

# Napoleons Primary School Newsletter #23



1<sup>st</sup> August 2024

## Stars of the Week

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### Calendar

2<sup>nd</sup> August – Working Bee 3.30pm-4.30pm

3<sup>rd</sup> August – Working Bee 9am-11.30am

9<sup>th</sup> August – Writers Festival Celebration

12<sup>th</sup> August – No School

19<sup>th</sup> August – School Council Meeting

20<sup>th</sup> August – F-3 Gymnastics

21<sup>st</sup> August – Earth Ed

27<sup>th</sup> August – F-3 Gymnastics

30<sup>th</sup> August – No School

#### Year F/1

Ethan H.

For amazing work in our maths lesson about subtraction

#### Year 1/2/3

Ricky P.

For working hard to create a great athlete profile in our writing lesson

#### Year 4/5

Sarah G.

For her wonderful letter to an Olympian

#### Year 5/6

Ruby L.

For fantastic effort with her work for the Writer's Festival

### Our Day at the MCG



We had an amazing day at the MCG last Friday. A bus collected our Junior students and staff from school and headed directly to Melbourne. The Senior students and staff incorporated the experience of catching a train and tram to the 'G'. Never have I been so proud of our students who behaved beautifully on public transport and while visiting and participating in the tour, the Olympic and sports museum and the Game On space. Students loved visiting the club rooms, gymnasium, corporate boxes and press room and loved the activities available in the Game On area. Thanks to Judy and Belinda for all their organisation. Thanks to all staff and parent volunteers who attended and thanks to our fantastic students, who listened, participated and behaved well throughout the whole day. Much appreciation to our families who ensured students were at school early and for collecting their children after school hours. I'm sure we had many students who slept well that night – we even had a few sleeping on the bus and train during the homeward-bound trip.

Of course, the reason we had this excursion, was to kick-start our Writers' Festival themed around the Olympics and I can't wait to see all the amazing work our students will now be inspired to produce. It has been great to see some of the Olympic events playing in classes and the genuine interest students are showing in the events and different sports on offer this year, including breakdancing, surfing and skateboarding. We look forward to seeing you all at our celebration afternoon on Friday of next week from 1pm.



**It's working bee time – This Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> August (3:30-4:30pm), Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> August (9am -11:30am)**  
It will be so great to see everyone roll up their sleeves and chip in to assist with our working bee, which begins this Friday and continues Saturday morning. We will be busy clearing garden beds and replacing these with blue metal stones. Remember that PFA is providing a sausage sizzle as Friday night dinner alternative for all who come along to help us (great Friday night treat for the kids).

A light morning tea will be offered on the Saturday from 11am. Please bring along tools if you have them – we are likely to need wheelbarrows, pitchforks, mattocks, shovels and spades. Bring a sturdy pair of gloves and a coat in case of cold weather. See you there.

## School Review in August

I have been writing about our upcoming School Review in the newsletter since the beginning of the year. On Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August, Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August and Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August, a panel consisting of a Reviewer (external), the Senior Education Improvement Leader for our school, from the Department of Education, two Challenge Partners, myself and Kristy Gainger, the School Council President will participate in a range of activities on these days. The purpose is for the panel to get a sense of how our school is operating and has been working over the last four years, with the view to setting some goals and targets for the next four years. Parents are invited to participate in a consultation session on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August from 3pm, just before pick up. We will send you more information closer to the date, however we would love to have a strong representative parent group speak with panel members about our school. We hope you can come along.

## Parent and Carer Opinion Survey for Napoleons Primary School is now open



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## 2024 PARENT / CAREGIVER / GUARDIAN OPINION SURVEY:

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### WE WANT OUR PARENTS / CAREGIVERS / GUARDIANS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

Our school is conducting the annual Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey offered by the Department of Education and is seeking your feedback. The survey is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behavior, and student engagement. The survey is optional, but we encourage and appreciate your participation.

Our school will use the survey results to assist in identifying areas for improvement and professional development needs in the school, to target school planning and improvement strategies.

The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey will be open online from **Monday 29 July to Friday 30 August 2024.**

All families are invited to participate in the survey. **The more families who participate, the more representative the results will be for our school community.**

The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **20 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. All survey data is de-identified and therefore your responses are anonymous.

The survey can be accessed through the following website <https://www.orima.com.au/parent> and the login link will be distributed via COMPASS and email.

Please speak to the school front office, if you would like more information.



### Reminder

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

We will also have **a pupil free day on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August** to enable all staff to participate in First Aid Training. A COMPASS notification and email was sent out on Tuesday to give families as much time as possible, to organise alternative arrangements for looking after children at school. We appreciate your understanding.

We hope everyone is able to stay warm in the icy temperatures this week.

Kindest regards

Sue Izard 😊

Principal

**Congratulations!**

**For 75 Nights Reading**

**Jude P.**

**For 125 Nights Reading**

**Ethan H.**

**Hollie S.**

**For 150 Nights Reading**

**Ethan H.**

**For 175 Nights Reading**

**Sienna D.**



**Steph M.**

## Class News

Term 3 Week 3

**F/1**

What an amazing day we had on Friday at the MCG! Everyone had the best day- there was so much to see and do. We hope all the attending students had lots of stories to tell when they came home. This week we have been busy working to prepare for our Writer's Festival which is taking place next Friday. We hope to see as many families as possible on this special day where we can share our amazing work with you all!

**1/2/3**

We have been working on our Writer's Festival pieces this week! We have started displaying some of our work which is exciting. In Maths, we have been learning about location using grid references. We have welcomed Miss Gatacre (Pre-Service Teacher) into our classroom and she will be teaching us until the end of term! Have a great rest of the week!

**4/5**

This week we had been doing writers festival things. We chose 4 topics to write about for our posters. We all enjoyed reading this week. In maths we have been doing multiplication and a little bit of division. We watched the Olympics for the whole week and we really had a good time.

**5/6**

We had some wonderful comments about the whole school excursion last week. It was a very exciting although exhausting day! The students have started to produce some wonderful pieces for our Olympic themed Writer's Festival and are looking forward to sharing these with their families at our Celebration Day next Friday. House colour notes were sent home this week so that families can see which house they are in. We invite the students to wear these on our Celebration Day.

In Maths we have been continuing to work with multiplication and began looking at angles.



**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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