# Napoleons Primary School Newsletter #34

**5th November 2026**

## Calendar

**6th November:** Junior Swimming
**11th November:** Lunch orders due
**13th November:** Junior Swimming
Lunch order day
**20th November:** Junior Swimming
**18th December:** End of term and year
1:30pm finish


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## Stars of the Week

| Year F/1 J | Year F/1 M | Year 2/3 | Year 3/4 | Year 5/6 |
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| **Brody** | **Sam** | **Talon** | **Adaline** | **Matilda** |
| For being a kind and considerate friend. | For always trying his best with learning! **Well done.** | For always working hard in class and demonstrating our value of belonging by ensuring no one is left out! | For your enthusiasm and commitment to using new vocabulary during 'Free-Write' | For having a great imagination when writing narratives |

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**Week 5 and look at the growth in our Fairy Garden!**

We hope you have a peek in the corridor window when you are next at the school. Spring has certainly arrived. Teachers had a very productive time on Monday, preparing report formats and organizing assessments that will inform report writing this term.

We hope that families enjoyed a mini break with the four-day weekend, as we enter the last 7 weeks of Term 4.

**Reporting Formats for this semester's reports**

Reports are being streamlined through the Department of Education this year and next year. This term you will notice a slightly different format as we move towards the Departments expectations in 2027. Please see below, an explanation provided for schools to share with their school community.

*The Department of Education has updated its student reporting policy to support a more consistent statewide approach to reporting student achievement and progress. The changes are intended to make reports clearer for parents and easier for teachers to prepare. Where comments are used, they provide plain English information about what a student has learned, and the progress they have made. The updated approach will also improve the consistency of information shared when students move between schools, particularly from primary to secondary school.*

More information will be provided prior to the reports being distributed.

**PFA Halloween Disco**



Thanks to the parents in our PFA, for hosting and organizing the Halloween Disco on Friday last week. It was great to see the kids in their costumes and enjoying themselves. Many thanks to parents for promptly collecting your children at 6pm and also to those who stayed behind to restore our OLA to its usual state. This was done in record time, and we were all heading home just after 7pm.

**Our School Values: Respect, Perseverance, Creativity and Belonging**

This week I have seen so many lovely examples of students demonstrating our school values of *Respect* and *Belonging*. It is encouraging to see students living these values in many different ways. These examples do not need to be grand gestures, as we learn many things in the small moments. Thank you to all our students who care for each other, offer to be helpful or take the initiative to do something that needs doing, without being asked. A few Principal awards will be acknowledging these moments at this week's assembly.

**After school playground fun - reminder**



It is great to see that families make the most of our playground after the end of the school day. We ask families to be mindful of our OSHC group that also occurs at this time.

We ask families who are staying after school for a play, ensure their children are supervised and that children do not join the students participating in OSHC and supported by staff during their outside activities. We will facilitate this by ensuring OSHC students have their outside time over near the basketball court and Ga Ga pit. This helps maintain appropriate supervision of those students who have been booked into OSHC for the after-school program.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Sue Izard 😊
Principal






**Reading Award**

**Oliver -** For his focus during reading tests. Well done!

**Teacher:** Mrs jones

**For 50 Nights**
Zaiden G.
**For 100 Nights**
Karson A.
**For 275 Nights**
Emily-Jane J.

## This Week in OSHC



This week at OSHC, we introduced the children to *The Game of Life*! It has been so lovely watching the children learn the game together, teaching one another the rules and finding creative ways to adapt the game to include our Foundation children. It has been wonderful seeing the older children supporting and encouraging the younger ones, making it a fun experience for everyone.
We also had a fantastic time attending the school disco! There were plenty of smiles, dancing and laughter, with the limbo competition and everyone's amazing costumes being definite highlights. What a fun week we've had!

## OSHC Awards

**Rylie P -** for being helpful in OSHC

**Addy -** for having a kind, helpful and happy attitude in OSHC

## Playgroup

**Playgroup runs every second Friday from 9:00am - 11:00am at Ecka Napoleons Kindergarten (located next to school)**

**Term 4 dates:**

- Friday, 6th November 2026
- Friday, 20th November 2026
- Friday, 4th December 2026 – Christmas theme 🎄

## Class News

### F/1 J and MF

Another fun week in F/1, although it has been a short one! We hope you all enjoyed your long weekend.

