

Calendar

20th March - NAPLAN ends
23rd March - 3-way conferences
 12:30 finish
2nd April - Last day - 2:30 finish
3rd April - Good Friday
20th April - Students return
20th – 24th April - Senior swimming all week

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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

Year F/1 J

Remi J

For trying her best at all times in class

Year F/1 M

Matilda S

For always being a kind and respectful class member. Well done

Year 2/3

Talon R

For being a great friend and thinking of how others feel

Year 3/4

Lucy G

For always putting in her best efforts across all subjects

Year 5/6

Balla A

For showing great persistence and resilience during NAPLAN testing this week



Many of you may remember that most Wednesdays we have a Wednesday Wool club that is on offer for students wishing to participate during lunch time. This term we have been learning a range of wool-related crafts. These have included learning how to knit, how to crochet, how to fingerknit, how to weave, how to sew with hessian and wool, and how to make pom poms. We have a new project. Many of you will remember we have a tree-branch stand in the front foyer. We have decided to decorate it with wool in various colours. This is sometimes called wool-bombing or yarn-bombing (see the example pictured – this is not actually our tree).



We invite all those people who wish to join in our woolly fun to contribute by knitting or crocheting or fingerknitting a small piece for wrapping around our tree branches.

NAPLAN – Supreme effort from all our students

NAPLAN has begun this week (yesterday) and while our Year 3 students were completing their Writing test on paper, our Year 5 students were struggling with a Nationwide platform-shutdown which meant their computers did not work! Most frustrating for students and staff who were trying everything they could to get things going. Please see the message distributed this morning by ACARA (Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority)

As you may have been made aware, NAPLAN testing was impacted yesterday morning by technical issues with the national assessment platform.

ACARA, the national body that oversees testing, has confirmed that testing resumed shortly after the initial incident.

ACARA recognises the significant impact to students disrupted during their NAPLAN writing assessments this morning, and for that we apologise unreservedly.

Schools have been informed to continue NAPLAN testing as per their planned test schedules. ACARA will continue to work closely with states and territories to support students to complete their NAPLAN tests.

Measures are in place to ensure students are not disadvantaged as a result of this technical issue.

Should parents and carers have any further queries about the NAPLAN disruptions this morning, they should contact their child's school in the first instance.

I am incredibly proud of all our amazing Year 5 students who completed their writing assessment this morning.

Our timetable will continue to complete assessments each day as originally planned with an additional day enabled to ensure Year 5 students can complete all their required NAPLAN assessments. Thanks to Mrs Gartlan and Mrs Hutt for demonstrating our School Value of Perseverance.

Thank you to our Pre Service Teachers

We have been very fortunate to have had some great Pre Service Teachers this term. Thanks so much to Charlie Walter and James Mowatt for all the work completed in our school. We wish you all the very best for the beginning of your careers.

Possible Upcoming Industrial Action

State School teachers, principals and education support staff may be involved in industrial action in the form of a stop work on 24th March 2026. This action is in response to failed negotiations between the State and education professionals to establish a new workplace Industrial Agreement and in protest against inadequate funding for State schools across Victoria.

The issues of contention include:

- Concerns regarding the amount of funding provided to private schools is deemed to be greater than the funding provided to Government or State schools
- Inability to determine mutually agreeable working conditions within schools
- Salary disparity in comparison to public school education in other states of Australia

There has been a legal process to determine whether or not the Stop Work action will proceed. If this does proceed on Tuesday 24th March, and staff decide to participate in the Stop Work action, then the affected classes will not run and families will be asked to make alternative supervision arrangements for the day. There will be no alternatives offered at school. I will confirm the details closer to the date.

3-way conferences

At this stage our proposed 3-way conferences on Monday 23rd March are unaffected, however I will inform families if anything changes. Please remember that Monday 23rd March is an early finish at 12:30 for all children.

OSHC will start early and run during 3-way conferences for whomever supervision can't be arranged

Our weather seems to have settled into a more Autumn feel. Please remember to include warm jumpers for cold, wet or windy days.

Sue

**Sue Izard
Principal**

Class News

Term 1 Week 7

F/1 J and M

This week, Foundation had Auslan with Lauren for the first time. They started off great and settled so well on their first Wednesday at school.

Foundation/Year 1 had another busy short week. Students have been working hard with Sounds-Write, building 2D shapes, making Cat in the Hat, and learning to label parts of pictures. It was another fun and busy week for Foundation/Year 1!

