### Leopold Primary School Mission

At Leopold Primary School, learning to know, learning to do, learning to be and learning to live together, equips our students with knowledge, skills and the disposition to actively embrace learning, leading all to become confident contributing members of both our school and the wider community.

### Remember your ‘Mission’ is Possible!

You are an agent of change!

Welcome back and thank you for making the start to the school year fabulous. Parents you are organised, patient and thank you for making space in your day to build community and friendships within our school.

The rain last week tested our patience and I wish to acknowledge the courage and fortitude of the parents of Prep children as they valiantly unloaded prams and juggled babies and toddlers in order for them to bring their prep child to and from the classroom doors. Brilliantly, all 119 preps have been settled into school life and already they have established routines and understanding which build and enrich their personalities.

Wow, we were glad when the rain cleared and this week we could get outside to renew friendships and explore new places to play. We welcomed eight new families to our school and we hope that you will enjoy living, learning and playing in our community.

### Learning Themes- Keep us on the one page.

Each year we have a Learning Theme which amplifies the learning from Prep to Grade 6. We build a common language and celebrate our achievements through the theme.

As the years go by we have loved each theme so much that we have kept the old and built on the new.

The ‘Learning Themes’ have been:

- **2013** You have nailed it! What’s next? Every child has several curriculum learning goals, which are continually met and reset. ‘Learning is a continuum’
- **2014** Feel the stretch! We need to keep challenging ourselves – No challenge no change and reward for effort.
- **2015** Going places. Above and beyond! Super Hero learning powers were reflected upon and we learnt how to think about thinking.

Drum roll ……..Our 2016 Learning theme is..

‘Mission possible! Agents of change’.

This year we will all focus on being masters of our own destiny by using our curiosity, problem solving ability and persistence skills. As ‘agents of change’ we will seek out and take up our individual missions (learning goals) and succeed.

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Currently in school we have, ‘preps as our agents in training, secret agent licences everywhere and lots of agents getting ready for their first missions.

Welcome to 2016

Leap into Leopold. We always start each year off with a dedicated time to build relationships and develop common understandings in regard to our school culture.

- Tuesday --Scavenger hunt and meet the teacher.
- Wednesday ---M.A.D Multi age day
- Friday - LPS and ‘Agents of change’ dress up day. Students can dress up in anything which starts with an L or a P or a S or dress up as an Agent of change (SPY, detective etc.)

Grade 6 Peer Mediators received their training this week.

A group of wonderful enthusiastic students went through some intensive training with Mrs Clissold to become a very reliable Peer Mediator.

Peer Mediation is designed to help children feel safe and happy on recess and lunch.
Picking up & dropping off children around schools.  
For the safety of students, parents are reminded to take care and obey parking signs and observe the Road Rules when picking up or dropping off students around schools. Council’s Parking and Information Officers monitor all supervised school crossings on a regular roster and issue infringements to drivers who stop in unsafe areas, such as “No Stopping” zones, within 20 metres of a school crossing, parallel to a yellow edged line, or if double parked even for a moment to drop off or collect a student. Queuing to enter a pick up/drop off zone leads to traffic congestion and vehicles being stationary in prohibited areas.

Remember, as soon as you stop to let your student in or out of the car, you are deemed to be parked. You do not have to leave your car or turn the engine off to be fined, so please ensure you are parked in a legal parking area.

At children’s crossings, you must remain stationary at the stop line while any person (including an adult or the supervisor) is on the crossing or the stop sign displayed. Do not let your child alight from the vehicle at this time, and ensure that they wait until you are safely and legally parked.

If you breach a parking regulation or Road Rule the parking and information officer assigned to monitor the crossing will usually record your registration number and details, and the penalty infringement Notice will be posted to you in due course.

PLEASE NOTE: The staff car park is not a place to drop off or pick up children. There has been an increasing amount of parents using the staff car park, not only is this an inconvenience but presents an occupational health and safety issue with children walking through morning and night.

Outside School Hours Care
We have had a very busy start to the year and currently OSHC is fully booked with permanent bookings on a Monday for After School Care.

Any further bookings for a Monday (permanent or casual) will be placed onto a waiting list and families contacted when a place becomes available.

Can families with a Monday After School Care booking please give as much notice as possible if your child won’t be attending a session so the vacant place can be offered to another child.

Please note: Any Cancellations for After School Care not made before 9am on the day will result in being charged for the session.

There is plenty of availability for all other sessions.

Please remember ALL children MUST be booked into Before or After school care to attend.

The OSHC mobile is available for families to contact anytime on 0400 085 976 to book or cancel session times.

Thank you
Mandy
OSHС Coordinator.

**Sun Smart**

Being a sunsmart school means that we are mindful of ensuring that we are following all key sun protection measures.

Whilst teachers at school are not expected to apply sunscreen to students, we will try very hard to remind students to use sunscreen prior to going outside.

A SPF 30 or higher broad, water resistant sunscreen should be chosen. It must be within use by date and stored below 30 degrees. It needs to be reapplied every two hours.

