NEWSLETTER

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DATES TO REMEMBER	
Thursday 4th May	Book Club due
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9 - 11th May	NAPLAN
Tuesday 16th May	PA Meeting, National Hotel 7.30pm
Thursday 18th May	School Council Meeting, 7.30pm

High Reliability Schools Survey - Safe and Collaborative Culture
Thank you to all who returned the survey. I am aware that some of the questions were not relevant to our school setting but was unable to change the questions as it would alter the outcome of the survey. I am currently collating the responses of the parents and the children survey and when the staff have completed their's I will be able to get a picture of what the school can address to make improvements. One question asked about children being able to report bullying or other incidents on social media anonymously. This question was designed for schools that have an internal system not a public forum so reports would stay within the school and only for the welfare staff or Principal to see. We do not have that system in our school but will endeavor to put a system in place where an anonymous report can be made.

GRIP Leadership Conference
Macey, Lani and Kaiden went to Ballarat last week for a Leadership Conference and were pleasantly surprised that it was actually fun. When Kaiden volunteered for an activity he was not expecting that he would have to dance in front of everyone. This was to show how difficult it might be to get up in front of an audience to speak. When Macey went up she had to do the chicken dance and Lani had to role play the answer to a question so had to be a hippo. Another activity was to turn an idea into action and share with other schools. It was a great day overall and a chance to catch up with children they knew from other schools.

Mother's Day
We will not be having a stall this year as the Parent's Association have organised a gift for all students to make. An envelope asking for $5 was sent home last week and most have been returned.

Year 6 to 7 transition
We are at that time of the year when decisions need to be made as to where your Year 6 child will go for secondary schooling. A form has been sent home. Please read and fill in the application for Year 7 placement and return it to Natimuk PS as soon as possible. It is a good idea to visit schools in the area before making a decision just to see what schools have to offer and that you are confident of making the right choice. Schools in our area are more than helpful if you wish to ask questions or have a tour. Colleges are having or have already had open days or information nights. Only 7 months of primary school left!!!

Ingrid Clarkson

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Miss Blake

This week we have been learning the letter m. Students have been learning about writing Expositions as well. They will start to write their own later in the week.

In Maths this week students have been looking at area and volume. The Yr 2s used water to measure different containers. The Preps have been focusing on numbers to 20. We have learnt some rhymes to help us write the numbers to 10.

In Wellbeing, the students made chocolate balls and choc mint balls. The younger students were very excited to lick their hands once they had finished rolling the balls.

In Integrated Studies we are beginning our unit on Grand Designs. Students will be able to make a range of different famous buildings from around the world.

Mrs Clarkson

In Literacy we have focused on how to write an exposition. Following our writing workshop with Carmel Small last term we had a fantastic template which enabled us to write our ideas clearly and follow a format that gave us a great piece of writing. We have written 3 expositions and the template has certainly made a difference to the standard of writing. The topics they have written about are Children should have a mobile phone, Children should learn to swim before they leave primary school and I would rather live in Natimuk than Melbourne. The results and ideas were very persuasive.

In maths the students have looked at percentages as a fraction and decimal and have reaffirmed their understanding of BODMAS.

Science

The P - 2s played 'eye spy' but had to be more specific about what they saw; was it in the air, far away, natural or man-made. We took pictures of objects in those categories as well as the new vegie garden so we can check for changes over time.

The Year 3– 6s made an annotated drawing which included the sun, moon and earth and gave their insights as to what role they played in night and day. Over the term we will revisit the drawing and add to it or even change so it can reflect exactly what they do.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Chinta Kitching—for always making a great effort with her classwork and working well with her classmates.

Amelia Rasmusen—for trying new things, working hard to learn all her golden words. A fantastic effort!

Mrs Buckman

It is great to be back and to feel so welcomed.

This week in Literacy the children have written an exposition with the topic being "I would rather live in Natimuk than in Melbourne'. The spelling words all have the short 'ea' sound – as in bread, feather etc. Our grammar focus is direct speech and using speech marks. The children have been reminded of the importance of using their knowledge of spelling and punctuation in all their writing, not just in specific lessons. This is a good habit to get into.

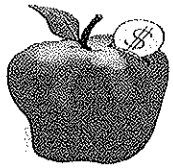
This term in Maths we will be doing a lot of work on telling the time. This week the 6 X table will be introduced. It is great to see some of the children having faster response times to random times table questions – some practise at home has aided this. Year 3s have been learning the relationship between addition and subtraction, looking at number patterns and recognising right angles. Year 4s have been looking at different multiplication strategies, equivalent fractions and shapes that tessellate.

In Music the P-2s learnt to keep in time to the beat by marching, tapping their knees, clapping and playing drums. They are doing a fantastic job. 3-6s have put in their first two preferences for the part they would like in the Eisteddfod item. Guitar lessons will begin this Thursday.

Integrated Studies time will see us revising what was covered last week, formulating questions and making a Federation time-line.

Book Club

Please return by Thursday 4th May (tomorrow)



$1200.00 Raised

Thank you to the Lions Club Gentlemen who manned the BBQ on the day. It was fantastic working alongside of you and we greatly appreciate your efforts.

