



Napoleons Primary School Newsletter #5

26th February 2026

Calendar

- 9th March - Labour Day holiday
- 10th March - Foundation students commence Wednesday's
- 11th March - NAPLAN starts
- 20th March - NAPLAN ends
- 23rd March - 3-way conferences
12:30 finish
- 2nd April - Last day - 2:30 finish

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- 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

Year F/1 J

Olive

For her positive attitude and being a great helper

Year F/1 M

Joe

For making great choices and following expectations

Year 2/3

Ethan Ha

For consistently making thoughtful choices, showing kindness, and taking responsibility for his learning every day

Year 3/4

Riley JC

For trying his best in writing especially during the special webinar

Year 5/6

Morgan

For great participation in maths discussions about different types of numbers

Newsletter #5

We had a great time last week on Friday at our first Wheels Day!

The aim of this day was to ensure we were using some of the bikes that students repaired when we had the ReCranked program at our school. Some students chose to bring their own bikes. We also had some scooter boards out for students who did not have a bike they could ride or had no helmet to wear. I was really pleased with the great respect shown by all students with their riding – they all rode one way, they shared bikes and helmets and all seemed to enjoy the riding. Many students have asked that we have this again and that they have an opportunity to bring their bikes from home. We will definitely do this again. Thanks to Mrs Daws for helping with pumping up tyres.



School Council nominations for 2026 School Council – remember to nominate

Have you thought of nominating for School Council? School councils play an important role in Victorian government schools. Being a school council member means taking part in shaping the future of the school. You will need to attend 8 meetings throughout the year and may need to develop new skills through some school council training, however this is readily available so please do not let a lack of experience get in the way of you getting involved.

School councils are involved with:

- helping to create and check the school's budget
- contributing to the school strategic plan (Our last school review was in 2024 so we are one year into our 4 year plan)
- reviewing and making decisions about the policies which guide our school operations.

Our new 2026 school council will begin at our AGM in March. We have a February meeting; however, this is the final meeting for the 2025 school council and will involve last year's members. **We have 4 parent positions** that have now been declared vacant and each position is for a 2-year period. Nomination forms will be at the front office so if you wish to be involved, please ensure you complete a self-nomination form **before Friday the 7th March.**

NAPLAN in Weeks 7 and 8

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. The assessments are undertaken nationwide, every year.

NAPLAN tests are one aspect of each school's assessment and reporting process and do not replace the extensive, ongoing assessments made by teachers about each student's performance. Each teacher will have the best insight into their students' educational progress. Parents/carers can use NAPLAN reports, along with other school assessment reports, to discuss their child's strengths and areas for improvement with their teacher.

NAPLAN results allow parents/carers and educators to see how students are progressing in literacy and numeracy over time – individually, as part of their school community, and against national standards.

NAPLAN results do not measure overall school quality.

Slip Slop Slap

Please remember to be sunsmart.



Slip on sun protective clothing



Slop on SPF30+ sunscreen. Reapply every two hours



Slap on a broad-brimmed hat



Seek shade



Slide on wrap-around sunglasses

Sue

**Sue Iazard
Principal**

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

Class News

Term 1 Week 5

F/1 J and M

This week, our F/1 students have been learning about a First Nations Dreamtime story in Humanities and have thoroughly enjoyed the related activities. Students have been busy using playdough to create hats, teeth, and claws for Sebastian, showing wonderful creativity and enthusiasm. They had so much fun bringing their ideas to life!

I had fun making claws for Sebastian. - Birdy F/1J

I had so much fun at PE this week. - Milo F/1MF

2/3

The children were asked what their favourite part of the week was, or what they were looking forward to, and there were some great answers:

I'm looking forward to P.E today, and I liked that STEAM was on Monday because it's usually on a different day – Obie

Handwriting and doing shapes for a different elective - Dylan

I liked to do art on Monday, and we made treehouse designs - Risha

Maths, my favourite part was the learning – Everlyn

That our teacher Mr P made a book and told us all about it – Evie

The book was called "Rise of the disired" – Thomas

3/4

This week, the 3/4 students participated in a writing webinar and learnt lots of tips for how to make their persuasive writing even more interesting and engaging for their audience. In P.E., we learnt a new game called 'kick ball' where someone bowls the ball to another player and they kick it as far as they can. We are about to read the last chapter in our class novel, 'Kimmi'.