Franklin had so much fun drawing about his family in Art. - **Franklin F/1J**

I like learning about family signs in Auslan. - **Sam F/1MF**

2/3

This week has been another busy week for our 2/3 students. We have been focusing on 2D and 3D shapes, comparing the history of lifeguards to today's lifeguards and supporting our wonderful Grade 3s with their NAPLAN testing. We have been exploring persuasive texts and working on asking questions to gather more information.

I have enjoyed having different teachers this week and having STEAM and Art. - **Piper**

I have enjoyed using our Writer's Notebook, it's just so fun writing in it. - **Talon**

3/4

This week in 3/4, the Grade 3s had their first NAPLAN sessions. We have tried our best and the hardest part is not talking for 45 minutes! In 'The Worry Tree', our class novel, we learnt about the different animals on the tree and then created our own for the classroom. We have also been focusing on the strategy of 'visualising'. In numeracy, we have been looking at grid coordinates and using tangrams to explore how composite shapes are formed. We also wrote down a list of memories in our Writer's Notebooks to use as future writing seeds.

One of my memories was using a remote as a microphone - **Cassie**

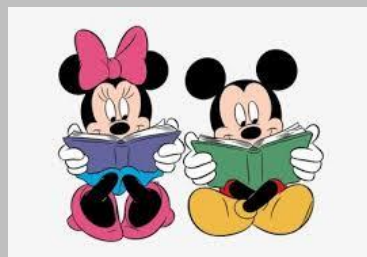
I enjoyed drawing the scene from the worry tree where Gemma scared off the bully using her doll - **Riley**

5/6

This week in 5/6 our Grade 5s have started NAPLAN, even though there were some troubles getting it done, they have persisted and done a fantastic job so far. We've enjoyed reading our class novel, Boy Overboard and catching up on chapters and exploring new words. We have learnt many new strategies for persuasive and narrative writing. This week we have had lots of fun learning, even though we had a long weekend and a short week at school. **Leroy**



Aurora



Congratulations!

For 25 Nights

Harrison C.

Brody G.

Oliver T.

Layla M.

Bayleigh B.

Peter C.

Lottie G.

Michael G.

Matilda S.

For 50 Nights

Rossi A.

Ezra B.

Ethan Ha.

OSHC News with Danielle and Ace

Term 1 Week 7



This week in OSHC we have been doing lots of cool things. We have added a calm room and been decorating it. This is a special space where we can relax or be quiet. We use this space to calm down if we are feeling upset or angry.

We have also set up a new Captain system; instead, we call them Quacktains. Whoever gets the most votes gets a prize. This week the votes have been tallied, and here is everyone who has had a vote:

This week's winners are . . .Peter & Levi!

With special votes going to - Sienna D, Addy, Hollie, Dylan, Obie, Lottie

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 Peter and Levi



OSHC Award

To Cassie

For helping new students feel confident and comfortable in OSHC

Parents can make bookings via the following link:

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



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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!



Breakfast Club

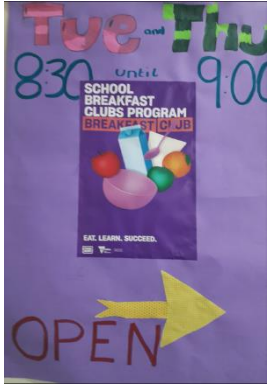


Breakfast Club will be running this year on **Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30am to 9:00am** in the OSHC room. This program provides children with a calm and welcoming start to their school day, ensuring they are settled, nourished, and ready to learn.

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

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- 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!



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.



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 😊**



FOOD FIGHT



AMAZING!

Napoleons Primary School

YOU slime slopping, fruit piffing LEGENDS created
10,808 MEALS
for people in need.

We can't thank you enough!

Dave McNamara
Dave McNamara
Foodbank Victoria CEO

Margaret Messmaker
Margaret Messmaker
Chief Slime Officer



**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!

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**GEELONG AND DISTRICT
POULTRY CLUB INC.**

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:



Travel free



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



Buy a Youth myki



Transport Victoria

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

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 need to speak to you right now."



**Be the role model
your child deserves.**



Department
of Education



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.



ENROL NOW

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

DRAGONS

BASKETBALL

2026 WINTER REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN.

DON'T MISS OUT!

JOIN NOW!




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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



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

THE GIRL CAN

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.








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

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