



Napoleons Primary School Newsletter #10

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Calendar

- 2nd April - Last day - 2:30 finish
- 3rd April - Good Friday
- 20th April - Students return
- 20th – 24th April - Senior swimming all week
- 24th April – School photo day
- 8th May - Mother's day breakfast
- 22nd May - World turtle day

- 26th May - National Sorry Day
- 8th June - King's Birthday Holiday
- 26th June - Last day - 2:30 finish
- 17th July – National PJ day
- 4th August – F-3 Gymnastics
- 11th August – F-3 Gymnastics
- 18th August – F-3 Gymnastics
- 25th August – F-3 Gymnastics
- 1st September – F-3 Gymnastics

Year F/1 J

Brody

For always trying his best and helping others.

Well done!

Year F/1 M

Peter

For always following our classroom expectations.

Well done!

Year 2/3

Piper

For your bravery and confidence when presenting your show and tell this week

Year 3/4

Summer

For her amazing geometric Easter Bunny.

Fantastic effort!

Year 5/6

Sarah

For her consistent work with her Boy Overboard grid.

Well done!



Today is our last newsletter for Term 1. We have had an incredibly busy time this term and everyone – students, staff and families are probably ready for a holiday break.

LDSSA Cross Country results



Congratulations to all students who participated in the LDSSA Cross Country last Thursday – it was amazing to see so many Napoleons Primary School students do so well. Joining in is the aim of the game and I hope this year's new introduction of Tabloid Sports were enjoyed, in spite of the wet, cold and windy weather. Congratulations to those who gained either a 1st, 2nd or 3rd place in their age group.

9/10 Girls:

2nd - Summer

11 girls:

3rd - Steph

12/13 Girls:

2nd - Ella

11 Boys

1st - Jude

2nd - Morgan

12/13 Boys:

3rd - Henry

The next level of competition (District) is May 11th at Fed Uni. These place getters have already received an invitation to attend this event.



Congratulations to all for BlazeAid

Well done to our Junior School Council for their successful fundraiser supporting BlazeAid last Friday. Thanks to the lovely volunteers who came in to explain all the support BlazeAid provides people who live in rural areas and are recovering from natural disasters such as fires, cyclones, droughts and floods. The fundraiser raised over \$161 for BlazeAid



Thank you to Ros for showing us how to make Hot Cross Buns

Last week Ros came and started to work her way through all classes in order to make hot cross buns with everyone. Ros finished up with the 5/6 students yesterday and bagged up the last batches today. Thank you so much for all your time and generosity. The students really enjoyed the experience and found the buns very tasty! 😊

School Crossings keep everyone safe



We have been noticing that some families have been collecting their children at the gate and then crossing the road further up the drive, in front of the school bus. We have two marked zebra crossings in front of our school office and school gate. Please assist with modelling safe road behaviours by using the crossings that are marked to cross the road with your children, even if you are choosing to park in the carpark closest to Colac-Ballarat Road. We have had an increase in traffic since incorporating the Napoleons Kindergarten into our school site and we want everyone to be safe. Thank you to those families who consistently use the crossings when delivering or collecting your children.

Sad news

We were all shocked to hear of the passing of Steve Anderson, Morgan's Dad last week after a short illness. Our thoughts are with the family at this very sad time.

Thank you, Kim



This week, sadly, we are saying a fond farewell to Kim Davison who has been working in our office for over 18 months, supporting our school and working with Belinda. Kim has been the successful applicant for a full-time role at a local secondary school and will begin this position, full time, at the start of Term 2. Thank you for all your diligence, care and attention at our school, with occupational health and safety compliance and for supporting our students with ES supervision when this was needed. We wish you all the very best in your new role.

Thank you to all the staff at Napoleons Primary School for working 'above and beyond' in their roles. This week we have undertaken planning for Term 2 to ensure we have everything in place to support students after the holidays.

Please remember that if your children are in Years 4/5/6, we have a **full week of swimming**, in the middle session of the day) the first week back. We also have **school photos** on the first Friday back (before swimming 😊). This full week of swimming is a change from our usual 'once per week for 5 weeks' to see if it is a better option for older students.

Our **Winter Sports is scheduled for Friday 15th May** for students in 4/5/6 – so please add this date to your calendars. The day will run a little differently this year and we only have one, longer day, instead of two shorter days this year.

Thanks to our PFA, especially in the last two weeks, for organising flowering bulbs, hot cross buns, bakery lunches and the Easter Raffle (many thanks to those who donated).

