

NATIMUK



NEWSLETTER

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 10th August	Little Mermaid, HTH
Wednesday 15th August	House Athletics Sports
Thursday 16th August	Happy Days, HTH
Monday 20th August	School Photos
Wednesday 22nd August	Parent Teacher Interviews
Thursday 23rd August	Book Week Parade

Parent Opinion Survey now open. Survey closes August 17.

Parent Opinion Survey

The notice for logging into the survey has been sent out to all families. Please give the survey serious consideration as your responses are important to us. As a result of the surveys we are able to either change or introduce new ideas quickly or bring them to School Council for further discussion. If you are having any trouble completing the survey because of internet connections you are more than welcome to use the school's computers.

Review Surveys

Thank you to everyone who completed the survey for our review. We had a great response both in hard copy and online. We value all of the responses and believe that we can immediately address some items and make changes as a result.

House Athletic Sports

Weather permitting we are holding the sports next Wednesday on the Natimuk Showgrounds oval. Events to start at 9.30.

Children can dress up in their house colours - blue or green.

NO PIE WARMER THIS FRIDAY DUE TO EXCUSION

Natimuk Primary School is a RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS Partner School

Term 3. Focus for 2 weeks: Positive Self Talk and Problem Solving

Children need to develop a positive self talk vocabulary and should practice positive self talk.

Communication and cooperative behaviours will contribute to positive outcomes to problems

Natimuk Primary School is committed to being a Child Safe school

Parent Teacher Interviews

The interviews will be held on Wednesday 22nd. We are going to trial the afternoon from 2pm. Please look at the time slots carefully. The interviews will be around 10 minutes to provide you with information about your child's academic performance. If you think you will need more time please make an appointment with your child's teacher for another day. Your teachers are always willing and available to discuss any matter you wish raise about your child .

Expression of Interest

If any parents are interested in understanding the finance documentation that is presented at school council we will be having a presenter on Tuesday September 18, 2018 from 6.30—8.30 (meal included) who will go through them. Please contact the office to indicate that you will be coming.

Mowing and Blowing Roster

Thank you to the Sudholz and Rasmussen families for volunteering on the garden roster. If anyone else can fill in some blank months that would be fantastic.

Ingrid Clarkson

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The MATES Mentoring Program provides positive role models who mentor, assist, target, engage and enhance the skills and life experiences of young people.

MATES matches students (Mentees) in school with a volunteer (Mentor) from the local community.

Mentors and mentees catch up for one hour, once a fortnight for one year.

Who can be a Mentor?

We need volunteers who are:

- ✓ over the age of 18
- ✓ have a genuine concern or interest in young people
- ✓ want to make a difference in a young person's life
- ✓ are able to spend one hour a fortnight with a young person for one year
- ✓ already have or are able to obtain a Working With Children check

1 hour a fortnight = 24 hours in a year

That's all it takes to make a big difference in a young person's life.

Mentors Wanted

How to get involved

Find out more by:

- ✓ Visiting the Wimmera Southern Mallee LLEN Website
- ✓ Contacting the MATES coordinator at the WSMLLEN office, Phone: 03 53810122
- ✓ Phone your school office

Find out more at
www.llen.com.au/mates

MATES Mentoring Program
Phone: 03 53810122
Email: mary.bysouth@llen.com.au

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MARC news

In the coming weeks all students will be learning how to do a search and request books from the MARC library. I will publish the web address once it has been completed and is ready to go. Students will then be able to ask for a book and I should be able to bring it to them on my next visit.

Sally McKenzie
MARC Librarian

Miss Blake

This week we are focusing on the letter 'z'. Zarnie was very excited to finally get to put her name on the board. The Ones and Twos are looking at words that have the long 'ea' sound in them. Our reading strategy this week is Copycat Camel. Copycat Camel reminds us to use expression to sound like the character. Students had fun trying this out during their read to self.

In Maths this week we are looking at shape. The Preps are looking at 2D shapes and where they can find them in the classroom. The Ones are looking at 3D shapes and the Twos have been learning about area.

Yesterday in Integrated Studies we went all the way over to the Netherlands. We learnt that their national colour is orange and there are lots of windmills. We made poffertjes which are mini pancakes. The students loved them!

In Health, students have been sewing a little gift for the residents at the Nursing Home for the next visit we have. They have been working really well to complete this activity. Students have also been completing activities on persistence.

Mrs Buckman

It is great to see so many of the children improving their automatic recall of the times tables. Our weekly challenges are very animated, not to mention loud! This week in Maths we will be learning to add and subtract monetary values and round to the nearest 5 cents. We will also be learning about EFTPOS transactions.

The year 3 spelling words have the long 'ea' sound as in 'cream'. The year 4 words have the long 'ea', 'ear' and 'eer' sounds such as in 'leave', 'beard' and 'peer'. Further to our work on suffixes and prefixes we will look at word origins such as the Latin word 'bi' meaning two. The children have planned an Information Report about one of the five major religions of the world and will work on that this week. This will act as a springboard to assist them with the planning of the picture story book they will be making for Integrated Studies.

