

# Napoleons Primary School Newsletter #14



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## Calendar

20<sup>th</sup> May – School Council Meeting  
23<sup>rd</sup> May – MCC Production  
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  
28<sup>th</sup> June – End Term 2.30pm Finish  
15<sup>th</sup> July – Start Term 3  
26<sup>th</sup> July – MCG & Museum Excursion

### Year F/1

Hollie S.

For adjusting so well to a new environment and always having a smile on her face

### Year 1/2/3

Rust B.

For creating a great calendar in Maths!

### Year 4/5

Ivy T.

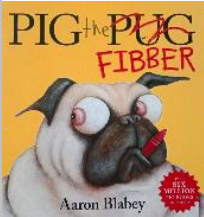
For her extensive word collector list & challenging herself to tune into new words

### Year 5/6

Milla D.

For always thinking of others and putting a smile on our faces

## Year 6 students Shared reading on Mondays in Term 2



Our Year 6 students have come back from their Grip Leadership day with great ideas on ways they can have a positive impact on our school. This term they have committed to leading our whole school, shared reading on Monday during snack time. Each Monday our school has been all meeting in the assembly area to share a story. Everyone brings their snacks and eat while we listen. This week our Year 6 readers lead the session for the first time. Well done to Savannah and Tilly. We look forward to hearing next week's story.

## Attitudes to School Survey – information for families for students in Years 4, 5 and 6

The AtoSS is a voluntary annual student survey offered by the Department of Education to assist schools and the department to gain an understanding of students' perceptions and experience of school. We value student voice as a means to improving student engagement, wellbeing and quality instruction and will be asking your child about their thoughts and feelings in relation to their school, their learning, peer relationships, resilience, bullying, health and wellbeing, physical activity, and life in general.

ORIMA Research Pty Ltd has been contracted by the department to administer the online survey and will provide support to schools throughout the survey period.

This year, the survey will be conducted at our school from 27<sup>th</sup> May until 14<sup>th</sup> June. This will occur during an afternoon session and will include all students in Years 4, 5 and 6 unless parents choose for them not to be involved. Please see the letter that will be sent via compass with further information and do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further queries.

We are interested in the thoughts and opinions of all our year levels, and we offer local reflection sheets and feedback sessions throughout the year, especially prior to semester reports, to younger students as well as those students in the older classes.



## Seeking feedback on our School Policies in preparation for our School Review

– Afternoon tea 3pm 22<sup>nd</sup> May

I have been sending out a few policies for families to read and provide feedback on, in preparation for our upcoming School Review. We really value and appreciate your input and so please take the time to look over the policies we send over compass. We will host an afternoon tea on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 3pm for parents who wish to come along and provide feedback on our policies or to provide us with feedback in general. This way, if you are collecting your children from school, it may be possible to come 30 minutes earlier to support us with this broader school consultation. We look forward to seeing you there.



### National Simultaneous Storytime

National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS) is held annually by the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA). Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator, is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country. Now in its 24th successful year, it is a colourful, vibrant, fun event that aims to promote the value of reading and literacy, using an Australian children's book that explores age-appropriate themes, and addresses key learning areas of the National Curriculum for Foundation to Year 6. This year NSS takes place on Wednesday 22 May 2024 at 12:00pm. We will be spending the session from 11:30am together as a whole school sharing themed activities and joining in with the reading at 12pm. We look forward to this event each year and so we are all excited to share it together next Wednesday.

### Welcome to some new ES staff

I would like to formally welcome Karina Spehr, Kim Davison and Sue Maloney to the staff at Napoleons Primary School. Karina, Kim and Sue have done some work with us previously, in a casual capacity however all three have been the successful applicants in our recent recruitment processes. We look forward to working with you all on a more regular basis.



### Mothers' Day Breakfast and Stall

It was wonderful to see so many Mums, Grandmas, Nannas, Aunties and Special Friends attend our Mothers' Day Breakfast last Friday morning. Thank you to the staff, most of whom are mothers themselves, who arrived at 7:30am to cook and prepare food for our families. We also thank those PFA members who set up and operated the Mothers' Day stall straight after the breakfast so our students could choose a special gift for their Mum. The students love this part of Mothers' and Fathers' Day celebrations. It was fantastic to see them choose their perfect gift and discuss where they would hide it to keep it a secret from Mum until the Sunday. Many thanks to all and we hope you all had an amazing day with your families on Mothers' Day.



### Alice in Wonderland Jr – Performance by Mount Clear College – upcoming whole school excursion

Next Thursday we are fortunate to be invited to Mount Clear College to see their production of Alice in Wonderland Jr. This is very exciting as it will be a whole school event. All students from Foundation to Year 6 will be attending. I believe there will be members of the cast who are former students from Napoleons Primary School, even from last year's Year 6 cohort. It will be great to see them on stage as secondary students. If you have not yet consented to this event, please ensure you do so through Compass.



**Next week on Friday** - Winter Sports (LDSSA – Linton District Schools Sports Association) Winter sports will begin for Students in Years 4, 5 and 6 on **Friday 24th May** at Smythesdale Recreation Reserve. Parents are welcome to come along and watch their children play and we also welcome helpers on the day.

We hope you are enjoying the sunshine.

Sue Izard 😊  
Principal



### For 75 Nights Reading

- Bella D.
- Ruby L.

### For 100 Nights Reading

- Olivia D.
- Tilly H.
- Savannah J.
- Ruby L.



**Tyce K.**





**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  
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**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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1800 692 237

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We provide Early Childhood Support services using a key worker model which enables children and families to achieve the best possible outcomes. Our Key Workers are bachelor-trained, allied health professionals and teachers.

We often receive enquiries about this approach, which has prompted us to create a concise 90-second explainer video. This animation explains the essence of the key worker model and how it empowers children and families to achieve the best possible outcomes.

Our passionate team delivers high-quality occupational therapy, speech pathology, physiotherapy, early childhood support, positive behaviour support services, functional capacity assessments, and group programs.

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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;  
I'll get back to you as soon as possible.