

# Napoleons Primary School Newsletter #16



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## Calendar

**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  
**20<sup>th</sup> July** – F-3 Gymnastics  
**27<sup>th</sup> July** – F-3 Gymnastics  
**3<sup>rd</sup> August** – F-3 Gymnastics  
**10<sup>th</sup> August** – F-3 Gymnastics

### Year F/1

**Dylan D.**

For his wonderful sound work

### Year 1/2/3

**Ruby C.**

For her resilience in and out of the classroom!

### Year 4/5

**Sarah G.**

For her "My Day as a Bug" writing and creating a story connected to our classroom!

### Year 5/6

**AJ M.**

For wondering reading to the whole school. Well done!



## Welcome Winter

Even though we are officially in the last week of Autumn and we have had some delightfully sunny days, we have also had some very cold and icy days. Today's wind is also chilly and wild. Please ensure that your children have enough warm clothes in the days, weeks and months ahead. We see many students still coming to school in shorts and t-shirts and if they are comfortable, that's ok, however we do worry when it is really cold so please ensure they have either a jumper or coat with them, just in case.

## Reminder Working Bee – seeking preferred time and days

We are trying to organise a time or times for available parents to attend a working bee for our school. 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.

## 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.

## Winter Sports (LDSSA)

Last week was the second and last day for our Winter sports for students in Years 4, 5 and 6. Well done to all students for their participation. These days are for mingling with students from other schools, getting to interact with others while learning a new sport, or perhaps playing a favourite sport. Many thanks to Mrs Hutt for coordinating on the day. The winter activity for students in Foundation, 1, 2 and 3 will be gymnastics in Term 3.

## Language choice at Napoleons Primary School.

We have been so fortunate to have a 2 year relationship with the Qingdao University, supported by Jack Yang. Unfortunately the University has advised us that they can no longer continue the program. Jack will continue with us until the end of the semester, however we now have to decide what our next steps are. Asking around, we have a few options available:

- Continue with Chinese and be supported by Jack
- Change language and introduce Australian Sign Language (Auslan) – we can access some support through Ballarat and through existing staff for this option.

Please let us know your thoughts – I will email out to all families with a voting poll. Please respond by selecting your choice via the link provided.

### School Review update

Thank you so much to our staff, students and families who contributed to providing feedback on our school policies. Today I met with the School Compliance Officer for the Department of Education and she was very impressed with the work we have done, the policies and procedures we have in place and the supports we provide our students. In Term 3 we will have our Review days and we look forward to celebrating our achievements and improving our school through that process.

Kindest regards and stay warm

Sue Izard 😊  
Principal

# Class News

Term 2 Week 7

F/1

This week we have continued to learn more about traditional Aboriginal stories. Our big book was 'Big Rain Coming' by Katrina Germein and everyone loved making rain sticks after we read the book. We have also been learning about Reconciliation Week with our buddies. This is our last week with Miss Griff in our classroom however we are lucky to have her visit on a few more Tuesdays before the end of term.

1/2/3

In Reading we have been working on synthesising and we have been activating our prior knowledge about a topic. It's really exciting and fun when we play Dance Mat Typing. It helps us with our keyboard skills. We have been having fun in our classroom this week! We love doing Maths and seeing our teachers everyday! We were Scientists in STEAM this week and investigated popcorn kernels and popcorn. We also love to work on our writing!

4/5

Reconciliation - Alex

In Humanities this week we created artwork to acknowledge the Wathaurong people and the stolen generation as part of National Sorry Day. We used masking to write the word SORRY, then painted over the top with the colours of the Aboriginal flag: red (the earth), black (people) and yellow (sun). Next we peeled off the tape to reveal the words.



5/6

We have had another busy week in the 5/6 classroom. We enjoyed our Leadership session, where we went for a visit to the kindergarten. In Wellbeing, we are learning about positive and negative self talk. We finished our gold rush stories, and have them hanging in our Class Gallery. Make sure you check them out if you come our way!



**Sienna D.**

**Congratulations!**

**For 50 Nights Reading**

Thomas C.

Zavier M.

Evie P.

Ethan H.

**For 75 Nights Reading**

Thomas C.