Ensure that your child knows how to put on sunscreen and be sunsmart by wearing a hat and staying in shaded areas.
2016 Physical Education and Sport
We have made a great start in PE, each class has now been introduced to the new program. Students have been setting out expectations for the year and these will be the basis of our PE rules. In conjunction with this we require some cooperation from home to help optimise the program.

- If possible, can your child wear runners or similar lace up shoes for PE
- Students are reminded to bring their hat and drink bottle to PE every lesson in term 1 and 4.
- If for some reason your child is not able to participate in a particular PE session then please make sure you send your child to school with a written note.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our Athletics Day on March 16.

Weet-Bix Kids Try-Athlon
Leopold Primary School have registered a team for the Geelong Try-Athlon which will take place on Sunday the 20th of March. For more details and to register for this event then please visit www.try.weetbix.com.au

Geelong North and Bellarine Swimming Carnival
Late in term 4, 2015, Leopold had a number of students unable to make the swimming trials due to other commitments. If you wish to still have your child in grade 3/4/5/6 considered for the Leopold Primary Swim Team then please see Mr Jarvis before the 5th of February with your child's preferred stroke and most recent qualifying time over 50m. Students who participated in the Trials and swam at a qualifying time will be chosen first.

Team Vic Trials
On line registrations have now opened for students wishing to try out for the Team Vic Boys Australian Rules Football, Girls Netball, Boys and Girls Basketball and Boys and Girls Football (Soccer) teams. The information and form can be found on the SSV website – Team Vic State Teams tab. https://www.ssv.vic.edu.au/TeamVic/Pages/onlineRegistrationInformation.aspx
The process is on line and the responsibility of parents to nominate their child/ren BUT …. parent MUST have received a ‘tick of approval’ from their child’s sports teacher before they can participate.

LJPE - Website
LJPE was created last year as a tool for students and parents to stay up to date with the PE and sports program here at Leopold Primary School. To find out important dates, events, team trials and information about your child's Physical Education program then please visit www.ljpe.weebly.com, you can also visit the Leopold Primary School Facebook page or read the fortnightly newsletter.

Important Dates:
Term 1:
February 19th - City 2 Surf Tennis
March 4th - North Geelong and Bellarine Swimming Carnival
March 16th - Leopold Athletics Carnival
March 21 - Summer Lightning Premiership

PANCAKE DAY
TUESDAY 9TH FEBRUARY

Time—8am—9:15am

Leopold Primary School Basketball Courts

Cost—Gold Coin
All money raised donated to Uniting Care

Come along with your family and enjoy a yummy pancake
For Sale

School bag $25
Variety of boys school clothes size 6
$5 each or $25 for the lot.

Please phone Sandra on 0421 080 140

Thank you.
We are SunSmart - a note for families

A healthy balance of the sun’s ultraviolet (UV) radiation exposure is important for health.

Too much UV can cause sunburn, skin and eye damage and skin cancer. Overexposure to UV during childhood and adolescence is a major factor for future skin cancer risk.

Too little UV from the sun can lead to low vitamin D levels. Vitamin D is necessary for the development and maintenance of healthy bones and muscles, and for general health.

Our school aims to achieve a healthy UV exposure balance for children and staff. We are a registered member of the Cancer Council Victoria’s SunSmart Program. Please help support our SunSmart membership by ensuring your child follows the SunSmart measures included in our policy.

From September to the end of April (and whenever UV levels reach 3 and above), use these 5 SunSmart steps – even if it’s cool and cloudy.

1. **Slip on a shirt** - for free dress days, ensure your child wears clothing that covers as much skin as possible (e.g. elbow length tops with a higher neckline or collar and longer style shorts or skirts). Densely woven fabrics are best.

2. **Slap on SPF 30 or higher broad spectrum, water resistant sunscreen** – if your child has fair to olive skin, apply sunscreen at the start of the day and make sure they have sunscreen in their bag ready to be reapplied throughout the day. Please ensure they get plenty of sunscreen application practice at home so they’ll be all set when they are at school. If your child has naturally very dark skin, they may not need to apply sunscreen to help with their vitamin D. This is a decision for families to make.

3. **Slap on a hat** – one that protects the face, neck and ears such as a broad brimmed, legionnaire or bucket style hat. Baseball caps do not offer enough protection and are not recommended by SunSmart. Please help your child remember to bring and wear their approved hat.

4. **Seek shade** – choose shady spots for play whenever possible.

5. **Slide on some sunglasses** - if practical and approved by the school. Make sure they are labelled AS 1067 and cover as much of the eye area as possible.

From May to August average UV levels in Victoria are usually below 3 so sun protection measures are not normally needed unless near highly reflective surfaces such as snow or outside for extended periods.

**Sun protection times**

The SunSmart UV Alert indicates daily, local sun protection times and weather details. It is available on our school website, in the weather section of the newspaper, on the SunSmart website at [sunsmart.com.au](http://sunsmart.com.au) and as a free app. Check the sun protection times each day so your family can be protected when they need to be. Don’t just wait for hot and sunny days.

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