

# Napoleons Primary School Newsletter #24

7<sup>th</sup> August 2025

#### **Calendar**

4th - 14th August - Writers festival

**12**<sup>th</sup> **August** – Gymnastics F-3 (1-2pm)

**15<sup>th</sup> August** – Celebration day with pancakes by the PFA

**15<sup>th</sup> August** – 1:15pm School open to families for writers festival celebration day

**18**<sup>th</sup> **August** – RRRR info evening at 3:35pm

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18th - 22nd August - Book week

**19**<sup>th</sup> **August** – Gymnastics F-3 (1-2pm)

20<sup>th</sup> August – Dress up day for book week

**27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> August** – 4/5/6 camp in Melbourne

**26**<sup>th</sup> **August** – Gymnastics F-3 (1-2pm)

**1st September** – 3 way conferences. Students finish at 12:30

#### Year F/1

Rossi A

For his excellent efforts colouring and publishing for the writers festival

#### **Year 1/2**

Dylan

For his sensational work and attitude in the classroom this week.

Well done Dylan.

#### Year 3/4

Miley W.

For her fabulous efforts with her writing tasks

#### Year 5/6 G

Ella K.

Neve M.

For showing fantastic initiative and perseverance in maths

#### Year 5/6 H

Craig L

For being a fantastic role model for the younger students

#### Writer's Festival



It is exciting to walk around our school at the moment and see all classes embarking on writing to be published and displayed for our Writer' Festival. The Writer's Festival is not only an opportunity for all students to showcase their writing and writing skills, but it also gives classes the chance to be creative with different types of writing.

It gives students a real purpose for writing, and it is great to see the pride the students have with each piece they produce.

We look forward to our Celebration Day for the festival on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August when our school will be open to the public for the afternoon to view all displays. We will have the author of Meg, Mog and Miss Molly, Yvonne Horsfield, visit to talk to the students and families from approximately 1:30 pm. As seen in last week's and this newsletter she has books available for pre-sales or on the day with cash sales only. Yvonne is happy to sign these books too.

We hope to see many families at the Celebration Day. Those who are not able to attend can see the displays for the following couple of weeks either before school; from 8:45-9:00 am or after school until 4:00 pm with prior arrangements with teachers.

#### 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 Sue Izard, Kate O'Loughlin or Amy Fitzgerald.

Sue Izard is taking 7 days Long Service Leave to attend her nephew's wedding in Perth from Tuesday this week

(returning Thursday in Week 4). I am Acting Principal in her absence.

Thanks,

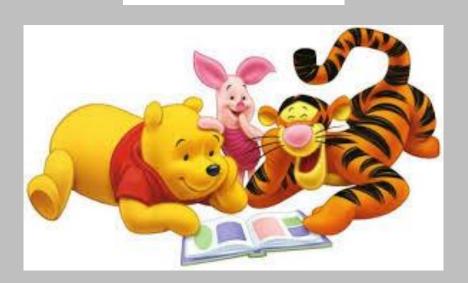


**Judy Hutt** 

Acting principal



# Ruby C.



# Congrajulations!

# For 25 Nights

Rusty B.

## For 50 Nights

Kayden H. Talon R.

## For 75 Nights

Oliver T. Chaz T.

# For 100 Nights

Ethan H. Hollie S. Leroy B.

# For 125 Nights

Bayleigh B. Harrison C. Thomas C.

Lawson R. Ella K.

Navinah W.

Ivy T.

# For 150 Nights

Cian J. Oliver O.

# For 175 Nights

Lucy G. Bella D.

Milla D.

River F. Emma H.

For 200 Nights

Adaline K.

#### **Class News**

Term 3 Week 3

#### F/1

We have been working very hard on our Writer's Festival pieces and are excited to display our work. We have been learning all about birds; where they live, what they eat and what they drink.

We loved the excursion to Bird World. We loved the maze and the dinosaurs. It was so fun! By Evie, Angus and Darcy.