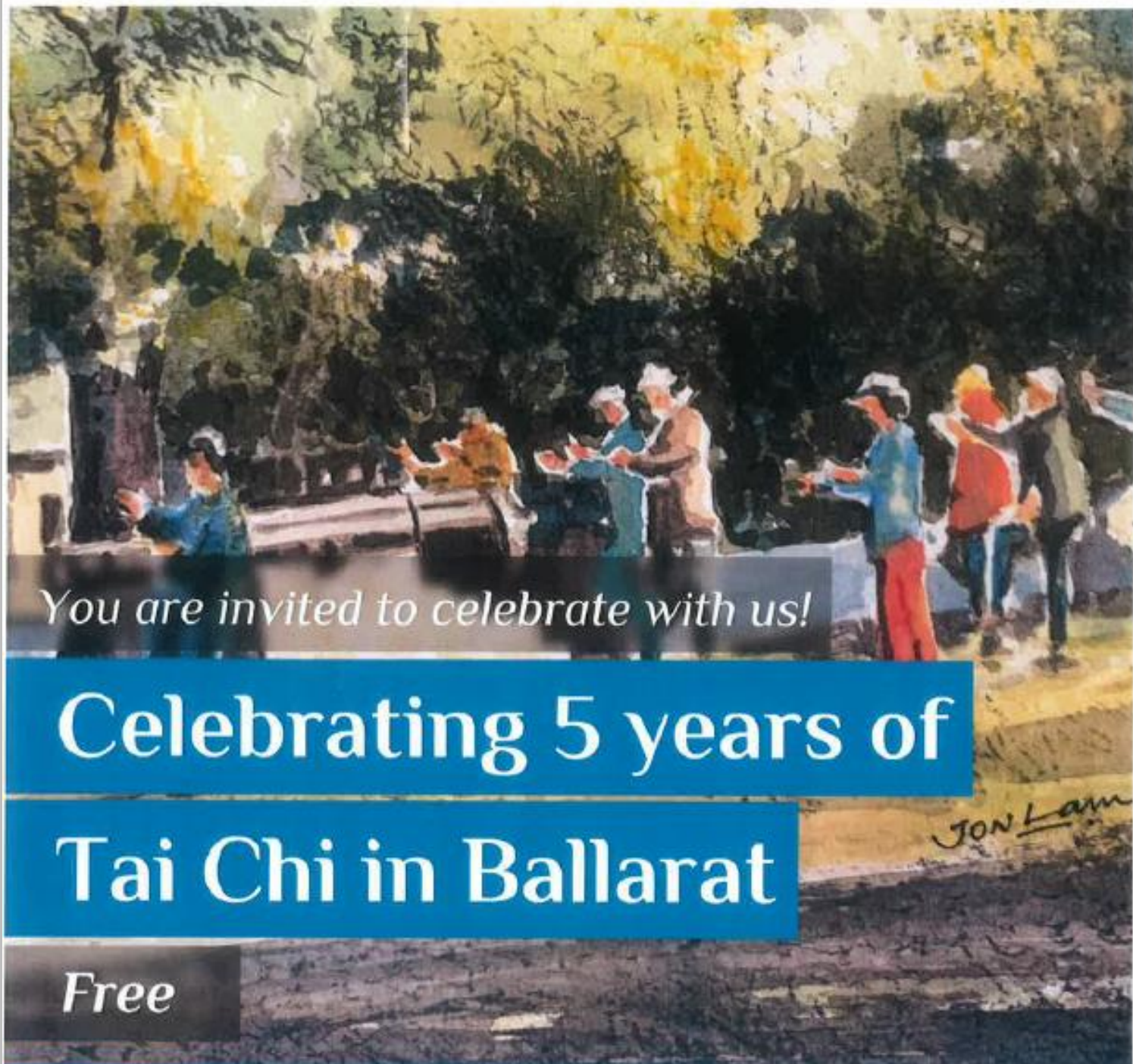
Zavier M.

Ethan H.

**For 100 Nights Reading**

Sienna D.

Ethan H.



*You are invited to celebrate with us!*

# Celebrating 5 years of Tai Chi in Ballarat

*Free*

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**10:30am - 1:00pm, Saturday 29 June, 2024**

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**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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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.