



# Napoleons Primary School

## Newsletter #11

23<sup>rd</sup> April 2026

### Calendar

20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> April: Senior Swimming all week

24<sup>th</sup> April: School Photo Day

8<sup>th</sup> May: Mother's Day Breakfast

13<sup>th</sup> May: GRIP Leadership

15<sup>th</sup> May: Tabloid Sports Year 4-6

22<sup>nd</sup> May: World Turtle day

26<sup>th</sup> May: National Sorry Day

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8<sup>th</sup> June: King's Birthday Holiday

26<sup>th</sup> June: Last day - 2:30pm finish

17<sup>th</sup> July: National PJ Day

4<sup>th</sup> August: F-3 Gymnastics

11<sup>th</sup> August: F-3 Gymnastics

18<sup>th</sup> August: F-3 Gymnastics

25<sup>th</sup> August: F-3 Gymnastics

1<sup>st</sup> September: F-3 Gymnastics

2<sup>nd</sup> September: Year 4/5/6 Anglesea

### Year F/1 J

**Bonnie**

For her fantastic efforts in Literacy lessons.

Well done!

### Year F/1 M

**Milo**

For working really well in Sounds-Write lessons.

Great work!

### Year 2/3

**Thomas**

For making amazing choices during learning time!

Keep it up!

### Year 3/4

**Sienna D**

For working hard to increase and improve her swimming skills.

Fantastic effort!

### Year 5/6

**Tyce**

For his enthusiasm and persistence at swimming!

Well done Tyce!

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Welcome back to everyone. We all have returned with smiles on our faces, so I hope that means, everyone had an enjoyable break over the Easter/End of Term 1 vacation.



### Be on the lookout for snakes

We are having a stretch of very mild weather and as a result, we think the snakes have delayed their beginnings of hibernation. As reported in our Compass alert, we are keeping our eyes out for snake activity after a neighbour reported seeing a snake at their place. We have spoken with children at school and asked that they not play in the tree areas along the fence border and that they not play cubby building using tree branches/sticks. This will be our plan until the weather becomes colder and snakes have gone into hibernation.



### School Crossings keep everyone safe

Now we have started the new term, please be reminded to cross only at the designated crossings with your children. We have two marked zebra crossings in front of our school office and school gate. Crossing in the correct places, models safe road behaviours 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.

### SSG meetings Week 3

We will be scheduling parent teacher meetings for those students who require Student Support Group (SSGs) meetings. This will not be for all students and families who need to be making a meeting time, will be contacted, either by phone or by Compass to organise your time.

Swimming with students in years 3,4,5,6

Our students have been enjoying their daily swimming at the Ballarat Aquatic Leisure Centre this week. We have opted for an intensive week of swimming this year for senior students. We look forward to gaining feedback from students and families regarding how your experiences differ from the 5 week, 1 day per week program we have participated in previously.

Our Winter Sports is scheduled for Friday 15<sup>th</sup> 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.



**School Photos** will be this week on Friday (tomorrow!) and we have made arrangements for them to be all completed prior to our older students heading back to the pool for their final swimming session. Please remember to ensure your child/children wear in full school uniform for their photos.



### Upcoming AEU Stop work Action

Last term there was a full day AEU Stop Work Action in support of the work that happens in schools and concerns regarding how Victorian Schools are funded and how staff are paid. Throughout the school holidays, there were many meetings to reach an agreement regarding the conditions of a workplace award. Unfortunately, no agreement has been reached and so this term there will be a range of bans in place which are mostly in relation to meetings held outside school hours and responses to Departmental initiatives and requests. There is a timetable in place for rolling half day Stop Work Action across the State. **The date for our area is May 21<sup>st</sup>.** This will involve most staff out until lunch time, after which the usual afternoon programs will operate.

The other impact on families will involve school reports, scheduled to be sent out at the end of this term. Many reports will not have written comments however please rest assured that all our usual assessments will take place and all students will receive their progression point dots as in previous reports. The only difference will be an absence of written detail and additional comments.

