



Napoleons Primary School

Newsletter #24

13th August 2026

Calendar

18th August: F-3 Gymnastics
20th August: Bulldogs in Schools - Footy Skills Program
21st August: Writer's Festival Celebration Day
25th August: F-3 Gymnastics
1st September: F-3 Gymnastics
2nd September: Yr 4/5/6 Anglesea Camp

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9th September: Pupil Free Day
18th September: Last day - 2:30 finish
5th October: First day Term 4
16th October: Junior Swimming
22nd - 23rd October: Year 2/3 camp Cave Hill Creek
30th October: Junior swimming
30th October: PFA Halloween disco
2nd November: Pupil free day

Year F/1 J

Zaiden

For his focus when completing his word search.

Well done!

Year F/1 M

Joe

For creating a wonderful dream jar for our Writer's Festival.

Keep up the great work!

Year 2/3

Lawson

For exceptional sentence writing about the "Red Coats" for Writer's Festival.

Keep up that descriptive language!

Year 3/4

Hunter

His enthusiastic and positive approach to maths lessons.

Fantastic effort!

Year 5/6

Miley

For her enthusiasm and determination when working on her Writer's Festival tasks.

Great work!

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Bullying No Way Week

Bullying No Way Week is Australia's leading initiative for bullying prevention in schools. It's an opportunity for schools to foster a shared understanding of bullying behaviours and highlight strategies for their prevention.

17th – 21st August 2026 is a national week of action with Government, Catholic and Independent schools and their school communities across the country. This year's theme is: *Small Acts, Big Impact*. It focuses on creating meaningful change in small actions like including someone, showing kindness and supporting someone to seek help from an adult. This week coincides with the work we are doing this term in our Respectful Relationships sessions, about help seeking.

Classes have been reading picture books focused on recognising and responding to bullying for the last few weeks and Mrs Gartlan has included further information regarding our Term 3 focus later in this newsletter.

PFA's Sausage Sizzle – **Thank you!**



A massive thank you to those parents, family members and staff who supported our Bunnings (Delacombe) PFA Sausage Sizzle last Sunday. It was a wet and windy day however it still ended up being a very successful day for our fundraising efforts.

We look forward to seeing families at this Friday's Trivia night at the Napoleons Hall.

Thanks PFA!

Year 6 students head off to Somers Camp.

We wished 12 of our Year 5/6 students well on Monday afternoon for their Somers Camp adventure which began on Tuesday. A broken-down bus meant that the adventure started early for the camp operators and also meant a delay and a change of venue for families in getting on the bus. We were advised later in the afternoon that all students had arrived safely and were settling into their camp accommodation, full of excitement for the 9-day experience. These camps are only offered to our area every two years and all students who have attended previously have

reported that they have been an amazing experience. We look forward to hearing from our students when they return next week, on Thursday.

AI influence and risk with social media

We have recently become aware that images that are posted to websites and social media platforms can be compromised and used in malicious ways using some aspects of AI. AI can be supportive and useful, however we are still learning about some of the less positive ways it can be used. We have made the decision, as a school, to only post images in the newsletter and on our social media platforms (Facebook and Instagram) that feature the back of students, rather than faces. We will explore more open images through Compass, as this is a closed, online environment and is password and firewall protected. Please let us know if you have any queries or concerns regarding this issue.

Napoleons Primary School Pantomime: *Goldilocks and the Three bears...and friends!*

Students in Years 4/5/6 have been working hard to develop their own spin on the classic tale of *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*. Year 5/6 students have collaborated on the script, worked on choreography for the songs and auditioned for parts in the pantomime.

They have been learning their lines (which are mostly all memorized already!), developing their character and busily creating props and scenery. Some of our students have chosen to be on stage, and others have chosen to support as part of a backstage crew. Some students are doing both! The junior students have been learning and practicing songs which will be presented as pre-show entertainment on a big screen, rather than as a live stage performance. These students have been captured perfectly on screen. This is great practice for their future live performances! Junior students are so excited to have their families watch their screen debut at the pantomime.

***Goldilocks and the Three Bears...and friends* will be performed at the Mount Clear College Theatre on Thursday 27th August at 6:00 pm.**



- The cost will be \$2.00 per person or \$5.00 for a family.
- Tickets will be available for purchase at the school office from **Monday 17th August** and will also be available to purchase on the night.

Thank you for supporting your rising superstars in their creative endeavors and we look forward to seeing you at the pantomime!

While we are seeing some early evidence of Spring, it is still cold and wet, so stay warm and dry.

Sue Izard 😊
Principal

Star Writer Award

To Olive

For her efforts working on Writer's Festival pieces!

Teacher: Mrs Jones



For 100 Nights

Lottie

For 175 Nights

Aurora

For 200 Nights

Lucy

Emily

Adaline

Class News

Term 3 Week 5

F/1 J and M

Foundation and Year 1 have been very busy with our Writing Festival and have done such a wonderful job! We are so proud of their efforts and look forward to sharing all their beautiful work.

Students have also been settling into their gymnastics routines so well. In Maths, we have been focusing on describing where things are using positional words such as in, on, up, down, under and behind.

Oliver T – F/1J: “I liked making the elephant. It was fun!”

Matilda – F/1MF: “I liked writing sentences.”

