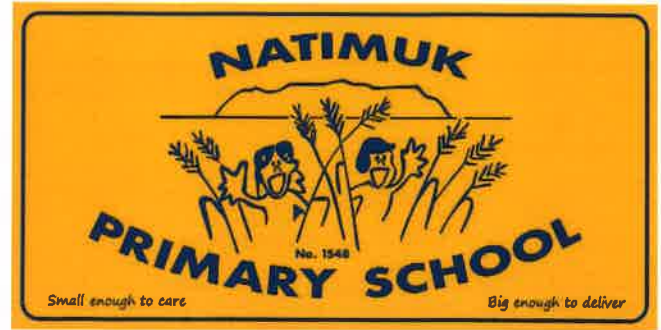


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DATES TO REMEMBER

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| Monday 7th December | Whole School Excursion Halls Gap Zoo |
| Tuesday 8th December | One Up Day |
| Thursday 10th December | Parents Association AGM 7.30pm via Webex |
| Wednesday 16th December | School Concert |

One Up Day

Next Tuesday is One Up Day where all children, including Kinder Kids will experience what it will be like in their next year or classroom. The Year 6s will go to Horsham College for the day.

Rock Climbing

What a fantastic day. Thank you to our helpers, Dave, Wayne, Rob, Brandon and Stu. The day cannot run without your help. Bec Hopkins was our instructor for the session and set up 5 climbs on the north face and once we had exhausted those she set up more on the south face which included the cave swing. It was fantastic to see everyone have a go, all students were encouraging and supportive of each other. It is hard work and very tiring and it is easy to give up. The Ben Szakacs Leadership Award went to Freya Jones. She was not only excellent and skillful at climbing but also ensured that others experienced success as well. Well done Freya.

School Excursion

Our school excursion to Halls Gap Zoo is on Monday. Children must bring their own drinks, food and snacks. Children will arrive at school at normal time, we will leave at 9.00am so it is important to be on time.

Remember that we will be back around 4.30pm so you will have to pick up your children from school. If the time is much different to that I will message you.

Natimuk Primary School is a RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS Partner School

Term 4. Focus for 1 week: Acts of Kindness

Obtain peer feedback from someone you wouldn't usually ask

Thank a teacher in the school for something they have

Check out the lost property bin. Sort items into piles and return named items

End of Year Christmas Concert

Our end of year concert is on Wednesday December 16 starting at 7.30pm. It is not possible for us to have the concert in the hall so we are planning to hold it at school outside the staff room with families socially distanced on the basketball court. I will send out proper instructions next week. Our audience is limited to family members, grandparents included. If you have a picnic rug that would be ideal as that will set the boundary for your family group. We will need to have a 1.5m distance between each family group.

Capital Works Funding

We have been very fortunate to have received approximately \$2 million dollars for maintenance, upgrade and modernization projects. There will be some collaboration with the school and broader community as to the type and relevance of the project/s to student learning and wellbeing. There will be more communication early next year.

Ingrid Clarkson

Mrs Clarkson

The children have been focusing on singing and practising their play in preparation for the concert. All work has finished but there is still plenty of organising to do.

In Maths all children finished their final review regardless of whether they were up to it or not and completed it very well. Considering the upheaval this year all children should be very pleased with their overall results.

Coffee

Two cups of coffee
Wake me up enough to ask
Did I have coffee
Ahston (Haiku)

Wheat

Wheat sways in the wind.
Growing in the paddocks tall.
Machines harvesters the crop.
Zarnie (Cinquain)

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



Teeha Morrison—for demonstrating enthusiasm when researching the platypus for her Wimmera River project.



Louis Oliver—for his great confidence each week with our dictation sentence, achieving 90% accuracy. Well done in a great year of achievements.

Miss Blake

December has rolled around and with it brings a whole range of Christmas fun! We have welcomed back Ruby, our elf on the shelf. She arrived with a new Christmas book and she was even wearing a mask! It will be great to see what adventures she gets up to in the next couple of weeks

Our time now is focused on practising our song and play for the concert. Students have their part and now the challenge is to change our voices to sound like a character; easier said than done for some. Our singing is getting better as we learn the words.

Over the next couple of weeks, students will be completing a range of Christmas activities in the afternoons, which they enjoy. We also have some Christmas cooking to do before the end of the year.

Our set work for the year is just about done. In Maths, students are currently doing a week long unit on length. We have learnt a lot of new words and different ways to measure items. In Literacy our main focus is on completing our SMART spelling program and getting our profile books ready to go home.



Mr Holt

With the 5-6s away rock climbing, the P-2s and 3-4s joined forces for Science this week. We tried a number of experiments with milk, water, cooking oil, food colouring, M&Ms, dishwashing liquid and antacid tablets with some colourful and surprising results. Not everything worked the way the demos on Youtube did (!) but fun was had.

Literacy is now largely taken up with preparation for the concert. The singing is sounding good and the rehearsals for the play are improving each day. Stand by for some corny jokes everyone! The rest of our Literacy time is being devoted to trying some new writing ideas. Yesterday the children wrote some great 'rocket sentences'- short sharp quick writing ala rockets. Isla and Suzy in particular let their imaginations loose, with some terrific results.

In Maths it's all about finishing MathsPlus units and doing diagnostics, with time for a few warm-up games and brain-teaser thrown in. Will the 3-4s ever get tired of playing Kamikaze? It doesn't look like it. Congratulations and well done to Suzy's Grandma who solved the 5 lines of 4 puzzle.

Finally, it's a BIG afternoon for Mr Holt today as I present my application for full teacher registration to the assessing panel. Fingers crossed!