### The issues continue to be about:

- Victorian public schools are the lowest funded in Australia, a recent Productivity Commission report demonstrates that in 2023–2024 each Victorian student was funded \$2,325 less than the national average, and \$3,983 less than a student in New South Wales. Since that time, the funding gap and a significant lack of resources for students, have grown.
- In January 2025, there was a government commitment to fully fund Victorian public schools to 100% of the national Schooling Resource Standard, alongside increases by the federal government. A subsequent decision was made to delay this additional funding until 2031, meaning our schools will miss out on more than \$2.4 billion in much-needed resourcing, which would enable every student to receive more individual support.
- Full and fair school funding, which was originally meant to be provided to schools by 2019, is critical to ensuring that every child and young person can equitably access a high-quality education in their local public school. There continues to be a chronic shortage of school staff.
- There has been failed negotiations about these issues and others, relating to wage parity with other Australian states, and measures to address excessive workloads, since July 2025

Please be assured that we fully acknowledge that the decision to stop work is not one we make lightly, and we regret the short-term impact it has on students and their families. We thank our school community for the support they have shown us so far. We look forward to contributing to an education system with improved funding and conditions for all students and all schools for years to come.

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Sue Izard  
Principal

# Class News

Term 2 Week 11

## F/1 J and M

F/1 - Foundation/Year 1 had a great first week back for Term 2 and settled into their routines really well. It has been a busy week learning about ANZAC day. We read ANZAC Ted. The students really enjoyed learning about ANZAC Day.

Foundation/Year 1 were also very excited to celebrate 50 Days of school today. Well done, F/1, on reaching 50 days!

## 2/3

The first week back it was Risha's and Kayden's birthday. Risha gave us party blowers and mini pencils and Kayden brought in the most delicious cupcakes. We have also made an ANZAC book that we had to colour in and we have made a silhouette for ANZAC Day. Grade 3/4/5/6 have been swimming all this week. We have started to do procedure writing.

We have almost finished our class novel Gangster Granny! - Obie, Talon and Lawson

## 3/4

The first week back of Term 2 has been a BIG one! We have been going to swimming lessons every day and whilst it is tiring, we have been learning new strokes and everyone is improving. We have started our new class novel, 'The One and Only Ivan'. From reading the blurb and the first chapter, it sounds like it is going to be an interesting book. The main character is a silverback gorilla named Ivan who lives in a shopping mall and it is based on a true story. In Numeracy, we have looked at multiplication arrays and finding missing numbers in equations.

We are excited for school photos tomorrow. - Holly and Ruby

## 5/6

I think that we are all exhausted after our first week of term 2. Swimming everyday for the week is hectic! It is great to see so many students improve their swimming and confidence around and in the water. We are beginning our new class novel this week and it is very exciting-The Last Bear by Hannah Gold. In numeracy we have been looking at multiplication and division as being the inverse of each other. We all loved our holidays but it is good to get back with our friends!

DO NOT forget about school photo day tomorrow! Thanks Mrs G & Mrs Hutt.

## Star Writer Award

To Steph

For taking on feedback and producing good writing.

Well done!



### For 25 Nights

Cassandra R.
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### For 50 Nights

Harrison C.
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Brody G.
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Amara R.
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Oliver T.
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Lottie G.
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Layla M.
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Oliver O.
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Matilda S.
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### For 75 Nights

Rossie A.
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Brody G.
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Darcy G.
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Levi S.
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Aurora C.
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Cian J.
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Remi S.
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Summer D.
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Lucy G.
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Emily-Jane J.
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Hollie S.
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# OSHC News with Danielle and Ace

Term 2 Week 11

This week in OSHC we welcomed back our students. We heard all about the holidays and excitement to see each other again. We focused on refreshing or memory of the rules and evaluating if we need to change them.

Air dry clay, sand pit tunnels and hunting for the black panther in the school grounds were the activities of choice this week



## **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 total price.



## **OSHC Award**

**To Addy King**

For always including and caring for everyone.

Well done!



## **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.

Parents can make bookings via the link below:

[https://prodadmin.myxplor.com/enrollment\\_v2/centre/x59V4dmEiRga0ifjM94231W4yA?param=](https://prodadmin.myxplor.com/enrollment_v2/centre/x59V4dmEiRga0ifjM94231W4yA?param=)

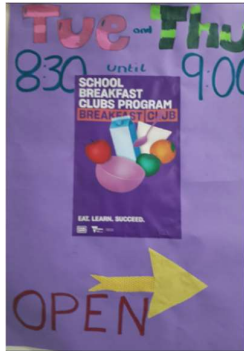
## Breakfast Club



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 w 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 with peers in a relaxed environment while being supported by OSHC educators.