They taught us how to brainstorm ideas first - Emily

I've loved reading a book that has an Australian in it - Cassie

I've been learning to add two numbers using a number line - Nirvana

5/6

Last week we said goodbye to Miss Walter, our student teacher from the previous three weeks. She was really kind and helped our learning by making tasks fun.

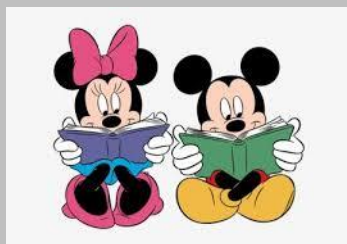
Maths has been making our brains work really hard as we have been exploring triangle, square, prime and composite numbers.

We have been playing catching and throwing games in PE to develop our hand - eye coordination. Ella

In Auslan we have been enjoying signing locations. Next week we have a Spelling Bee which will be challenging and exciting at the same time! - Steph

At recess we are enjoying playing Gang Up - Sarah

In PE we have been playing a game called End Zone, I have enjoyed throwing the ball with increased strength and accuracy - Chaz



Congratulations!

For 25 Nights

Darcy G.
Cian J.
Ollie O.
Milo W.
Holly R.
Miley W.

OSHC News with Danielle and Ace

Term 1 Week 5



This week at OSHC, the children enjoyed exploring their creativity using special paper clay. They created a wonderful range of clay animals, people and imaginative monsters. The paper clay dries overnight and holds its shape, which has added great excitement as the children return the next day to see their finished creations.

We also saw some fantastic collaborative play, with a group of children choosing to play Pokémon Monopoly together. It was wonderful to observe their turn-taking, teamwork and problem-solving skills throughout the game.

Food and Cooking

Cooking continues to be a highlight of our program. This week, the children helped prepare and cook pizzas, nachos and fresh fruit platters. We also enjoyed bagels, experimenting with a wide variety of toppings and encouraging the children to try new flavour combinations.

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



OSHC Award

To Sienna D

For encouraging others while playing in OSHC

Parents can make bookings via the following link:

https://prodadmin.myxplor.com/enrollment_v2/centre/x59V4dmEiRga0ifjM94231W4yA?param=

Breakfast Club

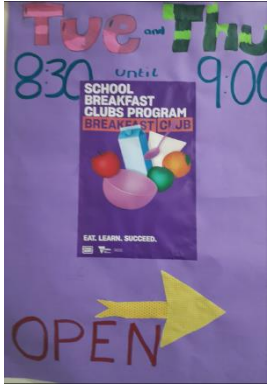


Breakfast Club will be running this year on **Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30am to 9:00am** in the OSHC room. This program provides children with a calm and welcoming start to their school day, ensuring they are settled, nourished, and ready to learn.

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 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**, commencing on **Friday 27th February** making use of the kindergarten's excellent facilities and outdoor spaces.

Upcoming Playgroup Dates:

- Friday, 27 February 2026
- Friday, 13 March 2026
- Friday, 27 March 2026
- Friday, 10 April 2026
- Friday, 24 April 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.



HELP US MAKE AMAZING THINGS HAPPEN FOR OUR STUDENTS!

Dear Families,

Our Parents & Friends Association (PFA) plays a big role in bringing our school community together while raising funds for extra resources, experiences, and opportunities for our students. We would love more families to be part of it!

What does the PFA do?

Throughout the year we organise fun, family-friendly fundraisers and events that support our school community.

Why join the PFA?

- Meet other families and make new connections
- Share ideas and be part of decision-making
- Support your child's school in a meaningful way
- Help create memorable experiences for our students

Time Commitment

PFA meetings are held once per term (normally), and you can be involved as much or as little as suits you.

Everyone is Welcome

New members are always welcome! Please contact the School Office or speak with a member of the PFA team to learn more.

