

# CELEBRATING 150 YEARS AT NAPOLEONS PRIMARY SCHOOL 1870-2020 NEWSLETTER #35



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## CALENDAR

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

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November** – Booklist Due at School

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

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

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December** – Yr 6 Graduation TBC

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

### 2021

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January** – Pick up Booklist from RADMAC 110 Armstrong Street South, Ballarat.

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

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

### Year F/1

*Indiana Stanes*

For her fantastic reading

### Year 1/2

*Craig Layton*

For his wonderful summary of the book 'The Giant an the Sea'

### Year 3/4

*Dylan Rios-Hanneberry*

For his helpfulness and always using his initiative in his learning

### Year 5/6

*Nicole Lane*

For having a more positive attitude

## Newsletter – Week 6, Term 4



### We have made it to half-way through the term!

We are celebrating the fact that it is halfway through the term and we are still at school! We have had a few students who we are working with to develop their stamina for being at school for a whole term. We understand how tricky it can be when, in Term 2 by this time we were remote learning and in Term 3, by this time, we were also remote learning. We appreciate that students are getting tired as we approach the final weeks of the year.

It has been really great to hear that our broader community is getting on top of COVID 19 and life is gaining back a little more normality.

### School Review

This week we had our Validation Day – the first of three days with the School Review Panel. During this day, the panel met with the school Leadership Team and the School Council President. Panel members then had the opportunity to visit classrooms, one at a time due to COVID-19 restrictions. Two groups of students from both the Junior (F-2) and Senior (3-6) areas of the school were asked to meet with panel members to talk about their experiences and feelings of being at Napoleons Primary School. These students did us extremely proud.

The next Review Day is the Field Day and this will occur next week on Tuesday – the panel will meet with teachers, more students and some parents. These consultations are to provide Panel members with context and a broader understanding of what happens here at school, so any recommendations made are as fully informed as possible.

Following the Field Day will be the Panel Day and this will take place on Friday of next week.



### Celebrating NAIDOC week and Remembrance Day

This week we have celebrated NAIDOC week. The theme for 2020 is *Always Was, Always Will Be*. This recognizes and acknowledges the hundreds of Indigenous Nations and cultures that cover the Australian continent. In classes all students have been involved in activities, stories and discussions about the Indigenous peoples of our area and across Australia.



Yesterday was Remembrance Day at Napoleons Primary School. We assembled outside our flagpole and had a brief ceremony to acknowledge all those who had fallen or who suffered during both World Wars and other wars and armed conflicts – both historical and current. Charlotte led our Acknowledgement of Country which included a recognition of the Indigenous members who had joined our armed forces. Dylan, Abbey and Hannah read a Remembrance Day poem that recognized all who died in war and the families they left behind.

Harrison, our School Captain, led the Ode prior to our minute of silence listening to the Last Post. Thanks also to Bailey who was our flag bearer and the Lumen and River who laid the wreaths at the base of the flagpole.

### Calling all students!



We are excited to say in the last two weeks we have enrolled or are enrolling some new students this year to join our Napoleons Primary School community. We are always excited to include new children and their families. 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)



## Savannah Jelly

### Head lice they're back...

Head lice have been reported to the school - please check, and if necessary treat, your family for head lice. There is no need to treat everyone if no head lice are found but you need to look for the head lice.

If you find head lice in your family please tell anyone who has had head to head contact with the family member.

### There is good news and bad news about head lice...

The **good news** is:

- Head lice are easy to kill. Hot water above 60 degrees will kill head lice in 10 seconds. (THIS IS TOO HOT FOR A SHOWER OR BATH)
- Concentrate on the head – there is no evidence that you need to make a special effort to clean the house
- There are choices about treatment – not all of them involve chemicals
- There is new and accurate information available about head lice from the office or look at [www.health.vic.gov.au/headlice](http://www.health.vic.gov.au/headlice)

The **bad news** is head lice have been around for 10,000 years and cannot be eradicated. We have had cases reported to the school and ask you to please check your family and treat any of the family who have head lice.

Some of the reasons they have survived for as long as they have are:

- The six legs of a louse end in a claw, allowing them to grip the hair.
- They detect vibration and can hide - (conditioner will help fix this problem)
- Head lice can 'hold' their breath for 20 mins – looking like they are dead.

The eggs are attached to the hair with a 'glue' like substance. Studies conducted on 45 different products to dissolve the 'glue' showed **nothing** would dissolve it.

### If you follow these steps, once a week, the control of head lice in your home will be greatly improved.

- Step 1** Comb inexpensive hair conditioner on to **dry, brushed (detangled) hair**. This makes it difficult for lice to grip the hair or run around;
- Step 2** Wipe the conditioner from the comb onto a paper towel or tissue;
- Step 3** Look on the tissue and on the comb for lice and eggs;
- Step 4** If lice or eggs are found, the child should be treated;
- Step 5** If the child has been treated recently and only hatched eggs are found, you may not have to treat since the eggs could be from the old infection.