



Napoleons Primary School Newsletter #37

20th November 2025

Calendar

21st November – Swimming for Foundation – grade 3

21st November – F/1 Sleepover

21st November – 5/6 Camp out

24th November – School council at Red Lion

4th December – Year 6 Graduation

5th December – Pupil free day

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Web: www.napoleonsps.vic.edu.au



9th December – Whole school transition day (9am-3pm)

11th December – End of year presentations

17th December – Whole school activities day

19th December – Last day – 1:30 finish

Year F/1

Bayleigh

For perseverance, even when things can be tricky!

Year 1/2

Kayden

For persisting with your work and responding positively to feedback about how you can improve

Year 3/4

Lucy

For your perseverance and quiet, thoughtful responses to questions asked

Year 5/6 G

Ella

For always having a positive approach to learning and taking on new challenges

Year 5/6 H

Pip

For her dedication to being a good school captain and role model to younger students



Sovereign Hill day camp for Year 5/6 students

Our students and staff had an amazing time at Sovereign Hill as part of the Costume School experience. This is such a valuable opportunity for students to have a first-hand understanding of what life was like in the 1850s in terms of schooling and society expectation. Thanks to families for taking their children to and from the site each day. Many thanks to our staff who attended, Judy Hutt, Chris Gartlan and Amy Fitzgerald.



Craft sand contamination update

You may be aware of a recent alert about craft sand products that may contain asbestos. For current information about the recall, including a list of products, visit the [ACCC website](https://www.accc.gov.au/consumers/alerts/craft-sand).

At our school, we are taking the steps set out by the Department of Education to collect and dispose of the products. Current advice from national and [Victorian health authorities](https://www.vic.gov.au/victorian-health-authorities) is that there is a low risk to human health from these products.

If you have the product at home, however, the advice from the health authorities is that you should stop using it and follow the safety advice published here: [Safe disposal and health information for consumers with recalled sand products | ACCC Product](https://www.accc.gov.au/consumers/alerts/craft-sand)



Safety on roads in and around our school

We have noticed there are a number of families who are not parking in the allocated car parks when dropping and collecting their children. Unless families also have children attending the kindergarten, where there is allocation of parking for kindergarten drop off and collection times, all parents should be in the carparks available outside the school gate. Please also observe any disability parking and leave this free for those who hold disability stickers and have priority for these spaces. If you need to park outside allocated areas, for a specific purpose, please contact the office.



We have also noticed an increase in families collecting their children from school and then walking past the bus and crossing the road further up the path into the second council car park. We have a school crossing outside the gate and a path/walkway and crossing into the car parks. Please remember that we are teaching our students about safety on roads and around vehicles and model these safe behaviours by using the crossings that are marked. We thank you for your understanding and for prioritising your child's safety around school roads.



Request for School Crossing on Colac-Ballarat Road

After a few queries from families, I have sought information regarding the installation of a school crossing nearby our school entrance on Colac-Ballarat Road. Golden Plains Shire have advised me that, as a major road, the responsibility of this request sits with VicRoads. I have lodged a request with VicRoads and await their response. Stay tuned...

Free Public Transport from 1st January 2026

From 1 January 2026, people aged under 18 can travel free on all Victorian public transport services using a new youth myki card. This includes trams, trains, buses and coach services.

To access free travel, they must tap the myki card on and off each time they travel. For areas that do not use myki cards, they must show their myki card to travel free.

More information about the youth myki card will be available later in Term 4, 2025 – refer to the myki types webpage on the Transport Victoria website [myki types - Transport Victoria](#).

For more information about other travel options to school, and support for eligible students, refer to the Travelling to school webpage on the Victorian Government website [Travelling to school | vic.gov.au](#).



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 7

F/1

Everyone is very excited for a big end to our week- our final session of swimming tomorrow and then our sleepover! It has been wonderful to see everyone trying hard to improve their swimming skills over the past four weeks. We look forward to our last session tomorrow. We can't wait for our sleepover Friday night, and sharing dinner with our buddies who are having their 'sleepout under the stars' at the same time. We are ready for a wonderful and fun night together! This week we have been revisiting our knowledge of days of the week and months of the year. Everyone has had fun playing 'Sit down Sunday!'

1/2

In STEAM we had Mrs O for all classes because Mrs Fitz has been teaching the preppies. In steam we have been making something for the 'Beat box' and used iPads to play the beat box app. Its like robots but in the shape of a bee animal that make music and beats (Sienna D)

In art we were making something but we're keeping it a surprise – Mrs O is keeping it a surprise from the students. We don't know what it's for but are excited to find out (Dylan and Holly R)

In Sounds Write we're working on the OU sound, like in cloud (Hollie S and Sienna D)

3/4

ICT Digital Portfolios and students have been sharing new ICT skills with each other on TV

Emergency Evacuation Drill - I liked doing the emergency evacuation, and we got a new record for the school. It was the fastest time (Summer)