Warm regards,
Napoleons Primary School PFA Team



JOIN THE PFA

NAPOLEONS PRIMARY SCHOOL – PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

Dear Families,

Our PFA brings our school community together through fun fundraisers, events, and opportunities for students. We would love you to join us – everyone is welcome!

WHAT DOES THE PFA DO?

We organise exciting fundraisers and community activities throughout the year to support students and bring families together.

WHY JOIN?

- Meet other families and make connections
- Share ideas and help shape school events
- Support your child's school in a meaningful way
- Be part of a welcoming community

MEETINGS

PFA meetings are held once a term (normally). You can be involved as much or as little as suits you.

NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME

Please contact the School Office or speak with a member of the PFA team to learn more.

Napoleons Primary School PFA Team
Together we make a difference for our students.

HELP US MAKE AMAZING THINGS HAPPEN FOR OUR STUDENTS!

What does the PFA do?

- Fun events & fundraisers for our school!

Why Join the PFA?

- ★ Make new friends
- ★ Share ideas
- ★ Support our school
- ★ Create memories!

Time Commitment

★ Monthly Meetings – Join in when you can!

Everyone is Welcome!
Contact us to learn more!



Napoleons Primary
School

brought to you by Our
Napoleons Primary School's PFA Team

The Annual Easter Raffle 2026!

Donations are Now OPEN

We would love all donations to be
received by the
30th March please.

Raffle will be drawn on the **2nd
April** at School Assembly.

If you have any questions about donations
please contact the school office or a
member of PFA, thank you.

**New members to PFA are
always welcome 😊**





NAPOLEONS PRIMARY SCHOOL PFA
ANNUAL EASTER RAFFLE 2026
DONATIONS NOW OPEN

Dear Families and Local Businesses,

Our Annual Easter Raffle is coming up, and we would love your support! The PFA is currently collecting donations to help create amazing Easter raffle prizes for our school community.

WHAT WE ARE LOOKING FOR:

- Easter eggs (any size)
- Chocolate or lollies
- Gift baskets or hampers
- Small toys or games
- Books or craft items
- Vouchers or small business donations
- Family-friendly prizes

All donations big or small are greatly appreciated!

WHEN TO RETURN DONATIONS: Please send all donations to school by: 30th March

WHERE TO BRING DONATIONS:

- School Office OR
- Directly to a member of the PFA Team

RAFFLE DRAW DATE: The Easter Raffle will be drawn on the 2nd April at School Assembly.

Remember to keep an eye out for raffle ticket books in your child's bag in the following weeks, so you don't miss out on a chance to win a prize!

QUESTIONS? If you have any questions about donations, please contact the school office or speak to a member of the PFA Team.

New members to PFA are always welcome!

Thank you for supporting our school community!

Good Afternoon,

We wanted to get in touch to let you know that we unfortunately had significant delays with two of our shipments which has caused stock shortages across some of our schools.

With the global tariff situation and their ever-changing nature at the moment, a lot of shipping companies have had to adjust their shipment plans repeatedly over the past 6 months. This unfortunately meant that shipments we had arranged to arrive in December arrived at the end of January because the shipping vessels kept being reallocated.

This may mean that some students won't have their full uniform as school starts for 2026. The most impacted items are school bags, reader bags, and some varieties of dresses, skirts, and hats.

The stock from these containers will start arriving in stores from today and into the next two weeks. There will be a focus on getting the summer uniform in first, with the full range following in the weeks after.

We would like to sincerely apologise for any inconvenience this may cause, and thank you for your understanding. If anyone has any questions, they are welcome to reply to this email or give our head office a call at 9702 3218.

Kind Regards,

Beleza School Uniforms



Travel free



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



Buy a Youth myki

Bulb Fundraiser



Get ready for Spring and help raise funds for Napoleons Primary School

Flyers will be sent home with students, with spares at the Office.
Please share the link with all your friends and family!

