



# NEWSLETTER

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 3rd December	5/6 Rock Climbing
Tuesday 11th December	One Up Day
Wednesday 19th December	School Concert
Friday 21st December	Last day of year, 2.30pm finish

### **Nursing Home Visit**

The whole school went to the Natimuk Nursing Home on Tuesday afternoon and had a great time interacting with the residents. They were reigniting old acquaintances built during our visits over the year. Some of the residents specifically asked for a student they met at the last visit as they enjoyed their company so much. It was fantastic that our students obliged them; they delivered lunch and sat and chatted. We finished the visit with a couple of familiar dances; the Hokey Pokey, Macarena and the Nutbush. It has been a fantastic opportunity and very much appreciated by the residents, some of them thanked us and hoped we would come again. We will continue to visit the Nursing Home next year.

### **Rock climbing**

The 5 and 6s will be rock climbing on Monday. Please be at school on time so we can leave by 9.00am. Thank you to the parents who have volunteered to drive and help us at the Mount. Keep an eye on the weather so you dress appropriately.

### **Kris Kringle**

Olivia and Cody will be organizing the Kris Kringle next week. Your child will bring home a note and a name of a student they have to buy a gift for. It is a secret Santa so we are encouraging the students not to tell who they are buying for.

### **Review**

The review process is over and after speaking to the staff and reviewing the school's policies and documents we have some goals set for the next four years. Thank you to everyone for their input especially the group of students who spoke candidly to the panel.

### **Remote Control Cars**

The Year 5 and 6s will be bringing remote control cars to school tomorrow to complete some tasks in Maths and coding in ICT. They will need to bring chargers to ensure their vehicles work for the morning.

### **Natimuk Primary School is a RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS Partner School**

**Term 4.** Focus for 2 weeks: Bully Stoppers (Education Dept program)

**Student Modules - I 'm not a bully, I'm not a victim, Words don't hurt, I didn't mean it**

**(Information for adults available online - [education.vic.gov.au](http://education.vic.gov.au) bullystoppers)**

*Natimuk Primary School is committed to being a Child Safe school*

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**2019 Dates to remember for the start of next year.**

Australia Day Public Holiday is on Monday January 28

Teacher's start on Tuesday January 29

Prep and Year 1 students have a special roster for Literacy and Numeracy testing on Wednesday January 30

All students start school on Thursday January 31

Book Packs can be picked up from the office on Wednesday

**School Concert**

The end of year School Concert is on Wednesday December 19. The children should be at the Soldiers' Memorial Hall by 7.15pm in their school uniform, for a 7.30pm start. A water bottle will be a good idea also. Please bring a plate for supper.

Ingrid Clarkson

**LAST MARC VISIT FOR 2018 IS  
WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 12<sup>th</sup>.**

**Please return all MARC books on or before this  
date**

**If you are unable to find your books you may  
be asked to pay for a replacement book.**

**Thank you  
Mrs McKenzie**

## Miss Blake

This week the students are focusing on the sounds, er, ir and ur as in sister and nurse. We have quite a list of these words on the board. As we have finished all our reading strategies for the year, we are now revising Koala Claws and Eagle Eye. Students have been busy writing a range of poems which we hope to make into a class book.

In Maths this week our focus is on time. We are learning o'clock, half past, quarter to and quarter past times. The students have been reading these times and making them on a clock. The older students are looking at calendars, learning the months and how many days are in each month.

In PE, students have finished their set curriculum for the year. We finished off the term with a number of tennis lessons, learning a couple of new games along the way. Student will now enjoy a couple of weeks of free choice games.

In Integrated Studies, students are busy writing and finishing off their information reports about a dinosaur. They all have a different one so it will be great to learn more about dinosaurs when they present them to the class.

Next week we will really get into our concert practise now that we have a play to perform!! More details to come!!

## Mrs Buckman

This week the spelling words all have er, ir, or and ur such as in paper and worm. We will be revising when and how to use commas and the Café Reading goal is the same as last week 'To state opinions about a text and give evidence to support'. We will also have a go at writing Limericks.

Over the next couple of weeks in Maths time we will be doing a unit of work which involves the children using their maths skills and knowledge to create a new and improved 'Jurassic World' theme park. This week they will be purchasing dinosaurs and attractions for their park as well as employing staff. This must all be done within a set budget and will include writing advertisements to find employees.

In Integrated Studies we will be drawing a half-size Allosaurus with each child having their own part to draw, using a grid for guidance. The finished product should be very interesting. With the concert drawing closer there is a lot of work being put into the musical items.

## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

★ Jed Haustorfer—for consistently working independently, making sure his work is completed.

★ Benson Sudholz—for his growing confidence when writing independently, writing a great alliteration about Sammy Sheep.

## Mrs Clarkson

Our final reading for the year is Skateboarding, a topic the children chose. We will complete our Literacy Circle activities as well as practise for the concert. Mrs. Buckman is writing the play for our students and we are excited to know what it is. Once the script has been sorted the children will be given instructions as to their costumes and props.

In Mathematics we are consolidating some of the more difficult concepts such as percentages and diameter and radius. With remote control cars we will further our understanding of giving directions using coding.

P -2 - Biological Science - Living things have a variety of external features. We finished our unit explaining the similarities and differences between worms, snails and ants. It was evident that they had good knowledge of our more common mini-beasts and enjoyed looking at them closely.

3-6 - Biological Science - Living things have structural features and adaptations that help them to survive in their environment. To finish our unit on Desert Survivors we examined the camel, the ship of the desert, to find out how and why they are suitable and have adapted to this environment. The groups explained features of the camel that made the camel a desert survivor.

### *Bucket Fillers and Bucket Dippers*

**This week's act of kindness:**

*Write a thank you note for someone.*