



# NEWSLETTER

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday 11th December	One Up Day
Wednesday 19th December	School Concert
Friday 21st December	Last day of year, 2.30pm finish

### End of Year Attendance

The school is open until Friday December 21. If your child is going to be absent after the concert can you please notify the school via phone, diary note or send an absence note so we know how many children to expect.

### Change in Staffing for 2019

Miss O will not be teaching Art at our school as at the end of this year so she can pursue her own passion which was renewed with her art exhibition. Mel has been with us for 2 and a half years and the work the children have produced through her classes has been outstanding. We very much appreciated having you at our school and wish you well in your future endeavors.

So then, who will be taking Art next year?

We are very fortunate to have magnificent art teachers in Natimuk, many who have worked at this school. We can add another name to that list in Mary French. Mary is very well known in Natimuk for her work over many years. Welcome Mary, we look forward to some exciting times ahead.

### Rock Climbing

On Monday we joined with Laharum and went to Mt Arapiles for our rock climbing day. As all the students new each other from Somers Camp it was a great day renewing old acquaintances; there was a lot of chat and reminiscing which was fantastic. The idea of rock climbing was daunting but the day was more than just about the physical. We learnt about safety, what type of equipment is used, how to carry it, how to climb or walk on a rocky path safely and to wee in the bushes not on the rocks. Everyone experienced success on the day. The goal was to climb as high as you could and if you touched the karabiner you made it to the top; everyone eventually touched the karabiner, most more than once.

Congratulations to Bailey who won the Ben Szackacs Memorial Leadership Award.

Thank you to Roxanne, Judy and Cheryl who helped out on the day as well as Jane, Deb and Rob from Laharum.

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

**Term 4. Focus for 1 week: 5 Acts of Kindness**

Let someone go ahead of you in a line today

Tell someone what a great job they are doing

Pick up pieces of rubbish and throw it in the bin

Smile at everyone you come across today

Write a kind note to a friend

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

## Miss Blake

This week the students are doing the 'ar' sound as in star and car. Our reading strategies that we are revising are Stretchy Snake and Lips the Fish. Students have been focusing on these during their read to self time.

In Maths we are finishing off our Maths Plus Books. Students are completing lots of revision activities on concepts that they have learnt over the year.

In Integrated Studies students have been working hard to finish the good copy of their information report on a dinosaur. Thank you to the 3/4 students who helped us do these on Monday. Students will present their reports to the rest of the class when they are finished.

Yesterday we started our Christmas activities. These are great afternoons and parents/grandparents are welcome to join us to help. Our next session will be next Tuesday from 2pm to 3.25pm.

Preparations for the school concert are underway. We have our song and play sorted and students are busy practising them. They are very excited to show everyone their song at the concert.

## Mrs Buckman

The 3/4 students enjoyed a visit to the Natimuk Café on Monday to meet author Meg Humphrys. Meg read her book 'When water lost her way' and the children asked her some very insightful questions. Meg very generously donated a signed copy of her book to the school.

This week's spelling words all have 'ar' and in Literacy time the children will be writing a narrative.

In Maths this week we will continue our 'Jurassic World' challenge. The students have enjoyed this so far and been learning new skills such as working out percentages to get discounts on their purchases.

In Integrated Studies we have been using grids to draw a dinosaur (half of its real size). This will be put together this week. It will be interesting to see if the pieces all join up. Lots of concert practise will also be happening this week.

## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

- ★ Eleeha Morrison—for having the confidence to make good choices in the classroom to get her work done. Keep up the good effort!
- ★ Zarnie Sudholz—for her continuing confidence with spelling her word lists each week, working hard to use her past knowledge of letter/sound relationships.

## Mrs Clarkson

Our end of year program is centred around drama. The children whilst they were not really aware contributed to the ideas for the end of year play. We are now practising our lines and will start rehearsing stage movement. The importance of clear diction and expression will be part of the rehearsal.

Once the children are familiar with their character we will talk about costumes. All costumes should be easy to source from home.

We will also be discussing the set and will spend time creating and designing for the greatest effect.

We are now at the business end and are looking forward to performing for the community at the end of the year.

### *Bucket Fillers and Bucket Dippers*

**We are doing 10 days of Kindness  
to finish the year.  
Students will complete a different  
act of kindness for 10 days.**

**Wheels Morning**

On Monday December 10, we will be having a wheels morning. Children can bring skateboards, scooters or rollerblades (no bikes) and we will spend the morning wheeling about; in a controlled manner!

**Kris Kringle**

The children will be given a note this week to let you know who they are buying a gift for. There will be a letter attached outlining what is expected. It is a secret Santa so children should be encouraged divulge any information to their person. The gift is around the \$5 mark to make it fair for all. It is the token of giving not how much the gift costs that is the message of the day.

