

Napoleons Primary School Newsletter #25

14th August 2025

Calendar

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

18th **August** – RRRR info evening at 3:35pm

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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)

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

Year F/1

Everlyn

For her wonderful work using number lines to help with addition and subtraction

Year 1/2

Hunter

For his outstanding effort with his writers festival work

Well done Hunter!

Year 3/4

Emily - Jane

For her fantastic research about Cockatoo's for her information report

Year 5/6 G

Bella

For taking on feedback and applying it to your writing to make it even better

Year 5/6 H

Matilda

For creating fantastic work for the Writer's Festival

Writers' Festival



I am so excited to see all the work that is being displayed through our Writers' Festival activities. I returned today from a week away and the school has been transformed in so many areas. There are birds everywhere! It is great to see students looking to the skies to see which birds they might recognise. I hope you are all able to come along tomorrow afternoon for our celebration. If you are unable to attend, please know that the work will be displayed for another few weeks to ensure families can come along before school (8:45-9am) or after school (3:30-4pm) to admire students' work. Please ensure that you make arrangements with your child's teacher to facilitate these visits.

PFA will be providing pancakes on Friday so please ensure your orders are in by 3:30pm today. See Compass for further information.

Foundation to Year 3 Gymnastics



Last week was the first week of a 5-week program of gymnastics. This opportunity is offered to our younger students as the Year 4/5/6 students have access to Winter Sports through the Linton District Schools Sports Association.

Students enjoyed their first week and I'm sure will continue to enjoy the activities offered through the Ballarat Aquatic and Leisure Centre.

Melbourne Camp (Year 4/5/6)

We are fast approaching the Senior Camp for this year. In Week 6 (in 2 week's time), our students and Senior teachers head off to Melbourne for their city camp experience. Notices for medical needs and dietary requirements have been sent home today so please ensure these are completed promptly and returned as soon as possible to ensure the needs of your child or children are addressed.



Book Week is next Week!

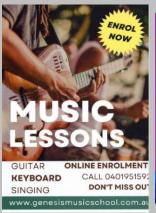
We are getting very excited about this year's CBCA Book Week next week, with the theme *Book an Adventure*. **Our dress up day will be Wednesday** 20th so please take the opportunity to dress in a way that is in keeping with your favourite book character or theme.

Thank you to our school students and staff for their kind words and gifts as part of National Principal's Day. It was a lovely, unexpected surprise to hear our school captains' words at assembly on Friday 1st August.

Many thanks to Judy Hutt for her role as Acting Principal in my absence last week and the first half of this week. Thanks to all staff for their support during this time.



Sue Izard Principal





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

Phone: 0401 951 592



Head lice

We have had a few cases of head lice in the school. Could all parents please ensure that they regularly check their child's hair and treat them if needed. We are noticing that there are a lot of students, with longer than shoulder length hair, coming to school without their hair-tired back. It is advised to put this hair up to avoid the chance of getting head lice and to keep them safe whilst playing

Class News

Term 3 Week 4

F/1

I liked gymnastics. My favourite was the foam pit (Darcy)

I liked making my Emu from 'Edward the Emu and Edwina the Emu' (Bayleigh)

We love learning about lots of birds (Neeko)

I love emus, my Emu has lots of feathers (Oliver T)

1/2

I liked colouring in our hexagons for Writer's Festival (Hollie S). I liked doing the Hexagons today (Talon and Kayden)

Preparing for Writer's Festival celebration (Kendrix). My favourite part about this week was doing all different things about birds for Writer's Festival (Sienna D)

Painting for Writer's Festival (Nate). It was fun painting the 'Sneetches' from Dr Seuss (Adaline) Talon and Kayden both agreed they liked making the bird cages in STEAM. Lawson and Ethan Ha both stated they liked making hanging wire bird cages. Sienna E agreed enthusiastically with Kristen that she liked creating the wire bird

We have been finishing off Writer's Festival for tomorrow (Holly R)

I liked making pigeons in art (Lawson)

3/4

At gymnastics we had to listen first and then we had to go on with our activities. It was really exciting and we got to go on almost everything. (Alayna)

While the Grade 3s were at gymnastics, the Grade 4s went to 5/6 classrooms and did our Digital Portfolio and played some games like Minecraft Education. (Bella)

