Napoleons Primary School Newsletter #33

29nd October 2026

Calendar

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
20th November: Junior Swimming
18th December: End of term and year 1:30pm finish

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Year F/1 J	Year F/1 M	Year 2/3	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
Remi J	**Ollie O**	**Kayden**	**Sienna D**	**Joey**
For her wonderful effort and focus during handwriting. **Great job!**	For doing a wonderful job with his maths assessment. **Keep up your amazing efforts!**	For trying so hard to make amazing choices in class time. Keep being amazing! **You're a superstar!**	For putting in a high level of effort in all subject areas. **Great work!**	For writing a fantastic narrative story about 'a creature in a rock pool' and displaying great editing skills! **Well done!**

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Week 4 and we have been plunged back into cold Winter temperatures.

Police visit and presentation to Napoleons Primary School



On Monday, we had two representatives from the Victoria Police – school's division (Ballarat West), visit to speak with each class about the importance of respectful behaviours, how to identify bullying and how to decide what is bullying and what is teasing.
This visit gave students the opportunity to define bullying and recommended safe actions for someone who was being bullied or who saw another person being bullied.
The presentation also included occasions when police may be involved in managing instances of bullying. This can happen between students older than 12 years of age and that bullying can also occur between adults in the local community.
Students demonstrated they were clear about the definition of bullying and could identify the respectful behaviours that both the school and the police expect. Students asked the policemen many great questions about their role as police and we were interested to note that Brad had become a teacher first, before he had become a policeman. Many thanks to Brad and Jason for their presentation.
Given our discussions and noting that our *Bullying Prevention Policy* is due for review, I'd like to take this opportunity to invite all members of our school community to review the policy and provide feedback via our school's email napoleons.ps@education.vic.gov.au. You can find the policy on our school website, or via this link: Bullying Prevention Policy

Department of Education Policy – *Preventing and Addressing Racism in Schools*

The Department of Education requires all schools to provide a link to their policy page outlining the policy, **Preventing and Addressing Racism in Schools**.
In accordance with Victoria's Child Safe Standards, all schools must actively prevent and respond to racism.
Please see the information attached to this newsletter.

2/3 Camp at Cave Hill Creek

We had an amazing time at Cave Hill Creek. Camps are always a great opportunity to see students show different skills and we saw so many students demonstrate initiative, curiosity, perseverance with new activities and an all-round 'have a go' attitude.

We had a number of students who were away from home for the first time and they were very brave. We also had terrific examples of students looking after each other, if they had a moment of feeling sad or missing home. Well done everyone! Special thanks to Mrs Murnane and James and the staff at Cave Hill Creek who had everything prepared for our activities and who provided delicious meals and snacks. Thank you.

After school playground fun



It is great to see that families make the most of our playground after the end of the school day. We ask families to be mindful of our OSHC group that also occurs at this time.

We ask that families who are staying for a play, ensure their children are supervised and that children do not join the students participating in OSHC and supported by staff during their outside activities. We will facilitate this by ensuring OSHC students have their outside time over near the basketball court and Ga Ga pit. This helps maintain appropriate supervision of those students who have been booked into OSHC for the after school program.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

PFA Halloween Disco – Friday 30th October 4:30 to 6pm



Thanks to the parents in our PFA, there will be a Halloween Disco at school on Friday 30th October from 4:30 to 6pm. Parents please note that you will be required to drop your children to the door of the assembly area (OLA) and collect them from the same place, if you are not staying for the whole time (and you are very welcome to do this). Please do not wait in the car park for your child/children to come to you.
Many thanks to our PFA for hosting and organizing this event.



Next week will be a short week for students. Monday is a pupil free day for children, although staff will be in attendance for our annual report preparation day and Tuesday is a public holiday for Melbourne Cup Day. We look forward to seeing everyone on Wednesday 4th November.

Sue Izard 😊

Principal



Maths Magic Award

Rusty - For making some great connections during our time investigations.

Teacher: Ms Williams



For 100 Nights
Emric
For 125 Nights
Hudson
Matilda S
For 175 Nights
Layla
For 200 Nights
Amara
Michael

This Week in OSHC

This week we made yummy cinnamon scrolls using puff pastry, learnt to play The Game of Life and introduced classic Uno, which was a big hit! The children also coloured and prepped decorations for the Halloween disco. We can't wait to see them on the night!





OSHC Award

Brody - For being a good listener at group time.

Eliza - For always spreading positivity and happiness

Playgroup

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

Term 4 dates:

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

Reverse Advent Calendar Boxes – Spreading Christmas Kindness

This Christmas, Napoleons Primary School is again proud to support the Reverence Advent Calendar, helping provide support to others in need during the festive season. We invite our school community to contribute items to help make Christmas a little brighter for those doing it tough. The organisers have specifically requested donations of tea, coffee and hot chocolate. Donations can be brought to school and need to be returned by Wednesday 2nd December. There will be donation boxes in each of the classrooms and at the front office.

Thank you for your generosity and for helping us spread kindness and care within our wider community this Christmas.



