



Napoleons Primary School Newsletter #28

4th September 2025

Calendar

5th September – Fathers Day breakfast and stall

2nd September – Gymnastics F-3 (1-2pm)

9th September – Gymnastics F-3 (1-2pm)

17th September – 2026 foundation transition day (9-10am)

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18th September – Student last day 3:30 finish

19th September – Maths focus – Pupil free day

14th October – 2026 foundation transition day (9-11am)

17th October – Food fight colour run

24th October – Swimming for Foundation – grade 3

28th October – 5/6 Auslan excursion

Year F/1

Oliver T.

For making great learning choices in the classroom.

Well done.

Year 1/2

Ethan Ho

For applying yourself in all your work.

You are doing amazing

Year 3/4

Summer D.

For having a positive and cheerful attitude in our classroom

Year 5/6 G

Anna G.

For taking on feedback, setting goals in maths and persisting.

Year 5/6 H

Lily B.

For creating a fantastic 'writing seed' for a newspaper article about Herbert the Dog

3-way conferences



Thanks to all families who were able to attend their child's / children's 3-way conference on Monday. It was very encouraging to walk around and see our students showing off their work, their achievements and hear of the work they are currently doing or about areas they wish to improve. We have a few families who could not make a time on Monday, so if this is you, please ensure you contact your teacher to organise another, suitable time.

Fathers' Day Breakfast and PFA Fathers' Day Stall - **it's tomorrow!**

We will be celebrating the Dads or Special people in our lives with our annual Fathers' Day Breakfast. We welcome all families to come along at 8am on Friday morning for breakfast - a great way to begin your day before heading off to work. Our amazing PFA will be hosting a Fathers' Day gift stall for students who wish to bring money along to buy a gift for their Dad or the Special Person in their lives.

RUOK Day - Thursday 11th September – **wear your yellow**



Thursday next week is our RUOK Day. We are inviting all students to wear some yellow as a way to raise awareness of this shared public health promotion encouraging people to stay connected and have conversations that can help others through difficult times. There is no donation or cost for this day. We look forward to seeing everyone in their yellow. Students will participate in a range of related activities during the day.

Last Day of Term – Thursday 18th September



In 2 weeks, on Thursday 18th September we have our Footy Colours Day. This can be any sport – it can be local sport - football, soccer, rugby or AFL team colours. Again there will be no donation required. The PFA will be selling hotdogs for lunch on this day and there will be a cost for those who want to buy the PFA lunch (more details on this later).

Please be reminded that **Thursday 18th September is the last day of term for students** as staff have a professional learning day on Friday 19th September so this will be a pupil free day.



Sue Izard
Principal

Fathers' Day /Special Persons' Stall - Friday

Can all families please note that the PFA will operate a gift purchase stall on Friday after the Fathers' Day Breakfast. All gifts will be priced at between \$2 and \$10. If you wish for your child to make purchases, please ensure they have cash for this to occur on Friday. Thank you.

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-tied back. It is advised to put this hair up to avoid the chance of getting head lice and to keep them safe whilst playing



For 100 Nights

Ollie T

For 150 Nights

Jude P

For 175 Nights

Cian J

For 200 Nights

Oliver O

Class News

Term 3 Week 7

F/1

This week we had Learning Conferences. We had fun and we liked showing our parents maps of our bedrooms and birds we made.

Tuesday we had fun at gymnastics. We love going on the bus.

We are also having fun learning about the days of the week.

By Darcy and Olive

1/2

I liked all the art projects we've done this week, and I liked having Kristen in here as a student teacher (Adaline). I like how most days we go with Mrs Fitz. Today we did a word search with me, Thomas, and Sienna E (Dylan)

I'm excited for the Father's day stand for tomorrow (Hollie S)

We have been doing lots of 'cold writs' to get strength in the body in our writing (Holly R)

I liked making newspapers today (Nate). I liked when we made the newspapers. We got a sheet of paper and we wrote a scandal (Ethan Ho)

I liked going to the library and doing recounts (Kendrix)

Sienna E was discussing with Kristen and said she really liked gymnastics. Everything about gymnastics was fun.

