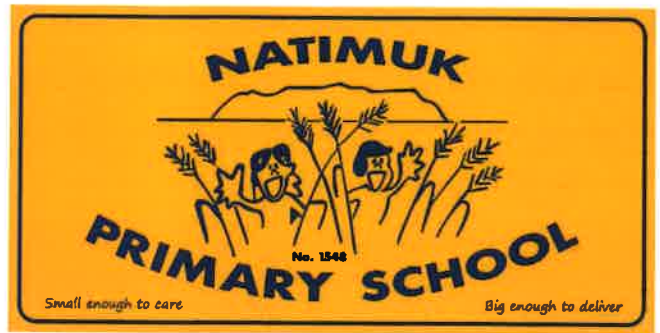


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3 February 2021

DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 5 February	Working Bee BBQ 3.30pm
Wednesday 10 February	3-6 swimming
Thursday 11 February	Book Club due
Tuesday 16 February	School Council Meeting 7.30pm

Welcome back!

Welcome to the 2021 school year and a very special welcome to our new students: Isabel, Logan, Amber & Winnie.

Nut and Allergens Policy

Reminder that we are a nut free school.

It is our policy to not have nut products at school, to have the children supervised during eating and to wash hands after eating. In the event someone has inadvertently brought 'nut' food to school they will be asked to eat away from the students with allergies and wash their hands thoroughly after eating.

Assembly is on every Monday morning at 9.00 in the multi-purpose room where awards and certificates are given out, birthdays are celebrated and achievements acknowledged.

Change in Art and Japanese Day

This year Art and Japanese will be on Wednesdays instead of Thursday

Hats

Miss Blake washed the school hats over the holidays. Hats must be worn during terms 1, 2 and 4. Some children bring sunscreen to school and we also have sunscreen available at school.

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

Uniforms

It is lovely to see the girls in dresses. It is strongly recommended that the girls wear shorts under their dresses, however, to make it easier for them to play without being too worried when they play upside down on the monkey bars. Children also sit on the floor with their legs crossed. Also be mindful when the girls choose to wear shorts with their school shirts that they are not too tight or too short which can also inhibit how they play.

Whether it be uniform or free dress it is very important to consider what we wear and to ensure it is suitable for school activities. It is not just for the comfort of your child but also for the comfort of those they sit with or play with.

Printing School Logos

I am collecting shirts, jumpers and jackets for screen printing the school logo. Please put your name on the item and place it in a bag and put your name on the bag as well. Place your bag in the clothes basket near the staff room door. I will take them in on Friday 12th February.

PE Mondays

All the children have Physical Education on Mondays so wearing sports clothing and runners is very appropriate. PE is in a morning timeslot for the cooler time of the day.

Swimming (extra-curricula)

The years 3 – 6 are participating in the swimming program at the Goroke pool this term on Wednesdays between 12.15pm and 3.15pm.

Money and forms should be at school. We request that if you have any issues in regard to payment please contact the office as soon as possible. Children who are not swimming will remain at school.

Welcome BBQ and Working Bee

We are having a working bee on Friday Feb 5th and hope many of you will come. We will be clearing dead plants and weeds from the garden, a never ending task. The leaf litter around the grounds will have to be gathered and put on the bonfire as well as we have too much for the garden to cope with.

Whipper snippers for edging and blower vacs are great for easy cleaning. We will also need chainsaws as some trees or limbs will have to be removed or trimmed.

We need trailers, wheelbarrows, brooms, shovels etc....

Please return the slip (sent via email) for catering for the Working Bee. The only payment required is your participation in the Working Bee.

Start of School

The first school bell goes at 8.55am. This is a warning bell for children to finish organizing their belongings, grab their hat and head outside for fitness. The school day begins at 9.00am. Staff are not expecting children to arrive at school before 8.40am or 8.45am unless a prior arrangement has been made.

Staff arrive at school early and utilize their time to ensure they are well prepared for the day's lessons.



Absences and Same-Day Notification of Unexplained Absences

We have an electronic roll marking system.

Parents and carers are responsible for notifying the school of their child's absence as soon as possible on the day of the absence.

