

# Napoleons Primary School Newsletter #12



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## Calendar

- 3<sup>rd</sup> May – Yr 6 GRIP Leadership Conference at Fed Uni
- 6<sup>th</sup> May – Student Free Day
- 9<sup>th</sup> May – Fete Committee Meeting
- 10<sup>th</sup> May – Winter Sports & Mother's Day Breakfast + Stall
- 13<sup>th</sup> May – School Council Meeting
- 24<sup>th</sup> May – Winter Sports
- 31<sup>st</sup> May – Winter Sports (Back up)
- 10<sup>th</sup> June – Kings Birthday (No school)
- 17<sup>th</sup> June – School Council Meeting

### Year F/1

Clayton P.

For always making respectful and kind choices at school

### Year 1/2/3

Riley J.

For brainstorming some great ideas and writing a thoughtful letter during our Writing lessons

### Year 4/5

Neve M.

For always striving to do her best in all learning areas

### Year 5/6

Savannah J.

For her wonderful ANZAC Day presentation



## Where are the weeks going?

It's hard to believe we are at the end of Week 3 already! The days seem to be flying past. This week has been a little more normal, in that we have had our usual timetable rather than special days or events. It has been lovely to see students working well in their classrooms and enjoying playing together outside. The weather has turned cold this week and so we are seeing a few Napoleons PS beanies making an appearance. It might also be a good time to dust off the gum boots or easy slip-on shoes as this term is 'shoes off' when students are inside – we already have dewy mornings which make the grass wet and the ground sticky.

## No Assembly this week (tomorrow) and next week.

Tomorrow our Year 6 students are away at their GRIP Leadership day at Federation University, which also requires parents to transport them to and from the event. Next week all 4/5/6 students are at the LDSSA Winter Sports. Due to these absences, we have decided to cancel our assemblies for this week and next week.

## Electives

Week 2, 5 and 8 on Fridays at 2:30, just before Assemblies, we are having our whole school Electives – last term, we trialled this activity and students really enjoyed it. Towards the end of Term 1, senior students, put forward their ideas towards other possible Elective choices. This is to contribute to improving opportunities for student voice, choice and agency. This term students have chosen the following activities: collage, netball, ukuleles, board games, and scratch coding. Students had a great time at their new activity, which they choose and then keep for the term. Students will then be given the opportunity to put forward suggestions for Term 3 Electives, at the end of Term 2.



## School Review – School Policy Committee – invitation to participate

We now have a School Policy group of parents and staff. We are still seeking one or two more for this group. We will organise to meet before the end of a school day, if that works for people and then when the school bell goes, everyone gets to go home. Alternatively we can arrange a webex time if that suits people better. Your opinion about our school policies is really important and we can have the discussion over a cup of tea/coffee/chocolate – we would only need to meet a few times each term for between 30 minutes to an hour.



**Pupil Free Day May 6<sup>th</sup>** – All staff at Napoleons Primary School will be involved in a Professional Learning Day on May 6<sup>th</sup> and so this day will be a pupil free day for students. School will begin on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May** next week.

## Winter Sports (LDSSA – Linton District Schools Sports Association)

Winter sports will begin for Students in Years 4, 5 and 6 on **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May** and again on **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May** at Smythesdale Recreation Reserve. We have a back up day marked in for 31<sup>st</sup> May, just in case the weather means one of the scheduled days cannot occur.

**Year 6 students** - Year 6 to 7 Transition Information forms are due back at school on **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May**



### Mothers' Day Breakfast

We would like to invite all our Mums along to Napoleons Primary School for breakfast on **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May at 8am-8:45am** in recognition of Mothers' Day – of course Grandmas, Nanas, Aunties and special friends are also welcome. Invitations should have already come home from each class. Please ensure you RSVP so we know how much food to have ready.

Have an amazing day.

Sue Izard 😊  
Principal

# Class News

## Term 2 Week 3

**F/1**  
This week we have continued exploring non-fiction books. Last week we read 'Body Maps' and the students enjoyed it so much we continued reading it this week. We have learnt so many interesting facts about how our bodies work!

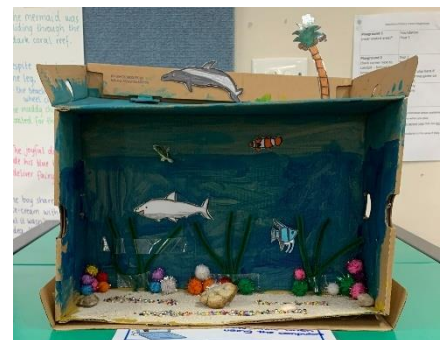
We have enjoyed learning all about patterns in maths and have been making different patterns with numbers, colours and objects. Last week was our first week of electives. These were enjoyed by all the students and we can't wait to have another turn in a few weeks.

