



# Napoleons Primary School Newsletter #27

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Calendar
30 <sup>th</sup> August – No School
3 <sup>rd</sup> September – F-3 Gymnastics
9 <sup>th</sup> September – 3-Way Conferences 1pm-5.30pm
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</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> September – Yr 4-6 Camp
20 <sup>th</sup> September – Footy Day & End Term 2.30pm Finish
21 <sup>st</sup> October – School Council Meeting

**Year F/1**  
**Kendrix B.**  
For amazing effort during our gymnastics program

**Year 1/2/3**  
**Holly R.**  
For your hard work in maths – keep up the great work!

**Year 4/5**  
**Henry S.**  
For settling in to NAPS with a positive mindset

**Year 5/6**  
**Pip B.**  
For her thoughtful reflections in Maths this week.  
Well done!



**Reflecting on the past and planning for the future!**  
Today has been the final of three days participating in our School Review. To all the students, staff and parents involved in class observations and interviews, thank you. Thank you also to Matthew Knight, our Reviewer, Karen Biggelaar our Senior Education Improvement Leader (SEIL), our Challenge Partners Alana Jones and Jo Reyntjes and our School Council President Kristy Gainger.

School Reviews are a lot of work, however they are a valuable opportunity to consider and celebrate all we have achieved, reflect on those things we are still working on and make plans for the future. The view of the Panel is that we have an amazing school with fantastic people and we have a lot to be proud of. We are always learning and growing and wish to improve everything we do and our new School Strategic Plan will support us to do that work.



**Our Twilight Fete!**  
Have you seen our Facebook post? It would be great to share this far and wide, so we get a great turn out for our Fete in November.  
Our Fete committee is working hard to ensure that we have a variety of stalls and a wide range of fun for everyone. Please contact the PFA if you are interested in being a store holder and let others know if they wish to also hold a stall. A Friday afternoon/evening means our Fete shouldn't interfere with any other markets that are usually on during weekends. We look forward to giving you more information as we get closer to the date.

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Today we also had our Fathers' Day Stall. A massive thank you to Ebony and Alana for the organisation of all the gifts and to our parent helpers, who have given their time to support students to make gift selections for their Dads Grandads and special friends.  
Remember that our **Fathers' Day Breakfast is Monday morning, 2<sup>nd</sup> September from 8am** – come along for a delicious breakfast to begin your day and a new week.

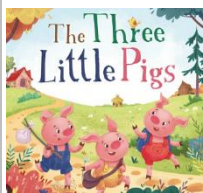


**Reminders**  
Parent and Carer Opinion Survey for Napoleons Primary School is now open – **please complete to support our school's ongoing improvement.**

## Year 4/5/6 Grampians Camp – next week!

Senior students are becoming very excited about going on camp next week. Please remember to ensure your child's medical and dietary forms have been submitted to the office and check your 'what to bring' list.

**There will be no Assembly next Friday while Year 4/5/6 students and staff are on camp.** I will be attending camp for the three days and so Gabbie Jones will be Acting Principal in my absence. Thank you Gabbie.



### It's *The Three Little Pigs* – but not as you know it – Come and see our Pantomime!

All our students are contributing to our production of *The Three Little Pigs* – a Napoleons Primary School Pantomime. Our Junior students are being filmed for cameo screen appearances during and before the performance. Senior students have elected either stage parts or back-stage crew and are hard at work, making all the elements come together. We look forward to seeing everyone come along. Tickets are \$2 per person or \$5 per family and the production will premier in a **One Night Only performance at the Gay E. Gough Theatre at Mount Clear College on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September at 6pm.**



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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.

**Extension:** The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey will be open online from **Monday 29 July to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September 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 tomorrow, Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August** to enable all staff to participate in First Aid Training.

### Upcoming 3-way conferences

**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. **These bookings are now live on Compass, so please book your spots with your teachers.** 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



**Slade M.**

# Class News

Term 3 Week 7

## **F/1**

Another busy week in our classroom and school this week, it's hard to believe how quickly we are getting to the end of term. Don't forget about our Father's Day breakfast next Monday. We hope to see lots of dad's and special visitors there! We continue to have a great time at gymnastics. We have three sessions to go. Enjoy your day off tomorrow and see everyone next week!

## **1/2/3**

In grade 1/2/3 we have been learning about multiplication and division. We got to share farm animals between different sized paddocks to practise our division. In writing we have been practising using sizzling starts like 'Wow' we have had a great week. Last week we started gymnastics at the YMCA. We have been completing fun obstacles like rolling into the foam pit - Bella and Cassie

## **4/5**

The Grade 4/5 continued to enjoy our class novel Kimmi, and have also learnt about dingoes as an Australian native animal. This has led to some very interesting conversations about their recent reclassification as 'just' a dog and if they should continue to be a protected species. Tuning in to watch the 367 Collins St (Melbourne) Peregrine Falcons has been another highlight, with two eggs so far. Students loved creating some special items for Father's Day - enjoy your day!

## **5/6**

This week in 5/6 we have been creating some special gifts for Father's Day. We look forward to celebrating on Sunday, and again on Monday morning for breakfast.

In Maths we have been focusing on dividing decimal numbers and temperature, impressing Mrs Jones and Mrs Hutt with our numeracy knowledge. The focus in Reading has continued to be fluency, with us nearing the end of our class novel 'Boy Overboard.'



**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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