

Napoleons Primary School

Newsletter #26

23rd August 2024



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Calendar

27th August – F-3 Gymnastics
30th August – No School
3rd September – F-3 Gymnastics
10th September – F-3 Gymnastics
16th September – School Council Meeting
17th September – F-3 Gymnastics
4th-6th September – Yr 4-6 Camp
20th September – Footy Day & End Term 2.30pm Finish
21st October – School Council Meeting

Year F/1

Zavier M.

For taking on feedback and using it to improve his work

Year 1/2/3

Lucy G.

For always trying her best and being a great friend

Year 4/5

Neve M.

For her love of and enthusiasm about capybaras, we love learning about them too

Year 5/6

Savannah J.

For being a caring and compassionate member of our classroom

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Celebrating our amazing school!

Yesterday was the first day of our 3-day review (the second two days are next week – Wed and Thurs). We welcomed the panel of six people to our school at 8:30am and spent the day exploring the achievements and challenges over the last four years. This is always an interesting process as we often get caught up in the busy-ness of our day-to-day work. Members of the panel included an external Reviewer, who leads the process over the three days, the Senior Education Improvement Leader for our school, two Challenge Partners (colleagues/other Principals), our School Council President and myself as Principal.

Apart from the exploring of four years of data and deep conversations about our school, members of the panel participated in class visits – definitely the highlight for the day. They returned with very positive feedback – about our staff, about our students, about the work being learned and about the organisation within the classroom.

Thank you so much for the ongoing commitment and dedication that everyone contributes to our school. We look forward to the next few days and the process of planning for our next School Strategic Plan.

Wednesday, next week, is our 'Fieldwork' Day – this day the members of the panel again visit classrooms, speak with small groups of students and have discussions with teachers and education support staff. There is an opportunity for the Review Panel to meet with parents and I encourage all who can attend the parent session, to come along and participate in a discussion about our school. We have allocated 30 minutes from **3pm on Wednesday 28th August** for this conversation.

Thursday is our final day – this is the day that the panel considers what will be our priority goals for the next four years and consider the actions that will help us achieve those goals – this will take the form of a new School Strategic Plan (SSP) and then each year we will create Annual Improvement Plans (AIPs) to work on a different aspect each year.

These Reviews take place in all schools, every four years, and provide an excellent opportunity for schools to consider a broader vision and direction for their school and their school community. I look forward to reporting back to the school community about the outcomes of this Review and our goals and aspirations for the next four years.



Reminders

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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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.

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

Fathers Day Stall – Thursday 29th 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 2nd September – everyone welcome – 8am - 8:45am

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.



Sue Izard
Principal

Congratulations!

For 175 Nights

Savannah J.

For 200 Nights

Savannah J.



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Class News

Term 3 Week 6

F/1

We had a wonderful time at our first gymnastics session on Tuesday! Everyone tried something new and had a go! We are very much looking forward to the next four weeks of gymnastics sessions.

We also enjoyed all our activities for Book Week, especially the parade. It was great to see so many different, wonderful costumes on Wednesday. A big thank you to all our families for supporting this fun activity. Don't forget to bring a gold coin to buy a book at our book fair tomorrow!

1/2/3

Book Week has been wonderful! We have enjoyed reading lots of fantastic books and have been creative with Miss Gatacre. On Thursday, we read 'The Concrete Garden' by Bob Graham and we went outside and created our own concrete garden. Make sure you check it out just near the junior entrance to the school! We are so proud of it! Remember to bring a gold coin donation tomorrow for The Book Fair!

4/5

The 4/5 class have completed another phenomenal week! They dressed up as their favourite characters for the Book Week parade and have spent the week diving deeply into engaging stories. They especially enjoyed the visits from Ms. Izzard, dressed as a different character each day. In writing, the students have been focusing on constructing complex sentences and adding high level vocabulary to their stories. In maths, they are learning how to represent probability as a fraction and have played some fun games, demonstrating their learning. Remember to bring your gold coins for the Book Fair tomorrow!

5/6

Another amazing week for the 5/6 students! On Wednesday was our dress up day for Book Week, and the 5/6s showed up in some amazing costumes. We also got to enjoy an engaging incursion run by Earth Ed. In Maths we have been learning how to divide decimal numbers and about temperature. Remember to bring your gold coins for the Book Fair tomorrow!

**Junior School Council
Presents...**

**Napoleons Primary
School Secondhand
Book Fair!**

**During Book Week on Friday 23rd
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 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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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



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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