



Napoleons Primary School Newsletter #29

11th September 2025

Calendar

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

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

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24th October – Swimming for Foundation – grade 3

28th October – 5/6 Auslan excursion

31st October – Swimming for Foundation – grade 3

1st November – Bunnings BBQ

3rd November – Assessment and reporting - Pupil free day

4th November – Melbourne Cup Holiday – No students

Year F/1

Ollie O.

For always being kind to others and a good friend to all

Well done Ollie!

Year 1/2

Hunter L.

For demonstrating great improvement in his classwork and in his classroom focus

Year 3/4

Chaz T.

For demonstrating our school value 'Creativity' during maths this week

Year 5/6 G

Milla D.

For capturing her ice-skating experience so well in her cartoon recount of camp

Year 5/6 H

Pip B.

For consistently being a fantastic role model for all students

Fathers' / Special persons' Day Breakfast and PFA Stall – Thank you all!



We had an amazing morning last Friday with our students' Dads and special people. Many thanks to our staff who braved freezing temperatures to begin cooking before everyone arrived. Thanks to our PFA who organised and supported a stall for students to buy gifts from. We hope everyone had a lovely Sunday with their families, Dads, and the people who make a difference in our lives.

F-3 Gymnastics

This week was the last of five sessions of gymnastics for students in Foundation through to Year 3. This is offered to students as the older students participate in Winter Sports as part of the Linton District Schools Sports Association (LDSSA) in Term 2. All students appear to have enjoyed their time and it has been lovely to see the leadership of the older Year 3 students in supporting younger students. In Term 4 F-2 will have their 5 weeks of swimming (planned for when the weather is a little

warmer). Thanks to our staff who have accompanied students to gymnastics and thanks to parents who were able to come along and watch their children participate in the activities.

RUOK Day



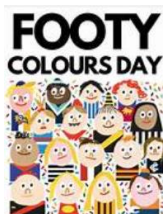
It was amazing to see so many students wear their yellow today in recognition of RUOK? Day. We support this day to raise general awareness and to encourage people to stay connected and have conversations that can help others through difficult times. We ask that families have a conversation with their children about the importance of looking out for each other and asking "RUOK?" may make all the difference in someone else's day.



Auslan Café – orders due by tomorrow (to allow us to ensure we have enough food) – order forms were sent home with students yesterday. We look forward to seeing you and signing with you next Wednesday. We know you will enjoy the food!



Last Day of Term – Thursday 18th September



Next week, 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. There is 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

Students identified as having lice or nits

Dear Families,

We have been having a number of students presenting with lice and nits in the last week and a half and so I seek your support in checking your child's hair.

Head lice do not transmit infectious diseases - they are simply transmitted by having head to head contact with someone who has head lice. This can be quite common in school-aged children, and it is not an indication that your child's hair is unclean or caused by anything you may or may not have done.

What can you do?

Please check your child's hair and in those instances where head lice or eggs are found, treat your child's hair. Please visit www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au and search for "head lice (nits)" for advice on finding, treating and preventing head lice.

When can my child return to school?

Health regulations requires that where a child has head lice, that child should not return to school until the day after appropriate treatment has started. Please note, this refers only to those children who have live head lice and does not refer to head lice eggs. More information about exclusion requirements can be found by searching for "school exclusion table" at

www.health.vic.gov.au.

Napoleons Primary School is aware that head lice can be a sensitive issue and is committed to maintaining your confidentiality.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us at school.

Kind regards

Sue

Class News

Term 3 Week 8

F/1

Another wonderful week and the end of the term is coming up quickly!

We had our last gymnastics session and what a great 5 weeks of gymnastics we had tumbling, turning and jumping.

In Maths we have been working on time, focusing on the months of the year this week.

Today we have worn a splash of yellow to recognise R U Ok Day?

Well done on another great week Gr F/1!

1/2

This week on Wednesday in STEAM I liked learning about wood and metal and plastic (Sienna D)

In P.E I liked doing netball (Kayden)

It was fun learning netball in electives cos I've never played it (Adaline)

I liked going to the library and borrowing books (Ethan Ho)

I liked the Father's Day stall. The ones with the card holders and Rubik's cubes were good. I also liked the Father's Day breakfast and being able to share a plate of food with my mum and dad (Kendrix)

My favourite thing was the Father's Day breakfast and being able to share it with our Dad's (Nate)

We've been doing lots of persuasive writing (Holly R)

Gymnastics was fun and doing library (Sienna E)

I liked our last day of gymnastics (Hollie S)

Il liked the last class of gymnastics. The whole class was great (Lawson)

3/4

R U Ok Day is a special day for Australia and checking in on your friends.

Steph and Jude made it to the Sovereign and Eureka division track and field event and are now running up against other schools around Ballarat.

We have finished our class novel Pencil O'Reilly, it was amazing and we all enjoyed it.

5/6 G and H

This week in Grade 5/6 has been full of learning and creativity! Please have a look at our learning displays in the OLA. In writing, we have been turning seeds from our Writer's Notebooks into exciting narratives, while also learning how to spot and fix sentence fragments (ask us what a predicate is!). In maths, we've been reviewing our knowledge of angles and practising how to calculate unknown angles. We also recognised R U OK? Day by wearing a splash yellow to show our support and remind each other of the importance of checking in. In reading, we are nearing the end of our class novel *Black Beauty* and can't wait to compare and contrast the book with the movie next week.



For 125 Nights

Hollie S.

For 150 Nights

Angus S.

For 200 Nights

Summer D.

