



# NEWSLETTER

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday 20th February	Parent Information Night
Thursday 21st February	Book Club due
Wednesday 27th February	3-6 Swimming, Goroke Pool
Friday 22nd February	Kowree Swimming Sports
Wednesday 13th March	Parent Teacher Interviews
Wednesday 20th March	Senior Athletic Sports
Thursday 21st March	Junior Athletic Sports

## Parent Information Night Tonight

Apologies for the late notice

### **Respectful Relationships**

We have had a very happy start to the year with all children brimming with confidence and enthusiasm. This year we will be participating in a range of activities to put into practice the skills and attitudes we learnt last year.

### **Kowree Swimming Sports**

The sports are on early this year, this Friday. As the events start at 11.30 precisely the children should be at Goroke swimming pool by 11.00 so we can set up and ensure they are ready to swim. As I will be the only teacher and have to give out the place tags can I ask if the parents who are attending can help get the children to the end of the pool for their events please. A program will be available soon. We have done our best to give each child as many swims as we can.

If parents are able to drive other children can you meet at school by 10.00am to leave school by 10.15am please. I appreciate your support on this day.

### **Dental Van**

Forms to attend the dental van have been sent out and we have a good number returned. It needs to be returned immediately to book an appointment. Tomorrow morning is the cut off for forms as we have to send the list to Wimmera Health Care Group tomorrow.

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

**Term 1.** Focus for 2 weeks: Rules! Rules! Rules!

Through games and real life scenarios, the children will be introduced to the concept of rules and why they are needed. The children will be involved in developing rules for our school and their class to create a happy and supportive learning environment.

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

### **Staff Briefings**

At 9,45am Monday and Wednesday mornings the staff have a quick briefing together. If you see us in the staff room at that time we are catching up on important news.

### **Rural School Sports**

Athletic Sports day for Seniors is on Wednesday March 20 and for Juniors Thursday March 21. Natimuk, Haven and Laharum make up the Rural Schools team that competes against the West school at the Athletic sports. Our team is white so all children must wear a white TShirt on the day of the sports. Our 9, 10, 11 and 12 year old students will have the opportunity to represent the Rural Schools at the subsequent zone sports and wear our new representative shirt. (modelled by Bailey)

The sports will be held at Dudley Cornell Park in Horsham. More details will be provided closer to the day. Parents will be expected to take children to the sports and can take them home when the sports are over. You might consider car pooling or making other arrangements if you have difficulty getting your children to the venue.

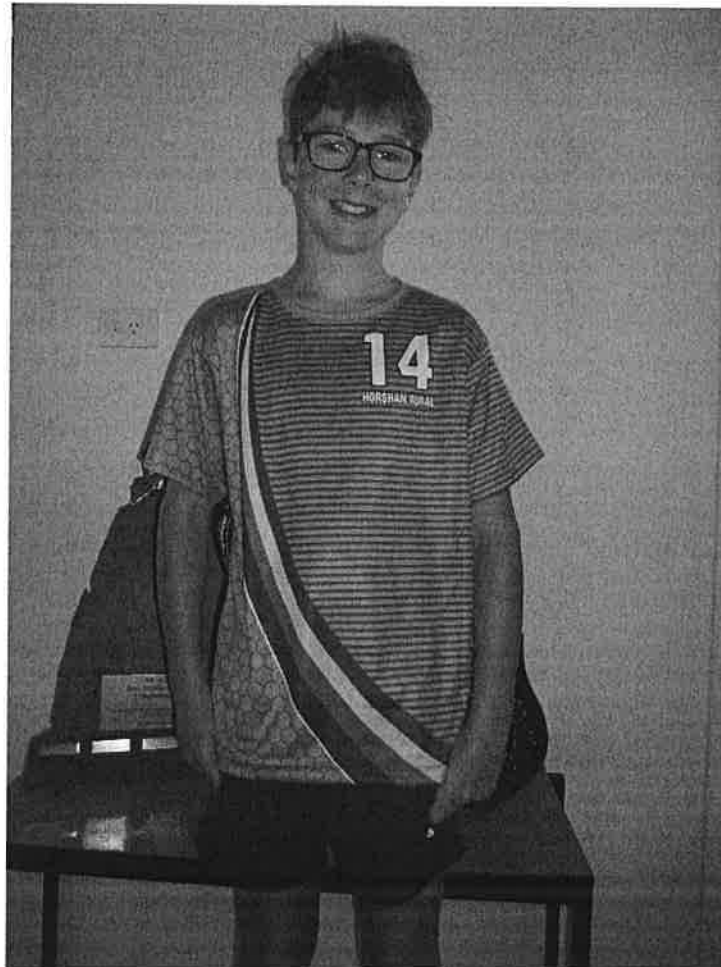
### **School Council Election**

The election process begins this week. Self nomination forms will go out to those currently serving on the council. Nomination forms are available at the office if you are interested in becoming a member of the council. We have 8 meetings a year; 2 per term. New members are most welcome.

