and organises herself well at school. She is responsible for her own learning by trying her best at all times and having a positive attitude towards all her work, even when challenging. Lucy displays kindness in many ways at school. She treats others respectfully and encourages others to try their best. Lucy is the first person to help someone when they are hurt or need help. She also kindly brings in stickers to school for other children to reward their good choices. She shows resilience and independence by always having a go first and asking for help when she realises she needs it. Lucy has been a role model for other students, showing them what our school values look like in action in Grade Prep.

Milla Burrowes 	Grade 1	<p>Milla consistently shows the Leopold Primary School values of Respect, Honesty, Responsibility and Kindness both inside and outside the classroom. Milla shows respect by always following classroom expectations, ensuring she tunes in during learning time and applying herself to every task with her upmost effort. Milla shows kindness to her classmates by including others and helping out those who made need assistance, whether it is explaining something to a classmate, or helping someone up if they have hurt themselves outside. Milla shows great responsibility throughout the day by taking care of school resources, ensuring she has what she needs to achieve the task at hand as well as helping out around the school by picking up other people's rubbish during play time. Milla is an outstanding student who represents our school beautifully. Milla is to be congratulated for this fantastic achievement.</p>
Sadie Haughton 	Grade 2	<p>Sadie is a kind and caring student who is an excellent role model for her peers. Sadie consistently displays our school values both inside and outside the classroom. She is a kind and respectful student, cares for her classmates, works hard at all tasks, listens respectfully and helps our class stay organised.</p>
Chloe Bell 	Grade 3	<p>Congratulations Chloe on being chosen as the Grade 3 Leopold Legend for Term 1. Chloe is a wonderful student, always displaying our school values of respect, honesty, responsibility & kindness. She is always very caring of all students within the classroom and the whole school community. It is often noticed how helpful she is to other students and the staff. We know that she also displays these attributes at Leopold Soccer Club where she is a great role model and an excellent ambassador for Leopold Primary. Well done Chloe, a brilliant job!!!</p>
Shanaya Barot 	Grade 4	<p>Shanaya has been involving her peers in understanding her culture for upcoming Harmony Day celebrations, spending time on the weekends teaching them with her mother her traditional Indian dance to perform on Harmony Day. Shanaya also follows our LPS values both inside and outside the classroom consistently, being a bubbly, motivated student who loves coming to school each day.</p>
Lachie Brislane 	Grade 5	<p>Congratulations Lachie! Lachie has been recognised as the Grade 5 Leopold Legend for his thoughtfulness and persistence. During lunch, Lachie volunteered his time to help Bu Davis by cleaning up the pathway's in the Indonesian Garden. At our Lightning Prem competition Lachie demonstrated patience through a challenge, followed by persistence to support his tennis team to a win. Thank you for being a great role model in our community!</p>
Lorenzo Gonzales 	Grade 6	<p>Lorenzo is our all-rounder for the Grade 6s! E Everyone knows him to be a hard worker and a good sport. When Lorenzo does his work, he goes above and beyond to achieve impressive results and always shows great initiative, sometimes using his personal time to do extra schoolwork. He is never a bystander and helps his friends 'lift' to become the best versions of themselves. This student demonstrates great respect to all adults in our school in all contexts and models kindness to everyone around him. He stills lets his cheeky personality shine but knows how to have a joke and when to get the work done. Congratulations Lorenzo Gonzales!</p>



Fun Reading 🐾 Reading for Life

WELCOME TO LPS LUCY

Leopold Primary School is excited to welcome Lucy the Labrador, and Mrs. T to the school.

Lucy is a part of the “Story Dog” initiative which encourages students to engage in reading, become more confident and build relationships.

Story dog is based on an American Literacy Program R.E.A.D (Reading Education Assistance Dogs) built around the appealing idea of children and young adolescents reading to dogs.

