



Napoleons Primary School Newsletter #23

31st July 2025

Calendar

1st August – Writers festival excursion – bird world

4th – 14th August – Writers festival

12th August – Gymnastics F-3 (1-2pm)

15th August – Celebration day with pancakes by the PFA

15th August – 1:15pm
School open to families for writers festival celebration day

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18th August – Wellbeing info evening at 3:35pm

18th – 22nd August – Book week

19th August – Gymnastics F-3 (1-2pm)

20th August – Dress up day for book week

27th – 29th August – 4/5/6 camp in Melbourne

26th August – Gymnastics F-3 (1-2pm)

Year F/1

Bayleigh B.

For her amazing bird craft.

Well done Bayleigh!

Year 1/2

Kayden H.

For his enthusiasm and effort during numeracy sessions.

I am really proud of you!!

Year 3/4

Rusty B.

For his creative writing about what he would change about his holidays.

Year 5/6 G

Henry S.

For his enthusiasm about our class novel 'Black Beauty' and being our horse expert.

Year 5/6 H

Nathan C.

For sharing his excellent knowledge of computers with classmates



Happy National Pyjama Day!

On Monday our students celebrated National Pyjama Day (which was actually last Friday, however we already had a scheduled event for senior students that day). It was great, on such a chilly day, to have students arrive at school in their warm and decorative pjs. Students enjoyed a shared story all together and shared some French toast which was prepared by students in 3/4 and they did an amazing job to prepare enough to feed the whole school. Students also had the opportunity to see the movie *Thelma the Unicorn*, which we had planned for the last day of term, however due to internet difficulties on that day, we couldn't watch. It was a great day 😊

National Tree Planning Day!



The National celebrations continue. Our Year 5/6 students went down to the Franklin Bridge to support the Napoleons-Enfield Landcare Group with their annual tree planting, last Friday. The weather was chilly and windy but dry and our students did a great job with ensuring the local environment is well populated with native trees. Thank you to Mrs Hutt, Mrs Gartlan and all the students who attended from our Year 5/6 classes.

Thank you to the Buninyong Community Bank



This week we were advised that our application for funding to replace the basketball backboards, rings and nets and the purchase of some 'shop' cubbies to make a 'shopping street' for imaginative play has been granted by the Buninyong Community Bank.

We value play opportunities that are inclusive of a variety of interests and hope that this will provide this diversity for the students in our school. We have students who love team sports and students who prefer imaginative play. Many thanks to the bank for providing us \$5,235 to cover the costs of adding these facilities to our playground area. This will add to our improvements to the sandpit area (Federal Grant in 2023), the new F/1 playground (Inclusive Schools Grant in 2024) and the new soccer goals funded by our PFA (2025).



Ready Settle Learn (RSL)

Many of you will be aware that some of our students participate in a smaller group program to start their day. This includes some quiet time to settle, some time to go through the schedule for the day and note any changes or special events and an opportunity for students to re-set themselves prior to entering the classroom. In addition to this program, we now offer *RSL small groups*. These are 20 to 30 minutes of a focus that meets different children at their point of need. These groups are flexible and depend on the need required. Some of the focus areas included are fine motor skills, social and emotional skills, Literacy and Numeracy. These may run for a few weeks up to a term and each student's needs will be monitored and the program continued or discontinued as required. If you have any questions about your child's involvement in these small group focus sessions please contact either myself, Kate O'Loughlin or Amy Fitzgerald.

I will be taking 7 days Long Service Leave to attend my nephew's wedding in Perth from Tuesday next week (returning Thursday in Week 4). Judy Hutt will be Acting Principal in my absence. Thanks to Judy and all staff for their support in these arrangements.



Sue Izard
Principal

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Class News

Term 3 Week 2

F/1

We have been making birds in our writing lessons this week for the Writer's Festival. In Maths we like learning about numbers and adding them. We have been reading our class book, 'Waddle Gigggle Gargle' which is about a swooping magpie.

We are very excited to visit Bird World tomorrow!

By Angus, Ollie and Harry.

1/2

I loved the bird stuff we've done. We've been learning about birds because tomorrow we are going to bird world (Sienna D).

I liked how this week we've been researching about birds. My bird was a black necked stalk (Holly R).

I liked the research about birds because I learnt lots about the grey petrol (Adaline).

On pyjama day we watched 'Thelma the Unicorn'. Pyjama day was the most fun (Hunter).