Tomorrow is our Celebration Day for our Writer's Festival. Our theme is birds. Our work is piling up and we are getting so much done! (Summer)

Next week is Book Week and we are celebrating the theme 'Book an adventure!' Also, our school is having a dress up day on Wednesday as our favourite book character. (Chaz)

For Book Week, some of us have been getting our costumes ready at home. I am super excited! (Emily)

5/6 G and H

The feathers have been flying in Grade 5/6 with student writing and excitement around our Writer's Festival! It has been fantastic to see how the students have approached their writing tasks—planning, re-reading, editing, upleveling, and publishing their work. We are really looking forward to sharing their writing with you. We hope you can make it in on Friday, or pop in at some stage, to check out your child's work. We're also enjoying our class novel and tuning into the different words and phrases from a time gone by that the author uses—it's sparking some great discussion! In Maths this week, we've been exploring number patterns. We also learned a little more about using Google Sheets and applying formulas to create number patterns.







OSHC News with Danielle and Kristen

This week in OSHC, we enjoyed a variety of fun and creative activities. In the sandpit, we got busy digging holes, using excavators and dump trucks, and creating our own construction zones. Out on the tennis court, we played plenty of matches, with our more experienced players kindly sharing tips and teaching new skills to others. To celebrate Bird Week, we also enjoyed some colourful bird-themed craft activities.



OSHC Award

Bayleigh

For always caring about others when at OSHC





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=

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







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

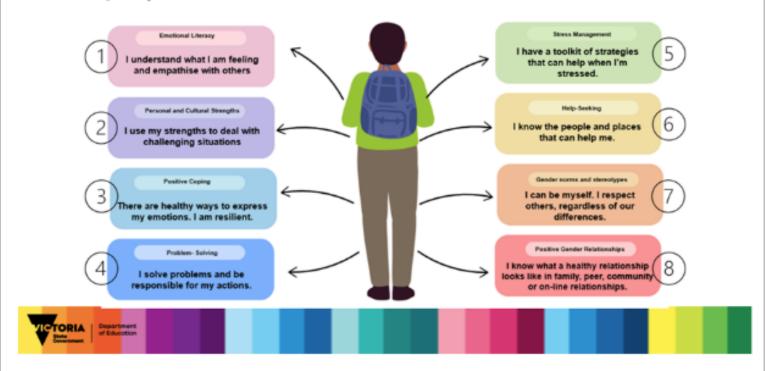
PARENT AND FAMILY INFORMATION SESSION

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

Pancake Day

Pancake day lunch is on Friday 15th August

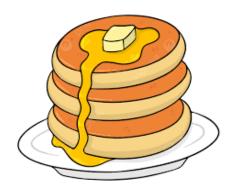
Pancakes and Hot chocolate for \$6

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 20th August

Come dressed in your best costumes.

This years theme is 'Book an adventure'





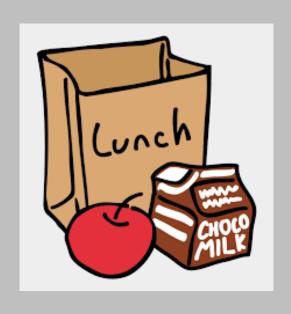
NAPOLEONS GENERAL STORE

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

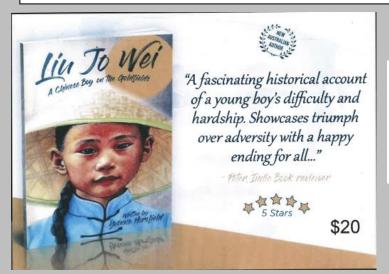
HAM & CHEESE	\$ 5.99
HAM CHEESE TOMATO	\$ 5.99
CHICKEN CHEESE MAYO	\$ 5.99
EGG & LETTUCE	\$ 5.99
CHEESE SANDWICH	\$ 4.99

DRINKS			
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 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.



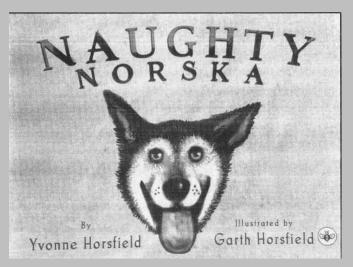
\$20 each Limited Copies remaining

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)