2026 Foundation students had a Transition Day on Tuesday

Learning about chance in Maths - In math we've been learning about chance and we were playing games, like scenario games eg) if a teacher didn't go to school and if it was likely, impossible, etc (Miley)

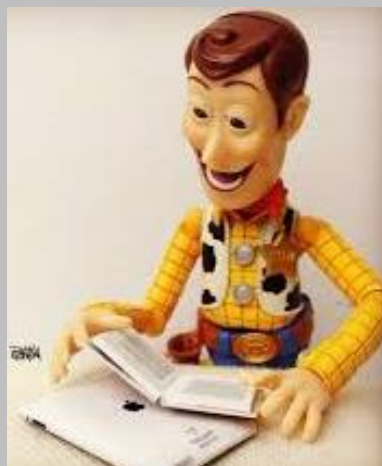
Created a Writer's Notebook seed about a mysterious door.

In Auslan we've been working on our 'Deaflympics' and doing profiles and information about deaf Olympics (Steph)

In handwriting Mrs Mckay always writes a sentence on the board for if we finish our work early, but today we got to pick our own sentence since we're in F/1 this morning (Emily Jane)

5/6 G and H

We had the best time at Sovereign Hill Costume School and a great opportunity to get an insight to schooling and life on the goldfields of Ballarat in 1845. The students were transformed by costumes and immersed themselves in their roles, writing (slate and ink pens), singing, sewing, making card houses and playing old fashion games. We also got a chance to explore Sovereign Hill and of course visit the lollie shop - we hope some of the lollies purchased made it home. There were professional photos also taken, we will forward the link when we receive it. In literacy this week our leadership and graduation speeches are nearing completion and are sounding great. We are nearing the end of Spylark; we are still not sure how it will end. In maths we have been working on percentages and dabbling in a little bit of discount shopping.



For 200 Nights

Thomas C

For 225 Nights

River F

Ella K

Navinah W.

For 300 Nights

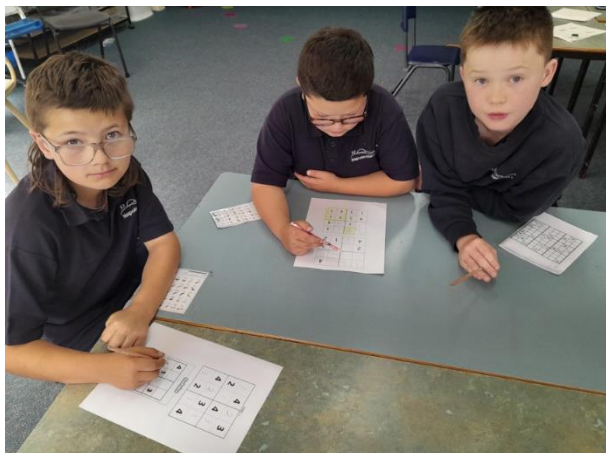
Bella D

Milla D

OSHC News with Danielle and Kristen

This week in OSHC, the children have been exploring Sudoku. They have enjoyed teaching one another new strategies and progressing through the levels together.

There has also been lots of imaginative play, with students building homes for the babies, creating tents, and using the kitchen play equipment to extend their play.



OSHC Award

Sienna D

For her wonderful help at breakfast club
and for always bringing a cheerful
attitude.

Well done Sienna!

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.

There is only **one playgroup session left for the year, on 4 December 2025.**

Please note that **Danielle will not be facilitating playgroup in 2026.** We are seeking expressions of interest from anyone who may like to host playgroup **every second Friday, during term, next year.**

If you or someone you know is interested, please contact **Sue** for more information.

If you have enquiries about Playgroup, feel free to email us, and we'll get back to you during OSHC hours



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!



Sovereign Hill Costume School

By Lily Brown-

The old air filled the room. Ma'am said,
"Shortest to tallest quickly please!"

Everyone rushed to get into the line shortest
to tallest.

My dress was tickling my legs.

One hour later...

"Ding-ding!" The muffled bell rang.

The sound of gravel was raw against my feet.

"Let's go and jump rope..." I remembered
what Ma'am said that whatever letter of the
alphabet you land on is your soul mates first
letter of their name.

A...B...C...D... "You got D!"

I tried again. A...B...C...D... "You got D again!"

The bell rang-"Ding-ding!"



By Ivy-

Ma'am stepped in front of the us; her demands high and mighty,
"Chins up! Chests out! Lips locked!"

We followed orders quickly as she walked us to the changing
rooms. My dress drooped over my legs. My socks long... not
letting any skin show. Everyone sat down and Ma'am started
reading a verse from the Bible.

"Now girls!" Her voice silenced everybody.

"Today you will be drawing your future wedding dress. Small waist
and a thick skirt!" My pencil glided over my page and the grey led
appeared on the paper.

The small bell rings and everyone grabs their food.

"Toy monitors grab the boxes and lay them on the ground
outside." The boys got to work bringing out the toys as everyone
else walked out with their food. The cookies my mum made were
soft as they hit my teeth and I could taste the sweet chocolate.

