



Napoleons Primary School Newsletter #6

5th March 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

Franklin

For being a great classmate and making us laugh with his fish hat

Year F/1 M

Remi S

For sharing her jokes with our class and making us laugh

Year 2/3

Risha

For always showing enthusiasm for learning and following class expectations

Year 3/4

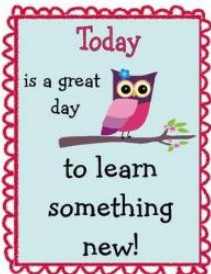
Luca W.

For his understanding of 3D objects and how they connect to the real world

Year 5/6

Miley

For creating a fantastic 3D shape research poster



It is hard to believe we are over halfway through Term 1 and there are only 4 weeks until the end of term vacation.

Our students who are in Foundation or who have been new to our school in other year levels have done an amazing job settling into a new school and into routines that may also be new. Our Year 5/6 leaders have risen to their leadership roles and are setting good leadership examples for younger students.

School Council nominations for 2026 School Council –nominate by Friday 7th March (that's tomorrow)

Please consider 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**.



Did anyone see Tuesday night's blood moon?

In Term 4 each year the Year 5/6 students are invited to camp out on our oval to view stars, constellations and planets. It is unfortunate that our camp-out does not coincide with amazing events like last night's blood moon. A blood moon occurs when the moon is completely in the Earth's shadow which makes it easier for longer wavelengths of light to be seen which results in a reddish-orange colour. It was visible on Tuesday at about 10pm.

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

Our weather seems to have settled into a more Autumn feel. Please remember that UV rays are still damaging, even on cooler or cloudy days. Please remember to keep applying sunscreen to your children until at least April.

Sue

Sue Izard
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		SNACKS	
LARGE MILK CHOC OR STRAWBERRY	\$ 6.00	YO YO BISCUIT	\$ 2.50
SMALL MILK CHOC OR STRAWBERRY	\$ 3.50	ICY POLE LEMONADE	\$ 2.50
POP TOP - APPLE ,ORANGE , APPLE- BLACKCURRANT	\$ 3.50	POTATO CAKE	\$2.00
WATER	\$ 3.00	MINI MUFFINS	\$2.80

Class News

Term 1 Week 6

F/1 J and M

It has been a busy week for our Foundation/Year 1 students. They have started Sounds and Writes, explored shapes by creating 2D shape robots, and drawn their families in Art.

Year 1 also participated in their Auslan Fingerspelling Bee, which was so much fun! Students had the opportunity to fingerspell a word in Auslan. Congratulations to Cian (Year 1) for winning the Fingerspelling Bee!

It was Foundation's last week without Wednesdays at school. From next week, they will begin full-time, and we look forward to having them here every Wednesday.

I had fun drawing my family in Art - Aurora (F/1MF)

I had fun making 2D robots – Harry (F/1J)

2/3

This week the students have been reading the book 'Gary', we have been focusing on making Text-to-Self connections and asking interesting questions about what we're reading. The students have also been exploring 2D and 3D shapes. In Writing we've started our Writer's Notebook and the students have loved the independence and creativity that this has brought to our writing sessions.

We have made our own character and where they have come from in our Writer's Notebook, my character is someone that goes to the gym. Evie

In PE we are enjoying the warm up game and learning about our gross motor skills. Kayden

I am enjoying doing the Art mural and making little cubbies for the tree. Ethan Hogg.

3/4

This week, we started a new class novel called 'The Worry Tree'. So far, we've learnt about the main character, Juliet, and how she likes to collect things like teeth and erasers. When she feels anxious, she likes to sort her collections into different categories. We have been focusing on paragraphs and how each paragraph in a persuasive text needs to have a main idea and supporting detail. In Auslan, we did the finger-spelling bee and Ruby was our class winner. Well done, Ruby!