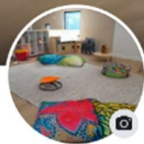


## Playgroup

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



**Napoleons Playgroup**

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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.

# Wreath Making



## Requests for greenery and flowers

We are making wreaths for ANZAC Day and would greatly appreciate any donations of greenery or flowers from your garden.

If you can help, please bring them to school on Friday morning (24th April) and place them on the senior deck.

Thank you for your support in helping us create our wreaths.

## 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.

Usually schools are offered approximately four (4) places, although sometimes we get lucky and get a few extras. Further details to come.

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

**SOMERS CAMP**

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION **VICTORIA** Education and Training

# 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

Experience FOR a Lifetime

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](http://www.somerscamp.vic.edu.au)

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



**MUSIC LESSONS**

GUITAR  
KEYBOARD  
SINGING

**ONLINE ENROLMENTS**  
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[www.genesismusicschool.com.au](http://www.genesismusicschool.com.au)



**ALL ABOARD SKATEBOARDING SESSIONS**

**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](http://revolutionise.com.au/vsa)  
Follow @AllAboardSessions on facebook and instagram for all event updates and content.

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Please join us for our

**NAPOLEONS KESO**  
(KOORIE EDUCATION SUPPORT OFFICER)

**MEET AND GREET morning.**

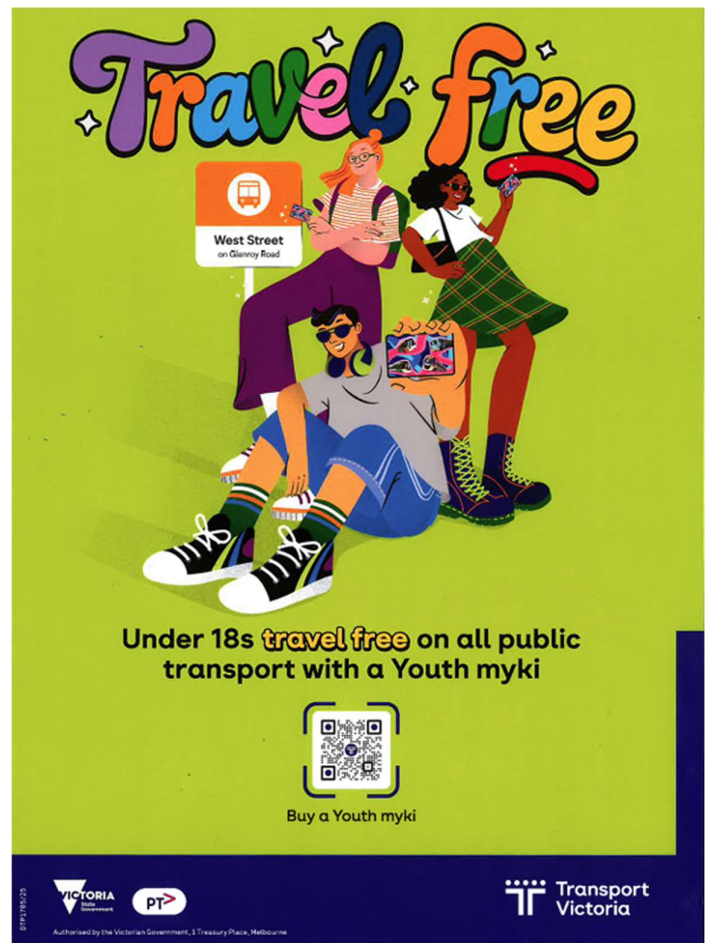
**NEXT WEDNESDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

**9-10AM**

**ALL PARENTS WELCOME!**

This is an informal morning tea and yarn after student drop off to inform our indigenous families of supports available.

Stronger together, supporting our Koorie students to thrive.



**Travel Free**

West Street on Gurney Road

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

Buy a Youth myki

VICTORIA Government PT Transport Victoria

# 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.

