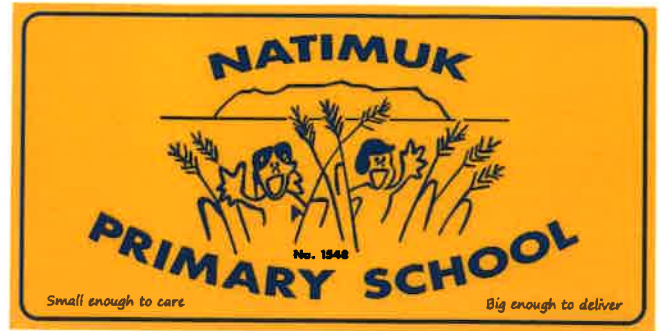


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9 December 2020

DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday 10th December	Parents Association AGM 7.30pm via Webex
Wednesday 16th December	School Concert, 7.15pm
Wednesday 27th January	Staff start and book pack pick up day
Thursday 28th January	Prep interviews
Friday 29th January	First day of school for all students

This is the last newsletter for the year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all families for their support and hard work over the year especially during remote learning. Families have supported the school in a variety of ways; from mowing, a phone call, participating in fundraising activities with the P.A., to listening to or supporting your child's reading and being interested in your child's learning.

I would also like to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of the staff who have given tirelessly in the pursuit of education for all.

Enjoy your time with family and have a very safe and happy Christmas.

School Funding Opportunity

Watch this space and Facebook to have an opportunity to put your ideas forward to help with improvements to our school. Your contribution is valuable.

Natimuk Primary School is a RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS Partner School

Term 4. Focus for 1 week: Acts of Kindness

Express gratitude to your classroom teacher

Organise a food stall to raise money for a good cause

Eat lunch with your class in a big circle, or buddy up and sit knee to knee

Natimuk Primary School is committed to being a Child Safe school

School Attendance

The school is open until Friday December 18. If your child is going to be absent after the concert can you please notify the school via phone, diary note or send an absence note so we know how many children to expect.

Kris Kringle

All gifts for Kris Kringle should be in the baskets by this Friday please. We will be having our Kris Kringle on Wednesday next week. Please contact the school if you have any questions.

End of Year Christmas Concert

Our end of year concert is next Wednesday December 16

starting at 7.30pm.

Children should arrive by 7.15pm

A note went home to parents last week outlining the restrictions that are in place in order for us to put this concert on. We would very much appreciate your help in this area to ensure it goes ahead safely. It is not a community event.

Second Hand Uniforms

If anyone is interested in grabbing some second-hand uniforms we have a few spares in the cupboard, just ask at reception.

Start of School for 2021

- Public Holiday Tuesday January 26 for Australia Day.
- Teacher start on Wednesday January 27 and book packs can be picked up.
- Preps will have a testing day on Thursday January 28 - Miss Blake will send out information .
- All students will start on Friday January 29.

It might seem odd to start school on a Friday but it helps to get all the housekeeping out of the way then we can start the following week off on a strong working note.

End of Year Fun and Frivolity - and why not!

We have been lucky to be able to participate in a number of fun activities to end the year. The Year 5/6 rock climbing, Year 5/6 morning teas, Year 6 dinner, Ruby the Elf shenanigans and a trip to Halls Gap Zoo with ice-cream. We also had an amazing opportunity to have Lauren from the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra visit and play her viola for us and will have a visit from the Horsham College band on Friday to showcase their music and instrumental program.

One Up Day Success

Everyone had a great day on One UP Day. We had new students come to our school for the first time, the kinder kids came for the day and the Year 6s went to Horsham College. There was a lot to take in but once the nerves passed everyone enjoyed their day.

Ingrid Clarkson

Miss Blake

It's hard to believe after the year that we have had, that it is finally coming to a close. The students have finished off the year so well and are now enjoying some Christmas activities. Yesterday we had One Up Day, welcoming our new Preps Isabel and Logan and also welcoming Winnie who will be in Year Two.

On Monday we had a whole school excursion to Halls Gap. Despite a few showers, it was a great day. At the Halls Gap Zoo we met Cleo the carpet python. She was a lovely green colour. We then set off to look at all the other animals with the giraffes and rock wallabies being favourites. It was then onto a walk to Venus Baths with little exploring as a shower of rain halted us. The final stop was of course to the ice creamery because you can't go to Halls Gap without getting an ice cream! It was a great day.

As students have finished their set work for the year, we have been focusing on concert items and Christmas craft. We have been making biscuits, reindeer baubles and calendars. Students have also been working through a Christmas book for when set activities have been completed.

A big thank you at everyone for making it through the year and two stints of remote learning, a great achievement by all!

Mr Holt

We had a great day out to Halls Gap on Monday although I learnt a valuable lesson about being prepared for the weather! Shorts, shirt and a light hoodie jacket was not the right choice of attire when the rain and cold fronts came through. Meeting Cleo the python was a cool start to the day although not everyone was happy to be that close to a slithering snake. The kids were undeterred by the weather and raced from one enclosure to the next, asking excitedly, "Can we see the rhino/cheetahs/monkeys/snakes/crocodile/emus/giraffes etc Mr Holt?". We duly saw them all and were harassed by "Greedy" the deer and his mates most of the way. The walk to Venus Baths was beautiful despite the rain but it warmed up just in time for ice cream and a play in the playground. Puzzles kept the older kids occupied on the bus, with special mentions for Suzy and Riley solving the "lock" puzzle, the latter worked tirelessly on it all the way home.

