

# Napoleons Primary School

## Newsletter #4

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### Calendar

- 23<sup>rd</sup> February** – Swimming Yr 4-6
- 26<sup>th</sup> February** – Earth Ed Yr 4/5  
- School Council Meeting (Final meeting of 2023 Council)
- March** – Free Dental at School
- 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

#### Year F/1

**Ivy R.**

For fantastic participation in our classroom activities

#### Year 1/2/3

**Holly R.**

For doing a wonderful job with her Sounds-Write work

#### Year 4/5

**Anna M.**

For her enthusiasm and passion for persuasive writing

#### Year 5/6

**Olivia D.**

For always helping others in and out of the classroom



### Support for our local communities affected by bushfires.

Last week we all had a scare when the Ross Creek fire spread towards Napoleons, with a number of our families needing to evacuate. Fortunately for this area, no homes were lost. The area around the Pomonal, further west of us, have not been so fortunate, with 46 homes and properties lost in that local community. There is a combined effort being suggested by our local Region and we thought we would join forces and contribute.

We invite our children to wear casual clothes tomorrow and bring a gold coin donation towards raising support for the Pomonal bushfire victims. We thank you in advance for your contributions.

### A visit from Western Bulldogs AFL players



All our students were fortunate today to host a visit from some AFL representatives and three Western Bulldogs team members – Laitham Vandermeer (23), Bailey Williams (34) and Caleb Daniel (35). After a question and answer session, these players played some handball and quick-paced games with students. Our students really enjoyed meeting these players. The visit was only a short one, promoting AusKick as great introduction to Australian football for kids.

### PFA

Congratulations to Tanya Putt who is our new PFA President. She will be well supported by Alana Brown (Vice President) and Ebony Buzaglo (Secretary). We are very fortunate to have a committed and dedicated PFA who support fundraising efforts for our school and with great opportunities for students such as Mothers' and Fathers' Day stalls. Everyone is very busy, as are these ladies, and we all appreciate any support you might be able to give, either by supporting fundraisers or by assisting with PFA events. They have organised a **Bunnings BBQ for Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March** and are seeking volunteers to support either **cooking or selling from 7am until 4pm**. If you have a few hours to spare, it would be greatly appreciated.



### Thank you to our PFA

Thanks to our PFA fundraising efforts, we have been able to purchase this game of Grid Ball. Our 4/5/6 students experienced this game while on our Anglesea Camp last year and have been asking for us to purchase it ever since. We had great cheers today when I announced it had been delivered. Thank you so much, to all our PFA and also to the parents who supported PFA fundraisers to ensure we had the funds to purchase this game for all our students to play. Well done to all our students and Mrs Hutt for putting all the parts together prior to play this game – a great activity for indoors, in the cool, on a hot day.

## Happy Chinese New Year – the Year of the Dragon

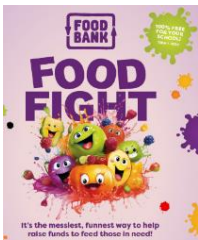


This year is the Year of the Dragon, in the Chinese Zodiac. The Dragon is an auspicious symbol in Chinese culture so this year is a very important one. Jack, our amazing Chinese teacher, has brought in some amazing artworks, some of which he will leave with us on loan for the week. If you have a chance, please come in as see them. He has turned our Chinese room and hallway into a Dragon gallery!

## School Review Term 3



This year is our 4-year School Review. This will occur in Term 3 and will include a panel of people – a Reviewer, the Senior Education Improvement Leader from the Region (Department of Education), two Principals from other schools, our School Council President, myself as Principal and our Leadership team. The purpose of this panel is to review the last four years, the achievement and growth in our students' learning and to set new goals for a 2025 School Strategic Plan, for the next four years. There will be opportunities for students, staff and families to have input to the discussions about what we do well and what we can improve. We would love everyone's feedback, to be truly representative of all that is happening at Napoleons Primary School. Please respond when we send out information or short surveys. We look forward to some onsite sessions too, for families so you can all have your say. There will be more information as we proceed through the rest of this term and Term 2.



## Celebration Lunch combined with a FoodBank Food Fight

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.

## Year 4/5/6 Swimming begins 23/2 - tomorrow!



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.