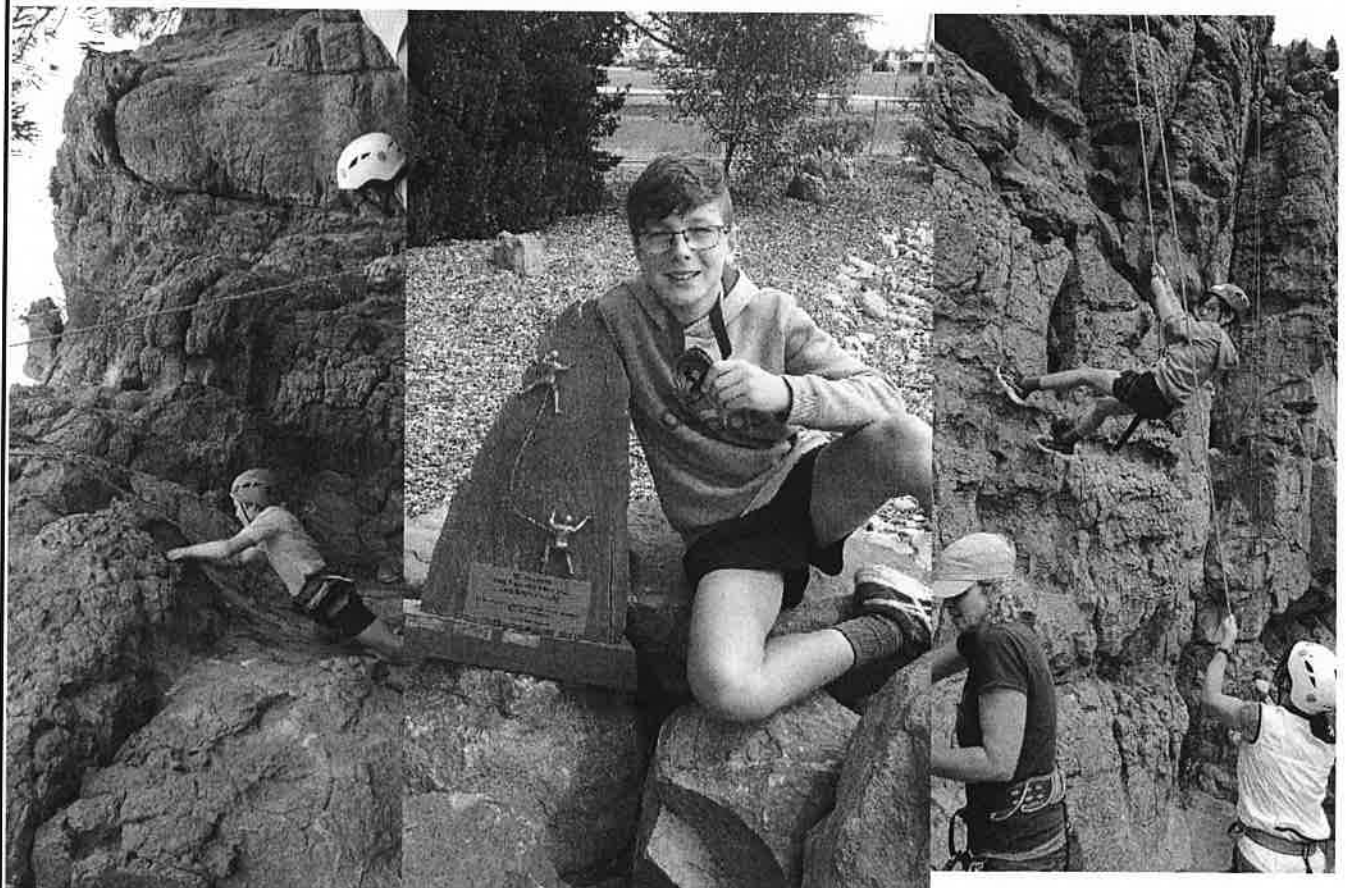
Ingrid Clarkson

**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**





# KRIS KRINGLE

Having a Kris Kringle is a fun way to end the year and give pleasure to others by giving them a gift. It is an end of year reflection to show that each person is respected and valued equally.

Kris Kringle is run by the School Leaders. The staff and children's names are placed in a hat and are drawn out randomly to determine who buys for whom.

Each child or teacher then buys a gift, **to the value of \$5**, for the person they are given.

✚ Encourage your child to try and keep the Kris Kringle a secret by explaining that it is a secret Santa game.

**Wrap the gift and put the child's name on it and place it in the appropriate class basket, which will be in the foyer under the Christmas tree.**

**Names will be given out on Wednesday December 5,  
all presents should be in the basket  
by Friday December 14  
Our Kris Kringle day is  
Wednesday December 19, at 2.00pm.**

**When considering the gift please keep a few of these points in mind:**

- Lollies and chocolates are not considered gifts
- Be mindful of presents with a value of more than \$5, especially if they were purchased on special or are a recycled gift, as not everyone has that opportunity
- Children will compare gifts and will make value judgements as to cost even though they shouldn't
- Children will tell who they bought their present for even though they shouldn't
- Children do not like to miss out especially when everyone else is getting something
- The school does not have a stash of presents just in case

**Mrs Clarkson, Olivia and Cody**