Reading sessions take place in a quiet, supervised area such as the library or office spaces and last for approximately 20 minutes where the child is one-on-one with the dog and its carer. Books are chosen by the carer, Mrs. T, based on the child’s reading levels and interests.

Lucy and Mrs. T will be working in the grade 2 area as of Term 2, with selected students on a Thursday morning.

This week all grade 2 classes were introduced to Lucy and Mrs. T to begin to familiarise themselves with the Story Dog team.



**WELCOME LUCY &
MRS. T**



BELLARINE Creators CLUB
KIDS ONLY!
MONDAYS 3:45-5:30 IN THE SCHOOL Art Room
LOVE YOUR STRIPES.

WHERE EVERY WEEK IS DIFFERENT

[HTTPS://WWW.WISHARTCREATIVE.COM/PRODUCTS/BELLARINECREATORSCLUBFOR KIDS](https://www.wishartcreative.com/products/bellarinecreatorsclubfor-kids)

Prep Teddy Bear Picnic!!



On Monday, students in prep had a Teddy Bears Picnic!

There was lots of fun, laughter, dancing and games. Students went for a hunt for teddy bears throughout the school and enjoyed a picnic party with their friends.

Thank you to our families and the prep team for making this a special day for the students in prep.



LEOPOLD PS HOLIDAY PROGRAM APRIL 2024



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DETAILS

Location: Leopold Primary School - Kensington Building

Time: 8:00am - 6:00pm

Dates: 2nd April - 12th April 2024

Price: In house: \$82.00

Incursion: \$98.00

What does my child need to bring?

snacks, fruit, lunch, appropriate clothing, drink bottle and a hat.

Bookings:

<https://www.smartcentral.net/v2/home?>

Mobile: 0400 085 976

Coordinator: Cathryn Blennerhassett

What is involved?

Our holiday program is packed full of fun activities, games and structured free time.

During our daily program, qualified and experienced staff will be running a range of cooking, sports, craft, games, movie time and incursion experiences. We provide structured activities which are based on exciting themes throughout the holidays.

FEES WILL BE REDUCED IF ELIGIBLE FOR CCS

Cancellation Policy: Notify program 9am day before, otherwise full fee applies.

Late pick up fee: \$1 per minute.

LEOPOLD PS HOLIDAY PROGRAM APRIL 2024



WEEK 1

Monday 1st

**EASTER MONDAY
PUBLIC
HOLIDAY**

Tuesday 2nd

BOARDGAME DAY

Join us as we bring back the fun of games. Board games!

\$82.00

Wednesday 3rd

LETS BE CHEFS

Use healthy ingredients to make a fruity snack plus a small sugar treat.

\$82.00

Thursday 4th

**INCURSION
MINIBEASTS VR**

Get up close with some fascinating invertebrates and see the world from their perspective using virtual reality.

\$98.00

Friday 5th

**TECHNOLOGY &
CONSTRUCTION**

Design and build structures, followed by some ICT coding and games.

\$82.00

WEEK 2

Monday 8th

AMAZING RACE

Can you find all of the clues to win challenges and become an amazing race winner?

\$82.00

Tuesday 9th

**INCURSION
DRAGON DANCE**

The dragon symbolises good luck, long life and wisdom. Watch and join dancers bring this Chinese traditional to life.

\$98.00

Wednesday 10th

SPORTS DAY

Time to brush off your sports skills and play some fun P.E. games.

\$82.00

Thursday 11th

**INCURSION
WORLD DANCE**

Let's learn about dance traditions, styles and costumes from around the world!

\$98.00

Friday 12th

MOVIE & TECH DAY

Join us for fun and laughter as we watch Despicable Me. This is a PG rated movie, please inform if you would like to opt out.

\$82.00

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

GEELONG
REGIONAL
LIBRARIES



JOIN THE HOLIDAY FUN AT LEOPOLD LIBRARY

Join in all the **Magic** for youth at the library these April school holidays.

Check out the line up of activities especially for young people at the library.

