

# Napoleons Primary School Newsletter #25



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## Calendar

- 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
- 3<sup>rd</sup> September – F-3 Gymnastics
- 10<sup>th</sup> September – F-3 Gymnastics
- 16<sup>th</sup> September – School Council Meeting
- 17<sup>th</sup> September – F-3 Gymnastics
- 4<sup>th-6<sup>th</sup></sup> September – Yr 4-6 Camp

### Year F/1

**Ethan H.**

For great ideas during descriptive writing

### Year 1/2/3

**Steph M.**

For uplevelling her writing by using strong beginnings in her sentences

### Year 4/5

**Tyson R.**

For making great word choices in his ME AT MIDNIGHT writing planning

### Year 5/6

**Nathan C.**

For his amazing Olympic mascot for the Writer's Festival.

Well done!

## Celebrating our amazing Writers and Creators!



We had a great day last Friday celebrating all the creative and writing efforts of our students. Thank you to all those parents who attended to see your children's work. It was an amazing display. It was also amazing to see all the potato athletes, students created for our Potato Olympics. Thanks to our incredible staff for all the behind-the-scenes preparation and work as well as the on-the-day efforts.

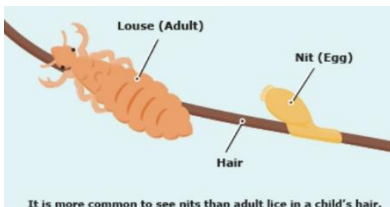


Thanks also to our hard-working PFA and the parents who supported our Parisian Pancakes fundraiser on this day. I understand the flipping of the mini pancakes was quite a skill and effort – producing hundreds of mini pancakes for students to eat. Students loved them with their choice of toppings (cream, sprinkles, raspberry, chocolate or maple syrup – sometimes with a combination of these!) and a hot chocolate to wash it all down with. Terrific effort everyone – thank you.



## Playgroup is here – spread the word!

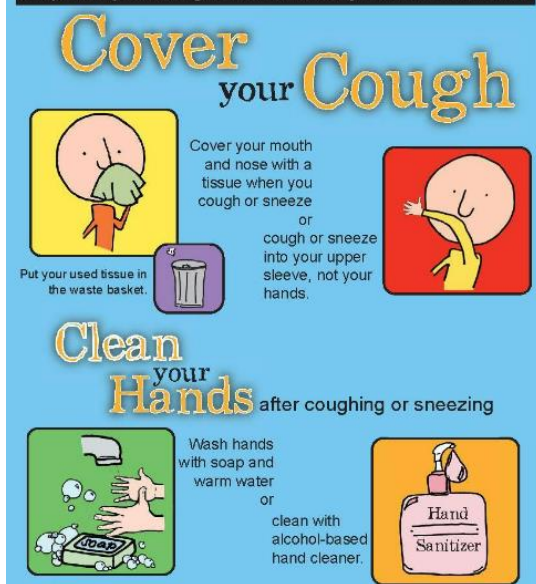
Playgroup had its first return session last Friday and will operate fortnightly on the Fridays when Kinder is not operating. Many thanks to the Napoleons Kinder for allowing us to use their second room and outdoor play area for our Playgroup. Thanks to Amanda, who is a new parent with us and who has offered to facilitate the group. I believe there was 7 children last week – amazing! 😊



## Nits at school

We have seen an increase in cases of nits at school. Please check your child/children's hair and watch for any excessive scratching. If you notice nits or lice and treat your child's hair, your child can attend school as usual.

Stop the spread of germs that make you and others sick!



## Sick Kids at school – please keep them home

Last week I asked people to please keep children home if they are unwell. We always want children at school however not when they are sick. Unfortunately, schools are well placed for the sharing of illnesses as we are together most of the time.

We are also noticing that some of the great hygienic habits we developed when COVID was more prevalent – regular washing of hands/sanitising, washing hands after sneezing or coughing, coughing into your elbow rather than your hands – are being forgotten and students are needing ongoing reminders.

Illness affects both students and staff and there has been an increase in people becoming unwell over the last few weeks. We thank those families who are keeping their children home when they are unwell. Please also remember to practise good hygiene rules.

Thank you for your continued consideration and understanding.

