

Napoleons Primary School Newsletter #21



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Calendar

26th July – MCG & Museum
Excursion

2nd August – Working Bee 3.30pm-
4.30pm

3rd August – Working Bee 9am-
11.30am

9th August – Writers Festival
Celebration

17th August – School Council
Meeting

20th August – F-3 Gymnastics

21st August – Earth Ed

27th August – F-3 Gymnastics

Year F/1

Zion

For a wonderful first week at Napoleons Primary School!

Year 1/2/3

Jude P.

For challenging himself during Maths!

Year 4/5

Anna M.

For having the confidence to read the weather on POWER FM

You are a Star!

Year 5/6

Mia R.

For her fantastic start at Napoleons Primary School!

Welcome to Term 3



It has been wonderful to see the cheery faces of our students return for a new term at school. We hope that everyone has enjoyed their holiday break and have returned, refreshed for what has begun as a very cold and wet Term 3 – it is Winter, so we are not surprised and we encourage students to dress for the weather with long pants, warm jumpers and coats, hats (scarves and gloves if you are cold enough and you have them). We have terrific Napoleons

beanies for sale in the office if you are looking for a way to keep your head warm. 😊

Welcome to new students, their families and new staff

We would like to welcome our new students, Zion, Mia and Tyson, who have started at Napoleons Primary School for the first time this term. It has been great to begin getting to know these young people and their families. We hope you find Napoleons Primary School to be a caring, supportive and rich learning environment for your children. We have a very active Parents and Friends Association (PFA), so please ensure that we introduce you to PFA members when you are next onsite.



We are welcoming new staff this term. Many of you remember that Ms Pearson was about to have her baby at the end of last term (still no news yet). We have been fortunate to appoint Mrs Vicki Anderson to cover our PE, Performing Arts and some class time in 4/5 each week. Mrs Anderson has worked with our school as a CRT this year so is well known to our students. Welcome to the staff Vicki!



We also are introducing Auslan as our Language other than English this term. Lauren Stancliffe is a Deaf, Auslan instructor, who also works at a school in Melbourne. She is very experienced and begins teaching us all tomorrow. Lauren will work Fridays as a regular day at Napoleons Primary School. Welcome to Napoleons Primary School Lauren!

Thanks to holiday helpers

A huge thank you to Ivy who looked after our chickens over the school holidays and also to Hollie S, whose family cared for Rapha, our turtle during the two week vacation. I'm sure these animals enjoyed your care and kindness. We also had Adaline's family come in and make a head start on clearing, and removing the trees outside the Senior building as part of our scheduled working bee tasks. This is amazing! Thank you so much.

I also suspect we had a family come in and clear some of our veggie beds of plants that were no longer producing and were dying off – thank you Kristy.

It's working bee time – a date for your diaries!



Our holiday helpers have been the perfect reminder for our upcoming working bee.

Please put **Friday 2nd August (3:30-4:30pm)** in your diaries as well as, **Saturday 3rd August (9am -11:30am)**.

You can attend both or one or the other. Children welcome to come and help too.

We will have pebble rock to spread in place of the shrubs we remove, and we may transplant some of the smaller shrubs along our fence line at the far side of the oval. This work is designed to keep our school safe during bushfires. Morning tea will be offered on the Saturday. Please bring along tools if you have them – we are likely to need pitchforks, mattocks, shovels and spades. Bring a sturdy pair of gloves and a coat in case of cold weather. Help us to keep our school safe.

NAIDOC Week



**KEEP THE FIRE
BURNING!
BLAK, LOUD
AND PROUD**
7-14 JULY 2024

As is our usual schedule, NAIDOC Week falls in the last week of our mid-year break and so we hold our celebrations for NAIDOC Week until the first week of Term 3. All students have been participating in a range of activities as part of their class work. *NAIDOC Week celebrates and recognises the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. The theme Keep the Fire Burning! Blak, Loud and Proud is a celebration of Indigenous identity and invites Indigenous Australians to have pride in their heritage and take their place in the world.*

<https://www.naidoc.org.au/news/2024-naidoc-week-theme-keep-fire-burning-blak-loud-and-proud>

At Napoleons Primary School we acknowledge, respect, celebrate and continue our learning about Indigenous Australians and the rich heritage which it provides as an ongoing legacy.