BOOK CLUB

Dear Families,

Students should keep reading for at least 10 minutes a day over the school holidays to set themselves up for a great start to the new school year. It will keep their brains active, develop overall reading skills and their love of reading. To help families **keep their reading momentum rolling over the holidays**, Scholastic are releasing some reading resources at the end of term, including

- Fun competitions and reading challenges
- Reading games for car trips
- Author and illustrator tutorials
- Book recommendations
- Extra special book sales and promotions
- Reading tips and more!

Go to www.scholastic.com.au/summer

Happy summer reading!



Parents

When paying the school electronically could you please use BPay. This ensures the funds go straight into your school family account—it is linked with our CASES software. Direct deposits do not attach to your family account.



Natimuk Primary School Christmas Raffle Tickets \$2 each

Prizes valued over \$200

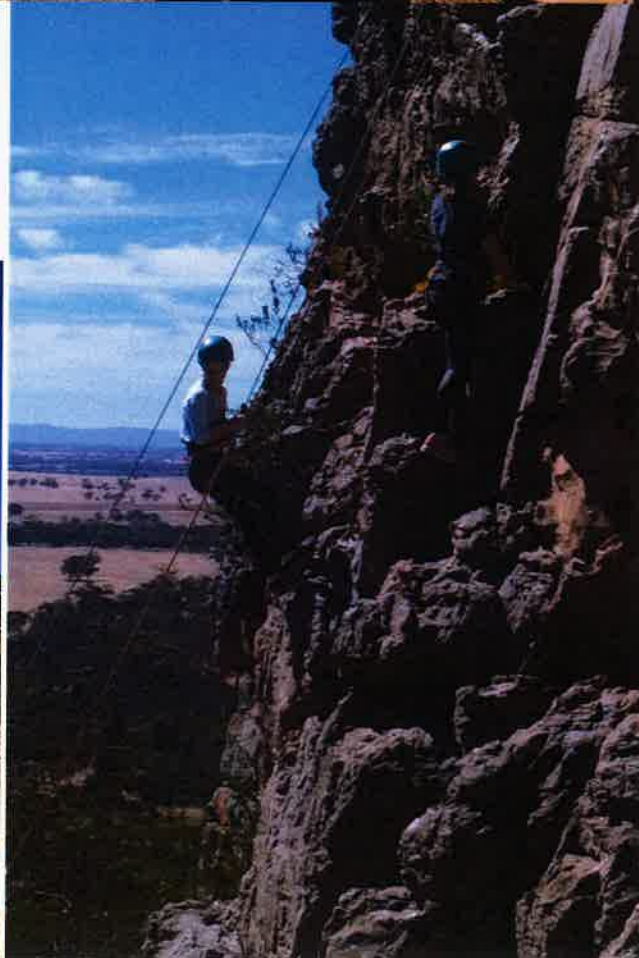
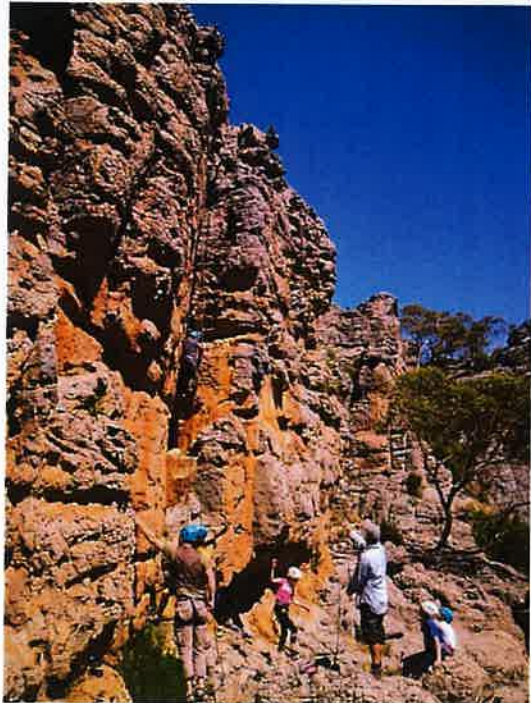
Include \$50 gift voucher for Wimmera Native Nursery, Slice box - Bake Crush, Bottle of sparkling Vermentino - Barangaroo Wines and much more

1st, 2nd and 3rd Prize - Drawn 13th December
@ Natimuk Farmers Market

Please find attached Christmas Raffle Booklet containing 10 Tickets to be sold at \$2.00 each - Booklet Value = \$20.00. **(Please sell both sides of the ticket - write name and contact phone number on each ticket)**



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PARENT ASSOCIATION UPDATE

PARENTS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday 10th December at 7.30pm

Via Webex (details to be emailed to all parents)

This year has been a tough one for all parents and teachers as we navigate the impact of the Coronavirus on our children's education. I have been very impressed with the way that Natimuk Primary School has handled it all. I am grateful to have this wonderful little school for my children.

The Parents Association is a really important part of the continued success of the Natimuk Primary School. Each year the Parents Association is asked to raise \$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.

This year the Parents Association funded:

- Free Fruit Friday
- Halls Gap Zoo Bus excursion
- School equipment such as new whiteboards
- Assistance with purchase of new school hats
- Rock climbing Day
- And much more

During the year, we also help organise activities for the children including Mothers Day & Fathers Day gifts and Meals on Wheels. Its great to see the children get so much enjoyment out of these activities.

We would love some new families to join us and get involved in the Parent's association in whatever way they can. We would also like to take this opportunity to welcome new parents and talk about the year and consider the success we have achieved despite the circumstances.

We welcome all families to join our AGM.