



Napoleons Primary School

Newsletter #26

27th August 2026

Calendar

27th August: Pantomime

1st September: F-3 Gymnastics

2nd September: Yr 4/5/6 Anglesea Camp

9th September: Pupil Free Day

14th September: Term 3 – Three Way Conferences

18th September: Last day - 2:30 finish

5th October: First day Term 4

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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

3rd November: Melbourne Cup Day

6th November – Junior swimming

13th November – Junior swimming

Year F/1 J

Karson

For his amazing efforts
in the classroom this
week!

Well done!

Year F/1 M

Brooklyn

For her amazing work in
Sounds-Write sessions
this week.

**Keep up your amazing
efforts!**

Year 2/3

Sienna E

For showing bravery
when contributing to
class discussions.

You're a superstar!

Year 3/4

Summer

For her persistence
and effort to master
partitioning in Maths.

Fantastic effort!

Year 5/6

Tiki

For displaying
fantastic
determination and
perseverance when
creating her
tessellation project.

Great work!

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Napoleons Primary School Pantomime: *Goldilocks and the Three bears...and friends!* It is tonight – we can't wait to see you there!

Tickets available at the door! \$2 each or \$5 per family.

We have already had a dress rehearsal with our Napoleons Kindergarten friends as our first audience! Students in Years 4/5/6 have worked very hard on learning their lines, learning their dances, moving around the stage and developing their characters. We have had great support from students in creating sets and props for the production, together with Mrs O, Winnie and supported by a range of ES and teaching staff.

We are all very excited to be presenting this unique pantomime, co-created by students, to our school community.

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 some speaking, signing and musical prowess to show off as a pre-recorded movie that will be screened before the stage show.

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 and will also be available to purchase on the night.

Writers' Festival - #5 – It's a wrap!



It was fantastic to see so many family members come along at 2pm to see the hard work and finished writing pieces created by students as part of our 5th Writers' Festival. The displays were amazing and showed great examples of vocabulary use and creative language work. We even had representatives from the local Ballarat Area office of the Department of Education drop in yesterday to view the display.

They were very impressed with our students' work. We thank you all for coming along for our celebration and the parade of occupations at Assembly on Friday. Again I wish to thank those parents and community members who were able to participate in our Careers Expo and also a massive thank you for our staff who were instrumental in the organization of this event and writing tasks. I can't wait to see what next year's Writers' Festival theme might be...

Book Week

We have had a great book week, supported by our MARC Van teacher, Mrs White and of course, Nicole with the purchase of a range of books. Mrs Hutt organized a return of last year's Writers' Festival guest author, Yvonne Horsfield and her son, Illustrator, Garth Horsefield, to share her latest published book. More occupations to include!

Year 4/5/6 Camp



Next week we will be wishing our students in Year 4/5/6 well on their three day adventure of their annual camp in Anglesea. Families may be aware that we have a three year rotation for our senior camps – City, Beach, Bush-Indigenous. This year is a beach camp and they will have lots of fun. We are all keen to see the photos of their adventures. Buses will depart Wednesday morning and return Friday afternoon. Please ensure you have provided consent via COMPASS and sent in your medications and documentation.

Reminders

Wednesday September 9th will be a pupil-free day for staff professional learning.



Congratulations to Jude, Leroy, Rusty, Summer, Matilda and Morgan for progressing to the Divisional Level Athletics. This competition will also be on Wednesday September 9th – details have been sent to families who are responsible for transporting their children to and from the event.

Monday 14th September is 3-way conferences.

This means a half day of classes for students. School will finish at 12:30 and students will return home for lunch. 3-way conferences will commence at 1pm and continue through to 6pm. Please book in via COMPASS with your child's teacher, if you haven't already done so.

Kindest regards,

Sue Izard 😊
Principal



Star Writer Award

To Carter

For taking great care to complete your first poem in our poetry unit.

Teacher: Mrs Murnane

For 75 Nights

Emric

For 175 Nights

Sam

For 150 Nights

Peter

For 175 Nights

Brody

Levi

Cian

For 200 Nights

Darcy

Visiting Author and Illustrator

On Wednesday we were extremely fortunate to have Yvonne and Garth Horsfield visit us to read their latest book-A True Rooster's Tale. Yvonne is the author and her son Garth is the illustrator. Yvonne read the book to the whole school where the students were all eagerly listening and enjoying the book. This tied in well with our Writer's Festival theme of careers and a good opportunity for our Book Week celebrations.

Yvonne read to the school last year as we used her book Meg, Mog and Miss Molly to support last year's Writer's Festival theme of 'Birds'. The new book is the 7th book they have created together.

Most of these books are available for the school community to purchase. See the attached order form for more details on how to do this. Please order before the 4th September.

Breakfast Club

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

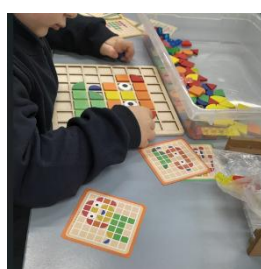
Come along for a relaxed start to the day, with breakfast available before school.