**1/2/3**  
In our classroom this week we have been learning about chance. Some chance words are impossible, possible, certain, won't happen and there are lots more! In reading we have been learning about self-monitoring which means when we get stuck on a word or don't understand what we are reading, we can use a fix-up strategy. We love working on our Digital Portfolios in ICT!

- Ruby and Chaz

**4/5**  
In our classroom, while the Grade 5's have Leadership with Ms Izard, the Grade 4's have been doing different projects. Our project was a diorama of the ocean (pictured). Other groups have rehearsed a play: Little Red Riding Hood (practising the script and making props) and made their own board game called The Cod Game, which is about who gets the most points.

- Karali, Neve and Sarah



**5/6**  
This week we were lucky to go and visit the kindergarten. We met the students and had a lovely time with them. We look forward to returning soon!  
We also presented our ANZAC Day information reports to the class. We all did a brilliant job and Mrs Hutt and Mrs Jones were super impressed!



**Evie P.**

**Congratulations!**

**For 25 Nights Reading**

Ethan H.

Kendrix B.

Zavier M.

Talon R.

**For 50 Nights Reading**

Ethan H.

Kendrix B.

Sienna D.

Lylah J.

Clayton P.

**For 75 Nights Reading**

Ethan H.

Sienna D.

Lylah J.



Napoleons  
Primary School  
*Parents & Friends  
Association*

**Mother's Day stall**

**Friday May 10th**

**Awesome gifts \$6 and under**

**Don't forget to bring your money along to buy something for someone special.**



**Napoleons Primary School Fete**

This year Napoleons Primary School has decided to organise a School Fete on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November.

We are looking for parents and friends from Napoleons Primary School who would be interested in being a part of the Fete.

We will be a Fete organising committee and we will be holding the first meeting on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May at 3.30pm. All are welcome to join.

If you don't want to be part of the committee but still want to help out on the day, we will be needing volunteers to help with holding entertainment stalls and food stalls that will be run by the school. Please email the PFA if you can help.

Or if you or someone you know wants to hold a market stall, please email the PFA for an application form.

Email: [napoleons.ps.pfa@gmail.com](mailto:napoleons.ps.pfa@gmail.com)

This event will be a big fundraiser for the school and will benefit all the kids, so it would be greatly appreciated to have the extra hands if possible.

Funds raised will go towards bench seats for the school gates, readers, play and sporting equipment etc.



**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

## **Napoleons Primary School Fete**

Dear Prospective Stallholder,

We would like to give you the opportunity to have a stall at our School Fete, which is being organised by the Napoleons Primary School Parents and Friends Association (PFA). The Napoleons Primary School is hosting their fete on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2024 from 4pm to 7pm at the school 4721 Ballarat-Colac Road, Napoleons.

We have indoor and outdoor stalls available for \$30 and are seeking a wide range of stallholders.

If you are interested to be a stallholder at our School Fete, please email us at [napoleons.ps.pfa@gmail.com](mailto:napoleons.ps.pfa@gmail.com) and we will send you an application form to fill in and return to our email address.

The fundraising efforts of the Fete will directly benefit our school in learning opportunities and equipment for the students of Napoleons Primary School.

Thank you for your time and if you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards,

Tanya Putt  
PFA President  
Napoleons Primary School.

**Market Stalls**

**Food/Drinks**

**Raffles**

**Fun Games**

**Kids Activities**

**Amusement  
Area**

**and much more**

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# Kinship Carer Support Groups

All Carers are welcome to come and have a chat in a safe and supportive environment.

## Daylesford - Thursday

- 10.30 am - 12.00 pm
- Address will be advised after registration
- 30 May, 27 June, 25 July, 29 August, 31 October and 28 November

## Ararat - Tuesday

- 10.30 am - 12.00 pm
- Ararat Hotel, 130 Barkly Street, Ararat
- 6 May, 11 June, 6 August, 3 September, 8 October and 12 November

## Bacchus Marsh - Monday

- 10.30 am - 12.00 pm
- Baby Black Cafe, 10 Church St, Bacchus Marsh
- 20 May, 17 June, 29 July, 19 August, 16 September, 14 October and 18 November

## Ballarat - Wednesday

- 10.30 am - 12.00 pm
- Clothesline Cafe, 202 Humfray Street South, Ballarat
- 15 May, 26 June, 24 July, 14 August, 11 September, 23 October and 20 November



To register or enquire about any of Cafs Kinship Carer Support

Groups please contact:

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sallie.macdonald@cafs.org.au  
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Thank you

**Mary Holland** | Key Worker  
(she/her)

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Work days: Monday to Friday

I spend much of my day delivering services to people in the community;  
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