DATES TO REMEMBER

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Parent Information Night tonight — REMINDER
7.00 — Miss Blake
7.30 — Mrs Buckman and Mrs Clarkson
(sorry for the misprint last week)

Heat Policy
As we have been experiencing some very hot days it is important for you to know our heat policy. The children will stay inside if the temperature is at 38° or above. It will be at our discretion for temperatures above 35°. Our classrooms are air conditioned so the children can work in comfort.

School Council Meeting
Thursday February 16, 7.30pm at the school. New members required

Kowree Swimming Sports
The swimming sports will be on Thursday March 9th, at the Goroke pool. Notes will go home soon. Children in years 3—6 are eligible for these sports but must be able to swim confidently and without stopping for 25m. We are assisting our swimmers to achieve that goal so they can participate. The children can enter either 50m or 25m but not both.

Free Dress Fridays
On the last Friday of each month the Junior School Council organize a free dress day. Children can come to school in casual clothes but pay a 50c donation which goes to charity. The Junior School Council fundraise for a variety of charities and at the end of the year buy goods to aid organisations such as SMILES. We appreciate your support. On some Fridays there is a gold coin donation but these are for specific fundraisers such as Cancer, Jeans for Genes day or Red Cross but that will be explained on the note that goes home.

The children need to dress appropriately for school which includes footwear.

Free Fruit Friday
The Parents Association are supporting the Free Fruit Friday program due to its success and popularity. The school will provide additional fruit for all the children most Fridays during recess.

Our kids matter.
KidsMatter helps our school nurture happy, balanced kids.
CSEF - Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund
The Victorian Government has unveiled a new $148 million initiative to ensure all Victorian students can take part in school trips and sporting activities. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) commenced in 2015 for four years and will provide payments for eligible students to attend camps, sports and excursions. Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply. $125 per year is paid for eligible primary school students, with $225 per year paid for eligible secondary school students. A special consideration eligibility category also exists. Payments are made directly to the school and are tied to the student. CSEF applications open from term one 2017. Parents or legal guardians are required to submit a new CSEF application form each year. Please contact the office for an application form.

The Drought Assistance Funding—this was a one-off last year so will not be offered this year.

Ingrid Clarkson
Miss Blake

This week students have been finishing off their reading, writing and maths testing. All students have done well on these.

We have learnt all about the letter ‘a’ this week and are looking forward to having a special treat tomorrow. It was hard work thinking of words that start with the letter ‘a’ but we found out that we have lots of people at school whose name starts with ‘a’.

In Integrated Studies, students have been learning about fairy tales and nursery rhymes. We read the story *Jack and the Beanstalk*. We then had to work out how many of our feet would fit in the giant’s foot print. The answer that we got was 17 P-2 feet. We read *Humpty Dumpty* and *There was an Old Woman who lived in a Shoe*. Students had to un-jumble Humpty Dumpty pictures to put them in the right order.

Mrs Buckman

Another great week last week despite the heat.

This week in literacy we will be continuing to focus on writing recounts and recognising nouns and verbs.

Our spelling focus will be a-e words.

In maths we will be comparing numbers (less than, greater than), looking at place value and measuring length. We will also be doing the 5 times table and spelling the months of the year.

In Music P-2s will be learning about ‘beat’ and singing in tune with the piano.

3-6s will be learning to read music notation and singing rounds.

In Integrated Studies we will continue to talk about needs and wants and how these change over time.

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STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Ebony Klowss—for not only organising her own books and belongings but also helping her Prep buddy. She has shown patience and responsibility, especially at recess and lunch times.

Riley Hateley—for settling into the school routine very well and for being well organised each morning. Well done!

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Mrs Clarkson

In Literacy we are writing stories. Children have an opportunity to write in their preferred style as well as complete a story board to recount their holiday activities. In reading all groups are reading and recalling texts. From predicting and remembering using pictures to answering literal and inferential questions. Our topic for reading this term will be Money.

In maths we have investigated fractions as being part of the whole as well as practised a range of addition and subtraction equations of 2 digit up to 3 and 4 digit numbers.

Science:
Years P—2 - Chemical Science - Spot the Difference. The children are explaining why a change has occurred.

Years 3—6 - Chemical Science - Change Detectives. The children are investigating a number of unusual items or experiments, explaining what they look like and what happened to them. They are going to try and reverse some of the experiments to get the items back to their original state.

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LOST

Jade Muscat has lost a very loved Teddy. She had it at school on Monday. If anyone has seen it has taken it home by mistake please return it to the office or contact us.
SATURDAY 18TH FEBRUARY
GATES OPEN 6PM
Natifmuk Showgrounds & Recreation Reserve
$5 Per person, 2 & under FREE

BBQ, Popcorn, Drinks, Chocolate all available to purchase

Giant Slide for the kids

BYO Deck chairs, beanbags or picnic rugs

To reserve disabled parking please contact Cheryl on
0428 871 036

Funds for event have been made available to Horsham Rural City Council
through local Government Drought Response Package.
Parents Association

What a great week we have had at Natimuk Primary School. It’s great to see all the smiling faces of both the students and staff.

It’s especially warming to see the new students settling in.

This week we would like to shine the spotlight on one of our Parent Committee members, Pete Grey, whose son is in Grade 4 this year. Pete heads up the aluminum can recycling money raiser for the school, and has done for a number of years. To help make his job a little easier, we would like any cans to be left in the square tin fenced off area near the old bike shed/shipping container.

Please empty the cans into the wool pack (don’t leave in bags), and please don’t squash cans.

Your Parents Association Committee

Upcoming Events

Meals on Wheels - Week commencing 13th Feb to 17th Feb

Catering - Agriculture Services and Biosecurity Operations - Tuesday 28th February

Pancake Day - Tuesday 7th March $2.00 per child for pancake & milo (helpers needed)

Lions Club Show BBQ Stall (Natimuk Show) - Saturday 25th March (helpers needed)

Easter Lucky Draw - Friday 31st March

Thank You to our following Meals on Wheels Volunteers

Monday 13th
Di Bewsell
Tuesday 14th
Sharon Sudholz
Wednesday 15th
Pete Grey
Thursday 16th
Not required
Friday 17th
Jo Taylor

Next Parents Association Meeting to be held Tuesday 28th March at the National Hotel at 7:30pm

Help us help our school
Agriculture Services and Biosecurity Operations

Catering – Tuesday 28th February

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If you can help with this catering fundraiser, then please contact Tanya 0409 771 794

All help is greatly appreciated.

As already mentioned we will be catering for the Agriculture Services Biosecurity Operations function, to be held on Tuesday 28th February.

This is a great fundraising opportunity for the school, so subsequently for it to run smoothly we need your help and support.

You can help by donating menu items as listed on the left or your time on the day.

The function starts at 9 am, so we need people to help with the following:

- Put morning tea out
- 11 am heat hot food
- 12–1230 (time to be confirmed) serve lunch
- 2:30 help with afternoon tea and clean up