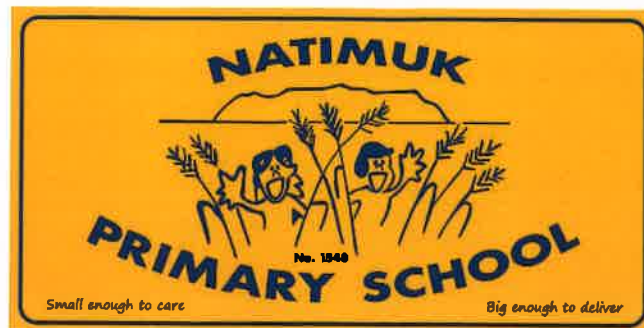


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18 November 2020

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday 19th November	Book Club due
Friday 27th November	Student Free Day
Monday 30th November	Rock Climbing, Years 5 & 6
Monday 7th December	Whole School Excursion Halls Gap Zoo

### Parent Payment Form

Parent Payment forms have been sent out and should be returned by November 30. The form outlines support and payment methods for the fee, book packs and voluntary financial contributions. Whilst you may be making payments using BPay we would also like the forms returned to school as it is required for auditing.

### Rock Climbing

The Year 5 and 6s will be rock climbing on Monday November 30 from 9.00am to 1.00pm. We will need parent helpers to make this event possible. If you can help please contact the school. You do not need a student in Year 5 or 6 to help.

### School Excursion

It is fantastic that we are able to have a whole school excursion before the end of the year, Monday December 7. Permission forms and payment information is attached. Please return them to school as soon as possible. As only one school is able to be at the Halls Gap Zoo at the one time we were very lucky to secure a day; it was one of the last days available.

### End of Year Christmas Concert

With only 4 weeks to the concert night the children are putting together their songs and items. Song sheets will be going home in the reader bag so it can become part of their daily reading homework. When we get closer to the day we should be able to inform you of the venue for the concert and the arrangements.

### **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*

## Pupil Free Day

We will be having a pupil free day on Friday November 27, next week. Enjoy the beautiful weather. Teachers will be finalizing reports and preparing for the concert.

## Surveys


Thank you to all those who completed the Parent Opinion Survey, we received 11 responses.

Ingrid Clarkson

## Mrs Clarkson

In Literacy we tried our hand at Cinquain poetry. It starts with a one word topic and as the name suggests it has 5 lines and finishes with one word. It was an opportunity to discuss adjectives and use a thesaurus to find more interesting words such as changing fun to adventurous. We also had a go at writing a poem about school where the children had to try and remember events or occasions they enjoyed. Even though it was challenging some have embraced it and are having a go.

In Maths we revisited percentages, making links with the times tables, fractions and decimals. It always seems hard at first but by the time they get to the last couple it is easier. Algebra was introduced and subtracting fractions from whole numbers was tackled. We didn't save the hardest topics till last on purpose, just making sure they are demonstrated before the years end.




**BOOK CLUB**

Please order online via LOOP.


No orders will be accepted at school.

Ordering closes on Thursday 19th November.

**STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**



Amelia Rasmussen—for showing great confidence in the school routines (diary in the box every day) which is helpful when becoming an independent learner.



Tommy Howell—for settling into a new school and routine so well, displaying confidence when making new friends and working in the classroom.

### **Miss Blake**

Can you believe that we only have 4 weeks of school left for the year? I can't, this term has flown by and the time has come to almost start getting ready for the school concert! Students have done a fabulous job completing all their end of year assessments and despite all the remote learning, they have achieved excellent results.

In Literacy, students have focused their attention on writing narrative stories. We wrote a class story about a crazy robot who was chopping down trees in the deep rainforest and ended up getting lost. Some students have written short stories where others have so many ideas, their stories have 3 parts to them. I am interested to see how some of the stories end up.

In Maths, students have almost finished their set work for the year. We will then be completing a week long unit on measurement. Once December rolls around, there will be lots of Christmas maths taking place.

In Wellbeing yesterday students made sweet and salty biscuits. We used a milo flavoured biscuit with 2 different toppings. The toppings were dark chocolate, ritz crackers and popcorn and the other was white chocolate buds, marshmallows and maltesers. They tasted pretty good and then we got to eat the leftover maltesers!

### **Mr Holt**

There was great excitement in P-2 science this week because after several weeks of waiting, some of our mealworms had metamorphosed into beetles, giving proof that the life-cycle is real! The 3-6s meanwhile, summarised what they've learned about yeast and are now hoping to grow mould, for the purposes of science of course.

In Literacy our SMART spelling words have the suffix 'ful', colourful, peaceful and joyful etc. We are finalising our expositions on the effective strategies that were employed to combat Covid19. Although the children don't like masks, when they considered the figures: 50 million cases worldwide and 1.26 million deaths and growing, compared with zero new cases now in Victoria, they reluctantly agreed that masks are a good idea.

In Maths several students have done or are about to do their final diagnostic for the year. This week we are doing some revision in problem areas such as fractions and 3-digit multiplication. We are also continuing to develop our problem-solving strategies as we work on puzzles. Here is a challenge the students couldn't solve yesterday, can you do it? Using 10 coins or tokens can you make 5 straight lines with 4 tokens in each line? Good luck.

# Term 4 activities.



## Join us for some fun activities.

**This term we are running some fun and interactive activities for young people at our Wimmera Wellbeing Centre.**

### **Drama Games and Improv Group**

Our Drama Games and Improv Group is an opportunity to practice your acting skills and make new friends at the same time. Participants will be given fun scenarios to act out and play games related to theatre and performing.

**When:** Tuesday 24 November, 4.30-5.30pm.

**For:** 11-13 years olds, maximum 10 participants.

### **The Mini Amazing Race**

Sign up for our Mini Amazing Race. Our team have designed a set of challenges and obstacles for kids to work together in teams to compete for a prize. Participants will have fun problem solving, being active and making friends.

**When:** Thursday 3 December, 4.30pm-5.30pm.

**For:** 9-12 year olds, maximum 10 participants.

Afternoon tea will be provided at both activities.

**Cost**  
Free

**Venue**  
Wimmera Wellbeing  
Centre

28 Urquhart Street  
Horsham

**Bookings essential**  
To register for these activities or to learn more please contact:  
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**Permission to attend School Excursion**

**Name of activity:** Halls Gap Zoo  
**Year level:** Whole School  
**Location:** Halls Gap  
**Date:** Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December 9.15am – 4.30pm  
**Name of teacher-in-charge:** Ingrid Clarkson  
**Transport:** Bus  
**Mobile Phone:** 0427919273  
**Cost:** \$15.00 per student (BPay preferred)

**Name of activity:** Hall Gap Zoo **Date:** 7<sup>th</sup> December 2020

I give permission for my child/children ..... and ..... and ..... to attend the excursion.

Where the teacher in charge of the excursion is unable to contact me, or it is otherwise impractical to contact me, I authorise the teacher in charge to:

- Consent to my child receiving such medical or surgical attention as may be deemed necessary by a medical practitioner.
- Administer such first-aid as the teacher in charge may judge to be reasonably necessary.
- My child’s medical information is as per sheet held at school.
- In the event of my child’s misbehaviour or behaviour that poses a threat to himself/herself or others during the excursion, he/she may be sent home. I understand that in such circumstances I will be informed and that any costs associated with his/her return will be my responsibility.

Signed ..... Date .....

All vehicles must be comprehensively insured to be used for an excursion. Details must be held at the office. Insurance details and registration.  
*Ingrid Clarkson (Principal)*