



Napoleons Primary School Newsletter #34

30th October 2025

Calendar

31st October – Swimming for Foundation – grade 2

1st November – Bunnings BBQ

3rd November – Assessment and reporting - Pupil free day

4th November – Melbourne Cup Holiday – No students

5th November – Students return

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7th November – Swimming for Foundation – grade 2

13th – 14th November – Yr 5/6 Sovereign Hill costume school

14th November – Swimming for Foundation – grade 2

18th November – 2026 foundation transition day (9am-12:30pm)

21st November – Swimming for Foundation – grade 3

21st November – F/1 Sleepover

Year F/1

Neeko

For being a very kind friend to our new class member.

Well done Neeko.

Year 1/2

Lawson

For perseverance

Well done for bouncing back and challenging your thinking in Maths with your skip counting

Year 3/4

Morgan

For being so enthusiastic during number talks at the beginning of each Maths lesson.

Great work!

Year 5/6 G

Lumen

For her enthusiasm and willingness to experiment with words and phrases to make her writing engaging.

Year 5/6 H

Ivy

For her creativity in her story writing to keep the audience entertained and interested.

Well done Ivy!

Congratulations to our Year 5/6 students.



On Tuesday our students in 5/6 headed to Melbourne to visit the Tradeblock Café – a commercial business next door to the Victorian College of the Deaf in St Kilda Road. The task for the day was to head to a Deaf Café and order their lunch using Auslan. This café operates as a commercial café and also supports Deaf students in secondary school achieve their Hospitality Vocational Training. Lauren, Mrs Hutt and Mrs Gartlan all reported that the students did an amazing job using their Auslan skills. In addition, we received some fantastic feedback from a member of the public who congratulated Napoleons Primary School students on their exemplary behaviour while traveling on the Ballarat Train. Thanks to Lauren for all her organisation of this event.

Wednesday Wool Club



We are having a range of students showing interest in our Wednesday Wool Club. So far this year we have experimented with some knitting, some finger knitting and making pom poms. It is great to see the enthusiasm and commitment shown by students to try something new.

We are very appreciative of Marion's time and her regular volunteering to share her expertise each Wednesday lunch time.



Our Ga Ga pit continues to be a great hit with students during play times.

Our teachers have been through all the game rules with them and the senior students are setting a great example for our younger students. Well done to all students for playing well and enjoying this new game.

BBQ at Bunnings

We are still needing more parents to donate an hour or two of their time for our Bunnings BBQ on November 1st (this coming Saturday). This is an easy way for our school to raise money as we only provide food and accompanying accessories. Bunnings provide the rest. I understand this is a long weekend for students, however the PFA and our school

would appreciate some of your time. Thank you in advance. The sign up sheets are on COMPASS or at the following link  <https://volunteersignup.org/T3JHF>.

World Teachers Day.



Tomorrow is World Teachers' Day. We are so fortunate to have a team of amazing teachers at Napoleons Primary School. They all work hard and go above and beyond the expected requirements. Hats off to them all.

2026 Class groupings

Teaching staff have been hard at work with me to determine our class groupings for 2026. We have a large number of Foundation students starting in 2026 and good numbers at each age group. This means our composite classes will be as follows:

Foundation/1 J – Mrs Gabbie Jones

Foundation/1 M – Mrs Lana McKay (4 days) + Mrs Amy Fitzgerald (1 day)

Year 2/3 – Mrs Emma Murnane (new to our staff in 2026)

Year 3/4 – Ms Jordyn Bibby (3 days) + teacher recruitment process underway (2 days)

Year 5/6 – Mrs Judy Hutt (3 days) + Mrs Chris Gartlan (2 days)

I will send out letters in the next few weeks to those families whose Foundation/1 children may be in F/1 J or F/1 M and Year 3 students who may be in either the 2/3 or the 3/4 class. The decision regarding which class students are placed in, is based on a number of factors, including class dynamics, ensuring students are placed with at least one friend, learning and social/emotional needs.