Orders close 20 March 2026

<https://www.bulbfundraiser.com.au/NAPOLEONS>

Celebrating International Pet Day





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)

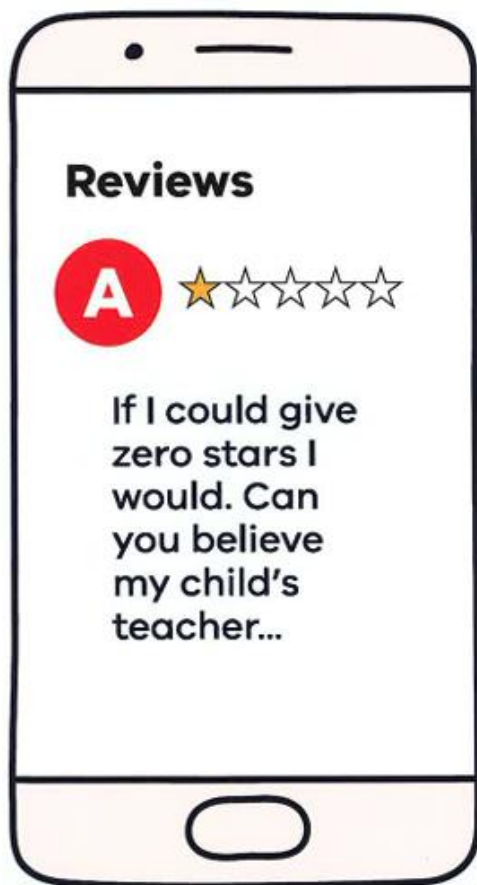
students.educationapps.vic.gov.au/sehq/s/



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

RESPECT

our school staff



 "I can say what I want – I'm just being honest."

 Think before you post

Be the role model
your child deserves.



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of Education



MUSIC LESSONS

GUITAR

KEYBOARD

SINGING

ONLINE ENROLMENTS

CALL 0401951592

DON'T MISS OUT

www.genesismusicschool.com.au

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

CARTOONING CAMPS

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Saturday: 10am - 2pm / 2pm - 6pm / 6pm - 9pm Sunday: 10am - 2pm
\$29 per class
www.illustrating-man.com.au
EARLY BIRD
 Book all 4 classes & receive 4 cartooning books & an art-set

Early Bird: Value at \$55

Enquiries: 8.30am - 4.30pm (EST)
 bookings@cartoonkingdom.com.au
www.illustrating-man.com.au
 Office: Suite 2, 29 Newland Street, Bondi Junction NSW 2022

Geelong
 Saturday February 28th - Sunday March 1st
 230 Myers Drive, Geelong

Bendigo
 Saturday March 7th - Sunday March 8th
 47 Simpsons Road, Eaglehawk

Ballarat
 Saturday March 14th - Sunday March 15th
 646 Hamilton Street South, Golden Point

Bacchus Marsh - Melton
 Saturday March 21st - Sunday March 22nd
 88 Wills St, Darley

Melbourne 5 Day Program
 Monday April 13th - Friday April 17th
 14 Bech Street, Caulfield South

BOOKINGS

- Go to: www.illustrating-man.com.au
- Click the **Cartoon Workshop** button on the home page
- Select: **Your location**
- All art materials included
- Working with Children Checks
- A professional cartoonist will be teaching
- Juniors: 4 - 7 Intermediates: 8 - 10 Seniors: 11 - 15
- Early Bird: Book all 4 classes before Friday February 27th to received the books & art-set

The Sydney Cartoon Camps have come back to Victoria Weekend Art & Cartoon Camps

Class 1: Saturday 10am - 2pm
 Theme: Hawaiian. Wear anything colourful & tropical. Prizes for the best dressed.
 Draw: A tropical island.
 Play: A frog, snake & a turtle.
 Play: The exciting game 'Charge'.
 Coral reef: Draw life in the sea.
 Draw: Animated fruit & vegetables.
 Competition: Design a candy packet. Win USA candy!
 Kids in the kitchen: Make mocktails & decorate doughnuts.
 Science show: With the mad Professor!
 Balloon squishies: Play the squishy game.
 Face painting: Get your face painted.
 Make: A tower with marshmallows & spaghetti.
 Competition: Design & win a real watch.