It is mandatory for the school to now send a notification to parents or carers as soon as possible on the day of an unexplained absence. This is to protect the safety and wellbeing of children especially as some ride bikes or walk to school without supervision.

You will receive a text between 9.15 and 9.30 in the morning if your child is not at school and we have not received a message from you. This is to prompt you to let us know why your child is not at school.

Recorders

If any student has a recorder at home could they please bring it in for music.

Ingrid Clarkson

Mrs Clarkson

We have a small working group this year, all who will make promising leaders. A lot of responsibility will fall on their shoulders but they will be up to the task. They have organised the room and set it up as they would like it and have set the expectations for the year. Our first couple of weeks will include our start of year testing, this helps to measure the academic growth of the students over the year.

Roles for our leaders are: school leaders, sports captains and Junior School Council. Warm weather always accompanies the start of a school year so we are looking forward to swimming.

BOOK CLUB



Issue 1 is out today. Please return by Thursday 11 February. 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.

Miss Blake

Welcome to the new 2021 school year! Here's to hoping it looks a lot different to last year, fingers crossed! This year we have welcomed new Preps Isabel and Logan to our class, along with Winnie who is in Year Two. We have had a great start to the year so far.



Students have been busy learning the lay of the land so to speak, getting out all of their chattiness before it is time to settle down to work and learn. Students have started their start of year testing which includes reading and a writing task. They have started to complete their set work for the year, learning new activities and ways to complete tasks.

A few things to look forward to this term is having mums/dads back in the room to do reading, teddy bears picnic, Natimuk Show and athletics sports at the end of term. In Integrated Studies this term we are completing units on All about Me and Indigenous Studies. This term in PE students will be reviewing motor skills and athletics practise.

Parents are reminded to sign up for Class Dojo as well, there are a few posts up with first day of school photos.

Mr Holt

Welcome back to all of my students and their families, especially the new year threes, Amber, Cooper, Benson, Larry and Hutch. I made some changes to the room layout this year and so far it's working out well. I'll be using more anchor charts and visual aids for the students this year as well as introducing as many hands-on learning activities as I can.

We spent time on Friday working out the class rules. This followed a lively discussion about whether people need rules. By the end of our talk the children all agreed life without rules would be chaotic and dangerous and then contributed a lot of rule suggestions. The over-arching maxim of the Year 3-4 class in 2021 will be to act with kindness and fairness and treat other people the way you would like to be treated.

We have begun doing start of the year assessments in maths and literacy which will help us sort out reading levels and reading groups. Doing assessments online is a new experience for the year threes, especially with technology teething problems, remembering correct logins etc. The children will have homework each day in the form of writing their weekly spelling words, and doing a minimum of ten minutes reading each night. There will be occasional other homework such as preparing for "What Day is it?" when it's their turn to present to the class.

If you need to send a message or let me know anything please use the student diaries. You are welcome to text or email as well if you have questions or need to talk to me about something. Please note, there has been a timetabling change this year, with Art and Japanese switching to Wednesdays. Therefore, my days at school this year will be, Monday & Thursday- full day, Tuesday & Friday - half day, finishing at lunchtime.

I'm looking forward to a great year with the Yr 3-4 children.



Natimuk Primary School

Calling All Families and Friends

We will be holding a working Bee
to finish mosaicking the Lizard.

Nikki will come and guide us.

We want to have 2 days to concentrate on the mosaic
so the lizard can be grouted and finished.

It will be from 10am – 2pm (or at school end if you are picking up children)

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Please tick the days most suitable for you to help and return this form to school
by next week, we will then confirm dates and times.

Name:

I can help on these days ...

February	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
15 th – 19 th					
22 nd – 26 th					
March					
1 st – 5 th					
8 th – 12 th					
15 th – 19 th					

Your help will be greatly appreciated so
we can finish the project as there is
more planting and ground work to do.



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments;** your child has started or changed schools this year.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.



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Friday February 5th from 3.30pm
Eating from 5.00pm

Come and meet new families
Details of what to bring will be in the newsletter

Please return this slip ASAP so we can order the food
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I will be / will not be attending the working bee

Sausages QTY.

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