#### 1/2

Everyone in class has been enjoying preparing for the Writer's Festival and the various bird activities I liked this week because we made a lot of bird creations for the Writer's Festival (Sienna D)

When we did 'Sounds Write' focusing on lots of sounds. We made a cloud, kite, and flowers (Hollie S)

For writers festival we made birds and cages for them using glitter, feathers, and other crafty stuff (Holly R) I enjoyed making the bird cages because we got to use strips of paper and decorate them. We also made birds using feathers and glitter (Adaline)

It was fun making bird cages (Lawson)

I liked playing 'Monster balls' in P.E. We got to throw little balls at a bigger ball and try to get it past the other teams line (Talon)

#### 3/4

This week we have been continuing working on an A-Z list about birds. (Jude)

We have been learning about birds for two weeks. (Rusty)

Our class has read two books about birds this week - Max and The Great Chicken Mystery. (Summer)

Wonderful Grade 3/4 have started an animal information report for our Writer's Festival. (Chaz)

In STEAM, we made a bird feeder out of honey and bird seed. (Ruby)

For the past week, we have been learning about fractions like  $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{1}{3}$ , whole and lots more in Maths. We also had fun playing fraction pizza bingo! (Morgan)

We have been reading a chapter book called Pencil O'Reilly and it's about a football game. (Riley)

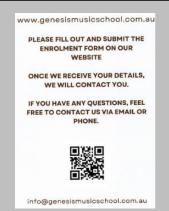
#### 5/6 G and H

By Pip, Emma, Sarah, and Charlotte

I liked doing the writer's festival work, and how we got to have a choice about what we do and write about. We liked bird world and doing bird activities this week about it

Learning about fractions and how to add them up, find equivalent numbers, and using different denominators. We liked measuring different things in maths.

It's funny watching Raph do his "Rapha dance".







Music lessons will now be on a **Friday** for those students who have enrolled

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# **OSHC News with Danielle and Kristen**

This week in OSHC, the children enjoyed a range of fun activities! We played plenty of tennis, made delicious cinnamon scrolls, and got creative with Writers Festival tasks. A new favourite card game, *Unusual Suspects*, was also a big hit. The children have been designing posters using Canva, with Henry impressing everyone by sharing his knowledge and helping others—he even taught me a thing or two!

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.

#### **OSHC Award**

**Henry Smith** 

For helping us learn technology with patience

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=







# **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:



14<sup>th</sup> August 28<sup>th</sup> August

11<sup>th</sup> September







#### Napoleons Playgroup is on Facebook!

Stay up to date with what's happening at our Playgroup by following our Facebook page. We share updates, photos, and information about upcoming sessions and special events. Just search

"Napoleons Playgroup" on Facebook and give us a follow!



#### Wellbeing and Rights, Resilience and Respectful Relationships

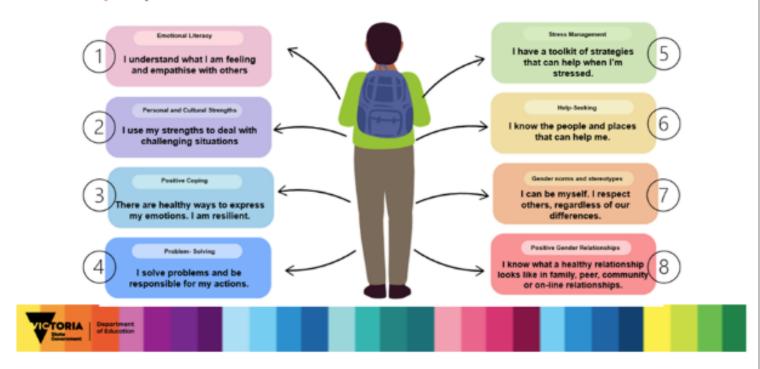
#### PARENT AND FAMILY INFORMATION SESSION

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

With Hannah Taylor - A/Liaison - Respectful Relationships from the Central Highlands Area

We are fortunate to offer the opportunity to have Hannah to provide an overview of the Respectful Relationships, each of the topics and answer any questions that you may have, with support from NPS staff.