We are still finalising some of our specialist areas however this information should give most people an indication of the class their child will be in next year. I am very excited about the class groupings for 2026 and our teaching teams. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.



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 4 Week 4

F/1

In F/1 the students have been working hard on their math assessments. We have also read "The Princess and The Wizard" and "The Gruffalo's child" where we wrote about and drew our favourite part and predicted the ending.

We liked the Maths books with the cake counting (Ollie O)

We like Music class with Mrs O and we learnt the dance "Seven Jumps" (Olive)

I liked doing Sounds Write sentences (Angus)

1/2

In writing class we have been writing a story about a black cat and it's still not finished. We have been working on it all week and will finish by Friday. Mrs Sertori will share it with all the teachers (Sienna D)

In art we have been doing music with boomwhackers and learning new songs which we will finish in 2 weeks

I liked the timetable change today and getting to do maths second (Adaline)

It was fun doing 'scratch junior' which is an app for beginning programming (Dylan)

Playing with my friends (Obie)

I'm excited for Halloween tomorrow and celebrating it (Thomas)

3/4

In Writing we have been learning about poetry and we created a poem about 'In the ocean of dreams I saw...' (Jude)

In ICT we have been getting our Digital Portfolios ready to take home at the end of the year. They are really good so far! (Bella AR)

In Maths we are learning about time and have been scanning QR codes on iPads working out analogue and digital times. We are learning about seconds, minutes, hours and days. (Ricky)

In STEAM we have been playing Scratch which is a code game where you can get characters and back drops on the laptops and have some free play. It has been fun. (Ruby)

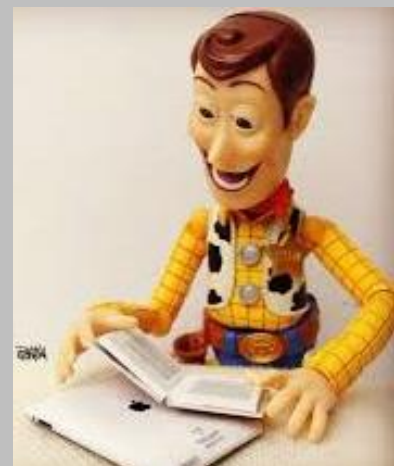
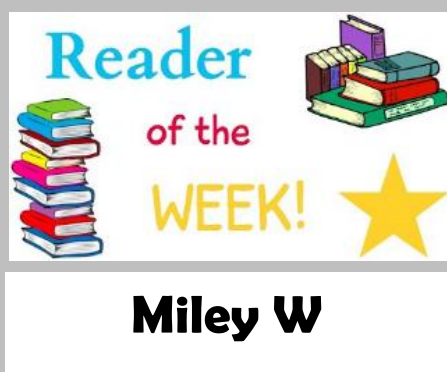
We are learning about the Deaflympics in Auslan. (Steph)

5/6 G and H

This week we enjoyed a workshop from Golden Plains Shire where we talked about safe places. We created a collaborative art piece using the 10 Rs. It is hanging in the OLA-please come and take a look at it! We also caught the train to go to the Trade Cafe at the Australian College for the Deaf where the students used their Auslan skills to order their lunch...it was Yum! On both occasions we received compliments from those involved about how well mannered and well behaved our students are. WELL DONE everyone!

A reminder that Monday is a curriculum day and Tuesday is a public holiday for the Melbourne Cup. The following week we head to Sovereign Hill for 14th & 15th Nov.

We are so busy but all fantastic experiences for us! Enjoy your weekend! ☺



OSHC News with Danielle and Kristen

This week in OSHC we've been enjoying the sunshine as much as possible and also engaging in some fun Halloween crafts to help spookify the room for our Halloween party this Friday during after school care. Don't forget to book in if you'd like to join us

We look forward to a fun filled week ahead.



OSHC Award

Nirvana

For being extremely helpful with a positive attitude

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:

6th November 20th November 4th December



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 – Volunteers needed

Napoleons Primary School PFA will be running the Bunnings Delacombe BBQ this Saturday, November 1st, and we need your help to make it a sizzling success!

