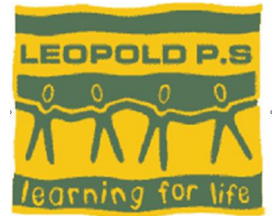


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## October

**Mon 19th**—Assembly

**Wed 21th**— Geelong cup ( NO SCHOOL)

**Thurs 22nd**— Canteen Closed

**Fri 23rd**— Public Holiday (NO SCHOOL)

**Book week**—October 26th — October 30th

**Tues 27th**—School Council

**Wed 28th** —book swap day

**Thurs 29th**— Book week dress up day and virtual parade (gold coin donation)

## November

### Dates to remember

**Thurs 26th**—Gr 6 Graduation photos

**Fri 27th**— Curriculum Day— NO SCHOOL

**Reminder to families that the canteen is open this term on **Wed, Thurs, Fri ONLY!****

## NEWSLETTER

Our school newsletter is a very important part of the communication structure of our school. The newsletter is placed on COMPASS and our school website at the end of every second week during term 4. There is a lot of important information in newsletter, so please take the time to read it.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**THERE IS NO SCHOOL ON WEDNESDAY 21<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER 2020 (PUBLIC HOLIDAY)**  
**THE CANTEEN WILL NOT BE OPEN ON THURSDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> OCTOBER 2020**  
**THERE IS NO SCHOOL ON FRIDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> OCTOBER 2020 (PUBLIC HOLIDAY)**

## Enrolments 2021

Thank you to the 100 families that have enrolled their prep child for 2021. If you know you are going to enrol your son or daughter at Leopold Primary School in 2021, please collect an enrolment form from the office and return it to school as soon as you can. At this stage we are unable to run school tours. Over the last week the 2021 Preps that have enrolled have received a welcome pack that included a welcome letter, details about Compass, a Tim Tam (for the parents) and a T-Shirt for the 2021 Preps, which they all love. Many prep 2021 students have been seen wearing them to kinder.



## ASSEMBLY

There will be an assembly this coming Monday. The assembly will commence at 2:40pm and a link will be sent out via COMPASS.

## WEARING OF HATS

I am reminding everyone about the wearing of school hats during term 4. The Sunsmart Policy states that we are to wear broadbrim hats commencing **August 20<sup>th</sup>** to meet our commitment to being a Sun smart School.



## PUPIL FREE DAY – FRIDAY 26TH NOVEMBER

School Council approved a pupil free day on **Friday 26th November** to allow staff to do some professional development about Teaching and Learning practices. It is very important to ensure we are providing the best teaching practices for the children at Leopold Primary School. It is important we provide you with ample notice and thank you for your support in providing this valuable time for staff to complete this work.



# Students to Their 2021 Grades

## Parents/ Carer requests— “Not to be with”

With the end of the year approaching our collective minds are increasingly focused on 2021 and the possibilities and opportunities that our school and community provides for the junior Leopold citizens.

One of the many annual tasks is to place students in grades for the 2021 school year. Student grade placement is taken very seriously at our school and is influenced by a multitude of factors eg Student dispositions and behavior, teacher knowledge and observation, academic results, number of grades in a particular year level and parental/carer advice.

Our aim is to have well balanced grades in terms of academic ability and citizenship with the mission to give our students the opportunity to sustain and build new friendships.

I am extending an invitation for parents/carers to provide myself with information in regard to student/s who **you do not want your child to be placed in a grade with in 2020.**

The reasons for the request needs to be considered and important for the wellbeing of your child eg I wish to please have my child in a different grade from xxxxx for this reason.....

Please do not request that **your child is with** certain students as this will be addressed through the input from current grade teacher. Also please **no teacher requests**

If you provided us a written **not to be with request for 2020** then this request has been logged within our class creator program and we will continue to action the request for 2021

Please write a brief letter addressed to myself—Stuart Bott and hand the letter to the admin office. Alternately you can email me at [stuart.bott@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:stuart.bott@education.vic.gov.au) using the subject line Grade Placement requests. Please note requests close on Friday November 6th. All 'not to be with' requests will be addressed and cross referenced with teacher knowledge and current student friendships. If your request cannot be met I will contact you to discuss options.

If you wish to discuss anything further in regard to grade placement, please contact the school and a telephone appointment will be made with myself or your child's classroom teacher.

## WE WANT OUR PARENTS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents think of our school. The Parent Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is conducted amongst all parents. It is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of parents' perceptions of school climate, student behavior, student engagement and experiences of remote and flexible learning. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

All parents will be invited to participate in this year's survey. All responses to the survey are anonymous. This year, the Parent Opinion Survey will be conducted from **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November.**

The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **20 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the date range as set out above on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The online survey will be available in a range of languages other than English. Please contact the school if you require the survey in a language other than English. The survey will be sent out via Compass on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October.

## PARENTS ON SITE AND SOCIAL DISTANCING

The main risk of transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19) in the school environment is between adults. Staff and parents will be required to practice physical distancing and avoid long periods of time in close contact with other adults.

Sadly at this time, parents are still not permitted on to school grounds and should only enter the school grounds, with permission, when essential and minimize their time and practice physical distancing when onsite. At the beginning and particularly at the end of the day, can parents please keep their physical distance of 1.5 meters? I would like to thank you all for your continued support and patience during this challenging and difficult time, it has been amazing!!



Stuart Bott  
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