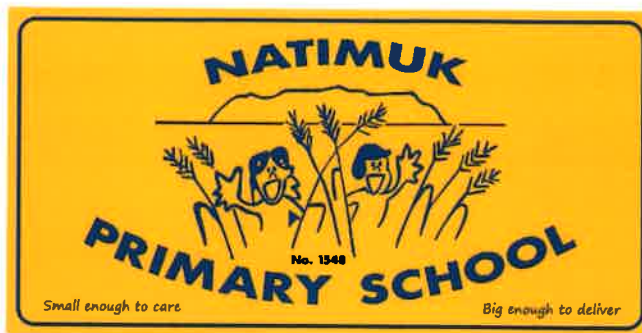


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12th February 2020

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday 12th February	Parent Information Night
Thursday 13th February	Book Club due back
Tuesday 18th February	School Council Meeting, 7.30pm
Wednesday 19th February	3-6 Swimming
Tuesday 25th February	Pancake Tuesday
Wednesday 11th March	Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Information Night - Tonight, Wednesday February 12

7.00—Miss Blake

7.30— Mrs Clarkson (Mr Holt)

Welcome:

I would like to welcome Mr. Marcus Holt to our staff. Mr. Holt will be the teacher in the 3/4 classroom. It is fantastic to fill this position. Please make yourself known to him, he will be here everyday except Thursdays.

Working Bee

I would like to sincerely thank everyone who came to the working bee. It was a fantastic turn out and so much got done. Having the school look good is a great way to start the year.

School Council Meeting

Tuesday February 18th, 7.30pm at the school. New members are most welcome. New School Council Elections will commence after this date.

Natimuk Primary School is a RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS School

Term 1. Focus for 2 weeks: Welcome.

How to make others feel welcome and that they belong. Use gestures such as eye contact, shaking hands, verbal greetings, body language and acknowledgement.

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Congratulations to our Office Bearers and School Leaders

School Leaders

Eleeha, Freya, Phoebe, Jacinta, Chinta, Oliver, Raven, Ashton and Chloe

House Captains

Melville Captains: Ashton, Oliver, Freya and Phoebe

Mitchell Captains: Raven, Chinta, Jacinta and Eleeha

Junior School Council

President: Ashton, Phoebe ; Treasurer: Freya, Raven; Secretary: Jacinta, Eleeha

All students in Year 5 and 6 will have the opportunity to be in an Office Bearer position over the course of the year. We will be working together on Thursday afternoons to discuss charities and activities.

Heat Policy

The children will stay inside if the temperature is at 38° or above. It will be at our discretion for temperatures above 35°. Our classrooms are air conditioned so the children can work in comfort. When children go outside on hot days they will be advised to seek shade, play quietly, drink water, wear a hat, put on sunscreen and not to over exert themselves. These are vital skills to learn for our Australian conditions.

Kowree Swimming Sports

The swimming sports will be in March at the Goroke pool. Notes will go home as soon as the date has been confirmed. Children in years 3—6 are eligible for these sports but must be able to swim confidently and without stopping for 25m. We are assisting our swimmers to achieve that goal so they can participate. The children can enter either 50m or 25m but not both.

Free Dress Fridays

On the last Friday of each month the Junior School Council organize a free dress day. Children can come to school in casual clothes but pay a 50c donation which goes to charity. The Junior School Council fundraise for a variety of charities and at the end of the year buy goods to aid organizations such as SMILES. We appreciate your support. On some Fridays there is a gold coin donation but these are for specific fundraisers such as Cancer, Jeans for Genes day or Red Cross but that will be explained on the note that goes home.

The children need to dress appropriately for school which includes footwear.

Free Fruit Friday

Woolies are supporting the Free Fruit Friday program due to its success and popularity. The school will provide additional fruit for all the children most Fridays during recess.

We are getting our fruit from Woolworths who share the same philosophy and values about giving the children fruit, as we do.