We're asking families to volunteer for just a 1-hour shift between 8am and 5pm – it's a fun and easy way to support our school and help raise valuable funds for our students.

Many hands make light work, so please pop your name down for a time that suits you. Even one hour makes a big difference!

<https://volunteersignup.org/T3JHF>

Let's fire up the BBQ and show everyone the Amazing Napoleons community spirit!



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

Phone: 0401 951 592



Grade 5/6 Costume School



Event Update: Grade 5/6 Costume School Experience
Thursday 13th and Friday 14th of November

We have been advised by Sovereign Hill of NEW drop off procedure for parents.

Please drop off (8:45am) and pick up (3.15pm) in the car park of the Centre for Rare Arts and Forgotten Trades (the old Gold Museum) in Bradshaw Street.

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

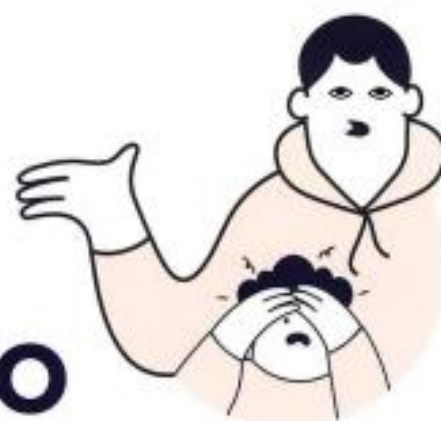
LARGE MILK CHOC OR STRAWBERRY	\$ 6.00
SMALL MILK CHOC OR STRAWBERRY	\$ 3.50
POP TOP - APPLE ,ORANGE , APPLE- BLACKCURRANT	\$ 3.50
WATER	\$ 3.00

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:

- ⊗ 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.



Whatever the emergency



HEATWAVE

STORM

FIRE

Expect the unexpected

Emergencies can be hard to predict and emergency services may be unable to reach you in a disaster.

What will you do for the first 72 hours if you have no services, such as:



NO POWER



NO WATER



NO GAS



NO RECEPTION



NO ROAD ACCESS



LIMITED FOOD

Be Prepared

Prepare yourself and your family for a stressful emergency situation.

For 24/7 crisis support call Lifeline 13 11 14 or Beyond Blue 1300 22 4636

Develop a Plan

Use your plan and support network to help you through this time.



For more information about preparing for, and responding to emergency events visit <https://www.ballarat.vic.gov.au/city/emergencies>

The First 72 Hours workshop was supported by the Victorian Government.

Collaboration between:

Alpine & Moira Shire Councils

In conjunction with:

Country Fire Authority
Victoria State Emergency Service
Albury Wodonga Ethnic Communities Council

In consultation with:

Hume Region Municipal Emergency Management Enhancement Group

Thankyou to Corangamite Shire Council for the initial work



What are you going to do?



You can handle any emergency better if you are prepared!



1. Make an emergency plan



2. Back up information



3. Prepare a kit



4. Stay informed



WHO ...

do I need to consider?
do I need to tell?

WHAT ...

do I need to know?
do I need to do?

WHERE ...

will I go?
do I get information?
do I keep my plan?

HOW ...

will I get there?
will I get there - plan B?

WHY ...

do I need to make a plan?

TO SUPPORT PLANNING:



To prepare for fire
cfa.vic.gov.au



To prepare for flood and storm
ses.vic.gov.au



Set up a watch zone
emergency.vic.gov.au



Rediplan
redcross.org.au/prepare

Important things to save:

- ☐ Your emergency plan
- ☐ Identification (to prove who you are)

DOCUMENTS

- ☐ Insurance policies
- ☐ Property documents
- ☐ Medical information and prescriptions
- ☐ Financial records

HOME INVENTORY

- ☐ Photos of possessions
- ☐ Photos of house assets
- ☐ Receipts, warranties etc.