We have been working hard in Reading, Writing and Maths this week. F/1 are learning about reducing pollution and F/1 M have been learning about the planets.

Remember your swimming things tomorrow!

### 2/3

This week the students have hit the ground running. They are deep in assessments and doing a marvellous job. They are currently writing stories about a big button that says 'DO NOT PRESS!'. Don't worry, there are infinite chihuahuas, witches hiding and craziness happening all over the place. The students' imaginations are never ending!

Remember the Year 2s have swimming tomorrow. :)

### 3/4

After a long weekend, we were keen to get back into our class novel. Brightbill migrated south for the winter so that he wouldn't die. Roz built many lodges for the other animals to help them survive a particularly harsh winter. The first one caught on fire because the animals didn't know how to use fire properly. After building many more lodges, she had to put in rules that the animals could not hunt each other when they were staying inside the lodges. We look forward to finishing the book next week. We have had the chance to write our own 'free write' and are also writing poems in readiness for Remembrance Day. In P.E., we played invasion games which taught us how to develop strategic thinking and to cooperate with each other.

- Hunter and Rusty

### 5/6

The Halloween disc was a hit and we thank PFA for decorating, the snacks and for putting on the event. We have several students who have the opportunity to go to Blast Cricket tomorrow. We hope they have a great time and look forward to hearing all about it. In PE we have been learning about Invasion games and strategies to invade the other team. In maths we have been revising our problem solving strategies using multiplication, division, addition and subtraction. We are also enjoying improving our times tables recall with Timetables Rockstar.

We got to show off our writing skills with a free write. I loved writing about a narrative set in a forest and a little girl who encountered different creatures along the way. - Neve

## Auskick Program 2026




**Auskick is back!**

After a great program last year, Auskick is returning to Napoleons PS this term!
It's a fun way for kids to learn footy skills, build confidence and play with their friends.

**Program details:**

- **When:** Mondays, 3.30pm – 4.30pm
- **Where:** Napoleons PM oval



# Lunch Meal Deal – Friday 13th Nov.

We are trialling lunch orders with a local provider "Healthy Futures Australia" who provide healthy lunches to local schools.

Ben will be our Chef, he came to this provider from Carboni's and is inviting us to participate with 'Healthy Futures Australia' by providing a lunch which will be fresh, hot and served in a bowl with cutlery.

The menu for this lunch is sweet potato gnocchi with seven veg sauce and cheese + a Cheeky Blondie for **$7.70 per meal deal**.

Description of the food:

Fresh sweet potato gnocchi (sweet potato, potato, wholemeal flour, pizza flour, parmesan, egg yolk, with tomatoes, garlic, olive oil and up to 7 vegetables, mozzarella and parmesan on top)

And

Cheeky Blondie (dates, bananas, chickpeas, wholemeal wheat flour, eggs, dates, honey, olive oil, vanilla, baking soda, baking powder, water).

Ordering will be through a new app called Flexischools, see below for instructions.

**Orders will close at 3.30pm on Wednesday 11th November.**

We are encouraging all families to participate in this lunch order so we make this one a success and can continue offering healthy lunch orders on a regular basis.

## Our canteen is online with Flexischools

We're excited to announce our school canteen is now online with Flexischools, so you can order and pay for recess snacks and lunches online or via the Flexischools app - no more looking for change or scrawling on paper bags!

### With Flexischools you can:

- Place and pay for canteen orders in seconds
- See up-to-date menus and items
- Quickly re-order family favourites