THANK YOU!

Food Item Donations	Sandwich Making 7:30-9:30
Hedgehog Slice:- Cheryl Sudholz, Caroline Cameron, Rachel Hateley, Wendy Ellis	Tanya Glascott, Anna Hanson, Jo Taylor, Leeanne Lindorff, Matilda Glascott
Lemon Slice:- Jill Mcleod, Seona Mayberry, Stacey Rasmussen	**On site volunteers:** 7:30- 9am - Sharon Sudholz, Kelly Klowss
Caramel Slice:- Caroline Cameron, Rachel Hateley,	9-11:30am - Pete Grey, Kelly Klowss, Leeanne Lindorff, Di Bewsell, Tanya Glascot
Peppermint Slice- Jo Taylor, Rachel Hateley	11:30-2 - Kelly Klowss, Leeanne Lindorff, Sharon Sudholz, Tanya Glascott, Cheryl Sudholz
Jelly Slice:- Kelly Klowss, Sharon Sudholz, Leeanne Lindorff	2-4:30 - Kelly Klowss, Leeanne Lindorff, Sharon Sudholz, Tanya Glascott, Cheryl Sudholz
A Dozen Eggs:- Judy Haustorfer, Roxanne Wells, Bec White, Stacey McKie, Stacey Rasmussen Egg Sandwich Filling:- Sara Baron	Thank-you to all the parents who gave up their time and in some cases a day's wages to help man the stall. It would have been great to have had a few more out there on the day, to enable those there to have a break. Thank you to those parents and staff members who donated eggs or took the time to make the slices.
Next Parents Association meeting: 16th May at 7:30pm at the National Hotel.	

Mother's Day 2017, will be a little different this year. Given that everyone is busy at this time of year, the children will be given the opportunity of making a gift for their mothers, at the cost of $5.00 per gift. In order to ensure that we have enough gift kits on hand, a pre-pay order envelope has already been sent home, and will need to be returned by the 10th May. Thank you to those who have already ordered and paid.

Year 7 2018

SELECT ENTRY ACCELERATED LEARNING PROGRAMS (SEALP)

A reminder that Expression of Interest forms for the General Stream and Performing and Creative Arts Stream are due to Horsham College by

Friday May 5th 2017
4.00pm

Wimmera Trade Training Centre Horsham College Campus
Baillie Street, Horsham
(opposite Federation University)

Forms are available from Primary Schools or from Horsham College, or can be emailed directly to you.

Enquiries to Mr, Rod Kirkwood, SEALP Co-ordinator

on kirkwood.rodney.r@edumail.vic.gov.au

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Which logo do you like?

The new Kalkee Road Children's and Community Hub will include kindergarten, childcare, Maternal and Child Health, supported playgroup, early intervention services and visiting specialist consulting rooms.

The 1,120 (approx) square metre building, which is being constructed on a green field site in Horsham North, has been designed to become a central hub for the community, and so, the community is invited to choose its logo!

Submit your vote today by logging on at: www.surveymonkey.com/r/KRCHlogo (or scan the QR code), visiting Council's Facebook page, or in person at:

- Horsham Rural City Council (May 1-19)
- Horsham North Kindergarten (May 1-5)
- Horsham PS Rasmussen Campus (May 4-8)
- Horsham Plaza (May 7, 11am-2pm)
- Horsham Library (May 8-12)
- Robin Street M&CH Centre (May 8-12)
- Bennett Road M&CH Centre (May 15-19)
- Goolum Goolum (May 15-19)

More information about the new Kalkee Road Children's Hub can be found on HRCC's website at: at: www.hrcc.vic.gov.au or or call Cassy on 0418 661 243.

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Turn on your headlights Friday 12 May 2017

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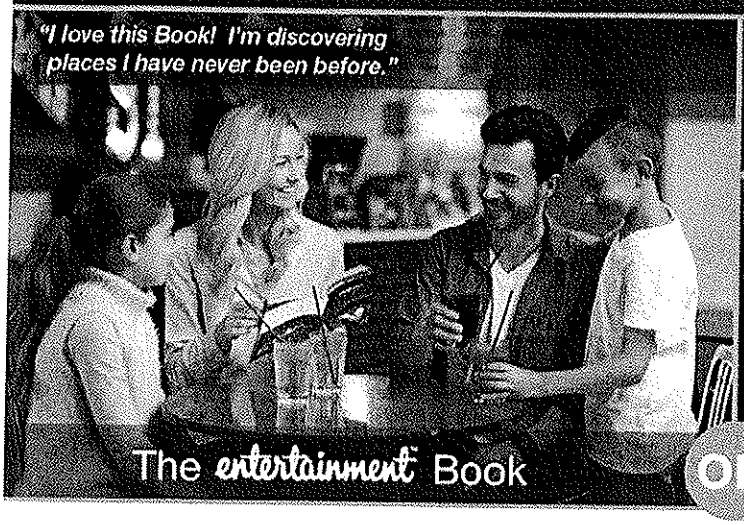

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