CONTACT LIST

- ☐ Family
- ☐ Utility providers
- ☐ Other:

Gather and store items ready to support you and your family for 72 hours:



WATER

MEDICATION

RADIO & BATTERIES



TORCH



DOCUMENTS



FOOD



FIRST AID



CLOTHES



TOILETRIES



MONEY



PHONE & CHARGER



PET'S NEEDS



CHILDREN'S NEEDS



GLASSES



WHAT ELSE?

WARNINGS AND ADVICE

It is important to tune into official and accurate information channels to stay informed with the facts before, during and after an emergency.



VIC EMERGENCY

emergency.vic.gov.au
Hotline: 1800 226 226

Press 9 for interpreter



EMERGENCY RADIO BROADCAST

107.9FM | 102.3FM | 103.1FM | 584AM | 774AM

Warnings – It's important to read the whole warning for information on evacuations, Emergency Relief Centres and more.



FLOOD STORM EMERGENCY
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Mon, 10 Nov 2025 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Thu, 13 Nov 2025 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

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GOD'S CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Registrations are open for 2025

We are a not-for-profit charity
for families in need across
country Victoria.

We provide gifts for children
from 0 to 16 years of age.

If you need assistance this
Christmas please go to

www.godschristmasgifts.org.au

and click on Gift request and
follow prompts to register for 2025



God's Christmas Gifts
Family Life Church
1185 Geelong Road
Mt Clear Vic 3350
(ABN 26 340 023 022)



This program helps all families with Christmas gifts who need some assistance regardless of circumstances, Centrelink benefits, cards, etc not required – All eligible

Anonymous to all packers – Only child's gender and age is shown

Closing date for Ballarat is 7th December

After registration families will receive a confirmation message / email

When it's time to collect families will receive a call and message

Garibaldi Community Car Boot Sale

NOVEMBER 1 2025

9AM – 1PM Garibaldi Hall – Hardies Hill Road

Limited number of indoor stalls available and must be
pre-booked (one trestle wide) \$15

Outdoor stalls can be pre-booked - \$10 per stall
or arrive on the day \$15 per stall

**Get rid of your
unwanted
treasures or
buy someone
else's**



For more info, contact Carli or Kristy -
Community Coordinators
garibaldicommunity@gmail.com

Lions Club of Ballarat proudly presents International Entertainment Australia's...

2025 World Festival of Magic

The World Festival of Magic features world-class acts performing astonishing illusions, interactive magic, and comedy. Providing relaxed theatre performances for children, young adults and families in the Grampians Region.

Enjoy the "live performance" experience with a casual attitude to audience noise and movement in an accessible and inclusive environment, where you are welcomed and free to be yourself without restriction or judgement.

One hour shows. Suitable for all ages and accessible for people...

- with diverse abilities and backgrounds (wheelchair accessible)
- who might require a more flexible and inclusive environment when attending the theatre (sensory-friendly).
- who are facing hardship.
- are without access or opportunity to live theatre.

***Featuring moving and flashing lights, and upbeat, sometimes dramatic music.**

ALL TICKETS ARE COMPLIMENTARY, including parent, sibling and carer tickets. Thanks to sponsorship from local businesses.

***Bookings from schools, organisations, carers and families are all welcome.**

Scan the QR Code to visit the shows website and watch highlights from previous shows...



FOUNDERS THEATRE - FEDERATION UNIVERSITY

Chancellor Drive (off University Drive), Mount Helen Campus VIC

SHOW DATE	#1 SHOWTIME	#2 SHOWTIME
SATURDAY, 15 TH NOVEMBER 2025	11.30 AM	2.00 PM

To book tickets, please email your name, preferred showtime/s and ticket numbers to...

meredithnewman@showintent.com.au

or call / text 0404-367-782



GOOD CLEAN FUN

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NAPOLEANS AT AUSKICK PROGRAM

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Monday's 4-week Program - \$55

3.30 PM after school - School Oval

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