3/4

In Maths we played Battleships. We each had a partner and it was super fun to guess your partner's location on the grid reference. (Summer)

We've been reading a novel called Pencil O'Reilly and it's about him wanting to be drafted to Essendon Football Club and he does! His dad has had an accident with a tractor and Pencil has to feed the cows to help out. (Jude)

Camp was fun because we did some fun activities like ice skating, IMAX, Aquarium, Museum, Sky Deck and we had our own Napoleons Talent Show. It was amazing! (Chaz)

Next week is our last Gymnastics lesson and we don't want it to end! (Emily)

On 3 way conferences we invited our parents to come and see our work. The students did most of the talking and we shared our Digital Portfolios and we were really proud of our efforts. (Tiki)

5/6 G and H

Thank you to all families who attended the 3 way conferences on Monday. It is great to see the students showing their families the work that they are proud of.

It seems like ages since camp, however it was a fantastic experience for all. We hope that those who came back feeling unwell are on the mend! Our recount cartoons for camp are great with the children depicting many of the different activities we did.

Area and perimeter have been on the timetable for Maths this week with children enjoying playing 'land grab' and using the different calculations to compete with this.

Have a great weekend everyone!

OSHC News with Danielle and Kristen

This week at OSHC, the children have enjoyed a wide variety of activities both indoors and outdoors. We baked delicious banana muffins together, which filled the room with warm, sweet smells and were enjoyed by all. Outdoors, there was plenty of active fun, with children splashing in puddles, racing Hot Wheels cars, and spending time in the sandpit. We also explored the beautiful cherry blossoms, sparking curiosity and appreciation for nature.

Sensory play was another highlight, giving children the chance to explore different textures and experiences. In addition, some of our older children worked on creating posters as a quick reference guide for what steps to take in an emergency situation—an important project that supports responsibility and safety awareness.

It has been a week filled with creativity, learning, and play!



OSHC Award

Piper

For creative play in
the sandpit

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/x59V4dmEiRga0ifjM94231W4yA?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

Our local Play Group has been buzzing with energy, laughter, and plenty of play! From ball pits and building blocks to trains, music, and balancing games, children have the chance to explore, play, and grow in a safe and welcoming environment.

As you can see in the photos, there's always something happening – whether it's little ones crawling and exploring sensory toys, toddlers building train tracks, or preschoolers testing their balance and coordination. Parents, grandparents, and carers enjoy the chance to connect while their children play together.

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)

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 upcoming dates are:

11th September 9th October 23rd October 6th November 20th November 4th December 18th December



NAPOLEONS PLAYGROUP



PLEASE COME AND JOIN US
FOR PLAYGROUP AT
NAPOLEONS KINDERGARTEN
EVERY SECOND THURSDAY
FROM 9-11
4721 COLAC-BALLARAT RD,
NAPOLEONS

TERM 3 DATES
31/7
14/8
28/8
11/9

For more information please contact
Danielle on: 0494322830
or
danielle.edwards3@education.vic.gov.au



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!



Bunnings BBQ

Bunnings BBQ is being held Saturday 1st November

Volunteers required

Please contact office with your availability if you can assist on the day



R U OK? Day

On Thursday 11th September, our school will join people all around Australia in recognising **R U OK? Day**. It is a special day to remind everyone that a simple question, “Are you OK?”, can make a big difference in someone’s life.

The theme this year is about starting conversations and really listening to each other. We encourage students, staff and families to check in with friends, classmates and loved ones, not just on this day, but every day.



To help recognise the day, we invite everyone to **wear a splash of yellow** on Thursday. Yellow is the colour of R U OK? Day and a bright reminder to look out for one another.

At school, classes will also talk about how to be a good friend, how to notice if someone might need support, and what to do if you are worried about someone. We want all our students to know that it’s always OK to ask for help and that there are people who care and are ready to listen.

Let’s take the time this week to pause, look out for one another and remember the power of a caring conversation.



2025 Parents Caregivers and Guardians Opinion Survey

Dear Families,

Please access the Parent Caregiver and Guardian Survey at the following link:

<https://research.orima.com/parent>

and use the following access PIN

Napoleons Primary School's generic PIN is:

433120

We encourage all families to have their say and please only submit one survey per person.