Tuesday was "One Up Day" and we welcomed five new students to year three for next year, it will be great to have Cooper, Benson, Larry and Hutch and a new student, Amber, in the 3-4 class in 2021. The students got a taste of what to expect next year, lots of learning, with a sprinkling of fun. The year fours for next year got a taste of being the older kids, and the responsibilities that go along with that. I am already looking forward to teaching at Natimuk again in 2021, especially as I have now successfully passed my registration panel presentation.

The rest of this week will be spent rehearsing for the concert and doing a few special activities. I'd like to thank all the staff, students and parents at Natimuk PS who have made me feel so welcome and supported in my first year of teaching. I hope you all have a safe and meaningful Christmas and a better Covid19-free year in 2021. God bless, Mr Holt.

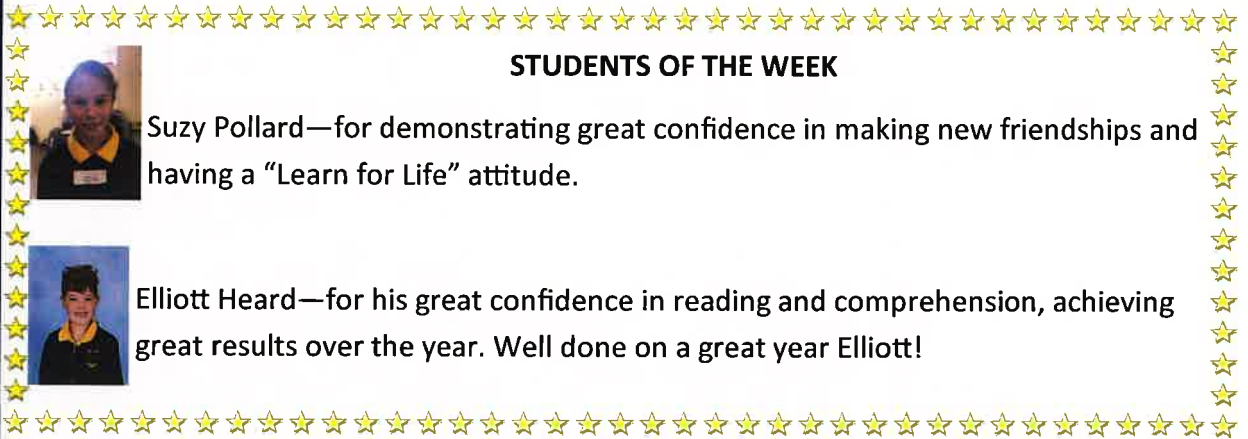
Mrs Clarkson

Well done to the Year 5 and 6s on the presentation of their morning teas. It was an essential assessment task for procedure writing which they all passed with flying colours. Play practise is coming along nicely, it will be different performing on the basketball court so they will be learning to speak more clearly and project their voices. Not much Literacy and Mathematics taking place at the moment as concert items of all sorts are taking precedent.

We will continue to mosaic the lizard in our spare time but will have to leave it until next year.

Junior School Council

All Year 5 and 6 children were on the Junior School Council. They have held fundraising events throughout the year when possible and are now deciding on the best way to spend the money. They will be purchasing items that will make a difference to people in third world countries.



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



Suzy Pollard—for demonstrating great confidence in making new friendships and having a “Learn for Life” attitude.



Elliott Heard—for his great confidence in reading and comprehension, achieving great results over the year. Well done on a great year Elliott!

BOOK CLUB

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



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.



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Wednesday December 9, 2020

Dear Parents,

Natimuk Primary School Christmas Concert

Wednesday December 16, 2020

at the school on the basketball court

Children to be at school in school uniform by 7.15pm

Children should have their costumes or changes of clothes at school already

- ❖ Stage area will be outside the staff room and Miss Blake's room facing north
- ❖ Your child will give you a program once you are seated

COVID Restrictions we must abide by:

If you are feeling unwell –

Fever, cough, runny nose, shortness of breath and other symptoms; stay home and see your GP.

- Wear a mask at school as we cannot guarantee social distancing
- Enter via the carpark end of the basketball court
- Keep 1.5m distance between groups while waiting to sign in
- Sign in – name phone number and postcode
- All family members to use sanitizer
- Bring a picnic blanket to designate your family space and keep 1.5 metres from anyone else's blanket
- BYO chair but you will have to sit on the edge of the court at the back so as not to impede the view for others
- BYO own drink and snacks (if you like) - NO SUPPER

Toilet Facilities:

Use the toilets at the west end of the building – near the Art Room

Wash hands with soap, use sanitizer on the tables on your way out

The event is over when the concert is finished.

Kind regards,

INGRID CLARKSON
Principal

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Competition Time

Students show us your
Healthy Christmas Plate
Creations

**x3 \$50 SportsPower
vouchers up for grabs**

Competition closes 20/12/20

Email entries to

nicole.miller@whcg.org.au

Include your photograph, name,
age, school & a contact phone
number



Hot Tip - Our judges love lots of veggies & fruit