I liked pyjama day because we got to wear pyjamas (Dylan)

Everyone got to be warm and looked good (Nate).

We loved pyjama day (Adaline)

We got to be comfy and warm (Sienna D)

3/4

In Maths we have been looking at partitioning numbers. I know that $1+19=20$. Everyone is going to look at different varieties of birds tomorrow. Ricky

This week we have been researching an A-Z writing piece for the Writer's Festival. Jude

In ICT this week, I taught everyone a new technique to get into Google Classroom. Chaz

In Maths, we have been working on picking a special number and writing as many ways we can partition (break a number into two parts). Steph

Tomorrow we have our Bird World Excursion and we are going to love it! Slade

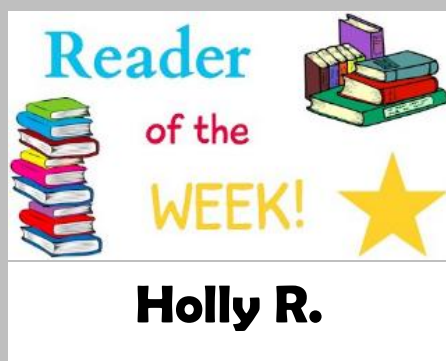
Tomorrow we are going to go to Bird World and we are going to see many types of bird species and some might mimic us! Ruby

5/6 G and H

We are getting excited about our Writer's Festival in the senior years. It is a great way to not only improve our writing but also showcase all our fantastic work. We are looking forward to the excursion to Bird World tomorrow too.

We managed to plant over 200 trees and grasses for the local landcare group last Friday. It was cold but lots of hard work kept us warm! Monday's PJ Day was lots of fun too and we thank the 3/4 class for cooking the whole school some yummy French toast!

Our focus in maths this week has been about fractions- finding equivalent fractions, counting by fractions, working with improper fractions and challenging ourselves to gain greater understanding of these.



OSHC News with Danielle and Kristen

We've been thrilled to launch into our very own **Writer's Festival**! The children have been busy crafting imaginative stories, designing their own comics, and even role-playing as teachers in a game of "schools."

We've also had a lot of fun with three giant cardboard boxes—turning them into shops, boats, family homes, and cosy cubbies. It's been a joy to watch their creativity come to life through play and storytelling.

Ready to support your child with Before and After School Care

Please remember to book your children into before school care if you need to drop them off earlier than 8:45am.

Please remember advertised fees are greatly reduced when you apply the Child Care Subsidy (CCS). Napoleons OSHC is open from 7am each day, until the 9am bell and reopens at 3:30pm for the after-school program which concludes at 6pm each night. Parents can make bookings via the following link:

https://prodadmin.myxplor.com/enrollment_v2/centre/x59V4dmEiRga0jfjM94231W4yA?param=



OSHC Award

Sienna E.

For coming up with creative dances and making us smile

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is off to a great start this term! We're open bright and early, providing students with a welcoming space and a nutritious start to their day. Each morning, children can enjoy a selection of breakfast options such as toast, cereal, fruit, and milk. It's a great time for students to fuel up, connect with friends, and ease into the school day in a relaxed and supportive environment.

All students are welcome—there's no need to book, just come along! We'd like to thank our wonderful volunteers and staff for making Breakfast Club possible each week.

Breakfast club is open 8:30-9:00 in the Auslan and OSHC room. There is toast, cereal, fruit, and milk available



Playgroup

Napoleons Primary School Play Group

Playgroup sessions operate with Danielle Edwards, our OSHC Educator, every **2 weeks from 9am to 11am**. Sessions are hosted in the second room of the Napoleons Kindergarten. Playgroup is open to parents and their children who are under school age (from babies up to 5 years of age)

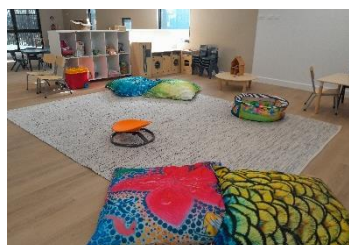
This term, we've been lucky to receive some fantastic new resources from the kinder—thank you! The clear favourites so far have been the ball pit and the wobbly chair, bringing lots of smiles and fun to our playgroup sessions.

If you have enquiries about Playgroup, feel free to text 0494 322 830 or email us, and I'll get back to you during OSHC hours.

