

# CELEBRATING 150 YEARS AT NAPOLEONS PRIMARY SCHOOL 1870-2020 NEWSLETTER #34



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## CALENDAR

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November – Senior Camp

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November – Foundation & Year 1 Sleepover

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November – School Photo Envelopes with Payment Due

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November – 2020 School Photos

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November – School Council Meeting 6pm

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Last Day Term 4

2021

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January – Staff at school

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January – First Day Term 1

### Year F/1

*Navinah Williams*

For working hard in all areas at school

### Year 1/2

*Jesse Weightman*

For consistently demonstrating respect in our classroom

### Year 3/4

*Angus Ryall*

For striving for his personal best in writing

### Year 5/6

*Zane Retallick*

For his excellent digital stop motion movie

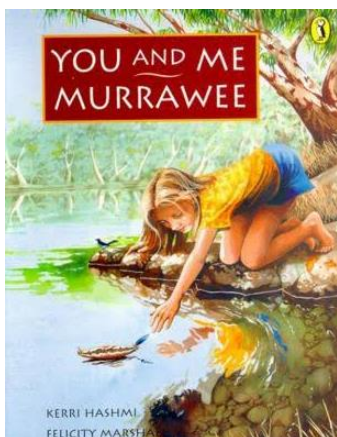
## Newsletter – Week 5, Term 4



### A day of celebrations!

We had a great day on Friday celebrating Napoleons Primary School's 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

We were unable to have our Indigenous Smoking Ceremony however we were very fortunate to have Darlene Rumler, our Koori Education Support Officer, to webex in and, with gumtree leaves provided by some of the staff at Napoleons Primary School, lead a very special Acknowledgement of Country. After this she read the story *You and Me Murrawee* by Kerri Hashmi.



Each class was introduced to stories of the past at Napoleons Primary School with former student, teacher and Principal, Mr David Sullivan who met us down the road and spoke to students outside the old school site and building.

Our students worked hard on developing a range of artefacts to include in our time capsule for 2020 – we had buddy books, artistic portraits and hand prints. We are gathering together these items and will have a digging and time-capsule ceremony later in the year.

And of course, classes were visited by an 'olde school Ma'am' who was very strict, carried a cane and inspected everyone's fingernails as well as introducing children to *deportment* and good posture and playing old time games.

We formed the number 150 on the oval and had Chris, our bus driver – a licensed drone pilot with CASA – take an aerial photo and then we all participated in a great assembly, live via webex. A special thank you to our resident student ICT guru, Jyda, who prepared the PowerPoint presentation especially for this momentous day. We had many parents comment on how much they enjoyed the live assembly, so we will do our best to do this more often in the remaining weeks of the year.

Thank you to all the staff and students who supported the fun we had on this day. We look forward to some broader community activities, to mark this milestone, in the year ahead.

## Camp Wilkin – Year 4/5/6



Yesterday I was fortunate to spend time with the Year 4/5/6 students and teachers at Camp Wilkin in Anglesea. What a great day! We rode bikes along tracks in the bush, the students played outdoor chess on a big board, and enjoyed a range of games in the games room. Outdoor activities included a beach volleyball court, a trampoline, rock climbing, low ropes course (those tyres were really tricky), team work initiatives and a delicious dinner. Students and teachers finished the day with a night walk before students went to bed in very luxurious rooms, each with their own ensuite! I'm sure they will continue to have a great time today and tomorrow before returning back to school tomorrow afternoon.



### School Review

Next week we start the process of our School Review. This begins with a Validation Day which includes a panel of people reviewing our school and its operation over the last four years. The Panel consists of the Reviewer, Ms Wendy Hobbs, the Principal, the School Council President, the Regional Senior Education Improvement Leader and two Challenge Partners. Following strict COVID-19 restrictions, these people will take it in turns to visit each class and chat with student groups and teachers about their learning at Napoleons Primary School. The following week there will be opportunities for parents to contribute to the consultations. The panel will visit for a total of three days prior to preparing a report that will inform our new School Strategic Plan.

### Long weekend

We hope everyone enjoyed their four-day weekend, last weekend. Teachers spent Monday in preparation for the upcoming student reports and of course Tuesday was Melbourne Cup Day – We hope, if you followed the race, you backed a winner.

### Kinder transition



Today we had the first of three Kinder transition days. It was lovely to meet some of the children who will be our Foundation students in 2021. Thanks to Ms Thomson, Mrs Jones and Nicole for supporting the activities with the children today.

Our next transition visits will be **November 26<sup>th</sup> and December 10<sup>th</sup>**. Families who wish to attend these transition days must be enrolled. If you know anyone who has not yet submitted their enrolment papers, please encourage them to do this as soon as is possible.

We are keen to encourage all children in our area to attend our great school. We invite all new families, regardless of their year level to contact us for a virtual tour and an enrolment pack. Please spread the word to anyone you may know who may be interested in joining us for the 2021 school year.

Sue Izard

Principal (Acting)



# Ivy Tallents

### 2021 Booklists

All booklists need to be returned to school by  
FRIDAY 21<sup>st</sup> NOVEMBER.

Cash can be sent to school with the order or card  
details on the order.

Card payments can also be made directly at  
RADMAC.

Packs will be available for collection from Friday  
22<sup>nd</sup> January 2021 at RADMAC 110 Armstrong  
Street South, Ballarat.