

Napoleons Primary School Newsletter #31



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Calendar

15th October – Foundation
Transition 9am-11am

17th October – Junior Swimming

21st October – School Council
Meeting

24th-25th October – Yr 2/3 Camp

31st October – Junior Swimming

4th November – Student Free Day

5th November – Melbourne Cup
Day (No School)

7th November – Junior Swimming

8th November – School Fete

Year F/1

Riley P.

For his
knowledge of
settings in
stories and his
detailed
drawings

Year 1/2/3

Slade M.

For a positive
start to the
term.

Keep it up!

Year 4/5

Tyce K.

For fantastic
writing with
great word
choices and
phrases!

Year 5/6

Milla D.

For
contributing
our class
Learning
Intensions
and Success
Criteria.

Well done!



Welcome to Term 4!

It has been so lovely to see everyone's smiling faces after returning to school from the September/October holidays, and launching into their learning 😊. These photos were taken from our Facebook page on Monday and Wednesday this week. Mrs Jones is doing an amazing job of sharing our news and events via the Facebook page, so please have a look if you haven't already done so. It's great to see people sharing it with extended family and friends. Thank you to the Nader family for having Rapha the turtle over the holiday break. Thank you also to those parents who managed to participate in the Parent and Caregiver's Opinion Survey prior to the end of Term 3.

Term 4 is traditionally a very busy term, and this term will be no exception. The most exciting upcoming event is our Twilight Fete. Preparations are well underway for this event which will be on Friday November 8th from 4pm to 7pm. We will have an 'open' school for any families or local community members who wish to see our school in action and the fun begins from 4pm. Our Fete committee are now meeting weekly, on Thursdays after school at 3:40pm. All are welcome to come along and lend a hand.

We also have our Year 2/3 camp at Cave Hill Creek in Week 3 and the students are very excited about going.

Speaking of camps, we have 9 students who are currently participating in Somers Camp which is a 9-day regional camp that involves students from school all over this area. We look forward to hearing about all their adventures.

Of course, Term 4 is the end of our year, where we farewell our Year 6 students formally, at their Graduation ceremony and during which we also welcome our new Foundation students for 2025 through our transition program. This started in Term 3 and next week we will have our second Transition day on Tuesday.

We will finish our year with an Awards night (shorter this year, due to our production performance last term) and our staff will be working hard with students to contribute to final year reports. Phew!



Our Twilight Fete! November 8th – spread the word!

Please contact the PFA or see our Facebook page 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. Students are getting excited about stalls and activities that we will offer at the fete.

https://www.facebook.com/events/1611625699753246/?acontext=%7B%22event_action_history%22%3A%5B%7D

Hats on!

The sun and warmer weather is finally with us. Please ensure your child/children have their broad brimmed hats at school ready to wear during recess and lunch time play sessions and also during outdoor activities such as PE or gardening. No hats on will mean students will need to stay under cover, near buildings during outdoor times. Please see Belinda in the office if you need to purchase a new hat.



Uke the Therapy Dog!

During the holidays, Uke and I participated in a 3-day training and accreditation program for Uke to work formally as a Therapy Dog. She passed with flying colours and now proudly wears her uniform at school. We look forward to designing some activities for students to do with her in the coming weeks and into 2025.

It's going to be a great term 😊!



For 75 Nights

Riley J.

Slade M.

Arthur D.

For 100 Nights

Evie P.

Jude P.

For 125 Nights

Jack E.

Piper L.

Hunter L.

Chaz T.

For 150 Nights

Nathaniel M.

For 175 Nights

Hollie S.

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All Foundation to Year 3 students are invited to have their eyes checked. If they required glasses they will be free through State School Relief.

Please complete the form sent home today or collect another from the office.

Forms due by asap if you haven't already.

Class News

Term 4 Week 1

F/1

Welcome back to Term 4! Students have settled back into the routines and expectations of school beautifully and are to be congratulated. Although it is our first week back, we have jumped back into learning, working really hard at building and reading words with 5 sounds and learning about narratives with a focus on settings and characters. We've been enjoying a fun new topic in Maths, learning all about Australian money and have had some really in-depth discussions about whether cash is money, how bank cards are used instead of cash and how Australian money can not be used in other countries. A few reminders for our class. School hats are to be worn outside at all times. These can be purchased at the school office. Swimming will begin next Thursday and we can't wait for our School Sleepover mid November. Further details will be sent out in the next week or two.