We wish everyone a restful holiday and look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Monday April 20th for the start of Term 2.

Sue

**Sue Izard
Principal**

Class News

Term 1 Week 10

F/1 J and M

Well done to F/1 this term. We made it! We hope our Foundation students have enjoyed their first Term 1. We have been very busy this week making Easter crafts and enjoyed watching a movie today to celebrate the last day of term.

It has been a wonderful term. Our Foundation students have settled in so well, and our Year 1 students have been fantastic in supporting them. This term, we have been busy learning about shapes, *The Cat in the Hat*, Hattie the Fox, the Winter Olympics, Sound and Write, completing Sports Day, and so much more. We hope you all have a wonderful Easter holiday!

I loved playing outside with my friends. - *Bonnie F/1J*

I love learning Auslan. - *Lottie F/1MF*

2/3

Well done to all our students for their first term in 2/3! We've had a wonderful first term and hope that you all enjoy a relaxing Easter break.

This week we have been busy finishing off our work. We have been collecting data on some of our favourite topics. It was clear that chocolate ice cream was a favourite! We have also had our 'Show and Tell' day. I was so impressed with how clearly the students spoke and the way they made eye contact with their peers when presenting. They asked thoughtful questions and were very engaging.

I can't wait to see what we can achieve next term! - Mrs Murnane

3/4

We have had a wonderful first term in 3/4. We started this week off by making hot cross buns and completing a geometric Easter Bunny. We finished our second class novel, 'The Worry Tree', and had fun completing a range of activities related to the book. Some of the inventions were very thoughtful and creative. We also printed out our information reports and these are now on display in the classroom. Wishing you all a wonderful Easter and holiday break. We can't wait to see everyone in Term 2.

5/6

It has been a great term. We have done a lot of learning and fun activities. We have finished our Boy Overboard novel and completed lots of the learning grid activities. These are on display in the senior building, please check them out. We are really proud of them!

This term we have also been doing electives. The Grade 5/6 students have organised these and led each of the sessions. Students across the school have had the opportunity to take part in art (drawing and colouring), sport (different games) and indoor games (chess, board games and card games.) Today we are watching Hop the movie as a whole school. We wish you a HAPPY EASTER hope the Easter Bunny finds their way to your house.



Lucy G



Congratulations!

For 25 Nights

Hudson G.

For 50 Nights

Aurora C.

Peter C.

Michael G.

Cian J.

Remi S.

Henry S.

OSHC News with Danielle and Ace

Term 1 Week 10



This week at OSHC, we embraced the Easter spirit with lots of creative and fun activities! The children enjoyed making clay Easter bunnies and creating their own Easter decorations to take home. We also had a very “punny” egg hunt, which brought lots of laughter and excitement.

For lunch, we made delicious taco bowls, and there was plenty of time spent outdoors playing cricket together.

Looking ahead to next term, we are excited to take on more responsibility for caring for our chickens. This is a role that Addy, Bonnie, and Lottie are especially excited about!

We look forward to another fun and engaging week at OSHC!

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.

Cost is as follows

\$24.20 BSC and \$33 ASF

These costs are before CCS is applied which drastically lowers the price



Quacktain Award

To Nirvana

For playing games with the children and making them laugh

To Hollie S

For teaching others how to take basketball shots



OSHC Award

To Skylar

For supporting others to learn new skills

Parents can make bookings via the following link:

https://prodadmin.myxplor.com/enrollment_v2/centre/x59V4dmEiRga0jfjM94231W4yA?param=

Before School Care Program Survey

Dear Families,

Napoleons OSHC is currently reviewing our **Before School Care program**, and we are exploring the possibility of **extending our morning hours** to better support families.

To help us understand what would work best for our community, we have created a short survey for families to complete. The survey asks about **preferred start times, potential extended hours, and pricing options**. Your feedback will help us determine whether an earlier start time (such as **6:00am or 6:30am**) would be beneficial and viable for our service.

The survey only takes a few minutes to complete, and your responses will play an important role in guiding future decisions for our OSHC program.

We would greatly appreciate it if you could take a moment to complete the survey.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/58YJ97Q>

Thank you for your ongoing support of Napoleons OSHC.