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



Department of Education

## 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

**Week 6** (we are currently in Week 4) is Book week and dress up day is **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> August with a parade at 3pm, if you wish to attend.**

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

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.

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

**Fathers Day Stall – Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August – 9-11am –** We are looking for some available parents to assist with the stall on this day – helping students choose gifts for their Dads.

**Fathers Day Breakfast – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September –** everyone welcome – more details to follow.

**Week 9** we will host 3-way conferences. As is our practice, school classes will finish at 12:30pm on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> 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 have been having some lovely spring days this week and we are enjoying the sunshine and occasional warmth. Remember that Term 4 is a ‘hats on’ term so now might be a good time to ensure students have hats (if they are not already at school) and that they are ready to go when we hit warmer weather.



Sue Izard  
Principal

**Milla D.**



## Class News

Term 3 Week 5

### F/1

We have all been enjoying the wonderful weather this week. Many of our students have been having fun playing tennis and other ball games during outside play times. Tomorrow we look forward to our first electives session for the term which takes place before assembly. We can't wait to celebrate Book Week next week! Please remember to bring in any children's books you are happy to donate for our book fair. A reminder that gymnastics starts next week on Tuesday afternoons until the remainder of the term.

### 1/2/3

We are having fun in Grade 1/2/3. We are learning about the sound /u/ and playing reading games like speed read. Tomorrow is exciting because we get to start our electives. Earlier this week we played Sitting Volleyball - a paralympic sport. It was REALLY fun! - Hunter

### 4/5 - by Anna G

This week in Maths we have been learning about volume and capacity. To do this we filled up our drink bottles and poured the water into a measuring jug to see how much water they held. We had to make sure that we read the scale correctly and used the right unit of measurement (mls/lts). In reading we have been learning about Dingoes which connects to our class book Kimmi. One of the interesting facts that we learnt is that dingoes and dogs can breed and this impacts the pure breed dingo population.

### 5/6

We are almost halfway through our class novel-Boy Overboard. Some students are finding the content a bit confronting so please take the time to ask your child about the book and how they feel about what is happening in the book. The class discussions have been amazing. It is great to be able to talk about the issues raised and think about how lucky we are to live in Australia. Please talk to the teachers if you want to about this. We look forward to tree planting tomorrow and hope that the good weather continues for this, but we remind everyone to check the forecast and wear appropriate shoes and maybe a coat if it looks like it might rain. No hot lunches or lunch orders tomorrow please.



**For 25 Nights Reading**

Onxy D.

**For 50 Nights Reading**

Oberon W.

Summer D.

Slade M.

Tiki T.

**For 75 Nights Reading**

Morgan H.

**For 100 Nights**

Thomas C.

Talon R.

Craig L.

**For 125 Nights**

Zavier M.

**For 150 Nights**

Hollie S.

Navinah W.

**For 175 Nights**

Alex D.

Ayse B.

Olivia D.

Ruby L.

**For 200 Nights**

Sarah G.

Joe J.

Eloise T.

**Junior School Council  
Presents...**

**Napoleons Primary  
School Secondhand  
Book Fair!**

**During Book Week on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>  
August 2024**

**Bring a gold coin donation to buy a  
book!**

**We would love some donations, so  
please have a look around home for  
any unused books.**

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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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# Grampians Mental Health and Wellbeing Connect

For families and carers



We will provide a warm and welcoming space for family, carers, kin and supporters of all ages and backgrounds of people with mental health and/or substance use challenges. You will be able to connect with peers, access tailored information, resources, advocacy, support (individual and group-based), and brokerage funds through Tandem's Carer Support Fund.

All of our staff have a lived experience of supporting someone. We are here listen to families, carers, kin and supporters, and we offer a variety of supports based on your specific needs. We are currently providing phone-based services while we establish our support service offering.

Support is available for people in the Ararat, Ballarat, Golden Plains, Hepburn, Hindmarsh, Horsham, Moorabool, Northern Grampians, Pyrenees, West Wimmera, and Yarriambiack local government areas.

Telephone 1800 962 008 or email  
[GrampiansMHWConnect@mindaustralia.org.au](mailto:GrampiansMHWConnect@mindaustralia.org.au)



# 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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