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**Parent Information Night tonight — REMINDER**  
**7.00—Miss Blake, 7.30—Mrs Buckman and Mrs Clarkson**

**Working Bee**  
Thank you to all the families who attended the working bee, it was an outstanding turn out and as usual so much work was done and the school looks fresh and tidy. The basketball court is almost ready for the new surface thanks to everyone’s help. Thank you to the Parents Association for providing the BBQ is was appreciated after the hard work.

**School Uniform**  
Shirts requiring logos can be left at the office. I will take them into Hip Picket Work Wear next week.

**Absences**  
If children are absent from school, even if it is for a short period of time, a note, stating the reason for the absence, must be provided for our records. Even if a phone call is made to the school a reason for the absence must be provided as all absences are recorded on a data base and a reason must be added. Attached to the newsletter are absence slips, you can photo copy them or if you run out ask at the office.

**Congratulations to our Office Bearers:**  
School Captains  
Macey Maybery and Kaiden Sudholz

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**Our kids matter.**  
KidsMatter helps our school nurture happy, balanced kids.

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_Natimuk Primary School is committed to being a Child Safe school_
House Captains
Melville Captains: Lani Jones and Shae Taylor with Vice Captain Olivia Sudholz
Mitchell Captains: Cody Maybery and Ebony Klows with Vice Captains Kaiden Sudholz and Isabelle Hoskins

Junior School Council
President: Shae Taylor, Treasurer: Kaiden Sudholz and Isabelle Hoskins, Secretary: Macey Maybery
Assembly is on every Monday morning at 9.00 where awards and certificates are given out and birthdays are celebrated. Parents, family and friends are welcome to attend.

Evacuation Plans for School Fire or Bushfire
For your information only.
In the event there is a fire in the school buildings or the school grounds, (or bomb threat, as has been the case in other schools) children will be evacuated to the town oval across the road. Teachers will supervise and the bus run will run as normal. The school will make phone calls to the appropriate emergency management team at the region. Parents will be informed if deemed appropriate.
In the event of a bushfire the children will remain in the school. We will then work with the emergency management services who will direct us as to what to do during the course of the bushfire. Parents will be notified by text but we must work with emergency services in regard to when and how parents pick up children.
Staff will have a mobile phone and contact numbers in such emergencies.
School’s mobile phone number is: 0418 460 985, Ingrid’s number is 0427919273
We have a list of mobile numbers and will provide a group text with relevant information. Please ensure your mobile number with the school is always current.

School Council Meeting
The election process is about to begin.
Members whose terms are up this year are Brian Klows, Sara Barron and Tim Wilkins. A self nomination form has been provided so you can re-nominate for the School Council.
We have vacancies on the School Council and seek anyone who is interested in helping to guide the future direction of our school. Being on School Council doesn’t mean you have to do all the work, it is about finding out what the needs of our school are and coming up with solutions and ideas as to who and how are we going to action them.
Nomination forms to be on School Council are attached.

Bus Travelers
Please talk with your children to remind them of the required behaviour on the bus so as not to distract the driver. The children have been allocated seats.

Ingrid Clarkson
Miss Blake

Welcome everyone to 2017! It is going to be a fun filled year. This year we have welcomed 7 new preps to the class: Jade M, Zarnie, Hutch, Riley, Jo, Jade G and Amelia.

So far we have been settling into the school routine and learning who our new teachers are. This week we started proper school activities and we have been learning about the letter 's'. The Ones and Twos have been looking at their strengths and what they would like to work on over the year.

In PE, the P-2 students played a range of cooperative games designed for them to work together in teams. The 3-6 students played some new games that we will be playing in fitness.

Mrs Clarkson

We have spent some time organising our books and the routine for our classroom. For this week and maybe next week the children will not take home homework so we can discuss what it should look like and how tasks should be done. The children will take home 10 words each week and will be tested on Thursdays. These words are also used during the week for spelling activities. There will also be dictation on Thursdays so the children should pay attention to the writing fact when they write it out for homework. We are writing recounts about our holidays and are developing an understanding of the structure and features that should be included.

Addition and Subtraction strategies were investigated during Maths. There are three options to solve equations; mentally, in the written form or on a calculator. Solving problems mentally has proven to be more of a challenge than was expected. We also used rounding off as a strategy to make the calculations easier.

Mrs Buckman

What a fantastic start to the year! All students have been enthusiastic and picked up the classroom routines quickly, making our classroom a happy one.

This week in Literacy we will be learning how to write a recount and recognising nouns and action verbs. Our spelling focus this week is 'ss' words.

In Maths we will be learning addition strategies. Year 3s will be doing 2-digit additions without regrouping and year 4s revising 3-digit additions with regrouping. We will also be focusing on the attributes of 3D shapes and doing lots of practice of the 2 times table.

Our Integrated Studies theme this term is Economics and this week we will be learning about the differences between Needs and Wants.
Congratulations to all our new school leaders for 2017.

School Captains—Kaiden & Macey

Mitchell Captains & Vice Captains
Ebony & Cody and Kaiden & Isabelle

Melville Captains & Vice Captain
Shae & Lani and Olivia

Junior School Council
Shae, Macey, Kaiden & Isabelle
BOOK CLUB

Twice a term Book Club brochures will be sent home. It is totally up to you whether you order or not. All orders benefit the school and make it possible for us to add books to our library at no or little cost.

Orders can be completed online or sent to school in an envelope with the cash/cheque.

Issue 1 has been given out today and needs to be back at school by Thursday morning 16th February.

Please phone the office or ask if you have any queries.

Caroline

STUDENT BANKING

Student banking day is Monday.

