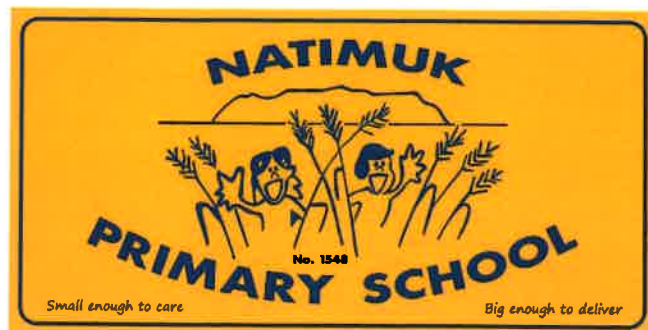


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## DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 23 October	AFL Grand Final Public Holiday
Monday 2 November	Report Writing Day, Student Free Day
Tuesday 3 November	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

### Book Week

Wednesday we celebrated Book Week with most children dressing up but everyone bringing their favourite book and character to life. It is always exciting to see what character the children choose to dress up as and we appreciate the effort parents have gone to, to make it happen.

Congratulations everyone!

### AFL Public Holiday

All of Victoria get the Grand Final Public Holiday. This day is Friday October 23rd.

### Pupil Free Day and Cup Day Holiday (extra long weekend)

This term is dotted with public holidays and pupil free days.

Monday November 2 is a pupil free day so teachers can start to write reports and is followed by the Melbourne Cup public holiday. Enjoy the extra long weekend.

### Assessments

We will be conducting our end of year assessments commencing November 3. Even though the children have had 2 bouts of remote learning we still need to gauge their growth over the year. We will be stressing that it is for our information only and will guide us as to what their results will be for their reports. Our focus is Literacy and Numeracy only.

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

**Term 4.** Focus for 2 weeks: Bullystopper (Education Dept program)

**I 'm not a victim** - Even friends don't treat each other well all the time.

**(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*



### **Miss Blake**

A short week at school filled with lots of Book Week activities! Students had to wrap their favourite book from home and bring it to school. We all then had to guess who's book it was. Elliott brought in a funny book about Darth Vader and Tilley brought in a book about Bluey.

Tuesday saw us participate in a book tasting session. Students get to 'taste' some of the Book Week books along with a few favourites and decide if they would like to continue to read them. A highlight for most was having biscuits for afternoon tea and the little ones love how the room is set up like a café.

Our special book for Book Week was *One Runaway Rabbit*. The story was about a runaway rabbit who escaped one night in the city, went on an adventure and was chased home by a fox. Students then made their own runaway rabbit in the city.

In PE the younger students continued to work on their throwing and catching skills by playing a couple of target games. The older students participated in some cricket skill activities before moving into a game. Students enjoy this as they are able to try out all positions including wicket keeper and bowler. It always proves to be a great session.

### **Mr Holt**

This week started with a crash course in mealworm husbandry in science with the P-2s. They'll be monitoring the growth of mealworms kept at room temperature compared with those in the fridge, so long as Miss Blake or Mrs Clarkson don't mistakenly microwave them for their lunch. The 3-6s have started a new unit on microorganisms and will be learning about the powers of yeast in bread-making. Riley particularly enjoyed taste-testing the sourdough loaf this week.

In Literacy this week we started exposition writing which is putting a persuasive argument from one perspective. In spelling we're learning plurals of words ending in f or fe like life and leaf. One reading group is discussing the nature of friendship and reading a text called "Friends". I was impressed with their understanding of the nature and importance of friendship in our initial discussion.

We are squeezing four days of maths work into three days this week because of the public holiday on Friday which is why they have some extra homework to do. We learnt some problem-solving skills today and the value of perseverance when you get stuck. The students were very aware of a visiting teacher doing an observation on Friday for my teacher registration process and seemed keen to create a good impression on my behalf.

Of course, the BIG news is that my beloved Cats have made it into the Grand Final this weekend. I would dearly love to be there, having been to the 07, 09 and 2011 Grand Finals. Not surprisingly I am the lone Cat fan at Natimuk PS, with about half the students barracking for the Tigers. I mean this is the nicest possible way when I say I hope I have a better weekend than they do. Go Cats.

### **Mrs Clarkson**

Our exposition is almost finished and is quite convincing. The children are adamant that we should not have a cashless society, they are very protective of their pocket money. For Book Week we looked at the book - *Hello Lighthouse*, by Sophie Blackall. It was shortlisted for the Children's Book of the Year Awards. It enabled us to look at descriptions, discuss themes and create some poetry.

In Numeracy this week we added and subtracted fractions. To be successful we had to make sure we had a common denominator. Initially the common denominator was given but the challenge in the end was to find it and then solve the equation. Knowledge of time tables is key solving the problem. We have a number of students working towards finishing their maths tasks for the year, they are looking forward to extra challenges and more work!