# RRRR | Topics 1-8



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: <a href="https://www.vic.gov.au/respectful-relationships">https://www.vic.gov.au/respectful-relationships</a>

# Pancake Day

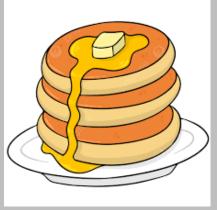
Pancake day lunch is on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August

Pancakes and Hot chocolate for \$6

Due by Thursday 14th August end on school

Available to purchase from Compass through the Canteen section.

Details will be on compass.





# **Book Week**

Dress up day for book week is 20<sup>th</sup> August

Come dressed in your best costumes.

This years theme is 'Book an adventure'





# NAPOLEONS GENERAL STORE

# LUNCH ORDER MENU 2025

PIE & PASTIE	\$ 5.50
SAUSAGE ROLL	\$ 5.00
PARTY PIE	\$ 2.80
HOT DOG	\$ 4.99
PIZZA HAM & CHEESE	\$ 5.00
STEAMED DIMSIM	\$ 1.50
CHICKEN NUGGETS	\$ 1.00

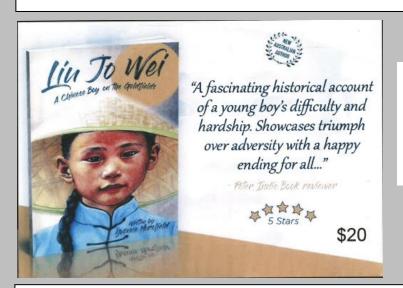
HAM & CHEESE	\$ 5.99
HAM CHEESE TOMATO	\$ 5.99
CHICKEN CHEESE MAYO	\$ 5.99
EGG & LETTUCE	\$ 5.99
CHEESE SANDWICH	\$ 4.99

DRINKS		SNACKS		
LARGE MILK CHOC OR STRAWBERRY	\$ 6.00	YO YO BISCUIT	\$ 2.50	
SMALL MILK CHOC OR STRAWBERRY	\$ 3.50	ICY POLE LEMONADE	\$ 2.50	
POP TOP - APPLE ,ORANGE , APPLE- BLACKCURRANT	\$ 3.50	POTATO CAKE	\$2.00	
WATER	\$ 3.00	MINI MUFFINS	\$2.80	



# Writer's Festival Celebration Day

Parents, families, and the wider community are invited to attend this year's Writer's Festival Celebration Day on 15<sup>th</sup> 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.



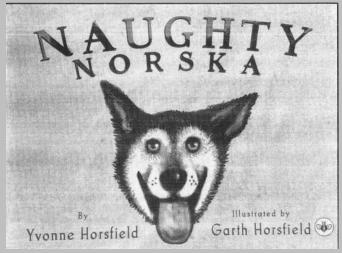
\$20 each Limited Copies remaining

Please pre-order your books of choice.

Place cash in an envelope with amount, book titles, and student's name. Return to the office

Books available on the day which can be signed by the author. Cash sales only.





# RESPECT

our school staff



Be the role model your child deserves.





BASKETBALL PROGRAMS

TERM 3

Mini Miners (2-4 years old)

Ausse Hoops (4-11 years old)

Holiday Camps (5-14 years old)

All Abilities Hoops (5-18 years old)

Next Level (10-15 years old)



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CHAMPIONSHIPS

MAJOR LEAGUE INDOOR SPORTS

502 HOWITT STREET, BALLARAT

**GRADES 3 & 4** 

BOYS & GIRLS CHAMPIONSHIP TUES 12TH AUG 2025 **GRADES 5 & 6** 

BOYS & GIRLS CHAMPIONSHIP THURS 14TH AUG 2025



\$12 PER CHILD

FOR MORE INFORMATION & TO NOMINATE

Primary School Championships Co-Ordinator

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NOMINATIONS CLOSE 31ST JULY 2025