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.

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

Class News

Term 3 Week 9

F/1 J and MF

This week, our F/1 students have been busy learning and enjoying some exciting experiences!

On Monday, we welcomed the Ballarat Police, who visited us to talk about bullying and safety. The students enjoyed listening to the police officers and learning some important ways to stay safe. In writing, we have been working on building strong sentences with a clear beginning, middle and end. We have also finished writing our stories!

Swimming is back tomorrow! The students are looking forward to getting back in the pool. Please remember to pack bathers, a towel, goggles and sandals.

F/1J: "I had fun writing stories!" **- Alessia**

F/1M: "I had fun making videos with animals in Art!" **- Skylar**

2/3

Wow, what a fun time we had at our camp at Cave Hill Creek last week.

At camp I really liked doing archery and I nearly got a bullseye. **- Ethan**

Cave Hill Creek camp was awesome with different activities and yummy food. My favourite part of camp was archery. **- Everlyn**

While on camp we did some bush cooking on an open fire and made damper and it was delicious. **- Kendrix**

My favourite part was participating in the low ropes course because it was fun and challenging. I managed to complete the course in 40 seconds. We got to have a yummy dinner of Honey Soy Chicken and veggies then ice-cream for dessert. **- Dylan**

Don't forget - swimming is back tomorrow (Friday) for the Year 2 Students.

3/4

We have continued reading our class novel and have just read the part where Brightbill learns to fly. He ran away from his robot mother, and they discovered that she had an on/off switch on her head. They tested it out and after a tense moment, Roz returned to normal. We have started learning about angles in Numeracy and finished our information reports in Writing. The Grade 3s went on a 2-day camp at the end of last week and had so much fun doing activities such as archery (where Evie got a bullseye!), bouldering, low ropes and map reading. We had a movie night and watched 'Ice Age'. We were lucky with the weather and our animal sightings. The echidna was a real highlight. **- Summer and Adaline**

5/6

This week we have started to plan our graduation and leadership speeches, it is going along nicely. In maths we have continued our unit of mass as well as learning about volume and capacity. We also did our Wednesday maths group where we get to learn cool things about maths as well as different strategies to figure out equations. We are almost halfway through our book A WHALE OF THE WILD. We all really enjoy reading it and are always asking to read the book. In STEAM we are learning about circuits and we played a game where we could build a circuit and everyone loved it. **- Henry**





Communicating the Preventing and Addressing Racism in Schools Policy

Racism is not tolerated at Napoleons Primary School

Napoleons Primary School is committed to fostering a welcoming, inclusive environment where racism is not tolerated. Racism harms students' mental health, learning and sense of belonging. We celebrate the diversity of cultures, ethnicities and faiths of all our students. It is up to all of us at Napoleons Primary School to make our school a place that is free of racism and where everyone feels respected and can learn in a safe and inclusive environment.

What Napoleons Primary School is doing to prevent racism

Napoleons Primary School follows the Department of Education's **Preventing and Addressing Racism in Schools Policy**. We are building a culturally safe school with inclusive learning for everyone by working with staff, students, families, carers and communities. We will:

- teach about and celebrate diversity, inclusion and the impact of racism to build understanding and empathy through the Respectful Relationships curriculum
- use practices that support all students to thrive
- implement anti-racism efforts to prevent and address racism effectively
- make sure everyone feels safe, with clear and accessible pathways to report racism

What to do if your child experiences or witnesses racism at school

If your child experiences or witnesses racism or religious discrimination at school, please let us know. You can tell your child's teacher or raise it with the Principal.

Report Racism hotline

If you don't feel comfortable reporting racism to school, or you are not happy with the school's response, you can report racism to:

- the Department of Education's Report Racism hotline via email report.racism@education.vic.gov.au or phone 1800 722 476 (Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm)
- Victorian Aboriginal Education Association Inc. (VAEAI) via email vaeai@vaeai.org.au or phone 03 9481 0800 (Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm)
- Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commission (VEOHRC) online, via email complaints@veohrc.vic.gov.au or phone 1300 292 153 (Monday to Friday 10am to 2pm).

For additional support following an incident of racism:

- First Nations students, staff or families can contact Victorian Aboriginal Education Association Inc. (VAEAI)
- Jewish students, staff or families can contact the Jewish Community Council of Victoria
- Muslim students, staff or families can contact the Islamic Council of Victoria

For more information about how to report racism to the school, and to get information in community languages, visit this website: Report racism or religious discrimination in schools.

If you need an interpreter to call the school, please use the details available at: Guide for Families: How to use an interpreter to contact your school.

How Napoleons Primary School will respond to racism

When you report a racist incident, Napoleons Primary School will:

- take your report seriously and act quickly
- give you ongoing support
- investigate and respond safely and appropriately
- keep you informed, while respecting privacy
- review the incident to help avoid it from happening again.



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

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

The Education State

Scan the QR Code to learn more about how you can build positive relationships with school staff in the department's **Respectful Behaviours within the School Community Policy**.

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