Napoleons Primary School Newsletter #36

19th November 2026

Calendar

20th November: Junior Swimming & F/1 School Sleepover

23rd November: Crazy Hair Day

8th December: Transition Day

10th December: Year 6 Graduation

15th December: End of Year Fun Day

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16th December: Awards Night

18th December: End of Term 4 - 1:30pm finish





Year F/1 J	Year F/1 M	Year 2/3	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
Valerie	**Layla**	**Carter**	**Lucy**	**Chaz**
For her confidence during Show and Tell this week.	For her amazing effort when she was creating her information book about cats.	For being a creative and supportive classmate and role model!	For her fantastic introduction in her robot	For taking more pride with his bookwork to produce good work.
Keep it up!	**Well done!**	**Amazing job!**	**Great work!**	**You are a superstar!**

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Class allocation for 2027



Last week I outlined the class groupings for 2027. I have had a few inquiries about our rationale for these class decisions. Understandably, families are keen to know that their child will be in an appropriate class with the conditions they need to enable success. We also want this for every child in the school.

Please know that each year staff put a lot of consideration into our class groupings. There are many things taken into account. We work towards a mix of students in each class that can enable learning and work as a cohesive group. We also consider student to student dynamics, friendship groups and where each student is within the curriculum. Every class (and every year) has a mixed range of academic ability. We do not stream our classes and next year with our duplicate classes, there is no group that is academically 'better' than another. What we aim for, each year, is to have calm classrooms that can make the most of their learning throughout the year.

Underpinning these decisions are our policies of:

- Statement of Values and School Philosphy
- Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy
- Yard Duty and Supervision Policy (specifically classroom supervision)

In 2027 we have deliberately planned for slightly smaller classes to better enable teachers to meet students' points of need across the curriculum. Recent Department of Education changes to disability funding in schools mean we also need to carefully consider how we allocate additional support across the school and this classroom structure enables us to better cater for all students.

Families will be notified about their allocated class in the next two weeks. Please feel free to contact me if you have any further queries regarding 2027 classes.

Fruit at school

Last week we started participating in a Healthy Lunch Kitchen initiative. This was delicious and we are already excited about next week's order. We have always had a fruit snack planned for 10am and most students are amazing about real fruit, so thank you families! It would help a great deal if your child has either an apple or an orange, for parents to arrange for the fruit to be cut up.

This will help your child eat it easily. One piece of fruit to cut up may not seem a lot for the teacher or ES to assist with, however when there are 10 apples and oranges, this takes a long time to cut up in the time we have available for eating.

Lunch play, then eat trial

We have noticed that many of our students have breakfast before 9am (at school or OSHC or home), then fruit snack at 10am, then morning snack at 11am, then lunch at 12:30. This is a lot of eating throughout the morning and then 3 hours before the end of the day and an afternoon snack. Staff have been discussing the possible impacts on students and we have decided to trial a slightly different process, starting Week 9. Beginning on November 30th, we will trial a **lunch play, then eat** change to our lunch routine (all other times will be the same as they are currently).

Instead of eating at 12:30, and then going out to play at 12:45 until 1:15, students will have the play session first from 12:30 to 1pm. When students come inside after their playtime, they will sit and eat lunch until 1:15pm.

A number of staff who have experience in other schools, have reported that this routine can have a very settling effect on students and set them up well for an afternoon of engaged learning. We look forward to getting student feedback as well as staff feedback after trying something a little differently. We would welcome parent feedback towards the end of the year. Please email napoleons.ps@education.vic.gov.au after we have trialed this for a week or so.

Uniform reminder





Please ensure your children are wearing the correct uniform to school each day. Gradually we are seeing more and more non-uniform items, especially hoodies. If you need additional pieces of Napoleons Primary School uniform, we have a large selection of items in our secondhand boxes outside the OSHC room. These are only a gold-coin donation per item.

If you do have a uniform item in the wash on a school day, and you need to wear something else, please make sure the alternative is navy blue, in order to match our uniform as closely as possible.

As we approach warmer weather, more and more students are wearing shorts and most students are making appropriate choices. Some of our girls are wearing shorts that are very short and more like basketball shorts. Please note that our uniform is navy blue shorts that have a length that is at least mid-thigh or longer but not shorter.

Sue Izard 😊
Principal



Star Writer Award

Lawson - For creating so much suspense in his quick writes that we are always sitting on the edge of our seat!

Well done!