Scan the QR code for the full details of these events on our website.



www.grlc.vic.gov.au

Magical Watercolour Landscapes 12+

Friday 5 April 2:30 - 3:30pm

Magical Creatures Paper Art 12+

Tuesday 9 April 2:30 - 3:30pm

Green Screen Magic 15+

Wednesday 10 April 2:30 - 3:30pm

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All events are **FREE** unless otherwise specified.
Bookings essential.
Online www.grlc.vic.gov.au/events
In person at any branch, or phone xxxxxxxxxx

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Leopold Sportsmans Club

135 Kensington Road
Leopold 3224

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JOIN THE HOLIDAY FUN AT LEOPOLD LIBRARY

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There is a huge line up of fun and creative activities for children of all ages with the theme of **Magic**.

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Possum Magic (5+)

Tuesday 2 April 10:30 - 11:30am

Preschool Magic Storytime

Wednesday 3 April 10:30 - 11:30am

Marvelous Magic Tricks (8+)

Thursday 4 April 3:30 - 4:30pm

Magical Faraway Tree (5+)

Monday 8 April 10:30 - 11:30am

Magic Eye - What Can You See? (8+)

Wednesday 10 April 10:30 - 11:30am

Retold Fairy Tales (5+)

Thursday 11 April 10:30 - 11:30am

All events are **FREE** unless otherwise specified.
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Online www.grlc.vic.gov.au/events
In person at any branch, or phone 4201 0675



Teaching & Learning @ LPS



200 & 300 Nights of Reading

It has been fantastic to hear so many students are well on the way with their 200 & 300 Nights of Reading Journey. Remember to read each night, record this in your diary and get a parent or guardian to sign your diary to go towards your overall total.

Keep up the great reading and let's continue to work our way towards our 2024 goal!

Happy reading LPS!



SMART Spelling



Students will now be bringing home their weekly SMART Spelling words, including BOB Words to practise and learn. What exactly are BOB Words? BOB stands for 'Back of Book'.

As students complete work in their classrooms, teachers will notice words that need further practice or are High Frequency Words that we use often in our everyday interactions. These words are written in the back of the students SMART Spelling book to be added to their weekly practice lists..

Please support your child's spelling development 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

We have a number of students who are undertaking regular practise of Maths skills through their Mathletics accounts. Many students have already begun earning certificates and embedding their mathematical understandings further.

Regular practise each week can make a big difference over time so please encourage students to logon and practise their number facts or work on the skills they have been focusing on in their classrooms. Mathletics is open for all age groups and a little bit definitely goes a long way!



Visiting The Leopold Library @ The Hub

Many of our classes have begun to visit the Leopold Library at the Hub next to our school. Students will have the opportunity to browse the library and borrow from the extensive collection.

Leopold Primary School Library:

Students have also begun attending library sessions at our own school library and it has been fantastic to see so many students happily reading and borrowing books.



Spotlight on Grade 5!

Our Grade 5's have had an exciting start to the year, with lots of engaging activities, excursions and learning. Preparations are also well underway for what promises to be a fantastic Healesville Camp in Term 2.

Students have been engaged in lots of hands-on Mathematics learning around Graphing. There has been some terrific Narrative Writing with a particular focus on Character Development, resulting in some excellent work.

Students loved their recent snorkeling excursion with a highlight being discovering lots of marine life and seeing so many fish!

It has been an exciting start to 2024 with NAPLAN preparation, House Athletics and Grade 5's first Interschool sport competition. So much fun has been had in Term 1 in our Grade 5 classes!



Reading At Home

Students have made a great start to developing their reading routine at school each day. Please support your child to develop a great reading routine at home too. The benefits of reading with adults can be tremendous on any child. From the quality time spent together to hearing the way an adult reads and copying these behaviours. Reading together has so many benefits!

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 and 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!

What's Your Nights of Reading Count?

Since school began, if you...

Read Every Weekday - 42 Nights of Reading!

Read Every Day - 58 Nights of Reading!