I have learnt how to recognise 3D objects - Emily

I found it easy to spell the different words during our finger-spelling bee - Holly

5/6

The Auslan Spelling Bee (finger spelling different words such as soccer, frustrated and kangaroo) was challenging but we all tried really hard. In maths we have been learning about nets, I created a triangular prism. Other students made cylinders, octagonal prisms and cones. Our focus in writing has been persuasive, this week's topic was - Should kids have a TV in their room. We discussed the pros and cons as well as focused on using persuasive vocabulary. Steph



Matilda R
Sarah G

Congratulations!

For 25 Nights

Karson A.
Rossi A.
Olive S.
Aurora C
Angus S.

Remi S.
Summer D.
Sarah G.
Joe J.
Ella K.
Jude P.
Matilda R.
Henry S.

OSHC News with Danielle and Ace

Term 1 Week 6



This week at OSHC we had lots of fun playing volleyball with balloons, building our teamwork and coordination skills while sharing plenty of laughs. We enjoyed a high-energy dance party where children showed off their creative moves, and we explored our imaginations using plasticine to create animals, characters and unique designs. We also worked together to create our special OSHC Birthday Wall to celebrate everyone throughout the year. It was especially wonderful to see our older children teaching the younger ones how to play chess, demonstrating leadership, patience and kindness.

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

Ready to support your child with Before and After School Care

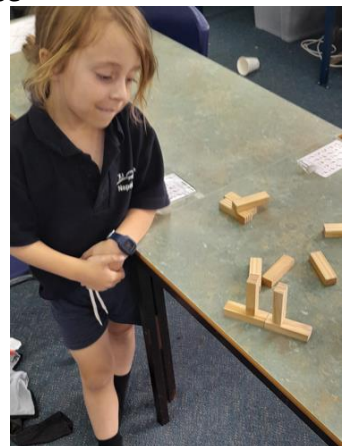
Please remember to book your children into before school care if you need to drop them off earlier than 8:45am.

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 Piper K

For Playing and helping younger children

Parents can make bookings via the following link:

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

Breakfast Club

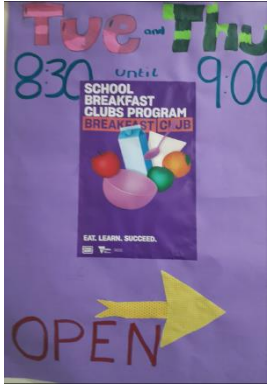


Breakfast Club will be running this year on **Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30am to 9:00am** in the OSHC room. This program provides children with a calm and welcoming start to their school day, ensuring they are settled, nourished, and ready to learn.

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, 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!



NapoleonsPrimary
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!

International Day of Happiness

Invitation to Grandparents / Special Persons

Friday 20th March

We will be celebrating International Day of Happiness on Friday the 20th of March.

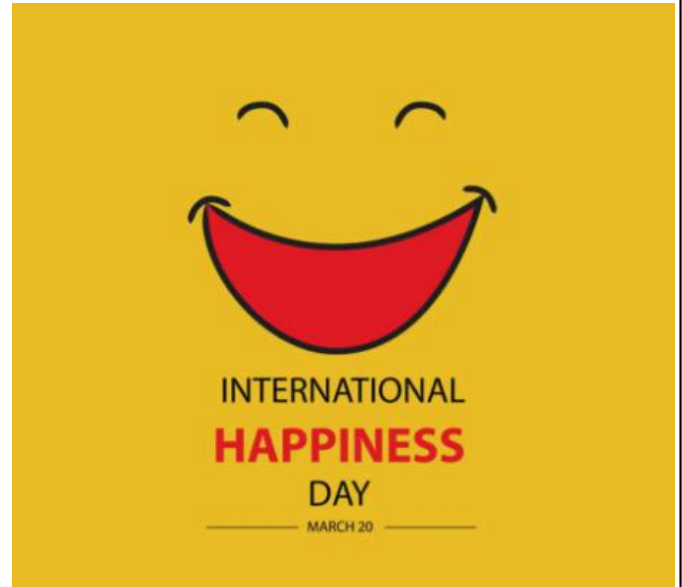
Grandparents and Special Persons are invited to join us for the last session of the day to do fun activities and share some smiles.