My food was done and I needed to go to the bin. "Mater Nathan
could you please walk me to the bin?" He stood up brushing the
dirt off his pants and quickly stumbling to my side. It was time to
go back inside. Everyone lined up and Master Leroy held the door.
The chatter stopped as we all walked inside.





CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

AWARDED TO

Napoleons Primary School – \$ 5,404.00

2025



Your contributions will be added to
REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR BOXES
to be given to families in need.

Please return your
donations to school by:



Thank you
Reverse Advent Calendar Ballarat
school@reverseadventcalendar.com.au

Napoleons Primary School is proud to be involved with the: 2025 Reverse Advent Calendar

What is a Reverse Advent Calendar?

Unlike a regular Advent Calendar where the focus is on receiving a treat every day the **Reverse Advent Calendar** take the focus off receiving and places the focus on giving to others.

To support this wonderful Ballarat initiative our school is collecting donations to help fill any donation boxes that needs some extra items.

Donations items can include:

- Cereal
- Long Life Milk
- Long Life Juice
- Tea, Coffee, or Hot Chocolate
- Spreads (e.g., Vegemite, Honey)
- Pasta & Sauce
- Instant Noodles/Soup
- Canned Fruit/Vegetables
- Christmas Treats
- Toiletry Items
- General Non-Perishables

Boxes for donations will be situation in every classroom and at the front office.
Please ensure all donations are received by **Wednesday 3rd December**.

Join us in spreading kindness and making a difference in our community.



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



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Respectful, safe, engaged: shared expectations to support student behaviour

When schools, families and students work together, we achieve the best outcomes. These partnerships are essential to creating school environments that support all students to belong, learn and thrive.

At Napoleons Primary School all students are expected to be respectful, safe, and engaged. These behaviours help make our school a place where everyone can achieve their best. As a parent and carer, you play a vital role in helping your child to understand and meet shared behaviour expectations.

Students meet behaviour expectations by being:

Respectful

- Following staff instructions and school rules.
- Caring for school property and others' belongings.
- Using respectful language.

Safe

- Keeping themselves and others safe from harm.
- Speaking up or seeking help from an adult if they or someone else is being treated unfairly.
- Only bringing safe and necessary items to school.

Engaged

- Going to school every day, being on time, and ready to learn.
- Taking part, doing their best, and asking for help when they need.
- Knowing and following the school's policies, including the mobile phone policy.

Napoleons Primary School is supporting our students to meet these expectations by being:

Respectful

- Teaching and demonstrating school rules and positive behaviour expectations to students.
- Explicitly teaching, modelling and acknowledging expected respectful behaviour.
- Engaging collaboratively and positively with all students, parents and carers.

Safe

- Having clear policies and procedures to prevent and respond to bullying and keep students safe.
- Offering additional supports to students proactively and supporting students to speak up and seek help.
- Proactively identifying and addressing problems to maintain a physically, socially and culturally safe school environment.

Engaged

- Delivering evidence-based, inclusive education that meets the needs of all students.
- Empowering students to have a say in decisions that affect their learning and school life.
- Building strong, trusting relationships to ensure all students feel seen, heard and valued.

How parents and carers can help

By modelling and encouraging positive behaviour, you help your child build the skills and habits they need to be successful at school. This can include:

Respectful

- Knowing the school's rules and supporting them at home.
- Modelling respectful behaviour in how you speak to and about school staff, families, and others both in person and online.
- Making use of the school's processes to raise and resolve concerns early.

Safe

- Working together with staff if your child is having problems at school to understand and resolve the issue.
- Ensuring your child knows it is okay to ask for help from a trusted adult at school.
- Ensuring your child stays safe online by talking with them and addressing concerns early.

Engaged

- Helping your child to attend school every day - every day counts.
- Communicating with school staff and working together to support your child's learning and wellbeing.
- Talking with your child about their day and how they are feeling and encouraging their learning by noticing their effort and progress.

The [Respectful, safe, engaged: shared expectations to support student behaviour statement](#) is available on the department's website.

Further information, resources and support are available at [Supporting positive behaviour in Victorian government schools](#).

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 need to
speak to you
right now."



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



Department
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2025 VIP SALE

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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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1. Make an emergency plan



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

2. Back up information



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:

3. Prepare a kit



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



4. Stay informed



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.



emergency.vic.gov.au
Hotline: 1800 226 226
Press 9 for Interpreter



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.



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!



GOD'S CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Registrations are open for 2025

We are a not-for-profit charity
for families in need across
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We provide gifts for children
from 0 to 16 years of age.

If you need assistance this
Christmas please go to

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



God's Christmas Gifts
Family Life Church
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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 30th November

After registration families will receive a confirmation message / email

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



GOOD CLEAN FUN

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NAPOLEANS AT AUSKICK PROGRAM

Napoleans at School Auskick

Monday's 4-week Program - \$55

3.30 PM after school - School Oval

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Tuesday 16th Dec, 4:30 - Phoenix College

Spots are limited – register now to secure your place!