MCG – here we come!



Next Friday is our whole school excursion, to the MCG, tour and sports museum, in preparation for our upcoming *Writers' Festival* which is themed around the *Olympics* this year in France. Students in Foundation, 1, 2 and 3 will be travelling by bus. Students in Year 4, 5 and 6 will be travelling by train and tram to the venue. This will be a very exciting day and we have a huge 'thank you' to our PFA for supporting us with the funds for the bus travel required. We are so excited to be beginning our third *Writers' Festival* and look forward to the activities and writing to come. Stay tuned for our celebration day and the invitation to our whole school community to see the amazing work our students produce.

Reminder



There will be **no school on Monday 12th August** as we have a professional learning day at this time. School will begin again on Tuesday 13th August.



I attended an information session at the Community Bank, Buninyong on Monday night. They have launched a new funding opportunity where community groups and schools can apply for amounts up to \$50 000. The Spark Tank is modelled on the popular TV show, 'Shark Tank', (but without the harsh criticism). Applications close on September 8th and finalists will 'pitch' their idea at the Ballarat Town Hall on November 12th, prior to the judging panel determining who might be the winning bids. We have previously applied for funding for playgrounds and bike tracks and this might be something we could do, however there will also be other ideas – arts, cultural, historical – let's get our thinking caps on to see what might be possible. For more information, please visit <https://www.sparktank.org.au/>

We hope everyone is able to stay warm and dry this week.

Kindest regards

Sue Izard 😊
Principal



Bella D.

Class News

Term 2 Week 11

F/1

It was wonderful to come back to school after the holidays and we can't believe we are over half way through the year already. This week we welcomed a new student Zion into our class. Welcome Zion! We have been enjoying learning about NAIDOC week and have been reading 'Our Dreaming' during literacy lessons.

With the wet weather we have had a few students needing a change of clothes after playing outside. It would be great to have some spare clothes sent along in school bags just in case please.

1/2/3

It's been a fabulous start to Term 3! We 've enjoyed sharing holiday stories with each other and playing together outside. We are continuing to read our whole class novel 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl and today we read about Violet turning into a blueberry. It was extremely funny! In Maths we are learning about numbers being bigger than and less than other numbers and have been exploring number lines too. In writing. We wrote some 'strong beginnings' to make our sentences / writing more interesting for the reader. The topic was 'the scariest ride ever!' Some examples written were:

Am, am, am I real? - Jude

Run! - Cassie

Help me please! - Adaline

4/5

We term we welcome Tyson into our class. We have started our first whole class novel called Kimmi by Favel Parrett. It is a story about tropical dingoes and how Kimmi became Queen if the dingos (it's a true story). We are also working on an information poster about the Grampians in writing. Students are writing about: McKenzies Falls, Splitter Falls Beehive Falls and The Balconies.

5/6

We can't believe that we are now half way through the year! Term 3 has begun smoothly in grade 5/6. We have a new student Mia who has settled in well. We are keen to begin our new class novel-Boy Overboard by Morris Glietzman. In Maths we are learning more about multiplication of 2 digit numbers and probability. Congratulations to those grade 6 students who received their letters for next year for secondary school. We hope that everyone is staying warm and dry in this winter weather. Please encourage your children to dress appropriately. 😊



For 25 Nights Reading

Onyx

For 100 Nights Reading

Ayse

For 125 Nights Reading

Ayse

Tilly

For 150 Nights Reading

Ayse

Tilly

Savannah

Ruby L.

For 175 Nights Reading

Milla

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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

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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

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