2/3

Our class has finished three pieces of work for our Writer’s Festival that is coming up. We have also done a piece of artwork about Lego career and my artwork was about Astronauts. Tom

We have been busy making our lego career artwork and I have chosen to draw a Fire Station, fire trucks and added a firefighter. - **Dylan**

Our class alongside the year 5/6’s have been using Google classroom and we have been creating our front covers for our digital portfolios. - **Ethan**

3/4

In class this week, we have been working on posters and other written pieces for the Writers’ Festival. We have also been videoing some dances that will be used in the pantomime. In maths, we are excited to be learning about decimals which are numbers that are smaller than one. In PE, we are working on 3x3 basketball and we learnt about different roles that might be needed in the game of basketball. Some of us were coaches, some were athletes/players and some were referees. – Sienna

5/6

Our class is quite small this week with many of our students attending Somers Camp. We hope they are having a great time and look forward to hearing all their news and stories when they return. We have had a chance to enjoy reading books from the library and on EPIC and talk about what we have read. Our writing pieces for the Writer’s Festival have included comic strips, inventing new careers (including a Pokemon Trainer!) and Venn Diagram recounts from our Sovereign Hill visit. In maths we have been working on our number knowledge including factors, multiples and divisibility.

Playgroup

Playgroup is held every second Friday from 9:00am - 11:00am at the kindergarten, providing a fun and welcoming space for young children and their parents or carers to play, learn, and connect with other local families.

Remaining Term 3 Dates:

- Friday, 14 August 2026
- Friday, 28 August 2026
- Friday, 11 September 2026

Playgroup is facilitated by Danielle from OSHC.

For more information, please contact the service on 0494 322 830.



Could You Be Our Next Playgroup Facilitator?

We’re looking for a friendly volunteer to take over facilitating Napoleons Playgroup.

No early childhood experience is required - just someone welcoming, organised and passionate about supporting local families. Handover and support will be provided.

Playgroup runs every second Friday, 9am - 11am, with great indoor and outdoor spaces.

Interested or want to know more?

Contact Danielle at OSHC on 0494 322 830.

Breakfast Club

Our Breakfast Club is open every Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30am - 8:55am.

Come along for a relaxed start to the day, with breakfast available before school. It's a great opportunity for students to grab something to eat, catch up with friends and start the day feeling ready to learn!



Looking for something to do after school?

Napoleons OSHC provides a safe, welcoming and engaging environment where children enjoy activities after school such as giant bubbles, clay art, cooking, our relaxing room, outdoor adventures, and healthy afternoon snacks every day.

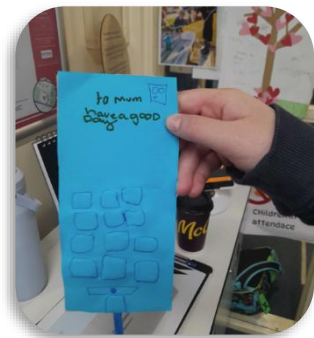
We are open Monday to Friday, 6:30am until the 9:00am and from 3:30pm until 6:00pm.

Session fees are as follows:

\$25 for Before School Care and \$33 for After School Care, however most families receive the Child Care Subsidy (CCS), reducing their out-of-pocket cost to around \$5 - \$8 per session on average (and some families may pay even less depending on their CCS entitlement).

We would love to welcome your family!

To enrol, please visit the [Napoleons OSHC Enrolment Page](#) or contact Danielle on 0494 322 830 for more information.



OSHC Award

Nirvana - For attending OSHC quickly

Rossi – For trying new foods

Writer's Festival Celebration Day - Careers

A reminder to the school community that next **Friday 21st August** is our Writer's Festival Celebration Day. The students are encouraged to dress in a career they would like to be in the future. We are also inviting the whole school community to drop in between 2:00pm & 3:00pm to see all the wonderful writing displays the students have been working on over the last 3 weeks. Everyone is then welcome to join us in the OLA for assembly.

We look forward to seeing many families here at school to celebrate the fantastic work the students have produced. However, if you cannot join us on the day the displays will be up for a few weeks after this. They can be viewed before school from 8:30am or after school until 4:00 pm.

Wellbeing - Building Positive Friendships and Relationships

This term, as part of our Wellbeing learning, we are encouraging students to reflect on how their words, actions and choices can contribute to positive, respectful and inclusive friendships. Using a range of mentor texts, students are exploring characters, relationships and real-life situations to build their understanding of friendship, empathy, bullying and the importance of standing up for others. We are focusing on practical strategies students can use when they experience or witness unkind behaviour, including being an upstander, supporting others, seeking help from a trusted adult and making choices that help everyone feel safe, valued and included. Through these conversations, students are developing the confidence and skills to build positive relationships and contribute to a kind and caring school community.



OSHC DONATIONS

Our OSHC program is looking for a few donations.

We are currently seeking:

- 🪖 **Army men**
- 🚗 **Hotwheels cars garage tower**
- 🎨 **Craft supplies**
- 🧱 **Jenga**

If you have any clean, good-condition items that your family no longer needs, we would love to give them a new home at OSHC!

Donations can be dropped off at OSHC or passed on to Danielle. Thank you for supporting our program!



Goldilocks and The Three

Bears

Come join us at Mount Clear College to see our awesome pantomime about Goldilocks and The Three Bears! It will be performed on the 27th of August, 6pm. Our Napoleons school community is making the pantomime. The juniors will be on screen and the seniors will be on stage!

Epic!

action

Funny!

