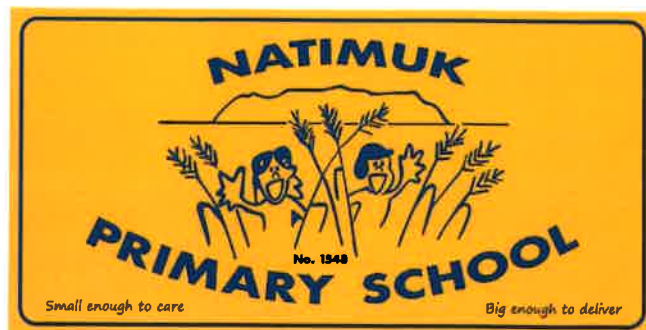


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5th February 2020

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 7th February	Working Bee, from 3.30pm
Wednesday 12th February	3-6 Swimming
Wednesday 12th February	Parent Information Night
Thursday 13th February	Book Club due back
Tuesday 25th February	Pancake Tuesday
Wednesday 11th March	Parent Teacher Interviews

Welcome back!

Welcome to the 2020 school year and a very special welcome to our new families and students: Sally-Anne and Brock, Tayla, Bryce and Olivia, Kirsty, Zakk and Jaxon, Anna, Rob and Louis and the new Preps who have siblings at school already are Dean and Jack

We also welcome a new staff member - Isobelle Cameron, who will be working with Miss Blake in the P/1/2 classroom as an Education Support person. Many of you have met her already but make yourself known to her. She will be at school during Literacy and Numeracy sessions.

### Nut and Allergens Policy

#### **Reminder that we have students with nut allergies.**

It is our policy to not have nut products at school, to have the children supervised during eating and to wash hands after eating. In the event someone has inadvertently brought 'nut' food to school they will be asked to eat away from the students with allergies and wash their hands

thoroughly after eating.

### **Natimuk Primary School is a RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS School**

**Term 1.** Focus for 2 weeks: Welcome.

How to make others feel welcome and that they belong. Use gestures such as eye contact, shaking hands, verbal greetings, body language and acknowledgement.

*Natimuk Primary School is committed to being a Child Safe school*

**Assembly** is on every Monday morning at 9.00 in the multi-purpose room where awards and certificates are given out, birthdays are celebrated and achievements acknowledged.

### **Hats**

Miss Blake washed the school hats over the holidays. Hats must be worn during terms 1, 2 and 4. Some children bring sunscreen to school but we also have sunscreen available at school.

### **Uniforms**

It is lovely to see the girls in dresses. It is strongly recommended that the girls wear shorts under their dresses, however, to make it easier for them to play without being too worried when they play upside down on the monkey bars. Children also sit on the floor with their legs crossed. Also be mindful when the girls choose to wear shorts with their school shirts that they are not too tight or too short which can also inhibit how they play.

Whether it be uniform or free dress it is very important to consider what we wear and to ensure it is suitable for school activities. It is not just for the comfort of your child but also for the comfort of those they sit with or play with.

### **Printing School Logos**

I am collecting shirts, jumpers and jackets to take to Hip Pocket Work Wear for screen printing the school logo. Please put your name on the item and place it in a bag and put your name on the bag as well. Place your bag in the clothes basket near the staff room door. I will take them in on Friday 14h February.

### **PE Mondays**

All the children have Physical Education on Mondays so wearing sports clothing and runners is very appropriate. PE is in a morning timeslot for the cooler time of the day.

### **Swimming (extra-curricula)**

The years 3 – 6 are participating in the swimming program at the Goroke pool this term on Wednesdays between 12.15pm and 3pm.

Money and forms should be at school. We request that if you have any issues in regard to payment please contact the office as soon as possible. No payment will indicate you do not wish your child to go swimming. Children who are not swimming will remain at school.

### **Welcome BBQ and Working Bee**

We are having a working bee on Friday Feb 7th and hope many of you will come. We will be clearing dead plants and weeds from the garden, a never ending task. The leaf litter around the grounds will have to be gathered and put on the bonfire as well as we have too much for the garden to cope with.