In Music the P-2s are learning to play 'Hot Cross Buns' on the Xylophones. The 3-6s are learning 'Bound for South Australia' which we will be playing on instruments, including ukuleles, guitars, xylophones, drums and boomwhackers.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

★ Ned Glascott - For being more persistent and putting effort into his Integrated Studies topic, Judaism.

★ Joseph White - For his persistence with his writing, working hard to write sentences with correct letter formation.

Mrs Clarkson

In Literacy we are focussing on the question types to answer literal, inferential and evaluative questions. All the literacy tasks help with comprehension and developing a greater understanding of what is being read.

In Numeracy we came across an interesting question. Why is time divided into 60.; 60 seconds, 60 minutes. You cannot use a calculator to work out time equations. The year 5s found out that in the Babylonian times they only counted up to 6 or 60 (not 10 or 100) Their system was base 6 not base 10 like ours. The children decided that there should be a new function for working out time equations added to the calculator.

Science:

Years P—2 - Physical Science - The way objects move depends on a variety of factors, including their size and shape. The children got to play on the play equipment to observe which body parts helped us use the equipment. Our arms, legs and bottom help us move on the slide.

Years 3—6 - Physical Science - Heat can be produced in many ways and can move from one object to another. We looked at the different ways we could get heat. When our hands are cold putting them under our arm pits is an effective way to warm them up.

Bucket Fillers and Bucket Dippers

This week's act of kindness:

Help to clean up the school yard.



Top Performances

Horsham College presents
the creative talents of the Visual and Performing Arts



A celebration of talent within
Dance, Drama, Music, Media and Visual Arts -
an entertaining multi-genre evening showcase

Date: Wednesday 12th September Time: 7 - 8.30pm

Venue: Horsham Town Hall 03 5382 9555 horshamtownhall.com.au

Tickets: Adults \$15 Student/Concession \$10

Original Performances by VCE Dance VET Dance VCE Drama Vocals & Concert Band

Music Solo SEALP Arts Visual Arts and Design School Production Cast

If your child is interested in the Arts and is considering a career path in the Creative Industries - this is a must see event!



READING WITH YOUR CHILD

Twenty minutes a day is all it takes to develop key reading skills with your child. Here are seven ways to build a better reader from birth!

1 Create reading rituals and read together every day.

5 Choose books that match your child's likes and interests.

2 Talk about the pictures and ask them questions about the book as you read.

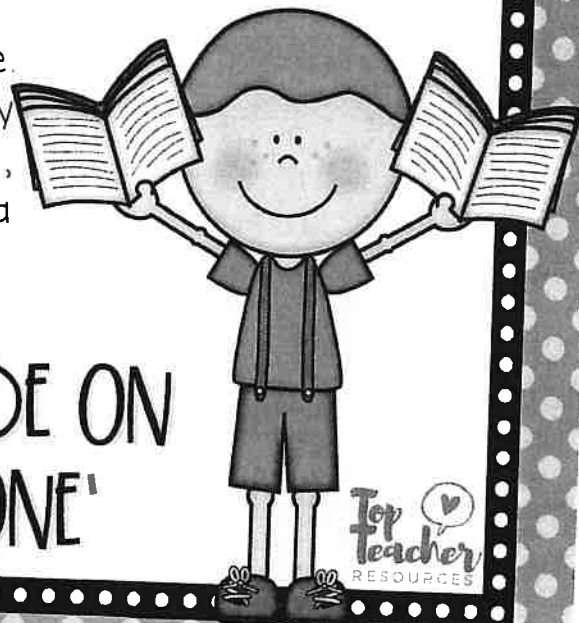
6 Share different kinds of books - cook books, comics, picture books, chapter books, non fiction books...

3 Have fun and read with expression. Children love silly voices!

7 Snuggle up close and read favourite books again and again.

4 Make reading a part of your family time. You can integrate reading into daily family activities by reading bedtime stories, visiting the local library and creating a comfy space for reading in.

'GOOD READERS ARE MADE ON THE LAP OF A LOVED ONE'





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Dear Parents

On Wednesday 22nd March, we will be holding parent/ teacher interviews. This will be a normal school day for the children. We are trialling a 2pm-3.30pm time slot this time.

Interviews will be of 10 minutes duration. If you require more time with the teacher please schedule another interview.

Please select a time which is appropriate for you and we will endeavour to timetable your interviews within the times you have selected. First in first served.

A schedule of appointments will be sent home.

Yours faithfully,

Ingrid Clarkson
Principal

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Student Names

Teacher/s (circle teacher)

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Mrs. Clarkson, Miss Blake, Mrs Buckman

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Times (Please circle)

2.00pm – 3.30pm

4.00pm – 5.30pm

6.00pm – 7.00pm