



Napoleons Primary School

Newsletter #31

15th October 2026

Calendar

16th October: Junior Swimming
19th October: School Council 6pm
22nd - 23rd October: Year 2/3 camp
 Cave Hill Creek
30th October: Junior swimming
30th October: PFA Halloween disco

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2nd November: Pupil free day
3rd November: Melbourne Cup Day
6th November: Junior swimming
13th November: Junior swimming
20th November: Junior swimming
18th December: End of term and 2026
 year 1:30pm finish

Year F/1 J

Bonnie

For being kind and
 always going out of her
 way to help others.

Well done!

Year F/1 M

Matilda S

For challenging herself
 when she wrote the
 middle of her narrative.
 Amazing effort!

**Keep up the great
 work!**

Year 2/3

Rylie P

For his creative ideas
 in his quick write this
 week.

Keep it up!

Year 3/4

Ruby

For showing
 determination when
 learning to use
 algorithms for
 addition and
 subtraction.

Fantastic effort!

Year 5/6

Bella

For her fantastic
 persistence and trying
 hard in numeracy
 tasks.

Great work!

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Week 2 already and it feels like we are back in Winter. Week 1 has flown and we will be at the end of the year before we know it. Despite the cool temperatures we are experiencing this week, Term 4 is our term for **broad brimmed hats** on and our **shoes on** (unless we have had significant rain and the grounds are particularly muddy). Please ensure your children have their school hats. We can sell these from the Front Office, so please see Belinda or Imogen if you need to purchase a new school hat. Please also apply sunscreen on warmer days – we have it at school and students can top up each playtime, however if your child requires a special type of sunscreen, you may wish to have a small tube in your child's bag. Please let us know if there are any allergies to sunscreen for school use.

Reading nights! Keep them coming!

It has been great to see so many students present their reading nights each day. It is exciting to see students excited about their reading and making interest-based choices about what they read. There are so many life benefits and educational benefits that come with confident reading skills so starting with 'one day at a time' and building reading stamina through reading nights is a fun way to develop good reading habits and skills. We have incentives that are 100 nights – a Pancake Kitchen voucher, 200 nights - \$10 off your next scholastic book order (through the school), 300 nights - \$20 off your next scholastic book order (through the school).

Transition #2 – Great fun!

It was so lovely to see our 2027-Foundation-to-be children at school again this week. Thanks to our Kinder families who dropped their children for their second transition session and allowed us to walk them over to Kinder after the session was over. We saw them a second time in the afternoon when our Year 5/6 students visited the kindergarten as part of their Leadership Learning. The next transition session will be on Tuesday 17th November from 9am to 12:30pm.

2/3 Camp to Cave Hill Creek



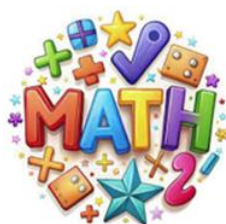
In Week Three students in Year 2/3 will be participating in their annual camp and this year we are heading to Cave Hill Creek, near Beaufort. Thank you to families for completing your camp forms and thanks to Emma Murnane and Alison Williams for their organization and planning.

5 BENEFITS OF READING WITH YOU CHILD EVERY NIGHT

- 1. Boosts Imagination & Creativity**
 Bedtime stories open up new worlds and help children dream big and think creatively.
- 2. Strengthens Parent-Child Bond**
 Sharing a book creates a calm, cozy space that brings you closer emotionally every night.
- 3. Builds Vocabulary & Language Skills**
 Regular reading improves your child's vocabulary, pronunciation, and overall communication.
- 4. Improves Focus & Listening**
 Listening to stories each night helps kids concentrate, pay attention, and develop patience.
- 5. Encourages a Lifelong Love of Reading**
 Making reading part of your bedtime routine turns it into a fun habit that lasts a lifetime.

Everyone is looking forward to a great camping experience. Please ensure you have completed all your medical forms (where applicable) and have delivered medications to Emma Murnane prior to attending camp.

Sue Izard
Principal



Maths Award

Evie

For her amazing efforts
when rounding numbers this
week!

Teacher: Mrs Murnane

For 50 Nights

Rylie P

For 75 Nights

Evie

For 50 Nights

Sam

For 150 Nights

Thomas

Class News

Term 4 Week 2

F/1 J and M

Foundation One has had another fantastic week! In Writing, we have been putting our learning about settings and characters into action by writing our own narratives. In Maths, we have continued exploring sharing and have been practising our subitising skills, recognising how many objects are in a group without counting. We also had lots of fun trying out a new maths game on the class iPads! We are all very excited for our first swimming session tomorrow and can't wait to get in the pool!