Whipper snippers for edging and blower vacs are great for easy cleaning. We will also need chainsaws as some trees or limbs will have to be removed. If you want wood for your fire consider bringing a trailer.

Please return the slip (sent out last Friday) for catering for the Working Bee. The only payment required is your participation in the Working Bee.

### **Start of School**

The first school bell goes at 8.55am. This is a warning bell for children to finish organizing their belongings, grab their hat and head outside for fitness. The school day begins at 9.00am. Staff are not expecting children to arrive at school before 8.40am or 8.45am unless a prior arrangement has been made.

Staff arrive at school early and utilize their time to ensure they are well prepared for the day's lessons.

## Absences and Same-Day Notification of Unexplained Absences

### We have an electronic roll marking system.

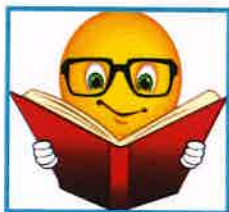
Parents and carers are responsible for notifying the school of their child's absence as soon as possible on the day of the absence. It is mandatory for the school to now send a notification to parents or carers as soon as possible on the day of an unexplained absence. This is to protect the safety and wellbeing of children especially as some ride bikes or walk to school without supervision.

You will receive a text between 9.15 and 9.30 in the morning if your child is not at school and we have not received a message from you. This is to prompt you to let us know why your child is not at school.

Ingrid Clarkson

### BOOK CLUB

Book Club issue one has been distributed to classrooms today. If you would like to order you can do so online using LOOP (instructions in catalogue). If paying by cash or cheque please complete the order form and put it in an envelope, with the correct cash, to be handed into the office. Any queries please ask Caroline in the office. Scholastic rewards from student orders enable us to purchase books for our library at little or no cost.



For families paying invoices over internet banking BPay is our preferred payment method. The funds go directly to your account in our software. Direct deposits do not give any notification of a payment or reference number; so please use BPay instead.

## Annual privacy reminder

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the Schools Privacy Policy (<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Pages/schoolsprivacypolicy.aspx>)

Please take time to remind yourself of the school's collection statement, found on our website : <http://www.natimukps.vic.edu.au/>

## Miss Blake

Welcome to the 2020 school year and welcome to our new Preps: Olivia, Louis, Dean, Jaxon, Brock and Jack. It has been a great start to the year and all students have settled in well. We have been getting to know the Preps and the new routines of the classroom.

In Literacy, the students are refreshing their knowledge of CAFÉ reading and what the different strategies are. We have completed some writing about our weekends and started to learn how to complete comprehension cards. Students have also started to use the SMART spelling program. Students have been completing different activities using these words.

In Maths, students have played a range of number games to tune into our topic. We have been working on numbers to 10 for the Preps and up to 100 for other students. Students have worked in small groups to complete some tasks.

In Integrated Studies this term our topics are All about me and Fairy Tales and Nursery Rhymes. In PE students are playing a range of throwing and catching games moving onto Athletics Sports practise in a few weeks.



## 3-6 Report

We have spent some time organising our books and the routine for our classroom. Year 5 and 6 will work on homework at school as well as at home. There will be dictation on Fridays so the children should pay attention to the writing fact when they write it out for homework. All students will take home 10 words each week and will be tested on Fridays. These words are also used during the week for spelling activities. There is a new reading log in the diary to record children's reading at home. I have suggested they read 5 times per week as a minimum and the length of time (15mins—20mins) is a minimum as well. We are writing recounts and are developing an understanding of the structure and features that should be included.

Addition and Subtraction strategies are being investigated during Maths. There are three options to solve equations; mentally, in the written form or on a calculator. We also used rounding off as a strategy to make the calculations easier.

This week there will be testing in Literacy and Maths to gain a starting bench mark for the year.

## Science

P-2 Everyday materials can be physically changed in a variety of ways.

Children observed and shared observations about changes in food caused by heating and cooling.

3-6 Solids, liquids and gases have different observable properties and behave in different ways.

Children explored different materials to determine if they were liquids, solids or gases.