2.15 - 2.30 Arrival and playground

2.30-3.00 House groups activities

3.00- 3.00 Assembly

We hope you can make it!



Friday 27th of February 2026

Dear School Community,

Store Closure for Labour Day Public Holiday

Please be advised that due to the Labour Day public holiday, **your local Beleza store will be closed on Monday 9th of March**. We'll reopen to our usual trading hours from Tuesday 10th of March.

To confirm your local store's trading hours, please refer to our Google Business listing for your local store.

We'd like to apologise for any inconvenience that this closure may cause, and wish you all the best for the public holiday. We look forward to seeing you in-store again when we return!

All the best,

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>



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)

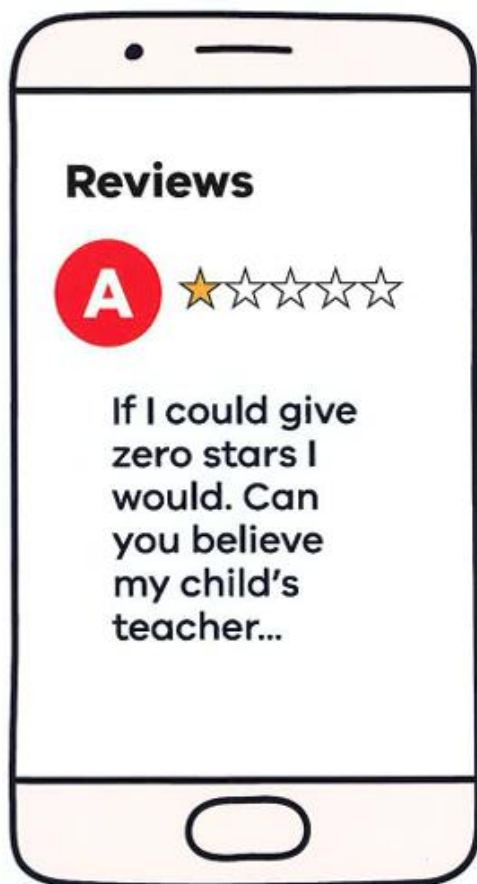
students.educationapps.vic.gov.au/sehq/s/



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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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.



MUSIC LESSONS

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

www.genesismusicsschool.com.au

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



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!

☎ 0488 086 456

🌐 www.futsalballarat.com.au



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



DRAGONS BASKETBALL

2026 WINTER REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN.

DON'T MISS OUT!

JOIN NOW!



DRUMMODRAGONS.COM.AU



Email: admin@phoenixbasketball.org

Bounce into Basketball

- Join our Under 8's and become part of the Phoenix community
- For girls & boys born 2019-2021
- FREE club fees & starter pack
- Fun, friends & first hoops



2027 Open Night

10 March, 2026

Parents and prospective students for 2027 are warmly invited to attend our Open Night at Phoenix P-12 Community College.

- **Redan Campus (Grades P-4 & 5/6 Village):** 3:30pm - 4:30pm
- **Sebastopol Campus (Years 7-12):** 4:30pm - 6:30pm

Discover how your child can benefit from an engaging and enriching primary and secondary education.

The College will be open allowing visitors to explore at their own pace. Take a self-guided tour, engage with interactive displays showcasing student work and activities, and speak with our dedicated staff about learning opportunities.

We offer a wide range of secondary scholarship and academy programs. Visit our website for more details:

phoenix.vic.edu.au

Please enter the school via the Hertford Street gate to collect your showbag and tour booklet.

'In Knowledge there is Opportunity'



Phoenix
P-12 COMMUNITY COLLEGE

About Us



phoenix.vic.edu.au/our-college/about-us

Register Now



phoenix.vic.edu.au/opennight



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

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

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



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 and wine/soft drink
Over 18 yrs only



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