Kind regards,

Napoleons OSHC Team

Danielle Edwards

OSHC

Coordinator

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



Breakfast Club

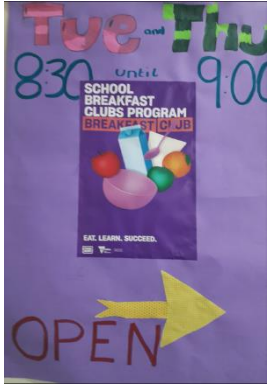


Breakfast Club will be running this year on **Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30am to 9:00am** in the OSHC room. This program provides children with a calm and welcoming start to their school day, ensuring they are settled, nourished, and ready to learn.

Children can enjoy a variety of breakfast options including cereal, toast, fresh fruit, fruit cups, milk, and occasionally yoghurt. Breakfast Club also offers an opportunity for children to socialise with peers in a relaxed environment while being supported by OSHC educators.

All students are welcome – There's no need to book, just come along.

If your child arrives at school hungry on other days, breakfast can still be provided **upon request** in the OSHC room between **8:40am and 8:55am**. Please encourage children to let staff know if they need support accessing breakfast.



Playgroup

We are excited to welcome Playgroup back this year at the kindergarten. Playgroup will run **Every second Friday morning from 9:00am to 11:00am**, making use of the kindergarten's excellent facilities and outdoor spaces.

Upcoming Playgroup Dates:

- Friday, 24 April 2026
- Friday 8 May 2026
- Friday 22 May 2026
- Friday 5 June 2026
- Friday 19 June 2026



Playgroup provides a relaxed and supportive environment where young children can explore toys, engage in creative play, develop social skills, and build confidence in a play-based setting. Sessions are designed to encourage early learning through play while allowing children to interact with others in their community.

Parents and carers are invited to stay and participate in the session, providing a valuable opportunity to connect with other families, share experiences, and build relationships within the school community.

Playgroup will be facilitated by **Danielle from OSHC** at the start of the year. We are currently seeking a volunteer to take over facilitation of the program later in the year. If you are interested in supporting this program or would like more information, please contact the OSHC service on 0494 322 830.

School Assembly

Will happen at 2pm today

Easter raffle will be drawn at assembly

We look forward to seeing everyone who can make it

Hot Cross Buns

Over the last couple of weeks, the children from all year levels have taken it in turns to make hot cross buns with Ros. All the children were very excited about this experience.





Free health, wellbeing and development checks for prep students

The Primary School Nursing Program is a free health and wellbeing service offered to all Victorian students in their first year of school.

The program aims to assist with the early identification of children with potential health, wellbeing or development concerns which may impact on their education and offers screening which may include:



Hearing



Vision



Speech



Dental



Motor skills



Behaviour and social skills

The Primary School Nurse also provides advice, information and referrals to other health and support services.

Please remember to complete:

The Online School Entrant Health Questionnaire (which can be accessed through this QR code or link on your mobile device or computer)

students.educationapps.vic.gov.au/sehq/s/



A paper version of the School Entrant Health Questionnaire is available from your child's school if you would prefer.

vic.gov.au/education



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Under 18s **travel free** on all public transport with a Youth myki



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STREETVIEW



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JUNIOR DAY

Join us for a day specialising in looking after and preparing poultry for exhibition!
Recommended age group 8-15 Years - Parents welcome

11am-2pm 11 April 2026

Free entry,
BBQ Lunch provided
The Poultry Shed, Geelong Showgrounds

For more information :

secretary@geelongpoultryclub.com

Geelong and District Poultry Club Inc.



BOOK HERE:



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.





DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



Somers School Camp

A nine day residential outdoor and environmental experience for Year 5 & 6 students

Focusing on developing the Victorian Curriculum Capabilities

- Personal & Social
- Ethical
- Intercultural
- Critical & Creative Thinking



Inspiring optimism and developing the consciousness and care of
SELF, OTHERS and the ENVIRONMENT

Years 5 & 6 Students from Schools in your area will be participating in the Somers Camp.

From: **Tuesday 11th August 2026** To: **Wednesday 19th August 2026**

FURTHER INFORMATION WILL BE SENT SOON

www.somerscamp.vic.edu.au

Somers School Camp – Grade 5/6

This year is a Somers School Camp year and there will be places offered for 160 students across the Central Highlands Area.

The cost per participant will be \$350 and the experience includes a unique nine-day residential learning experience. We have had a number of students attend in the past and all have described it as an amazing experience. Please see the flyer attached and discuss the opportunity with your child. Usually schools are offered approximately four (4) places, although sometimes we get lucky and get a few extras. More details will be given shortly.

If wanting to submit an expression of interest, please see the office.