Thank you

Sue Izard



www.genesismusicschool.com.au

PLEASE FILL OUT AND SUBMIT THE
ENROLMENT FORM ON OUR
WEBSITE

ONCE WE RECEIVE YOUR DETAILS,
WE WILL CONTACT YOU.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, FEEL
FREE TO CONTACT US VIA EMAIL OR
PHONE.



info@genesismusicschool.com.au

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

Phone: 0401 951 592

The Junior School Council are organising our Foodbank Food Fight on Friday October 17th in Term 4. Foodbank is currently feeding thousands of families in need every day and they provide our school with lots of food each Term. **Each student has been given a form to take home and it tells you how to make a profile so that you can start fundraising.**

Every student who creates a profile will be given a Zooper Dooper!

It's the messiest, most fun way to help raise funds to feed those in need!



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
SMALL MILK CHOC OR STRAWBERRY	\$ 3.50
POP TOP - APPLE ,ORANGE , APPLE- BLACKCURRANT	\$ 3.50
WATER	\$ 3.00

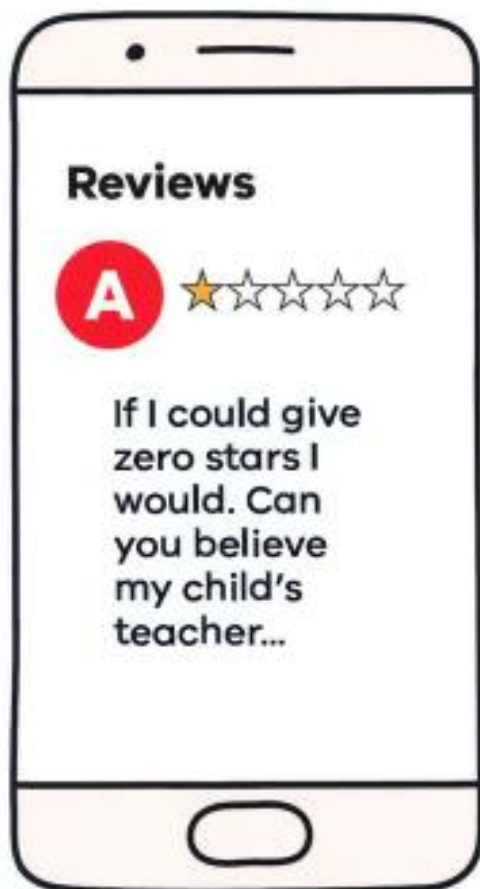
SNACKS

YO YO BISCUIT	\$ 2.50
ICY POLE LEMONADE	\$ 2.50
POTATO CAKE	\$2.00
MINI MUFFINS	\$2.80



RESPECT

our school staff



 "I can say what I want – I'm just being honest."

 Think before you post

**Be the role model
your child deserves.**



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FREE School Holiday Program

Ballarat Primary School Students

Build confidence, connection and capability - this school holiday.

Since 2022, Paw Pals has partnered with local Ballarat schools to support student wellbeing through therapy dog-assisted learning.

We're excited to bring our school holiday program to Ballarat! Our free program builds on the foundation of Paw Pals with fun, engaging activities designed to strengthen peer connection, boost self-confidence, and foster independence.

Free to Attend
Grades 4-6
September 22, 23, 24, 10AM - 2PM
Lucas Community Hub, 17 Coltman Plaza, Lucas

Activities are based on the Paw Pals Curriculum, which aligns with the general capabilities in the Victorian Curriculum.

Spots are limited. Get in touch with us today to secure your place.

Contact: Kath Anderson
0417 461 161
kathleen.anderson@mackillop.org.au
mackillop.org.au/programs/paw-pals

This holiday program is made possible thanks to the generous support of

MacKillop Family Services | **Paw Pals Program**

MacKillop Family Services acknowledges the Traditional Custodians and their Elders in each of the communities where we work. MacKillop celebrates and draws strength from diversity and respects the dignity of all people. We value and create a culture where everyone, regardless of race, gender, gender diverse, sexual orientation and sexual people (GLOD) have the right to be safe.

“Thankyou so much for making me happy and making me enjoy my time”
July Intake Student

Pop Con

Ballarat's favourite pop culture convention returns for its 6th year — and it's FREE! Join us for a full day of fun, fandom, and family-friendly vibes. No tickets required! PopCon is full of free activities including crafts, board games, live action roleplay, as well as a selection of over 40 market and food stalls, and our Cosplay Competition. Whether you're a cosplayer, gamer, anime fan, or just looking for something awesome to do with the kids — PopCon is for YOU.

