

Napoleons Primary School

Newsletter #2

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Calendar

12th February – BioLAB Yr 5/6
23rd February – Swimming Yr 4-6
26th February – Earth Ed Yr 4/5
1st March – Swimming Yr 4-6
8th March – Swimming Yr 4-6
11th March – Labour Day Holiday
12th March – 3-way Conferences
13th-22nd March – NAPLAN
15th March – Swimming Yr 4-6
20th March – Athletics
21st March – Earth Ed Yr F-3

Year F/1

Evie P.

For always being a great listener, and always completing her work to a high standard

Year 1/2/3

Jude P.

For always being a respectful and friendly student!

Year 4/5

Leroy B.

For his great attitude towards his learning and making positive contributions in class

Year 5/6

Bella D.

For her thoughtful contributions to class discussions

Welcome to Week 2



Last week seemed to go so fast it was almost a blur! Thank you to all our families for the way you supported all our students to begin a new year at school. Thanks to all our staff for enabling such a smooth start to the new year and also to our students who settled quickly into their new routines with class changes, new classmates and new teachers (for some).

Parents and Friends Association (PFA)



We have an amazing PFA who work incredibly hard at our school to create fun opportunities for students to participate in as well as supports us through fundraising. Last year, funds raised through PFA efforts support us to purchase new reading materials, end of year award prizes, reduced prices for school camps for all families and assisted with the purchase of Napoleons Primary School First Aid bags. You may have seen on Compass, the PFA are encouraging all parents to consider joining the PFA and supporting the work they do for our school community. There is an Annual General Meeting on this Friday, after school (see attached flyer) and everyone is welcome. It is tricky as many people are very busy with work and family, however every little bit helps and is greatly appreciated. Many

hands make light work. 😊

COMPASS

We are slowly finding our feed with Compass. Once we have worked our way through our initial teething problems, this will be a very efficient system that will support families and the school with attendance, general communication, student reports and a paperless excursion process for information and consents. Well done to all who have mastered it, so far and thanks to all parents for dropping in with your questions so we can assist with any trouble shooting you might have.

We have established our 'news feed' so daily messages should not be getting through and most families are able to list absences and consent for excursions now. We are still working on our sick bay notifications to parents as well as a few internal communications between staff.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you are having any further issues or questions. Feel free to drop by the front office, email the school, telephone or catch us at the beginning / end of the day as you drop or collect your children.



Napoleons Primary School is registered with Playgroup Victoria and, thanks to one of our parents, Oona, we are able to host a Playgroup every Tuesday from 9-11am. If you have pre-school children from birth to 5 years old and you would like to bring them in for a play with other pre-school children or perhaps you wish to share a cuppa with other parents with pre-school children, please come along on Tuesday mornings. All in the local community welcome.

School Council – nominations open

Have you considered joining the Napoleons Primary School Council? The school councils play an important role in Victorian Government schools. It represents both parents and staff and contributes to establishing the vision and direction of the school, oversees school policies and finances. Meetings are open to all parents and we meet twice per term. Usually meetings are an hour to an hour and half. No previous experience is necessary as training is available to ensure people have the knowledge they need to participate.

Nominations are available at the front office. We have vacancies for three parents and we welcome all who may be interested. If you have any questions, please contact me at the front office, by email or by telephone.

Napoleons Kindergarten



It has been amazing to see the new kindergarten at Napoleons up and running. Our students are very keen to meet the new children and are looking forward to shared opportunities as they occur throughout the year. The teacher Lis and education assistant, Val have been very friendly; meeting us last week for coffee during one of our morning teas. It was great to see our staff realise some connections with our new neighbours and chat like old friends. We really look forward to what we might do together. Stay tuned.

SLIP on a shirt

SLOP on sunscreen

SLAP on a hat

Our Summer is finally here, albeit in fits and starts and so we have been reminding students about wearing their hats and applying sunscreen. Please ensure that children have sunscreen on each day. We have plenty of SPF 50 sunscreen here for reapplying throughout the day. If your child needs a particular brand, please ensure you send it with them in a pocket of their bag and alert their class teacher.

Here's to another great week. 😊

Sue Izard
Principal



Milaan S.

Congratulations!
For 25 Nights Reading
Adaline K.

Visible Wellbeing

In our commitment to improving staff and student wellbeing across the school, we have recently begun an 18-month program of **Visible Wellbeing**. Last week staff undertook some training which introduced the program and were provided with a number of ready-to-use activities for the classroom, many of which the students have already experienced.

The **Visible Wellbeing** approach aims to provide both students and staff with a psychological toolkit that allows them to lead flourishing lives where they are able to feel and function at their best. Students will be undertaking a Student Survey to enable us to gauge student understanding of wellbeing and match this against the **Visible Wellbeing** SEARCH framework which we are in the process of implementing. If you have any questions or concerns about this please contact your classroom teacher. In the coming weeks, we will be inviting families to participate in a similar opportunity of completing the Family Survey.

Families also may be interested in joining a free 'Visible Wellbeing for Parents' webinar featuring Professor Lea Waters (the designer of the Visible Wellbeing approach), to learn about the program and join our wellbeing journey.

Date: Friday 29th of February, 6:30 – 7:30

Please see attached flyer for details.

We would love to see as many families as possible take up this opportunity and to promote mental health for all members of our school community!

Visible Wellbeing for Parents

An evening with Professor
Lea Waters AM, PhD

Join Order of Australia recipient, Professor Lea Waters, as she showcases the Visible Wellbeing approach used in your children's schools.

Learn about the six pathways that can build mental health in your kids, and simple techniques you can use at home.

DATE: 29 February 2024
TIME: 6:30 PM TO 7:30 PM
LOCATION: Webinar (Zoom)

REGISTER AT [HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/3R6NA6VX](https://tinyurl.com/3R6NA6VX)





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2024 PFA Annual General Meeting

3.30pm Friday 9th February

Recruiting new members
and discussing fundraising
activities for the year