Rossi A.

Lucy G.

For 225 Nights

Adaline K.

OSHC News with Danielle and Kristen

This week in OSHC we explored some hands on crafty activities, tried out some cool new hairstyles (we think they're fabulous), played in the sandpit, and we put our chef hats on and created some mouth watering delicious apple Danish snacks for afternoon tea.

Next week we are excited for our end of term party, Thursday afternoon – so dust off your boots and saddle up – it's gonna be a tootin'-scootin' good time at our cowboy party!!



OSHC Award

Leroy B.

For being a great support to the younger children always

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

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!





Our 5/6 students would like to invite all families to our very first Auslan Café on **Wednesday, 17th September at 2:30PM**

Over the past term, the whole school has been working hard to learn food signs and how to order food using Auslan. At our Auslan café here at school, our 5/6 students will be cooking and serving:

Pancakes

Auslan "cookie hands"

Fruit salads

Pizzas (Margherita, vegetable, and meat options)

This will be a wonderful opportunity for families to join us, practice food signs, and communicate with our 5/6 students by ordering food in Auslan.

Funds raised on the day will go towards our first 5/6 Auslan excursion in Term 4.

The 5/6 students will be going to Melbourne for a day to experience a Deaf café, order food in Auslan, join a tour to learn about Deaf culture and enjoy a full "Deaf day" experience!

Before the Auslan Café opens, we invite all families to participate in a short introductory sign class so you are ready to ask for your order. Our students will teach you Auslan food signs and show you how to order food. This way, you'll be ready to step into the Auslan Café and communicate with our 5/6 students when placing your order.

It will be a fun and valuable experience for everyone! 😊

We hope you can join us for this special event and celebrate our students' Auslan learning journey.

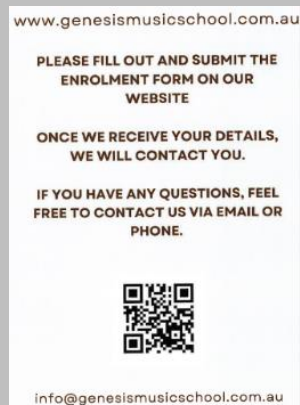
Orders due this Friday 12th September

Bunnings BBQ

Bunnings BBQ is being held Saturday 1st November

Volunteers required

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



Phone: 0401 951 592

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

10th September 2025

ALERT: GET READY FOR THE FUNNEST, MESSIEST DAY EVER!

Hello *Napoleons Primary School* families,

It's almost time for our Food Fight, held to raise much needed funds for Foodbank Victoria, who supply our school's food for breakfast club, fruit and more.

We are super excited to remind you that we will be holding our event on the 17th of October 2025 on the school oval! That's the end of the second week of Term 4!

What is the Foodbank Food Fight?

Who doesn't love the idea of a Food Fight? Here's the chance for our entire school to engage in the naughtiest way yet* to boost school spirit and help raise vital funds for Foodbank Victoria. It's just like a school colour fun run, but so much more fun.

The Food Fight fun happens at school and the fundraising happens at home. You get to create your own online profile, set your fundraising target and then choose your target prizes. In your profile you will have a unique cyber safe link to share with your family and friends so they can donate and help get you close to your target. These school holidays are the perfect time to connect with family and friends and fundraise too.

Money raised will go to Foodbank Victoria so they can continue to feed 57,000 people in need, every day!

*No ACTUAL food will be harmed in the making of this event.

What do we need you to do?

All we need you to do is create an online profile at foodfight.com.au. All students with a profile will all get an icy pole!

This is an inclusive fundraiser we would love you to be a part of! If you would like to come down and watch your kids run, or even volunteer to help with the food fight, we would love to see you there!

Thank you all in advance,

Napoleons Primary School Junior School Council



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



School staff have a right to be safe at work



Any abuse will not be tolerated

Parents, carers, advocates and adult members of the school community must engage respectfully with school staff.

Unacceptable behaviour will be addressed promptly. This may include calling the police if required or issuing you a School Community Safety Order.

These behaviours are **not permitted** in-person, over the phone, by email, text message or on social media:

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| ⊗ Rudeness | ⊗ Aggression, including raising your voice at a staff member | ⊗ Discriminatory or derogatory comments |
| ⊗ Insults or offensive communication | ⊗ Harassment | ⊗ Threatening gestures |
| ⊗ Malicious or defamatory communications | ⊗ Intimidation | ⊗ Threats |
| | | ⊗ Violence |

These behaviours are **never okay** and can make staff and students feel unsafe.





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BALLARAT COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD OFFICIAL BACKUP





**FREE
School Holiday
Program**

Ballarat Primary School Students

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

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.

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

thankyou so much for making me happy and making me enjoy my time
 July Intake Student

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




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
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FREE ENTRY!

FREE GAMES + ACTIVITIES

COSPLAY COMPETITION

MARKET STALLS + ARTISTS

CHILL SPACE

AND MORE...

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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

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WED 24 SEPT
GAMES + PRIZES + FOOD + DRINKS
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SESSION 1: SENSORY: 9AM-10AM
SESSION 2: 10.30AM-12:30PM
SESSION 3: 1.15PM-3:15PM

VICTORIA PARK, OVAL NUMBER 4
ENTRY OFF MILITARY DRIVE

POWER FM BROADCASTING LIVE

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





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



5 REASONS why you should register for Little Athletics!

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Improve your physical fitness and mental wellbeing.

Achieve your personal best and continue to improve your skills.

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

REGISTER TODAY at

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