It's a great opportunity for students to grab something to eat, catch up with friends and start the day feeling ready to learn!

This Week in OSHC

This week in OSHC we have had many birthdays. This meant that the children baked us a chocolate cake to celebrate. Children made their own needohs and squishes out of paper, build with lots of boxes and crafted.

We thankfully received a large donation through the week, and the children have really enjoyed playing with the train tracks.



OSHC Award

Matilda R – for intelligent reflection of her time at camp.

Neeko Harris – for being responsible and taking care of our space.

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.

Playgroup

We're excited to welcome Liz as our new Playgroup facilitator!

Liz is a valued part of our local community and is looking forward to re-energising Playgroup, meeting local families and creating a fun, welcoming space for everyone.

Playgroup runs every second Friday 9:00am – 11:00am at Napoleons Kindergarten.

Remaining Term 3 Dates:

- Friday, 28 August 2026 (Book Week dress up)
- Friday, 11 September 2026

Term 4:

- Friday, 9th October 2026
- Friday, 22nd October 2026
- Friday, 6th November 2026
- Friday, 20th November 2026
- Friday, 4th December 2026 (End of year break-up)

Come along, let the kids play, make some new friends and meet Liz!
Everyone is welcome - we'd love to see you there!



Term 3 - Three Way Conferences

Monday 14th of September 2026

School will finish and students will need to be picked up at 12:30pm

Compass bookings are NOW open.

Class News

Term 3 Week 7

F/1 J and M

This week, our Foundation and Year 1 students have been very busy with Book Week activities! We have been reading lots of wonderful books and enjoying lots of fun activities.

Don't forget, Book Week is this Friday! We can't wait to see everyone come dressed in their amazing costumes.

In Maths, we have been learning about time and clocks. Students have been exploring different clocks and learning how to read and tell the time.

I had fun learning maths this week - **Zaiden F/1J**

I enjoyed doing music for pantomime - **Skylar F/1MF**

2/3

We have continued doing gymnastics this week. I've been getting better at tumbles and having fun! - **Harvey**

We have been doing lots of writing. I like doing lots of writing at home and at school. It's the best! - **Neeko**

We have had an illustrator and author come to the school and told us about writing and illustrating a book and read their new book to us. They write about things that actually happened. - **Risha**

We've been beginning to make our portfolios on Google Classroom. We've learnt to put photos in them. - **Everlyn**

In maths we have been learning about place value and playing lots of games. Yesterday we built buildings with 3-digit or 4-digit numbers and MAB. - **Ethan**

3/4

This week in our class novel, 'Wonder', August went on his first camp. We know that something is about to happen because they are outside in the dark next to a forest. We can't wait to see what happens. We have been busy preparing for our pantomime and enjoyed doing a dress-rehearsal for the kindergarten kids. We are now looking at persuasive writing and read a story about the Amazon. We are writing persuasive messages to the humans destroying the forest from the viewpoint of the animals. We can't wait to draw our accompanying pictures. In STEAM, we are continuing to look at food chains and food webs.

5/6

This week in 5/6 we have learnt more about the Eureka Stockade by reading our book A Banner Bold. Every week we talk about new words that we can use in our writing, this week's words are: massed, remedies, accustomed and unfurled. In writing we wrote a recount on Somers camp or a free write for those that didn't go.

We have also got to share more our stories about Somers:

"The activities were some of most scariest things I have ever done, but also the best" - **Leroy and Alex**

"If you get the chance to go to Somers, you will have the time of your life" - **Jude**

"At Somer watch out for the ghost chickens!" - **Henry**

"The art activities were the best" - **Sarah**

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!



Book Orders

1. Meg Mog and Miss Molly.

\$15.00



2. Miss Molly Meets Little Joe.

\$15.00



3. A True Rooster's Tale.

\$15.00



4. Patrick The Wombat.

\$10.00

(Also at Ballarat Wildlife Park)



Name.

School.

Books Ordered. -

(Circle the number of the books required)

1.

2

3

4

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Number of copies-

Total Amount

Payable- \$

**Book orders due back no later than
next Thursday 3rd of September**

School staff have a right to be safe at work



Any abuse will not be tolerated

Parents, carers, advocates and adult members of the school community must engage respectfully with school staff.

Unacceptable behaviour will be addressed promptly. This may include calling the police if required or issuing you a School Community Safety Order.

These behaviours are **not permitted** in-person, over the phone, by email, text message or on social media:

- ⊗ Rudeness
- ⊗ Aggression, including raising your voice at a staff member
- ⊗ Discriminatory or derogatory comments
- ⊗ Insults or offensive communication
- ⊗ Harassment
- ⊗ Threatening gestures
- ⊗ Malicious or defamatory communications
- ⊗ Intimidation
- ⊗ Threats
- ⊗ Violence

These behaviours are **never okay** and can make staff and students feel unsafe.