Class 2: Saturday 2pm - 6pm
 Theme: Messy clothes & hair. Prizes for the 'worst' dressed.
 Kids on wheels: Bring your scooters.
 Play: The 'Hit n Miss' Jelly game.
 Draw: Aussie animals.
 Draw: A dragon.
 Make: Clay food.
 Enjoy: Skittle S'mores.
 Treasure hunt: Find the treasure in the park.
 Slime: Make fun green gooey ooobleck slime!
 Play: The shaving cream battle if you want to!
 Draw African animals: A giraffe, meerkat & an elephant.
 Play: Harry Potter™, Pokémon™ & Star Wars™ trivia for prizes.
 Pokémon™: Draw popular characters & trade your cards. Bring your Pokémon cards.

Class 3: Saturday night 6pm - 9pm
 Theme: Dress in dark clothes for murder in the dark.
 OreO™ Challenge: Guess the flavour while blind folded.
 Play: Sock wrestling 'Nerf gun' style.
 Play: The custard eating game.
 Draw: Cute manga animals.
 Draw: Mario™, Minecraft™, Sonic™ & Yoshi™.
 Play: The Indiana Jones™ adventure game.
 Nerf gun battle disco: Bring in your nerf guns & goggles for a safe battle & disco. Make cubby houses in the hall.
 Play: Murder in the dark! An exciting game with balloons.

Class 4: Sunday 10am - 2pm
 Market Day - best class!
 Theme: Computer Games. Prizes for the best gaming costumes.
 T-Shirt Art: Design a T-Shirt. We'll supply the T-Shirts.
 Draw: Farm animals.
 Draw: Anime & Manga.
 Draw: Realistic people.
 Draw: 3D dinosaurs.
 Flour battle: Join in the fun flour fight if you want to.
 Enjoy: Japanese flavoured Pocky™ sticks.
 Waterfight: Weather permitting. Bring a watergun.
 Kingdom Markets: Everyone makes a shop for Market Day. Sell cookies, old toys, books... the children use Kingdom money they have earned. We'll give the children \$100 CK dollars.
 Talent Show: Perform if you want to. Singing, dancing, gymnastics, comedy, acting, etc... prizes for best acts.

BASKETBALL PROGRAMS

TERM ONE FUN!

Aussie Hoops
 Introductory program for children aged 4 to 11

All Abilities Hoops
 Development program for children living with disability

Next Level
 Aimed at 10 to 15 year old domestic players

FUTSAL BALLARAT JUNIOR COMPETITION

Tuesday Competition
 6-9 & Under Divisions
 Woodman's Hill
 1 Fussell Street,
 Ballarat East

10-12 & Under Divisions
 Federation University
 University Drive, Mt Helen

Saturday Competition
 6-12 & Under Divisions
 Ballarat High School
 1726 Sturt Street
 Lake Gardens

REGISTER NOW!
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JUNIOR FOOTBALLERS WANTED

WOADY WARRIORS 2026

Under 8s, Under 10s, Under 12s & Under 14s

\$99 REGISTRATION FEE

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T&C APPLIES. BOOKINGS MUST BE MADE BEFORE 28/02 PROOF OF REGISTRATION MUST BE SHOWN

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SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER

Free Kids Art Fun

All weekend 7-9 March

On Lake Wendouree Foreshore

Behind the Big White Marquee, Opposite the Botanical Gardens, Ballarat

Part of the Festival of Art

Alfredton
Rotary 



Alfredton
Rotary 

Vino & Van Gogh

Saturday 7 March
6.30-9pm

Festival of Art Marquee
Opp Ballarat Botanic Gardens
Lake Wendouree

\$70

Incl instruction, paint, canvas,
supper aand wine/soft drink
Over 18 yrs only



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THURSDAY 19 MARCH 2026



OPEN EVENING

AN ENVIRONMENT THAT INSPIRES

Discover and experience the exciting opportunities we offer at Mount Clear College - visit anytime between 4:30pm and 6:30pm.

- Explore our campus at your own pace - self guided tours
- Discover our diverse programs and unique extra-curriculum experiences
- Engage in hands-on learning experiences
- Experience our innovative Earth Ed STEM Centre & International Language Centre

EXPLORE

INNOVATE

ENGAGE