11am - 4pm Sunday 28th September
Civic Hall and Ballarat Library - 300 Mair Street, Ballarat Central

PopCon 2025 is an all-ages event, safe and secure, strictly no alcohol, drugs, vaping or smoking permitted.

BALLARAT'S ANNUAL POP CULTURE CONVENTION

PopCon

2025

**SUNDAY 28TH
SEPTEMBER
11 AM - 4 PM**
**CIVIC HALL +
BALLARAT
LIBRARY
300 MAIR ST
BALLARAT**

FREE ENTRY!

**FREE GAMES +
ACTIVITIES**

COSPLAY COMPETITION

**MARKET STALLS +
ARTISTS**

CHILL SPACE

AND MORE...

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TO FIND OUT MORE**

A Victorian Government initiative, all-ages event, drug, alcohol + smoke-free, safe and secure
The City of Ballarat is committed to being a child safe organisation and has zero tolerance for child abuse and harm

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IT'S PLAY TIME!

V/Line Cup Fever

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM BALLARAT

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
TUESDAY 23 rd September	9.00 AM - 3.00 PM	NORTH OVAL 2 (NEXT DOOR TO MARS STADIUM)

A FULL DAY OF FOOTY FUN INCLUDES:

- Auskick Program (5-7) & Superkick Program (8-12)
- Free Football for every participant registered
- Plenty of Football Skills
- Mini Games
- Fun Indoor Activities (AFL Activities), Trivia, Dance Parties
- Draft Combine (Superkick Program)
- Make your own Football Badge
- Skills Program with AFL Vic Coaches (Superkick Program)
- Possible opportunity to watch V/Line Cup Action and have a kick on Mars Stadium

** There will also be a Ballarat SHP on Tuesday 30th September at Eastern Oval **

ALL GIRLS GROUPS AVAILABLE



Register Now!

AFL PLAY



STURT NETBALL CLUB

JUNIOR SUMMER TRY-OUTS

Friday 19th September

The Winter Netball Season is finishing and what better way to keep active than to play Summer Netball. Sturt is an amazing family oriented club and are looking for junior netballs of all abilities.

Sturt will be holding team try-outs for our netballers on the dates below. Please wear appropriate clothing/shoes to play and also bring a drink and snacks (if required) as the canteen will not be open.

Try-outs will be held at the Ballarat Netball Association courts at Llanberris.

GRADING TIMES

9&11/under	5.10-5.30pm
13/under A Grade - D Grade	5.45-6.15pm
15/under A Grade - D Grade	6.30-7pm
17/under A Grade - D Grade	7.15-7.45pm

Don't forget to register your intention to play on TeamApp (Sturt Netball Club).

Please note: These tryout are for grading purposes. We have a team for every player. Attendance is a must.

Bring friends or anyone you may know who is interested in playing netball.

Junior Netball Co-Ordinator: Tish 0434 260 134
Sturt Email: sturtnc@gmail.com

If anyone ladies over the age of 15 have the skills to play **Ladies A Grade Netball**, please contact **Bree** on **0400 657 477**.
Comp will start Oct 7th for 5 rounds plus finals.



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BALLARAT

READY-SET-CONNECT

Make connections that **matter**.

Event Sponsor **nib Thrive**

FREE TO ATTEND!

Ready-Set-Connect is a fun and engaging speed-networking event connecting disability service providers with the people who need them.

In this interactive format, service providers will showcase their products and services, while attendees discover local service options and make valuable connections, opening the door to greater choice and control.

Register at: oncommunity.net.au/Ready-Set-Connect

WHO?

- Support Coordinators / Navigators
- People with Disability
- Parents and Carers
- LACs
- Support Workers
- Social Workers
- Case Managers
- Teachers

WHEN?
10:00 AM - 12:30 PM
Wed 08 Oct 2025

WHERE?
North Ballarat Sports Club MARS Stadium
725 Creswick Rd, Ballarat VIC

If you are a provider and would like to host a table to promote your services, please visit our website!