2/3

In maths we have been learning about rounding numbers up and down. We have been reading The Magic Far Away Tree and it is very interesting. - **Lawson**

I am excited because tomorrow the foundation up to grade 2 are starting swimming lessons. In literacy we are doing some quick writing and I'm writing about the class pet. - **Piper**

3/4

In STEAM, we are learning about contact and non-contact forces. Non-contact forces make objects move without touching. Magnetism is an example of a non-contact force. In maths, we learnt about the algorithm and had a go at using it for both addition and subtraction. It is fun to use. We are revisiting information texts and are currently working on two texts, one on sustainability and one on forces. In 'The Wild Robot', we have many new characters. One of them was 'Pinktail', an opossum, who has the adaptation to play dead and trick potential predators. - **Slade, Lucy and Luca**

5/6

This week we have started reading our new class novel - I Whale of the Wild. We meet the main characters Vega and Deneb as well as a few of the other pod members Greatmother, Mum and Uncle Rigel. They are Orca whales that live near the Salish Sea. In maths we have been learning about elapsed time, using strategies to work out questions. For writing we have started writing informative text about the ocean. Some of the topics include, layers of the ocean, coral reef and the Mariana Trench - you will have to check out our posters when they are done! - **Morgan**

Life Skills GO Program



At Napoleons Primary School, we are committed to creating a safe, supportive and engaging learning environment where every student feels valued and ready to learn. We have previously used The Zones of Regulation as a check-in tool to help students recognise and understand their Building on this work, we will be introducing the Life Skills GO program, an evidence-based online platform that supports students' social, emotional and physical wellbeing.

Through regular digital check-ins with their teachers, students will have opportunities to recognise and communicate how they are feeling and identify their wellbeing needs. This will help us better support students and create positive classroom environments where they feel safe, supported and ready to do their best learning.

Over the coming weeks, we will gradually introduce Life Skills GO into our school routines. We look forward to building on our existing wellbeing practices and supporting student engagement, wellbeing and learning through this program.

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.

This Week in OSHC

This week in OSHC the children created a circus and preformed tricks together. The children, with help from parents and staff started preparing props for the Halloween disco. This included pumpkins and ghosts.



OSHC Awards

Sam - for helping dry dishes and being a good helper

Milo - being responsible and checking the daily U.V

Rylie P - for being a great friend and helping others

Playgroup

We had a lovely time at playgroup last Friday, 9 October!

The weather was lovely for outdoor play. The favourite activity for the children was walking across the balance beam! Join us for our next playgroup on Friday, 23 October – all welcome!

Playgroup runs every second Friday from 9:00am - 11:00am at Ecka Napoleons Kindergarten (located next to school)

Term 4 dates:

- Friday, 23rd October 2026
- Friday, 6th November 2026
- Friday, 20th November 2026
- Friday, 4th December 2026 – Christmas theme 🎄



Auskick Program 2026

Auskick is back!

After a great program last year, Auskick is returning to Napoleons PS this term! It's a fun way for kids to learn footy skills, build confidence and play with their friends.

Come and have a kick!

AFL Victoria will run a Kick 2 Kick session at lunchtime on Thursday 22 October.

Program details:

- **When:** Mondays, 3.30pm – 4.30pm
- **Where:** Napoleons PM oval
- **Dates:** 4 weeks, from Monday 9 November to Monday 30 November 2026
- **Groups:** Auskick (ages 5–7) and Superkick (ages 8–12)
- **Cost:** \$55, paid by families

Auskick: [Register here](#)

Superkick: [Register here](#)



4-7 YEAR OLDS*

Your introduction into Australian football centred around game-based activities kids love.



7-12 YEAR OLDS

Designed for any child to give it a go, with a focus on skill development and learning how to play the game.

**Kids can join NAB AFL Auskick if they are turning 5 in the calendar year (before 30th June in WA).*

NAPOLEONS PS AUSKICK/ SUPERKICK

Colac-Ballarat Road, Napoleons

STARTING 19TH OCT

MONDAYS 3:30PM - 4:30PM

For further information contact:
jono.box@afl.com.au | 0477111757

AUSKICK



SUPERKICK



Volunteers Needed for Breakfast Club!

Napoleons Primary School is looking for a friendly and enthusiastic volunteer to help support our Breakfast Club on

**Tuesday and Thursday mornings
from 8:20am – 9:00am.**

Our Breakfast Club provides children with a welcoming and positive start to their school day, offering a nutritious breakfast and a chance to connect with friends before class.

Good food
Happy children
A great start!

We are looking for someone who can assist with:



Preparing and
serving breakfast



Setting up and
packing away



Helping create a
warm and welcoming
environment



Assisting and
engaging with
the children



If you have a little time to spare and would like to make a positive difference in the mornings of our local children, we would love to hear from you!



Interested in helping?

Please contact Napoleons Primary School for more information.

A small amount
of your time can make
a big difference to
a child's day!

RESPECT our school staff



"I need to
speak to you
right now."



**Be the role model
your child deserves.**



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THE LITTLE BRASS BAND
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present

BRASS FROM THE PAST

The songs you know but have
never heard like this before!



**SUNDAY, 25 OCT
2PM - 3.30PM**

Ballarat Central Uniting Church,
Cnr Dana St & Lydiard St Sth, Ballarat

A concert to fund training in
suicide awareness & prevention
for volunteers in local
community organisations.

Tickets

\$20/\$10/U12 free



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