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MUSIC LESSONS

GUITAR ONLINE ENROLMENTS
 KEYBOARD CALL 0401951592
 SINGING DON'T MISS OUT

www.genesismusicschool.com.au

Music lessons will be held on a **Wednesday** for those students who have enrolled

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2026 WINTER REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN.

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Free kids ticket to the Ballarat Miners when you sign up to any day of our Power FM Holiday camp

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GOLDEN PLAINS SKATE PARKS AUTUMN 2026

FREE SKATEBOARDING WORKSHOPS WITH EQUIPMENT AND EXPERTISE PROVIDED

3pm - 5pm for the following locations and dates...

Bannockburn Skate Park	Saturday, 14 March
Teesdale Skate Park	Saturday, 21 March
Lethbridge Skate Park	Saturday, 28 March
Meredith Skate Park	Saturday, 4 April
Smythesdale Skate Park	Saturday, 11 April
Dereel Skate Park	Sunday, 12 April
Enfield Skate Park	Saturday, 18 April
Bannockburn Skate Park	Sunday, 19 April
Lethbridge Skate Park	Saturday, 25 April
Meredith Skate Park	Saturday, 2 May
Smythesdale Skate Park	Saturday, 9 May
Bannockburn Skate Park	Saturday, 16 May
Lethbridge Skate Park	Saturday, 23 May



Register Here

For full details, registration and weather updates use the QR code or visit revolutionise.com.au/vsa
 Follow @AllAboardSessions on facebook and instagram for all event updates and content.







FREE School Holiday Program

Ballarat Primary School Students

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.

“Thankyou so much for making me happy and making me enjoy my time”
Past Student

\$ Free to Attend, Limited Spots

Grades 4-6

April 7th, 9th, 10th, 10AM -2PM

Lucas Community Hub, 17 Coltman Plaza, Lucas

Activities are based on the Paw Pals Curriculum, which aligns with the general capabilities in the Victorian Curriculum.

Applications close 20th March. Get in touch with us today to secure your place.

Contact: Kate Maddocks

0484 366 996

Kate.Maddocks@mackillop.org.au

mackillop.org.au/programs/paw-pals

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



Mackillop Family Services acknowledges the Traditional Custodians and their Elders in each of the communities where we work. Mackillop celebrates and draws strength from diversity and respects the dignity of all people. We value an inclusive culture where everyone gets the most from their work, gender diverse, trans and sexual people (GSM) have the right to be safe.



Animal Assisted Education

Paw Pals School Holiday Program Expression of Interest (EOI)

Paw Pals has been partnering with local schools and students in Ballarat since 2022. Building on this strong foundation, our school holiday program offers fun, engaging activities that strengthen peer connection, boost self-confidence, and support students in developing greater independence.

PROGRAM DETAILS

- Grades 4-6**
- Free**
- April 7th, 9th, 10th**
- 10 AM-2 PM**
- Lucas Community Hub, Lucas**
- Max. 8 Students per Group**

KEY FOCUS AREAS

The program provides targeted activities to enhance students' **self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationship skills, and responsible decision-making**. Based on the Paw Pals Curriculum, which aligns with the general capabilities in the Victorian Curriculum. Topics include:

- Understanding social cues** (e.g., taking turns, teamwork, problem-solving)
- Coping with mistakes and building resilience**
- Practice and persistence for success**
- Mindfulness for wellbeing**, inspired by the way dogs live in the moment and spread joy

STUDENT INFORMATION

Full Name			
Date of Birth			
School	Year Level		
Parent/Guardian Name	Contact Number		
Email Address			

Does your child have any additional learning or support needs? <i>(Please provide details)</i>			
SESSION DELIVERY			
How many days will your child attend? <i>(Multiple days welcome)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday 7 th April <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday 9 th April <input type="checkbox"/> Friday 10 th April	Would you like to explore 1:1 support sessions? <i>(Outside of the School Holiday Program)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
How did you hear about the Paw Pals School Holiday Program?			
<input type="checkbox"/> School referral <input type="checkbox"/> Social media	<input type="checkbox"/> Word of mouth <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): _____		
PARENT/GUARDIAN CONSENT			
I confirm that I am the parent/guardian of the above-named student and give permission for them to participate in the Paw Pals School Holiday Program. I understand that submitting this Expression of Interest does not guarantee placement in the program, and I will be contacted regarding further details.			
Signature _____		Date _____	

Applications Close 20 March | First-Come, First-Served

Please email completed form to
Kate.Maddocks@mackillop.org.au



Kate Maddocks
Paw Pals Operations Coordinator

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