

27th November 2025

Calendar

4th December – Year 6 Graduation

5th December – Pupil free day

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

11th December – End of year presentations

17th December – Whole school activities day

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19th December – Last day – 1:30 finish

27th January 2026 – Teachers return

28th January 2026 – Students return

Year F/1

Darcy

For amazing efforts with letter writing.

Fantastic work!

Year 1/2

Hollie S

For demonstrating our value of Belonging and looking after, and including your friends in your play in class and outside

Year 3/4

Alayna

For being a wonderful helper in the junior class

Year 5/6 G

Flynn

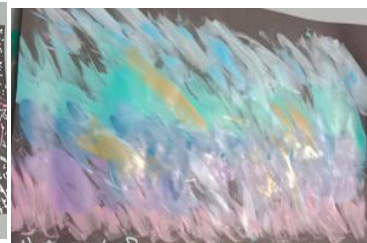
For tuning into new words, defining them and giving examples to show what they mean

Year 5/6 H

Lily

For perseverance and dedication to her learning!

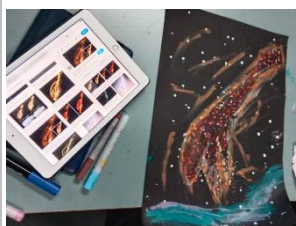
Well done Lily!



Sleepout under the stars with Year 5/6 students

Year 5/6 students all gathered on our oval in tents last Friday night to participate in a range of activities around stars and constellations. Students also considered the Indigenous perspective and explored the 'Emu in the Sky' – (if you don't know about this, please ask a 5/6 student and they should be able to tell you). Students created some art work with glow-in-the-dark stars which we then displayed on the whiteboards of the classrooms where our Foundation/1 students were sleeping so they could also see some stars during their sleepover. We spent a little time exploring what an Aurora Australis was, especially given there were some Southern Lights visible only a week ago around Victoria.

Some students only stayed for a late night and others stayed the whole night in their tents and swags. I'm not sure how much actual sleep was had 😊 but some seemed to settle quickly and enjoyed a comfortable night's rest.



On Saturday morning, our students did a great job, as leaders, supporting F/1 students with getting their breakfast prior to heading home with parents between 8:30am and 9am. A special thank you to all those families who came along to help set up tents or swags on Friday night and collected their children promptly on Saturday morning. Thanks so much to Judy, Chris for your extra time on Friday night and the additional support provided by Danielle.

F/1 Sleepover



Congratulations to all our Foundation and Year 1 students for their sleepover at school. Children had a great time with their Kelly Sports activities, searching for the perfect marshmallow stick with their Year 5/6 buddies, enjoying their sausages, jelly and marshmallows and relaxing in their sleeping bags for their movie. Again some students stayed until after dinner and then went home, while other stayed the night. This is a great opportunity for students to have a supported stay overnight, especially when this might not be something children have done before. Thanks also to parents who encouraged their children to take the step of a sleepover without their parents or extended family and also a massive thank you to those parents who were on call if we needed to contact them through the night. A massive thank you to Amy and Lis for their efforts during the night and also to Wendy who helped out on Friday afternoon.

Buddy work with kindergarten children



Each fortnight our 5/6 students participate in a combined session with the children from the Napoleons Kindergarten. We alternate between us visiting the children in their kinder or the kinder children coming over to our assembly area for an activity.



Yesterday our focus was on problem solving. Senior students worked in small groups that included one or two kinder children to create a bridge using straws, blocks, icy pole sticks or connector blocks, that spanned a board. The instructions included that it had to be up off the ground and it had to hold the weight of a toy dinosaur or toy car or a chess piece (we had an assortment of items). All the groups did an amazing job of creating and constructing their bridges. We then had a little chat as a whole group where some of the kinder children shared some of their nervousness about coming to school next year and some of our Year 6 students shared their feelings about leaving primary school and going to secondary school. Well done everyone.

