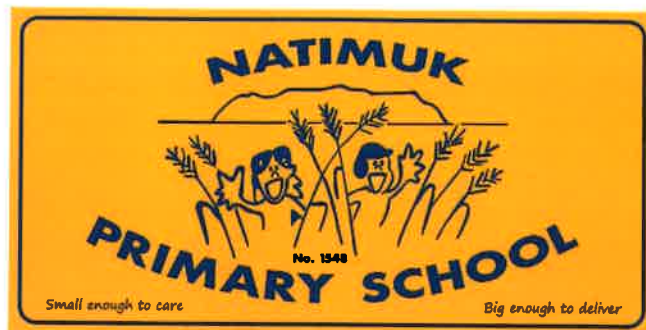


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**13th November 2019**

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Wednesday 13th November	P-2 Swimming (final)
Monday 18th November	Puberty Session years 5 & 6

#### **Smart Spelling**

On Monday, the staff had a spelling PD day. We intend to revamp our spelling program across the school next year and spent the day examining what we do, looking at the new program, listening to the presenter and discussing the changes we will make to improve the delivery of spelling. While we were doing a very good job at teaching spelling there were some great ideas to help us make it better.

#### **Remembrance Day**

On Monday in Assembly we explained the reason for and the meaning behind Remembrance Day. At 11.00am all of us stood for a 2 minute silence, listening to The Last Post and Reveille. It was great to see the respect the children showed at this time.

#### **Daycare Residents to visit Natimuk Primary School**

We had a fantastic afternoon. The children chatted with the residents and took them to the classrooms to show off their work and play games. Jacinta and Freya were in charge of organizing the tea and coffee.

#### **Prep/1/2 Sleepover**

Well done to the Pre/1/2s on a great sleepover. They had lots of fun and eventually went off to sleep after watching *The Lion King*. They had lots of fun and were very tired on Friday.

### **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*

## Screen Time

At my principal forum yesterday we were presented with scientific evidence showing the impact on children, especially those under 5, on their brain development. It was stressed that children under 2 should not be given any screen time at all. In normal development cognitive stimulation enables many synapsis to form in the brain, which helps us to function, problem solve and learn. Screen time in young children inhibits the synapsis from forming meaning that there is a more likely chance of cognitive delay.

More seriously, a number of children have been talking about being on snapchat or other forms of social media out of school hours. Unfortunately, some of the chats are bordering on bullying. Please be aware of what your child is doing on social media: what messages are they sending, in what way are they able to target others on social media and use the forum to gain support. Once this is established on social media and they have supporters it creeps into the school environment and is carried on face to face. It is quite ugly and unnecessary. I have suggested to all students that they should show their parents any messages that upset them as it should be dealt with straight away.

Ingrid Clarkson

### *Bucket Fillers and Bucket Dippers*

***Pick up any rubbish or papers and put them in the bin.***

### BOOK CLUB



Issue 8 out today (last for the year). Please return by Thursday 21st November.

### STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



Chloe Hateley—for showing confidence in mathematics by being answering questions during the focus session and completing all class work.



Zarnie Sudholz—for her confidence in showing Jim around the school and interacting with him through stories and games. Well done Zarnie!

## Miss Blake

What a busy couple of weeks we have had! Last week students had their sleepover. A lot of fun was had by all. We went to tennis, played in the classroom, had a BBQ dinner, ice cream cake for dessert and then watched The Lion King. It took a while for everyone to fall asleep and then it was an early start with the excitement of still being at school. We had pancakes for breakfast, packed up our things and started school for the day. A big thank you to Mel Obst and Jason Ellis for helping out, greatly appreciated.

We have finished off our unit on procedure writing, with students completing a piece on how to make a snowman. Our next writing focus is on narratives. Students will be using the 'Bump it up' wall to see how they can bump up their writing to the next level.

We have almost finished our end of the year testing. It is always great to see how much improvement all the students have made over the year.

In Integrated Studies, we have learnt the order of the planets and learnt about what astronauts do in space. This week we are making our own space shuttles to go to the moon. We will then be looking at the moon and the sun.

In PE, the older students have finished their unit on Touch Football. On Monday we actually got to play a game where we used all the skills we have learnt so far. It was really fun. The younger students have begun a unit on cricket. All students participated in a cricket clinic yesterday afternoon, learning about bowling, batting and fielding.