Anyone interested in joining student banking please contact the office.

CBA offers a student banking program and the children are rewarded with toys/gifts for regular deposits.

HORSHAM
REGIONAL ART GALLERY

Art Club Juniors

Wednesdays with

Kate Wade

8 February – 29 March 2017

Wednesdays 4 – 5.30pm

Eight week after school art program for 7 – 12 year olds interested in art.

Learn new skills and experiment with different mediums and materials.

This structured program will see participants work toward a display presented within the Horsham Town Hall Foyer.

Cost: $95.00 per term, includes all materials

Bookings: 5382 9575 hrag@hrcc.vic.gov.au for an enrolment form.

Payment must be made two weeks prior to classes beginning to secure your booking.
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government’s commitment to breaking the link between a student’s background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:
• $125 for primary school students
• $225 for secondary school students.

HOW TO APPLY
Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

MORE INFORMATION
For the CSEF application closing dates and more information about the fund visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Contact Caroline at the office if you would like an application form or any more information 😊
Parents Association

Welcome to the start of another great school year at Natimuk Primary School.

We look forward to again providing enriching and enjoyable programs and activities for the students and their families.

"Old favourites" such as Pancake Day will again be supported, as well as the appearance of a few new events.

In order to make all these things happen, we need your support and assistance, especially via volunteering. Volunteering and becoming involved at your child's school won't just benefit your child, but his/her schoolmates, the community and you yourself.

A first great step is to consider attending a Parents Association (PA) meeting.

Meetings are usually held every second month, depending on what is in need of being organized. Starting at 7:30pm at the Nati Pub. Everyone is welcome. We discuss upcoming events and Ingrid Clarkson (our Principal) shares updates concerning our school and students.

Your Parents Association Committee

Upcoming Events

Parents Association Meeting 9th Feb at 7pm - Nati Pub

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

Catering - Agriculture Services and Biosecurity Operations

Thank You

Thank you to all the parents and friends that helped out at our first Working Bee.

It was a great success in both ticking off the "to do" list, as well as meeting some of our new parents.

A big thank you to the teachers for again going above and beyond their roles in helping out.

I think we can all agree the grounds have all benefited from their TLC.
Tuesday 28th Feb

2017 Parents Association

President
Tanya Glascott

Vice President
Jillian Pearce

Secretary
Kelly Klowss

Treasurer
Sharon Sudholz

Newsletter
Leanne Lindorff

School Council Representative
Roxanne Wells

Meals on Wheels Coordinator
Kelly Klowss

Leanne Lindorff

Recycle Cans Coordinator
Pete Grey

Uniform Coordinator
TBC

In the Community

Meals on Wheels

The school volunteers to help the local community by participating in Meals on Wheels for two weeks each term.

Students from Grades 3-6 participate in the program.

We also need families to volunteer for the school at these times. Parents can take their children along with them if they choose to. If you have comprehensive car insurance then you are able to take another child with you, if you would like to.

Volunteers need to be at the Natimuk Nursing Home at 12pm. It usually takes no longer than 30 minutes.

If you are able to help on one of the days listed below then please contact by phone or text, Kelly Klowss on 0407 538 317.

We will be catering for the Agriculture Services and Biosecurity Operations on Tuesday 28th February.

We will need some volunteers as well as some slices etc made, but will have further details later.

deliver a difference
NATIMUK JUNIOR/SENIOR BREAKUP

SATURDAY 4TH MARCH, 6PM, PAVILION

BBQ TEA (Families please bring a salad)

PRESENTATION TO JUNIORS

(Please bring bathers or change of clothes if hot, there may be a surprise involving water!)
School Council Elections
Schedule 5B: Nomination Form for Parent Member Category

I wish to nominate .............................................................................................................................................. for an elected position as a parent member on the ............................................................................................................................................................................. school council.

CANDIDATE’S DETAILS

Name

Residential address..............................................................................................................................................

Contact phone (mobile or landline)

Email.................................................................................................................................................................

I am the parent/guardian of ........................................................................................................................., who is/are currently enrolled at this school.

The person I have nominated is the parent/guardian of ................................................................................., who is/are currently enrolled at this school.

The person I have nominated is an employee of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development but not engaged in work at and for the school.

Yes / No (please circle)

Name of Nominator...........................................................................................................................................

Signature of Nominator ..................................................................................................................................... Date .................. / ............ / ............

CANDIDATE TO COMPLETE:

I accept the nomination and I am prepared to serve as a Parent member of the above-named school council. I hereby declare that I am not:

• an undischarged bankrupt

• of unsound mind

• currently serving a sentence for an indictable offence

• a registrable offender within the meaning of the Sex Offenders Registration Act 2004.

Signature of Candidate ........................................................................................................................................ Date .................. / ............ / ............

You will be notified when your nomination has been received.

Personal information provided in this form is collected as part of the school council election nomination process. The information may be used to determine your eligibility as a candidate and to nominate. Your personal information may be disclosed as a result of inspection prior to the commencement of voting or at any time up to one year from the declaration of the poll.

Your name will be included in a list of school council candidates and nominators (where applicable) posted in a prominent position at the school and for candidates, on a ballot paper (where applicable).

Further, the name, membership category, gender, term of office, office held (if any) of school council members and notification whether the member is an employee of the Department will be forwarded to the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development by the principal by 30 April each year as a record of council membership and may be used for statistical purposes.

You can access your personal information by contacting the principal on ..............................................................................................................................................................................

If you choose not to give some or all of the information requested your nomination may not be accepted. If you have any queries about the school council nomination process, please contact the principal.