1/2/3

It's been such a great start to Term 4 in Grade 1/2/3! We would like to warmly welcome Mrs A (2 hours) and Mrs White (1 hour) into our classroom each Wednesday this term. During Sounds-Write, we have been focusing on the <s> spelling and learning that this spelling can have different sounds such as /z/ or /s/ like trots /s/ or trees /z/. We had fun chatting about our holidays and wrote a wonderful recount. During Maths, we have been learning about Australian money and enjoyed a scavenger hunt earlier this week. Can the families of Grade 2/3 students, please remember to return your camp medical / dietary forms by tomorrow if possible. Thank you.

4/5 - Navinah and Joey

We have news!!!! The 367 Collins Street Falcons have three eyes or floofs as we like to call them. You need to check them out on YouTube if you haven't already. This week for Writer's Notebook we Asked Questions about different images, one was dark and mysterious and the other like an island daydream. This gave us ideas to uplevel our writing, to make it more interesting. In maths we have been learning about 12 and 24 hour time and are soon starting on fractions. We have also started new Grade 4 projects (while Grade 5s do leadership), we will be making things. It is going to be a great term.

5/6

What a lovely start to the term we've had. Welcome to Miss Griffiths, a PST who we will have teaching us for the next month. It has been a quiet week in our class, with 6 of the students enjoying Somers Camp. While they have been away, we have been working hard; focusing on time in Maths, editing in Writing and activating prior knowledge in Reading.

Newsletter Week 1 Term 4 2024 - Wellbeing Update

Visible Wellbeing - Attention and Awareness

We continue our Visible Wellbeing learning this term with a continued focus on Attention and Awareness.

Attention is our ability to focus, whether on inner aspects of self, such as emotions and physical sensations, or external stimuli. Awareness refers to the ability to pay attention to a stimulus as it occurs. Wellbeing is improved when we are aware of, and can consciously direct our attention.

As part of our learning at school we are using activities that include breathing, meditation, mindfulness and grounding (5 senses).

If you are interested in integrating some Attention and Awareness activities into your family life, mindfulness is a great way to start, and the opportunities are almost unlimited! You could try apps like *Smiling Mind* or *Headspace*, or take the family out for a day of Mindful Walking in a nature reserve.



Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships

Respectful Relationships is a wide-ranging mandated initiative to help young Victorians deal with a range of challenges they may face and covers topics including being respectful, resilient and engaged at school and confident in themselves.

At Napoleons we have been delivering this program in our classrooms for a number of years and are expanding the rollout this term to include Topic 7 & 8.

In the primary years, the focus of Respectful Relationships is on treating everyone with respect and dignity. The teaching resources provide tailored learning materials for Prep to year 6, including age appropriate lesson plans and activities that help students learn new skills and build confidence and resilience.

The themes of Topic 7 and 8 are:

Topic 7: Gender and identity

- understand that regardless of gender or identity, people are of equal value and should have equal opportunities
- see that some gendered pressures and expectations can lead to limiting choices and increase vulnerabilities

Topic 8: Positive gender relations

- everyone is entitled to respect, regardless of diversity
- understand that violence and sexual harassment is not acceptable within or between genders
- know how to help-seeking for self or others in situations involving domestic abuse or gender-based violence

For more information or if you have any questions on the Respectful Relationships program please touch base with your classroom teacher.

We also encourage you to visit the DE website here:

<https://www.vic.gov.au/respectful-relationships>

The lessons can also be viewed at any time via the world wide web at:

<https://arc.educationapps.vic.gov.au/learning/resource/LFZGD2?fuse=1>



Brown Hill Cricket Club



Reid Street , Brown Hill



Come Join Us

Still room for more participants

Brown Hill Cricket Club Juniors.

Training Tuesday nights for

U11's, U13's & U15's

Brown Hill Reserve 4.30pm

U15 Coaches: Paul Grech 0457709629

Mark Williamson 0427488602

U13 Coach: Nathan Porter 0457066781

U11 Coach: Phillip Knowles 0407399971

Woolworths Cricket Blast

Commencing Friday 25th October

Brown Hill Reserve 4.30pm

Require Further Information:

Contact: Phillip Knowles 0407399971

Phillip.knowles1960@gmail.com



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

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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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