

Napoleons Primary School Newsletter #24



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Calendar

9th August – Writers Festival Celebration

12th August – No School

19th August – School Council Meeting

20th August – F-3 Gymnastics

21st August – Earth Ed

27th August – F-3 Gymnastics

30th August – No School

3rd September – F-3 Gymnastics

10th September – F-3 Gymnastics

16th September – School Council

Year F/1

Talon R.

For a fantastic effort completing his writer's festival pieces

Year 1/2/3

Rusty B.

For demonstrating perseverance with his writing pieces

Year 4/5

River F.

For her detailed map of France including significant landmarks and interesting facts

Year 5/6

Olivia D.

For her thoughtful letter to Cathy Freeman!



We have had a tremendous time compiling work for our Writers Festival and celebration tomorrow – we hope you are all coming along to have a look!

Students have been watching the Olympics, writing about the Olympics, participating in some Mini Olympics here at school and creating visual works about the Olympics. The only reason I didn't display some of the work, is because I don't want to spoil the surprise in store for you all tomorrow.



A huge thank you to the PFA for their efforts in preparing to cook pancakes and hot chocolates for students tomorrow as their lunch.



Thank you to our amazing working bee parents!

Last Friday we had a host of families stay after school to assist with our working bee. Thanks to Alana and Ebony for organising the sausage sizzle – a great option for a Friday night dinner for the kids who came along too, and for our workers.

We had a committed bunch of parents who returned Saturday morning and worked through until lunch time, clearing and tidying up our garden beds and wheelbarrowing gravel. Students remarked how neat and tidy it looked when they arrived on Monday morning. While we didn't get everything done, we achieved a great deal. A special thanks to my husband for bringing the mulcher in for two days this week to clean up some of the resulting branches and garden clippings. Well done all – it was a mammoth effort. Thank you.



Playgroup is back and it starts tomorrow!

After a short break, while we found another volunteer parent to host sessions, playgroup is now back at Napoleons Primary School. We have been kindly donated the second kindergarten room from the Napoleons Kindergarten, as our play place. Please see the dates on Compass or tomorrow morning if you are going to attend.

Thank you to Amanda for offering to host these play sessions. Fruit will be provided. Parents will need to ensure children have

drink bottles. Parents are to stay and supervise their own children, especially on the kinder play equipment, as it is not designed for very young children or toddlers, although the Kindergarten have offered the playground as a play place in addition to the inside room.

Sick Kids at school – please keep them home



This week we have seen a dramatic increase in the number of children with nasty coughs and colds at school. Thank you to those parents who have kept their children home while recovering from Winter illnesses. There is a lot of flu, gastro and RSV going around and COVID is always something to be mindful of as well. When children are unwell and feeling miserable, they are not focussed on their learning and often they are spreading their colds/flu/illness to others in the classroom – students and staff. Please keep your children home if they are unwell and support them to recover to enable them to make the most of their learning when they are well and back at school. Thank you for your consideration and understanding.

Parent and Carer Opinion Survey for Napoleons Primary School is now open – please complete to support our school's ongoing improvement.



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2024 PARENT / CAREGIVER / GUARDIAN OPINION SURVEY:

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.



Reminders

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.

Week 6 (we are currently in Week 4) is Book week and dress up day is **Wednesday 21st August**

School Review in August – parents invited to meet with review panel

Parents are invited to participate in a consultation session on Wednesday 28th 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.

We have **a pupil free day on Friday 30th August** to enable all staff to participate in First Aid Training.

Week 9 we will host 3-way conferences. As is our practice, school classes will finish at 12:30pm on Monday 9th September and students will return home at that time. Parents and students will book into come to school for interviews with classes throughout the afternoon. 3-way conferences are great opportunities for your children to share their learning achievements, experiences and explain the goals they are currently working towards. We look forward to seeing everyone attend these conferences.

We hope everyone is able to stay warm in the icy temperatures this week. The small sunny times we have experienced have been very welcome.

Kindest regards

Sue Izard 😊

Principal

Congratulations!

For 25 Nights Reading

Dylan D.

Hunter L.

For 50 Nights Reading

Ruby C.

Hunter L.

For 75 Nights Reading

Evie P.

Ruby C.

Hunter L.

Chaz T.

For 100 Nights Reading

Piper L.

Ruby C.

Hunter L.

Chaz T.

Reader

of the

WEEK!

Kendrix B.



Class News

Term 3 Week 4

F/1

We have had a very busy past few weeks completing some beautiful pieces for our Writer's Festival celebration on Friday. The students have been working so hard and are very excited to share their work with their special visitors. We hope to see many family and friends on the day. We can't wait! Don't forget that you can dress in (or add a touch of) your house colours on the day.

1/2/3

What a busy week we have had in Grade 1/2/3! We enjoyed a mapping scavenger hunt in the sunshine for one of our Maths lessons this week. We have also been working hard on lots of creative pieces during our Writer's Festival. We can't wait to share our learning with all of our family and friends at our Celebration Day tomorrow! The crepe lunch (provided by PFA), Potato Olympics and being able to dress in our house colours is so exciting too!

4/5

This week we have been working hard on our writing for the Writer's Festival. I have been enjoying writing about where the Olympic torch has been. In PE today we had fun playing games with an Olympic theme. I'm nervous but excited for our Celebration Day tomorrow. By Ivy.

5/6

We have been working extremely hard on our Writer's Festival writing pieces. Mrs Hutt and Mrs Jones are very impressed with our efforts. We enjoyed STEAM and PE this week, where the work has been centred around the Olympics and the Writer's Festival. Looking forward to seeing everyone tomorrow for a wonderful Celebration Day to conclude our Festival!



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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