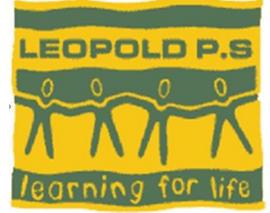


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**NEWSLETTER NO.1 February 8th 2019**



## February

**Mon 11th**  
 School assembly -LINC  
 2.45pm

**Tues 12th**  
 Gr 6 hands on science  
 incursion

**Wed 13th**  
 Gr 3 open class 2.40pm

**Fri 15th**  
 3-6 Aths Sports Landy Field

**Tues 19th**  
**MEET THE PARENT NIGHT**  
**6.00PM-7.00PM**  
 See LPS Facebook Page  
 to register

## March

**Tues 5th-**  
 pancake day 8.00am

**Wed 6th**  
 Gr 6 open class 2.45pm

**Thurs 7th**  
 Gr 3 hands on science  
 incursion

**Fr 8th**  
 Gr 3 hands on science  
 incursion

**Mon 11th**  
**LABOR DAY**  
**No School**

**Thurs 14th**  
 School Photos

**Tues 19th**  
**CURRICULUM DAY**  
**No School**

**Wed 20th**  
 Gr 4 Smart Saving/maths  
 incursion  
 Gr 1 open class 2.45pm

**Thurs 21st**  
 Gr 5 Bank/maths incursion

**Fri 22nd**  
 Gr 5/6 summer Lightning  
 Prem

**Tues 26th**  
 Gr 5 coding/robot incursion

**Wed 27th**  
 Prep open class 9am-10am

**Thurs 28th**  
 Gr 5 open class

## April

**Mon 1st**  
 Gr 4 Earth Ed incursion

**Tues 2nd**  
 Gr 4 Earth Ed incursion

**Fri 5th**  
**END OF TERM**  
 School finishes 2.35pm

## WELCOME

Welcome to the new school year. I hope you were able to enjoy a peaceful and relaxing break. It is my pleasure to welcome new or returning staff members: Caitlin Wise (Teaching Grade 2), Emma Martison (Grade 5), Sally McLauchlan (Grade 2) and Erin Clements (Grade 4).

We also welcome preservice teachers Bridget Sharples, Bridie Long, and Stacey Mclean who will be with us for an extended period of time during 2019.

I would also like to extend a special welcome to our 114 new prep students, and all other new students and their families to Leopold Primary School.

## NEWSLETTER

Our school newsletter is a very important part of the communication structure of our school. The newsletter is placed on LEO and our school website every third Friday. There is a lot of important information in the newsletter, so please take the time to read it.

## THANK YOU

I would like to thank everyone for the warm welcome I have received and I feel extremely privileged to be the Principal of Leopold Primary School. I am very excited about the new year ahead and I am looking forward to getting to know everyone within the Leopold Primary School Community and living in the community.

## SCHOOL MANTRA

Leopold Primary School has a strong history of School Mantras that guide the current and future academic learning and citizenship development. In 2019 the Leopold Primary School mantra is "The More You Know, The More You Grow". I will keep our mantra conversations front and centre in future newsletters, and happily showcase the work students and staff are doing in working towards living up to our 2019 mantra. We are currently in the process of developing an image and the first draft looks like this.....



**"The More You Know, The More You Grow"**

## ASSEMBLY

The first school assembly will be this Monday, February 11 at 2:45pm in the Link. I would like to invite all the parents to come along.

## UNIFORM

On the return to school in 2019 I have been pleased by the support families have provided for the school uniform. On my walks around the school this week I have been impressed to see a huge majority of the students in our uniform. This is greatly appreciated as we are like we are all on the same team, an important aspect of any school.

A reminder that all children are required to wear a hat outside in terms 1 and 4.  
**NO HAT NO PLAY!!**



## MEET THE PARENTS NIGHT

*hello  
Night*

On Tuesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, we will be opening our doors from 6:00pm – 7:00pm for what is known as 'Meet the Parents' night. On this night children are invited to bring along their parents and guardians to say 'hello' to their teacher/s and be shown around the classroom. This evening is designed to be very relaxed and informal and to foster the important student-teacher partnership. There will be a free BBQ provided, so please see our Leopold Facebook page to register your attendance and dietary requirements by 15<sup>th</sup> February to help with catering.

**It is not an occasion for parent/teacher discussions about a child's progress.**

## SCHOOL CROSSING AND DROPPING STUDENTS OFF



It is important that when students are arriving and leaving they use the crossings provided for their safety. Parents / guardians walking their children to and from school are asked to provide a good example by using the crossings as well. When children are being dropped off, parking near a school crossing outside the designated parking bays is dangerous and illegal.

Also due to the building works could parents and students coming to school via Kensington Road please use the main entrance and avoid using the car park until we are able to open up the footpath at the front of the Melaluka Building again.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL

School Councils play a vital role in the educational opportunity and outcomes of all students at school. In essence, the role of School Council is one of setting the long-term future for the school and maintaining oversight (not management) of the school's operation. I would like our parents and staff to consider nominating for School Council in 2019. Nomination forms for School Council will be included very soon.



## SPEED ZONES

With the 2019 school year now formally commenced, it is an opportune time for school communities to be reminded of the importance of road safety around schools.

School Speed Zones have been enforced from the commencement of the school year and I need to alert parents/carers to pay attention to the safety speed signs around our school.



## CARS AND YOUNG CHILDREN

Parents and/or guardians are reminded that on hot days it is important never to leave children alone in a car. Temperatures inside a parked car during summer can be around 20 to 30 degrees hotter than the outside temperature. Leaving children in hot cars, even for a moment, can result in serious injury or death. Young children's smaller body size and underdeveloped nervous system places them at a much greater risk of life-threatening heatstroke, dehydration and other serious health risks. If a parent or guardian is travelling with a child, never leave them alone in a parked car, not even for one moment.



## INVOLVEMENT IN OUR SCHOOL

I would like to extend an invitation to all parents, depending on their interests and time available to them, to become involved in Leopold Primary School activities. It might be in reading and writing activities; maths activities; sports activities; book covering; Fundraising Club activities; participating in excursions or tutoring in programs and the many extra-curricular activities that are offered at Leopold Primary School. Please see your child's classroom teacher for further information or to offer assistance. Just a reminder that all volunteers need a current working with children check.

## ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

Going to school every day is important for a student's education. This may seem to be stating something extremely obvious, but **absence from school means that learning opportunities are reduced and this can ultimately lead to poorer student achievement.** When this happens, the impact will be felt long after the student has left school.

Absence from school clearly affects the absent student, but also impacts on the teacher's ability to plan and present class work in a sequential and organised way. This can affect the progress of all students in the class, not only those missing, and can make classroom management difficult.

**ATTENDANCE FACT:** Are you aware that if a child misses 15 days per year from Prep to year 12, then they have missed one complete school year?

## BE ON TIME, BE AT SCHOOL, THAT'S THE RULE!

## WORKS ACROSS THE SCHOOL

Over the holidays there has been a number of improvements across Leopold Primary School to ensure our facilities are maintained: These improvements included:

The Building program has continued progress.

Tidy up of the office entrance to the school.

New games on the footpaths around the school.

New doors in the Melaluka Building.

Commenced new garden beds around the Melaluka Building.

**Please see some pictures below of some of these works.**



I wish everyone well for 2019 and look forward to a successful year.

**Stuart Bott**

**Principal**