Teacher: Mrs Murnane



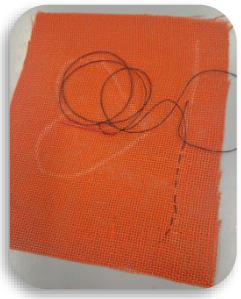
READING NIGHTS

For 75 Nights
Rylie P
For 100 Nights
Ricky
For 150 Nights
Angus
For 225 Nights
Levi
For 275 Nights
Ollie O

This Week in OSHC

There has been plenty happening at OSHC lately! We've been getting creative with sewing, enjoying some friendly competition with card games and getting hands-on with water play and experiments.
The children have been exploring, testing ideas, learning new skills and having fun along the way. We've also started a little preparation for the upcoming Christmas season.
There's always something happening at OSHC! 🎄





OSHC Awards

Matilda R - for helping organise and sort the sports shed

Tom - for enthusiastic participation in games

Playgroup

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

Term 4 dates:

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

Last Call for Donations!

Reverse Advent Calendar Boxes – Spreading Christmas Kindness



Thanks to the generosity of our Napoleons Primary School community, we've already collected three full boxes of tea, coffee, hot chocolate, Milo and other delicious drinks!

There is still time to donate if you would like to participate. Please drop donations at the front office or in classrooms by Wednesday 2nd December.

Thank you again for your kindness and generosity. Your donations will help make someone else's Christmas a little brighter! 🎄



Lunch Meal Deal – Friday 27th November 2026

Friday's lunch was a hit, and it's coming back! On Friday 27 November, students can enjoy a chicken wrap from the Healthy Lunch Kitchen, a Ballarat social enterprise that makes fresh, chef-prepared meals using local, ethical produce.

The wrap is filled with shredded chicken, cannellini beans, crunchy vegetables, yoghurt and a sprinkle of cheese, all wrapped in a mixed-grain wrap. It comes with a fruit and veggie platter.

- **Cost:** $5.50
- **Order by:** 11am 23rd November 2026
- **On the day:** The lunch is your child's main meal, so please send only a light lunchbox, with a morning snack and a water bottle.

Allergy information: The wrap contains gluten, wheat, dairy and egg. It is prepared in a shared kitchen, so we can't guarantee there are no traces of nuts. The full ingredient list is available from the school office.

Simply download the **Flexischools** app from the Apple or Google store and follow the prompts to create an account. You can also register online here.

Class News

F/1 J and MF

This week, Foundation and Year 1 have been learning about the seven days of the week, learning about the calendar and telling the time on a clock. We have also been busy writing information books about our chosen animals and enjoying our ICT iPad sessions.

We are looking forward to our final swimming session and our F/1 sleepover tomorrow night!

"I had fun learning about fruits and colours in Auslan." **- Darcy F/1J**

"I enjoyed writing about dogs." - **Lottie F/1M**

2/3

Tomorrow is our last day of swimming. My favourite part of swimming was being able to go into the different pools. Rylie

This week we have been learning about persuasive writing in literacy. **- Obie**

In maths we have been learning about money. The value, how to add and subtract with buying things. In Auslan we have been learning about a really long time ago that Auslan people couldn't sign or communicate as it was banned and the deaf people had to fight to bring it back. **- Evie**

We got given vanilla ice-creams on Wednesday by the ⅝'s kitchen. **- Harvey**

3/4

We have now finished our class novel and have been working on our 'Wild Robot' activity booklets. This Friday, we will be watching the movie which will be fun. In art, we have been learning how to take videos and make foley sounds. Each person had a role: foley artist, two character actors and videographer. In STEAM, we worked collaboratively in a group to make a game that involved magnets. Each team swapped with another team to test out their game and give feedback. In Maths, we have been doing lots of assessments and we only have one more to go. Yay! In writing, we have been learning about syllabic poetry. Today we are looking at cinquains. **- Emily**

5/6

This week we had a free dress and hot chips because our class had won the lining up expectations out of the school. I think all the 5 6's really enjoyed having a special day that they could have nice hot chips and clothes of our choice. We also finished our graduation and leadership speeches. Our class also finished their assessments. This weeks dollar day was ice cream in a cone with sprinkles it was very successful. On Friday the grade 6's have free dress again for our graduation photos. **- Lily**



We're looking for ways to raise extra funds for our school in 2027, and we would love your help!

We've heard that some schools partner with sporting clubs and then on one of the regular competition days, a fundraiser is held, in support of the school.

Are you involved with a local sporting club, team or community group? We would love to team up for a fundraiser, such as a game-day sausage sizzle or a raffle, in support of Napoleons Primary School.

Even if you're not directly involved, you might know someone who is. A coach, committee member, local business or community contact could be a great place to start! If you can help or have an idea, please contact Belinda or Imogen at the front office.



RESPECT

our school staff

"I need to speak to you right now."



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