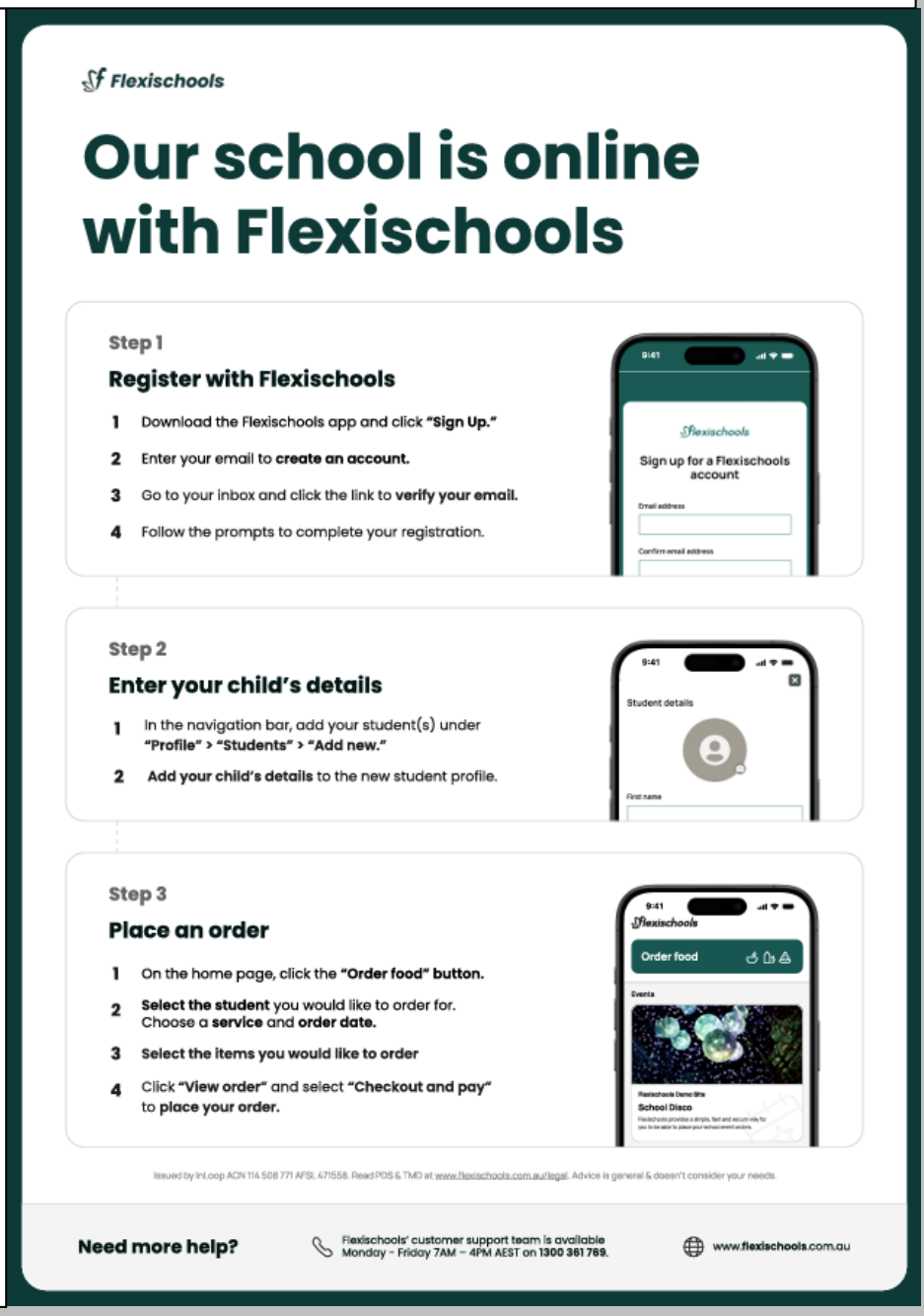
Simply download the Flexischools app from the Apple or Google store and follow the prompts to create an account. You can also register online here.

Once set up, click "Order Food" to place your order and pay. Orders can be placed at any time, up until our specified daily cut-off (as shown in the app).

You can even set up a student login and let your child take charge of ordering – great for growing independence.

We encourage all families to use Flexischools to help us create an efficient cashless experience at the canteen, and simplify school life.

*Note: Flexischools is provided by InLoop Pty Ltd (ABN 27 114 508 771) (trading as Flexischools) AFSL 471558. Any information provided is general only and does not take into account your objectives, financial situation or needs. Please read and consider the Combined FSG/PDS and TMD at www.flexischools.com.au/legal before acquiring or using the service.*



## Reverse Advent Calendar Boxes – Spreading Christmas Kindness

This Christmas, Napoleons Primary School is again proud to support the Reverence Advent Calendar, helping provide support to others in need during the festive season. We invite our school community to contribute items to help make Christmas a little brighter for those doing it tough. The organisers have specifically requested donations of tea, coffee and hot chocolate. Donations can be brought to school and need to be returned by Wednesday 2nd December. There will be donation boxes in each of the classrooms and at the front office.

Thank you for your generosity and for helping us spread kindness and care within our wider community this Christmas.






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

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

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Scan the QR Code to learn more about how you can build positive relationships with school staff in the department's **Respectful Behaviours within the School Community Policy**.

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