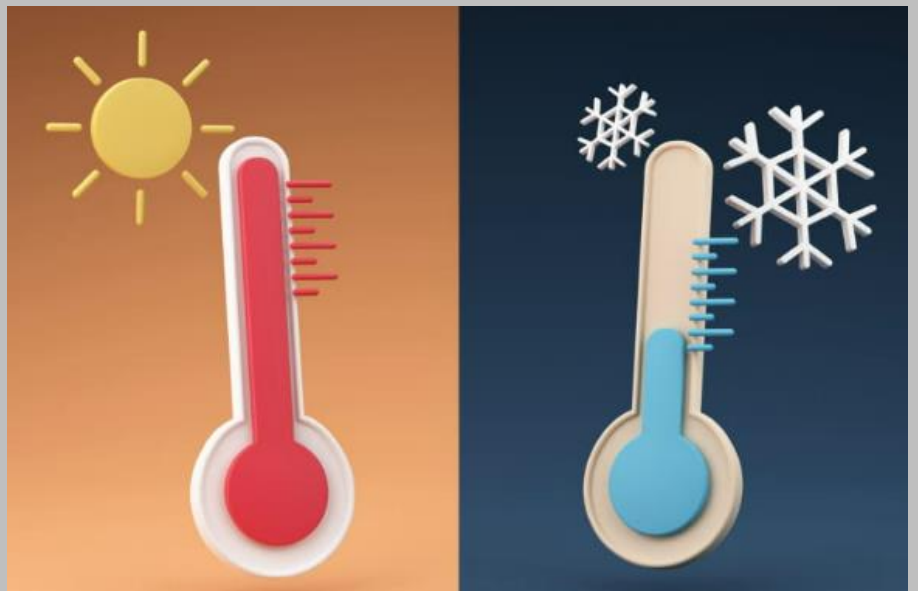
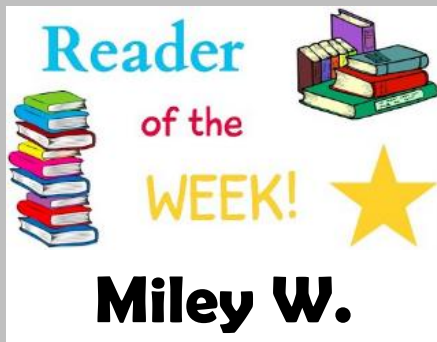
## Music Lessons



**Genesis Music School** will 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. *It's not too late to register if you wish to take this opportunity to learn a musical instrument.*

Have a great week and stay cool 😊

Sue Izard  
Principal



## **Smile Squad is coming to this school in March**

Dear Napoleons Primary families,

The Smile Squad team from Grampians Health are coming to our school soon.

Smile Squad is the Victorian Government free school dental program.

This means all students can get a free dental check-up, preventive services, and treatment at school.

### **How to access free dental care**

We need your consent before we can provide services. Consent is usually provided by a parent or guardian.

Sign up to Smile Squad at: <https://bit.ly/smilesquadvic>

OR use the below QR code:



Please complete and submit the consent form ASAP to ensure your child is enrolled.

Paper copies of the consent form are available. Please contact the school office if you would like to request one.

The electronic consent form can be translated into more than 100 languages, and the paper form is available in 13 languages.

### **Smile Squad dental packs**

All children deserve a healthy smile, and the Smile Squad free school dental program is working hard to help make sure this happens.

Your child(ren) will soon receive a free dental pack to bring home. The dental pack contains a toothbrush, full sized toothpaste, and an oral health brochure. Please take the time to read the brochure. It's full of helpful hints and tips to help your whole family eat well, drink well and clean well – for life.

### **Standard strength toothpaste**

Smile Squad provides standard strength fluoride toothpaste that is generally used by ages six and over, unless recommended by a dental or trained health professional.

If your child is under six, please talk to a dental or trained health professional to find out if your child might benefit from using this toothpaste. You can also choose to put the toothpaste away until they turn six or give it to someone else in your family to use.

### **Do I need to attend my child's appointment?**

No, you do not need to attend your child's appointment. You can attend if you would like to, and you can take your child to the community dental clinic if you prefer.

The Grampians Health Smile Squad look forward to seeing you soon.

Kind regards,

Melissa Miles

Smile Squad