POWER FM FREE FOOTY FESTIVAL

THANKS TO
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- BALLARAT -

WED 24 SEPT
GAMES + PRIZES + FOOD + DRINKS
FOOTY INFLATABLES
HANDBALL TARGETS + MINI-GAMES
AND MORE!

SESSION 1: SENSORY: 9AM-10AM
SESSION 2: 10.30AM-12:30PM
SESSION 3: 1.15PM-3:15PM

CHILDREN AGED 4 - 12
MUST REGISTER TO PARTICIPATE
SCAN TO REGISTER

VICTORIA PARK, OVAL NUMBER 4
ENTRY OFF MILITARY DRIVE

POWER FM BROADCASTING LIVE





BASKETBALL HOLIDAY CAMPS

WEEK ONE SESSIONS

SELKIRK STADIUM

MON 22 & TUES 23 SEPTEMBER • 9^{AM} - 3^{PM}

WEEK TWO SESSIONS

SELKIRK STADIUM

WED 1 & THUR 2 OCTOBER • 9^{AM} - 3^{PM}

BALLARATBASKETBALL.COM



Newsletter Snippet – Basketball Ballarat – Power FM Junior Miners Spring Holiday Camps

Held every school holiday, Power FM Holiday Camps are the perfect opportunity for kids aged 4 to 14 of all genders and skill levels to develop their game in a fun and supportive environment. Whether you're picking up a basketball for the first time or wanting to refine your skills, our camps cater to everyone, from beginners to future stars!

Camp Details

Week One:

Tuesday 23 September and Wednesday 24 September

Week Two:

Tuesday 30 September and Wednesday 1 October

Time: 9:00am to 3:00pm

Venue: Selkirk Stadium, 989 Norman St, Wendouree VIC 3355

Registrations

Close: Friday 19 September at 11:59pm

What to Expect

- Train with your favourite Miners players
- Learn from expert coaches including Miners players and staff
- Develop new skills, techniques, and training methods
- Enjoy a fun, inclusive atmosphere with games and prizes every camp
- Learn teamwork, leadership, and how to support others on and off the court
- Make new friends and have an unforgettable basketball experience!

Register here: www.ballaratbasketball.com/holiday-camp

For any further details, please contact Zack Cummins at programs@ballaratbasketball.com or call (03) 5338 1220.

The first week of LA (LAVIC) will be Friday, October 10th (Week 1 of Term 4).



AUSSIE HOOPS

JOIN IN ALL THE FUN

Aussie Hoops is our introductory basketball program for children aged 4–11, providing a fun and safe environment to learn the game. Through engaging sessions, kids develop fundamental skills like ball handling, passing, shooting, defence, and footwork, building confidence to transition into domestic competition.



Scan here for more info



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LITTLE ATHLETICS

SEASON 2025-26

**WE ARE
PASSIONATE**

5 REASONS why you should register for Little Athletics!

Meet new people and spend time with your family and friends.

Participate in a variety of different events at your weekly meets.

Improve your physical fitness and mental wellbeing.

Have the opportunity to participate in local club meets and competitions.

Achieve your personal best and continue to improve your skills.

REGISTER TODAY at

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DEAN KITE FESTIVAL

Sunday September 7th 2025
12 Noon - 4pm

Kite Making Workshops \$10
 Kite Demonstrations
 Sausage Sizzle & Afternoon Tea

Heppburn
 SHIRE COUNCIL

IGA CRESWICK

Dean Recreation Reserve
 1370 Daylesford / Ballarat Road
 Dean, Victoria

Fundraiser on day for local charity

enquiries: Jon Rofe, p: 0428 340 596 e: rofey@bigpond.com

FREE COME AND TRY

SOVEREIGN KNIGHTS BASKETBALL CLUB

Basketball
 come & try
 day for
all ages!!
 Bring your
 friends along.



Held at
 Phoenix
 Community
 College.

- August 28th
 (4:30 - 5:30)
- September 4th
 (4:30 - 5:30)

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 TO SIGN UP OR
 EMAIL US!



EMAIL:
 admin@skbc.org.au

Sovereign Knights Basketball
 Intention to play form



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DRAGONS
 BASKETBALL CLUB

SUMMER 25/26 SEASON

**JOIN THE FUN AND
 EXCITEMENT AT
 DRUMMO DRAGONS
 BASKETBALL CLUB!**

**REGISTRATIONS
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