The dates for Term 3 are:



14th August 28th August
11th September



PARENT AND FAMILY INFORMATION SESSION

Wellbeing and Rights, Resilience and Respectful Relationships

Monday 18th of August, 2025 - 3.35pm (in the OLA)

Respectful relationships education is part of the Victorian Curriculum and delivered by all Victorian government schools. Napoleons Primary School has been delivering the program for over 3 years now as part of our Wellbeing. It supports students to develop the knowledge, attitudes and skills needed for respectful relationships, and helps to build respect and equality across the entire school community.

Research tells us that providing respectful relationships education at school can lead to positive impacts on students' academic outcomes, their mental health, classroom behaviour and relationships.

Our school uses the Department of Education's evidence-based teaching and learning resources to teach our students about Respectful Relationships from Foundation to Grade 6.

The Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships resources have 8 topics; emotional literacy, personal and cultural strengths, resilience, problem-solving, stress-management, help-seeking, gender norms and stereotypes and positive gender relations.

We are fortunate to offer the opportunity to have Hannah Taylor (ALiaison - Respectful Relationships from the Central Highlands Area) to provide an overview of the Respectful Relationships and answer any questions that you may have, with support from NPS staff.

If you can't make the session and would like some further information about Respectful Relationships education, you can contact Sue Izard (Principal) or Christine Gartlan (Wellbeing Leader/Classroom Teacher) and visit the Victorian Government's Respectful Relationships page: <https://www.vic.gov.au/respectful-relationships>



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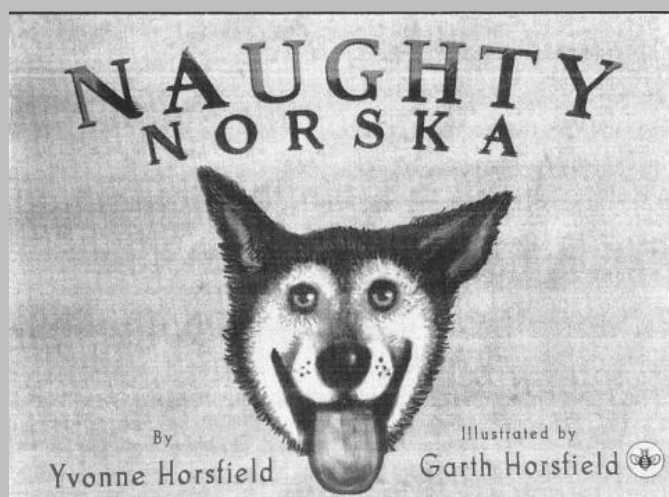
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Writer's Festival Celebration Day

Parents, families, and the wider community are invited to attend this year's Writer's Festival Celebration Day on 15th August from 1:15 pm. Your children have begun working hard to produce writing pieces around this year's theme 'Birds.' We are extremely lucky to have a local author coming to read her books, show the original artworks and sign any purchased books (see pre-order information). It is planned that the author, Yvonne Horsfield, will commence her session at approximately 1:30 pm followed by the opportunity to view all the students writing and displays. The afternoon will conclude at normal school finishing time at 3:30 pm and we will leave all displays up for a few weeks for those who are unable to attend to visit on this day before or after school. (8:45 - 9:00 am or 3:30 - 4:00 pm with prior arrangement with a teacher). We hope that you can attend.

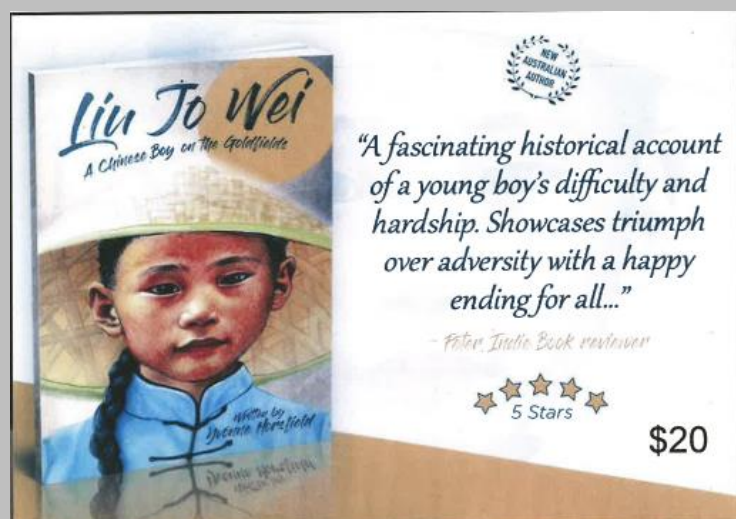


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