



NEWSLETTER

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday 23rd May	Maths Olympics
Wednesday 23rd May	Parents Association meeting, 7.30pm Natimuk Hotel
Tuesday 29th May	Lightning Premiership Horsham, 5/6
Thursday 31st May	Book Club due
Friday 8th June	Report Writing Day—student free day
Monday 11th June	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

Lightning Premierships

We enjoyed a morning with Laharum and Haven schools playing football, netball and soccer in preparation for the Lightning Premierships, which will be held on Tuesday May 29. As children will be going to different grounds we may need some help with transporting them to and from the grounds. If you can help please let me know.

P—2 Local Visits

The P - 2 class are finding out more about the people in our community who help us. They are having visitors come into class and will visit people within the community. Among the places and people to visit are the Police, Fire Brigade and Nursing Home with a number of parents or community members coming into the classroom to explain how they help us. It is a fun unit of study.

Report Writing Day

The students will have a pupil free day on Friday June 8 so the teachers can write reports. This will create a long weekend with the Queen's Birthday holiday on the Monday.

Principal's Conference

I will be away for 2 days on June 6 and 7, at a Principal's conference in Melbourne.

Ingrid Clarkson

Natimuk Primary School is a RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS Partner School

Term 2. Focus for 2 weeks: Feelings and Emotional Literacy

Students will demonstrate the ways in which their emotions are shown in body language and try to recognise emotions in others.

Miss Blake

This week in Literacy we have been learning the letter 'o'. There were lots of words around the classroom that we were able to use. Our Café reading strategy this week is *Stretchy Snake*. We use Stretchy Snake to stretch out the sounds in words we don't know. The students are really enjoying learning these and are very excited each Monday to see what strategy we will be learning next.

In Maths this week we are focusing on the book *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*. We are using this book to help us learn the days of the week. So far we have read the book, completed a sequence activity and drawn our own hungry caterpillars.

In Integrated Studies we have visited two places in our community where people help us. Yesterday we went to the Post Office. We got to sort out the mail and post some letters. Today we went to see Policeman Pete at the Police Station. He showed us around the station and explained to us how he helps people.

In PE, students have been busy learning dances for the upcoming Dancing with the Stars morning. It will be held on the last Monday morning of term. Students have selected a partner and a group to perform with. We have also selected our dances that each class will be performing.

Mrs Buckman

This week we have some of our students competing in the Olympics - the Maths Olympics! Good luck to them.

In Literacy we will be learning to write a discussion; presenting both sides of a topic. The spelling words all have 'll' - such as in finally. Our grammar focus is speech marks and we will practise reading texts that require using a different voice for each character.

In Maths we will be looking at division problems; learning to halve, to divide by 2 and then to halve again to divide by 4. We will also look at the relationship between multiplication and division.

In Music we are working on preparing some items which we hope to present to the people in the nursing home later this term.

Last week in Integrated Studies we looked at bushfires; what causes them, damages that result and ways to stay safe. This week we will look at the Fire Danger Ratings. The children are designing posters with the goal of teaching people safety measures around the home, what to do and what not to do in a bushfire.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

★ Cody Maybery—for making the effort and thinking about his choices. Some good decisions have been made.

★ Isla Barron—for always working well with other students, whether they be older or younger and for always being considerate of others.

Mrs Clarkson

This week in literacy our new writing genre is a discussion. Where previously we stuck to a one sided argument this time we can put forward an argument for and against. This genre usually generates a great verbal discussion in the classroom. In Literacy Circle we are focusing on question types, how to read them and how to find information. The most difficult one is inferential where you have to find information yourself.

In Maths we will start with simple multiplication then increase the multiplicand and the multiplier. When doing times tables we will focus on finding factors for the quotient. We will also have to look at the vocabulary for our maths as new words are introduced.

Science:

Years P—2 - Earth and Space Science - Earth's resources are used in a variety of ways. What are the Earth's resources - water, soil and minerals. The children will now investigate the effects of rain on different surfaces by conducting experiments and simulating rain. They will record their results.

Years 3—6 - Earth and Space Science - Sudden geological changes and extreme weather events can affect Earth's Surface. The children will finish off storyboards and our eyewitness account and then start planning for their presentation - Water, Earth, Wind and Fire

Bucket Fillers and Bucket Dippers

This week's act of kindness:

Make a card to send to a nursing home.