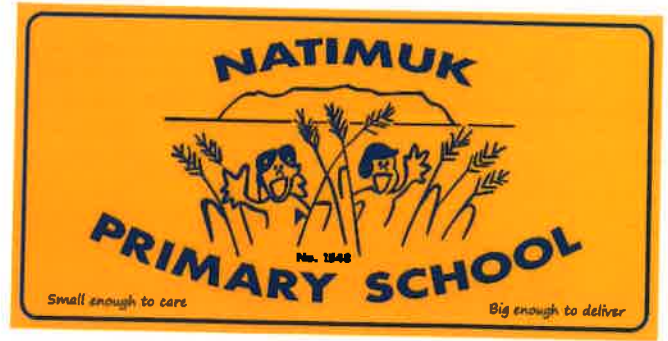


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15th July 2020

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday 23rd July

Book Club orders in online

### Welcome to the start of term 3!

With the announcements of further restrictions in Melbourne to help reduce the spread of covid-19 we are continuing our hygiene practices at school.

- Parents to stay out of the school where possible. If you need to talk with staff please come in to the office or make an appointment
- Children and parents to sanitize their hands when entering the school
- Extra cleaning is taking place daily
- Children are to use their own water bottles in class and outside

### Pie Warmer

Due to covid-19 we are not having pie warmer this term.

### Works and Projects at school

The school holidays were a very busy time at the school. All works and projects were conducted at a time when it would not disrupt the children and it is was safest time to do so. It was a hive of activity. You may not even notice some of the jobs that were done.

- The Basketball backboards have finally been finished and have the black lines painted on them
- The plaster rendering at the front entrance has been done so it is now tidied up and looks neat

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

Term 3. Focus for 2 weeks: Positive Coping

Understanding strong emotions. Strong emotions can be hard to manage so we need to use our strength and skills to help us express ourselves.

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- All the eaves were removed as a result of our asbestos audit so new eaves were put in and painted and saving the best till last

- Perce the Lizard was concreted. Jill and Dave helped set up the form work for the concrete and Perce Dickerson poured it. It looks fantastic.

It is safe to walk on the lizard. Watch this space for further construction on the lizard this term.

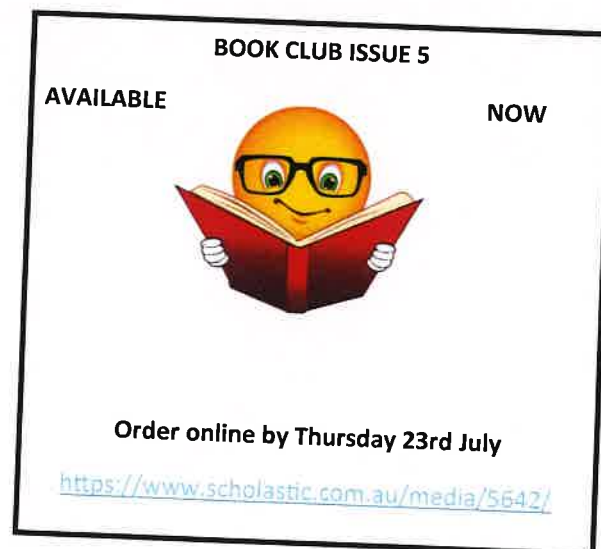
We have a number of other works taking place this term, again it is more cosmetic so you may not notice.

Ingrid Clarkson

### Mrs Clarkson

Our film and book study this term in Literacy is *Matilda*. We are investigating the characters of the book and were constantly challenged by the way the characters were portrayed in the film. The discussion around the book was very lively and showed that it was a popular choice. Having read *Matilda* has sparked an interest in reading other Roald Dahl books. Our writing genre at the moment is explanation. As the Wimmera Advertiser would like a story about our lizard we will take this opportunity to construct an article together as an explanation.

In Numeracy there was great excitement about completing the term 2 test and getting started on our term 3 topics. Our focus this week is division and its relationship to multiplication. We are starting with easier division equations by dividing by a single digit with and without remainders and will progress to long division.



## Miss Blake

Welcome back to term 3, we are now half way through the year! Can you believe it, it feels so much longer than that.

The students have made a great start to the term, are settled and ready to work.

In Literacy, students have started to do Read to Self time again. They are learning different reading strategies each week to help them decode a text. This week our focus is *Tryin' Lion*. He reminds us to re-read the sentence, try a word that makes sense and to keep reading. Today we looked at an explanation text, which will be our focus for the next couple of weeks. Students will be writing explanations on the life cycle of a couple of animals.

In Maths, we completed a 'number talk' with the number 14. As a class, we wrote down all the things that we knew about the number 14 such as I can count to 14, 1 ten and 4 ones make 14 and we can draw 14 tally marks. Students really like these number talks and they are a great way to get thinking before we start our set work.

In Integrated Studies this term we are heading back in time to learn about Ancient Egypt. We are going to have a couple of whole school sessions as well. Students will learn everything from everyday life to mummies to gods. It is going to be an exciting unit with a few surprises along the way.



## Mr Holt

Welcome back to a "normal" term, it was great to see all the students and to hear their stories from the holidays: fox-hunting, rock-climbing and sleepovers. The week started with two new science units, "It's Electrifying" for the 3-6s (how many parents instantly had a vision of John Travolta and Olivia Newton-John in Grease on hearing those words?) and "Pushes and Pulls" for the P-2s.

In SMART spelling the 3-4s are having a revision week, focusing on words they were getting wrong last term. Please remind your child to do their spelling homework each night. In literacy we have started a new genre- Explanation texts, and our focus centres around recycling. If all goes well, in a week or two, we will have a go at making some paper as a demonstration of recycling in action.

The students are making good progress in maths and this week's work includes numbers to 9,999, inverse operations, converting fractions to decimals, and temperature. Talking of temperature, my car was covered in ice this morning, it is certainly getting chilly in the Wimmera.

Special mentions for Jake who added some wonderful drawings to his narrative, "The Day the World Changed", and to Isla who has completely caught up in Mathsplus over the holidays, well done to you both.

Finally, I think I enjoyed the footy more than Miss Blake on the weekend, Go Cats.



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