

# Napoleons Primary School Newsletter #3



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## Calendar

23<sup>rd</sup> February – Swimming Yr 4-6

26<sup>th</sup> February – Earth Ed Yr 4/5

1<sup>st</sup> March – Swimming Yr 4-6

8<sup>th</sup> March – Swimming Yr 4-6

11<sup>th</sup> March – Labour Day Holiday

12<sup>th</sup> March – 3-way Conferences

13<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> March – NAPLAN

15<sup>th</sup> March – Swimming Yr 4-6

20<sup>th</sup> March – Athletics

21<sup>st</sup> March – Earth Ed Yr F-3

22<sup>nd</sup> March – Swimming Yr 4-6

### Year F/1

Rylie P.

For brilliant use of his Sounds Write skills during our reading lesson

### Year 1/2/3

Lucy G.

For always trying her best with everything she does!

### Year 4/5

Alex D.

For his positive approach to writing and using detail to 'show don't tell'!

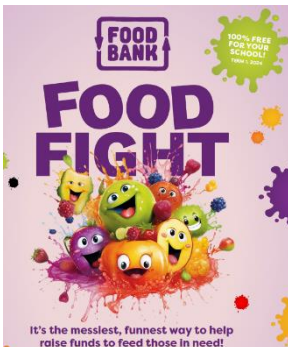
### Year 5/6

Eloise T. & Arthur D.

For their fantastic leadership in and out of the classroom

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We hope that all those families affected by the recent Ross Creek/Scarsdale fires have returned to their homes and their usual routines. It is a very anxious time, waiting for what may or may not happen, especially when family members are active in their local CFA. We wish everyone a more settled time, now the fire is under control.



### Celebration Lunch combined with a FoodBank Food Fight

Many of you may know that we are supported, at Napoleons Primary School, by FoodBank Victoria, who provide us with food to support our Breakfast Club mornings and our Brunch Club recess sessions.

FoodBank rely on generous donations from food companies to enable schools to have a bit extra on hand for those kids and families who have a rushed start to the day and may not have enough time for a hearty breakfast. Juggling getting kids ready for school and our own work-related demands is a challenge for us all and it is great to have something at school that kids can munch on in case they need a full breakfast or a top-up. FoodBank are offering schools a fund Food Fight event as a fundraiser to assist them in raising some additional money to support school kids across Victoria.

We've decided this year, to combine this event with our usual 'Welcome' Picnic in Term 1, however we will be hosting this at the end of Term, so we are renaming our event a 'Celebration' Picnic.

We had great fun last year with the PFA-organised Slime Run and it was great to see both parents and students get involved. We look forward to seeing you all getting messy\* again this year. 😊

We hope to see you all on **Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> March from 12:30 – 2:30pm for our food fight**. Please BYO a picnic lunch and we will provide Zooper Doopers for all kids who attend. The afternoon will conclude at 2:30pm when all children will head home for the Easter break and Term 1 holidays.

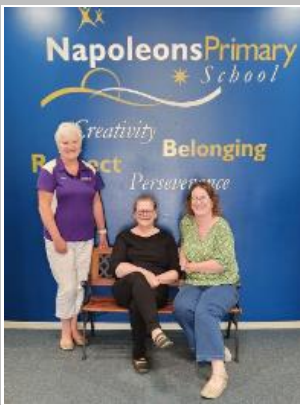
\*Please note that no actual food is used in this event (as that would be wasteful 😊)



### Year 4/5/6 Swimming begins 23/2 – Friday of next week

It is that time of year again as we head back to the Ballarat Aquatic Leisure Centre for our annual swimming lessons. Year 4/5/6 students will be able to practice their swimming strokes for 5 consecutive Fridays starting Friday of next week (not tomorrow). Through some

Department of Education funding together with a Sporting Schools grant, these lessons and the bus travel, will be completely free of charge.



### Thank you to the Alfredton Rotary Club and Community Bank Buninyong.

We have been the lucky recipients of a new Buddy Bench, thanks to the Alfredton Rotary Club in conjunction with the Community Bank Buninyong. They delivered our Buddy Bench at the end of last week, unpainted. We are looking forward to some great student designs and painting a unique, original for the area in front of our oval.

The Alfredton Rotary Club also bring us ready-made cheese sandwiches each time to support those students who sometimes forget their lunch. We keep them in the freezer until they are needed. We are very fortunate to have the support of this local organisation.

### Music Lessons



All students who expressed interest in instrumental music lessons through **Genesis Music School** will be happy to know these begin on Thursdays from 1:15pm, starting March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Our teacher will be Callan, a multi-instrumentalist, and students will come out of class for their lessons; however we will organise the times to rotate so they do not miss the same classroom session each week.

### School Review Year for Napoleons Primary School

Every four years, all schools participate in a School Review. This is an investigation into the curriculum taught at the school, the progress made by students over the four-year period and the attitudes and perceptions of our students, staff and parents/carers. The process occurs over three days and includes an independent Reviewer, our School Council President, classroom observations and interviews with parents, students and staff. This will occur in Term 3 this year and the outcome will set our goals for the next four years as part of a new Strategic Plan. There will be more information throughout the year about this process and the opportunities you will have to contribute your thoughts and ideas about the school and its activities. We look forward to this process – to review what we do, how we do it and how we might improve.

### Dates for your diary – so far...

Please note the following dates and events for your diary.

- 23/2, Year 4/5/6 Swimming (12:30-1:15pm in the water)
- 1/3, Year 4/5/6 Swimming
- 8,3, Year 4/5/6 Swimming
- 15/3, Year 4/5/6 Swimming
- 22/3, Year 4/5/6 Swimming
- 26/2 School Council (Final meeting of 2023 Council)
- 13/3 – 22/3 NAPLAN testing – Year 3 and Year 5 students
- 12/3 3-Way Conferences – classes finish at 12:30 and interviews with staff begin at 1pm
- 20/3 LDSSA Athletics Day – Smythesdale Recreation Reserve (**NOT** Linton this year)
- 22/3 LDSSA Athletics Backup Day – only used in the event of poor weather on 20/3
- 25/3 School Council Annual General Meeting and the beginning of the new 2024 School Council
- 28/3 **Last Day of Term** – *Celebration Picnic and Food Fight* 12:30 - 2:30pm finish
- 22/4 LDSSA Cross Country – Hosted at Napoleons Primary School
- 29/4 Divisional Cross Country (Eureka) – hosted at Fed Uni



## Miley W.



### For 25 Nights Reading

Bella D.

Milla D.

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