### **Rubbish Bins**

We have been having an issue with someone in the community using our rubbish bins to dispose of their rubbish. This is not a new issue as it has been occurring for at least 12 months or more; sometimes filling one bin, sometimes two and on occasions overflowing. While the school is very willing to help anyone needing to use a bin, we would appreciate prior knowledge and ask that you approach the school so we can accommodate you and not be surprised when our bins are full to overflowing. Recently one of our bins was destroyed so we have reduced capacity even for ourselves. We just ask that you be more thoughtful about your rubbish disposal.

Ingrid Clarkson



## Miss Blake

What a great start to the year we have had. The students are getting the hang of the routine and are enjoying lots of new things at school.

This week we have been focusing on the letter 't'. It was easy to think of words that started with 't'. As part of this, we will be celebrating our annual Teddy Bears Picnic on Friday. Students are very excited about this.

In Maths, student have been working on number recognition and writing numbers. We have been introducing the Preps to some number games that we can all play together. They are very good at counting and putting numbers in order.

In Integrated Studies this week we are learning about Sheep and Pigs. We will be finding out how these animals are used on farms. We have learnt so far that farms can have lots of different animals on them.

In Health, the younger students have been completing an author study on Pamela Allen. We have learnt that she has written and illustrated over 50 books and sold over 5 million copies of her books.

The older students are going to be making a picture book over the next few weeks.

Yesterday in health we made Neopolitan icy poles. They were very easy to make. Students enjoyed eating them for playlunch today.

## Mrs Buckman

In Literacy this week the children will use the planning sheet they completed last week to write a recount. We will continue to look at nouns and write these in singular and plural form. The spelling words this week all have 'tt'.

The Mathematics focus for the year 3/4 students this week is subtraction. They will be using number-lines and hundreds charts to complete problems, use addition to check they have completed subtraction problems correctly and solve word problems using subtraction.

In Integrated Studies the children have each selected a topic to research and will be planning how they are going to present their information as a project to be displayed at the Natimuk Show.

In Music the P-2s have been learning about beat and rhythm. They are making up a song about crocodiles in the kitchen. The 3-6s undertook a rhythm pattern challenge and, with a partner, came up with a fun sentence which they added a rhythm to. Next week they will add instruments to that till they have a short musical piece to present to their classmates.

## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

★ Chinta Kitching—for fantastic organisational skills and terrific work ethics. A great start to grade 5.

★ Joseph White—for making a fantastic start to the school year, working hard in class, doing all his jobs in the morning and helping in the classroom. Well done!

## Mrs Clarkson

We had a great trip out to the Lake last Friday where Keith provided us with fantastic information about the early settlers to Natimuk and the history of the Lake. It is an on going battle to maintain and restore the Lake to its former glory and we admire the commitment of the locals and the committees. The boys will be writing a recount of each of their excursions to help answer questions about our community.

In Mathematics we investigated the factors of numbers and symmetry. It is important to know the times tables extremely well as they are used daily.

Science

P- 2 Chemical Science - Objects are made of materials that have observable properties. The children will be sorting and grouping materials on the bases of colour, texture and flexibility. We graphed the information we collected last week.

3 - 6 Chemical Science - A change of state between solid and liquid can be caused by adding or removing heat.. The children will investigate how liquids and solids respond to changes in temperature. What are the three states of matter? Solid, liquid and gas. The children were given the explanation for the states of matter in preparation for future experiments.

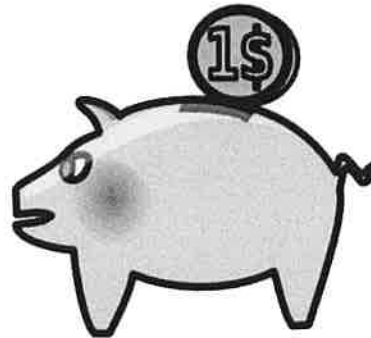
*Bucket Fillers and Bucket Dippers*

*Push in any chairs in the classroom that have been left out.*



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**STUDENT BANKING**  
Student banking day is Monday.  
Flyer attached.



### BOOK CLUB

Book Club due tomorrow please.