CSEF - Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund

Information about the Victorian government CSEF opportunities is attached to this newsletter.

Ingrid Clarkson

Miss Blake

Another busy week in the P/1/2 room. We have been learning the word 'ant' and sentence 'That ant had a hat' for the preps. The ones and twos have been looking at words that have 'a' as in ant in them. The preps have so far learnt 7 sight words. The ones and twos have been learning new activities to complete their spelling words.

In Writing, students are writing about their weekends which is a recount. The writing is modelled on the board first and then the students have a chance to complete their own writing. We will look at a number of genres over the year, next moving onto narratives.

In Maths students continue to work with numbers to 30 mostly. The preps have learnt a range of new counting games and enjoy playing these with older buddies. A focus for all students has been remembering to write their numbers the correct way.

In Wellbeing we went over our bucket filling and dipping and how we can help fill each other's buckets. We discussed how everyone has an invisible bucket and how it is used. Students have also been completing a puzzle piece which will make a class display. They have also been making a display for the hallway.



3-6 Report

We have almost completed our start of year testing program and can settle into a normal routine. Spelling words are going home and will also be practised at school. Our writing focus is the recount genre. The children are writing about some of the events of their holidays, it is a great way to share our holiday experiences.

In Maths the children are completing activities which helps them understand how to add decimals, create symmetry and be able to draw and name angles. The 3s and 4s are practising their times tables every day and looked for the patterns that help them determine which numbers are odd and even.

Science

P-2 Everyday materials can be physically changed in a variety of ways.

We discussed the characteristics of an icy pole before it melted and after. We answered the question - why did it melt?

3-6 Solids, liquids and gases have different observable properties and behave in different ways.

Children explored different materials to determine if they were liquids, solids or gases. They further explained what challenged them or helped them to make their decision.



Welcome Mr Holt & Miss Cameron

BOOK CLUB

Book Club issue one has been distributed to classrooms. If you would like to order you can do so online using LOOP (instructions in catalogue). If paying by cash or cheque please complete the order form and put it in an envelope, with the correct cash, to be handed into the office. Any queries please ask Caroline in the office. Scholastic rewards from student orders enable us to purchase books for our library at little or no cost.



For families paying invoices over internet banking BPay is our preferred payment method. The funds go directly to your account in our software. **Direct deposits do not give any notification of a payment or reference number; so please use BPay instead.**



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February 7, 2020

Dear Parents,

The Natimuk Primary School Parents Association will be in recess this year. Due to a lack of numbers to fill Office Bearer positions and few people to assist in the organisation of fundraising events it was felt that this was the best option. If in the future parents are interested in organising events and taking on positions, the Parents Association will reconvene.

What are the implications for not having any fundraising throughout the year and what impact will it have on camps and excursions?

What else will not happen because we do not have a Parents Association?

The Parents Association committed to raising \$3000.00 per year to assist families by:

- Subsidizing the purchase of sun hats
- Paying for the bus hire for camps and some excursions
- Paying for class activities such as rock climbing for Years 5 and 6
- Buying classroom equipment, books and furniture
- Providing funds for playground equipment and furniture

The implications here are that the full cost relating to the above items will be charged to the families.

The Parents Association were involved in the school in a variety of ways, all to benefit the children.

Some of the regular activities that will not happen this year will be:

- The Easter Egg Raffle
- The Mothers Day and Fathers Day stalls
- Pancake Day
- Shopping Trip
- High Tea
- Catering

Many of these were well supported and raised quite a lot of money.

While every family was asked to contribute and your contributions were greatly appreciated, we do not have anyone to organise and run these events this year.

If you have any interest in any of these areas you can contact the school, but for now, unfortunately, these events will not take place this year.

Kind regards,

INGRID CLARKSON
Principal

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the CSEF visit
www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

If you applied for the CSEF at your child's school in 2019, you do not need to complete an application form in 2020 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments;** your child has started or changed schools in 2020 or you did not apply in 2019.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2020.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.

