

Napoleons Primary School Newsletter #15



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Calendar

24th May – Winter Sports

31st May – Winter Sports (Back up)

10th June – Kings Birthday (No school)

17th June – School Council Meeting

28th June – End Term 2.30pm Finish

15th July – Start Term 3

26th July – MCG & Museum Excursion

20th July – F-3 Gymnastics

27th July – F-3 Gymnastics

Year F/1

Hannah

For an amazing effort with our word reading and picture match.

Year 1/2/3

Emily-Jane

For always brightening up our classroom with her smile and kindness.

Year 4/5

Tristan

For his engagement and enthusiasm towards our "My day as a bug" writing.

Year 5/6

Pip

For livening our classroom with her bright smile and sense of humour.



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 across Australia. Yesterday the children participated in a range of activities as part of the story time session and also in STEAM where students created habitats, and birds using a range of materials. After the story was read at 12pm, students participated in a scavenger hunt to find blue things. Thanks to all staff for preparing the materials and activities. It was a great activity for the whole school.

Student feedback on our Student Engagement and Wellbeing Policy

Tuesday afternoon we had a great session with students in Year 5 and 6, looking at the various sections of our Student Engagement and Wellbeing Policy. Students worked in groups of 3 and summarised a section of the policy, noting what areas work well already and what things we might do to improve Engagement and Wellbeing at our school. Here are some of the statements and suggestions students contributed.

Identifying students in need of support – This section is about students' emotions and how they feel.

What we do well: Zones of Regulation, academic performance and engagement with families

What would be 'even better if': it would be great to have fidget toys and some lego in the calm corners of our classrooms

Wellbeing and engagement strategies – This is recognising students' needs and friendships as well as their feelings and safety

What we do well: Expectation Matrix (School Wide Positive Behaviours), Listening to others and the 'no hands on' rule.

What would be 'even better if': we stopped all bullying behaviours and we included little kids

Student Behavioural expectations and engagement – This is about being kind, safe and respectful to others and yourself

What we do well: Teachers are fast to react to bullying behaviour. Everyone walks inside. That we respect others and we are kind.

What would be 'even better if': People actually followed the matrix. People kept 'hands off'. People asked before they touched other people's things.

We couldn't include all groups and their comments, however I would like to thank each group and all students for their contributions as these will inform our new School Strategic Plan within the context of our upcoming School Review.

Change to Lunch Order Days – Fridays only

The Napoleons Shop are no longer able to support lunch orders for our school on Wednesdays. Fridays will be our only day for lunch orders for our students. Please remember that we will continue with our hot lunches each day of the school year – a great option for warm meals in the winter months.

Working Bee – seeking preferred time and days

At School Council this week, we discussed the possibility of hosting a working bee. We haven't had one in quite a while and there are grounds tasks that could use some attention. We have tried a few things over the last five years – Friday afternoon after school, Saturdays, inviting families to come 30 minutes earlier to provide some additional gardening. We have also had a few planned events thwarted by the weather. Please respond to this link so we can choose the option that suits most families. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CCBKQNP> I have also sent this via Compass. Thank you to those parents who have already responded. Many thanks in advance.

Alice in Wonderland Jr – Performance by Mount Clear College - Today's whole school excursion

Today we have been fortunate to attend the Mount Clear College production of Alice in Wonderland Jr.

This was very exciting for the whole school. All students from Foundation to Year 6 attended. I was great to see some former Napoleons Primary School students as part of the performance. The production had all our students captivated and was a highly polished performance. Please see the attached information for the public performances of Alice in Wonderland Jr. – Friday night and two shows on Saturday. I encourage you to go and see it if you are able. It was really terrific!

This week on Friday - Winter Sports (LDSSA – Linton District Schools Sports Association) Winter sports will begin for Students in Years 4, 5 and 6 tomorrow, **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.

Reminder: Attitudes to School Survey (AtoSS) – 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.

This year, the survey will be conducted at our school from 27th May until 14th 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 hope you are keeping warm.

Sue Izard 😊

Principal



Ruby

Congratulations!

For 25 Nights Reading

Obie

For 50 Nights Reading

Chaz

For 100 Nights Reading

Bella

Emily-Jane

For 100 Nights Reading

Adaline



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Disney
Alice in Wonderland JR

Gay E. Gough Theatre
24 May 2024 - 7pm | 25 May 2024 - 1pm & 7pm

mountclearcollege.vic.edu.au/tickets

Licensed by Music Theatre International (Australasia)



Friday 8th 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 8th 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 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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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.

Everyday Independence provides therapy services to people all ages and throughout the Ballarat metro and surrounding regional areas.

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.