## Mrs Clarkson

It has been test time over the last two weeks. The children have sat online tests as well as paper tests. It is important for us to not rely on one test to gain insight as to where your child is at. The results have been very pleasing. The children have been told how they went and are feeling quite good about themselves as well.

In Maths there are children who are very close to finishing the years syllabus and are preparing to start the next year's work. Our focus for this week was BODMAS. This formula for working out equations with different signs is essential for all to know and use all the time. We completed an example where if the formula was not followed everyone could get a different answer which is not helpful. The 3/4s have been focusing on division.

## Science

**P- 2 Earth and Space Science - Daily and seasonal changes in our environment affect everyday life.** The children have been watching and keeping a record of the weather and completed a summary of the weeks weather.

**3 - 6 Earth and Space Science - The Earth is part of a system of planets orbiting around a star (the sun).** Each group has almost completed their model of the sun, Earth and moon. They have been discussing facts about each one so they can add this to their model. The models will be displayed in the corridor for you all to see.

## 2020 INVOICES

2020 book pack and fees invoices are being sent home today. There are several ways to pay:

- Cash or cheque
- BPay (not direct deposit please because BPay will ensure the payment goes directly to your family statement)
- Payment plan (regular automatic electronic deductions)
- Centrepay— automatic deductions can be made from your Centrelink payments

*Please see or phone Caroline in the office if you have any queries.*



# PARENT ASSOCIATION UPDATE

## PARENTS ASSOCIATION

### ANNUAL

## GENERAL MEETING

**Wednesday 20th November**

**Natimuk Hotel 7.30pm**

The Parents Association is important to the success and continued improvement of Natimuk Primary School. Each year the Parents Association is asked to raise a minimum of \$3000 which is used to fund many activities throughout the year. In addition to this money, the Parents Association purchases resources for the school to make sure the school has updated resources that keep the children engaged and interested at school.

The Parents Association's Annual General Meeting is being held on Wednesday 20th November at 7.30pm at the National Hotel.

The Parent Association consists of the following positions:

- President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- School Council Representative
- Newsletter Co-ordinator
- Meals on Wheels Co-ordinator
- Recycling Can volunteer
- Catering Co-ordinator

We welcome all families to come along to our AGM, It would be great to see you there!!!

## High Tea

*The Natimuk Primary School's High Tea was a huge success with approximately 83 people enjoying a relaxing afternoon indulging in the delicious afternoon tea.*

*The Primary School raised approximately \$2400... what a fantastic effort!!*

*A huge thank you to:*

- \* *Six 2 Six Café for providing the huge range of tea varieties on offer*
- \* *BJs furniture, Robertsons Furniture, Seona Maybery, Tanya Glascott and Kelly Klowss for donating the raffle & door prizes*
- \* *All the families that made some savoury or sweet treats or donated food towards the High Tea. It was amazing!!!*
- \* *Especially to Doris Hanson & Anna Potter who are not Primary School families but donated their delicious food.*
- \* *All the families that helped on the day...your help made the day run smoothly and made the afternoon the success it was!!*

*Congratulations to the winners of the raffle prizes*

- \* *Candle (Bj's Furniture) & Wine - Shurlee Skiller & Therese Wright*
- \* *World Organics beauty products (Kelly Klowss) - Shurlee Skiller*
- \* *Hair care pack (Seona Maybery) - Janice Sudholz*
- \* *\$50 Gift voucher (Capital Horsham) - Rachel Hateley*
- \* *Winners of the Lucky Door Prizes: Salt & Pepper shakers (Robertsons Furniture) - Lynette Pole, Wine Aerator (Tanya Glascott) - Connie Sedgman, Wine (Tanya Glascott) - Elaine Oakley, Champagne (Tanya Glascott) - Janet Heard, Chocolates - Tayla Hateley and Canvas prints (Robertsons Furniture) - Marissa Haustorfer.*

*An amazing effort by everyone involved!!!*

Thank you to the following families for volunteering their time to take the children to do Meals on Wheels on behalf of the Primary School. The children love doing it and it is much appreciated!!

**Monday 18th November - Cheryl Sudholz**

**Tuesday 19th November - Bec White**

**Wednesday 20th November - Kelly Klowss**

**Thursday 21st November - Judy Haustorfer**

**Friday 22nd November - Jo Taylor**