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

Class News

Term 4 Week 8

F/1

This week in literacy we have been working on poetry and letter writing which has been very interesting. In maths we have been learning about time and reading clocks and everyone has done so well developing their knowledge of analogue clocks. What a wonderful night we had at the F/1 sleepover! So much fun to be had with Kelly Sports, BBQ, short disco, marshmallows over the fire and a movie. All attendees did an amazing job and we are so proud of everyone!

1/2

Last week the Zooper Doopers were delicious (Adaline)

Stick man was a big hit with the whole class

I liked Stick Man. We made our own Stick Mans with sticks and wool (Adaline)

We built Stick Mans with proper sticks (Ethan Ho)

Me and Talon were partners and made a Stick Man together (Kayden)

We've been doing Stick Man and we got to make a Stick Man (Holly R)

We liked swimming (Kendrix and Nate)

I liked going to library on Thursday. I've got some good books lately. Today I got "Excuse me Santa" (Hollie S)

3/4

- Michaela Mason's Big List of Camp Worries Literacy Grid

We have been doing our literacy activity grid and we have to do different activities (Ruby)

- Statistics in Maths

We've been doing data in maths (Rusty)

I enjoyed doing data (Slade)

I enjoyed doing math because I like adding up (Alayna and Lucy)

- Mindfulness doodling
- Finished our World Kindness Day compliment jars
- Continuing to work on Digital Portfolios

We have been learning about the tawny frog mouth in MARC van (Rusty)

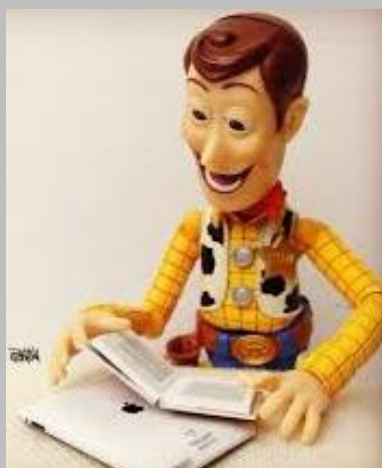
5/6 G and H

This week we have been finalising our speeches. For the grade 6s their Graduation speeches for next Thursday night and for the grade 5s their leadership speeches to be presented next Wednesday at 2:30 (All grade 5 parents are welcome to come and listen to Leadership speeches in the OLA on this day). We will finish our class novel Spylark this week and then begin a literacy learning grid about the book for the next 2 weeks. This enables the students to show their understanding of the book.

Only 3 weeks to go! Enjoy your weekend and a reminder that next Friday 5th December is a pupil free day! 😊



Cian J



For 200 Nights

Summer D

For 275 Nights

Lucy G.

For 300 Nights

Emily Jane J

P.E

Some recent images of students enjoying their PE lesson at the Napoleons public tennis courts. Students have been learning elements of the game this term, such as the correct serving technique and forehand/backhand passes. It has been lots of fun, and so handy to have this resource so close to the school.



OSHC News with Danielle and Kristen

This week in OSHC, we all teamed up to celebrate Dylan's birthday, and as you can see, there were plenty of enthusiastic faces ready to join in. We also started some Christmas crafts. The clay ornaments were a bit messier than expected, BUT they're looking amazing. Our Foundies also made some great magnetic sculptures they were very excited to share.



OSHC Award

Alex

For being responsible, kind,
and always helping out
when needed

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!



PFA Christmas Raffle

The PFA are hosting a Christmas Raffle

Tickets to the raffle will go home today

PFA are encouraging donations to include in the raffle if you are able to contribute

All donations can be handed into the office

Raffle will be drawn at the presentation on 11th December



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

Please return your
donations to school by:



Reverse Advent Calendar Ballarat
school@reverseadventcalendar.com.au

Thank you

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.



CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

AWARDED TO

Napoleons Primary School – \$ 5,404.00

2025

2025 VIP SALE

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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
of Education

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
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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 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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