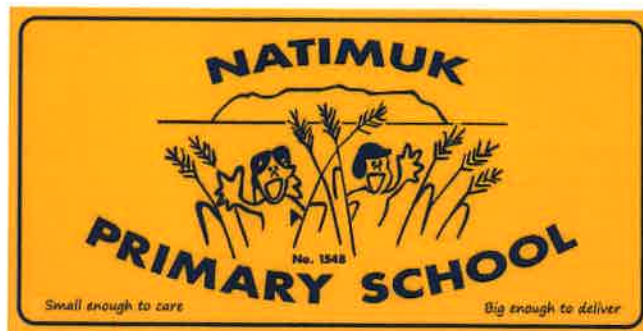


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DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday 10 February	Parent Information Night, 7-8pm
Thursday 11 February	Book Club due
Tuesday 16 February	School Council Meeting 7.30pm
Wednesday 17 February	3-6 Swimming
Thursday 25 & Friday 26 February	Lizard Working Bee, 10am-2pm

Parent Information Night Tonight from 7.00—8.00pm

Congratulations to our Office Bearers and School Leaders

School Leaders

Chloe, Jake, Isla and Suzy

House Captains

Melville Captains: Chloe, Suzy, Jake

Mitchell Captains: Isla,

Junior School Council

President:: Jake, Treasurer: Chloe, Secretary: Isla and Suzy

All students in Year 5 and 6 will have the opportunity to be in various Office Bearer position over the course of the year. We will be working together on Thursday afternoons to discuss charities and activities.

Pancake Tuesday

\$2 per child for pancakes and a milo.

Tuesday February 16 is Shrove Tuesday. The 5 and 6s will be making the pancakes in the morning so the students can enjoy them at recess.

Natimuk Primary School is a RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS SCHOOL

Term 1. Focus for 2 weeks: Welcome.

How to make others feel welcome and that they belong. Use gestures such as eye contact, shaking hands, verbal greetings, body language and acknowledgement.

Natimuk Primary School is committed to being a Child Safe school

Working Bee

I would like to sincerely thank those who came to the working bee, we did a lot of tree trimming and sweeping. Having the school look neat and tidy is a great way to start the year.

School Council Meeting

Tuesday February 16th, 7.30pm at the school. New members are most welcome. New School Council Elections will commence after this date.

School Funding

Recently the school received notification of \$2m worth of funding for modernization and improvement. We have completed task one, which was to submit an application outlining school goals and targets. Tenders have been sought and I will be meeting with them next week to choose the architect who will be responsible for our projects. This is a very exciting time. I am happy to listen to any ideas but initially they will be looking at the condition of the buildings inside and out. It is expected that this will have a 2 year timeline.

Free Dress Fridays

On the last Friday of each month the Junior School Council organize a free dress day. Children can come to school in casual clothes but pay a 50c donation which goes to charity. The Junior School Council fundraise for a variety of charities and at the end of the year buy goods to aid organizations such as World Vision. We appreciate your support. On some Fridays there is a gold coin donation but these are for specific fundraisers such as Cancer, Jeans for Genes day or Red Cross but that will be explained on the note that goes home.

The children need to dress appropriately for school, which includes footwear. Shoulders need to be covered in keeping with our SunSmart policy.

Heat Policy

The children will stay inside if the temperature is at 38° or above. It will be at our discretion for temperatures above 35°. Our classrooms are air conditioned so the children can work in comfort. When children go outside on hot days they will be advised to seek shade, play quietly, drink water, wear a hat, put on sunscreen and not to over exert themselves. These are vital skills to learn for our Australian conditions.

Ingrid Clarkson

Mrs Clarkson

In Literacy we are reading about past land bridges that enabled indigenous people to move from island to island and Australia and their interaction and trading with the Macassans. It is giving some insight into life in Australia before Captain Cook and the First Fleet. Our writing genre is recount. The children will be sharing their holiday experiences through a writing task and will develop presentation, spelling and grammar. Our work in Literacy will support the Integrated Studies topic for this term, The First Fleet.

Our start of year maths tests have created more questions than answers and have generated an enthusiastic interest in maths. We have revised addition and subtraction and launched straight into protractors and angles, polygons and rotational symmetry. We have a strong focus on times tables and developing quick responses by doing a quiz each day because most of the equations and problem solving for Year 5 and 6 involve the process of multiplication.

Miss Blake

Week two of school and students have settled in well. We have our routine down pat and are starting to get some great work done!

In Literacy, students have focused this week on 'a as in ant'. The Preps made an ant and went on an ant hunt around school. The Ones and Twos have been completing different activities using their spelling words. The Ones have an extra challenge this week with learning 7 words for their spelling test. With our writing, we have been writing recounts about our weekends, remembering to use the key words; first, next, then and after.

In Maths, the Preps have learnt about the numbers one and two. The Ones and Twos are in the middle of some revision lessons on addition, subtraction and friends of 10 before moving onto new concepts. As a whole class, we have been looking at the numbers zero to ten. We have ordered the numbers, matched the words and made the numbers using different materials found in the classroom.

In Wellbeing this week, all students looked at internet safety at school and home. We are in the process of becoming an eSmart school and as part of this students will be participating in a range of activities to inform them of using the internet safely. The students all signed a user agreement to ensure good behaviour online is displayed at school.



Mr Holt

This week we welcomed another new student to the class, Lucas in year 4 and it's great to have him joining us, swelling our numbers to eleven. This time last year we had seven students in Year 3-4 so the growth is very encouraging.

In Science this week the Yr 3-6s continued their detective work investigating changes, what causes them and can they be reversed. The P-2s unit is aptly named "All Mixed Up" and we had a lot of fun mixing ingredients to make chocolate crackles and even more fun eating them at recess the following day. Please note the P-2s have some science homework this week, to find "mixtures" around the house. The kitchen is a good place to find them.

Our assessments are continuing this week with a few catch-ups and a spelling assessment to complete. The results so far have been encouraging. In Maths we are learning about odd and even numbers, subtraction strategies and symmetry.

Our reading groups have commenced, with each group working on a different aspect of reading each day. On that topic, please get your child into the habit of doing their nightly reading and noting it in their diary. The children wrote their first recount on Monday. Today they prepared questions to ask a special international guest we'll be talking to on Thursday in an online interview.

I look forward to seeing some of you at the parent information night this evening, 7.00 o'clock in the year 3-4 classroom.

Lizard Mosaic Working Bee with Nikki Clarke

The 2 day working bee on the lizard will be

Thursday and Friday February 25 and 26.

We will start at 10am and work through until 2pm,
have your breaks - lunch, coffee/tea whenever you feel like it.

The children will be helping.

Our focus is on the head, tongue and belly of the lizard.

Bring gloves as the tiles are a bit sharp.

I have not had many responses for this working bee so I am hoping more of
you will consider coming along. It would be great to see it finished.



BOOK CLUB



Issue 1—please return by Thursday 11 February (tomorrow). We are
continuing with LOOP orders only. No cash payments, all online thanks.



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.